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Fort Worth, Texas

## House looks for reps Members leave for GPA, personal reasons

By Jonathan Sampson  
STAFF REPORTER

If the House of Student Representatives looks a little different at its first meeting tonight, it might be because of all the empty seats.

Because some students didn't make the required 2.5 GPA and others simply decided they could no longer be involved, there are a number of representative positions open in the House, said Amy Render, House vice president.

"Hopefully, we can get it all taken care of before the first meeting," Render said.

She said those who are interested in positions should contact their hall directors. If there are more people interested in a residence hall than there are positions open, the Student Government Association will hold elections. Otherwise, those interested will automatically get the position, Render said.

"(The election process is) really kind of a mess right now," she said.

The matter became complicated when the Elections and Regulations Committee chairman, Michael Redic, was un-

able to fulfill his obligations due to House regulations, and Render began heading the representative election process, she said. Redic was unavailable for comment regarding his reasons for leaving the organization.

Render said the SGA Executive Board appointed John Billingsley as the new Elections and Regulations Committee chairman Jan. 23. The position is usually elected, but the election codes state in the event of a problem the board appoints a replacement, Render said.

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Chrissy Braden/STAFF REPORTER  
Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. kicks off Ministers Week Monday night with a sermon on waiting on the Lord. Ministers Week runs through Thursday.

## Sermon kicks off Ministers Week

By Bethany McCormack  
STAFF REPORTER

When the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. spoke from the pulpit of the University Christian Church, his words were meant to inspire current and past Brite Divinity students and other ministers. The sermon began the university's celebration of Ministers Week.

"Don't worry, your blessing is on the way," Wright said to a packed audience in his sermon Monday night.

TCU, along with UCC, has sponsored Ministers Week for the past five decades. Activities in-

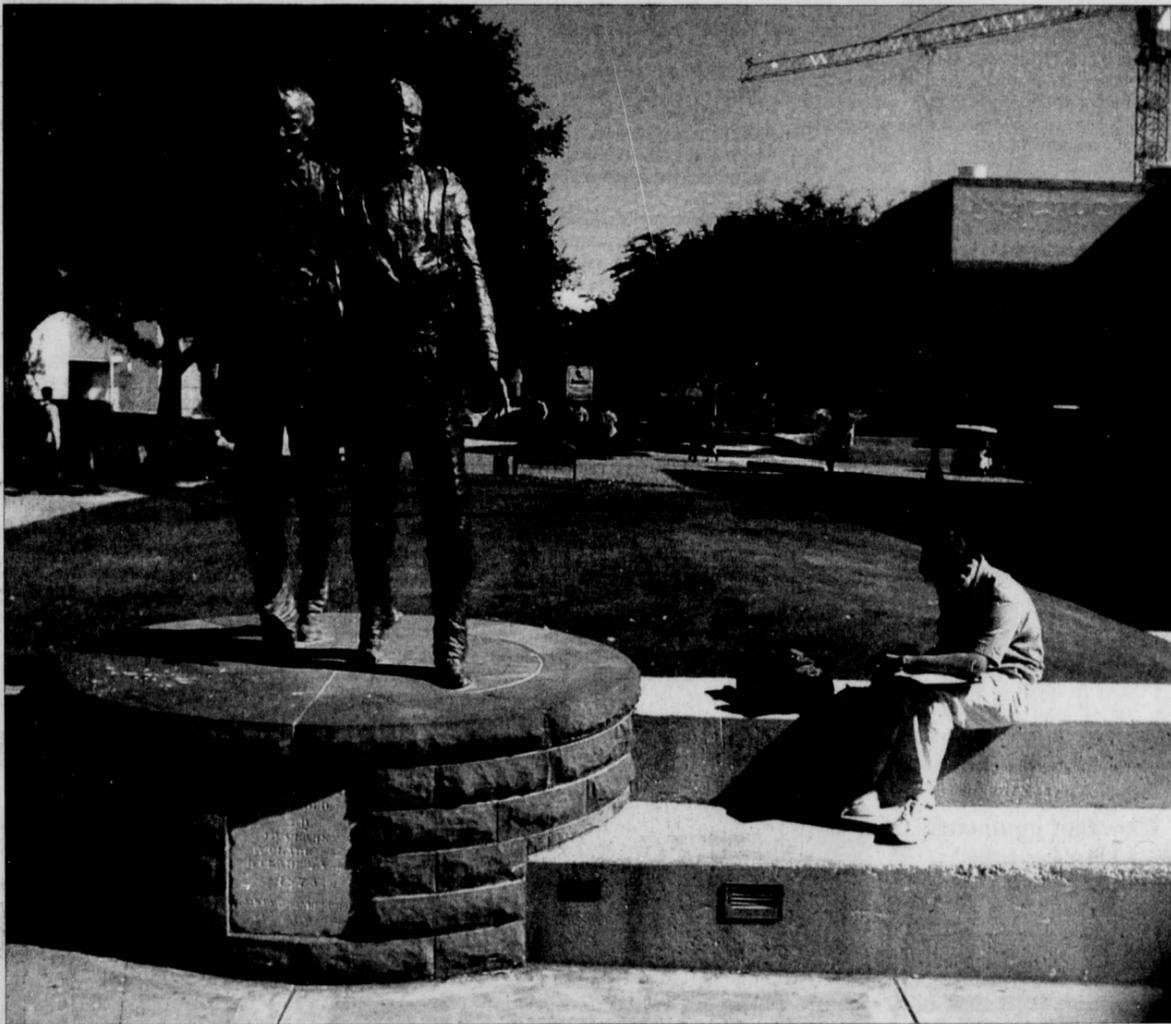
clude lectures, sermons, workshops and worship services.

Wright delivered the first of three sermons he will give as part of nightly worship services planned throughout the week.

Wright has been the pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago since February 1972. He is also the author of four books and numerous articles. His books include "When Black Men Stand Up for God: Reflections on the Million Man March," "No Other Help I Know: Sermons on Prayer

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## DON'T TAKE MY SUNSHINE AWAY



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR  
Karl Kruse, a freshman business major, studies beside the statue of Randolph and Addison Clark Monday afternoon. Many students took advantage of Monday's weather to enjoy the outdoors.

## Retention rate rises to 96 percent

Programs help freshmen connect

By Carrie Woodall  
STAFF REPORTER

The retention rate for returning freshmen in spring 2001 increased one percent from last year, said Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management.

The percent of freshmen who returned to the university following their first semester increased from 95 percent in spring 2000 to 96 percent this semester, Miller said.

"Freshmen retention is not the driving force behind a request for change in the core, but will be affected by it and should therefore be a consideration in framing the core," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

He said TCU officials are looking at ways to make the core curriculum more interesting, relevant, challenging and its mission directed to meet the academic needs of the students. These steps may serve to increase retention, he said.

In addition to revising the core, the university offers freshmen a number of programs which serve to help them become involved in campus life.

Penny Woodcock, TCU Leadership Center coordinator, said students must make a strong connection to the university in their first year so that

they will have the desire to return.

"Providing students the opportunity to get involved and allowing significant faculty interaction in the freshmen programs helps students to feel that they are a part of the university," Woodcock said.

Shelly Taylor, a freshman speech communication major, said the opportunities for freshmen to be a part of organizations on campus helped her to make connections and encouraged her to stay at TCU.

"I was excited about freshmen being able to obtain leadership positions on campus," Taylor said. "I was able to run for a position on Programming Council which really made me feel a part of the student body."

Woodcock said Student Development Services offers orientation, Frog Camp and the Chancellor's Leadership Program for freshmen. The activities fair and Howdy Week held each fall also enhance their ability to get connected and involved, she said.

"Satisfaction rate with orientation is high among freshmen," she said. "Frog camp has a high participation rate, and (the Chancellor's Leadership Program) has grown in leaps and bounds in the two years it

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## Sweet Valentine's

Freshman raises money from cookie sale to send sister to camp

By Kelly Marino  
STAFF REPORTER

Valentine's Day will be a red-letter day for the Williams family and for Colby Hall residents who will be picking up their Girl Scout cookies.

For Juliana Williams, a freshman ballet and modern dance major, Feb. 14 concludes another year of serious fund raising. For her sister, Sabrina Williams, the date marks the beginning of a countdown — the number of days until she leaves for summer camp.

And it was that countdown that motivated this family to sell, sell, sell. And encouraged several TCU students to buy, buy, buy.

When Juliana Williams heard her sister wanted to attend another summer of horseback riding camp, she decided she would do all she could to help raise the money. With this in mind, she posted a form in Colby Hall and encouraged students to buy Girl Scout cookies.

Juliana Williams and her mother teamed up and sold a total of 408 boxes, raising enough

money for her sister to enjoy her summer.

Sabrina Williams, a 15-year-old high school freshman with Down syndrome, said she is looking forward to the Bette Perot Girl Scout Camp near Tyler where she has the opportunity to be involved in what she loves.

Amanda Warren, a sophomore nursing major, bought 13 boxes of cookies.

Warren said Girl Scout cookies are her favorite so she likes to buy them in bulk.

"I think it is wonderful way to raise money," Warren said. "I always love to help out with a cause, and I didn't even know that I was."

Students do not have as much of an opportunity to buy Girl Scout cookies, Juliana Williams said.

"I think that is one of the reasons we were so successful on campus," she said.

Sabrina Williams is a part of a Girl Scout organization run by the Tejas Council in North Texas. Every year the organization sells

Girl Scout cookies for \$3 a box. She has been a part of the organization since she was in kindergarten. Even though most of the troop broke up when she was in 7th grade, Sabrina Williams continues to participate.

Glenda Williams, Juliana and Sabrina's mother, said Sabrina Williams take great pride in the 100 boxes she was able to sell by herself this year.

"This is the biggest sell Sabrina has ever done," Glenda Williams said. "This will help decrease her expenses for camp this summer."

The cookie drive began Jan. 6 and ended Jan. 25.

"Sabrina enjoys selling cookies," Juliana Williams said. "She will come to school to bring me the cookies that everyone ordered and we will go around and hand them out together."

Sabrina Williams will collect the money owed for the cookies when she delivers the boxes to Colby Hall Feb. 14.

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Special to the Skiff  
Juliana Williams helped Sabrina Williams sell 408 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to pay for a horseback riding camp.

## Students secure in degrees E-business strong despite drop of online companies

By Julie Ann Matonis  
STAFF REPORTER

Students in the e-business program said they have confidence their degree will provide them with a solid business foundation despite the fact the value of e-commerce degrees has come under fire by some in the business and educational world.

Ted Doll, an e-business professor, said that as Internet companies are fading, people doubt their profit-making abilities. Solid business plans are needed to interest investors and keep up with the competition.

"The glamour has worn off, and we're down to business as usual in the e-commerce sense," Doll said.

Beth Anne Dodson, a sophomore e-

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

■ **The Mortar Board** will have a meeting 6 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 205. Members are asked to bring pictures or negatives from Mortar Board activities that they would like to include in the scrapbook. For more information call Amanda Gunter at (817) 923-8351.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be at 7 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 117. Bring paper, pen and your syllabi to the workshop.

■ **The last day for team registration for Up 'til Dawn** is today. There will be a meeting at 10 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 214. Up 'til Dawn is an all-campus fund raiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Teams consist of 6 to 8 people and the entry fee is \$50 a person. For more information call (817) 257-2602.

■ **Library Database Training sessions** will be 10 to 11 a.m. today and 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Mary Couts Burnett Library. For more information call (817) 257-7117.

■ **Internships Credit Information sessions** for business students will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, Feb. 21 and March 1 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 166.

■ **The TCU MBA Open House and Information Session** will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in Tandy Hall. Visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm) for more information. To RSVP call (817) 257-7531.

■ **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.



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**WORLD DIGEST**



**Candidates make final appeal in Israeli election**

**JERUSALEM** — All official campaigning, including the broadcast of election commercials, ended in Israel's hotly contested race, giving the nation a day of quiet to contemplate what Prime Minister Ehud Barak has called "perhaps the most fateful vote in the last generation."

Frustrated and angry after four months of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed, the Israelis are to choose between Barak's far-reaching land concessions and promises of peace within reach, or challenger Ariel Sharon's demands that violence stop before peace talks resume and his refusal to trade more territory.

Just before campaigning ended at midnight Sunday, Sharon used his last televised appeal to voters to speak of his grandchildren, twins born several days ago.

"I was very emotional about it and I thought: In what kind of Israel will these children grow?" Sharon said. "What kind of life will they have? If I'm elected, I shall do everything and a little more than that to ... bring about quiet, security and peace."

Barak, in a last-ditch effort, sent his message to tens of thousands of Israeli homes through a recorded telephone announcement. The largely political appeal contrasted sharply with Sharon's, whose campaign long has been termed "grandfatherly" by the Israeli media.

"Israel has to separate from the Palestinians and put a border between us," Barak said. "Without a border there is no deterrence, no quiet. A country without a border has no honor. I'm convinced that on Tuesday, facing all the terror, we'll all have the strength to decide to create a strong border for Israel."

Ballots began trickling in even before the official voting day on Tuesday. A plane brought a ballot box from India, containing votes of Israeli soldiers and medics working there to help earthquake victims. Soldiers on active duty also began voting Sunday at some army bases.

Israelis across the country are frustrated with Barak's unsuccessful peace efforts, wary of his territorial offers to the Palestinians and concerned about the bloodshed that has claimed the lives of dozens of Israelis and more than 320 Palestinians since September.

With polls giving Sharon a lead of up to 20 points over Barak, the 72-year-old challenger appears headed for victory barring any dramatic last-minute changes. On Sunday, Sharon also won formal support of the influential ultra-Orthodox community, gaining an additional boost.

Newspapers representing Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodox parties, composed of Jews of European back-

ground, published announcements from the religious leadership calling on people to vote for Sharon. The announcements called him the candidate "who will bring the country closer to Torah," the Jewish holy book.

The Shas party, composed mostly of religious Sephardic Jews of Middle Eastern origin, also announced support for Sharon. Shas is the third-largest party in the Israeli Knesset, or parliament.

The ultra-Orthodox community, which overwhelmingly follows the voting advice of its spiritual leaders, makes up only about 9 percent of Israel's voters. But other Israeli voters who want to preserve some Jewish religious traditions also tend to be influenced by the position taken by the spiritual leaders.

**Menchu continues justice quest in Guatemala**

**GUATEMALA CITY** — On the 21st anniversary of a fire that burned her father alive and started the most brutal stretch of one of the world's bloodiest civil wars, Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu says the war's 200,000 victims died for nothing.

On Feb. 7, 1980, Menchu's father and 36 other peasants were burned alive as they occupied the Spanish embassy.

Menchu said her homeland is no better off today even though peace accords ended the fighting four years ago and a genocide complaint she filed in Spain in connection with the fire has much of Guatemala's ex-military brass afraid to leave this country.

"To this day we have yet to recover his body," Menchu said, speaking of her father in an interview with The Associated Press.

On Jan. 31, 1980, 27 K'iche' Indians arrived in the Guatemalan capital to present a criminal complaint against soldiers engaging in a scorched-earth campaign near their village of Chajul, in the mostly Indian state of Quiche.

Armed with machetes and homemade explosives, the peasants invaded the Spanish embassy — partly because Ambassador Maximo Cajal had traveled to Quiche and had proved sympathetic to the plight of locals there in the past.

In the hours after the takeover, Cajal reported that those occupying the embassy had put away their weapons and wanted to negotiate a peaceful end. But negotiations failed and police soon stormed the premises.

The protesters retreated into Cajal's office, which was surrounded by authorities. Minutes later, fire erupted, burning alive the activists who were trapped inside after police blocked the only exit. Whether the officers or protesters started the fire remains a mystery.

The fire killed 36 peasants and embassy employees and became a centerpiece of Menchu's criminal com-

plaint charging seven former military and civilian leaders — three of whom are former heads of state — with genocide and state-sanctioned torture.

**American released from captivity in Chechnya**

**NAZRAN, Russia** — After a month of captivity in break-away Chechnya, an American aid worker was questioned Monday by Russian authorities who said they had orchestrated his release and were preparing to send him home.

Kenneth Gluck, head of the Doctors Without Borders mission for the troubled region, was in the military headquarters in Khankala, said Ramzan Ibragimov, Moscow-based spokesman for the Russian-backed Chechen administration.

"We're just extremely glad he's safe," said Kris Torgeson of Doctors Without Borders' Moscow office.

Ibragimov said Gluck, a New York City native, was to be flown later Monday by helicopter to Nazran in the neighboring Russian republic of Ingushetia.

It was unclear how long Gluck would stay in Nazran, where Doctors Without Borders has an office. A U.S. Embassy official in Moscow said embassy officials were talking with Russian authorities about sending Gluck to the United States.

Details of his captivity and the circumstances around his abrupt release remained hazy.

Gluck was seized Jan. 9 by masked gunmen who pulled him from his car near the town of Stariye Atagi, in the southern foothills of Chechnya, while on a mission to deliver aid.

The Federal Security Service, or FSB, said he was released unharmed in a special operation late Saturday. The FSB is now leading the Russian campaign against Chechen rebels, which has stretched into its 16th month.

Ibragimov said American authorities "of course helped in the release" but had no details. The embassy spokeswoman would not comment.

Gluck said Sunday he would consider going back to work in the region. He did not say who the kidnappers were or describe his release.

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## TCU at work

### UCR facelift may aid retention rate

The hierarchy of TCU administration have mentioned that revamping the University Core Curriculum will help to retain freshmen.

Only 82 percent of TCU's freshmen from fall 1999 to fall 2000 returned to the university for their sophomore year. When the TCU number is compared to that of Vanderbilt — 93.62 percent — it is obvious that something had to be done.

While the UCR changes are still in the working stages, TCU has gotten something done.

In an age where college students demand personal attention, TCU has extended its arms through the faculty to embrace the students as individuals.

Also, the Leadership Center has devised ways to get freshmen involved in the university.

"Providing students the opportunity to get involved and allowing significant faculty interaction in the freshmen programs helps students to feel that they are a part of the university," said Penny Woodcock, TCU Leadership Center coordinator.

One of the most important things on many aspiring college students' priority lists is tradition. Frog Camp, the activities fair and Howdy Week all show freshmen a unique way to connect with TCU's past.

According to Institutional Research, the freshmen retention rate for those who enrolled in fall 2000 was 96 percent. The university's actions have paid off.

Freshmen in the future can chalk up another tally for a reason to return to TCU. Along with faculty offering individual attention, opportunities for leadership positions and tradition-building activities, TCU has done a good job of juggling.

While administration continue to work on the UCRs, rest assured they have improved retention rates.

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## Parents should steer clear of selling pets

### Steaks high when children's livestock sold for processing at Stock Show

I'm not originally from Texas, so I may not understand all of the various rituals and customs that go on here, but I must say I was disturbed by the Fort Worth Stock Show's Sale of Champions and the attention given to it by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



BLUM

Virtually the entire front section of the Sunday edition was dedicated to a sale of animals for different oil firms, meat companies and steakhouses.

The fact that this is deemed more important than all other national and local news for some un-earthly reason is strange enough. But the things that go on at these shows and the ways in which they're glorified are what really bother me.

The huge headlines of the paper screamed out "\$105,000." Yes, Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House actually paid that much money for a single steer. I can't even fathom how anyone could ever justify spending that much on a few steak dinners.

Couldn't this money have been put to a little better use by going toward, say, different charities or at least contributing to Alex Rodriguez's salary?

The whole event is given an immense amount of attention and is

praised for the money raised and the tradition involved, but all I see is the overwhelming sense of depression that accompanies all the cash.

This whole tradition seems a little out of whack, but what upsets me most is the trauma these shows cause on the children, who are heavily encouraged to participate.

The sad thing is nearly all of the families auctioning off their animals have young children, who have been put in charge of caring for the animals and, in many cases, have grown up

watching or turning away in horror as their pets are moved along the conveyor belt to be "processed."

I don't know about you, but even at my age now, I'd be emotionally scarred if I had to watch my dog get shoved through a slaughterhouse. And do they think the kids don't know what's going on if adults just tell them the animals are being "processed" and not being chopped into pieces?



Most of the kids have raised these animals almost by themselves and are suddenly being told they need to part ways with their beloved pets and friends so that Mommy and Daddy can go on that cruise they've been planning for years. Some children are even pictured

Honestly, how does a parent rationalize this to a child?

"Well son, we're selling old Buck to some nice people who are going to slaughter him and slice him up. But hey, if you play your

cards right, when Mommy and I get back from traveling Europe off of Buck, we'll buy you a slab of his ribs for dinner.

"And, we'll throw in a Playstation 2 if it'll get you to quit crying."

If that's all the parents have to do to make their kids happy, then

they went horribly wrong somewhere in their child-raising methods.

I'm not even a vegetarian, and this disturbs me. It's one thing to kill the animals, but it becomes a little immoral to do so once a child considers the animal to be a part of the family.

After all, I don't think I could ever forgive my parents if they sold my dog to a restaurant.

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## Black History Month causes reflection

### Busing students remains as lasting effect of desegregation in Alabama

Thursday began this year's celebration of Black History Month. Throughout my school days and collegiate years, several of my teachers and professors have asked me to try to remember the first time I realized I was black. That task was virtually impossible. That's like trying to recall the first time I remembered breathing. There was never a time when I wasn't aware I was black.



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But I do recall growing up in Alabama for the past 21 years. I didn't witness the lynchings and hazings and beatings. No white person ever called me a 'Nigger.' I went to a predominately white elementary school in an extremely wealthy white neighborhood. My parents raised my sister and me to be nice to all the other boys and girls.

"Jesus loves the little children — all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white. They're all precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world," my Sunday school teacher sang to us.

My mother was my Sunday school teacher until I was 12 years old, so I never paid too much attention to the fact that the other little girls were white and I was black. We all got along and played together.

But over time, I began to notice that the white children got picked up by their parents in nice cars or they walked home, which was less than a mile from the school. But the black kids were bused to Mary B. Austin Elementary School, which was miles away from home. That would have been a long walk home for us, but I don't think any of us cared too much. We liked riding the bus. We learned all kinds of jokes and sang songs and shared homework and stories from school. Riding the bus was the best experience ever. But it still seemed odd to me that only black kids rode the bus. Oh well, maybe only black kids rode the bus, I thought. Besides, sometimes my mother would pick my sister and me up from school, so that myth wasn't totally true.

Hillsdale Middle School was different. It was there that I realized white kids rode the bus too. I didn't know why. But they did, so I figured my method of thinking was just the naïveté of a child. A lot of things didn't make sense to me as a child growing up in Alabama — I wasn't about to spend my nights wondering why only black kids rode the bus to Austin and white kids rode the bus to Hillsdale. Also, it didn't make much sense why a middle school had a plaque that said "Hillsdale High School."

It must have been Easter 1995. I went to my neighbor's house, the late-Senator Michael A. Figures. Somehow we started talking about Mobile's school system and he finally answered my childhood

naïveté questions. First of all, the plaque made a lot of sense when he said he almost graduated from Hillsdale.

He explained to me in March 1970 when Mobile finally ended segregation in the school system, the Hillsdale High students were transferred to Shaw High School, which was predominately white, and Hillsdale was turned into a middle school. And in order to desegregate the middle school, they bused white kids from other neighborhoods to Hillsdale. It was then I realized why every day for four years I remember Mr. Kelly faithfully busing about 60 black kids from Toluminville, a black neighborhood, to Providence Lane so that we could attend Austin.

I would have loved to see the expression on some of the teachers' faces the first time they saw about 60 little rowdy black kids coming to Austin. Oh, the alumni who rolled over in their graves that day!

When I was 8 years old, I never thought my attendance at Austin was the result of desegregation efforts. I enjoyed going to Austin. We were the "Think-Write School." It was there where I first developed my love for writing.

And my desegregation role didn't stop at Austin. Over the years I learned my magnet high school, LeFlore, was the result of a desegregation court case in Mobile. To make both parties happy, the city added more features and better classes at a black school in order to attract white students from other areas. It didn't necessarily work too

well at my school because my graduating class had less than 10 percent white students.

As I'm sitting here reflecting, I feel a great sense of pride and accomplishment, much the way Mr. Kelly probably felt in taking all of us to Austin. My daddy said when he was in school it was just an unwritten rule in Alabama that white and black students didn't go to school together. And less than 15 years later, there I was going to a school that my father had never even heard of because it was so exclusive.

There are still neighborhoods I won't go to at night when I'm in Mobile. I will never forget the Ku Klux Klan rally that took place the summer before I left for TCU.

But Mobile has come a long way since March 1970. We still have our share of hate crimes. During the early 1980s, Senator Figures prosecuted members of the KKK for the hanging death of a black man in Mobile who was walking home from his job at the newspaper in downtown Mobile. And there were customers this summer at the bank who talked down to me because I'm a black woman.

So, I guess there'll never be a time when I don't realize I'm black. But thanks to people like Senator Figures, Mr. Kelly and my daddy, I've never been more proud to be black.

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## People should focus on different styles, not what makes us different

Diversity? We don't need no stinking diversity.

Yet the call is out, there's nothing we can do to stop it. All across the world, a hyphenated label is becoming the trendiest of status symbols. I'm a white, heterosexual male, so that means I've got the most status. Sorry, y'all.



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What's even more sorry, though, is the fact that I don't even want to play the game. I'm winning, but everyone plays along, trying to enhance their own hyphens, content

that at least as an "interest group" they can matter.

Those on the very top, who realize they've got to make some compromises to stay there, become obligated to pay attention to whichever groups are giving them the most money in what amounts to a feudal system of political power. Cool.

Not that cool, though, let me tell you. In fact, it sucks. "Diversity" is the new rallying cry. It's time to get everyone together, and focus on just how different we really are. Well, that should solve everything. And all for only \$29.95.

The result: We live in a world where children grow up being judged by both the color of their skin and the content of their char-

acter.

How different are we? Not very, though we try to make ourselves more so every day. Everyone in the world is a human being, and really, whether you thank God or chance, we all deserve the same fundamental respect, right?

Don't believe me? Well, if you don't then you probably never will, and that's fine, but think, don't we all love music? Whether you enjoy Bach or Marilyn Manson, isn't it the same fundamental inspiration inside your brain?

There are so many things that can unify us: falling in love, eating your favorite food, the capacity to just be alive. These things are common to every person on earth, regardless of the details of whom you love, what you like to eat or

how you live your life.

I say forget Diversity, it only leads to trouble. In Wednesday's Skiff, columnist Rick Perez made a call for unity that I, for one, would like to echo. It's time to focus on the universal qualities that link us, and not by showing our differences in each other's faces.

On this campus and on many others like it, administrators are falling all over themselves trying to increase Diversity. Whoever gets the most Star-Bellied Sneetches into their institution wins.

But why? Such an intense emphasis on what makes us different is just so much huffing and puffing that will never blow the brick house of prejudice down.

We all have different styles, but

the more important thing is that we all have styles in the first place. Free expression of that which makes you an individual is a beautiful thing, but it doesn't give you, or me or anyone else the right to assume that the way they live their lives is superior to any other.

We should all be ourselves, and if we meet up with people whose styles come into conflict with ours, at least agree to disagree and respect each other's right to free expression. It doesn't mean we have to be best friends, but why hate?

In saying that, I doubt anyone would disagree. We all want harmony and a peaceful co-existence with everyone, right? But we're going about it all wrong, you see,

and there's got to be a change. If you want to gather and form specific groups based on common special interests, by all means do so, but I laugh at the idea that your group should have an agenda for dealing with the outside world. I am especially offended that your agenda should be deemed newsworthy or affect the way I want to live my life in any way.

The very idea that magnifying Diversity will break down the barriers between us all is a fallacy and ultimately an affront to logic. This game is stupid, folks, I say we all quit playing.

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## Man sentenced in hate-crime case Ringleader gets 10 years for 2000 cross burning

By Kristen Hays  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Ignoring pleas for lenience from the convicted ringleader of a June 19, 2000 cross burning at the home of a black family, a federal judge sentenced the man to 10 years in prison Monday.

Matthew Curtis Marshall, 21, was the last of five men to be sent to prison for the crime in Katy, a west Houston suburb. All pleaded guilty to violating the civil rights of Dwayne and Maria Ross and their two children.

Prior to hearing his punishment, Marshall called his act "a foolish act of vandalism" and told the Rosses

he didn't specifically target them.

"It was not personal because I did not even know your name," Marshall said as he asked for probation, boot camp or another alternative to prison. "It was not about hate, because I am not a racist."

However, U.S. District Judge David Hittner said he was not moved by letters from friends and family saying Marshall's behavior was an aberration, or defense attorney Ken Mingledorff's assertion that drugs and alcohol were to blame.

Hittner said Marshall organized the crime and provided gasoline used to ignite the cross. The judge said Mar-

shall also took a post-hole digger to place the cross in the center of the yard, but hit a root and leaned the cross on a tree abutting the Rosses' home.

Hittner cited past incidents, such when Marshall allegedly dragged a dog to death and a videotape that shows Marshall forcing a high school classmate of Indian descent to eat a feces-laced sandwich in lieu of paying a debt.

The use of slurs to describe blacks, Hispanics and Chinese-Americans by Marshall's father, Jock Marshall, during an August detention hearing also played into the stiff punishment, Hittner said.

## Answers and condolences offered USS Cole officials meet with families regarding terrorist attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Almost four months after terrorists bombed the USS Cole, Cmdr. Kirk Lippold, the Cole's captain, and Master Chief James Parlier are visiting the families of the 17 victims to offer condolences and answer questions about the attack.

Sarah Gauna, the mother of slain sailor Tim Gauna, was visited by the pair Sunday in Ennis as they tried to comfort her, console her and answer tough questions about how her son was killed.

Monday was the day Tim Gauna

was supposed to come home, but the seaman from Texas was one of the 17 sailors killed Oct. 12 when suicide bombers attacked the Cole in Yemen.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams that my son would be a hero," Sarah Gauna said in Monday's editions of *The Dallas Morning News*, as she cried and tightly clutched a photo of her son. "My son is a hero."

When the men arrived at the home of Seaman Gauna's uncle, James, Sarah Gauna kept them waiting for a few minutes before agreeing to see them. She hugged Master Chief Parlier, who had known her son on

board the ship, then moved to the commander.

Cmdr. Lippold reached out to hug her, but she hesitated. After he wrapped his arms around her, she began to cry out: "Why Tim?"

"I'm sorry," he half-whispered. Her reply, muffled in his Navy dress blues: "Are you?"

"Yes, I am," he answered.

Cmdr. Lippold, who left the meeting without comment, has been criticized by the victims' families and a Navy investigation for failing to carry out security measures before the Cole docked in Yemen, a country known for terrorist activity.

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# XTREME Skate

**"When I started (the Skateboarding Club), it was to attract a group of people I would like to be friends (with)," David Elizalde said. "It was basically for myself, to make friends. It was almost like putting out a flier, saying 'be my friend.'"**

**By Brandon Ortiz**  
SKIFF STAFF

Wanted: friends.

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If Skateboarding Club President David Elizalde, a junior graphic design major, had paid for a classified ad when starting the club, it might have gone something like that.

"When I started (the Skateboarding Club), it was to attract a group of people I would like to be friends (with)," Elizalde said. "It was basically for myself, to make friends. It was almost like putting out a flier, saying 'be my friend.'"

Elizalde formed the club in August 1999. He wasn't in any organizations, nor was he interested in joining any. All he wanted was a club for people to hangout and have a good time.

Mission accomplished, club members said.

Dustin Van Orne, a sophomore radio-TV-film and art history major, said that is exactly what the club does.

"It's basically a 'get together to have a good time' club," Van Orne said. "Not everybody skates or rollerblades."

Van Orne joined the club 1 1/2 years ago when it was being formed. Like many members in the club, Van Orne said he does not skateboard very well.

"I can maybe stand up on it and go 10 feet without falling," Van Orne said.

But skateboarding is not what the club is all about.

Josiah Miller, a sophomore philosophy and radio-TV-film major, said the club does not spend as much time skateboarding as it does hanging out.

"It is less of a skateboarding club and more of a social club," Miller said. "I have met a lot of new people through it, and the people I have met are not just acquaintances I know with the club. They have become friends I hang out with."

The club attracts a wide variety of people, members said. Chris Trombetta, a freshman nursing major, said the mix helps make the club enjoyable.

"(In the club) you can be yourself, relax and meet with a different group of people," Trombetta said. "Everybody in the club is pretty colorful — (they are a) very outgoing, crazy kind of bunch."

Trombetta said members are not like the average TCU student.

"Usually we get people that are kind of odd," Trombetta said. "They are usually people who do not exactly fit in with the rest of the people at TCU — the people with different colored hair, unnatural hair and baggy pants. People that aren't clean-cut (and) modeled after everyone else."

If members do not fit in at TCU, there is one place they said they do fit in: Ol' South Pancake House and Family Restaurant. Almost everything from official meetings to the club's Christmas formal happens at Ol' South.

"We are pretty much sponsored by Ol' South," Elizalde said. "It is kind of like a sacred place for the Skateboarding Club. Anything of great significance occurs at Ol' South."

The club meets on a semi-regular basis to eat and have coffee at Ol' South, Van Orne said. Afterward they skate for a while and hang out.

They have become regulars at the restaurant. Over the course of several meals at Ol' South, a running joke started on the hair style of some customers.

"We go there to laugh at the people with mullets," Trombetta said. "There are more mullets over there than you will ever see."

The Skateboarding Club has accrued a fascination of mullets, Van Orne said.

"We have a couple of running jokes on mullets," Van Orne said. "It is a humorous subject."

But not everyone is laughing.

"We don't make fun of the mullet," Elizalde said. "We kind of fear the mullet. We have the utmost respect for the mullet. I fear that if somebody showed up with a mullet, they might overthrow me, because they would be so powerful. That is how much we fear the mullet."

The club had its winter formal at Ol' South. Members rented out a private room to eat and dance and were asked to dress up.

"It was like a fake formal," Van Orne said. "A lot of people wore thrift clothes. A couple of people wore Dickies jump suits."

Club Secretary Bekah Branstetter, a junior mechanical engineering major, said some members went all out.

"There were people who had their shirts tucked in, which was a big deal," Branstetter said. "They had on ties that were 20 years old, belts that had spikes on it and chains. They were looking sharp. To the average onlooker, we looked like complete trash, but we were dressed up."

Even with people dressed up in leisure suits, Dickies coveralls and business suits, restaurant workers were not alarmed, said Branstetter.

"There are some weird people at Ol' South," Branstetter said. "I don't think they react at all."

Skateboard Club members are clean-cut to the restaurant's norm, Elizalde said.

"We would be lucky to be considered the norm," he said. "We are straight-laced to the people that go there."

Club members may be considered straight-laced at Ol' South, but it is the opposite on campus. Elizalde said the club is comprised of members who do not go for the clean-cut image.

"If there is a stereotype at TCU, it is almost the other side of that," he said. "Kind of like the khaki pants, frat-boy type of image. I think it attracts people who aren't attracted to that. There is not really another club like that."

The Skateboarding Club is different from most clubs, Elizalde said. Whereas most clubs have one defining feature, the Skateboarding Club is "like an organization that has no purpose."

"There are fraternities and sororities, then there are service organizations, and then all other clubs have one defining characteristic," Elizalde said. "You have to be a certain ethnicity, or you have to have one special interest. The Skateboarding Club sounds like an interest club, but the only criteria is if you want to have fun."

"You get the benefits of an organization with the luxury of limited responsibility," Elizalde said.

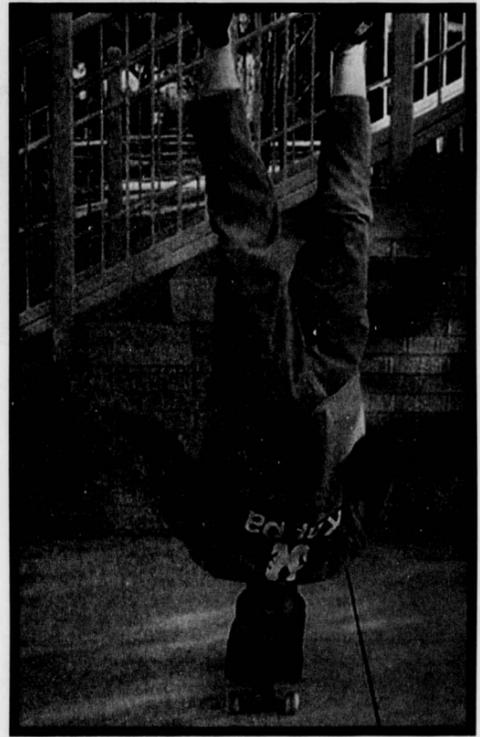
This is what gives the club its appeal, he said.

"In college everyone is wanting your time," Elizalde said. "Everyone wants you to join their club and do this and put in these hours. They ask you to be a part of things, give them your money. What is cool about this club is that there is no responsibility and no fees. If you come once, you are considered a member."

The laid-back atmosphere originates from the top.

"(The club leaders) are also procrastinators and irresponsible," Elizalde said. "Sometimes (members) don't get e-mails and sometimes there won't be meetings. People just understand and they don't care."

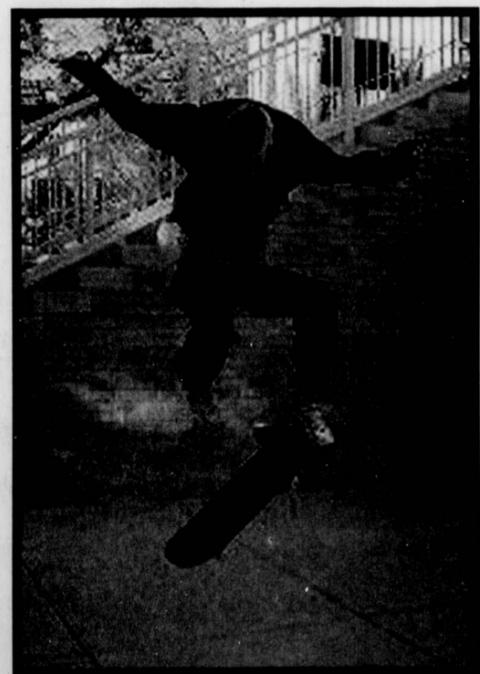
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Special to Skiff  
Chris Trombetta, president of the skateboarding club, does a handstand on his board.



Special to the Skiff  
Trombetta practices his side planche on campus.



Special to the Skiff  
Dustin Van Orne, a member of the skateboarding club does a jibbles 'n' gravy.

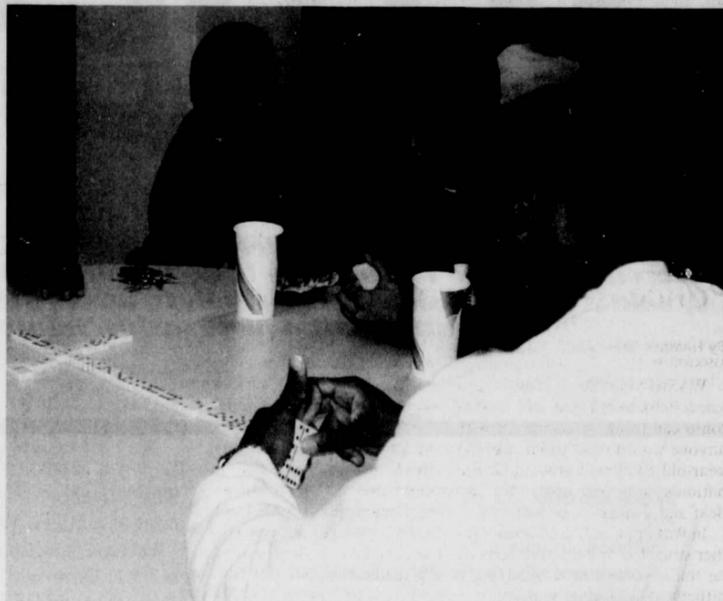


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Candice Watkins (left on couch), a senior radio-TV-film major; Kristi Veasey, a junior management major; and Brandi Odle, a junior fashion promotions major, try to guess the secret word in a game of hangman Monday night in the Student Center Lounge. The students gathered for the National Pan-Hellenic Council Mixer, part of NPHC Week celebrating Black History Month.



# MIXING UP SOME FUN



Julie Ann Matonis/STAFF REPORTER

Joseph Hill, a senior psychology major; Jonathan Savage, a senior accounting and finance major; and Darvis Patton, a senior psychology major, play a game of dominoes Monday night in the Student Center Lounge. The game was part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Mixer.

## MINISTER

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and Spirituality" and "Africans Who Shaped our Faith: A Study of 10 Biblical Personalities."

Wright spoke about waiting on the Lord, drawing from a passage in the book of John.

"Sometimes you get tired of waiting and take yourself where you aren't supposed to be," he said. "The Lord will find you."

William Carlson, a sophomore vocal performance major, said Wright was a dynamic speaker.

"Wait and your blessing will come," spoke to me," Carlson said. "I can relate that to deciding a major and picking a good career."

Kyle Herron, an associate minister at Park Hill Christian Church in Kansas City, Mo., said he came to Ministers Week to reconnect with fri," he said.

Herron said Wright's message was something he and other min-

isters needed to hear.

"He's the kind of preacher we look to hear, because it gives us encouragement and inspiration that we sometimes don't have," Herron said.

Wright will also be speaking 8 p.m. tonight and Wednesday during services at UCC.

Daryl Schmidt, chairman of the religion department, said Ministers Week is a joint project of the Brite Divinity School and the religion department, and it is open to all who wish to attend.

"(Ministers Week) serves, in part, to invite (alumni) back to campus and provide them continued education," he said. "There is no registration and students are invited to attend."

Schmidt said all students are encouraged to come hear world-class scholars speak. The week provides a chance for other ministers to come together and hear stimulating lectures, he said.

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## Ministers Week

Today

■ 9 a.m. Mark Toulouse, "Public and Christian: Iconic Context and the Cultural Displacement of Protestantism"

■ 11 a.m. Adela Yarbro Collins, "The Parabolic Discourse of Mark 4"

■ 2 to 3:30 p.m. Open House — Leibrock Village

■ 7:15 p.m. Organ Concert — Betty Boles, Organist, and University Christian Church

■ 8 p.m. Service of Worship — Wells Sermon II: Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr.

■ 9 p.m. TCU Department of Religion Reception — Religion Center cloisters

## SGA

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Grant Hewitt, Moncrief Hall representative last semester, said he could not return to his position for academic reasons, but he was not planning to return anyway. He said he feels nothing gets done in SGA to help the students.

"If you really want to help and benefit the students, student government isn't the place to do it," Hewitt said.

He said he was not sure if his feelings were similar to those of other representatives, but a lot of people he talked with were annoyed that nothing was being accomplished by student government for the students.

Render said she believes the new leadership can change that outlook this year.

"Once we get started off, I think we can really accomplish something this semester," she said.

Render said some students have expressed interest in becoming hall

representatives, and she said House will not move forward until all students have had an opportunity to show interest in the positions.

Lindsey Alexiou, a junior theater major, said the representative turnover was surprising to her, and she said she believes it will slow things down for SGA in the beginning.

"The representatives may have been active and worked hard, and now, instead of focusing on issues, they will have to take time to re-elect," she said.

Craig Davis, a freshman music education major, said he believes the change will affect the way the group functions, but he said he is not concerned.

"I think any group of people could do well in the SGA," he said.

Scott McCray, House parliamentarian, said the representative turnover rate varies from year to year.

"Turnover is a little higher this year than last," he said. "It's a little skewed, though, because many

reps moved to chair positions."

Other newly appointed positions include: Abby Crawford as House historian, and Christopher Mattingly as the dining services sub chair of the University Affairs Committee, Render said.

Crawford was appointed by Render after the previous historian, Joshua Hawkins, resigned.

Hawkins, a sophomore movement science major, said he was unable to fill the historian position because he did not make the required GPA.

Marcus Kain, University Affairs Committee chairman who appointed Mattingly, said the position was added to provide an area of focus within the committee.

Render said the first House meeting, held at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 222, will primarily involve assigning people to committees. She said a new member orientation session will follow the meeting.

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## ADMISSIONS

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has been available."

Despite these programs and other efforts, the year-to-year retention rate continues to be lower than other private institutions.

According to Institutional Research, the retention rate for freshmen returning for their second year in fall 2000 was 82 percent.

Retention rate from fall 1999 to fall 2000 for Baylor University was 86 percent, according to the

admissions department. Vanderbilt University reported about a 94 percent freshmen retention rate.

Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor and dean of campus life, said TCU is trying to improve retention rates in a variety of ways.

"Most incoming students are goal oriented and are looking for graduation," she said. "Freshmen programs help them to learn to overcome obstacles which affects retention rates."

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## Student killed at Gallaudet U.

### Police search for cause, suspects

By Heather Greenfield  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Those who knew Benjamin Varner of San Antonio can think of no reason why anyone would want to kill the 19-year-old freshman student at the nation's only university for the deaf and hearing impaired.

In Washington, D.C., Varner's father struggled to hold back tears as he told reporters he was having a difficult time dealing with the loss of his only son, who was stabbed to death in his dorm room at Gallaudet University over the weekend.

"This was a super kind, kind person," Willie Varner said. "No reason for anyone to hate him at all."

The Varners were concerned when another freshman student was killed in the same dormitory in September and talked to their son about it over the Christmas break. Police are investigating whether there is any link to the death of 19-year-old Eric F. Plunkett of Burnsville, Minn.

"Right now we don't have evidence, but we have not discounted that," District of Columbia Police Chief Charles Ramsey said. "I can understand anxiety people feel. This is the second crime in a brief period of time."

A fellow freshman originally was charged with second-degree murder in the Plunkett case, but the charges were dropped the next day. District of Columbia police said at the time that two freshmen had a fight that led to the beating death of Plunkett.

Benjamin Varner was found

stabbed to death early Saturday morning after a fire alarm went off.

Investigators are looking at electronic card key entries to Cogswell Hall Friday night and interviewing the students who lived there. They have talk to more than 100 students and plan to continue interviews today.

Ramsey said investigators also want to talk to Benjamin Varner's off-campus friends. They believe these friends could help them piece together where he went and who he was with the night of the murder. Police have set up two tip lines, including one to take calls from those with hearing impairments.

A school administrator said Cogswell Hall will remain closed for the rest of the semester. University Provost Jane H. Fernandes told reporters some students did not want to return to the dormitory and they have found alternative housing for the 150 students who lived in the building.

"We have a shared sense of fear," Fernandes said. "But students are going to class and carrying on as normal."

Security remains tight at the campus. University police checked IDs and wrote down the license plates of vehicles entering the campus. Student IDs are being checked at residence halls, and faculty and staff were patrolling the dormitories to give students an extra measure of security, university officials said.

Willie Varner said he had no regrets about sending his son to Gallaudet University.

## Bush seeks public help in tax cut plan

President said savings may hit \$1,600

By Sandra Sobieraj  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Flanked by a jumbo refund-check stage prop, President Bush asked Americans to get behind his proposed tax cuts Monday and said the reductions should be retroactive to Jan. 1 to "help get money into the people's pockets quicker."

He warned Congress and an army of lobbyists against additions, saying his plan is the right size "and I'm going to defend it mightily."

In the White House diplomatic room, the president began a drive for the upper hand Monday as he and Congress move toward formal debate over the centerpiece of his presidential campaign. He did not shy from the idea, emphasized by Democrats in what Bush decried as "class warfare," that the wealthiest Americans stand to benefit the most.

"All the income tax rates should be cut," Bush said. "Our tax code should not punish success at any stage of life."

He stood beside a jumbo check written out to "U.S. Taxpayer" in the amount of \$1,600 — the average tax cut for a family of four under his plan, according to White House estimates — and gathered around him three photogenic families who, in the bottom three tax brackets, would realize tax savings.

Asked by a reporter why no one was there representing the big winners in the top bracket, Bush laughed. "Well, I beg your pardon," he said. "I got a little pay raise coming to Washington from Austin. I'll be in the top bracket."

The former Texas governor makes \$400,000 as president under 1999 legislation that doubled the \$200,000 annual salary.

Bush has proposed lowering and simplifying federal income tax rates by 2006. Current rates are 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent. New rates would be 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent.

He would also expand child credits, ease the so-called marriage penalty and gradually re-

peal estate taxes.

Presidential appearances planned for today and Wednesday were to highlight such individual benefits plus the job-creation potential of tax cuts, before Bush submits his plan to Congress on Thursday.

Drawing battle lines, Democrats contended that Bush's proposal would disproportionately help the wealthy and, combined with his spending plans, would bring back federal deficits. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said earners making about \$300,000 would get enough of a tax break to pay for a Lexus, while people making \$50,000 a year would see only enough tax savings to buy a muffler for a used car.

Sen. Kent Conrad, a top Democrat on the budget committee said rate cuts need to be aimed more at middle- and low-income earners. "All I hear from the Bush administration about compromise is we're supposed to accept their position," Conrad said. "We're not going to do that."

Retroactivity will not be part of Bush's formal submission, aides say, but the president said Monday he will fight for it. "We look forward to working with Congress to expedite money into the pockets of the American people."

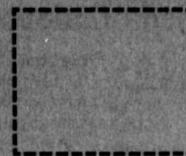
Bush played down his argument that tax cuts could stimulate a slowing economy and underscored instead their bread-and-butter appeal.

"This is real and practical help when, at this time, many Americans need it," Bush said, ticking down what \$1,600 could buy: a year's tuition at community college; gasoline for two cars for a year or, with a political eye on California's energy crisis, 24 months of electricity there.

"It's tax relief for everybody who pays taxes," Bush said. "That's what the times and basic fairness demand."

At an afternoon swearing-in ceremony, Bush left the economic gloom to his new commerce secretary. Don Evans spoke of "dark clouds" in economic indicators, saying Bush's tax plan "is timely and it is necessary."

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## E-BUSINESS

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business major, said the terms e-business and e-commerce mislead many people. E-commerce focuses on one aspect of business, the buying and selling of goods and services, while e-business incorporates many business activities, she said.

"E-business and e-commerce are not the same," Dodson said. "Technology is just one branch under e-business."

Carl Zeithaml, dean of the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, said technology is only part of the skills needed to produce business leaders.

"A good business school should prepare students for a long career in business," Zeithaml said. "The ability to use technology is an important

part of skills, but a program totally on e-commerce focuses too much."

In 1999, TCU was the first university accredited by the International Association for Management Education to offer an undergraduate degree in e-business. Other universities like Carnegie Mellon and Stanford have been developing e-commerce programs.

Wade Pantel, a junior e-business major, said he feels the classes in his major are well-rounded. Students in the e-business program are learning every aspect of Web organization from human resources to sales.

"We learn the technology like coding and programming, but we also learn the planning, execution and implementation of business strategies," Pantel said.

Doll said e-business is a tough degree that should only be offered as a major.

"I like the e-business degree but I also think you need another major to go with it," Doll said. "I think it should only be a major because I don't think you can learn enough in a minor."

Dodson said an additional major besides e-business is not a bad idea for students to consider.

"E-business paired with something else makes you more marketable and gives you more options," Dodson said.

There is room for improvement in the e-business curriculum, Doll said.

"I see it growing," Doll said. "I don't see the program dying. There's a lot of opportunity out there."

Pantel said that because technology is always moving up and down, the value of an e-business degree is not diminished.

"Professionals need to know how to deal with technology," Pantel said. "It's the wave of the future, and

the educational system is moving toward it."

Zeithaml said technology should be incorporated in the context of a business education, but he did not entirely discredit electronic degrees.

"You have to look at programs on a case-by-case basis," Zeithaml said. "Familiarity with technology is critically important and needed for success in organizations, but (it) should be part of broader courses."

And there will always be people who doubt the validity of new ideas, Doll said.

"We always get naysayers," Doll said. "It is easy to say no to a new thought or idea because then you can walk away. When you say yes, you have to do something."

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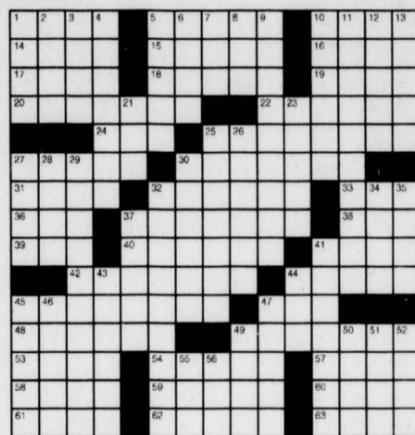
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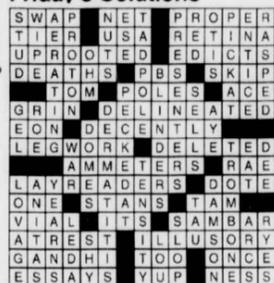
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## Women win eighth straight to tie record

By Kelly Morris  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After Friday night's game against Tulsa, the TCU women's basketball team started off February just like they did January — with a win.

With the victory, the Frogs recorded their record-tying eighth-straight win and now are off to a TCU best 15-4 start. In the seven games the Frogs played in January, they were undefeated and are currently at the top of the Western Athletic Conference with a 7-0 record.

After the Frogs missed their first nine shots of Friday's game and shot just 24.2 percent (8-of-33) in the first half, they were down 30-21 at intermission.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said the team's nine-day lay-off was one of the reasons for the sluggish start.

"As with any team who has had a long layoff, it was hard for us to get back in our offensive rhythm," Mittie said.

Despite the Frogs' 25 offensive rebounds in the game, freshman guard Ebony Shaw said they didn't make the most of their opportunities in the first half.

"We had a lot of offensive rebounds, but we weren't able to make our put backs," Shaw said. "Instead of just playing basketball, we were forcing our outside shots and looking for the refs to make the calls."

"As we got stronger in the paint, we got more wide-open shots from the outside."

The Frogs made just 5 of 18 three-point attempts (27.8 percent) in the game compared to Tulsa's 54.5 percent from behind the arc.

In the second half, the Frogs took their first lead of the game, 36-35, off two of senior guard Jill Sutton's 10 points. In the first 10 minutes of the second half, the Frogs went on a 26-10 run to further its lead to 47-40.

Tulsa regained a three-point lead with five minutes remaining in the game. Then the Frogs took the lead for the last time, scoring their final seven points of the game from the free-throw line.

The Frogs made all three of their free throws in the first half and went on to make 10 of 11 shots from the free-throw line in the second half.

Four Frogs scored in double figures. Leading the Frogs in scoring was junior forward Tricia Payne who had 18 points. Sutton along with junior forwards Janice Thomas and Kati Safaritova each scored 10 points. Thomas also grabbed 10 rebounds to claim her fifth double-double of the season.

Friday's victory snapped a three-game losing streak at Tulsa and a nine-day break since the Frogs' last game.

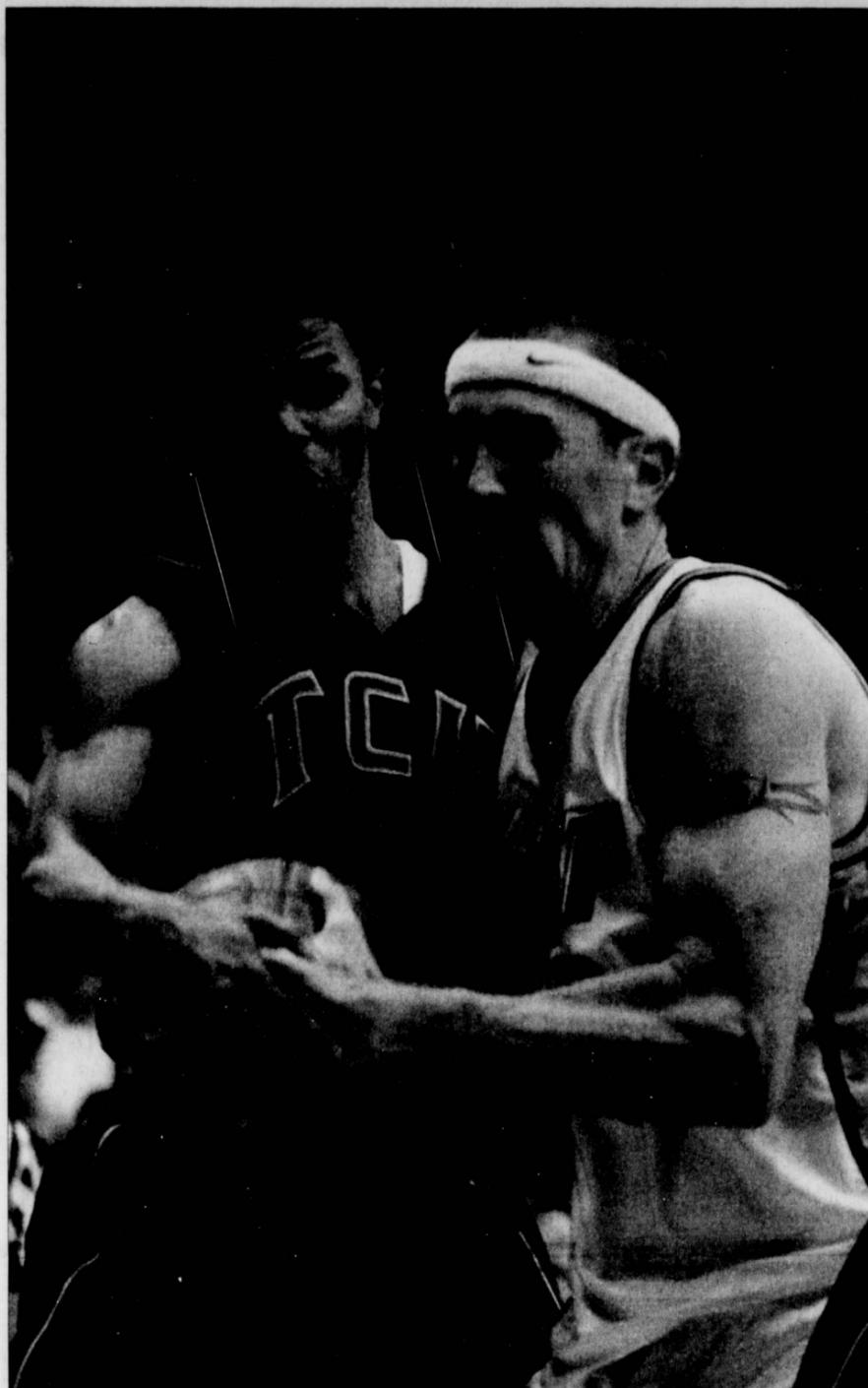
Shaw said she was excited about resuming play and ending the Frogs losing streak in Tulsa.

"Practice is good, but it was nice to get back to playing basketball and continuing the roll we've been on," Shaw said. "Because we almost lost, Friday's game really scared me, but TCU has been known to break a lot of streaks, and we weren't going to let (Friday's) game continue the losing streak we had (against) Tulsa."

The Frogs return to action at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum when they play Texas-El Paso.

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Linda Stelter, El Paso Times  
TCU senior point guard Thomas McTyer and UTEP junior forward Brian Stewart fight for possession of the ball during the Frogs' 92-89 loss to the Miners Saturday. The loss drops the Frogs into a fourth-place tie in the Western Athletic Conference.

## Missed chances give UTEP win

Loss forces Frogs to look for victory at WAC Tournament

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

Junior guard Greedy Daniels has called getting steals his "joy." However, Daniels probably did not find much joy Saturday night in El Paso.

Daniels had the ball stolen from him twice in the final 17 seconds to give Texas-El Paso a 92-89 victory. The loss drops the Frogs (16-7, 5-4 Western Athletic Conference) into a four-place tie with Tulsa in the WAC. Tulsa lost to Southern Methodist 64-59 Saturday.

Taking an in-bounds pass with 17.3 seconds left and TCU trailing 90-89, Daniels set up for the final shot. With the clock under 10, Daniels drove into the lane and watched the ball get stolen out of his hands.

Daniels protested that there was a foul on the play. "All I know is I was fouled," he said.

Tubbs was out of town Monday and unavailable for comment.

The ending seemed ironic, given the game Daniels had played. He single-handedly kept the Frogs in the contest, scoring 29 points while shooting 10-of-13 from the floor and 6-of-7 from beyond the arc.

With the Frogs trailing 63-56 and 13 minutes left, Daniels went on an 8-0 run that gave the Frogs their first lead of the game. During the run, he nailed consecutive three pointers from NBA range with defenders' hands in his face. The two teams traded baskets for the remainder of the game, with three points marking the largest lead. The Frogs had one more chance, trailing 91-89 with 4.8 seconds left. Daniels took an in-bounds pass from senior point guard Larry Allaway at midcourt. As Daniels attempted to split two defenders with a crossover dribble, UTEP's Roy Smallwood swatted the ball, and TCU's chances, from Daniels' hands. TCU had other missed chances as well. Senior forward Ryan Carroll, TCU's leading scorer and three-point shooter, missed twice on wide-open threes that would have given the Frogs the lead. With the game tied at 89 and 1:09 to play, Carroll took a swing pass from Daniels and stood alone at the three-point arc. His shot did not even draw iron.

After the free throw by UTEP's Brandon Wolfram, Carroll would have another chance. With 20 seconds remaining, he had another open look at a three pointer. But again, his shot did not find the bottom of the net.

UTEP's Brian Stewart scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Miners.

Though seven games remain on the WAC schedule, the UTEP loss may force TCU to look at the WAC Tournament, which will be held March 6 to 10 at the Reynolds Center in Tulsa, as its only chance at an NCAA Tournament berth. The WAC champion will receive an automatic NCAA bid.

Tubbs said last week the Frogs would need to win the remainder of their games "for me to feel good about (getting a bid to the NCAA Tournament)."

The Frogs will have a chance to avenge a 73-66 loss Saturday when they play against Rice in Houston.

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## Frogs win one of three at Astros Classic

By Brandon Ortiz  
SKIFF STAFF

Five games into the season, head coach Lance Brown's new small-ball philosophy is starting to work.

Sort of.

With the bases loaded and the score tied in the seventh inning of Sunday's game against Texas, Brown called for a suicide squeeze off Longhorn lefty Justin Simmons. Junior first baseman Justin Crowder laid a bunt down the third base line, scoring senior outfielder Tom Bates giving the Frogs a 2-1 win.

The win kept the Frogs from being swept in the Astros College Baseball Classic at Enron Field in Houston.

Junior shortstop Erick Macha said the bunt surprised him.

"Crowder (laid down) a perfect bunt," Macha said. "Texas did not ex-

pect it. (The play was a) surprise to me, but it worked well."

Sunday's upset of preseason No. 20 Texas aside, the Frogs' new emphasis on small ball was never really put to the test. The Frogs (3-2) were outscored 18 to 10 for the weekend.

In a season where Brown is placing more emphasis on pitching and defense than in the past, the Frogs made four errors and allowed five unearned runs in three games.

"We had one good game, one average game and one bad game," Brown said about the defense.

The one good game Brown referred to was Sunday.

Durham pitched the first five innings against Texas, struggling with control from time to time but allowing only one run off two hits. He got into trou-

ble early, loading the bases by hitting three Longhorn batters. Freshman reliever Clayton Jerome pitched four shutout innings of relief, allowing just two hits and striking out three, to pick up his first career win.

The Frogs had no errors and allowed only four hits.

"We have got to keep the level of defense at that level for the rest of the year," Durham said. "(The defense) saved me in a lot of situations."

The Frogs lost the first two games of the tournament against Texas Tech and Baylor, 5-4 and 12-4.

The Frogs led the Red Raiders through five innings Friday, when freshman reliever Clint Mokry allowed a two-run home run to put the Red Raiders ahead 4-3.

Chris Bradshaw allowed only two

runs in five innings and struck out seven in his second start of the season Friday.

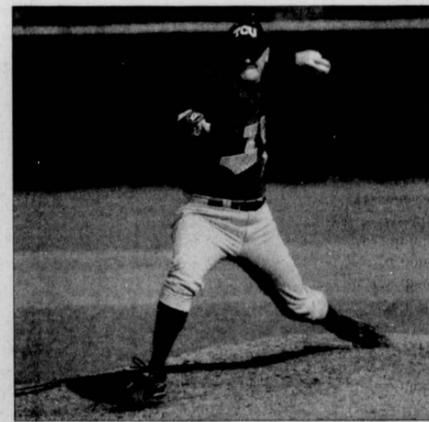
Saturday, Baylor jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on two hits and a Walter Olmstead error at first base. Olmstead recovered from the error and went on to be selected to the all-tournament team. Olmstead batted .417 with three doubles and a home run in three games.

Senior pitcher David Tombrella and Crowder allowed 12 runs (four unearned) in seven innings on 16 hits. The Frogs' defense had three errors in the loss.

The Frogs return to action at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday at the TCU Diamond.

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Junior Justin Crowder pitches in the season-opening doubleheader Jan. 30 against Prairie View A&M. Crowder laid down the game-winning bunt against Texas in the Frogs' third game of the Astros College Baseball Classic at Enron Field in Houston.

### WEEKEND BRIEFS

#### Track team dominates in Houston

The TCU track team recorded three NCAA automatic qualifying marks, four NCAA provisional times and five school records at the Cougar Indoor Classic Saturday in Houston.

Senior Darvis Patton won two events and set two records at the meet. Patton won the 200-meter dash in a meet record, 21.11 seconds, and set a new TCU record with a first-place long jump of 25-9 1/4 inches. Patton also logged a provisional NCAA qualifying time of 6.67 seconds in the 60-meter dash.

Patton finished behind senior Kim Collins, who set a facility and meet record, winning the 60-meter dash in an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 6.61 seconds.



Patton

#### Junior Eliud Njubi also recorded a facility, meet and TCU record with an NCAA provisional time of 4:01.90 in the mile run.

Sophomore Monica Twum became the first TCU female athlete of the season to record an NCAA provisional mark when she captured first place in the 60-meter dash with a school record time of 7.42 seconds.

The Frogs won the men's division, while the women's team placed fifth.

#### Women's tennis falls to Baylor

The TCU women's tennis team lost its first match of the spring season against Baylor Monday at the Marrs McLean Tennis Courts in Waco.

Baylor (4-0) nearly shut out No. 29-ranked TCU by sweeping the doubles sets and winning five of six singles matches. Baylor clinched the match when No. 41-ranked Vida Mulec defeated No. 84-ranked freshman Paty Aburto, 7-5, 6-3. Aburto went 8-1 during the fall tournament schedule.

The Frogs only win came when fresh-

man Saber Pierce defeated Karin Andersson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

#### Women swimmers finish with win

The TCU women's swimming and diving team concluded its regular season defeating North Texas, 145-77 Saturday at the Rickel Building.

The Frogs won every event of the competition and finished with top times in three exhibition events.

Seniors Diane Drake, Bridget Nelson, Sarah Shepard and Heather Vance swam in their final home meet and combined for a second-place finish in the 400-medley relay with a time of 4:09.33. The seniors finished just behind sophomores Kate Swearingen, Melissa Powell, Kim Miller and Andrea Stevens who won the event with a time of 4:03.41.

Nelson had two other second-place finishes in the 200 IM and 800-freestyle relay. Shepard finished second in the 200 butterfly and recorded a top time in the 100 breaststroke, although she swam exhibition in the event.

## Police officer withdraws charge filed against Cowboy

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHEELING, W.Va. — A misdemeanor charge of assaulting a police officer filed last year against Dallas Cowboys receiver Joey Galloway was dropped Monday after the officer withdrew her complaint.

Wheeling police Pfc. Patricia Bonney withdrew her complaint and no further charges were expected against Galloway, said a statement released by lawyers representing Bonney and Galloway.

The charge stemmed from a May 14 party Galloway threw in a Wheeling hotel to celebrate his \$42 million contract with the Cowboys. Galloway is a native of Bellaire, Ohio. The party, with some 200 guests, disintegrated

into a brawl that ultimately involved more than 100 people.

The charge was not filed until September.

The statement, released Monday by the Ohio County prosecutor's office, said neither Galloway or Bonney would make any further comment about the case.

"Officer Bonney indicated that the charges were withdrawn due to further investigation in the matter and with the help of Joey Galloway's attorney, she was able to determine that the charges against Mr. Galloway should be dismissed," the statement said.

Galloway's lawyer, David Jividen, "indicated that his client authorized him to fully cooperate with the authorities and as result

of the joint cooperation it became clear that the charges should be dismissed."

In her complaint, Bonney said she arrived at the Wheeling hotel to respond to complaints about the fight and was immediately confronted by Galloway, who "came towards me in a rage" and threatened her and her family.

Bystanders stopped Galloway "approximately five feet from me," Bonney said, but Galloway continued "threatening me the entire time."

#### Galloway file

- Born: Nov. 20, 1971
- College: Ohio State University
- NFL Experience: Six years
- Number: 84
- Position: Wide receiver