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**Staff Assembly approves salary increase request**

Parking problems, update of Alliance also discussed at meeting



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Jean Andrus, chairwoman of the Staff Assembly, presents information at Tuesday night's Staff Assembly meeting about salary distribution.

By Jilianne Johnson  
STAFF REPORTER

Staff Assembly members unanimously approved a letter requesting a salary increase at their meeting Tuesday.

The letter will be sent to Chancellor Michael Ferrari.

Jean Andrus, chairwoman of the Staff Assembly, said staff representatives would like the increase to be considered in the planning of the 2002 budget. No specific amounts were proposed in the letter, but staff members said they want the chancellor to recognize salaries as a university priority.

Andrus said current staff salaries are

far below market value, which is impacting the kinds and the amount of staff the university can attract.

"People just cannot afford to come here (to work) because of the salary," she said.

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, is responsible for preparing a budget by the end of February for fiscal year 2002, which runs from June 1, 2001, to May 31, 2002. She said the budget, which includes about \$3.5 million more in requests than expected revenues, must be balanced by the end of February.

Andrus said increases in the minimum

pay rate last year brought only hourly entry-level rates to market value. However, this increase created a compression of salary between existing staff and new hires, she said. A salary compression occurs when staff who have been here four or five years are making equal to or less than staff who are new hires.

In a survey conducted by the Staff Assembly members, 62 percent of the members who responded felt the salary increases should focus on the issue of compression.

"The key is balancing (the budget) between needs," Campbell said. "Needs are real, (and) compression is real."

Salary increases are one of three priorities the Staff Assembly set in September for 2000-2001. They are also working on benefits initiatives, including a 1 percent raise in retirement benefits annually for the next three years for non-exempt staff. The Staff Assembly will continue to work on parking issues.

Nancy Grieser, chairwoman of the parking committee and coordinator of housing assignments, said the University Parking and Regulations Committee has decided that beginning in fall 2001 freshmen will no longer be able to park on

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**Mission Impossible**



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Army ROTC members practice their leadership and squad tactics last week at the Intramural Fields. The training prepares the students for advanced camp.

**Students' cars safe in parking lots, police say**

Possessions in vehicles can be protected if precautions taken

By Ram Luthra  
STAFF REPORTER

After four cars were broken into within two weeks, police are concerned about recent vehicle break-ins near TCU, said J.C. Williams, assistant chief of TCU Police.

"One of our main priorities is to protect students' possessions from being stolen," Williams said. "This is a major problem, and we are addressing it every way we can."

Williams said students frequently leave phones, pagers, backpacks, wallets and purses in places where they can be seen easily.

"Students are always told to keep possessions in their trunks or in secured places," Williams said. "Burglars are very selective in the things they steal. They have a keen eye to get the valuable items."

Williams said the police department is doing a good job protecting cars on campus parking lots. He said officers are encouraged to watch for suspicious people around campus parking lots, especially near West Berry Street.

Ross Dix, a freshman pre-major, said TCU Police is not doing enough to keep students' cars safe.

"I think they can do a better job patrolling the campus at night," he said. "They should realize that we have expensive cars

and valuables. If the police were doing a good job, then students would not have to worry about their cars getting broken into."

TCU Police officer Pam Christian, who works with the crime prevention division, said she urges students to buy deterrent devices such as The Club and The Sleeve.

"These devices are really effective," Christian said. "They won't prevent your car from being broken into, but it does decrease the likelihood of burglaries. The more deterrents you have, the less likely people want to mess with it."

Christian said car alarms are becoming less useful because people do not pay much attention when they go off.

"Car alarms are having a (lesser) impact, but if cars are installed with kill switches, then they are much safer," Christian said.

A kill switch causes a car to shut down if someone tries to break into it.

The freshman parking lot by Amon Carter Stadium is the only lot that has surveillance cameras, Williams said.

"The freshman parking lot is the safest one on campus," Williams said. "It has the cameras monitoring it, but most importantly, there is only one way to enter and exit."

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**Web cam put atop Sid Richardson**

Students able to watch construction of Tucker Tech over the Internet

By Melissa Christensen  
STAFF REPORTER

The world is watching TCU take shape through the use of a real-time Web camera overlooking the construction of the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center.

Mounted atop a storage building on the roof of the Sid W. Richardson Building, the camera can be controlled by individual visitors at the camera's Web site (<http://tuckercam.tcu.edu>). A visitor can zoom, pan and tilt the camera, taking in scenes as close as the Tucker construction site and as far as Fort Worth's downtown skyline.

A new visitor to the site gains control of the camera in about one minute. Only one person may control the camera at a time, but archived video is accessible at any time.

Victor Neil, director of new media, said the camera was included as part of the online management process of Austin Commercial, the Dallas-based construction firm building the technology center.

He said although Austin Commercial does not require the camera to remain over the construction site, the university plans to keep the camera in place for the duration of the construction process. He said it may be moved to oversee the Rickel Building renovations or be placed in the Student Center once the technology center is complete.

"We want to put it somewhere that has a lot of activity," Neil said.

Willet Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for Plant Management, said a similar camera may be purchased for the Rickel site in May because the two construction projects will overlap.

Doug Thomas, a project engineer with Austin Commercial, said a Web camera is mostly used on the company's high-profile projects, including the American Airlines expansion into Terminal D at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and the Dallas Arena, which will house the Dallas Stars and the Dallas Mavericks sports teams.

Thomas said the Web camera is worth between \$3,500 and \$4,000 and is maintained through the client's local area network.

Mike McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, said the camera will assist in recruiting students.

"We will certainly call the (Web) site to the attention of prospective students, particularly those who may be interested in mathematics, engineering and computer science," he said. "As the building takes shape, having the site available for viewing will enable us to provide a more tangible representation of the type of facilities that will be available to them."

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"People would say stuff like 'I've been clean a week,' and the room would cheer for them."

**DAILY BREAD**

Agape Meal takes unconventional route to feed homeless, low-income residents

By Bethany McCormack  
STAFF REPORTER

The group of volunteers is as diverse as the people they serve. College students, senior citizens, adults and children — all ages and races come together at Broadway Baptist Church to serve a meal and join in fellowship with homeless and low-income neighborhood residents.

For the past five years, Broadway has hosted Agape Meal, a family-style dinner Thursday nights where church members and volunteers eat with guests while building valuable relationships, said Scott Waller, director of community ministries at Broadway.

Billy Prewitt, a junior finance major, served as a table host twice and said he was surprised by how easy it was to talk with the guests, who were aware of current events, politics and sports.

Prewitt said the worship service

and sharing of prayer requests following the meal really impressed him.

"The stuff they praise God for is stuff we wouldn't even think about," he said. "People would say stuff like 'I've been clean a week,' and the room would cheer for them."

Agape Meal is different from a soup kitchen where people stay to themselves, eating off paper plates with plastic utensils, Waller said. Rather than focusing on feeding as many mouths as possible, Waller said, Agape Meal tries to provide an evening of dignity and respect for people who are often looked down upon or ignored.

"We want to make this (meal) as personable, warm and welcoming as possible," he said. "Once a week, these people are treated with sincere hospitality."

The room is filled with round tables

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Laura McFarland/SKIFF STAFF

Abigail Manuel, a freshman premajor, equips her car with The Club on Tuesday. TCU Police recommends that students use security measures like this on their cars to help deter would-be criminal activity.

**TODAY**  
"Relationships 101" Panel Discussion  
**Noon Student Center Lounge**

**TODAY IN HISTORY**  
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Library Database Training sessions will be 2 to 3 p.m. today in the Mary Coats Burnett Library. For more information call (817) 257-7117.

Internships Credit Information sessions for business students will be at 5 p.m. today, 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.

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, drama and essays. The deadline is Feb. 16.

The TCU art and art history department and the Nancy Quarles Stuck Art History Lecture Fund will present a free lecture at noon Feb. 19 in the Moudy Building North, Room 132. The lecture, titled "Rembrandt and the Jews," will be given by Shelley Perlove, professor of art history at the University of Michigan at Dearborn. For more information contact the art department at (817) 257-7643.

"Experience India," a charity luncheon benefiting the victims of the recent earthquakes in India, will be noon to 3 p.m. March 3 in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults. TCU student meal cards are accepted. Visit (stuwwww.tcu.edu/~mssingh/saica.htm) for more information or call Tahira Hussain at (817) 257-4949.

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**WORLD DIGEST**



**Marine in Okinawa allegedly insults officials**

TOKYO—The top Marine in Japan apologized on Tuesday for an e-mail in which he allegedly called government officials on the island of Okinawa "a bunch of wimps."

News of the errant e-mail emerged in Tuesday morning's edition of the Ryukyu Shimpo newspaper, the largest circulation daily in Okinawa. The newspaper said Lt. Gen. Earl Hailston sent the e-mail on Jan. 23 to his staff, and called the officials "nuts and a bunch of wimps."

Hailston was reportedly reacting to Okinawan leaders' handling of a recent political uproar over crimes allegedly committed by Marines on the island.

Capt. Tanya Murnock, a spokeswoman for the Marines on Okinawa, refused to confirm the wording in the e-mail, saying it was meant to be read only by Hailston's staff.

But government spokesman Kiyoshi Yamazato said Hailston called on Gov. Keiichi Inamine confirming the contents and apologizing.

Hailston, in a statement, said he has only respect and admiration for local officials.

"If my remarks in the e-mail are construed as suggesting anything else, then I am deeply sorry and apologize for the misunderstanding," he said. Inamine told reporters he realized the e-mail was supposed to remain private. "Nonetheless, I personally find it very disconcerting," he said.

Japan's defense minister, Toshitsugu Saito, also said he found the e-mail "regrettable."

Under a mutual security treaty between Japan and the United States, about 47,000 U.S. military service people are stationed in Japan. Nearly two-thirds of them are on Okinawa, which is 1,000 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Relations between the Japanese government and the U.S. military on Okinawa are often tense.

A recent string of crimes involving U.S. troops prompted Okinawa legislators last month to adopt a resolution asking the United States to cut its military presence on the islands and to do more to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

Murnock said she didn't know how the e-mail ended up in the hands of newspaper reporters.

**Ethnic Albanian militants attack government**

VРАНJE, Yugoslavia — Ethnic Albanian militants fired mortar shells and small arms in an hour long attack against government positions in southern Serbia just outside Kosovo, a top official and witnesses said Tuesday.

The overnight attack, the

heaviest in months, began "from trenches and other rebel positions with mortar and heavy artillery fire," said Rasim Ljajic, minister for ethnic minorities in Serbia's government.

"We think that the attack was a response to our recently announced plan for a political solution of the crisis," Ljajic said. "The militants do not want negotiations, they want to draw us into a complete armed confrontation."

He said the government "will not fall into that trap."

Ljajic said the attack targeted Serbian police and positions of the federal Yugoslav army.

There were no casualties on the government side, which "responded to the hostile fire," Ljajic said by telephone from the nearby government-controlled town of Bujanovac. The town is about 180 miles southeast of Belgrade.

Serbia is Yugoslavia's dominant republic, while Kosovo is a southern Serbian province administered by NATO-led troops and the United Nations.

Troops loyal to former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic withdrew in mid-1999 in exchange for an end to NATO bombing. NATO had launched attacks to force an end to a Serbian crackdown on ethnic Albanians seeking independence for Kosovo.

The border area adjacent to Kosovo is also home to a sizable and restive ethnic Albanian population, and rebels hope to link the area to Kosovo as part of their independence plans.

The attack was launched from the village of Lucani in the buffer zone separating Serbia from the Kosovo province run by NATO and the United Nations.

Much of the 3-mile-wide buffer zone has been under control of separatist extremists.

**Sharon wins Israeli election, vows to stop violence**

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon, pledging to halt months of violence and take a tough line with the Palestinians, appeared set to score a sweeping victory in Tuesday's election against Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who staked his job to a peace treaty he has been unable to deliver.

Sharon, 72, was widely regarded as too old and scarred by controversy to win election just a few months ago. Yet his reputation as Israel's leading security hawk propelled him to a lead of nearly 20 percentage points in the final opinion polls before an election viewed as a referendum on how Israel should deal with its Palestinian neighbors.

Israelis headed to the polls Tuesday morning amid more news of the turmoil that has engulfed the country since last September.

Barak has warned that Sharon could plunge Israel into war with the Palestinians or neighboring Arab states.

"The choice is very clear between the extremist, no limits, no borders policy of Mr. Sharon, and our policies which, despite all the difficulties, are determined to reach peace," Barak said Tuesday morning. "We are closer than ever in the history of the conflict to reaching an agreement."

But many of Barak's former supporters have expressed deep disillusionment with his inability to quell the fighting and his failure to clinch a peace agreement despite offering concessions that many Israelis view as excessive.

Polls opened at 7 a.m. Tuesday and close at 10 p.m., when both major TV stations planned to announce projected results based on exit polls.

Jerusalem travel agent Anat Azoulay, 27, said she would not vote. "Barak is not good. We are not in a safe situation. Every day someone is killed," Azoulay said, adding: "Sharon, he will make war again."

Her friend, Liat Sherf, 25, an Israeli living in a Jewish neighborhood in traditionally Arab east Jerusalem, said she fears Barak will give part of the city to the Palestinians. Sharon "can save what is left. Jerusalem will not be separated," Sherf said.

For the first time in Israel's history, voters were choosing only a prime minister. No parliamentary seats were at stake, and the winner in Tuesday's ballot will inherit the same unruly legislature that has bedeviled Barak.

Sharon would be Israel's fifth prime minister in just over five years, and many analysts say it will be difficult, if not impossible, for him to form a stable government.

Sharon says he wants a broad-based coalition that could include Barak's Labor Party. It's not clear if the two parties would be willing or able to work together, although senior Labor figure Shimon Peres said they should consider joining forces if Sharon proves open to compromise with the Palestinians.

Sharon, pledging security first and peace talks only after calm is restored, has strongly opposed Barak's offers to the Palestinians, including a state in almost all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and parts of Jerusalem.

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## WATCHING OUT

### Camera could be used for security

For those of you who are actually wondering what the construction is accomplishing behind the Mary Coats Burnett Library, you can now go to (<http://tuckercam.tcu.edu>) and watch the action live.

Austin Commercial, the Dallas-based construction company in charge of building the new William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center, has put a camera on top of the Sid W. Richardson Building to oversee the construction process.

What a brilliant idea.

Not only does it allow the construction company to keep tabs on its workers, but it also allows the TCU community to see what is being accomplished daily to improve the university.

After the construction is complete, TCU will be allowed to keep the camera and use it on other construction projects or instead use it to keep tabs on students in the Student Center.

The possibilities for the camera are unlimited.

TCU officials have said there is a possibility that a second camera may be bought to use elsewhere on campus.

What another brilliant idea.

Mike McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, said the camera could be beneficial in attracting new students to TCU by showing parents of prospective students how TCU is trying to combat the recent criminal activity on campus.

Willett Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for Plant Management, said the cameras could provide additional security for the campus with real-time activity. So if the cameras were to be put at different places around campus or maybe even placed in the parking lots, less might be stolen.

Just think, maybe this new, fascinating piece of technology will not only aid TCU Police in protecting the student body, but maybe it will also help the university leap into the 21st century.

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## Whine not, stop complaining

Returning from London this semester, I have tried to put my ear to the well-watered ground



around campus and listen for new signs of discontent. Being gone so long changes people but not things. I believe I can offer a few solutions to the problems that still plague the campus, the same problems I shouted about last year when I didn't know any better. Perhaps I can preach my ideas one last time before I give it all together.

First, I have heard again a rumbling discontent concerning the levels of apathy on campus. And even though I don't care, I offer the solution of creating a new administrative position in Sadler Hall. Something like the Provost of Apathy or the Chancellor of Nothing. This person's job would be specifically to yell at people in the Reed-Sadler Mall area as if it were an episode of "Jenny Jones." You know the kind, where the delinquent children are sent to fake boot camps and yelled at long enough to film a two-minute clip and then sent back to their dysfunctional homes.

Perhaps we are no better than these sniffing 9-year-olds. Perhaps we do need to be told to get off our butts. On second consideration, I thought I left home so I wouldn't have to be told how lazy I am and that watching the "Crocodile Hunter" and taping every episode of "Undressed" is

not the best way to spend time. It's college. I should be able to waste as much time as I want.

Second, while away I found myself reading the Skiff online (for God knows why) and seeing that people were still concerned about issues of diversity. So in the spirit of inclusion, I suggest it be required for entering freshman to watch the cinematic masterpiece "Soul Man." If you haven't seen it, it's about a white boy who takes tanning pills in order to get a scholarship to Harvard Law as a black man. It stars C. Thomas Howell and would be a great learning tool for everyone. Or of course we could try to get a hold of our own tanning pills, all turn the same color and march down to admissions and demand that they decide who is going to apply to TCU. Or maybe we could just try talking to each other. Now that's a modest proposal.

Third, I believe that everyone should follow my example in order to solve the problem of parking. Don't

own a car. This one would definitely work. Of course someone might have to walk across the street from Reed Hall to the Moudy Building, but it's a small price to pay. Besides, there are plenty of things to do around TCU without having to own a car. Let's see, there is a library and some buildings where I hear people take these things called classes. Oh yeah, I almost forgot, we even have this place called the Rickel Building where people can lift these things called weights. I hear they're supposed to make you more attractive. Anyway, there are other things too, like the cultural Mecca of Berry Street, bustling with cafes, pawn shops and empty office buildings great for throwing rocks at, and all of this is within walking distance of campus.

Fourth, I have heard complaints again about the food in The Main.



What about the seemingly endless supply of onion rings for sale at all hours of the day. Doesn't that count for something? I'll tell you youngsters that when I was a freshman we didn't have copious amounts of onion rings and when we did, everyone would line up at noon, so that no one could move or get other food and just wait for the fried delicacies to be made. So remember you're lucky, Punks!

Of course, if rings or endless amounts of chicken or pasta dishes aren't your thing, I suggest we order up some of those gum meals. You know the kind that Willy Wonka invented. The seven course meal in one stick of gum. Genius! And low calorie for you skinny types.

Fifth, and I promise this is the last one. If anyone is feeling alienated about not being Greek, never fear. I have decided to start my own Greek organization and everyone can belong to it. We will listen to Yanni records all night, eat falafels and try to grow massive amounts of chest hair (optional for women). And if you still don't want to be Greek, you could always start Roman organizations. Stealing gods and taking over "unconquered land" in Worth Hills. Roman pigs!

That's it for me. I'm tired of thinking about all these issues. I have class and work and the new season of "Undressed" is starting soon. I suggest for posterity we all think about different things for a while, sit back and remember that the 'C' in TCU stands for "Can't go a day without complaining," and that is why we're all here.

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## Flat rate fails to consider all students

As well-intentioned as the idea may be, a flat-rate tuition plan like the one Chancellor Michael Ferrari is pushing may do more harm than good.



According to a Jan. 24 Skiff article, the flat rate would reflect the price of taking 15 hours a semester. That means students will pay for 15 hours if they are taking between 12 and 18 hours. The idea is that students would have an extra incentive to take 18 hours a semester, thus graduating on time and improving the university's poor four-year graduation rate.

The benefits end there. Students who work full time, are involved in many organizations or have internships (or all of the above) may not be able to take advantage of a flat-rate tuition.

Students are told at Frog Camp to "Get involved, get involved and get involved." Excellent advice. Campus clubs and organizations build friendships, character, leadership and memories. They are an essential part of the college experience. The drawback is that these activities are time consuming.

Many students who are involved in several extra-curricular activities don't have time to take 18 hours a semester. Some don't have time take 15. Encouraging a student to take 18 hours a semester is also asking to take time away from extra-curricular

activities. Students can learn just as much, if not more, from such activities as they can in the classroom.

Surely the university doesn't want to take away from that.

Certain students shouldn't be encouraged to take 18 hours anyway. Incoming freshmen who are living on their own for the first time or are learning how to study shouldn't take 18 hours. Many should only take 12. I have had a difficult time adjusting to college life taking 15 hours. I can't imagine how hard it would be taking 18 hours.

Pushing students who have not learned good study habits is a recipe for disaster. It can cause burnout and stress, and some students could drop out.

Overcrowding could be another problem. The university boasts about its small class sizes. Asking students to take more hours would increase class size unless more classes become available. According to the article, if a large number of students take advantage of the flat rate, instructional costs could rise.

But the plan's ultimate fault is that it is unfair.

Many students who work full time or have internships don't even have time to take 15 hours. That means their tuition as a result would be increased by this plan. Non-traditional students who are work full time, support a family and try to make ends meet are not going to want to pay for the added cost. These students may be few in number, but they are a part of this campus just like everyone else. The university should not

implement a rate that would price these students out.

We should not ask working students to subsidize the cost of a few students' tuition so they can graduate in four years. It's not right.

The reality is there are some students who will never be able to graduate in four years. Some students are heavily involved in extra-curricular activities, and others work 40 hours a week. The proposed flat-rate tuition plan does not address the needs of these students.

Ferrari should be commended for taking the initiative to try to improve the current four-year graduation rate. It will increase our ranking among other colleges, making our degrees sparkle a little bit more. But the university should look at better ways to get students to graduate on time.

The university should encourage students to take the conventional route to graduating in four years: summer school. This summer I will take my classes at Tarrant County College. I would love to take summer school here, but it wouldn't make sense economically. I can easily go to TCC for much less.

By reducing summer tuition sharply, the university could create a

major incentive for students to take summer classes. Not only that, they could make a buck off it. A lot of students do not go to summer school because they can't afford it. Some students, like myself, will go to a junior college for summer classes. The money we are spending there could be coming into TCU.

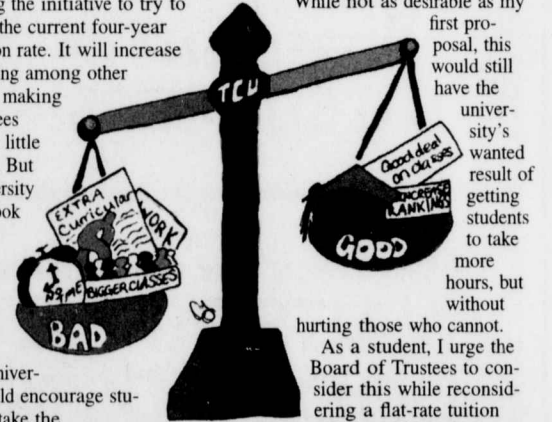
Another route would be reduce the cost of tuition after so many hours. How about giving students a sizable discount after 15 hours?

The sales pitch could be, "Take 15 hours, get half off!"

While not as desirable as my first proposal, this would still have the university's wanted result of getting students to take more hours, but without hurting those who cannot.

As a student, I urge the Board of Trustees to consider this while reconsidering a flat-rate tuition scheme. Although my proposals could mean less funding available to the university, sacrifices are going to have to be made if TCU wants to get serious about tackling this problem in a fair way.

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## Students spend too much time in cyberspace instead of reality

We need to have a serious discussion about AOL Instant Messenger. The other day somebody named Cooliodog881 started talking to me while I was online. This was a problem because, first, as a general rule I don't talk to people referring to themselves as "dog," and second, because he was using phrases like "brb," "lol," "tyl" and "jk."

In my opinion, if one-syllable words are too complicated for you to type, then you need to stop IMing and concentrate on more important skills — like shoe-tying and swallowing. And if you are one of the few people who IMs more than you talk to people, then you need to stop and examine your life, and question whether or not you have a problem

(hint: if you IM your roommate across the room, then you need to buy a Rubik's cube and lock yourself in a bathroom stall).

People who use IM are separated into three primary groups: People with too many friends, people with no friends, big fat hairy guys over 50 who claim to be cute little girls named Suzy.

Actually, the people with too many friends don't have nearly as many friends as they think. As a matter of fact, they don't have any friends. There's a simple equation that demonstrates this principle: the number of people in your buddy list = the number of friends you don't have. The thing is, they don't realize that when they IM somebody, and that person

writes back and says, "I'm sorry, I can't talk now, the cat is on fire," what that person is really trying to say is "Leave me alone, because I hate you." However, nobody ever catches on to those subtle hints (trust me, this one guy reported me to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals because my cat was so prone to spontaneous combustion when he IM'd me).

Of course, people with no friends are even worse, because they are even more desperate to talk to somebody. I'm sure this has happened to you: you're online watching a hilarious video of a wombat mauling a tourist, when all of a sudden you get an IM from somebody saying, "I read your profile, and I also live in

Boston." Of course, in reality this person lives nowhere near Boston, let alone North America (and in all honesty, you'd be lucky if the person isn't presently residing in an institution with the words "correctional facility" in the title). I got so sick of random people trying to talk to me that I changed my profile information to stuff I thought nobody would ever be interested in.

For example: Name: maybe; age: donkey; location: shaft

Interests: drinking ketchup, looking at a wall, alphabet

Sadly, even more random people began IMing me, which is really scary because I never want to meet someone who is interested in drinking ketchup (And if I really wanted to, I'd

just go hang out at Emerson).

However, if IM is a disease, then those little smiley faces made out of colons are horrible-monkey-spread-ear-bleeding epidemics. Nobody really talks to me online; they just send me a stream of faces that are supposed to represent their response.

Somebody had to come up with these things, which makes me think to myself, "I sure would like to meet that person; then shove his beloved colon key right up his cyber geek nose."

I've been laboring intensely for months now trying to develop a little face that is giving the finger, but sadly my efforts have been in vain. My attempts at a little barfing face have also come up short.

Then again, there are more impor-

tant things to worry about when IMing. Has this happened to you: It's vacation and you are IMing with a buddy from school, and you say something like, "Wow, that drunken orgy last semester sure was great, wasn't it?" Then, it turns out that he was on a computer at his church, and his priest is condemning him to hell, when in reality that moron who started making the smiley faces ought to be going there.

If that hasn't happened to you yet, then watch out. Also, watch out for people named "dog."

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## AGAPE

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draped with white tablecloths, set with eight place settings and topped with vases of flowers. As the guests and volunteers talk and eat, a man plays piano softly in the background.

Waller said each week, Agape Meal relies on the help of 40 to 60 volunteers, who are Broadway members, groups from other churches and often groups of TCU students. Volunteers either serve the food or work as table hosts, who eat and talk with the guests.

The meal was inspired by a similar program at Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C., Waller said. The first Agape Meal served 30 to 40 people and now serves anywhere

from 170 to 220 people each week, he said.

Waller said an optional worship service follows the meal, and it provides an opportunity for the guests to worship in a relaxed environment, since many of them would feel out of place in a formal Sunday church service.

Waller said it is easy for people to dismiss the problem of homelessness if they do not have a personal experience with it, but volunteers at Agape Meal become aware of what it means to be poor.

"The volunteers become sensitized to the problem and that empathy becomes a trigger for action," he said.

Grete Brown, a sophomore psychology major, served as a table host last semester when she volunteered with a group of students from Baptist Student Ministries.

tist Student Ministries.

"I didn't want to be a table host at first, but now I'm really glad that I did," Brown said. "It was a really amazing experience to be able to carry on conversations with the people over dinner."

Brown said sharing prayer requests had a profound effect on her when one person asked for prayers for help with his selfishness. Brown said she was amazed at the amount of faith of the people there.

Prewitt said serving at Agape Meal changed the way he views homelessness and helped him see the humanity of the homeless.

"I would definitely recommend volunteering at Agape Meal," he said. "Anyone who has been wants to go back."

Some volunteers come every Thursday, like Jerry Mueller, a re-

tired colonel from the army since 1972, who said he has been working with Agape Meal since it first began and has only missed six times.

Mueller said volunteering is a rewarding experience for him because he can help those who truly need help, and he said he values the unique friendships he has made through Agape Meal.

When the evening is over and the guests have left, volunteers clear the tables and prepare to go home. Many of the people they have met during the evening have no place to go. While their futures are uncertain, Agape Meal remains constant, providing a warm meal and conversation with friends every Thursday night for those who want it.

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## ASSEMBLY

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Main Campus. She said the university may need to move to perimeter parking and is looking at shuttle services to aide in this.

Former Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen updated the Staff Assembly on TCUglobalcenter's presence at Alliance. Bolen said Fort Worth has been working to build the Alliance area for several years, including bringing in new businesses and efforts like the TCUglobalcenter. He said the Alliance community is turning to TCU to find pragmatic ways to manage their growing companies.

"What we did yesterday, and what we are doing today will not work for tomorrow," Bolen said.

The Staff Assembly will meet again March 6.

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## AUTO

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to enter and exit."

TCU Police officials said it is unlikely surveillance cameras will be installed in other parking lots because of the high costs.

"We have not budgeted any additional surveillance cameras," Williams said.

Vehicle break-ins are common

on college campuses because students do not drive their cars on a daily basis, Williams said.

"Vehicle burglary is a main problem on all college campuses, and TCU is no different," Williams said. "The problem we have at TCU is our campus is divided by a major street, and there are many easily accessible entrances."

Williams said a major reason why vehicle break-ins are so

common is because they are misdemeanor crimes. Juveniles know they can get away with these crimes without any severe punishments, he said.

"Basically, it is (a) simple slap on the hand," Williams said. "If people are not punished severely for such crimes, then they will continue to do so."

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## Names & Faces

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Reggy Watson, associate professor of Spanish and Latin American studies, said TCU is the ideal environment for students and faculty.

"I'm a walking advertisement for TCU," Watson said. "I think TCU is a good place to be, a good place to teach and for students."

Watson first worked at TCU as an adjunct professor while she worked on her dissertation. Then she was hired for her current position.

She said she is lucky to have a career that she enjoys, while some people find themselves restless in their jobs.

"I wake up every morning and feel so grateful that I made the decision I did," Watson said.

A high school Spanish teacher inspired Watson to pursue Spanish studies.

Watson went to R. L. Paschal Senior High School where she had classes with her mentor Luisa Bomar.

"You've heard that good teachers can change your life," she said. "She was one of those teachers."

After graduating, Watson attended Tulane University in New Orleans.

Watson's teaching philosophy is to teach students as individuals, she said.

"I consider it a privilege to teach," she said. "I don't know why people would teach if they didn't want to interact with the students."

She said she has a kind of verbal contract with students. She asks them to do their part through assignments and attendance and, in return, she'll make the hour worthwhile.

"I've never gone in with ideas that I'm the one that knows it all," Watson said. "I see all of it as a learning process for me."

During the summers, Watson takes a group of students to the TCU Spain study abroad program in Seville. Watson said she and the 24 students enjoyed going to the symphony, bull fights and flamenco last year.

Linda Gomez, a senior Spanish and fashion promotion major, went



with Watson last summer. On their way to Seville, Gomez and a couple of other students' baggage was not checked all the way through to Seville. They had to wait in Madrid for the baggage, which caused them to miss their original flight, Gomez said.

Watson, however, was more than helpful in this situation by staying with the group, Gomez said.

"Watson facilitated a lot of things for us," Gomez said. "I felt like I had my mom with me, (so I was) safe and secure."

Gomez said she has had Watson for two Spanish classes and considers her more like a friend than a professor.

Watson said the time she spends in Spain with her students brings them all closer together.

"There was a cooperative spirit about it that can't be found in a bigger program," she said. "I get real attached to (the group)."

While there, Watson lived in a small apartment provided by the Spanish center. She said her husband and three sons came to visit her there.

"It was the ultimate bonding experience," she said. "The four of us in a tiny apartment with one bathroom and no air conditioning."

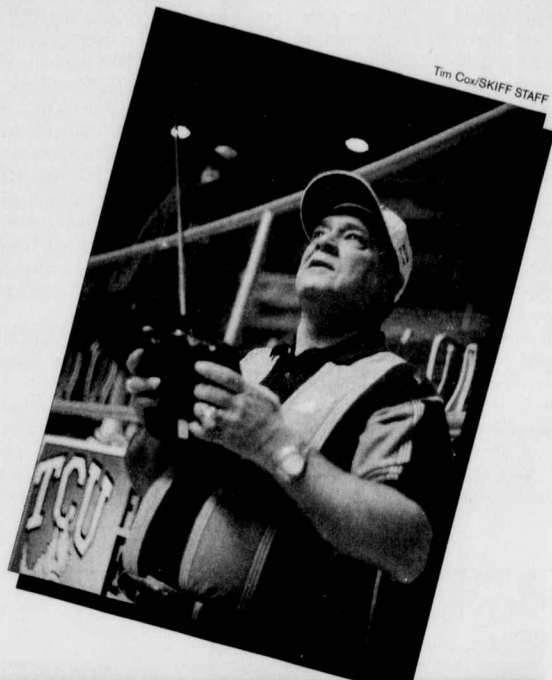
Watson said her family has always played a large part in her life.

"My work is important to me and so is my family," she said. "Between that, there isn't much time leftover. I've let things go."

Now that her sons are all in college, two at TCU and one at Tulane, Watson said she's not sure what to do with her free time. But traveling is a definite, she said.

"I do like going out past my comfort zone," she said. "I really have figured out who I am by putting myself in situations with people who are completely and totally different. I don't know how people can understand the United States and who they are if they don't see who everybody else is."

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By Mark Lewis  
SKIFF STAFF

Instead of a cape and cowl, the Frogman dons a Physical Plant uniform. Instead of Robin by his side, he has a 3,000-pound horn-blowing companion. When he signs his name, the Frogman reveals his true identity — Kenny Vaughn.

Vaughn is the caretaker of the spirit accessories of TCU, including the Frog Horn and the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum indoor blimp. He is also employed by TCU as an electrician. To many, though, he is known as the biggest Horned Frog fan alive — the Frogman.

"He's the biggest fan I've ever seen," said Terra Nuss, sports marketing assistant. "He gives so much, and he's at every game. He'd do anything for athletics."

Vaughn's history with the school began over eight years ago as an electrician. However, he found his niche in the athletics program when Burlington Northern Railroad donated the Frog Horn to TCU in 1994.

"They needed somebody (for the Frog Horn), a sponsor type," he said. "I took care of it. I've been the caretaker since we got it, including maintenance and all the up-keep."

Since then he has taken his massive horn companion all around the country. They have been to bowl games, parades, marathons and schools. The next destination scheduled is a reappearance in Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

However, he said he treasures his visits to athletic events the most. He wants people to be enthusiastic and to go to games, and as the Frogman, he helps people to do just that, he said.

It was at one of his many football games that Vaughn received his unique second name.

"I got nicknamed the Frogman from the cheerleaders," he said. "One game a (cheerleader) forgot my name and she said 'Hey, Frogman.' I liked that better than my first name, and it caught on."

It's caught on so much that Vaughn's answering machine at home identifies the number as that of "the Frogman," and his entry in Frog Calls lists his first name as "Frogman." His business cards even say, "You have met the Frogman."

Vaughn said he treasures both his roles as the east campus electrician and as Frogman.

Aside from encouraging Physical Plant employees to attend athletic events, Vaughn said he prides himself in doing his job well and seeing it manifest at the events.

"Whenever we have an event, I pride myself that we have no lights out," he said.

His dual identity is easily seen in the awards he has received. Vaughn has won both teammate of the month for the athletics department and employee of the quarter for the Physical Plant.

"From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. I have my blue uniform on, but after that I have my TCU hat on and some kind of purple," he said. "I never go anywhere without purple on me."

When Jen Perry, a junior accounting and sociology major, met Vaughn as a part of Hyperfrogs, she said she was impressed.

"He has the true spirit of TCU and has the genuine love for the university," Perry said. "He expresses it everywhere."

Perry also said Vaughn has the talent of remembering everyone he meets, and he makes every effort to befriend the students.

Vaughn said he feels his student friendships reflect his attitude on life.

"I'm a youthful person," he said. "I feel like I'm 25. I don't hang with people my own age. I hang out with cheerleaders and football players. I hate the summertime because nobody's here."

Vaughn's friendships with students even extend into fraternity life as an honorary member of Sigma Chi.

"I dedicate my life to the younger generation," he said.

Vaughn has been connected with college athletics since he was in high school.

In Kansas, as a teen-ager, he frequently saw his brother playing football with Dennis Franchione, former TCU head football coach. Later, when Vaughn went to Louisiana State University he participated in the Tiger Club, a student spirit organization. He was hired by LSU as an electrician before he came to TCU.

Despite his Alabama roots, his heart is purple, Vaughn said. He said when he went to the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl last year, someone recognized him from LSU.

"I've still got a little tiger in my tank, but I'm a true Horned Frog," he said. "I bleed purple."

In fact, last year his heart gave him trouble at a home football game. He suffered a heart attack and had to be taken to the hospital, although he now has recovered.

"He gives so much at every game," Nuss said. "When he had the heart attack, I know that his biggest concern was that he'd be missing the rest of the game."

Even though Vaughn's two lives seem separate, they are both interconnected, he said. Be it in a fan-filled arena or in office cubicles, the unifying factor is people, and he said he wants to make people feel good.

"My motto is, 'Leave a room brighter than when I entered it,'" Vaughn said. "This may be by making the lights work or making people smile."

By Alisha Brown  
STAFF REPORTER

Linda Moore's awards aren't crowding her wall — most of them are in a box — so if you ask her about the lives she's affected or the progress she's made toward diversity on campus, she might reluctantly admit she had something to do with it all.

But her students and colleagues say differently. They say she had everything to do with it.

Moore, chairwoman of the social work department, has been at TCU for 24 years. In that time, she received the Tarrant County Social Worker of Year award, the Libby Proffer Award from Student Developmental Services, the Outstanding Service Award, the Dean's Award for outstanding teaching twice, nominated for the Chancellor's Award three times and has been a Mortar Board professor eight times.

And although the wall decorations remain in their box, Moore proudly displays their significance.

"I'm always willing to challenge an issue to get something changed," she said.

The first thing she changed when she came to TCU was the structure of the social work program. She said that with only two faculty members, it was not well recognized.

Moore said she put an emphasis on strengthening the program, and the faculty increased from two to four. Social work was still not listed in the official department title.

"We finally became our own department three years ago," she said. "We just kept fighting for it. You have to have a reason and a charge for your cause."

Making changes and motivation is what Moore loves. Her students also allow her to express that.

Darron Turner, director for intercultural education and services, said he met Moore when he was a man defensive linebacker for TCU and she was the assistant coordinator for the athletic department. The two have known each other for 19 years.

"I used to be Darron's academic adviser," Moore said. "He was through a couple of majors like we all did before I nagged him to become a social work major."

Turner said that along with all the nagging she did, Moore did even more listening.

"I had just come from third-world Houston to TCU," he said. "I needed to sit down and talk to someone about all the adjustments. She didn't take any offense to the language or fears and helped to work through it."

Moore made time for all of her students and taught them life lessons that stayed with them. Turner received his degree in social work and continued to give back what he had learned.

"He's gotten awards out the kazoo and doing what I always wanted him to do," Moore said. "He was one of my charges."

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said this type of success in dealing with students is not

uncommon for Moore.

"She typifies the part of our mission to work one-on-one with students," he said.

Thomas has worked with Moore concerning issues of diversity, which is her biggest charge.

Growing up, Moore was a preacher's daughter who moved around a lot and knew the feeling of being an outsider, she said.

"That feeling of exclusion is something I've always been sensitive to," she said.

Since she has been here, she has pushed for more diversity on campus.

"It's not just about race, but more about the experiences that make something diversified," she said.

Her commitment to the issue has led to many changes at the university. She teaches a class on diversity and serves on diversity committees. She said she tries to empower the community around her to make changes also.

In the early 1990s Moore was approached by a group of students who needed her help in convincing the university to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"It was a group of 31 white students," Moore said.

The change was turned down by the Faculty Senate, so a commission was set up to gain support. The next step was to get the media involved.

As a result, a story ran nearly every day in the paper. Students became involved and a series of national meetings were held. She said more than 150 people were in attendance at the meeting.

At the third meeting, some unexpected guests showed up.

A group from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who had marched with Martin Luther King Jr. showed up bringing greetings from Coretta Scott King herself," Moore said. "It was the most exciting experience."

Moore said that as of the next year, TCU would be celebrating his birthday.

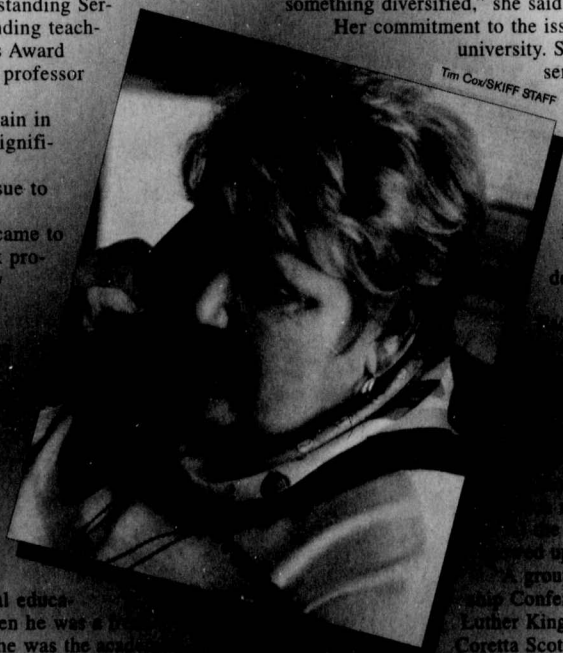
"It was so wonderful because it was one of those teaching experiences where it all comes together, and you watch it happen right before your eyes," she said.

Moore said she provided the resources and knowledge for the change to happen, but it was the students who made it possible.

"It's only in the peripheral that we're involved," Moore said. "That's the way it is supposed to be. That's the reward of the social worker."

That explains why most of her awards remain tucked away in a box and not hung on the wall, although what they represent is clearly displayed.

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# CDC tries to identify carriers

## Government campaign will try to decrease HIV cases

By Daniel Q. Haney  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A government campaign intended to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic will try to cut the number of new infections in half by 2005, largely by identifying Americans who carry HIV but do not know it.

The effort, announced Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is based on the idea that most AIDS infections are spread by outwardly healthy people who do not realize they have HIV.

The agency believes that if these people knew they were infected, they would be more careful to protect others, and they would also take AIDS drugs that would probably make them less likely to transmit the virus.

The CDC already spends about \$600 million a year on AIDS prevention, mostly to try to keep uninfected people from catching the virus.

"We have been dealing with half of the equation," said the CDC's Dr. Robert Janssen. "Now it's time to look at all of it."

Officials said the campaign would cost an additional \$300 million annually. The CDC already has \$100 million of this and hopes to get funding for the rest.

The CDC estimates that 800,000 to 900,000 Americans are now infected with HIV, and 40,000 more catch the virus each year, a figure that has been stable since the early 1990s. The CDC's goal is to cut the number of new infections to 20,000 annually.

To do this, the CDC will try to identify many more of the 200,000 to 275,000 people who are infected and do not know it. Currently, about 75,000 new HIV infections are diagnosed annually. The CDC hopes to increase that by 30,000 for the next two or three years. By 2005, it hopes that 95 percent of infected Americans will know their status.

"People who are infected and don't know it need to get tested, need to be treated and need to be safe," Janssen said. "It is critical that people learn they are infected."

The agency believes that most people who have HIV do not want to infect others, and they will take

precautions if they know they have the virus. One CDC survey found that 90 percent of people adopt less risky sexual behavior during the year after they learn of their infections, typically using condoms more and having sex less often.

As the infection progresses, the amount of virus in people's bodies increases, making them more likely to transmit HIV. Drug combinations available over the past five years have made these virus levels plummet, and experts assume this will make infected people much less likely to pass on the virus.

Finding infected people as soon as possible is an important goal, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "The critical reason for learning early is to treat them as soon as treatment is appropriate," he said.

Details of the campaign, called SAFE — for Serostatus Approach to Fighting the Epidemic — were outlined at the Eighth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Chicago.

# TRUCKS AT PLAY



Photo by Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR  
Work continues on the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center as seen from the angle of a camera set on the roof of the Sid W. Richardson Building.

## WEBCAM

From Page 1

Stallworth said the real-time camera provides an additional safety and security measure and maintains an hourly archive of activity.

"It allows TCU alumni and friends to see the progress of the construction," he said.

Neil said the architects and construction company benefit from the

Web camera as well.

"A visual image is a lot more powerful for the architect than a phone call to the construction foreman," he said.

Neil established five preset camera views from which visitors can start their control of the camera: the Tucker construction site, Fort Worth's downtown skyline, the front of Charles Tandy Hall, the TAGER-TV studio's satellites and the parking lot on Bowie Street across from the construction

site. Neil said links to the Tucker camera Web site will be established from appropriate TCU pages.

The site requires Flash software on Java-enabled computers. Neil said most of the functions and design of the Web site came with the camera, and he added the TCU-specific touches, such as the logo.

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## today's menu Feb. 7, 2001

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Carved baked ham

**Dinner**  
Fajita bar  
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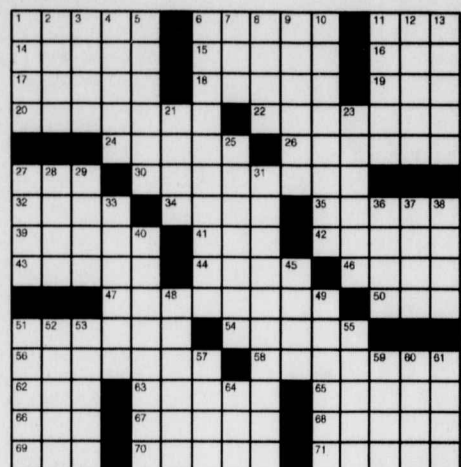


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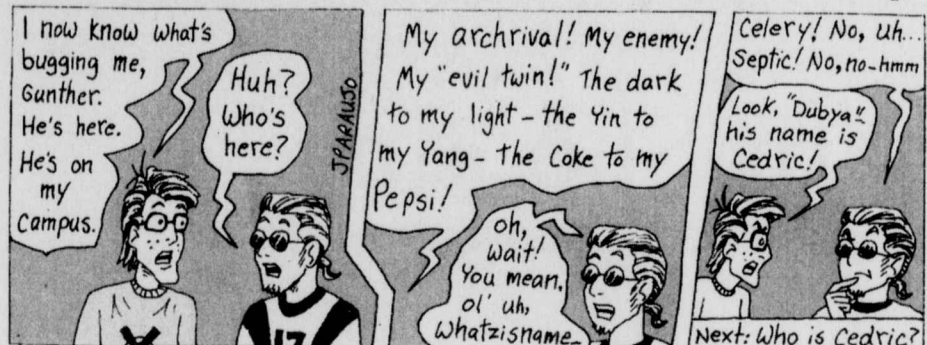
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## TCU recruiting takes hit as Oklahoma expected to sign 15 players from Texas



**Thursday:**  
■ A special look at signing day at TCU.

By Jaime Aron  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A few years after Mack Brown revived Darrell Royal's roundup style of recruiting at Texas, Bob Stoops is reaching into Oklahoma's past and pulling off the Lone Star State talent raids last seen by Barry Switzer.

The Sooners' undefeated, national championship season was the perfect boost to help Stoops cross the Red River and go back home with verbal commitments from several top-caliber Texans.

Those promises will become official Wednesday when high school seniors sign letters of intent and fax them to the college of their choice. Oklahoma is expected to sign 15 players from

Texas, nearly double its total from last year.

"Stoops has re-established Texas as a primary recruiting ground," said analyst Bobby Burton of Rivals100.com. "He did extremely well with the top-level guys, but if he takes more strides on the field next year he could get even bigger numbers from Texas."

The Sooners were hoping to have two more this year, but lost out to the Longhorns on all-around star Quan Cosby of Mart and Waco linebacker Derrick Johnson.

That pair pumped up Texas' already state-best haul and put Texas either even with or ahead of Oklahoma in the mythical na-

tional recruiting race. The consensus among analysts is that the classes signed by the Longhorns and Sooners will rank among the top six in the country.

"Both teams are going to be real happy," said analyst Allen Wallace of SuperPrep.

Texas A&M is likely to be second-best in the state, followed by Texas Tech, Houston and TCU.

The Cougars are the surprise team of 2001. Coach Dana Dimmel's intense efforts in the Houston area and throughout the state have paid off as 21 of his 23 expected signees are from Texas.

TCU was a major player last year as it was cruising out of a

great season and heading into another. This time, the defection of coach Dennis Franchione and the graduation of star running back LaDainian Tomlinson appears to have triggered a dropoff.

"It's not so much because they think (new coach) Gary Patterson or his staff is not capable, it's the timing of the situation," Burton said. "You look at it, and you notice they lost some kids who they probably would've gotten."

The Sooners' biggest prizes from Texas include running back Donta Hickson of McKinney, receiver Brandon Jones of Texarkana Liberty-Eylau and defensive linemen Tommie Harris of Killeen Ellison and Brett

Rayl of Lewisville.

Oklahoma's Lone Star crop is well-rounded, too, featuring eight defenders and seven offensive players, counting a kicker. Eight of the 22 Oklahoma signees were from Texas last year.

Wallace credited it all to Stoops, whom he said is "the most popular college coach in America" thanks to a combination of on-field smarts and warm demeanor off the field.

"Recruits view him as being fun to play for," Wallace said.

While playing for the national champion is a natural draw, Wallace said the hurdles Oklahoma crossed to get there were just as important in the recruiting wars.

## Sharp Shooting

### Women win ninth straight

Frogs crush Miners by 23 to remain undefeated in WAC

By Kelly Morris  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After shooting 51.6 percent (16-of-31) from the field and holding Texas-El Paso to just 14 first-half points, the TCU women's basketball team won its ninth-straight game Tuesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Tuesday's win tied the TCU record for victories in a season (16) which was achieved each of the past two seasons. The Frogs are now 8-0 in the Western Athletic Conference and remain undefeated when scoring at least 70 points.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said the Frogs' first-half performance overwhelmed the Miners.

"I was pleased with the way we came out," Mittie said. "To step on a team like that (early), it is difficult for them to recover."

The Miners best attempt at taking the lead came with just 1:31 gone in the first half when they tied the Frogs at 2-2. From that point on, TCU never trailed. With 17:28 remaining in the first half, TCU went on a 13-0 run extending its lead to 17-4. Senior guard Sally Spencer's three pointer with 2:01 left in the half gave the Frogs a 26-point lead, their biggest of the half.

UTEP shot just 31.8 percent from the field in the first half and wasn't able to convert on either of its two three-point attempts. In the second half, the Miners continued to struggle from behind the arc making just 2 of 7 attempts. TCU hit 6-of-13 (46.2 percent) from three-point range in the first half and made 50 percent of its three-point attempts in the second half.

Before Tuesday's game, TCU had connected on 144 of 362 three-pointers, averaging more than seven a game.

Senior guard Amy Porter said after shooting just 24.2 percent in the first half of Friday's 62-58 win against Tulsa, it was nice to get the team's offensive back on track.

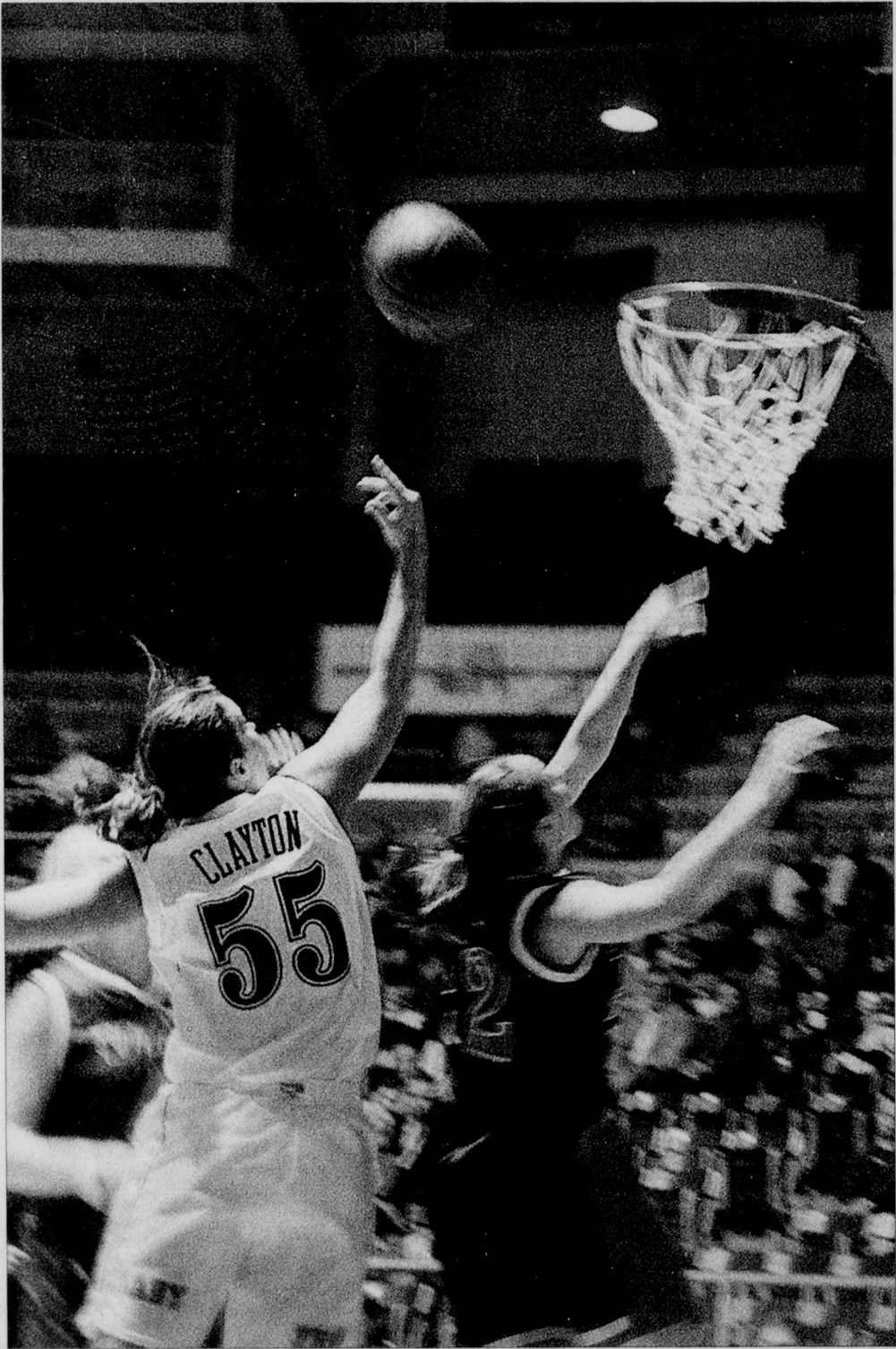
"Your body feels different after you've taken a long break," Porter said. "But (Tuesday night) everyone finally got back into their offensive rhythm."

The Frogs were led in the first half by junior forward Kati Safaritova who scored 11 points. The Frogs continued their dominating play in the second half. They opened up a 35-point lead, their biggest of the game, with just under 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Porter said the Frogs' depth on the bench helped carry the team's first-half success into the second half.

"We didn't even lose a step when our bench players came in," Porter said. "It was especially a huge advantage (for us) because UTEP's defense didn't get a chance to let up against us."

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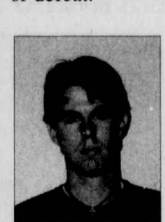
Senior center Karen Clayton attempts a layup over Texas-El Paso guard Sunny Guild in Tuesday night's 80-57 win at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The win was the Frogs' ninth in a row and tied the team for its most wins in a season with 16.

Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

### Women's team deserves respect

If you ask any athlete why they choose to participate in athletics, he or she will surely say it's because they love the game, love winning and enjoy competing.

You know, the typical "thrill of victory," and "agony of defeat."



HORNE

Back in the day, I actually competed athletically at the collegiate level and once held the opinion of it being about the thrill of victory and only the thrill of victory. I held that opinion until I played in front of a large crowd.

Flashback.

Nov. 27, 2000, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, TCU women's basketball vs. No. 2 Tennessee. The women's team played in front of 7,262 people, a Daniel-Meyer record. Obviously, I

didn't actually play in the game, but being on the court and being a part of an excitement that Daniel-Meyer rarely sees, at that point, made me realize something. I realized something when the very next game for the women's team at Daniel-Meyer against unranked North Texas was played in front of 1,370 people.

I had a revelation of sorts. I thought back to the fact that this team, after years and years of playing as the doormat in the Southwest Conference and Western Athletic Conference, was slowly becoming successful.

I had a revelation of sorts. I've decided the people of TCU don't appear to appreciate the thrill of victory. They don't respect the agony of defeat.

I pose this question: Why does it appear that TCU athletics doesn't have a following among the student body?

Math is not my specialty by any means, but there are about 8,000 people on this campus. If we were to get anywhere near half of that number to attend any one sporting event, we wouldn't have to look at the vast numbers of empty seats at women's basketball games, football games or even men's basketball for that matter.

If half of our student body attended a basketball game whether it men's or women's, the sheer presence would create noise. You could just talk on your cell phone and create noise and atmosphere.

You can't tell me it's not possible. Granted, Tennessee and Connecticut are two of the most prolific women's basketball programs in America, but they play in front of huge crowds every night. Evidence of that comes when you see that a decent percentage of the crowd at Daniel-Meyer against Tennessee was wearing orange.

Orange?

I'm not implying that the emblem at center court at Daniel-Meyer should say "Lady Frogs." But I am saying the women's basketball team deserves respect, and it's possible to get it.

Continuing to schedule competition like Tennessee and Texas and showing the ability to compete is a big step toward respectability. It may not happen overnight, and it may not happen over the course of a full season.

Somebody will have to listen. Somebody will have to take notice. It took a lot to get the football program noticed.

Maybe a conference championship and a trip to the women's NCAA Tournament will silence the doubters, at least maybe for now.

## Top Frog

### Safaritova's stats

- Points: 16
- Rebounds: 4
- Assists: 4
- Steals: 4

Junior forward Kati Safaritova scored 11 first-half points including seven of the Frogs' first nine. Safaritova made 7 of 11 shots from the field and was perfect from the free throw line. Safaritova also set a career best four assists. Safaritova came into Tuesday's game averaging just 11 points and five rebounds a game.



## Baseball team prepares to face Missouri Southern

### By the numbers

104

seasons of TCU baseball have seen the Frogs compile an all-time mark of 1508-1311-25. TCU is in its fifth and final season in the Western Athletic Conference.

28

starts made by senior pitcher Chris Bradshaw last season. He recorded a 5-7 record with a 4.52 earned run average.

14

lettermen from the 2000 season remain on the current roster. The returning class includes 12 seniors.

8

teams the Frogs face this season were in the NCAA Regionals in 2000.

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games have been played between TCU and Missouri Southern. The teams meet for the first time at 2:05 p.m. today at the TCU Diamond.

Erin Munger/SKIFF STAFF

Senior pitcher Chad Durham delivers a pitch Jan. 30 against Prairie View A&M. TCU is coming off a 2-1 win over No. 20 Texas Sunday in the Astros College Baseball Classic at Enron Field in Houston. The Frogs lost the first two games of the tournament to Texas Tech, 5-4 and Baylor, 12-4. TCU (3-2) faces Missouri Southern at 2:05 p.m. today at the TCU Diamond, in the first-ever meeting between the schools. Missouri Southern lost its first game of the season against Arkansas, 25-6.

