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Business school gets gift

\$400,000 to go for research fellowships

By Jillanne Johnson
STAFF REPORTER

The M.J. Neeley School of Business received a \$400,000 endowment for two research fellowships from the Theodore and Beulah Beasley Foundation to commemorate Theodore's 100th birthday.



Beasley

Theodore Beasley made his fortune in Dallas as the founder and chair of Republic National Life Insurance. He served on the TCU Board of Trustees for 25 years. He personally gave \$650,000 to the Brite Divinity School for scholarships given to students affiliated with the Disciples of Christ and various building projects on campus.

TCU received a majority of Beasley's support because it is a local college said Sam Dashefsky, executive director and treasurer of the foundation.

During the fall, Dashefsky worked with Dennis Alexander, the university's leadership gift liaison to the foundation, to find a way to commemorate Beasley's birthday.

"Beasley would have been 100 in 2000; this seemed like a fitting tribute to him, being that he was a business man and very involved in insurance," Dashefsky said. The business school does not offer any classes in insurance, however, the Theodore Beasley Fellowships will support research projects concerning the finance industry's impact on the insurance field.

This type of gift will not only help the reputation of the business school but also allows professors to build

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Puddle diving



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A TCU student huddles under an umbrella while walking near the Moudy Building Thursday afternoon. Temperatures were gauged in the upper 30s, coupled with a cold rain. Temperatures are expected to climb to near 50 early next week.

Bush pledges 'fresh start'

Inauguration ceremonies open with star-studded celebration

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President-elect George W. Bush promised the country "a fresh start" as he opened his inaugural celebration Thursday at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Bush promised he would treat the office with care and never take it for granted. The presidency does not belong to any one person, but to the American people, he said.

"A new administration is an opportunity for change and a new direction," Bush said to the crowd gathered outside the monument.

"That is the promise I have made and the promise I will keep — to give America a fresh start."

"My administration will serve all Americans and this inauguration is for all Americans to enjoy. Wherever you come from, whatever your political party, thank you for taking part in this great tradition of our country. I am honored to serve, and I am ready to start."

Thursday's event was headlined by Latin music star Ricky Martin. Larry King, host of CNN's "Larry King Live," served as master of ceremony.

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Bush's inaugural speech to focus on support, unity, historian says

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

As president-elect George W. Bush takes the oath of office Saturday, he will without question reach out to those who did not vote for him, said Presidential Historian Paul F. Boller.

"Because the election dispute was determined by the Supreme Court, he will emphasize he is a president of all the people and appeal for support and unity," said Boller, a professor emeritus of history.

Boller is writing a book entitled "Presidential Inaugurations." The book will outline the inaugurations of all 43 presidents. Saturday's festivities will be the basis of his final chapters.

The historian said Bush's address

would not include any mention of the campaign or election. The president-elect will more likely elaborate on his campaign theme of a "compassionate conservative." He may give some indication on specific legislation like tax cuts, Boller said.

"I don't think there will be any surprises," he said. "He may thank his father, but that is not unusual. However, John Quincy Adams didn't mention his father (John Adams) in his speech."



Boller

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Art faculty to display works at annual exhibition

By Angie Chang
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU art faculty will display its works in an annual exhibition titled "Insights" which opens Monday.

Ron Watson, chairman of the art department, said the exhibition will feature recent works by studio art and graphic design faculty that will be displayed in the exhibition hall. Student art selected by the faculty will be displayed in the halls of the

'Insights' to include professor, student works in various types of media

first and second floor of Moudy Building North.

"The exhibition is essentially an open house that allows the TCU community to see what is happening in the art department," Watson said. "It's also a good chance for the art students to see what their professors are doing."

Watson said there will be a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday and the faculty and student artists will be available for commentary on their pieces during that time. The art studios will be open as well so that visitors can see works in progress.

Susan Harrington, associate professor of art and art history, said the new works on display will include various media ranging from painting, drawing, sculpture, photography and graphic arts.

"The exhibition shows growth in the faculty," Harrington said. "Each year there's something different because people change, and it can be gradual or abrupt. Sometimes the faculty doesn't have a chance to see what everyone is doing because we're all busy, but (the exhibition)

lets us see what everyone is up to."

Michael Niblett, assistant professor of graphic design, said TCU is a research university and through new works, the art faculty remain active in their fields.

"In the fine arts, we call our research creative activity, and with the exhibition we display that activity," Niblett said.

Marci Hamilton, a sophomore studio art major, said the exhibition will give art students a chance to learn through observation of their teacher's works.

"Teaching can be done through illustration as well as verbally," she said.

The works will be on display until Feb. 16, and admission is free.

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STARTING BACK WHERE HE BEGAN

Alexander returns to TCU for new role as director of admissions marketing

By Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

After graduating in May 2000, Ben Alexander returned to campus this semester in a new role — staff member.

The former advertising/public relations major and Student Government Association president is now the director of admissions marketing at TCU.

Alexander said his job is to attract prospective high school students to the campus. He will be working on the admissions Web site, designing the TCU Viewbook, setting up an admissions video and creating various mail-out materials.

"One of the things that really attracted me about this job was the fact

that it gives me the opportunity to work for an organization that I really love," Alexander said.

He said he feels especially prepared for the job since he has firsthand experience with the classes, students, faculty and even eating in The Main. Actively involved in campus life as a student, Alexander said he also participated in the Wesley Foundation, University Ministries and Programming Council.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said Alexander's experience as a student contributed to his being hired for this position.

"Ben has an unusually rich understanding of the university for one so young," Brown said. "As president of the SGA, he had a vantage

point that not many faculty and staff would have had."

Alexander also said his time here was beneficial.

"Just being a student here has really helped me to appreciate everything that TCU is and everything that TCU is going to become in the next few years," Alexander said.

Working on orientation staff for three years in a row and getting to know people that he otherwise would not have met is one of the most valuable experiences he had at TCU, Alexander said.

He said he credits his freshman year roommate, Zu Williams, with getting him involved in different activities on campus.

"He got me involved with orien-

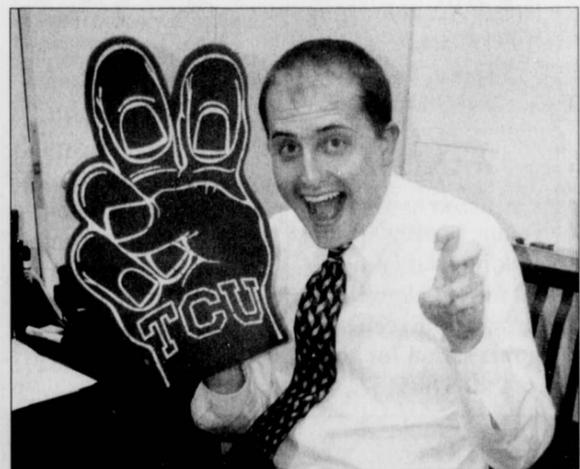
tation staff, which opened the door to get involved with other things," Alexander said.

Kay Higgins, director of new student programs, said she has known Alexander since he was a freshman and worked with him for three summers on the orientation staff. Higgins said she was thrilled when she learned of Alexander's new position in the admissions office.

"(Alexander) is one of the most phenomenal people I have ever known," Higgins said. "He's very bright, very thoughtful ... (he's) just a remarkable human being."

Alexander, who originally planned on attending a state school,

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Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

TCU graduate and former Student Government Association President Ben Alexander shows his school spirit. Alexander returned to TCU as the new director of admissions marketing this semester.

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

Library Orientation Tours will be given 11 a.m. to noon today. For more information call (817) 257-7117 or visit the Mary Coats Burnett Library Information Desk.

Theater auditions for the spring semester will be today. For more information contact the theater department at (817) 257-7625.

Alpha Epsilon Delta will be accepting personal profiles for the date match from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays starting today through Jan. 26 in the Student Center. AED members will sell the profiles for \$2 each match list and send them to the student's TCU P.O. Box. The remaining lists will be sold for \$5 Feb. 5 to Feb. 16 in the Student Center.

Entries for Intramural Basketball are being taken through Tuesday. Teams 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 Friday and the season begins Jan. 30. Basketball officials are also needed. For more information contact Damien Abel at (817) 257-7592.

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 or 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 or 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.

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WORLD DIGEST



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Japan seeking explanation for modified corn

TOKYO — Japan is asking the United States to explain how genetically modified corn banned here has again crept into imports from America, a Health Ministry official said Thursday.

Inspectors on Monday found samples in a corn shipment from the United States, said Yoshiko Saito, an official in the ministry's Food Sanitation Division. U.S. tests before shipment showed no traces, she said.

The modified corn, called StarLink, was developed by North Carolina-based Aventis CropScience. American exports of corn to Japan — the biggest overseas market for U.S. planters — tumbled after a Japanese consumer group complained in October that StarLink had been detected in snack foods and animal feed here.

Health officials in the United States are testing genetically modified corn amid worries that it could cause allergic reactions. The corn's genes have been altered so that it produces its own pesticide.

Officials from the two countries agreed in November to jointly test future shipments for presence of genetically modified varieties.

Tokyo on Tuesday asked Washington to explain its inspection and handling procedures for clues to how StarLink found its way into the imported corn, but has so far gotten no response, Saito said.

"This is a big concern," Saito said. "It's happened again even after we set up an agreement to test shipments to prevent this from recurring."

Health authorities said in December that about 28,000 tons of genetically modified corn was imported into Japan early last year from the United States and used in food.

Japan bans genetically modified corn because it has not finished assessing the health risks from eating products made from the altered corn.

Under a Japanese law that takes effect April 1, Saito said those found guilty of importing genetically altered corn will face a maximum fine of \$840 or one year in prison.

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Ariel Sharon releases Mid East peace plan

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon, the front-runner in Israel's prime minister race, seeks a deal that would give no more land to the Palestinians and would keep all Jewish settlements in place, according to his peace plan, published for the first time Thursday.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat called the proposals a "recipe for disaster, a recipe for war." Barak said Sharon would not bring peace and that the Israeli public was aware of the need for painful compromise.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, meanwhile, said there was still a slight chance Israel and the Palestinians could reach a full peace treaty before Israel's Feb. 6 election.

Ben-Ami met with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Cairo late Wednesday and said he had the impression that the Palestinians "really wish to exhaust the possibilities of this process with us."

Arafat confirmed Thursday that the two sides had agreed to hold intensive meetings. The sides met again Thursday at an undisclosed location in Tel Aviv, beginning about an hour later than scheduled because Palestinian negotiators got stuck in a typical Tel Aviv traffic jam.

Negotiations have been guided by President Clinton's peace proposals.

Clinton's plan calls for a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip, 95 percent of the West Bank and Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem. In exchange for scaling back demands for millions of refugees' right to return to former homes in Israel, the Palestinians would win control over a key Jerusalem shrine revered by Muslims and Jews.

These stories are from the Associated Press

Teen pleads guilty to Internet mischief charges

MONTREAL — A teen-age computer hacker accused of crippling several major Internet sites including CNN, Yahoo and Amazon.com, pleaded guilty Thursday to 55 charges of mischief.

The trial of the 16-year-old Montrealeur known as "Mafiaboy" had been set to begin Thursday on 66 charges relating to attacks last year on several major Web sites, as well as security breaches of other sites at insti-



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INAUGURAL WOE

It's time for the opposition to rest

President Bill Clinton is on the way out after eight debatably successful years as the nation's leader. President-elect George W. Bush will officially be sworn in during the inauguration ceremony Saturday in Washington, D.C.

There have been issues addressed in reference to Bush's stance on the death penalty or his ability to keep up effective foreign affairs, but for one day, none of that should matter.

It's time to stop all the protesting and finally accept the cards we've been dealt. Bush is our next president, despite what may be thought of our Electoral College or what might be thought of Vice President Al Gore winning the popular vote.

Bush is our next president.

There are no more recounts. The state of Florida put us through enough during the month after the Nov. 7 Election Day.

The ceremony that we will see Saturday is part of what makes our nation what it is. It's a special occasion of sorts. Maybe not a national holiday, but it's still an occasion.

Those avid protesters who would rather lose an arm than live under the rule of President Bush, should respect the country itself at least on this occasion.

Throughout the recount extravaganza, our nation was viewed internationally in a negative light. Do we really want this ceremony, in front of another international spotlight, to be marred by protest and unrest?

It's come to the point where all the nay-sayers should sit back and see what happens. Give the Bush administration a chance to get something done, or nothing done, before the protests continue.

Our Constitution allows for the checks and balances of the executive branch of the government. The appropriate check points are in place to make sure the job gets done in a manner suitable to the needs of the American public.

Clinton's reign comes to an end

'Slick Willie' era marked by political successes, struggles

Come Saturday, little George W. will be sworn in, officially ending the Slick Willie era.

Whether you love or hate Bill Clinton, you have to admit Washington will be a lot less interesting with him gone.

For eight years Slick Willie managed to survive scandal after scandal, maddening his enemies and earning the title of most politically gifted politician of our time by pundits.

And indeed he is. His mastery of politics is quite amazing. Despite a disastrous first two years in office, the Republican takeover of 1994, and an age of deep partisanship, Clinton managed to leave the country in a better place than he found it.

When Clinton ran for president in 1992, the economy was mired in a deep recession, had soaring deficits, soaring crime and the welfare rolls were swelling. Clinton promised to solve these problems.



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then some. And it took some tough decisions to do it.

One of the biggest criticisms of Clinton from both the left and right is that he had a tendency to do whatever his pollsters told him to do. That certainly was not the case in 1993, when he barely got his highly unpopular budget passed.

Its combination of tax increases and caps on domestic spending was supposed to cut the deficit in half. Republicans slammed it, claiming that

it would push the economy into a recession. It passed by a single vote in the House of Representatives, and Vice President Al Gore had to cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate. Not a single republican voted for it. They wanted no credit for what they predicted to be an upcoming disaster.

Clinton's first budget laid the ground work for the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the growing surpluses we have today. As a result of that budget, \$600 billion of the national debt has been paid off.

He did that and

It also allowed for our booming economy. By reducing the deficit and following a tight fiscal policy, Clinton allowed

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan the freedom to slash interest rates and spur the economy (Jonathan Chait of The New Republic wrote a rather insightful column on Clinton's economic policy that I suggest checking out).

Although it is impossible to give all of the credit to Clinton (much of it is owed to the technology boom and the Internet) the economy certainly would not have been as prolific as it is without him. Clinton also faced a tough choice with welfare reform.

The republicans were trying to bait Clinton into a trap by sending him a draconian Welfare Reform Act that the democrats did not want Clinton to sign. After vetoing the first two bills sent to him, Clinton had two options: either veto the third (which his staff deplored) and lose the 1996 election, only to see his Republican successor sign an even worse bill, or sign it and try and fix what is wrong with it in his second term. Clinton chose the latter.

Today welfare rolls have been cut in half.

The Clinton record is terribly good. He presided over the strongest economy the world has ever seen. Crime is the lowest it has been in decades, the environment is better, we are now paying down the debt instead of adding to it, and more people are attending college than ever before.

Clinton's expansion of Federal Pell Grants, work-study and student loans benefits nearly everyone on this campus. Many students, including myself, would not have been able to afford college without them.

He stood up to an over-zealous republican congress and thwarted their backwater agenda. The social safety net, although not as strong as it once was, still remains intact. Clinton managed to work with the Republicans to get NAFTA, welfare reform and a balanced budget.

Slick Willie rejected the old Democrat solution to all of life's problems: big, huge government programs. The one time he did propose one (see: Universal Health Care), it failed to pass in congress and dramatically drained him of political capital. Clinton's centrist leanings almost got him kicked out of his own party.

The biggest criticism from the left on Clinton's record is the gripe that the poor have only gotten poorer while the rich have gotten richer. Lefty Ralph Nader based part of his campaign on it, basically calling Clinton a closet Republican and the Democratic Leadership Council (which Clinton helped form) "right-wing." That simply isn't true.

Since 1993, the poorest one-fifth has seen their after-tax wages

grow faster than the top one-fifth. Bashing Clinton because he didn't begin a new war on poverty (like Bill Bradley did in the primaries) isn't fair. Newt Gingrich and the right-wingers in congress never would have allowed it.

Slick Willie did have his failures.

The biggest obviously being his inability to keep it zipped up.

Health care is still a disaster and the trade deficit is higher than ever. Clinton operated without a consistent foreign policy (although he did have quite a bit of success in the arena of foreign affairs), and we don't have an energy policy either (Clinton's begging of OPEC to increase oil production was wimpy).

Clinton's enforcement of an anti-trust law was reminiscent of the Reagan administration (that is not a compliment for all you Reagan lovers out there). Merger-mania is still sweeping the country. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 only contributed to this. We are quickly approaching a time when all of the media outlets in the country will be owned by a privileged few. Nothing is more dangerous to democracy (and my career) than that.

Perhaps his greatest failure was his inability to transfer all of his political talent into a slew of legislation. Part of that wasn't his fault, since the Republicans controlled Congress for all but two years of his time in office. But it was largely his fault Republicans gained control. All that political talent that both liberals and conservatives praise him for went to waste because Clinton couldn't control his urges.

Clinton's legacy will be debated by historian's for years to come. Despite his great record, Clinton disgraced the office with the Monica Lewinsky affair and added to the deep partisan divide we have today.

Slick Willie was a good president who could have been great, and that will be his lasting mark on history.

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Just say no to resolutions

The year 2000 has melted away and 2001 is upon us. I returned to my residence hall Sunday, and I was greeted by a large sign asking, "What is your New Year's Resolution?" I didn't know this was going to be asked of me. If this was a test, I certainly didn't have an answer.



Nesler

New Year's resolutions seem to have faded into the past, and fewer people have answers to the question when asked. I haven't made a resolution in awhile. I have found that stating one goal limits me, and then I forget what I promised myself.

Wondering what others at TCU were thinking on this matter, I set off to interview the women of my hall. I have discovered that many agree with me.

Most of those I asked said they quit making resolutions out of frustration because they were never able to lose the weight or make the grades they had wanted. I don't believe that

as a community we are weakened by a lack of New Year's resolutions. Optimism is an important quality for the community, and it's more valuable still when tempered with the right amount of reality.

We cannot always meet lofty goals, and we shouldn't feel so disappointed if we get a B or lose three pounds instead of reaching the A or losing the five pounds that we resolved to.

Instead we should look at our lives from the view of progress. Any progress or improvement in ourselves and our lives is to be valued. That is why I believe what my friend said about resolutions: "I set future goals instead of resolutions. Instead of focusing only on the year ahead, I focus on goals that build on my whole future."

As we begin this new year together, I hope this is what we all do: Build on our futures. We are, after all, in the perfect place and time in our lives to do this.

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High-Definition Television (HDTV) has been a subject among home theater buffs and broadcasters for several years now. The promise of HDTV is that it will produce near life-like images that will make the current standard television broadcasts seem unbearable.



Davis

However, the technology has yet to become mainstream, with only 600,000 digital television sets and monitors being sold last year. It seems that there are numerous obstacles facing the reality of HDTV becoming commonplace in our homes.

First and foremost, the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) is petitioning HDTV manufacturers and television broadcasters to adopt a new policy of making all future HDTV broadcasts encrypted in order to prevent anyone from being able to copy them.

Actually, the MPAA's encryption plan would allow the average consumer to record HDTV broadcasts, but only at a limited resolution of 600 vertical lines.

To give you an idea of what this means, standard televisions can produce an image with 480 vertical lines. On the other hand, HDTVs have the capability to generate much greater resolutions, like 1,080 vertical lines, that allow for extremely detailed and beautiful television images.

The MPAA's plan means that anytime you wish to record an HDTV program the way you would any other television show now, you would never be able to

obtain the picture quality of the original broadcast.

While encryption sounds reasonable to protect copyrighted material, it is completely ludicrous to establish encryption schemes in the way the MPAA has suggested.

How dare the MPAA prevent anyone from recording his or her favorite TV show in the way it was originally televised?

For crying out loud, consumers do not want a state-of-the-art television that does not offer the capability of being properly recorded; program recording has been one of the most simplistic amenities of television broadcasting for over two decades.

Furthermore, the MPAA's proposal would not solely apply to HDTV content. Instead, the MPAA wants any device that can produce a digital signal (i.e.; DVD players, satellite receivers) to also feature the same sort of anti-copying protection.

I can understand that the MPAA is looking from the point of view that argues that artists and studios could lose a substantial amount of profit if anyone can make near-perfect quality copies of what is being put on the air. Basically, the MPAA is trying to prevent a situation like what has developed between recording studios and MP3s.

On the contrary, just as album sales are not in any danger of falling because of MP3s, the same effect (or lack thereof) applies to recorded HDTV content.

Besides, even though HDTVs are in less than 5 percent of homes right now, the method proposed to

encrypt digital signals, known as the HDCP chip, would render all current HDTVs obsolete, not to mention the DVD players and satellite receivers that many of us already own.

That means that anyone who has already shelled out their hard-earned cash to buy an HDTV or even a DVD player would have a worthless product on their hands.

The MPAA has been widely known for their inept and ridiculous ratings system, and now their reprehensible HDTV scheme only solidifies the fact that the MPAA must finally be put in their place.

HDTV, though, has a lot more to worry about than asinine copy-right protection. It seems that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has yet to finalize the digital broadcast standard.

As such, some broadcasters are hoping to capitalize on the uncharted HDTV frontier and recoup some of the tens of millions of dollars it is costing them to switch their equipment over to generate a digital television signal.

Since most new HDTVs are made with a widescreen aspect ratio, sometimes called 16 by 9, a traditional television signal (480 vertical lines) would appear as a square image with grey or black bars on each side (similar to the way a letterboxed film appears with black bars on the top and bottom).

These conniving broadcasters are hoping to transmit a standard television signal and fill up those sidebars with advertisements and so-called "interactive content." I

don't know about you, but I for one I would certainly not want to watch TV with tons of advertisements bombarding me, beyond the normal set of commercials (which are bad enough).

Last but not least, the fact remains that many television networks are remaining skittish on broadcasting HDTV content, with CBS being the only major network to have most of its primetime lineup available in HDTV.

It's hard to convince consumers to buy a set costing several thousand dollars when there are only a handful of programs that an HDTV viewer could see.

Thankfully, this last hindrance may change as FCC Chairman William Kennard has been trying to force all broadcasters to switch over to digital signals and give up their analog channels no later than 2006.

If Kennard gets his way, it would make HDTV prices drop and exponentially increase the amount of HDTV programming available.

The hurdles surrounding HDTV acceptance are a formidable challenge. On the other hand, if these problems can be dealt with, HDTV will really revolutionize the way we think of television.

If you want to effect some change and stop the MPAA's encryption plan, along with preventing broadcasters from filling future programs with unwanted advertisements, express your concerns to Chairman Kennard at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554, or email him at bkennard@fcc.gov.

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BUSH

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emonies. A gala fireworks display soared from the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, The White House and from a barge on the Potomac River behind the Lincoln Memorial. Other musical acts were country duo Brooks and Dunn, opera singer Charlotte Church, Las Vegas star Wayne Newton and pop star Jessica Simpson, who performed a piece presented by British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Special appearances included Radio City Music Hall's Rockettes, boxing champ Muhammad Ali and Olympian Dana Torres.

Although police gave no official crowd estimate, the public came from all lengths to be a part of the event as the 54th inauguration began. The federal government en-

couraged 300,000 employees to take the day off to ease traffic congestion. Police shut down several streets and closed nearby Memorial Bridge for security to the afternoon event.

Julie Moroni of Richmond, Va., took the day off from work when she heard Martin would be performing. Moroni and a co-worker were on the road by 5 a.m. Thursday to get a front-row seat behind a chain link fence at the monument.

Brothers Christopher Solar, 15, and Thomas, 12, traveled from Florida by train with their mother, Martha, to get a lesson in history. The two boys are home schooled and have followed the election to the minute, said their mother.

"We left our bags at the station and came directly to here," Christopher said. "We paid \$2 for hats and gloves on the corner to stay warm. We were the first ones here this morning at 7 a.m."

Michelle Yalamas tried to explain to neighbors and friends in Long Island, N.Y., why she decided to bring her three children to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration festivities.

Their teachers encouraged the trip. The only request: pictures. But some fellow New Yorkers said her children Stephanie, 9, Steven, 4, and Olivia, 6 months, were too young to appreciate the experience.

Yalamas proved them wrong. "Children know more than people give them credit for," she said. "I brought the children to the hotel gift shop and picked up a button with Bush's face in the middle. I asked the kids if they knew who the man was, and when I said it was George Bush, they quickly corrected me and said 'no mom it's George W. Bush.'"

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BEASLEY

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school but also allows professors to build their national reputation said Joe Lipscomb, chairman of the finance and decision sciences department. Having professors with high national reputations helps the university to gain national recognition, he said.

"If you follow the chancellor's logic, universities build their reputation through their professional schools," Lipscomb said. "Business schools build their reputation through their MBA program and finance is very important to that."

Lipscomb said about 40 percent of undergraduate business degrees are in finance and 60 percent or more of MBAs concentrate in finance.

This is not the first time Beasley's birthday has been honored on campus. Beasley's second wife, Mary, established the Mary Evans Beasley Endowment Fund for Campus Beautification in 1987. The revenue from this \$450,000 endowment continues to maintain the grounds around campus, from the rotating flower beds to the constant watering of the grass.

The first of the fellowships will be announced this spring and will be available for professors who exhibit a commitment to the business school's mission.

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BOLLER

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his speech."

John Quincy Adams' road to the White House was also contested. The House of Representatives finally chose him as the president.

Boller said the most notable inaugural addresses include the first of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy and both of Abraham Lincoln's addresses.

"The best came in time of a crisis," Boller said. "The country today is not in crisis. We have a good economy and foreign affairs are strong. There are problems but nothing major like a war."

Although Boller has no prediction on how long Bush's address will be, one thing he said he is sure of is the Texas touch that will be present in Washington, D.C. This is true of Bush's father's inaugural speech, Boller said.

But the inauguration is not just a speech. It is about celebrating a new administration and welcoming Bush as the president. At the Texas Black Tie and Boots Ball today, armadillos, roadrunners and bulls from the Fort Worth Zoo will serve as Texas ambassadors, Boller said. Also, a mule statue from Muleshoe and the mascots from the University of Texas and Texas A & M University will be on hand for the parade that will follow the inauguration.

INAUGURAL FIRSTS

Inaugural firsts:

1801 — Thomas Jefferson becomes the first president sworn into office in Washington, D.C.

1857 — James Buchanan's inauguration is the first to be photographed.

1889 — James Madison attends the first official inaugural ball.

1949 — Harry Truman's inauguration is the first to be televised.

1957 — Dwight Eisenhower is the first president inaugurated after the passing of the 22nd amendment, limiting terms in office to two.

1965 — Lyndon Johnson becomes the first president since Benjamin Harrison to dance at all the inaugural balls, and Lady Bird becomes first the first lady to hold a Bible for the swearing in ceremony of a president.

Source: Presidential Inaugural Committee and Paul Boller

Boller taught history at TCU from 1976-1984. He was the first holder of the Lyndon B. Johnson chair of history. He has written three books on the presidency including "Presidential Anecdotes," "Presidential Campaigns" and "Presidential Wives." Boller said "Presidential Inaugurations" will be finished in May.

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ALEXANDER

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said his high school English teacher first got him interested in TCU. He said he was sold on the school by the personal attention he received when he came to visit.

"I have to do my best to give perspective students a great idea of what the people are like here, because I

think people are what really sets TCU apart from other schools," Alexander said.

He said he hopes to stay involved with student activities.

Brown said he is pleased with Alexander's work so far.

"It's been a long time since I've been so impressed by someone so young so quickly," he said.

Alexander said he learned recently about the importance of taking

chances in life, and applying for this position was evidence of that. Alexander said he didn't think he had any hopes of getting this job, but now is glad he tried.

"This is an excellent opportunity for me right now, and I'm just very blessed to have this job so young out of college," Alexander said.

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Texas' wealthiest school districts may file suit against finance law

Law provides poor institutions money from more affluent ones

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FORT WORTH — Saying it creates an illegal state property tax, a coalition of Texas' wealthiest school districts said they plan to file a lawsuit to challenge the so-called Robin Hood school finance law.

The so-called Robin Hood law, approved in 1993 in response to Texas Supreme Court rulings in a lawsuit by poor school districts, requires the most affluent districts to share some wealth with the rest of the system. The Texas Supreme Court upheld the law in 1995.

The state also guarantees poorer school districts a certain amount

of revenue — in state and local funds combined — if they impose local taxes at a particular rate.

The wealthy districts, which have united as the Texas School Coalition, said they could file the lawsuit no later than next month.

"It's unfair," Grapevine-Colleyville school board President Mike Davis said in Thursday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "The state of Texas needs to pay for those school districts that don't have the tax base."

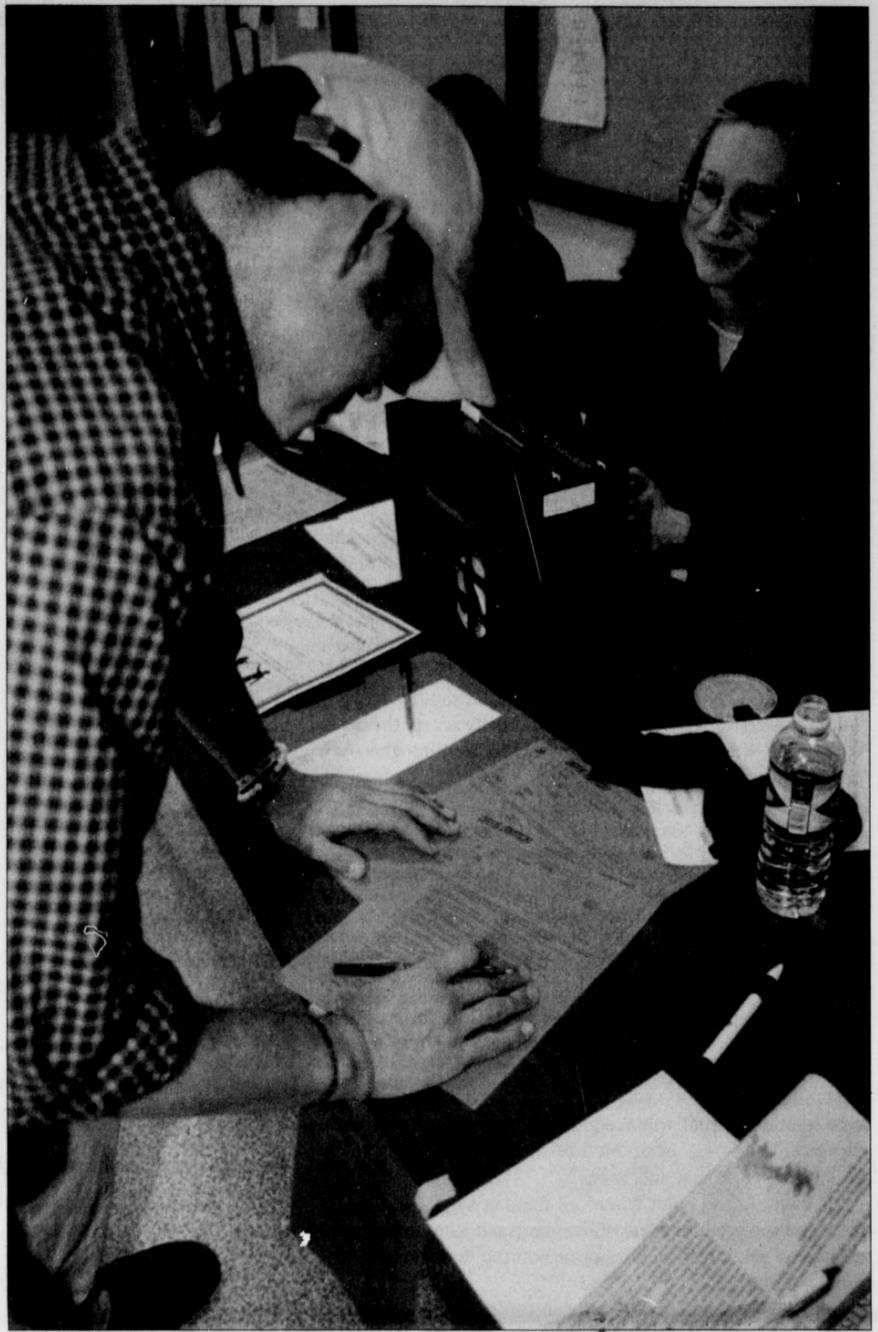
Steve Brown, deputy superintendent of finance for the Arlington school district, said the state pays for less than half of public

education costs and places the burden on property owners, in the form of higher property taxes.

State Sen. Teel Bivins, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, agreed that changes were needed, but said he would like to see the issue delayed in the Legislature until 2003 because lawmakers already are busy with other issues.

"Frankly, our current school finance law has been in place since 1993, and I think there are definitely strains on the system," said Bivins, an Amarillo Republican. "We continue to rely too heavily on property taxes to finance public education."

Be My Valentine



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Zach Klemo, a junior speech communication major, signs up for the Alpha Epsilon Delta date match Thursday at the Student Center with AED president Aggie Alexander looking on.

BLAZING MEMORY

Seton Hall student shares his recollections of dorm fire

By Amy Westfeldt
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Shawn Simons was moving too fast to feel any pain, crawling down a hallway through smoke and flames that peeled layers of skin off his face and hands. He wouldn't feel it until he woke up from a coma in the hospital two weeks later.

A year after the fire at a Seton Hall University dormitory that killed three of Simons' fellow students, prosecutors have yet to arrest anyone in a case they have investigated as arson from the start.

"I don't see how this person lives with himself, knowing that they caused so much damage," said Simons, 19, glancing down at his scarred, skin-grafted hands. "I'm more angry at the fact that this person won't be man enough to admit it."

The blaze in a third-floor lounge of Boland Hall sent more than 600 students fleeing into freezing cold before dawn last Jan. 19; 58 were treated for everything from frostbite to burns.

The tragedy stirred debate about campus safety across the nation and led to a state law requiring fire sprinklers in all college dorm rooms.

After the blaze, Seton Hall students said they used to sleep through fire alarms because so many of them were pranks, and

they complained that the university had not trained them well enough to escape.

Now, university officials say there are no more prank fire alarms, and resident advisers say students who once slept through fire alarms never miss a fire drill. There are also stricter fire safety policies, and smoke alarms that connect to South Orange's fire department have been installed in each dorm room.

Still, 15 students have said the fire contributed to their decision to leave school, said Susan Diamond, a spokeswoman at the 10,000-student Roman Catholic university.

Simon believes someone set the fire but did not intend for it to hurt people. But Essex County Prosecutor Donald Campolo cannot promise when, or if, investigators will get to the bottom of the case. The task force investigating the blaze has dwindled from well over 100 people in the days after the fire to about six.

Investigators have determined how the fire started — a lighter or match burned flammable material on a couch in the lounge, causing a superhot, fast-moving blaze. But investigators have not said who did it or why.

"We have gathered most of the information that we need to gather, and now it's a question of reacting to new developments,"

Campolo said.

The university plans to mark the anniversary with a memorial service with the families of the three 18-year-olds who died: Frank Caltabilla, John Giunta and Aaron Karol.

Authorities found the burned bodies of Karol and Caltabilla on the floor of the lounge, where investigators say they had wandered while trying to find a way out. Giunta died in his room of smoke inhalation.

Peter Giunta, who had been a resident assistant in Boland Hall, could barely get words out about his brother during a recent interview. "All we're hoping for is an answer to what exactly happened," he said.

Simons spent more than a month in the hospital and underwent daily treatments in the burn unit, shedding layers of dead skin and enduring the scrubbing of his open wounds.

Now, the first thing he looks for when he enters a building are the fire exits and extinguishers. He makes sure never to leave a burner on at home in Newark, from where he now commutes to campus. He has never returned to Boland Hall, although he believes that today's freshmen are no longer in danger there.

"Hey, it's safe now," Simons said. "Despite what we went through, we made it safer for you."

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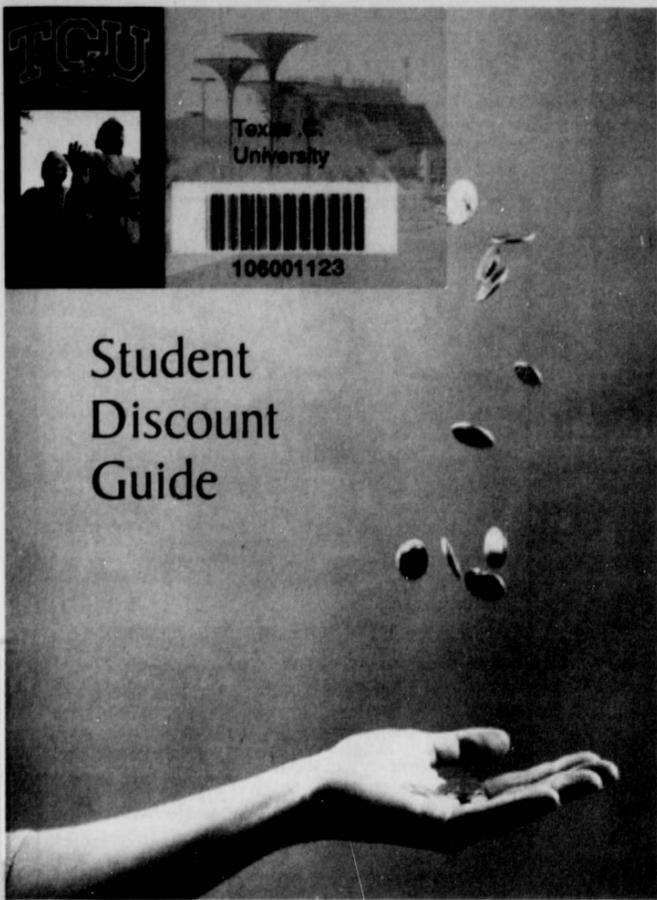
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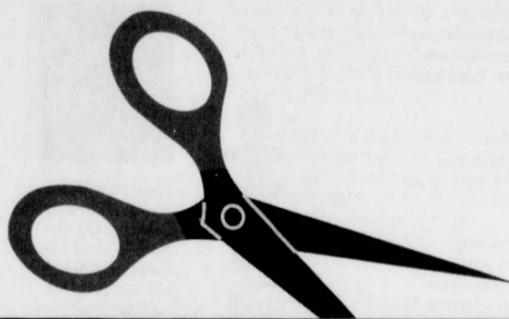
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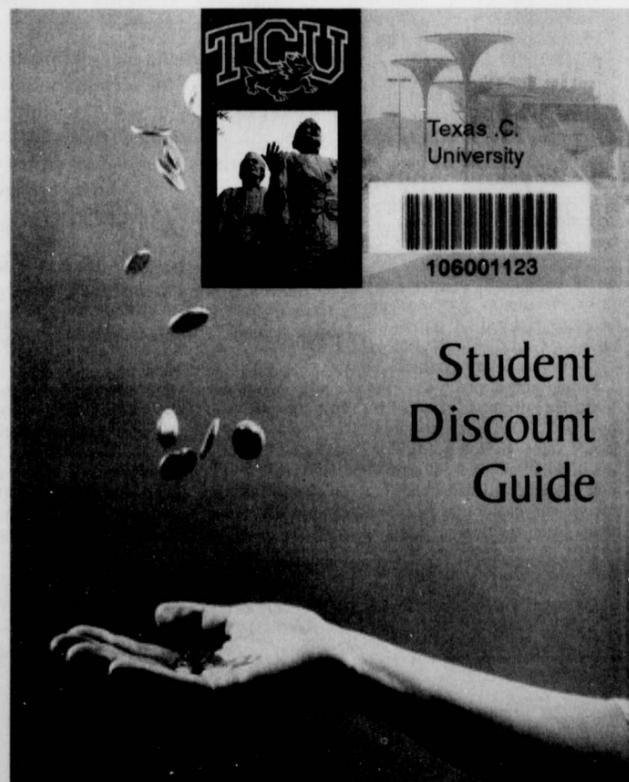
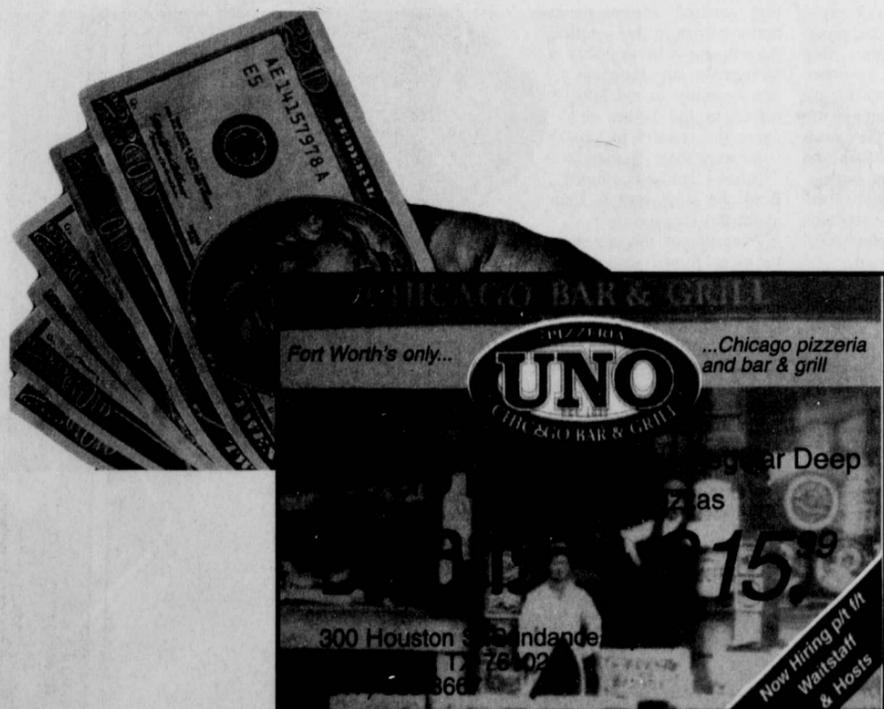
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Position: Secretary of Labor
Age: 47
Career highlights: Senior Editor and Distinguished Fellow, the Heritage Foundation, 1992-2001; president of the United Way, 1992-96; director of the Peace Corps, 1991-92; deputy secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1989-91
Education: Mount Holyoke College, A.B., 1975; Harvard, M.B.A., 1979
Best known for: Her work with the Peace Corps has been credited as giving the agency renewed energy



Name: John Ashcroft
Position: Attorney general
Age: 58
Career highlights: Missouri State Auditor, 1973-75; Missouri attorney general, 1984-92; U.S. senator, 1994-present
Education: Yale University, B.A. 1964; University of Chicago, J.D. 1967
Best known for: Strong conservative voting record in Senate; gained national attention after losing to deceased democrat, Gov. Mel Carnahan, in race for U.S. Senate



Name: Christine Todd Whitman
Position: EPA administrator
Age: 54
Career highlights: Somerset County Board of Freeholders, 1982-88; New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 1988-90; governor of New Jersey, 1993-present
Education: Wheaton College (Mass.), B.A. in government, 1968
Best known for: Moderate status on social issues



Name: Paul O'Neill
Position: Treasury secretary
Age: 65
Career highlights: deputy director, Office of Management and Budget, 1974-77; vice president, International Paper, 1977-85; president, International Paper, 1985-87; **Education:** Indiana University, M.A. in public administration, 1966; graduate study in economics, Claremont Graduate University and George Washington University
Best known for: Serving as chairman of Alcoa, the aluminum production company



Name: Colin Powell
Position: Secretary of State
Age: 63
Career highlights: military assistant to the Secretary of Defense, 1982-86; assistant to the president for national security affairs, 1987-89; chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1989-93
Education: City College of New York, B.S., 1958; George Washington University, M.B.A., 1971; National War College, 1976
Best known for: Role as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and reputation for integrity



Name: Don Evans
Position: Commerce Secretary
Age: 54
Career highlights: president, Tom Brown, Inc., 1979-present; chairman, George W. Bush congressional campaign, 1978; chairman Texas Inaugural Committee, 1995; chairman, George W. Bush presidential campaign, 1999-2000
Education: University of Texas at Austin, B.S. in mechanical engineering, 1969; MBA, 1973
Best known for: Raising a record-breaking \$100 million for Bush's presidential campaign



Name: Ann Veneman
Position: Secretary of Agriculture
Age: 51
Career highlights: U.S. Department of Agriculture, deputy undersecretary for international affairs and commodity programs, 1989-91; U.S. Department of Agriculture, deputy secretary, 1991-93; **Education:** University of California at Davis, B.A. in political science, 1970; University of California at Berkeley, M.A. in public policy, 1971; University of California at Hastings, J.D., 1976
Best known for: Savvy in opening international markets



Name: Donald Rumsfeld
Position: Defense Secretary
Age: 68
Career highlights: director of Office of Economic Opportunity for President Nixon, 1969-73; U.S. ambassador to NATO, 1973-74; Chief of Staff, President Ford, 1974-75; U.S. Secretary of Defense, 1975-77; president, 1977-85; chairman and chief executive officer, General Instrument Corp., 1990-93
Education: Princeton University, B.A., 1954
Best known for: Youngest Defense Secretary in history (under Ford)



Campus split on politics

Controversy over election results, nominees to next Cabinet leaves some students feeling alienated

By Kelly Morris
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

George W. Bush was officially named the 43rd president of the United States Dec. 13, 37 days after Election Day.

Even though Bush lost the popular vote, he was still the victorious candidate via the electoral vote. Some students said this fact makes them feel alienated about this year's election.

Despite losing the popular vote by a margin of 539,947 votes, Bush won the electoral vote 271 to Vice President Al Gore's 266. The final vote called for the most closely contested and watched battle for the White House the country has witnessed in recent history.

James Riddlesberger, chairman of the political science department, said because the election process isn't solely based on a democratic system, this election's outcome leads to a threat of alienation.

"With its endless maze of laws and human error, the Florida fiasco points out there are all sorts of problems with the election process," Riddlesberger said. "The average voter would rather have a political system based more on the popular vote. The Electoral College isn't democratic, and your odds of winning the Texas Lottery are greater than your vote actually changing the outcome of an election with this system."

Riddlesberger said even though the Electoral College is an obviously flawed system, it's unlikely that it will be abolished with its good record in history.

"While it was flawed, the Electoral College was something historically necessary to get the constitution passed," Riddlesberger said. "Before this election, the Electoral College had been consistent with the popular vote for 112 years in a row."

Prior to the 2000 presidential race, the only other elections that resulted in the winning candidate losing the popular vote were in 1824, 1876 and 1888.

During the presidential race, Meg McArthur, a sophomore history major, said students were discussing the candidates and issues and watching the news.

"You wouldn't expect college students to be this interested," McArthur said.

Marcus Kain, a senior finance and accounting major, said no matter if people were conservative or liberal, they should feel alienated by the election's outcome.

"Conservatives should feel alienated because of the way the democrats, with their countless recounts, did anything to try to get the results they wanted," Kain said. "Liberals and minorities should feel alienated because of the fact that Bush probably won't represent their interests."

As Bush continues to select his Cabinet, Kain said the conservative appointments will only worsen his ability to get things accomplished in office.

"Since Bush is surrounding himself with conservatives within his Cabinet and isn't making diverse appointments like (President Bill) Clinton did, he's adding salt to the wounds of those people who didn't vote for him," Kain said. "Because people are sick and tired of the bickering that occurred between the two major parties in this election, its outcome will probably strengthen an independent's ability to get into office in the future or cause the country to become even more divided."

Some students don't think the same way as Kain about this election.

"Because of the closeness of the race, I think it made people feel like their votes do count," McArthur said. "There will always be people protesting, but, if anything, this election will increase voter turnout, and those who didn't vote in November will definitely make sure their voices are heard in the next election."

According to a *Newsweek* poll released Jan. 13, 57 percent of those polled approve of Bush's choices to fill his Cabinet positions. While 38 percent see Bush as a favorable leader, 33 percent have a less favorable opinion.

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—Marcus Kain,
senior finance and accounting major



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Name: Mel Martinez
Position: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Age: 54
Career highlights: Chairman of Orlando Housing Authority, 1984-86; Orange County chairman, 1998; co-chaired the Florida George W. Bush campaign; advocate of the Miami relatives of Elian Gonzalez in South Florida
Education: Law degree from Florida State University, 1973
Best known for: Reduced property rates in Orange County twice, the first tax cuts the county has seen in 12 years



Name: Tommy Thompson
Position: Health and Human Services Secretary
Age: 59
Career highlights: Currently governor of Wisconsin since 1987; assistant minority leader in assembly in 1973; elected republican floor leader in 1981
Education: University of Wisconsin, B.S., 1963; University of Wisconsin, J.D., 1966
Best known for: Wisconsin's welfare reform policy and one of the country's first school choice programs; an outspoken politician willing to criticize both parties



Name: Norman Y. Mineta
Position: Transportation Secretary
Age: 69
Career highlights: U.S. Army, 1953-56; San Jose City Council, 1967-71; Mayor of San Jose, 1971-74; U.S. House of Representatives, 1975-95; Lockheed Martin Corporation, 1995-2000
Education: University of California at Berkeley, B.S., 1953
Best known for: Current Commerce Secretary



Name: Rod Paige
Position: Secretary of Education
Age: 67
Career highlights: Jackson State University head football coach, 1962-69; Texas Southern University Athletics Director, head football coach, assistant professor, Dean of the College of Education, 1971; Houston Independent School District superintendent, 1994-present
Education: Jackson State University, B.S., 1955; Indiana University, M.S., 1964; Ph.D. in physical education, 1969
Best known for: Major improvements to the HISD



Name: Gale Norton
Position: Secretary of the Interior
Age: 46
Career highlights: Mountain States' Legal Foundation, 1979-83; U.S. Department of the Interior, 1985-87; Colorado attorney general, 1991-99
Education: University of Denver, B.A., 1975 and J.D., 1978
Best known for: High profile legal cases including prosecuting tobacco companies and defending Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2



Name: Anthony Principi
Position: Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Age: 56
Career highlights: Named acting secretary of Veterans Affairs, 1992; served as chief counsel and staff director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, 1993
Education: U.S. Naval Academy, B.S., 1967; Seton Hall, J.D., 1975
Best known for: Earned several decorations including a Bronze Star and the Navy Combat Action medal during his tour of duty along the Mekong Delta



Name: Spencer Abraham
Position: Energy Secretary
Age: 48
Career highlights: U.S. senator from Michigan, 1994-2001; co-chair, National Republican Congressional Committee, 1991-93; deputy chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle, 1990-91; chairman, Michigan Republican Party, 1983-90
Best known for: The only Arab-American in the Senate; Abraham fought against limits on legal immigration; a good friend to big oil companies



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Appointees find a home

Bush's Cabinet hopefuls look to be approved after hearings despite election 2000 saga, bitter attitudes

Since the Florida recount saga ended and the George W. Bush transition team saga began, political pundits from Capitol Hill to Timbuktu have spent the weeks leading up to Saturday's inauguration analyzing, debating and arguing over whether Bush's Cabinet hopefuls are loyal enough and squeaky-clean enough to survive a 50-50 Senate filled with democratic senators with long memories and bitter attitudes.

With the bizarre 2000 election still fresh in the minds of many Americans and still stinging the hearts of those who invested millions of dollars and thousands of man-hours supporting the other side, the selection and appointment of this first Cabinet is perhaps as critical to the president-elect as the Supreme Court decision that made his administration official.

Although Bush and his advisers had a list of possible appointees in mind months before the Nov. 7 election, the election itself changed the names and faces on his team dramatically. I suspect Colin Powell still headed his "Dream Team." A *Newsweek* poll taken during the presidential primary indicated Americans would have picked him hands down

for commander in chief. I would call him a slam dunk for secretary of state.

Powell is not only the first African-American in our country's history to be nominated for a key Cabinet position, but he is as close to a political god as they come. All 100 senators know that not supporting his appointment would be the equivalent of committing political suicide.

The first real challenge for our former governor was deciding who would join Powell in the conference room next to the Oval Office. The election results left the Republican Party with a narrow lead in the House, so he couldn't afford to lose precious votes by stealing state representatives to work for his administration. He couldn't choose any senators who won or retained their seats either because for the first time in history the Senate is evenly split.

Appointing republican senators would change things for his second in command, Dick Cheney, who may turn out to be the most powerful man in Washington. Cheney would have to give up his new job as professional tie-breaker to fill the traditional role of the vice president — cutting ribbons, making speeches that Bush doesn't have time for and silently standing by in support of the man who calls the shots and gets to make the cool TV appearances.

Instead, Bush looked to the private sector, past administrations and governors for his Cabinet choices. Although Bush and his transition team have worked hard to diversify the Cabinet, they only attracted one democrat.

Washington insiders blame the close election for this imbalance, saying that because Bush didn't win the popular vote, working for his administration could be a career killer for any member of the Democratic Party.

According to political analysts, even some re-

publicans who were originally talked about for various positions were shy to accept because they didn't want to involve themselves in what some are calling the worst political fray to hit the nation's Capital.

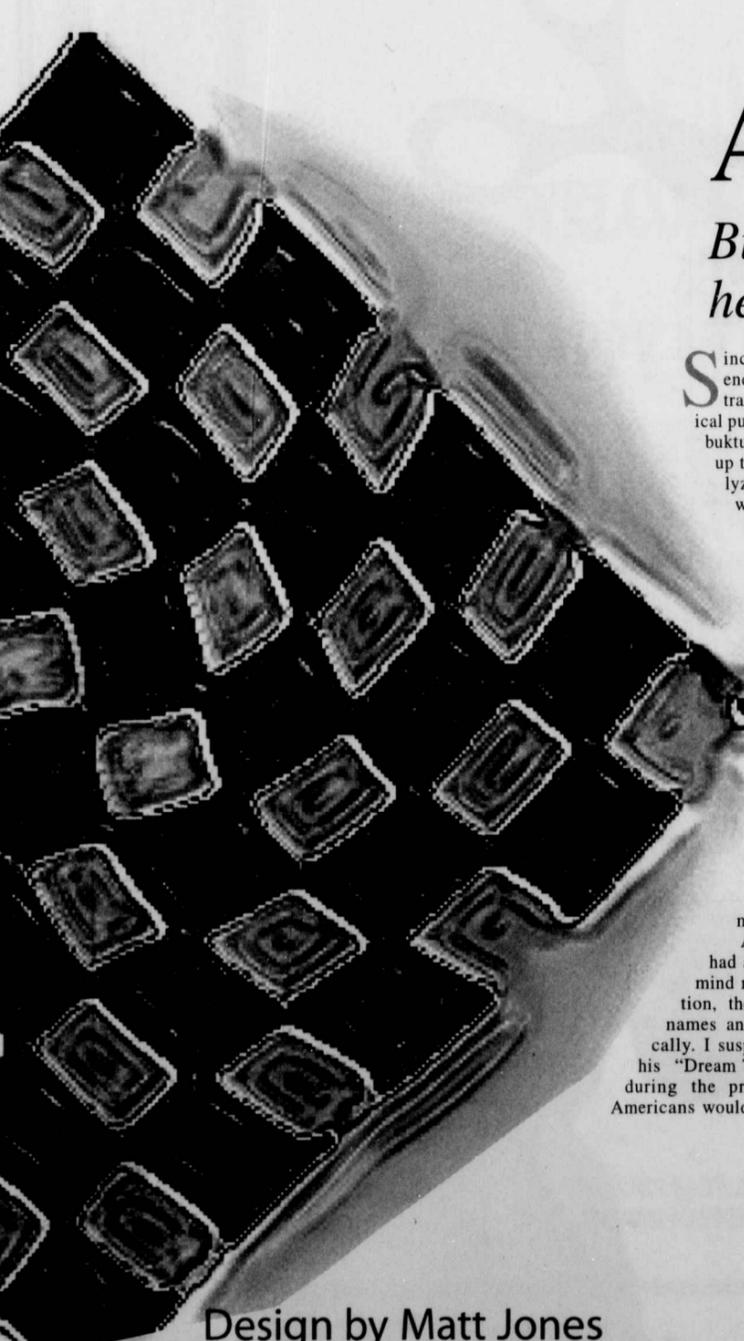
The 15 men and women who are now awaiting their appointment hearings have taken a beating with the public and the press, but if history holds true most of them will be accepted.

Despite the fact that as soon as their names became public, journalists, analysts and avid C-SPAN watchers began whispering about the skeletons in the closet of each nominee, all but one member of this elite group should soon be decorating their offices and designing their official Web sites.

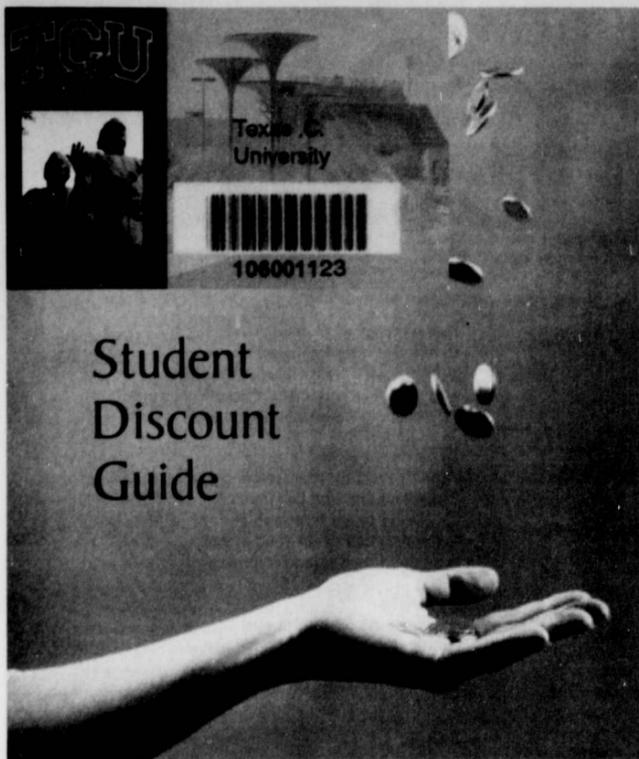
In this administration, John Ashcroft is facing the most real concern about his appointment. Traditionally the only two positions whose appointees face serious opposition are the Department of Interior and the Attorney General. Serious and vocal criticism from civil rights activists will force the Senate to examine whether these chinks in his armor are weighty enough to suggest he may not be able to lead the Justice Department without his personal views impacting the fairness of the decisions he will make.

As both the new administration and the new Senate prepare to embark on an appointment process that could either unite or further divide the country, it will be interesting to see if the historically well-ordered and dignified process turns ugly or if it will be the best show of bipartisan actions in the century.

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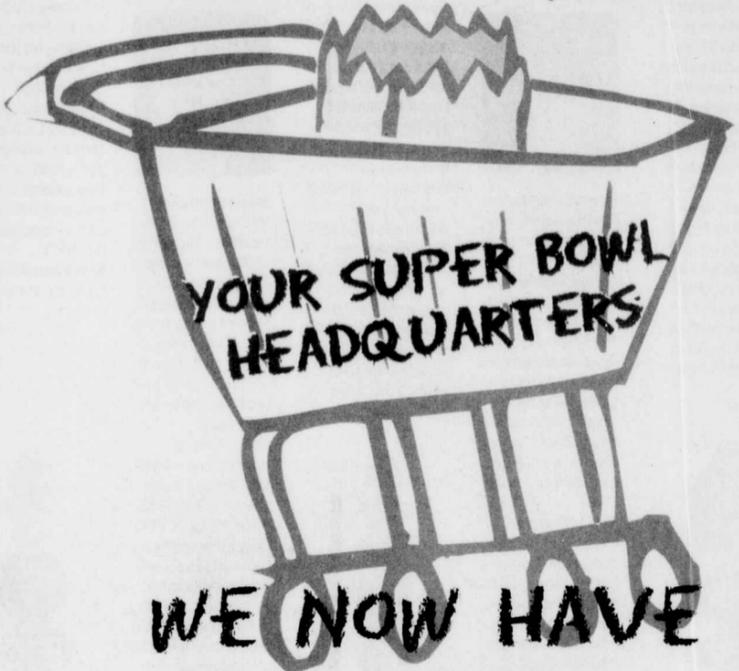
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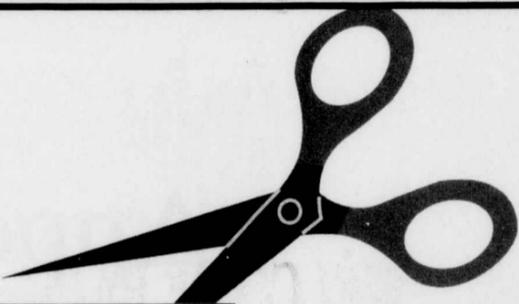
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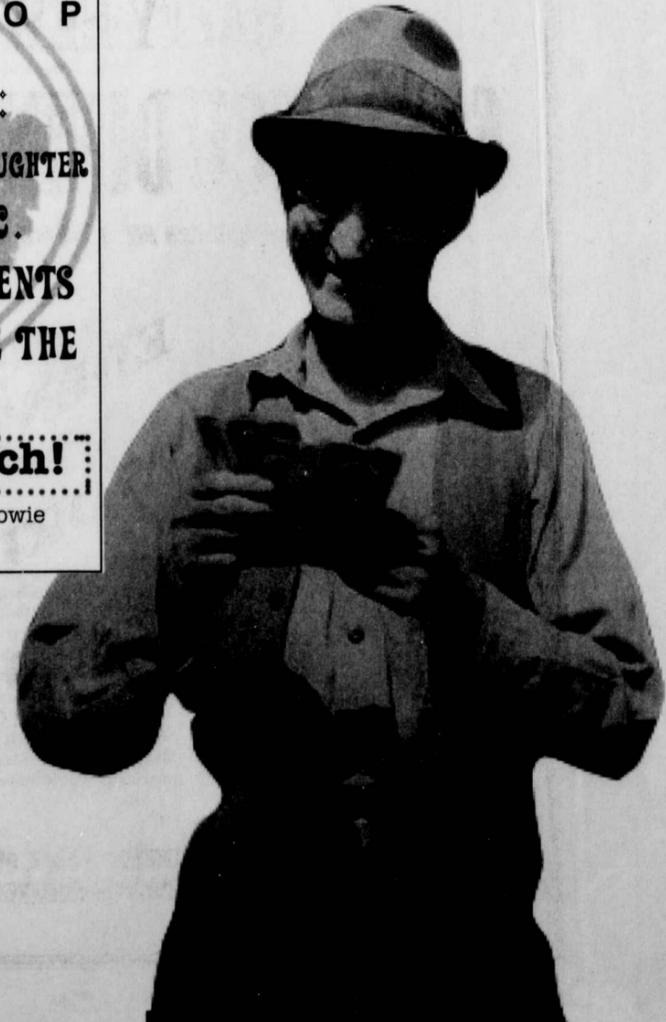
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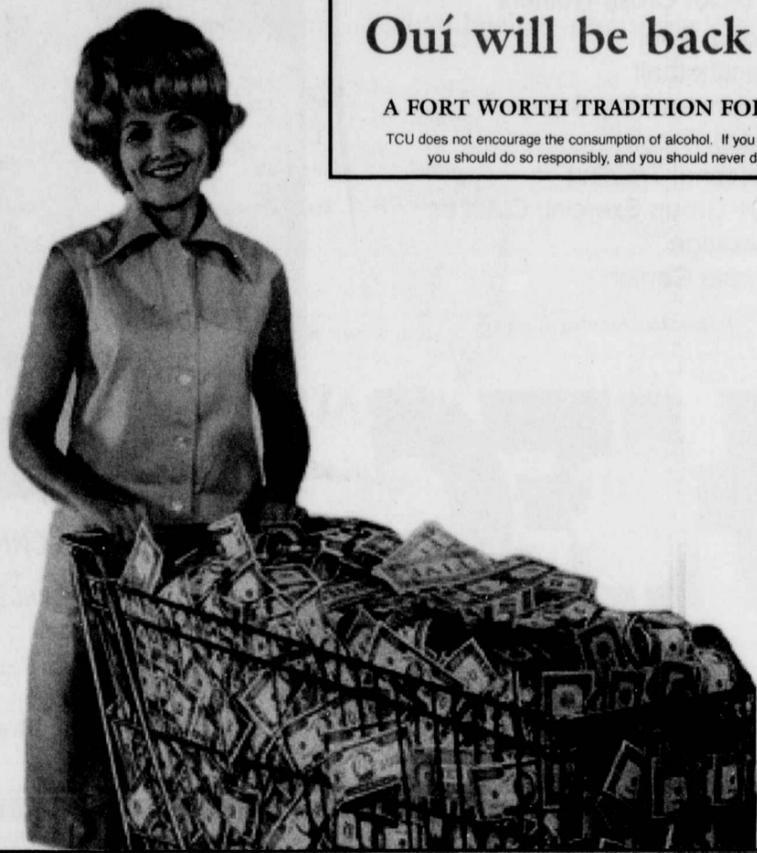
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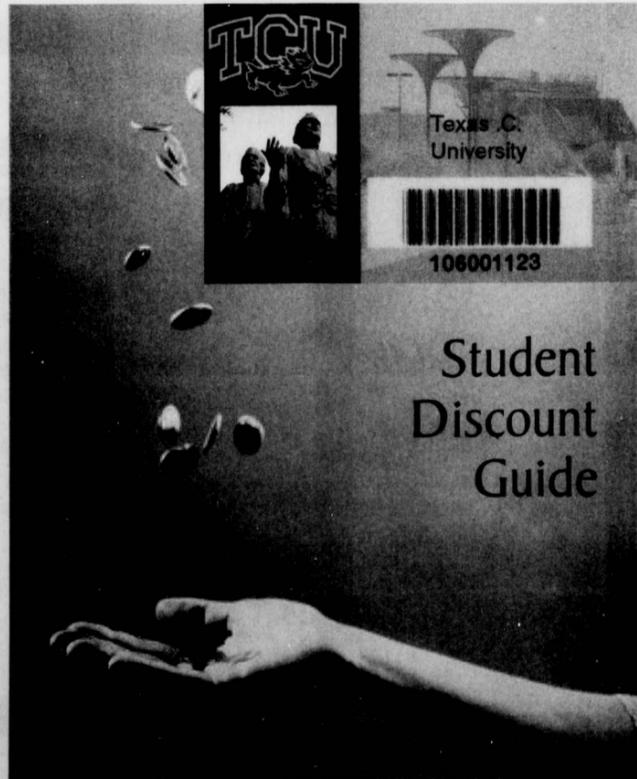
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TCU employee injures left hip in SC

Doctor says surgery to repair damage scheduled for today at Harris

By Ram Luthra
STAFF REPORTER

TCU employee Anita Doughty broke her hip Thursday morning as she was checking room schedule cards on the second floor of the Student Center, said Larry Markley, director of the Student Center.

Doughty, 59, said she was walking down the hall about 9:15 a.m. when she felt a sharp pain on the lower-left side of her hip. She immediately fell to the ground and screamed for help.

"My leg just basically buckled under me," Doughty said from the

hospital. "Everything happened so fast that it was hard for me to actually remember the pain."

As of Thursday night, doctors had not determined the cause of the break.

Physical Plant employee John Larson heard Doughty calling for help and came her aid. Larson said he was on his way to work on an air conditioning unit when he heard the screams.

"I didn't see the fall, but I heard a loud scream," Larson said. "(Doughty) was in extreme pain, so I called campus police and informed

them."

TCU police officer John Carter said he was the first to come to the scene, and he noticed that Doughty's hip was out of place.

Doughty was transported from the second floor of the Student Center on a gurney by Medstar paramedics to Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital.

Doughty said she had never had problems with her hip before the accident.

"I have had problems with arthritis in my feet and knees for about seven years," Doughty said. "Some-

times I had some irritation on other parts of my body, but that was because of the arthritis."

She said the floors weren't wet or slippery at the time of her fall.

Doughty has been working at TCU since April as a receptionist at the Student Center Information Desk.

Doughty will spend the night at the hospital. She said rods and pins will be inserted into her hip during surgery to repair the damage today.

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Texas sues attorney general for disservice

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT ARTHUR — The city is suing Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, claiming his July 2000 opinion sealing derogatory documents in personnel files of police officers and firefighters does the public a disservice.

The city, joined by the Port Arthur Civil Service Commission, contends all reprimands, warnings and other negative documents should be open to the public, regardless of whether they lead to formal action against an employee.

"These open records allow people to get a rounded picture of the employees their taxes pay for," Volney

Cornyn spokesman calls litigation surprising

Pinder, chairman of the commission, told *The Beaumont Enterprise*. "I don't believe we have anything to hide. I know there are some things that should be confidential, but not much — and not this."

The suit was filed Dec. 28 in Austin. Mark Sokolow, attorney for the city, declined to discuss the litigation.

Cornyn spokesman Tom Kelley said he was surprised that a city was suing over a ruling protecting some of its own files from public scrutiny, the newspaper reported.

Cornyn wrote in July that written reprimands and complaints from the public don't constitute a disciplinary action, and therefore should remain sealed. He defined disciplinary action as suspensions, demotions or denial of promotions.

Records of alleged misconduct that do not result in disciplinary action may be used internally but are not for public review or review by the civil service commission, the attorney general decided.

The Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas supports

Cornyn's opinion. Ron DeLord, president of that group, said the opinion keeps an officer's file clear of any unsubstantiated complaints.

Rob Wiley, board president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, countered that the public should have access to complaints about civil servants.

"But as a matter of policy — and I want to emphasize that this is just a matter of policy — that (opinion) doesn't sound like one I would agree with," Wiley said. "I think the public ought to know about complaints that are made against police officers even when they don't result in disciplinary action."

Jesse Jackson admits to affair resulting in birth of daughter

Civil rights activist ends fight against Ashcroft appointment

By Martha Irvine
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Civil rights activist Jesse Jackson revealed Thursday that he had an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter.

"I fully accept responsibility, and I am truly sorry for my actions," he said.

Jackson, a Baptist minister and one-time aide to Martin Luther King Jr., issued a statement admitting that he fathered the child, now 20 months old, and has provided "emotional and financial support" since her birth.

"As her mother does, I love this child very much," he said. "I was born of these circumstances, and I know the importance of growing up in a nurturing, supportive and protected environment. So I am determined to give my daughter and her mother the privacy they both deserve."

The civil rights leader said he would be stepping aside temporarily from his public life.

Jackson did not say why he issued the statement. His New York-based spokesman, John Scanlon, said later that Jackson acted to get out in front of anticipated tabloid reports about the child, who Scanlon said was the result of an affair Jackson had with a woman who worked in the Washington office of Jackson's advocacy group, the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition.

"This is no time for evasions, denials or alibis," Jackson's statement said. "No doubt, many close friends and supporters will be disappointed in me. I ask for their forgiveness, understanding and prayers."

Jackson, 59, was a steadfast presence at President Clinton's side as the president struggled with the public revelation of his affair with Monica Lewinsky and the impeachment proceedings that followed. He went to the White House to pray with Clinton's family on a grim weekend in August 1998, as Clinton admitted the truth to his wife and daughter and, in a nationally televised speech, to the nation. The child is reportedly 20 months old, meaning she could have been conceived as early as July 1998 — a month before his visit with president.

Rainbow-PUSH spokeswoman

Keiana Peyton said Jackson told headquarters staff of the affair Wednesday, but "he did not mention the time he spent with President Clinton. He spoke only of his desire to face this situation head on and focus on his family."

Last August, Clinton awarded Jackson the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. At that time, Jackson lavished praise on his wife, Jackie, and his five children for supporting him in his long civil rights career.

Jackson said his family was aware of the situation with the child and was experiencing "an extremely painful, trying and difficult time."

"I have asked God and each one of them to forgive me, and I thank each of them for their grace and understanding throughout this period of tribulation," Jackson said. "We have prayed together, and through God's grace we have been reconciling."

Jackson said he would be taking an indefinite hiatus from his activist activities, which included opposing the confirmation of President-elect Bush's attorney general nominee John Ashcroft, to "revive my spirit and reconnect with my family."

Jackson was not available for comment Thursday.

Prison hands may face discipline

By Angela K. Brown
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — Six weeks after seven inmates escaped from a Texas prison, at least one worker has been suspended and some guards may be fired, a union official said.

Several guards named in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice report issued last week are expected to face disciplinary hearings, where the warden will make recommendations based on an investigative committee's findings.

Brian Olsen, executive director of a prison employee council within the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said prison officials should take into account institutional problems.

The convicts escaped Dec. 13 from the maximum-security Connally Unit, 60 miles southeast of San Antonio. They have since been charged with the Christmas Eve murder of a Dallas-area police officer, and are still at large.

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Best of 2000

From movies to music, one reviewer picks last year's best bets

■ Story by David Reese ■

While the media and the nation were worried about the 2000 election, most of the country was using the benefits of the good economy to boost the pockets of the entertainment companies. Even though the year in movies, music and television had minimal critical praise, the audience happily spent millions for their entertainment.

Film

In film, the year started slowly but was heightened with the top notch performance of Julia Roberts in "Erin Brockovich." This film received high approval from critics as well as \$125 million in box office receipts.

In early May, a motion picture based around ancient Rome titled "Gladiator," starring Russell Crowe, conquered the box office. The summer of 2000 also included the highly anticipated sequel to Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible." The biggest surprise of the summer season included a spoof film of 1990s horror films titled "Scary Movie."

The fall season, usually known for low box office numbers, included some surprise hits, including "Meet the Parents" and "Remember the Titans." With the end of the year in sight, although films were successful, it looked as

though the year would end up with the lowest box office receipts in the past five years. This thought all changed in early December with the arrival of a hairy, mean, green grinch machine. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," starring Jim Carrey, stole moviegoers' hearts and pocketbooks with just over \$253 million.

Although having high box office totals at

America. The performances by the ensemble cast of Michael Douglas, Benicio Del Toro, Don Cheadle and Catherine Zeta-Jones were incredible, not to mention the razor-edge directing by Steven Soderbergh.

2 "Gladiator"

This film has all of the elements: action and adventure for the men, Russell Crowe for the ladies and a terrific story for all. "Gladiator" also included terrific directing by Ridley Scott who recreated ancient Rome beautifully.

3 "Almost Famous"

The story of a young, wishful reporter who ventures out on tour with a rock band is every young boy's dream. The film, written and directed by Cameron Crowe of "Jerry Maguire," enlists some of the hottest new talents in Hollywood, including Kate Hudson and Patrick Fugit.

4 "Erin Brockovich"

One word: Julia. The film is well written and directed, but the acting by Roberts carries the film. The interaction between Roberts' character, Brockovich, and her boss, Ed Masry, played by Albert Finney, is pure delight.

5 "Cast Away"

Tom Hanks demonstrates why he is one of the best actors of this era in a film about a man deserted on an island for four years.

Top grossing films of 2000*

1 "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	\$253.4 million
2 "Mission: Impossible 2"	\$215.4 million
3 "Gladiator"	\$186.6 million
4 "The Perfect Storm"	\$182.6 million
5 "Cast Away"	\$165.0 million
6 "Meet the Parents"	\$161.3 million
7 "X-Men"	\$157.3 million
8 "Scary Movie"	\$157.0 million
9 "What Lies Beneath"	\$155.4 million
10 "What Women Want"	\$152.1 million*

* Films are still in wide release. Box office totals are accurate as of press date.

the end of the year is important, they do not always equate with the best quality of films. Below are my selections of the five best films of 2000.

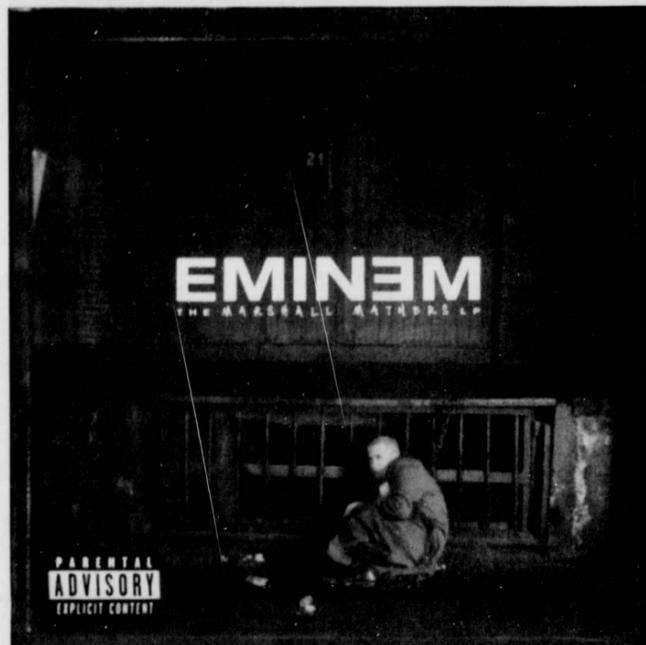
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"Traffic" was completely hardening. It was a raw and hard look at drug trafficking in

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Music

The year in music was a fight between the royalty of pop and a foul-mouthed white rapper from Detroit. The first quarter of the year saw 'N Sync's second album, "No Strings Attached," sell 2.4 million records within the first week. Britney Spears, rumored girlfriend of 'N Sync's lead man Justin Timberlake, also had something to offer in the year 2000. Her sophomore effort, "Oops!...I Did It Again," debuted at No. 1.

Spears would only hold the top spot for one week with the arrival of Slim Shady the next week. Eminem, also known as Slim Shady or Marshall Mathers, began a controversial run at No. 1 in May with the release of "The Marshall Mathers LP," which has sold nearly 8 million copies. The record, which received harsh criticism from all types of organizations, finished the year as the second best selling album of the year. Eminem also dealt with personal scandals such as the attempted suicide, divorce and reconciliation with his wife, Kim, as well as numerous lawsuits.

The R&B group, Destiny's Child, also had controversy of their own while still reaching the top of the charts with

two singles, "Say My Name" and "Independent Women Part I." The group, initially made up of four members, fired two of them, hired two new members, and then fired one of the new members only five months later. Does this sound confusing? It sure is, but the group is for now a trio.

The perennial favorite and ever-changing material girl, Madonna, resurfaced once again with the release of her album, "Music," the birth of her son, Rocco, and her marriage to Guy Ritchie. The end of the year belonged to the return of the boy bands. First, the Backstreet Boys returned with "Black and Blue," but the biggest surprise included a band that broke up nearly thirty years ago. The Beatles released a compilation in November of all of their No. 1 hit singles simply called "1."

Much like the movies, album sales do not always mean they are the best albums. Here is the list of the five best in my own opinion in the year of 2000.

1 Madonna "Music"

In some ways I believe this selection is probably very personal since I am an avid Madonna fan, but I do believe her album is well written, produced and performed. The

outstanding tracks include "Music" and "Don't Tell Me."

2 Eminem "The Marshall Mathers LP"

Is it vulgar? Is it demeaning towards certain groups? The answer is yes to both, but the album is lyrically different than most rap, making Eminem an incredible lyricist.

The outstanding tracks include "Stan" and "The Way I Am."

3 The Beatles "1"

The Beatles "1" brings our parents' generation and ours together with the sound of music. The best part of this band is that they actually write and play their own music.

All of the tracks are worth listening to.

4 Faith Hill "Breathe"

Much like Shania Twain three years ago, Hill introduced country music once again to the rest of the music-listening population with "Breathe." The title track is amazing, along with the duet with Hill's husband, Tim McGraw.

5 Britney Spears "Oops! I Did It Again"

Is it sugary sweet pop music? Yes, but it is the best kind.

The songs are catchy and appealing. When you hear your mom sing "Oops!...I Did It Again" like I did, you know Spears must be doing something right. The outstanding tracks include "Don't Let Me be the Last to Know" and "What U See (Is What U Get)."

Television

The world of television in the year 2000 can be placed into two categories: riveting or revolting. The new television season began in October due to the Summer Olympics 2000 in Sydney, Australia. There were few new series that enticed audiences, which led to the cancellations of

most of the new NBC line-up. The old favorites like "Frasier," "Friends," "ER" and "Everybody Loves Raymond" remained stronger than ever.

CBS, suffering from decreasing ratings in the past few years, saved themselves with a few new surprise hit shows. The most notable was a reality-based series, "Survivor," which became the most-watched summer series of all time. The series returns for Part Two in the Australian outback after the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

Best television series of 2000

- 1 "The West Wing" (NBC)
- 2 "Sex and the City" (HBO)
- 3 "The Sopranos" (HBO)
- 4 "Everybody Loves Raymond" (CBS)
- 5 "Will & Grace" (NBC)

Best new TV series of 2000

- 1 "Survivor" (CBS)
- 2 "C.S.I." (CBS)
- 3 "Boston Public" (FOX)
- 4 "Malcolm in the Middle" (FOX)
- 5 "Bette" (CBS)

Film fanatic predicts Golden Globe winners

By Meryn Bandy
SKIFF STAFF

The Golden Globe Awards have been called "Hollywood's best party," bringing together stars from film and television and allowing geniuses of both drama and comedy to shine separately. The Golden Globe Awards give actors like Jim Carrey a chance to become "the Tom Hanks of the Golden Globes" and honor outrageous dramatic performances, such as Geoffrey Rush's over-the-top portrayal of the Marquis de Sade in "Quills."

The Golden Globe Awards are held at the end of every January by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA). The HFPA, which represents newspapers and magazines from countries all over the world, formed during the heyday of the 1940s, when the world was deeply involved in World War II. It was during those tumultuous

years that the film industry flourished both creatively and financially, as movie-going became a popular diversion from the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, the frightening awe of the atomic bomb, and the conflict overseas.

The members of the HFPA screen some 250 domestic and foreign films, as well as prime time television shows and made-for-television motion pictures before awarding trophies to directors, writers and performers in categories such as best motion picture actor and best actress in a comedy series.

The Golden Globes have traditionally been both a precursor to the Academy Awards and, often times, a predictor of who the winners will be in March. In the past decade alone, the Golden Globes have managed to predict seven out of 10 of the best picture and best actor win-

ners and eight out of 10 of the best actress winners at the Academy Awards.

Each year, one performer is also presented with the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award. Past recipients have included Walt Disney (1953), John Wayne (1966), Lucille Ball (1979), Sidney Poitier (1982) and, most recently, Barbra Streisand (2000). This year, Al Pacino will be honored for his unparalleled contributions in films from "The Godfather" (1972) to "Scent of a Woman" (1992) to "Any Given Sunday" (1999).

As with every year, a flurry of predictions for winners follows the announcement of nominees. Journalists, movie buffs, and film fans all try to get it right. As a journalist of sorts, a definite movie buff, and a loyal film fan, here are my personal predictions for the 58th Annual Golden Globe Awards:

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| Best Motion Picture — Drama | "Traffic" |
| Best Motion Picture — Musical/Comedy | "Chicken Run" |
| Best Foreign Language Film | "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" (Taiwan) |
| Best Actor — Drama | Tom Hanks, "Cast Away" |
| Best Actress — Drama | Julia Roberts, "Erin Brockovich" |
| Best Actor — Musical/Comedy | Jim Carrey, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" |
| Best Actress — Musical/Comedy | Brenda Blethyn, "Saving Grace" |
| Best Supporting Actor | Willem Dafoe, "Shadow of the Vampire" |
| Best Supporting Actress | Kate Hudson, "Almost Famous" |
| Best Director | Ang Lee, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" |



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Freshman Jared Bradley and senior Roy Williams finish their final sprint Thursday at the Lowden Track. The TCU men's and women's track and field teams begin competition at the Oklahoma Indoor Classic Saturday in Norman, Okla.

Track teams to compete at OU

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's and women's track and field teams begin competition at the Oklahoma Indoor Classic Saturday in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma will also host Baylor, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Houston, Texas-Arlington, as well as individual women participants from Oklahoma State and individual men participants from Stephen F. Austin.

Track and field assistant coach Sam Hume said although TCU doesn't know much about the other schools they'll race against at the Classic, the Frogs are preparing to compete at their top level.

Trackwire Online's preseason poll ranks the TCU men No. 2 in the nation, placing them under top-ranked Arkansas, which is the defending indoor track champions. The men rank above the defending outdoor track leaders, third-ranked Stanford.

"For me, that's the biggest understatement of the year," senior sprinter/jumper Darvis Patton said. "Those ranks will change after this weekend because

we have some secret weapons nobody knows about."

The men's side is full of accomplished senior sprinters, which cannot be considered secrets. Hume said Summer 2000 Olympians Kim Collins and Lindel Frater, along with a determined Patton, will lead the team with expectantly big performances throughout the upcoming season.

Collins said he believes there isn't any one team leader despite what his coach said.

"Anyone can beat anyone else on any given day," Collins said. "We are all just one of the guys."

The men have shown a focus on their sprinting and jumping. Patton, sophomore triple jumper Brandal Lawrence and senior long jumper Jason Howard will continue to add to the team's depth as they did last season.

"(The men's) caliber is fabulous," track and field head coach Monte Stratton said. "We'll be lucky if everyone stays healthy. The ability is definitely there."

Although the women's side is currently unranked nationally, Stratton said he believes the team's capac-

ity is light years more advanced compared to last year's indoor team.

Stratton said he expects both the men and women to excel in sprints, jumps and distance events.

Individual Frogs have the ability to qualify for the indoor championship at the Classic just as Collins, Frater and Howard did last year.

"We'd be happy to get six to eight qualifiers," Hume said. "That would mean we did a decent job of preparing for the season."

The defending men's mile relay champions in outdoor, Baylor, and indoor, TCU, will create powerful competition for the mile relay in the Classic. Oklahoma's contributors to the mile relay will be another element to the event, Hume said.

Stratton said he considers the mile relay as one of the feature events for the men, and it will be exciting for the women as well.

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NEW VENTURE

New head coach brings small town support, work ethic to Frogs

By Natascha Terc
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His first taste as head coach may have thrust him unexpectedly onto national television, but Gary Patterson, TCU's new head football coach, simply pulled out his playbook and started calling the shots.

Patterson got a jump-start on his career as head coach when he stepped up to lead TCU in the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl in December.

"I think it was a lot to ask," Patterson said. "We didn't know if some of the old staff was going to leave, and I also had to control the emotions of the team. It was very exciting—I was at the (high point) of being a head coach."

Despite the loss to Southern Miss at the bowl game, his new position has been a welcome surprise, Patterson said.

"The nice thing about it is that the players, community and administration stuck behind me," he said. "It's a good feeling that there's a lot of people who believe we can be successful with Gary Patterson running the program."

Patterson said he would have accepted a job offer as defensive coordinator at the University of Alabama if he wasn't chosen as TCU's head coach.

"It was a win-win situation," Patterson said. "But for me, this was the best option to stay with a program that I've already had a part of making successful."

Patterson said he doesn't know if fans will see much difference in TCU football.

"I think I was already part of the football team, because I was a guy who ran everything down below," Patterson said. "The off-season program is where you win ball games, and I was an integral part of making sure the players did the lifting and running."

Although he worked with former TCU head coach Dennis Franchione for about eight years, Patterson said he is ready to be on his own.

"As far as TCU is concerned, coach Franchione is in the past," Patterson said. "He's a part of what we have done, and now we've moved on. That's the way everyone around here should view it."

Patterson said he considers Franchione a friend.

"For me to be successful, I have to be Gary Patterson," he said. "One of the reasons I hired a lot of guys who are here is because I understand their strengths and weaknesses and what they bring to TCU."

With LaDainian Tomlinson and 25 other senior players leaving, Patterson said young players need to step up to fill important roles on the team.

"I don't think any of the younger players will be Heisman Trophy candidates right now," Patterson said. "But we don't have to have one to win football games."

Patterson said the biggest issue is how far the younger players can progress before the team's first game in September.

"The two words in our program are trust and accountability," Patterson said. "Before filling roles in different positions, work ethic, trust and commitment are our key issues. We're back to where we were three years ago, but the difference is we've already established a winning tradition."

Patterson said one of his favorite responsibilities as head coach has been the hiring process.

"It's been a lot of fun so far with being able to hire a new staff I like being around," he said. "Probably the hardest part was telling people who have been my friends for years that I couldn't hire them."

"My biggest strength is my judg-



New head football coach Gary Patterson looks out over the field at Amon Carter Stadium. Despite being thrust into the national spotlight at the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl, friends and players say Patterson has stayed grounded in his "country boy" roots.

Yvette Herrera/FEATURES EDITOR

ment of people. I read more from people's faces and eyes than I do from what they tell me."

It's important to recognize if players are having a good or bad day, Patterson said.

"Those things are always shown on the football field," Patterson said. "I think those situations are usually the best judge of a coach."

Troy Kunkel, former TCU tight end, said Patterson helped to unify the team.

"When you're running and exercising hard, you break down mentally," Kunkel said. "Coach Patterson stressed that we encourage and cheer each other on."

Kunkel said if the players did the

exercises without cheering for one another, he would make them redo it.

"Patterson worked harder than any of the other coaches," Kunkel said. "I wish him the best of luck. He deserves it."

Kunkel said his best memories of Patterson are from the last few weeks of this past season.

"On the senior bus, he was laid-back and just kidding around and telling jokes," Kunkel said. "He comes out as a really forceful person until you get to know him and build up trust with him. It's all about trust with him."

Patterson credits one of his biggest strengths—his work ethic—to his upbringing.

"I learned from growing up in a small western town, where we worked seven days a week in the summer-time," Patterson said. "The road I've traveled as a coach, which included cooking meals and washing clothes, has made me ready to do those types of things to be successful."

Patterson said he considers his inexperience of being a head coach one of his weaknesses.

"I do believe I have a lot of insight, and that is why I hired some of the people I have around me," Patterson said. "One of the strengths that goes along with this is that I'm not afraid to ask questions."

Billie Hope, Patterson's best friend from high school, said he calls Patterson "high-octane" because he usually operates on little or no sleep.

"(Patterson has) definitely paid his dues to get there," Hope said. "I can remember when he was sleeping in the locker rooms as a graduate assistant."

Hope, who lives in west central Kansas, said he and his family try to make it to TCU games as often as possible.

"We try to spend time with him, but it's hard because he seems to work 100 hours a week," Hope said. "My first-grader draws (Patterson) pictures that say 'TCU Rules.' My kids are as proud of him as they would be of me."

Patterson and his wife have three sons of their own.

It's during visits to Hope's farm in Kansas that Patterson really unwinds, Hope said.

"Patterson is always really rigid," Hope said. "But during those visits, he can actually kick back and relax. But those moments have gotten fewer and fewer lately."

Hope said Patterson has done a good job for a guy who grew up in a small town in Rozel, Kan.

"He goes and goes and goes," Hope said. "That's just the way he is, but you still can't take the country boy out of him."

Patterson said he has always tried to leave places better off than when he got there.

"I've never been someone to say I have to get somewhere by a certain age and be at a certain pinnacle," Patterson said. "The reason I wanted to be a head coach is because it's a position in which you can control your own destiny."

Editor's note: Over the next eight issues, the Skiff will be profiling all eight of the new assistant coaches.

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Mavericks defeat Magic in overtime, 115-106

By Jaime Aron
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DALLAS—The Dallas Mavericks are quickly becoming the kings of the comeback.

Michael Finley made two 3-pointers in the final eight seconds to force overtime, then Dirk Nowitzki opened the extra period with an emphatic running slam for Dallas' first lead as the Mavericks beat the Orlando Magic 115-106 Thursday night.

The theatrical rally came one night after the Mavericks dug themselves out of a 16-point hole in Charlotte and beat the Hornets on a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Howard Easley.

"We're learning how to win these games. We have to, especially if we want to be a playoff team," said Nowitzki, who had career highs of 38 points and 17 rebounds.

"Last night gave us confidence," said Finley, who scored 21 points be-

fore fouling out in overtime. "Games like these, we would have lost in the old days."

This time, Dallas trailed 37-15 after one quarter and was still down 93-82 with 1:46 left in regulation. Orlando led 96-93 with 5.8 seconds to go when Darrell Armstrong, a 90-percent foul shooter, missed two free throws. The Magic went 12-of-21 from the line in the fourth quarter.

"That's my opportunity to show people that I can knock them down," Armstrong said. "It hurts. That's a win we should have had."

After a timeout, Finley threw an inbounds pass to Nowitzki, took it back and drilled a long shot from the right side. The play was similar to the one called in Charlotte, which ended with Nowitzki fumbling a pass and feeding Easley.

"It was designed to go to Dirk and have him create something," Finley

said. "I was just trying to get space. I knew when I shot it that I had to get an arc and luckily it went in."

This tied the second-biggest comeback in Dallas history and ended a four-game home losing streak. It was the perfect way to start the second half of the Mavs' best season in 11 years.

"We were on empty tanks, especially after last night and getting in late," Dallas interim coach Donnie Nelson said. "Those guys found it somewhere."

The Magic ended a three-game winning streak, the last of which featured a 20-point comeback to beat Chicago.

Orlando opened with seven straight jumpers and a 17-4 lead. The Magic finished the first quarter 15-of-21, then missed 13 of their next 16 shots.

Yet the Mavericks could only get to 60-57 in the third before the burst at the end.