

Through their Eyes

From supporters to opponents, many viewed the inauguration in different ways.

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Greedy Play

Senior guard Greedy Daniels tied Mike Jones' single-season record as the Frogs defeated Grambling State.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Printing policy not well received

Students, professors say new plan infringes on class time, learning

By Chrissy Braden
STAFF REPORTER

Students and faculty said they are concerned with the new printing policy, which took effect Jan. 16.

The policy limits students to 200 free copies from campus printers before charging 8 cents a page.

Walt Williamson, engineering department chairman, said he understood TCU's position in needing to cover some of the costs of printing, but wished that everything was still free.

"Students aren't happy about it based on the quantity of things they have to produce," Williamson said. "They expect to spend the allocated

number of pages in the first couple of months."

Kim Weber, manager of user services, said that some students have already gone over the 200 page limit.

"There are a total of 27 students to date who have gone over the limit," she said.

Kris Shuman, a junior engineering major, said he used to print out more from campus computers, but will print more things out at home with the new policy in place. Shuman has to make print outs from the engineering lab for classes and can't avoid printing on campus completely.

"We do a lot of computer analysis and have to turn in print outs of that

for a grade," Shuman said.

Maggie Thomas, associate professor of journalism said she now has to rethink what she wants students to print out because it counts against them.

"This is impeding learning and research skills," she said.

David Edmondson, assistant provost for informational services, said the policy was added to labs open to all students, but was kept out of private labs, or labs limited to people within its department.

Dick Rinewalt, computer science department chairman, said he doesn't use the policy in computer science computer labs, which are considered

private labs. He said the new policy teaches students the wrong message.

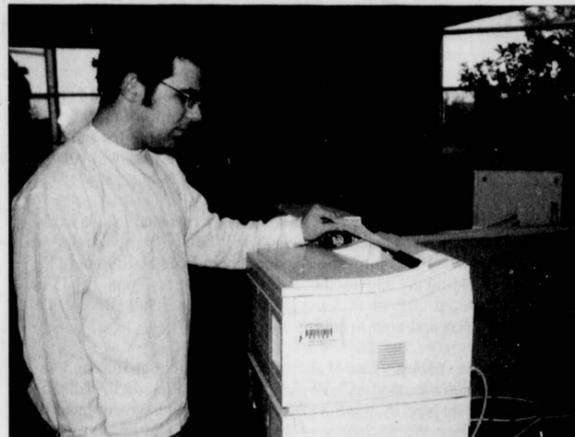
"When writing a computer program, you need to print it out and trace mistakes by hand," Rinewalt said. "(Limiting printing) defeats things we want students to learn in the course."

He said he was nervous about the new policy and didn't know how things would shake out.

"If we're the only four labs not using the policy, then there's pressure for students to print things out for their friends here," he said.

According to an all-campus e-mail

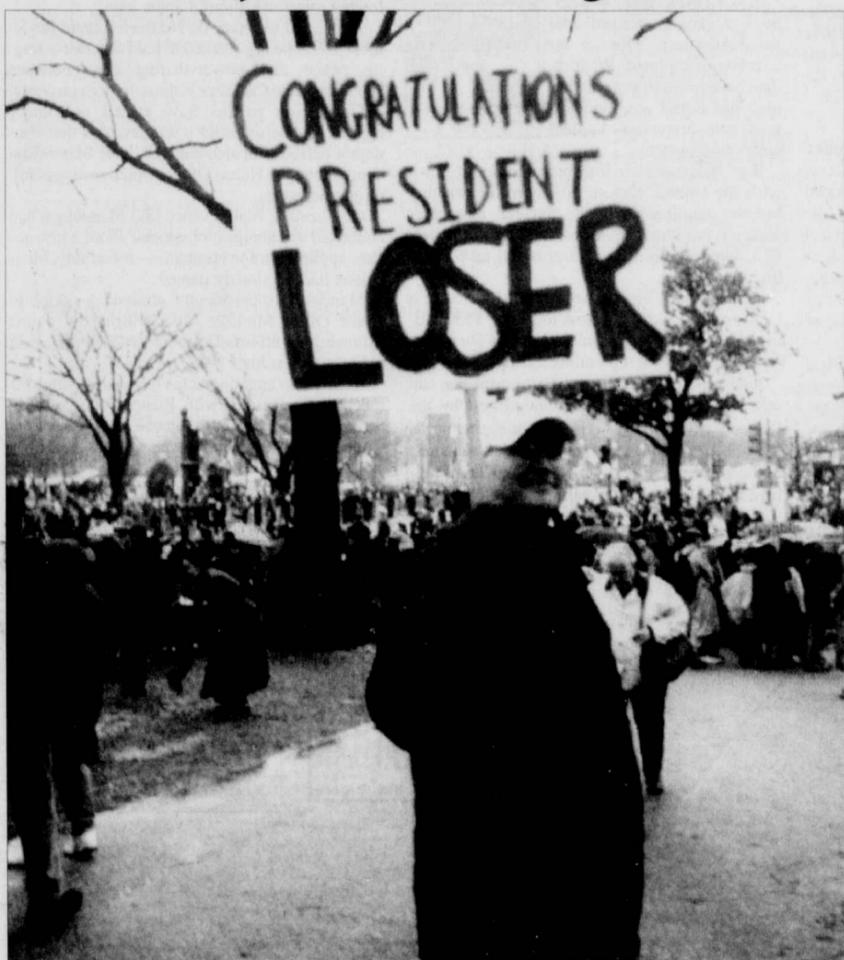
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Jack Brechtel, a sophomore premajor, waits for his copies to come through at a printer in the Mary Coats Burnett Library. After a student makes 200 print outs, the new policy charges 8 cents for each additional page.

Missy went to Washington...



Special to the Skiff

A protestor shows his disapproval of the presidential election results near the inaugural parade route Saturday outside the U.S. Capitol.

NETWORKING AT ITS BEST

Experience at inauguration allows for chance meetings with elite

Editor's note: This is the last of three articles documenting the reporter's experiences in the days leading up to the Inauguration ceremony.

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

WASHINGTON — The lady from the subway was only the first of many interesting people that I met. Wednesday, the day before the opening ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial, I stood shooting the breeze with Andrew Lloyd Webber, not knowing who he was at first. Then I met Jessica Simpson, but I didn't recognize her because she wasn't wearing as much makeup as she normally does on video.

I interviewed the Grucci family of New York. They are known for their elaborate firework displays. Their most recent project was the D.C. millennium celebration at

the Washington Monument. President George W. Bush's inauguration was their sixth inauguration for which they created a memorable fireworks presentation. It was without question one of the most beautiful scenes I have ever seen. The colorful fireworks came out from the White House, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument.

And just when I thought the Gruccis were enough, I met feminist Gloria Steinem. I have never met a person with whom I completely disagree on every issue.

She is a lady who strongly dislikes the Bush family and — the most familiar name in Washington, D.C. — John Ashcroft. She has a way to look at someone and tear him apart. I enjoyed it. I think it is healthy to have conversations with people who differ from you completely, and she does just that.

She made me reevaluate my thinking and what I hold strong in my life.

Washington is the Mecca of networking. Those with power in this country have strong ties to our nation's capital. When I was tired and cold from a long day of sitting in the rain, sleet and mud of the inauguration and parade that followed, I did not want to do anything but be inside and stay warm. However, lurking in the back of my mind was that I had an inaugural ball ticket. I debated left and right over whether I would go or stay at the hotel. By this time there was talk of snow. But my grandfather and I left anyway.

Yes, it did snow. It was absolutely beautiful. The ball was a little bit of an exhibition of material wealth, but I enjoyed myself.

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Escapeses surrender early Wednesday

Convicts face capital murder charges

By P. Solomon Banda
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Cornered in a hotel room, the last two Texas prison escapees surrendered without a fight early Wednesday, 42 days after they broke out of a maximum security unit with an arsenal of weapons.

Patrick Murphy Jr., a 39-year-old rapist, and Donald Newbury, a 38-year-old robber, walked bare chested out of the hotel room where they had been holed up after about five hours of negotiations with police and an interview with a TV station.

A hotel employee tipped police to the possibility that the fugitives were at the hotel late Tuesday afternoon, Deputy Police Chief Luis Velez said.

The two were shocked when a detective called their room about 10 p.m. Murphy answered and said: "You got us. I don't know how you guys did it, but you got us," Velez recounted.

Like their captured accomplices, they now face capital murder charges in Texas, stemming from the slaying of a police officer during a Christmas Eve robbery in Irving.

Ten loaded handguns and two loaded shotguns were recovered in the hotel room, FBI agent Mark Mershon said. Also recovered was slain officer Aubrey Hawkins' handgun, authorities said.

The men each had a five-minute telephone interview with Colorado Springs' KKTV before surrendering at 3:45 a.m.

Newbury told anchorman Eric Singer the Dec. 13 breakout was a statement against Texas' judicial system.

"We had a statement to make that the system is as corrupt as we are," Newbury said. "You going to do something about us, well, do some-

thing about that system, too."

Murphy said he was up for parole when he broke out.

"What forced me to do this was the penal institution and such," Murphy said. "The way Texas has things set up ... I'd eventually become an outlaw again anyway because of parole stipulations and such."

In Irving, a police spokesman rejected what he said was an attempt

by the escapees to characterize themselves as victims of the criminal justice system.

"I don't see that they were the victims," Officer David Tull said. "To quote the chief, 'Officer Hawkins was the victim.' We buried the victim."

The inmates promised a peaceful end to the standoff early in the negotiations, and authorities were not surprised they kept that commitment.

Newbury and Murphy were handcuffed and put into separate patrol cars that slowly rolled out of the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. Their four surviving companions were held in a detention center in Teller County about 20 miles away.

The arrests brought to an end a frustrating hunt for the seven convicts who bluffed their way out of the prison in Kenedy, after stealing 16 firearms and ammunition from a prison storage area.



Murphy



Newbury

Largest drive to fundraise planned

University aims for \$230 million

By Jessica Cervantez
STAFF REPORTER

University Advancement is gearing up for the largest fund-raising campaign in TCU's history.

Although the campaign is still in the planning process, its goal is to raise \$230 million in seven years.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the beginning phase of the campaign will occur throughout this semester.

"The first year is only a planning year of projects and fundraisers to be achieved in the next six years," Davis said.

Before any of the actual fundraising begins, TCU officials want to give the "Our Time, Our Future" campaign a test run by traveling to 11 major cities and soliciting future donors. Davis said these initial trips are merely an effort to foster conversations about the message, the mission and even the name of the campaign.

"We want to get the information proposed in the campaign out to the alumni, faculty and staff," he said.

Several alumni have expressed interest in the campaign, but in order to accomplish all the university's goals, more people must be involved, Davis said.

"There are a number of prospects as of now, but we still don't have enough," Davis said. "We hope to expand the attraction."

As the campaign participants meet with alumni, they hope to gather

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1971, Charles Manson was convicted of the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

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Opinions differ on new SGA committee

By Jonathan Sampson
STAFF REPORTER

Student Government Association is planning a new communications committee to find a solution for campus apathy, but students have differing opinions on what the committee should do and whether it will be successful.

Amanda Mahan served as chairwoman on a similar committee that existed from fall 1999 until spring 2000.

Mahan said the committee collapsed after SGA restructured last spring. Since it was not a part of the House of Student Representatives or Programming Council, it drew criticism from members on both sides who thought the committee received special treatment, Mahan said.

Jason Cordova, a prospect as the new committee's chairman, said SGA hopes to avoid similar problems in the new committee because it will be composed of both House and PC members. "My job would be to advise SGA as a whole on ways to communicate, whether that be writing press releases or putting together programs to draw in students," Cordova said.

Mahan said the most important thing the new committee should do is listen to students.

"If they were to listen first about what students want, then they wouldn't have to tell students what they're doing," she said.

Mahan said one of the problems with SGA in the past has been that the committee leaders decide to do what they want instead of bringing in ideas from the entire student body.

"The idea behind the (old) committee was to increase communication so the students felt involved in the use of their money and felt like they had a voice," she said.

Cordova said the focus of the new committee is to inform rather than hear concerns.

He said while the old committee sought to bring ideas in from a more diverse group of students, the new committee's goal is to reach out to students.

SGA President Brian Wood said the new committee would either be chaired by Cordova or by the current SGA Secretary, Kaylan Minor.



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campus lines

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■ **Best Buddies**, a nonprofit organization that pairs college and high school students and adults with mental retardation, will have a chapter meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center, Room 214. For more information contact Brad Thompson at (817) 257-3632.

■ **Alpha Epsilon Delta** will be accepting personal profiles from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays starting today through Friday 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.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Planning for Academic Success" will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Reed Hall, Room 101, or at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Reed Hall, Room 117. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 in Reed Hall, Room 101, or at 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 at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in Ed Landreth Hall. His program is sponsored by the Sue Wheeler Smith Endowment Fund of TCU and the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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

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

■ **TCU students interested in entering a creative writing contest** may pick up contest applications and descriptions in Reed Hall, Room 314, and in Rickel Building, Room 100. Twenty-four prizes totaling near \$3,000 will be given to students who write poetry, fiction, dram and essays. The deadline is Feb. 16.

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WORLD DIGEST



20,000 more gallons of fuel spill from tanker

PUERTO BAQUERIZO, Galapagos Islands — A stricken tanker that had spilled some 170,000 gallons of diesel into the waters off the Galapagos Islands has dumped its remaining fuel into this fragile marine environment.

An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of additional fuel spilled late Tuesday, apparently after pounding surf caused new breaks in the hull of the tanker Jessica, officials said.

How much of an environmental setback the additional spill represented was not immediately clear. Officials scattered dispersants and established a perimeter of floating containment buoys.

"We have taken all precautions to confront this situation," said Eliecer Cruz, director of the Galapagos National Park.

The Jessica, which ran aground Jan. 16 with about 243,000 gallons of fuel, was leaning sharply to its right in shallow waters about 550 yards from San Cristobal Island, the easternmost island in the archipelago.

Some 35 workers were in small motor boats late Tuesday, trying to skim the rolling tidal waters to retrieve as much of the spilled fuel as possible, Cruz said.

A team of pollution-control experts from the U.S. Coast Guard arrived Sunday and helped recover about 10,000 gallons of fuel from the tanker. Pounding surf prompted suspension of recovery operations after a giant wave washed over the Jessica's bow, injuring the tanker's captain and bruising several Ecuadorean recovery workers.

The U.S. Coast Guard team was still on the island Wednesday and planned to remain, probably until Tuesday, to offer assistance and technical advice, said spokesman Lt. Shawn Tripp from the U.S. Coast Guard air station in Clearwater, Fla.

Barak to decide future of Mideast peace talks

JERUSALEM — Just as some progress was reported in Mideast peace talks, Israel's prime minister found himself with a fateful decision whether to resume negotiations with the Palestinians despite the brutal killing of two Tel Aviv restaurateurs.

Denouncing the killings as "horrendous," Ehud Barak on Tuesday recalled the leaders of his delegation from marathon peace talks in the Egyptian resort of Taba. He was to meet with the negotiators Wednesday evening, and an announcement on the future of the talks was expected afterward.

Ariel Sharon, Barak's hard-line opponent in a Feb. 6 election, called on Barak to stop the talks, charging that the killing in the West Bank was just another in "a series of Palestinian terror attacks."

Several members of Barak's Cabinet said the negotiations should continue.

"Every time things are delayed the price is greater for both sides who want to reach peace," Justice Minister Yossi Beilin told army radio Wednesday. "There have always been extremists who don't want peace and who will try to halt talks."

The two Israeli cousins, Motti Dayan and Egar Zeituni, entered the West Bank city of Tulkerem, accompanied by an Israeli Arab, looking for supplies for their sushi restaurant, Yuppies, located in a trendy Tel Aviv neighborhood.

As they sat in a West Bank restaurant, masked gunmen abducted them, took them to the edge of Palestinian-controlled territory and shot them to death, Israeli officials said.

Palestinian police handed the bodies over to the Israeli military at the District Coordinating Office, where both sides have representatives. The Israeli Arab was turned over for interrogation.

Israeli forces imposed a blockade on Tulkerem Tuesday night.

In the past, such killings have led to suspensions in peace talks, but there was a sense of urgency this time, because of the approaching election and because of indications that after months of deadlock, progress was possible.

In a sign that the talks might resume soon, lower-level Israeli officials remained behind in Taba.

U.N., Iraq to discuss monitoring of weapons

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. nuclear experts praised Iraq for cooperating with an inspection completed Wednesday, but refused to say whether they had found any evidence Iraq was restarting banned weapons programs.

The visit came as Iraq prepared to sit down with the United Nations to determine whether broader monitoring of its nuclear and other weapons programs could resume, and as the new U.S. administration made clear it will take a hard line on Iraq.

Iraq also said Wednesday it would welcome a U.N. team to work out how to spend \$530 million authorized by the United Nations for use in rebuilding the country's ailing oil industry.

Under the U.N. oil-for-food program, Iraq can sell its oil but its proceeds, monitored by the United Nations, must go for humanitarian needs and other specific uses. Iraq is under sanctions that can only be lifted once U.N. inspectors confirm it has ended its programs to develop chemi-

cal, biological and nuclear weapons.

Almost all of those inspections have been halted since 1998, when the U.N. inspection team pulled out of Iraq ahead of U.S.-British bombings. It has not been allowed back since.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, however, has continued its inspections focusing on Iraq's nuclear capabilities.

Britain's official for Northern Ireland resigns

LONDON — Britain's top official for Northern Ireland announced his resignation Wednesday, following a growing controversy about his involvement in a wealthy Indian's citizenship application.

Peter Mandelson said he did not act improperly regarding a citizenship application by Srichand Hinduja, who is facing allegations in India that he illegally accepted payments in an arms deal.

It was the second time that Mandelson, a close ally of Prime Minister Tony Blair and an architect of his 1997 landslide electoral victory, had resigned from the Cabinet under fire from critics.

He stepped down as trade secretary in 1998 following questions about a home loan.

Appointed secretary on Northern Ireland in October 1999, he has worked to hold together a fragile peace and power-sharing deal between Protestants and Catholics in the strife-torn province.

Opposition parties have raised an outcry against Mandelson after it was revealed that Hinduja received a British passport after Mandelson approached the Home Office, which oversees immigration issues.

On Tuesday, Blair's office said Mandelson had contacted an immigration official about a citizenship application for Hinduja — something Mandelson had previously denied.

Mandelson subsequently admitted speaking to Home Office Minister Mike O'Brien by phone following an informal meeting with Hinduja and his brothers in June 1998.

Mandelson announced his resignation after his meeting Wednesday with Blair at 10 Downing Street, saying, "I want to remove myself from the countless stories of controversy, feuds and division and all the rest."

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The idea of charging wasteful students for the number of pages they print from university computer labs makes sense. It encourages students to use our resources more wisely, and it saves trees.

The idea of charging students for the number of pages they print from computer labs during class is not only absurd, but it hassles students and professors.

Supporting the concept behind TCU's new printing policy is easy. Ideally, students will benefit. Less wasted paper means more money for equipment maintenance.

But one can't help but wonder if TCU was hasty in its implementation of this new printing system. After all, time is money right?

Installing the new ID card system as quickly as possible offers the university the opportunity to begin saving money right away.

But the question now is this: At what cost are students and faculty paying to pinch that penny?

The truth about the real world is that almost nothing is free. But on a campus where taking one class can cost as much as one month's rent, shouldn't paper be free, especially if those pages are produced in the educational setting of a class lab?

It remains to be seen just how much time and energy students and faculty will have to devote to this new printing process, but regardless, any time away from the academic mission of those classes is too much. Students deserve to get the most out of their money and their time.

Too many questions about this printing policy still exist. Is time for classroom instruction in danger of being sacrificed?

Should TCU have given faculty and students more time to discuss the issue of paper waste?

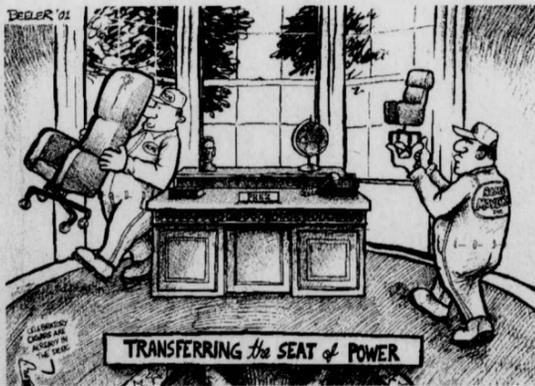
Is time the only way to tell if the new policy will be an effective way to save money?

Yes. Yes. And yes.

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Longing for the good old days

Modern electronic video game systems lack originality

Nintendo zapped two years of my life. Yes — two years of my life down the pipes. Shot into oblivion. Erased just as fast as a game cartridge mysteriously loses all of its memory after two weeks worth of intense Metroid playing.



Dunleavy

I was the classic Nintendo dork. I had the turbo controllers, the Game Genie and, of course, the subscription to Nintendo Power which provided me with monthly revelations into my 8-bit existence.

While many of my friends were outside doing whatever it was normal fifth-grade boys do, I sat in a dark, secluded room with the warm, glazing glow of the Nintendo screen caressing my pale face, developing a level of hand-eye coordination unheard of for people my age.

A few friends shared my lust. There was a cult of us — a unified front — happily partnering up to beat up the bad dudes in Double Dragon or waste some aliens in Contra.

We rejoiced when Megaman emerged victorious. We cried at the disheartening news that "the princess is in another castle." It was true camaraderie.

Although I never understood the concept of an Italian plumber who eats weird mushrooms and then proceeds to spew fireballs from his mouth, one can't discredit the creativity and ingenious simplicity of the early Nintendo games.

They were an innocent communal fantasy. They were the original.

But thankfully my addiction subsided before game dealers brought out the hard stuff.

Now, according to *Time* magazine, there's more game systems on the market than the Legend of Zelda had labyrinths. The recently debuted Sony PlayStation2 and the soon-to-arrive Nintendo GameCube promise to bring unprecedented realism through "way-cool graphics." Even Microsoft, in continuing its efforts to take over the world, announced plans to enter the video game arena with its illustrious X-Box.

Where's all of this leading? For one thing, it means shelling out lotsa money. The PlayStation2 requires upwards of 300 bucks before one can sit happily comatose in front of a TV. And all of the new consoles boast of broader bandwidth, faster graphics and even 3-D capabilities.

Time also reports that video game advancements in the next few years will allow everything from in-game advertisements (i.e. "this simulated blood brought to you by Heinz®") to letting players insert themselves as characters into their games. It sounds cool, but the line between

perception and reality is becoming dangerously blurred.

Sure, the games are fun, but perhaps the makers are getting carried away. These games exist for harmless entertainment value but are spawning obsession rather than

recreation. Why pay for high-tech "virtual reality" when "real reality" is free?

Why all the hype for faster graphics, better memory and a "real-life" game experience? So kids can marvel at the bazillionth edition of Mortal Kombat and say, "Wow, I've never seen a spine ripped from a body with such detail before!"

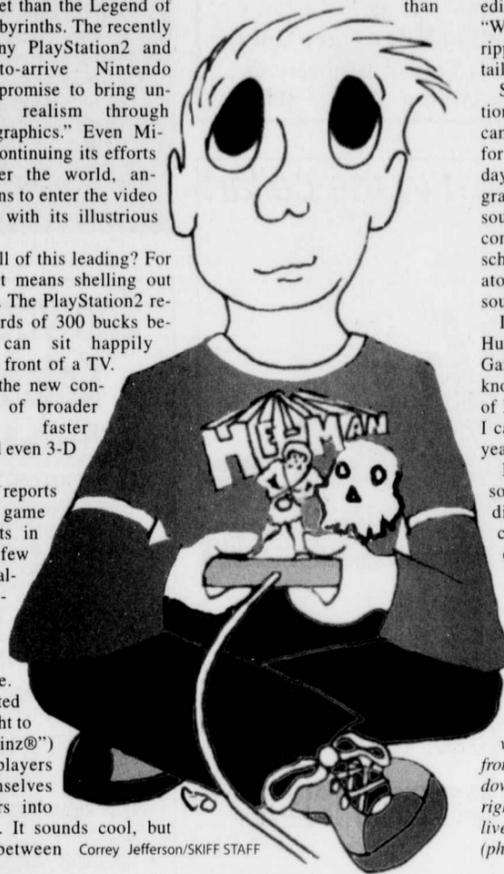
Still there's no harm in moderation. But don't expect to see me camping out in front of Best Buy for the GameCube. Youngsters today can have their fancy-shmancy graphics, their stereo surround sound and their zillion-buttoned controllers. I'm keeping my old school games and their cheesy, atonal Fisher-Price keyboard soundtracks.

I'll be dusting birds in Duck Hunt, slicin' and dicin' with Ninja Gaiden, rampaging with Rygar and knocking the ever-loving crap out of Mike Tyson. But not too often. I can't afford to lose another two years.

Because sadly enough, I still sometimes struggle with my addiction. I continue to spend countless hours staring into an electronic box, butt marks boring into the seat, eyes hypnotized by moving characters and fingers moving frantically across buttons.

But at least I can get paid to write on my computer.

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Ashcroft mess shows ideological divide

A lot of people fail to realize that the current mess surrounding embattled Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft could've been averted. That's right. And all Ashcroft had to do was beat a dead guy.



Bullion

If Ashcroft had simply beaten deceased Gov. Mel Carnahan in the Missouri Senate race, the republicans would own the slimmest of minorities in the U.S. Senate, 51-49. It would then be suicidal for George W. Bush to pluck Ashcroft out of the Senate chamber to serve as attorney general, for that would mean risking the scant Republican advantage. If Ashcroft had won, perhaps Bush and his camp might have been more aggressive in their courtship of moderate Montana Gov. Marc Racicot for the same position.

History, however, didn't play out that way. Missouri democrats made an undeniably brilliant move by tabbing Carnahan's grieving widow Jean to fill his vacant position, and their candidate did win. But in the long run this move may have done great harm to the Democratic Party and, according to some of the more vociferous democrats, perhaps American liberalism itself. The position of attorney general carries as much, if not more, notoriety than that of U.S. Senator, and will soon be occupied by a man liberals would just as soon not see in any

capacity in Washington.

By this point, everyone and their crazy uncle has heard all about Ashcroft: his vehement opposition to abortion, his feelings about Ronnie White, his honorary degree from Bob Jones University, his evangelism and his appointment-by-Crisco. And the number of people in this country that are evenly excited or appalled by these facts further demonstrate the deep divisions in our country that the Florida voting burlesque only hinted at. Ashcroft is a lightning rod if there ever was one, celebrated by conservatives as a stoic purveyor of the true American ideal, lambasted by liberals as a pariah with antiquated and downright dangerous viewpoints.

Carp they will and carp they have, but for every big gun the democrats aim at Ashcroft, they aim another squarely at their own feet. That stunned grin Ashcroft had on his face periodically during his hearings as Ted Kennedy, of all people, gave him a lecture on ethics, said it all. Between Kennedy's sudden role of social defender and the Rev. Jesse Jackson's recent admission that he fathered an illegitimate child, the liberals preaching to Ashcroft tend to warp their own messages.

Ashcroft can't help but look good against those two, and especially against our outgoing president, whose economically and socially triumphant but morally and politically complicated term in office has historians, critics and pundits scratching their heads over what exactly to make of the past eight years. Who comes out

looking better, three lecherous liars, or a prudish yet dedicated family man that disdains both drink and dancing?

And for every enraged Al Gore booster that calls in to C-SPAN's talk shows to hearken the demise of the Democratic Party should any democratic senators support Ashcroft's nomination, there's a Washington player more than willing to provide some comforting balm to the wound. Ashcroft, a graduate of Yale University, has been portrayed by republican and some democratic senators as a dutiful servant of the Constitution. "He loves the law," Oklahoma Rep. J.C. Watts giddily reassured CNN viewers, providing a dual service to his party. Not only does he gracefully downplay Ashcroft's intimidating conservative record but, by simply being African-American, he soothes, with varying degrees of effectiveness, the racial concern that has come out of Ashcroft's nomination.

Blatant manipulations aside, it may also be the case that Ashcroft's record isn't quite as shudder-inducing as most liberals would have Americans believe. For all the heat that Ashcroft has drawn for his dismissal of African-American judge Ronnie White, remember that not only did Ashcroft approve 26 of 28 African-Americans appointed to the bench, but that some of White's decisions really did border on the perplexingly incompetent. What's more, there's the little puzzle of how a candidate as unabashedly conservative as Ashcroft was able to successfully (and popularly) govern a moderate, middle-of-the-road swing state such as

Missouri. The answer — that Ashcroft might be more open to compromise than his firmly-held beliefs might indicate — is a hard pill for democrats to swallow. So will Ashcroft's inevitable appointment to the post, a result for which the democrats may have no one to blame but themselves.

Not far from all this nuttiness, Jean Carnahan is approaching the end of her first month as a freshman U. S. Senator. One would be hard-pressed to guess exactly how she feels right now. Is she exhilarated to be on the front lines of American politics? Or is she already exhausted, weighed down by her tragic death of her husband and even the sinking feeling that, even though she won, hers was a hollow victory?

Truthfully, to accuse Carnahan of bringing on our country's current ideological crisis simply by WINNING her Senate race is both unfair to her and downright wrong. After all, a different result in the down-to-the-wire Washington Senate race would've also tilted the republican lead in the senate to 51-49, and would've put precious Republican congressman at a premium. But as it stands, Carnahan's hollow victory does make an unwilling symbol for the hollow liberal victories of the past eight years, while John Ashcroft's imminent appointment shines a light on the confusing, divisive, and frightening time that may lay ahead for American ideology in the 21st century.

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PRINTING

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sent by Edmondson, there are 33 computer labs on campus that students can print from.

The policy requires students to enter their ID number into the computer before printing. Some faculty are worried this additional step will take away from instructional class time.

Thomas said a lab of 15 students would need 22 minutes of lab time

just to print. She suggested students donate paper to their department instead of using the new policy.

Williamson said he has not dealt with the new system yet. But if the new printing process takes more class time, there should be an overall charge to each student each semester.

Edmondson said it is just now being determined if there are any issues with the policy.

"It's too early in usage to make any judgment to see if (the policy) is working," Edmondson said.

He said students unhappy with the

policy should talk to faculty members, who should then bring student concerns to the chairman or chairwoman of the department.

Rich Winans, a junior English major, said he didn't like the policy but didn't think students could implement a change.

"We're just students and that's how the school sees us," Winans said. "The school does whatever it wants."

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FUNDRAISER

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ideas on how to sharpen the campaign's message, Davis said.

Nancy Petruso, assistant vice chancellor for university advancement, said specific donors will be targeted to support projects in the next campaign. "Generally, a donor who makes a large contribution of \$100,000 or more, wants to have a say in how it is used," Petruso said. "It is very unusual for a donor to make a gift of that size and let the university do what it wants with it."

Petruso said the biggest difference in a new campaign will be the inclusion of people outside the TCU community.

"It is hard to be objective when looking at yourself, and you do not always see things from a fresh perspective," Petruso said. "By bringing people in the community on to cam-

pus and getting them involved in TCU, it raises their level of interest in the university and gives them a reason to be interested in our success."

Alumna Krystal Bolt said by having a long-term campaign it may capture the eyes of alumni and get them to participate and contribute money.

"A campaign this in-depth will get the community to band together and make a significant difference at TCU," Bolt said.

As of now, the top priority is to develop the campaign's packet of information and goals the committee plans to achieve in the next seven years, Davis said.

TCU officials said they hope to raise money for new technology, renovations of buildings and the construction of a new recreation center and a new baseball stadium, which will allow more room for a football practice field.

"The more we can fund philanthropically for the recreation center,

the less TCU has to charge students," Davis said.

Davis said there is talk of a new indoor multi-use athletic facility, which may include batting cages, gyms, an 80-yard football field and a track.

Davis said he hopes these preliminary efforts will produce a campaign that will rally alumni and truly transform TCU.

"We are trying to be the best TCU we can be," Davis said. "It is important for us to grow, and in order to attract the best students and succeed in our mission, this campaign needs to be focused and make an impact."

Davis said the preliminary plans will be presented to the Board of Trustees Friday. TCU officials hope to have the campaign in full swing, publicly, by next fall, Davis said.

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NETWORKING

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The president and first lady had already come and gone, but we met so many people and exchanged so many business cards.

And now I can say that I danced at an inaugural ball.

I bring back so many memories ranging from being there with my grandfather to actually practicing my aspired career. I also take back a love for coffee. Honestly, I've never been a big fan, but I acquired the taste dur-

ing my many long, cold nights.

I didn't want to leave. I grew to love Washington, D.C., and I can't wait until the day when I can call it home.

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Are you looking for a stylish place to hangout, dressed to kill, while sipping on the latest martini? Interested in hobnobbing with the beautiful people of the Dallas/Fort Worth area? Then perhaps Trees in Deep Ellum is not the place for you, my friend.

There is really only one reason to visit Trees, and that is live music. If a show is what you are after, you will definitely find it here. However, that is about all you will find here. Don't come expecting wonderful service, unless waiting in line for 15 minutes for a semi-cold beer sends you diving into your wallet for that 20 percent tip.

If atmosphere is a deciding factor in where you spend your evenings, keep walking. As far as ambiance goes, this place doesn't have much to brag about. It's all about the essentials here: a bar, a stage, a couple of fooseball tables and about a dozen tables. Is there a law somewhere that two out of three bars must have a fooseball table? Or was it one out of three bathroom stalls must be out of order? Hmm...

Unfortunately, I was not lucky enough to snag a table. After all, I had only gotten there two hours before the headlining band was scheduled to play. If you ever happen to be one of the blessed few to get a table, guard it with your life. These bad boys are a hot commodity once this place gets packed. It kind of reminds me of that beer commercial where the pretty girl is eyeing the guy holding the Heineken. The poor schmuck thought he was getting hit on when it was really his beer she was after. The same applies here —

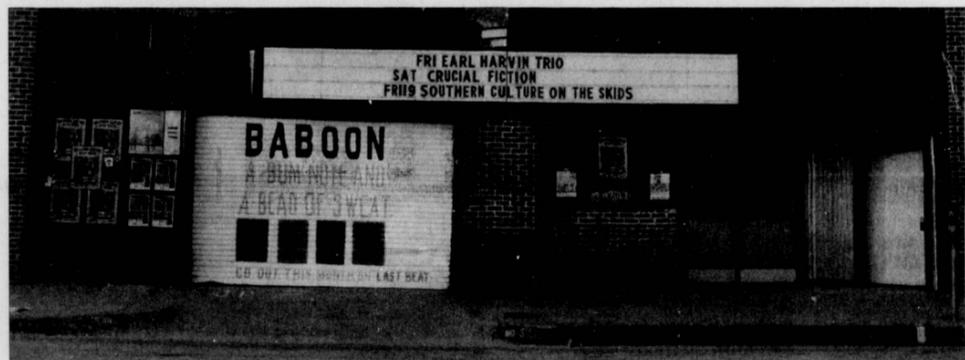
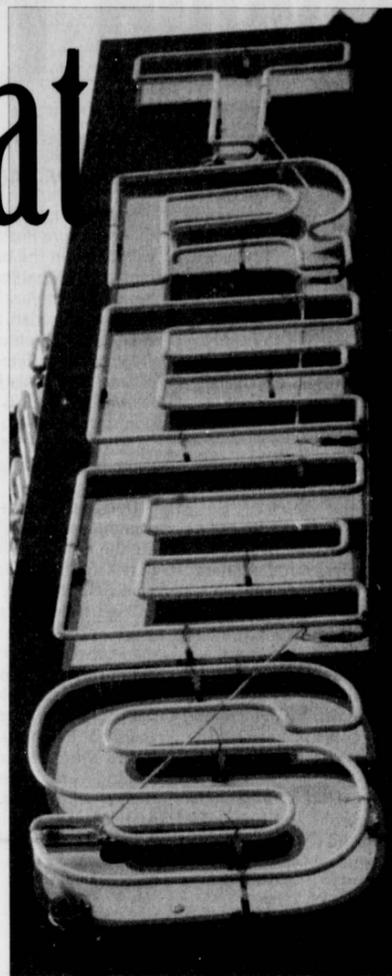
just substitute import beer with a stool.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not trying to dissuade others from checking out Trees. As far as Deep Ellum clubs go, it's one of my favorites. You just have to appreciate it for its intended purpose: live music. People aren't supposed to come here to people watch or to catch some quality time with their sweetheart. You either come to rock or don't come at all. It's a great place to watch your favorite local or national band play. It's the perfect size — big enough so I didn't feel like a conjoined twin to the large man in leather standing next to me, but small enough so I could tell that no, the bassist did not have a mullet. It was probably just hat hair. Now that's entertainment.

The prices are standard for any downtown Dallas club — \$3.25 for a domestic bottled beer and \$4.25 for a mixed drink. Seventeen and up are welcome. Normal business hours are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday, except on nights when no shows are scheduled.

Interested in supporting local talent? Come check out 24 Days tonight. The band is providing free transportation from Fat Harry's. A bus will be leaving at 9 p.m. for Trees and will return after the show. This Friday night features Death Ray Davies, Chompsky and the Rocket Scientists. Trees is located at 2709 Elm St. Call (214) 748-5009 for details.

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"Attack! Of the Killer Mutant Leeches" performs at the Pocket Sandwich Theatre. The show runs through Feb. 17 at 5-100 E. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 119 in Dallas. For reservations call (214) 821-1860.



THROUGH THEIR EYES



SUPPORT HIGH FOR LAURA BUSH

People can really tell a lot about a man by the company he keeps, said Roberta Myers of Millersburg, Ohio, about President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush.

Throughout the presidential campaign, Bush often thanked his wife for her support.

Aside from support for her husband, she has remained active raising her twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, both 19.

Sue and Roy Johnson of Dallas met the Bush family when the girls entered elementary school. Sue Johnson said the first lady volunteered in the library by reading to children and helping in any way she could.

"We were unaware she had a masters degree until recently," said Sue Johnson, a former music teacher at Preston Hollow Elementary School in Dallas. "She would even come to all the PTA meetings."

Unlike her predecessor Hillary Clinton, Laura Bush has said she will follow in the direction of more traditional first ladies like her mother-in-law Barbara Bush. A former librarian, Laura Bush is expected to promote literacy.

"She is so different than Hillary," said Jenie Boley of Fairfax, Va. "She has so much affection toward her husband. The Clintons had an artificial front. Laura is so down to earth and natural."

Due to the contention surrounding the election, chances are the first lady will have to endure listening to derogatory remarks made about her husband.

"I get tired of listening to (Jay) Leno and (David) Letterman continuing to crack jokes about the DWI," said Mary Lee Boisseau of Danville, Va. "What part of having no drinks in 14 years do they not understand?"

And with the confirmation hearings wrapping up — especially from the debate of Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft — it is going to be difficult for the criticism to stop, Boisseau said.



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF
Marlene Carrier of Mercer County, Pa., displays part of her 2000 presidential button collection.

CARRIER GIVES 50 YEARS OF SUPPORT, BUTTON MAKING

Marlene Carrier has been involved with the Republican Party since she was 16 years old, walking door to door helping it campaign for Dwight Eisenhower for president in 1952.

Since then, she has held almost every voluntary position at the county, state and national level and was a delegate for three national conventions.

But the Mercer County, Pa., native describes herself as a little "cog in the wheel."

"A little one," she said. "And I'm not any big shot. My husband was a truck driver, and I raised three kids at home, as well as a home business."

Yet she still found time to volunteer for the Republican Party.

In 1980, Carrier worked for former President George Bush in his unsuccessful run for the republican nomination. Three days before the election, she received boxes of campaign material — literature, buttons, signs and bumper stickers. But it was too late to use.

"So I put it aside for a while," Carrier said. "I stashed the boxes at my house for eight years. I knew he would run again. Eight years later I could put it to good use."

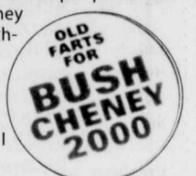
"I hauled my stuff out, and we put hats on with the George Bush bumper stickers, the George Bush buttons and put the George Bush signs in the window. He was finally elected."

In addition to her volunteer efforts, Carrier also designs campaign buttons.

Part of her collection is even on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

Even though she has been active in the Republican Party for more than 50 years, Carrier said she does not plan to stop volunteering.

"We need the rich people to foot the bill, but they can't do it without us," she said. "And sometimes they forget that, not that I let them."



ROTC MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT INAUGURAL ACTIVITIES, GAIN EXPERIENCE

Despite the fact that only two of the 23 ROTC members who traveled to Washington to participate in 2001 Presidential Inauguration actually saw the ceremony, the group agreed the trip was the opportunity of a lifetime.

"The patriotic feeling and pride of being part of something so special made me proud to be an American," Senior Prior Wing Cmdr. Monica Dziubinski said. "The fact that I was actually there and was able to relate to parts of the speech will always be memorable."

Deputy commander Josh Hawkins coordinated the efforts to attend the inauguration. ROTC members sent

letters to members of Congress offering to volunteer at the inauguration, but it was not until Rep. Charles Stenholm's office in San Angelo granted their request that they got their chance.

Originally, only eight cadets were given the chance to attend the inauguration, but through fund raising prior to the trip, 15 more cadets were able to attend the event, Dziubinski said.

Hawkins said although the group did not get to volunteer at the Inaugural Parade or see the inauguration up close, the real value of the experience was just being in Washington.

Ushering at the Black Tie

and Boots Ball Friday was the highlight of the weekend for many of the cadets.

"I had never seen so many celebrities," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said two cadets had the opportunity to meet Gen. Mike Ryan, who is chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force.

People from Gov. Rick Perry to the Beach Boys attended the ball, Dziubinski said.

"Just walking in my uniform at the ball gave me a sense of pride," Cadet Chesley Fowler said. "I won't remember the exact words years from now, but I had the opportunity of a lifetime; not many people get that opportunity."



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF
Air Force ROTC cadets ride the Lockheed F-16 Simulator in Washington, D.C., last week. The cadets were ushers at the Black Tie and Boots Ball Friday.

HENNINGER SETS HIGH GOALS FOR INVOLVEMENT

Karin Henninger recently turned down an opportunity to run for city council. Instead she decided to enroll in college.

At age 18, Henninger of Colorado Springs, Colo., is no ordinary teen-ager.

In August, she was the youngest delegate at the Republican National Convention. She found out she would be a delegate the day before she graduated high school.

At the convention, Henninger had the opportunity to voice the views of a high school graduate in a room full of delegates twice her age.

"People really listened to me," she said.

Henninger has been trying to promote the message that every vote counts. After the convention, she could do what she

stressed others to do: vote.

"My parents told me that if you don't exercise the right to vote, you can't exercise the right to complain," said Henninger, a freshman at Pikes Peak Community College.

Henninger has been active in politics since she was 6 years old. Her mother took her to the precinct caucus meetings because it was cheaper than getting a baby sitter.

Henninger said election night was the hardest experience for her because her friends questioned her involvement in the party.

Five weeks passed and her friends continued to doubt their vote counted.

"They have difficulty understanding," she said. "The system failed, and I still support it."

Although Henninger did not receive tickets for any inaugural week events, she wanted to come to Washington, D.C., to support the party that she has grown to love.

"I'm going to be president one day," Henninger said.



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF
Karin Henninger of Colorado Springs, Colo., stands behind a fence at the inaugural opening ceremony Jan. 18 at the Lincoln Memorial.

OTHER COUNTRIES KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON 2000 ELECTION

WASHINGTON — As George W. Bush begins his first days as president, Americans are not the only ones keeping a close eye on the commander in chief.

Because President Bush assumes the leadership of the most powerful country in the world, reporters from abroad are setting up offices in Washington, to keep tabs on the president.

Matti Jäppinen, a correspondent for the Finnish newspaper *ILTALEHTI*, has followed every American president since Jimmy Carter. He said Finland, like other countries, looks to the White House for leadership.

"Whatever the president does ultimately affects everyone in the world," he said. "World leaders are concerned that Bush will not be able to govern."

With the selection of Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell, Jäppinen said Bush has proven he can bring a tal-

ented group of people together. But until Bush sets his agenda, it is too close to call.

Fabienne Sintès, a reporter for France-Inter, France's equivalent to "National Public Radio," also will be observing the changing of the guard. Sintès said she is interested to see how it will differ to have a Republican back in the White House.

Sintès spent much time in Florida during the election saga. Although people are still upset about the election turnout, they are finally accepting the reality, she said.

"It's interesting to see that people have such faith in the Constitution," Sintès said. "But they also respect the Constitution. In France there would have been a major revolution if this had happened."



PICTURES AT AN INAUGURATION



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The Main

Lunch
Nacho bar
Beef stroganoff
Cajun chicken

Dinner
Pasta bar
Eggplant parmesan
Roast beef

Worth Hills

Lunch
Bowtie pasta
Beef stew

Dinner
Hot wings

Eden's Greens

Lunch
Beef and pepper steak
Stewed eggplant
Steamed pasta

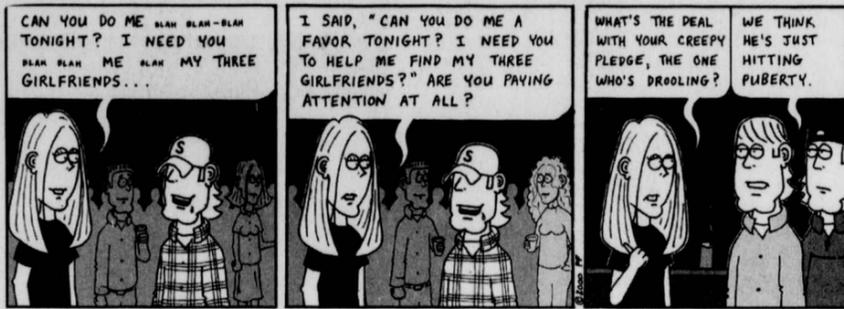
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Same as The Main

Tomorrow at The Main:

Lunch
Ravioli
Fried fish
Rotisserie chicken

Dinner
Quesadilla bar
Lasagna
Baked fish

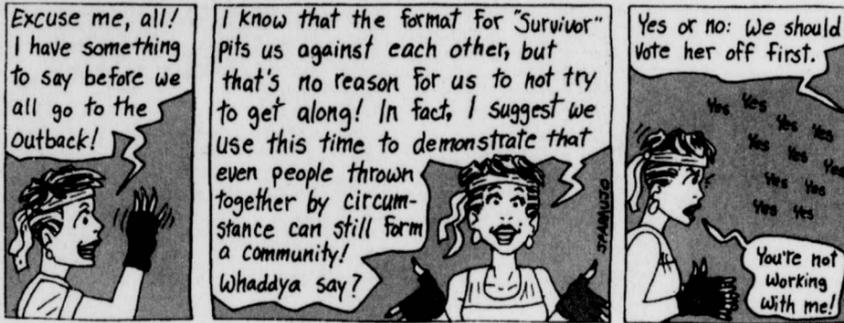
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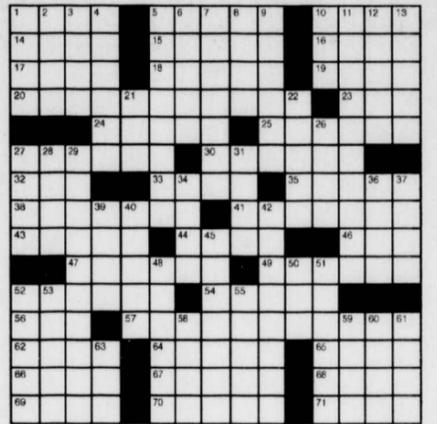
Girls and Sports

Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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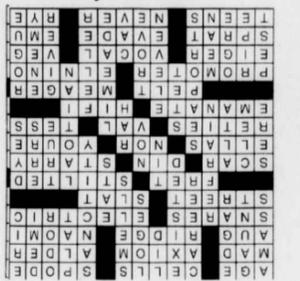
- ACROSS**
1 Jolly old salts
5 Heroic tales
10 Part of a process
14 Oversupply
15 Great lake
16 First victim
17 Conception
18 Former name of Guam's capital
19 Skin opening
20 Gold rushers?
23 Ms. Peeples
24 Incited
25 Acted as toastmaster
27 Interlock anew
30 Downy ducks
32 Writer Levin
33 Prayer ending
35 Fired
38 Memory loss
41 Soybean kernel
43 Preminger film
44 Mark ___ Baker
46 Santa __, CA
47 Critic Leonard
49 Ankara's land
52 German emperor
54 Shorthand, for short
56 Well-honed skill
57 60s hit by Ernie K-Doe
62 Pocket bread
64 Master
65 Opera set in Egypt
67 Manipulates
68 Backslide
69 Welsh symbol
69 Turner and Knight
70 Ice fall
71 Sand rise
- DOWN**
1 "The work week is over!"
2 Play of "Battle Cry"
3 One with regrets
4 "David" or "The Thinker"
5 China's largest city
6 Bellow's March
7 Portuguese nobleman
8 First-rate
9 Entrapped
10 Blackjack
11 Red meat choice
12 Unearthly
13 Argue a case
21 Mos. and mos.
22 Give off an odor
26 Arcing street abbr.
27 Iranian currency
28 Ms. Bombeck
29 Freed from slavery
31 Party to
34 Landlocked African nation
36 Chromosome unit
37 Singer Anita
39 Periods
40 Oregon capital
42 Surfing site?
45 Fit
48 Fairy-tale beasts lead-in
50 Cycle or sex
51 Reagan or MacDonal
52 Inoperative
53 Originate
55 Short and to the point
58 Bush green
59 In ___ of
60 Arabian gulf
61 "Finnegan's"
63 Nincompoop



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Yesterday's Solutions



Purple Poll

Q: Do you think an athlete should be suspended based on class attendance?

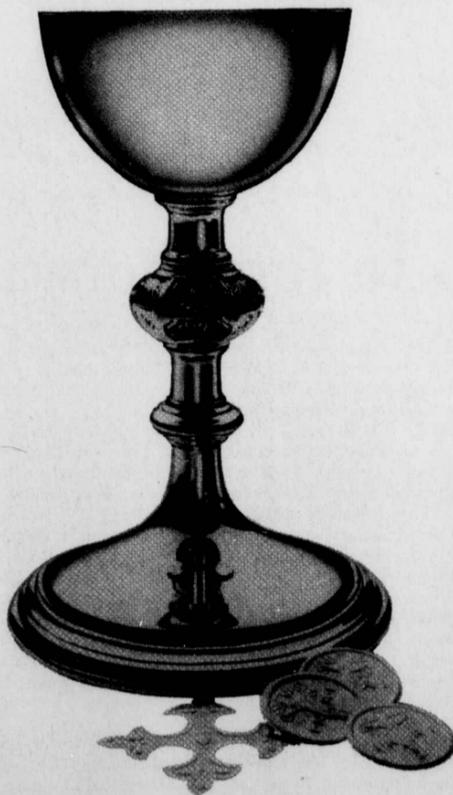


A: Yes 46 No 52 No Opinion 2

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

What other meal can sustain you for a week?

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Despite lulls, men's basketball team gets victory

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

After he ran into press row with 5:36 left to play, senior point guard Thomas McTyer inquired of those seated, "How y'all doing?"

After sparking a 20-6 run that put away the Grambling State Tigers, McTyer and the rest of the Frogs were doing well having survived a scare from a 1-13 Grambling squad.

In a game billed by head coach Billy Tubbs as a tune-up for Saturday's contest against Southern Methodist, TCU gave yet another erratic performance and contributed to another opposing player's career game during a

120-95 victory Wednesday evening at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Frogs shot 46 percent from the floor (35 of 76) and missed numerous put-back attempts. The Tigers' Keith Howell scored a career-high 30 points on 11 of 21 shooting.

"I felt some things happened that we knew what to do, but didn't do them," Tubbs said.

McTyer entered the game with 12:54 left after senior guard Larry Alloway, who would later return, fell awkwardly on his right wrist while making a leaping layup.

After junior guard Greedy Daniels swiped a ball from Devin Ewing, McTyer fed him for a wide-open three pointer. During a three-minute span following a Grambling State timeout, McTyer scored eight points, two of them

deep three-pointers, and assisted on another. The Frogs went from leading by three to leading by 17. McTyer scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half.

As they made their run, the Frogs ratcheted up their defensive pressure as well. Grambling, who had shot 74 percent over the first 8:02 of the second half, shot only 30 percent (7 of 19) the rest of the way.

Daniels said the Tigers, who tried, with success, to run with the Frogs, finally tired.

"I thought they were tired in the first half," Daniels said. "Their engine, (Howell), that was running them out of gas."

After leading 30-5 at the 5-minute mark, the Frogs allowed the Tigers to remain in the game by slacking off their defensive pressure. The Tigers stayed in the game by recording more steals (15 to 14) and committing fewer turnovers

(17 to 19) than the Frogs.

"I didn't see a spark (in the second half), but I'll see it here Saturday," Tubbs said.

Daniels, who tied Mike Jones' single-season steals record of 96, admitted the Frogs lost their focus after jumping out fast.

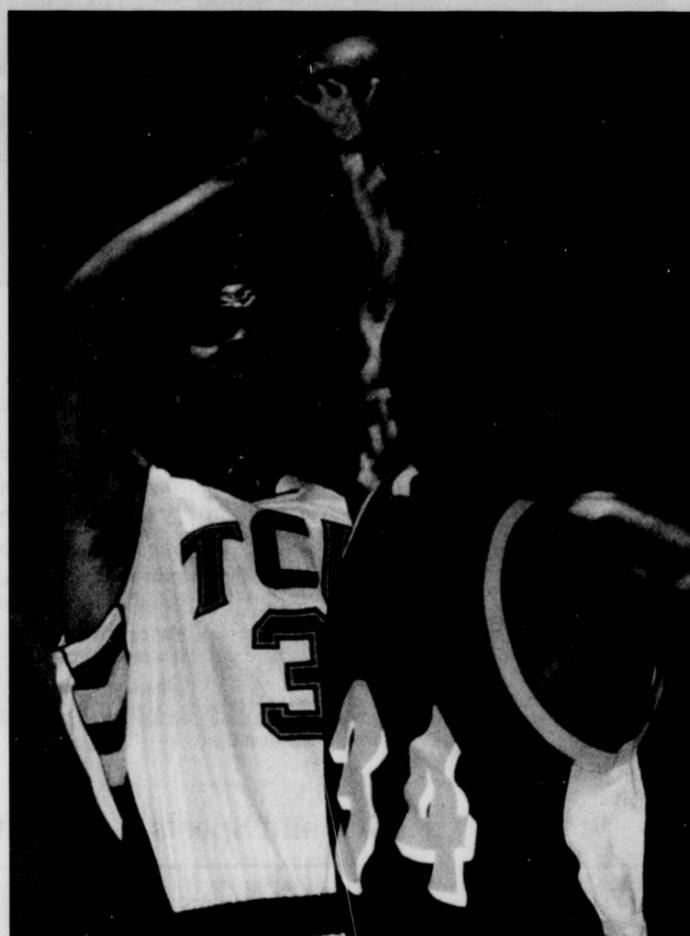
"The game got boring," Daniels said. "We played hard because we knew we had some bad stretches."

—Greedy Daniels, junior guard

After tying the steals record, Daniels seemed more concerned with a loftier goal, one held by another Tubbs-coached player. Mookie Blaylock, who played for Tubbs at Oklahoma from 1986-89, holds the NCAA single-season steals record with 150.

"My joy," Daniels said. "Tying the steals record is cool, but I still have 12 games left."

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TCU senior point guard Thomas McTyer forces up a jumper over Grambling State's Michael Daniels. McTyer had 15 points, five assists and two steals as the Frogs defeated Tigers 120-95.

TOP FROG

Senior Point Guard Thomas McTyer

Points: 15
Assists: 5
Steals: 2

With 12:54 remaining in the second half, senior point guard Thomas McTyer came off the bench and led the Frogs' offense, which only had a 73-70 lead. In a six-minute span, McTyer had three assists, two rebounds, a blocked shot and eight points, including two crucial three-pointers. McTyer sparked a 20-9 Frogs' run to put the game away.

Men's Standings

	WAC	Overall
Fresno State	5-0-1	16-2
UTEP	4-1	15-2
SMU	4-2	13-5
Tulsa	3-2	12-6
TCU	3-3	14-6
Rice	2-2	10-6
Hawaii	2-3	8-8
San Jose State	0-5	8-8
Nevada	0-5	7-9



Erin Munger/SKIFF STAFF

Freshmen Ebony Shaw and Tiffany Evans are making an instant impact on the TCU women's basketball team. The Frogs are currently undefeated in 2001, and they lead the Western Athletic Conference.

Fresh faces help Frogs to forge forward

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

Demetric Shaw was stunned. After calling foul after foul to stop the inevitable, he had just lost. He couldn't believe it. The former Texas Wesleyan player had just lost to his daughter, Ebony, in basketball.

"I'll never forget the day she beat him," Ebony's mother Sheila Shaw said. "He started calling fouls everywhere. He couldn't believe he lost. He came in and said, 'I can't believe she beat me.' Then he whispered, 'I think she's ready.'"

Her father can find relief in knowing that he is not the only one being beaten by Ebony Shaw these days. On a team loaded with upperclassmen, the freshman guard has emerged as the Frogs' leading scorer off the bench, averaging 6.9 points and three rebounds in 12.4 minutes a game.

Ebony Shaw is joined by freshman forward Tiffany Evans as head coach Jeff Mittie's first two options off the bench.

"We knew that if we were going to win the (Western Athletic Conference), (Ebony Shaw and Evans) were going to have to play," associate head coach Larry Tidwell said. "We didn't sign them to come over

and sit on the bench and look pretty."

Evans and Ebony Shaw, as of late, haven't been spending a whole lot of time on the bench. Evans is second on the team in rebounding with 5.5 a game, and she averages 5.8 points in 20.2 minutes a contest.

"I think both of them are having very good freshman years," Mittie said. "We felt like both of these two would be in the mix in terms of working into the rotation (at the beginning of the season)."

Both were heavily recruited nationwide out of high school. Tidwell had been following the two as an assistant coach at Southern Florida before joining the Frogs' coaching staff.

"I knew about them ever since they were freshmen in high school," Tidwell said. "I have been following their careers for quite a while. Both of them bring tremendous athleticism. They can both get up and down the floor. They can drive and penetrate."

Evans can shoot three pointers well for a 6-footer, while Ebony Shaw adds quickness on the court, Tidwell said.

"(Evans has) unlimited potential," Tidwell said. "There are not too many 6-foot-2-inch kids who can spot up and shoot the three like

she does. "Ebony is very athletic. She's going to be something to watch over the coming years. I think she is going to be one of the best players to ever wear a TCU uniform."

Evans started playing basketball in the third grade when her parents signed her up to play in a church league. Evans has always had a little height advantage, she said.

In between eighth and ninth grade she grew from 5 foot 8 inches to 6 foot 1 inch, she said.

"I have always been the tall one," Evans said. "In between eighth and ninth grade, I just shot up."

Evans said the biggest change from high school has been adjusting to stronger players and more weight lifting.

"What really gave me a surprise was the weight lifting," Evans said. "I'm still pretty weak."

Ebony Shaw came from a basketball family. Her brother, Demetric Jr., plays for Kent State.

Ebony Shaw used to spend everyday playing basketball in the driveway, Sheila Shaw said.

"It was brother, daddy and Ebony playing in the driveway everyday," Sheila Shaw said. "I wanted her to become a cheerleader. I was a little outnumbered."

Ebony Shaw used to spend time beating boys in the gym in basketball. She was the only girl the high school coach would let play in the gym.

"I was the only girl the coaches liked," Ebony Shaw said. "The guys would fight over who would go up against me. They didn't want to be embarrassed."

Her father used to take her to play against grown men when she was young. The men would run all over her until she got older and then the opposite happened. Sheila Shaw said that's why she plays so rough.

The play of Evans and Ebony Shaw has helped give the Frogs one of their best starts in the program's history. For Ebony Shaw, it is vindication for those who questioned why she came to TCU.

"At first I didn't want to come to TCU, but they made me believe something good was going on," Ebony Shaw said. "I didn't really expect us to go on this winning streak like this. It's good to experience this as a freshman."

"People used to ask why I was going to TCU. I was like, 'You'll see.' They should see us now."

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College has to be about more than just athletics

Head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs has finally had enough.

No more below par grades. No more putting basketball before academics. But most of all, no more missed classes.

After seven seasons at the helm, Tubbs has finally begun to realize that academics come before basketball. In fact, Tubbs feels so strongly about his players attending classes that he suspended the team's leading rebounder and shot blocker, senior center Derrick Davenport, for one game for "failure to attend classes."

Davenport missed the Frog's last non-conference game of the season Wednesday against Grambling State.

An extremely important game?

No.

A conference game? No.

A game against a winning team? Not even close.

Tubbs feels so strongly about academics being a top priority to players that he suspended a player from a game that ends up being little more than an exhibition.

In Tubbs' defense, the men's basketball team does boast graduation rates 8 percent higher than the NCAA average. But even that statistic is more than misleading.

The TCU men's basketball team's graduation rate is 50 percent. However, only two TCU seniors were factors in deciding the graduation rate. That's right, our 50 percent graduation rate means TCU graduated just one senior.

Still proud of that Billy? The reason the statistic is so misleading is because junior college transfers don't factor into NCAA graduation rates. Only players who begin their college career at TCU factor into the graduation rates. So if Davenport doesn't graduate come May, the program's graduation rates are not going to drop. In fact, of the five seniors eligible to graduate in May, only two recently said they would be walking across the stage.

When Chancellor Michael Ferrari took over in 1998, he vowed to take TCU to the next level, making TCU a top-tier school. Graduating just one senior basketball player isn't taking TCU to the next level.

The university grants these "student-athletes" the privilege of playing basketball. The athletes don't

have the right to play basketball. They are given the privilege to play as long as their first priority is to be a student.

Unfortunately, TCU and Tubbs have forgotten about the first half of the "student-athlete" title.

TCU is paying these athletes to play a sport, play it well and bring in revenue for the school. It appears TCU and Tubbs could care less if the players get an education as long as they win games.

Is that really the image TCU should be projecting, if it wants to become a top-tier school?

Tubbs' most recent attempt at adding the word "student" to the end of the athlete title was funny at best.

Tubbs once said, "It's an exception when (basketball players) graduate in four years."

Do you think they would have a better chance at graduating if you didn't keep them at practice for hours everyday? Maybe they could focus on school work a little more if you didn't put more emphasis on winning games than you do on passing classes?

Ultimately, it is the players' responsibility to go to classes, study for tests and pass classes. As the men's team continues to slump in an already disappointing season, Tubbs tries to save some face for the program and the school and tries to make the statement that grades have, and always will, come first.

So, as Tubbs goes home tonight, rest assured he will be a little bit more happy with himself. He will sleep a little bit more soundly knowing he has shown another athlete that he needs to be more of a student. The TCU administration will pat him on the back and tell him "good job."

As for the players, you have unknowingly become victims. TCU will pay you to bring them money but won't educate you. So, if your NBA dreams don't come true, if you don't become a basketball super hero, if you can't get a job because TCU didn't educate you, please come say thanks to Billy.

Give him a pat on the back and a great big thanks so that he can go home and sleep at night.

As soon as you're done with coach Tubbs, go enroll in a college that will finally let you be the student you should have been while you were at TCU.

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