



## Ousted by Hawaii

Hawaii's Predrag Savovic scores 24 points as the Rainbow Warriors defeated the Frogs 99-79 at the WAC Tournament.

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Fort Worth, Texas

## Football team to face Nebraska in Pigskin Classic in 2001

Decision comes three years after former coach Dennis Franchione pulled the 1-10 Frogs from the series

### Change of schedule

TCU and Nebraska announced Thursday a deal to open the 2001 season in the Pigskin Classic.

**Who:** TCU Horned Frog Football vs. Nebraska

**What:** The 2001 Pigskin Classic

**When:** 1 p.m., Aug. 25

**Where:** Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb.

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The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics announced Thursday that the details of the Pigskin Classic between TCU and Nebraska had been worked out and the game will be played at 1 p.m. Aug. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

TCU Athletics Director Eric Hyman was unavailable for comment, and Associate Athletics Director Jack Hesselbrock is away with a family emergency.

Nebraska head coach Frank Solich had been wary of preseason games and the physical toll they take on players, but decided the extra practice time and an eight-game home schedule were worth it.

The Frogs had been scheduled to play in Lincoln last season and this fall, but former head coach Dennis Franchione backed out of the series in 1997 after TCU went 1-10 in 1997.

TCU's current head coach Gary Patterson did not return phone calls.

TCU went 10-2 last fall and finished No. 21 in the final Associated Press Top 25 poll. Nebraska also was 10-2 and was ranked eighth after opening the season at No. 1.

Just three months ago, Nebraska said it would not play in the Kickoff Classic, another preseason game, because Solich was concerned about injuries, especially to quarterback Eric Crouch.

He will miss spring practice for the second-straight year because of surgery on his throwing shoulder.

"We didn't have a major interest in playing in a game until we figured out where Eric Crouch was (with his rehab)."

— Frank Solich, Nebraska head coach

Solich said, "I don't think you want to enter into a preseason

game without an experienced quarterback."

Crouch said Wednesday he would not throw a football until May 1, but his rehabilitation was going well.

Nebraska is 4-0 in preseason games, winning three Kickoff Classics and the 1998 Eddie Robinson Classic.

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This story contains information from the Associated Press.

## SGA may raise fees to cover budget

40K in wrong account

By Jonathan Sampson  
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Government Association is considering increasing student fees by \$5 a semester after about \$40,000 of yearbook money was incorrectly directed into SGA's budget in fall 1999. This made the budget appear larger than it actually was, said SGA Adviser Larry Markley.

Student fees are currently \$20 a semester.

Markley said that when the mistake was discovered last Friday, it forced SGA to immediately re-evaluate their budget.

He said SGA will consider raising student fees to compensate for the loss of money, but the change wouldn't happen until 2002 and would be voted on by the student body.

He said that based on an expected \$290,000 income for last year, SGA budgeted \$275,000. It now looks like that without the yearbook money, SGA actually has \$252,000 to work with.

"If we spent all of this year's budget of about \$275,000, the funding would have only been to the \$252,000 level," Markley said. "So we would automatically spend \$23,000 over our budget for this year."

Markley said the lower budget will cause SGA to re-evaluate programming for the next budget year.

He said Programming Council's events are already scheduled for this semester, so money will not be cut from each event. He said the difference in money will probably be made up by the House of Student Representatives.

"House has not spent a lot of money," Markley said. "So there's quite a bit (of money) on the House side, and that might mean that the Permanent Improvement Committee's budget may not be spent this year."

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## DON'T RAIN ON MY PARADE

Photos by David Dunai



Thursday's rainy weather caused problems for some people, while others just took cover. Below, Fort Worth police investigate a wreck near Worth Hills.

William Hendricks (bottom picture), a retired Brite Divinity School professor, slipped on wet tile outside Reed Hall Thursday and broke his hip, said TCU Police officer John Carter.

Roy Melugin, a Brite Divinity research professor, said he was walking with Hendricks to lunch at about 12:30 p.m. when Hendricks fell at the south entryway of Reed Hall.

Hendricks was on campus to observe an art history class. He was taken to Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital and now is in fair condition.



## Flat rate causes some concerns

Opinions of tuition differ

By Carrie Woodall  
STAFF REPORTER

The \$7,500 flat-rate tuition for incoming students is based on 15 credit hours a semester and includes an increased university fee of \$750, Chancellor Michael Ferrari said.

Ferrari also said credit hours would be raised to \$420 an hour for returning students, excluding MBA and EMBA students.

When calculated, 15 credit hours equals \$6,300. When the university fee is added it still leaves an unaccounted \$450.

Kelli Horst, director of communications, said the actual number figures out to approximately 16 hours, and that is closer to the 15-hour base than 18 hours.

The set university fee increased from \$60 to \$65 a credit hour and is distributed between Student Government Association, health services, the Student Center and other student-related items.

Ferrari said most private institutions have a flat-rate tuition with their students averaging 15 hours a semester. He said this average promotes a four-year graduation.

"I know it's hard for students to believe, but most private institutions take pride in their students graduating in a four-year period," he said. "Private education is so expensive in the first place that the greatest push is to get students to get their baccalaureate in four or 4 1/2 years."

Elizabeth Rickman, freshman history major, said that even though the flat rate is based on 15 hours, she likes the credit hour charge that current students will continue paying.

"I don't know why we need to change things when the credit hour base has obviously been working for years," she said.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said society has become desensitized to the idea of graduating in five or six years.

"People think (graduating in five or six years) is OK," he said. "I don't think it's OK. Students are wasting time. Time is so precious."

Brown said students need to finish so they can make a contribution to society.

"People go to college for themselves, which is good, but we need to get (the students) desensitized to the merits of a four-year degree," he said.

Victoria Tschoepe, a sophomore social work major, disagrees with Brown and said she thinks it is

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**TODAY IN HISTORY**  
In 1936, the German press warned that all Jews who vote in the upcoming elections would be arrested.

## WEATHER TOMORROW

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## Sorority members go above, beyond the call of duty

Despite difficulty in completing mandatory service hours, women earned \$77,557 for charities last year

By Sarah McClellan  
SKIFF STAFF

TCU sorority members raised \$77,557 for their philanthropies and completed 15,417 hours of community service last year, according to the Service Census 2000.

But sometimes sorority members find it difficult to complete their mandatory service hours.

Amy Rickman, Kappa Alpha Theta service chairwoman, said the chapter tries to plan a few activities each month to give members as many opportunities as possible to complete their hours.

"People can get their hours however they want, basically," said Rickman, a sophomore social work major.

She also said there is a small fine for not completing hours, but she said she does not want to implement fines.

"I probably will give an alternative to service hours this semester," Rickman said.

She intends to allow members to help color pillowcases with fabric

markers, which will be donated to kids at Court Appointed Special Advocates in lieu of service hours.

"That's something I'll give them to do instead of fines because they can do it anytime," Rickman said.

Erin Chandler, a senior radio-TV-film major and Delta Gamma member, said completing service hours can be difficult.

"Sometimes it's hard to make your hours because they conflict with schedules," Chandler said. "But if you write an excuse and have a valid reason, you can donate used glasses in place of your hours or pay a fine of \$10 (an) hour."

DG members are required to do five service hours each semester.

Jenny Davis, a senior radio-TV-film major and inactive Alpha Delta Pi member, said it was easy to "get

out" of the service requirements for the sorority.

"We would get fined if we didn't do enough of (the service projects)," Davis said. "So to get out of our fines, we'd have to clean the chapter house."

Rebecca Hensley, ADPi president and a sophomore Spanish and nursing major, denied that members were allowed to clean the chapter house in place of service requirements. She said that to her knowledge, the chapter hasn't had

— Danielle Sewill, former service chairwoman for Kappa Alpha Theta

a problem with that.

"We don't use our philanthropy as a punishment," Hensley said.

"We don't allow cleaning the chapter house as a result of not completing service requirements. The only time that has been done is if they had a really good reason like

being ill for the semester, but that sort of thing doesn't happen in our chapter anymore."

Hensley said ADPi service requirements can be filled at the Ronald McDonald House and at one other service project outside of the chapter.

Members are also required to do two nights of "beeper duty," which means that they carry a pager on Thursday and Friday nights and provide safe rides home to other ADPi members who have been drinking.

"But that's not counted in our total service hours," Hensley said.

Hensley said ADPi, which comprises 90 members, completed 800 service hours last semester, or 11.25 hours a member.

Theta members are required to complete three service hours a semester. They can volunteer at places such as CASA, the Big Brother/Big Sister program and the Ronald McDonald House.

Danielle Sewill, former Theta service chairwoman, said substi-

tutes for service hours are made.

"If it gets down to the wire and (members are) desperate, we'll let them donate cans or clothing to a women's shelter or give blood," said Sewill, a sophomore nursing major. "But that's not generally accepted."

Sewill also said that the reason the numbers of service hours "seem inflated" is because a large number of sorority members participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, which takes more time than the other service projects.

Erica Bell, Alpha Chi Omega communications chairwoman, said Alpha Chi members often do more service hours than are required.

"Everyone is required to do six hours (a) semester, but it always works out that we all do more," said Bell, a sophomore nutrition and Spanish major.

Representatives from the Office of Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council did not return phone calls.

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campus lines

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► **International Week**, sponsored by International Student Association and Programming Council, will be held today through Saturday. The purpose of the event is to promote multicultural awareness on campus and for international students to share their culture and customs with students, faculty and staff. A world-wide worship service will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Representatives from different religions will be available for a round table discussion and forum.

► **Applications for student teaching** for fall 2001 are due today. Applications and disks are in the computer lab on the third floor of the Bailey Building.

► **Harris School of Nursing Student Poster Presentation** will be from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Lounge. Students will be available to answer questions about genetic engineering, drug addiction and new treatments for strokes.

► **The Charles L. Rowan Lecture series** will present Timothy Barringer of Yale University at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Building North, Room 141. He will be speaking about British art. All are invited to a reception at 4910 Crestline Road following the reception.

► **Neeley Associate applications** are available in the Neeley Student Resource Center, Dan Rogers Hall, Room 130. Applicants must have at least junior standing and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The application deadline is 5 p.m. March 16.

► **The Seventh Annual Women's Symposium** will be March 27 to 29. The Women and Community Dinner will be at 6:30 March 27 in the Student Center Ballroom. Candace O'Keefe from the Women's Museum in Dallas will be the keynote speaker and there will be an art exhibit by Adriana Martinez de Audriac. The cost is \$12 for students and \$15 for everyone else.

Holly Near, a partner in establishing the Women's Music Movement in the 1970s, will have a concert at 8 p.m. March 28 in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. Tickets are \$15 for TCU students, faculty and staff and \$18 for everyone else.

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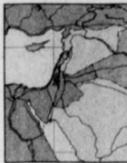
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**WORLD DIGEST**



**Peace talks possible for Sharon and Arafat**  
JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — enemies for decades — both raised the possibility of peace talks Thursday, Sharon's first full day in office.



But the two have never shaken hands in previous face-to-face negotiations, and their frosty relationship seemed to offer scant hope of revived peacemaking.

As he settled into his new office, Sharon received a letter of congratulations from Arafat. The letter also called for restarting Israeli-Palestinian negotiations that broke off shortly before Sharon's landslide election victory Feb. 6.

"I believe there must be a just and true peace brought about through a strong desire and a genuine effort to overcome the difficulties," Arafat wrote in a separate letter to Israel's President Moshe Katsav.

Asked if he was prepared to sit down with Arafat, Sharon replied, "I'm ready to meet and to conduct negotiations with him, but that means we have to have quiet and security."

The two men have a bitter history. When Sharon was foreign minister in 1998, he and Arafat took part in U.S.-brokered negotiations outside Washington. But Sharon pointedly refused to shake Arafat's hand despite encouragement by the Americans.

Sharon called Arafat a "murderer" in a magazine interview late last year. The new Israeli leader has toned down his rhetoric recently, but accuses Arafat of failing to halt attacks by Palestinian militants in the current fighting.

Palestinian militants fired two mortar shells Thursday night at the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip, and a gun battle between militants and Israeli forces followed, Israeli security sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. No injuries were reported.

The Palestinians "have to realize that there is no place for terror," Uzi Landau, the new internal security minister, told Israel radio. "The price that the Palestinians pay (for violence) has to be higher than the price Israel pays. That has to be our policy."

Sharon has insisted that five months of violence must end before negotiations can restart; the violence has left more than 420 people dead. But some Palestinians have said that the intifadeh, or uprising, will not end until Israel pulls its troops out of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and dismantles Jewish settlements there.

"When Sharon says he is ready to withdraw from the occupied lands, we are ready to stop the intifadeh," said Marwan Barghouti, a Palestinian

leader in the West Bank.

While former Prime Minister Ehud Barak pressed hard for a peace deal that never materialized, Sharon has been consistently vague about possible peace efforts, and has shown no urgency about resuming talks.

Even if negotiations begin again, Sharon said he would only seek a long-term interim agreement, and not the kind of sweeping, final agreement the Barak pursued.

A smiling, relaxed Sharon stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Barak at a symbolic handover ceremony Thursday, a day after the new government was formally sworn into office.

"We're facing a period that's not going to be easy," Sharon said. "There are security risks and diplomatic issues which are far from simple."

Sharon's first full day in office fell on the start of the festive Jewish holiday Purim, but many Israelis were hesitant to take part in public celebrations because of Palestinian bomb threats.

**Diplomats meet to negotiate Colombian peace**  
LOS POZOS, Colombia — Signaling an expanding international peace role in Colombia, rebels and the government welcomed diplomats from two dozen countries and the United Nations for talks Thursday in a guerrilla-held village.

Round-table meetings could extend into Friday between envoys from Europe, Latin America, Japan and Canada, and delegates of President Andres Pastrana's government and the leftist rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

The United States refused to send an envoy, reflecting skepticism in Washington about the peace process and a ban on U.S. contacts with Colombia's largest rebel faction. The State Department considers the FARC a terrorist organization.

Diplomats at the talks hope to provide support for shaky peace negotiations while using the opportunity to prod each side to curb human rights abuses. Colombia's 37-year-long conflict claims at least 3,000 lives annually, mostly civilians caught in the cross fire between guerrillas, the military and right-wing paramilitary groups.

Government and rebel delegates said they were not dampened by the United States' failure to attend.

"The peace process is full of dynamism," declared Juan Fernando Criaes, a member of Pastrana's negotiating team, before heading into the talks, being attended by the FARC's aging founder and chief, Manuel Marulanda.

Rebel spokesman Andres Paris said the international presence provided a "counterweight" to growing U.S. military aid to Colombia.

Government and rebel negotiators were expected to brief the foreign envoys on the peace

process, and welcome a small group of countries to support the talks. There was no indication yet that Pastrana or the FARC are asking for foreign mediation or for the United Nations to deploy large observer teams.

In an opening speech, senior FARC commander Alfonso Cano proposed a five-year moratorium on Colombia's foreign debt and invited international aid to help poor farmers stop growing illegal drug crops.

The peace talks begun in January 1999 have stumbled amid continuing violence. But a summit here last month between Pastrana and Marulanda breathed new life into the process. The two agreed to get the international community more involved.

Europeans fear a \$1.3 billion U.S. aid package will inflame the country's violence and undermine the negotiations. Washington is providing combat helicopters and training troops for a counternarcotics offensive into FARC-dominated areas where the rebels profit from the cocaine trade.

The meetings in Los Pozos, located in a Switzerland-sized rebel enclave ceded by Pastrana to the FARC two years ago, has become a magnet for activists.

**Glass ceiling still impacting upward mobility**

GENEVA — Women are making up an increasing percentage of the world's workers, but many still find it impossible to break into top jobs, the International Labor Organization said Thursday.

In a report to mark International Women's Day, the organization said women — who make up around 40 percent of the global work force — face a "glass ceiling" when they try to get to the top in business and politics.

Worldwide, women hold 1 to 3 percent of top executive jobs. Eight countries have female heads of state while less than 14 percent of the world's lawmakers and 1 percent of labor union leaders are female, reported the study, an 18-page summary of a book to be published later this year.

"For women who also experience race discrimination, the barrier to top jobs seems to be made of unbreakable Plexiglas," the report added.

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Editorial

## WAR ON PATIENT

### Revision of marijuana laws needed

Everyday law enforcement officers fight a battle with people in their own communities. Everyday the U.S. government wages a war on its citizens. Everyday people are arrested for the possession of drugs.

Everyday many of these same people, these U.S. citizens, live with a sickness that puts them in large amounts of pain. Everyday they live with a disease that slowly kills them. In some cases, marijuana can be issued to patients to help ease the suffering they endure. But it's not always that simple.

Under current state law, a patient can still be arrested for possession of marijuana and still may not be acquitted of possession, even if they have a doctor's approval. On Feb. 27, a bill lessening the penalties for carrying marijuana for medical purposes was presented to the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee of the Texas House of Representatives.

Just lessening the penalties?

What good is a bill that still allows people using marijuana for medical purposes to be arrested and not carry a guarantee that they will not face any additional penalties? The bill needs to go much, much further.

It is time government officials, both in Texas and nationwide, need to drop the pre-conceived notion that marijuana is a bad and immoral substance. Laws need to be passed protecting those who are sick from being prosecuted for using medication their doctors prescribed for them.

Who receives marijuana for medical purposes and under what circumstances they are allowed to use it are issues that need to be examined closely. But these people are still in pain, and something needs to be done to help lessen the pain and take away the penalties that may be involved.

If this means a complete legalization of marijuana, then so be it.

This is America's war on drugs. It is more than a battle on a controlled substance. It is a way of killing some Americans' hopes of a painless future. But this is what happens to people in the United States.

Everyday.

## Child's learning begins at home

### Poor parenting may be the cause of the recent school shootings

A school shooting occurred Monday near San Diego, Calif. It was another in a series of adolescent terrors popping up across America.

Where does this type of activity originate? There is a vast amount of controversy concerning the answer if there even is an accurate solution. It is a strong possibility that this delinquent behavior begins in the home.

Parents are to blame for children acting in this manner. Whether a child's parents are too strict or not strict enough, the child acts according to how he or she is raised and what he or she sees.

When a child is the product of overly strict parents, he or she tends to rebel and act against his or her parents' rules and regulations. The child partakes in criminal activity to gain control of the situation and perhaps prove that parents are not the ones in control.

In a situation in which parents are not strict enough, a child is left to act in any way he or she pleases. In many cases, parents

are unaware of what movies and television shows their child is viewing, which also plays a major part in the violence sparked.

Parents that are too involved in their 9-to-5 jobs do not have time to pay attention to their child and may not even know when something is going wrong. The teen years, which are a tough time for children, force them to deal with a lot of self-esteem and social issues. Many parents feel they are doing an OK job of parenting if they buy their child anything they request and sit down to dinner with them occasionally. It takes a lot more than that.

Also, a child might strive to receive attention from parents by exhibiting delinquent behavior. The child might not understand that he or she would suffer the consequences for their actions. The child is merely concerned with winning the attention of his or her mother and father.

What a child witnesses behind closed doors also provokes criminal behavior. A child that grows up as the son or daughter of a murderer or rapist is not necessarily going to turn out as a convict. There is hope that the child

might learn right from wrong before following in the footsteps of his or her mother or father. Children do inherit many traits exhibited by their parents, and there is a strong possibility that their actions are a product of what they have observed at home.

Whether that is what happened near San Diego this week is yet to be seen.

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## New administration getting the job done

### Bush lives good life promoting policies to friendly states, visiting Mexican leader

The new administration in Washington, D.C., is doing well, as maybe you've noticed. Even if you haven't paid much attention to policy, there are clear signs the president's honeymoon lingers.

Take the whole shooting affair outside the White House. The unhappy event occurred at about 11 a.m. Eastern time, and Ari Fleischer, White House press secretary, told us the president was working out in the residence. Mean-

while, our vice president and de facto Israeli prime minister was in Bush's office, Dick Cheney probably reviewed the president's tax cut proposal and was trumping Condoleezza Rice on Soviet (er... I mean Russian) policy while on the phone with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, insisting he would have fried chicken at the lunch meeting that Friday afternoon and shrugging off that chest pain.

Maybe all this has to do with Bush. He's taken the oath, but does he realize he's the president? Last week after a wonderful speech to a joint session of Congress, he went on the road to campaign for his tax cut proposal. Where did he go? Nebraska!

Have you seen an

electoral map of the last election? Check out Chris Matthews on "Hardball" some time — he's fond of showing it — as well as pointing out that the president has yet to venture outside his "win zone," other than living in Washington, D.C.

Granted you want to project popularity, but I guarantee every Democrat in Florida will have a game plan for the voting booth in 2004, so I'd count on needing to win one of those states up north. It's not as if it's beneath him. He was humorous enough to point out he lost Philadelphia in his speech to Congress. Why not start early this time?

Maybe he just doesn't want to leave Texas foreign policy.

In a real power play, the president embarked on his first visit to a foreign state: Mexico. Yes, he and Mexican President Vicente Fox were pretty good friends prior to the election, but I doubt it's the "Ich bin ein Berliner" the hawks of the administration were looking for. But the Cold War is over, if maybe you hadn't noticed. In his first trip abroad, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was charged with the diplomacy of the president's missile defense initiative, which leaves one to ask where the Secretary of State was in all of this.

Then again, success is inevitable when the opposition is suffering from an identity crisis.

The word around the campfire is that Bill Clinton and Al Gore had

it out after the election, with Clinton going on to fame as the villain of the party, Gore the martyr. Then there's the Left. Did you watch the president's address to Congress? Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., looked horrible and just plain old. The funny thing is, so did Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y. With former President Clinton's emergence as a centrist (which is why he won) and Gore pretending to be one (which is why he lost), the Left is kind of hanging out there, and some would say that's nothing new.

The Dems would have a "mini" majority in the Senate if only they could keep their members in line and jump on board a moderate Republican's legislation, like campaign finance reform. The speculation is that this would tip fundraising in favor of the Republicans, but political capital is much harder to come by these days than money. Besides, who better to aid the Dems in poking the Republican establishment than someone from the opposition who is wildly popular, and probably should be president. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., may have endorsed Bush for president, but he certainly doesn't see eye to eye with the president on a lot of things. The point is, there are moderate Republicans out there, and one of them is a senator from Texas.

So the president is doing well. His approval ratings are high, and his solutions to the problems that face us are as simple as black and white. What's more American than that?

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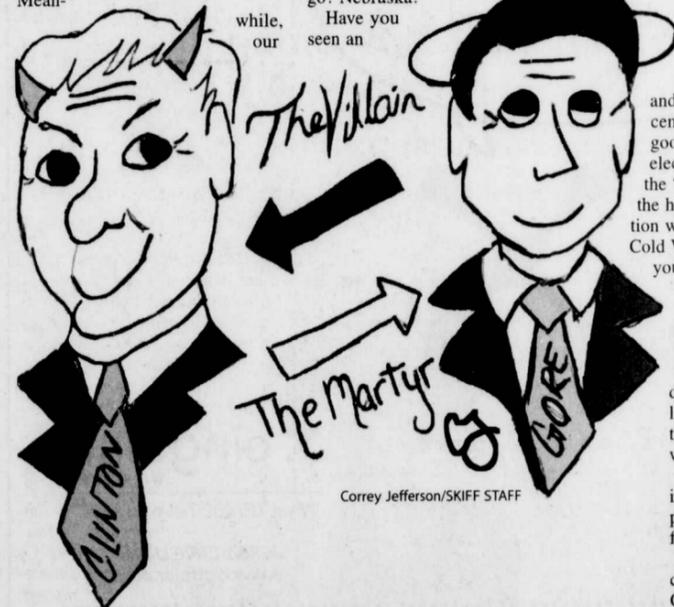
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“Even Baylor (University) has a Democratic Party.”  
— **Josh Wall**,  
junior political science major, on TCU being the only major university in Texas not to have a Young Democrats organization.

“Of course I spilled a little bit of lasagna down my shirt during the meal.”  
— **Robert Bolen**,  
senior advisor to the chancellor, discussing his disability at the Pi Kappa Phi Empathy Dinner.

“We may not be the Hilton, but we want to get as close to it as possible.”  
— **Richard Oliver**,  
assistant director of facilities, on TCU maintenance.

“I decided to do it (this semester) almost as a favor to Amy (Render) and because I enjoy it.”

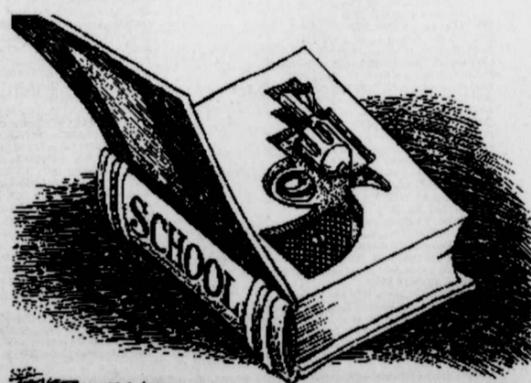
— **Brad Biggs**,  
sophomore biology major, on his reason for filling an open House representative position for Foster Hall.

“I was, as usual, effectively wild. I hit a few batters to build on my reputation.”

— **Chad Durham**,  
senior pitcher, on his pitching strategy.

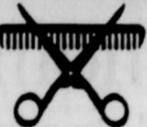
“My parents were out of town for about a week, and we had this box of chicken tenders in the refrigerator. There was nothing else in the house to eat, and they were just like ‘Eat me, Ben. Eat me.’ But I didn’t.”

— **Ben Williams**,  
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Thursday's inclement weather disallowed workers to continue construction on University Christian Church, but Jerri Robbins, UCC director of communications, said classroom construction is well underway.

## Changing Church

### Updates to accommodate for growth

By LaNasha Houze  
STAFF REPORTER

Classroom construction and the pledge drive are well underway for the ever-growing University Christian Church, said Jerri Robbins, director of communications for UCC.

Robbins said the church is currently so tightly squeezed that everyone cannot join a class. "We can't begin new classes because we have no space to hold them," Robbins said.

The 5,000-member church recently began its first major expansion project in 30 years. Last year the church pledged to raise \$5.7 million over the course of three years to cover the cost of the project, Robbins said to date the church has raised \$1.9 million more than half its goal.

"(April 30) members turned in special cards that stated their donation commitment," Robbins said. "Members agreed to pay their capital campaign pledge in three years."

Rev. Steve Martin, associate minister for the college and singles ministry at UCC, said the proposed date for the construction completion is in January or February 2002.

"There were a lot of things that we didn't foresee," Martin said. "We are growing, and we have gotten too large for the existing building. We need more classrooms."

Proposed renovations for the church include a new education building, a youth center, a multimedia conference center, relocation of the main sewer line and improved views in the sanctuary.

The sewer line, which was originally placed underneath the building in 1873, was not up to

the current city code. Furthermore, asbestos removal was necessary at the beginning stages of construction.

Robbins said renovations for the gallery and sanctuary are finished but said the next step was unclear.

"It depends on each previous step (in terms of) which construction will occur next," Robbins said. "Currently the parking lot, education building and sewer line are under construction."

TCU students who are members of the church say they will be excited to see the end product.

Fester Rose, a senior religion major, said he is anticipating the completion of the college lounge. "Right now we are moving to different rooms for our meeting," Rose said. "The lounge will be more personalized and a place that we can call our own. We will be able to relax, hang out and worship, as well in the meeting area."

Rose said that despite having to change rooms, the renovations are not a disturbance to the activities of the college group.

Robbins said expansion of the sanctuary was not an urgent need of the church.

"Our sanctuary seats about 1,200 members," Robbins said. "We only have about 3,000 dedicated members that may attend services, and they don't all attend church at the same time. You can always find a space for worshippers, even if we have to put out temporary (chairs) or push people closer together."

Robbins said the church congregation increases in size by about 250 to 300 members a year.

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## Pa. shooter to be tried as juvenile

By Timothy D. May  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — A man whose daughter was shot while having lunch in a high school cafeteria said Thursday he doesn't want the alleged shooter to be charged as an adult.

Michael Marchese's daughter Kimberly, 13, was shot in the shoulder Wednesday in the cafeteria at Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School. An eighth-grade classmate was charged as a juvenile in the shooting.

"I think this girl was a lonely girl," Michael Marchese said Thursday.

He said he used to see her come out of school and wait for the bus without speaking to anyone.

"What she did was wrong," he said. "But to be tried as an adult ... I disagree."

Authorities said they would need to petition a court to charge the 14-year-old suspect as an adult. They would not say whether they planned to do so.

Kimberly Marchese underwent surgery, but her condition was upgraded to satisfactory, and she was expected to be released by today.

Doctors were watching for signs of nerve damage.

Her mother, Christine Marchese, said she stayed up with her daughter most of the night.

"She had a very rough night," Christine Marchese told ABC's "Good Morning America." "We've been crying a lot and talking all night. I think it's best we talk and get it out."

Meanwhile, faculty and staff were meeting with counselors Thursday at the school, which was closed, said the Rev. Andrew Kurovsky, president of the school's Board of Pastors. The school planned a private prayer service when it reopens today.

Adam Welteroth, a junior at Bishop Neumann, came to the school Thursday to pick up his backpack. About two dozen students had dropped by the school Thursday and of those, about a dozen had asked to talk to the counselors.

"It's really sad because we pride ourselves on being different at this school," Welteroth said. "We're supposed to be a cut above the rest and it's just sad this happened."

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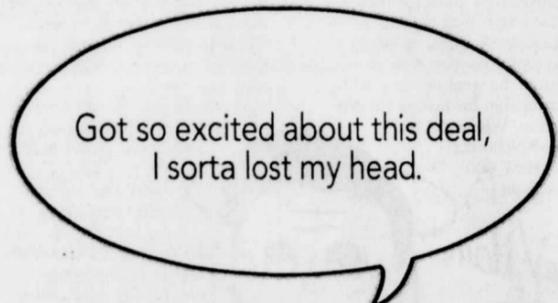
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# Not So Boring After all

By Mark Lewis  
SKIFF STAFF

Dull. Unexciting. Uninteresting. Ho-hum. Boring.

Boring, Ore., is a place with a name that seals its stereotypical destiny. However, this small town in the Portland metropolitan area has its own character and charm, as Peter Eidenberg, a sophomore business management major, often describes.

A native of Boring, Eidenberg often finds himself shying away from direct questions about where he is from. He said he braces against sneers and chuckles when he reveals the true name of his hometown.

"I used to say that I'm from the Portland area, but people normally press on, or friends tell people where I'm from," he said. "But now I've chosen to just accept my roots. It's my identifying mark. People don't know my name, but when people say, 'That's the Boring guy,' they know who they're talking about."

Boring is a small suburban mill town. In fact, it is a suburb of a suburb. Gresham, the next largest city behind Portland, is about 15 minutes away. Eidenberg said his hometown was named after the Boring family and was established around the turn of the century.

"(Downtown) Boring is built up around a sawmill and bars that the workers go to after they get off work," he said. "We have three taverns within a half-block radius. Our downtown is essentially two gas stations, a restaurant and the mill."

Last year, the sawmill closed down, which was the largest employer in Clackamas County. This, of course, affected the Boring economy, especially in the downtown district.

Eidenberg said the three taverns felt the largest impact from the sudden loss of customers. However, Eidenberg said Wal-Mart plans to move into the vacant space, and that will be "big time" for his town.

Laurie Meisner, a sophomore secondary education and Spanish major at Boise State University, has known Eidenberg for six years and lives in nearby Troutdale. She said Eidenberg's personality and hometown name clash, and that he is the opposite of the dull persona that Boring suggests. However, she said the name is accurate for the personality of the area.

"Boring is boring," Meisner said. "I'm not joking. The only thing to do in Boring is to drive through to Peter's house. If you blink, you might miss it."

Despite the limited commerce in the downtown area, Boring has attracted many people because of its rural appeal. Eidenberg's mother, Linde Eidenberg, said she enjoys the small-

town nature.

"Boring is family-oriented," she said. "It's a rural suburb. It's close to Portland, but it is still out in the country. It's close to the coast, mountains and the countryside. It's a nice location."

Perhaps the appreciation of the natural landscape comes from the area around the Eidenberg home. Like many other housing plots in the area, grassland and evergreen trees surround it. Rural roads connect the spread out homes, and sometimes the only evidence of a house is a road-side mailbox. Vineyards and tree farms dot the landscape. Evergreen tree farms are important since Clackamas County is the Christmas tree capital of the nation.

A picturesque view of Mount Hood can be seen outside the Eidenberg kitchen, framed by trees and hillsides. A pasture borders the house, and the family keeps about 17 cows.

"If it were up to my mom, we wouldn't have them at all," Peter Eidenberg said. "I think my dad takes some pleasure in the fact that we have cows. He enjoys it. But our cows are the most infamous cows in Boring because there is a fence yet to be built that can contain them. Some friends call my dad (a family medical practitioner) the Boring Cattle Baron."

Peter Eidenberg also said the cows provide the beef for the household, so they stopped naming the cows a few years ago.

Meisner said she particularly liked the livestock aspect of the Eidenberg home.

"I've always wanted to go cow-tipping, but he wouldn't let me," she said.

Peter Eidenberg denies that cow-tipping is even possible, contrary to widespread belief.

"Cows don't even sleep standing up," he said. "They lay down. People can tip them when they're awake because they're just too stupid to run. Once we had visitors from California, and I let them chase my cows around the field all night long trying to tip them, unsuccessfully."

Despite nearly three decades that the family has lived and enjoyed Boring, Linde Eidenberg said she still sees the humor in her little town's name.

"Putting return addresses of Boring is kind of funny," she said. "Even today people call for my home address, and when I say it, people laugh. They ask, 'Are you sure?'"

Peter Eidenberg said when people react to his hometown, they often ask, "Is it boring in Boring?" or "People must yawn a lot there, huh?"

"Like I've never heard that before."

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Special to the Skiff  
Eidenberg poses in front of the United States Post Office in his hometown Boring, Ore., located near Portland, Ore.

**"Certainly, Boring, Ore., is a place with a name that seals its stereotypical destiny. However, this small town in the Portland metropolitan area has its own character and charm,"**  
-Peter Eidenberg said about his hometown in Oregon.

## Buda in Texas?

By Laura McFarland  
SKIFF STAFF

When she left her small hometown of Buda, Renee Esparza had no wish to return for any reason except to visit her parents. Now, the junior interior design major wishes she could leave TCU just as far behind as she left Buda.

In recent years, a number of developers have come to the small town, located 17 miles from downtown Austin. New developments in the area include three new subdivisions and a couple of food processing plants. Most of the citizens who live in Buda drive to work in Austin every day.

"It's growing more and more," Esparza said. "So if you want to live in a small town, soon it won't be that place."

The town itself is filled mostly with antique shops and small businesses. Esparza said that despite the town's growth, Buda has remained a one-stop-light town. "You can see all the stars at night," Esparza said. "It's a really beautiful place to visit."

Rather than going to the schools shared with the city of Kyle, Esparza traveled to Austin to attend a private school. Even though she doesn't regret growing up in Buda, Esparza said that

she doesn't miss the small town at all.

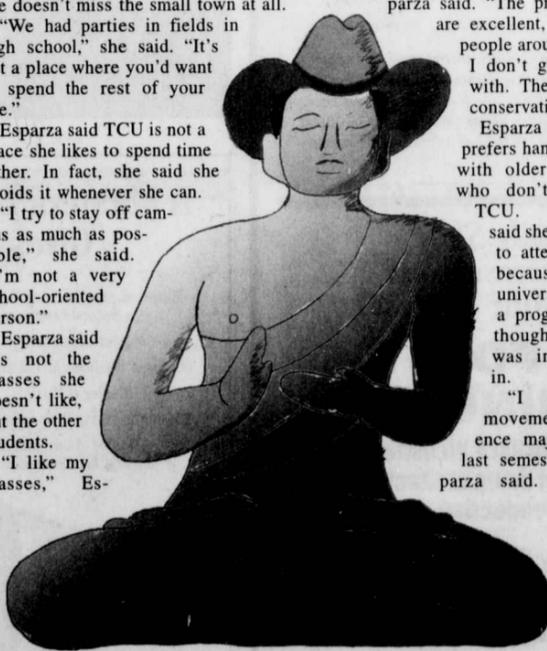
"We had parties in fields in high school," she said. "It's not a place where you'd want to spend the rest of your life."

Esparza said TCU is not a place she likes to spend time either. In fact, she said she avoids it whenever she can.

"I try to stay off campus as much as possible," she said. "I'm not a very school-oriented person."

Esparza said it's not the classes she doesn't like, but the other students.

"I like my classes," Es-



parza said. "The professors are excellent, but the people around here, I don't get along with. They're too conservative."

Esparza said she prefers hanging out with older friends who don't go to TCU.

Esparza said she decided to attend TCU because the university had a program she thought she was interested in.

"I was a movement science major until last semester," Esparza said. "Move-

ment science wasn't something I wanted to spend the rest of my life doing."

Instead, Esparza said she decided to become an interior design major, which will add an extra three years of college. She intends to transfer to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos and live in Austin until she graduates.

Esparza said most of her time is spent working at Michael's Restaurant and Ancho Chili Bar, which serves upscale southwestern cuisine. In her spare time, Esparza said she likes going to see live music, camping and traveling.

For the past five months, Esparza has been saving up to take a trip to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in June. She plans on staying in youth hostels while she visits the museums and looks at the architecture. As for her future, Esparza said she has not decided on any definite after-college plans.

"I want to travel and see the world, find someplace to settle, get a job and do all that womanly stuff," Esparza said.

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**"It's not a place you want to spend the rest of your life."**  
-Renee Esparza, from Buda, said.

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Job Title: Graphic Designer Location: Dallas, TX  
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Job Title: Graphics Editor Location: Cambridge, MA  
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Job Title: Sr Graphic Designer Location: Framingham, MA  
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## Incomplete service University looks to expand Internet

By Julie Ann Matonis  
STAFF REPORTER

The technology is not yet available that will deal with TCU's specific needs for off-campus computer users said David Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services.

He said he is looking for technology that would allow students at home or abroad to be able to dial a local number and gain access to TCU resources.

"We want more than just Internet access," Edmondson said. "We want secured access to TCU resources."

Edmondson said continuous access to technology is a concern that has been explored by the administration and students.

As part of its final report to the Commission on the Future of TCU, the Technology Task Force recommended computer and network resources be available so learning can occur at any time in any place.

Last semester, the Student Government Association passed a resolution supporting endeavors to provide the same resources to on-campus and off-campus users.

The resolution requested that the project be completed by fall 2001, but Edmondson said that date is questionable.

"I would like this service to be available by then, but I cannot promise anything at this time," Edmondson said.

According to an article in *The Chronicle for Higher Education*, computer officials are worried about the vast disparity between the technology available to students in wired residence halls and the students and faculty living off campus.

Edmondson said that once he determines what type of technology to use, he will work with the administration to examine funding options for the project.

"I first have to find a vendor

that can provide global access to the TCU network resources and then work with our administration regarding pricing options," he said.

Kaylan Minor, SGA secretary and former chairwoman of the Commuter Concerns Committee, said she worked with Edmondson on the resolution, though he was already pursuing solutions.

"Information Services is working with us, which is what the administration should do," Minor said. "The resources on campus

are great, but we want something that will make resources more available for off-campus students."

Edmondson said most universities are just providing Internet access to students and faculty. Many in-

stitutions also rely on modem pools, which are modems that people can dial into and then gain access to the university network.

Faculty and staff currently have limited off-campus network access with 45 phone lines, but this applies only to the Fort Worth area.

Chris Daugherty, a junior finance major, said there is greater reason to accommodate students technologically as the university puts more resources online.

"It's a continuous process — never stop learning and never stop adapting technology," Daugherty said. "There's always room for improvement, but I'm pleased with the direction of implementing technology."

Edmondson said the best thing for students to do right now is shop around for Internet providers.

Minor, however, said paying for Internet service is sometimes not possible.

"It's hard to afford an extra \$25 to \$30 a month for Internet access," she said.

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## Frogs ousted by Hawaii

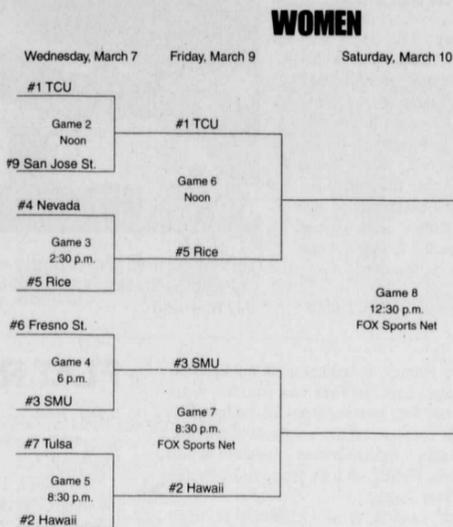
SKIFF STAFF

Hawaii's Predrag Savovic scored 24 points as the Rainbow Warriors' men's basketball team defeated TCU, 99-79, in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Thursday.

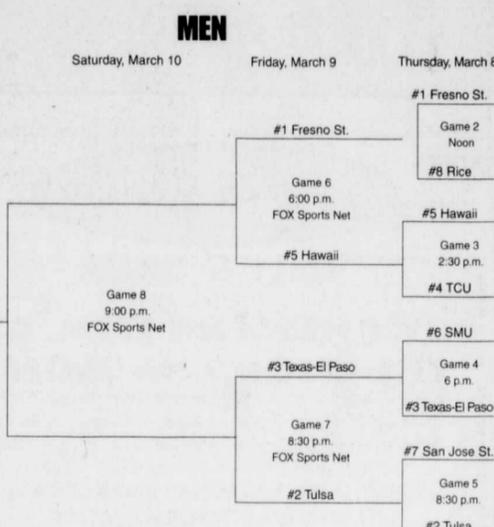
"In fairness to TCU, it lost two players," said Hawaii head coach Riley Wallace on KTCU 88.7-FM. Wallace was referring to the effects of TCU's dismissal of seniors Myron Anthony and Greedy Daniels. "When that happens, the starters have to play longer. They appeared to be sucking some air at the end."

The Frogs (20-11) will have to hope that the National Invitation Tournament Selection Committee is as empathetic of their situation as Wallace. TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs said he wasn't sure as to whether or not his squad would get into postseason play.

"It's out of our hands now," he said. "An NCAA bid is a long shot. I thought going into (the Hawaii) game we were in great shape to get



2001 WAC Tournament  
Reynolds Center  
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into the NIT, but I have no idea what this game does to that."

The fifth-seeded Rainbow Warriors (15-13) will play No. 25 Fresno State in the semifinals Friday. Fresno State beat Rice 60-52 Thursday.

Hawaii hit 6 of 9 three-point tries, taking a 13-point half-time lead. The Frogs, who shot just 44 percent compared with 60 percent for Hawaii,

got no closer than 11 points in the second half.

Hawaii's high percentage was due in part to crisp ball movement that resulted in a WAC Tournament-record 26 assists.

"(Hawaii) played to its capabilities," Tubbs said. "We knew going in that Hawaii does the best job in the conference of running a half-court

offense."

Savovic, who shot 5-of-7 from 3-point range, and Hawaii's Nerijus Puida each hit three pointers during a three-minute span in which Hawaii pushed its lead to 60-42.

TCU got within 15 points twice after that, the second time, 62-47, on a jumper by senior guard Thomas McTyler with 14:29 remaining. But

Hawaii followed with a 14-1 run that included two three pointers by Savovic and one by Puida. TCU missed all six of its shots during that time and was limited to one shot on every possession.

Hawaii scored on 13 of 17 possessions in widening its second-half lead from 51-39 to 80-53. Puida finished with 21 points, and

Troy Ostler had 19 points and eight assists.

TCU got 26 points from sophomore forward Bingo Merriex, and senior guard Ryan Carroll, who became TCU's all-time leading three-point shooter during the game, scored 14.

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## QUIETLY LEADING

### Women's golfer growing up quickly in first season as Horned Frog



Special to the Skiff  
Freshman golfer Courtney Wood lines up an iron shot at the TRW Regional Challenge.

By John Weyand  
STAFF REPORTER

A young, prodigious golfer named Wood shot a 64 in a club championship, shot two holes-in-one and had the chance to play in a professional tournament all before she got to college.

That's right, she. And it's not Woods, it's Wood.

Courtney Wood, a freshman member of the TCU women's golf team, has already made a contribution to the program. Despite being one of the Frogs' top scorers in the 2000-2001 season, Wood said her play has been nothing out of the ordinary.

"I expect a lot out of myself," Wood said. "Every round I try to shoot my best."

With so many options as a talented high school athlete, Wood said the size of the student body attracted her to TCU.

"I didn't want to go anywhere with 40,000 students," Wood said. "I'd probably get lost."

Wood also said women's golf head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin was a big part of the choice to come to Fort Worth.

"I really liked (Ravaoli-Larkin)," Wood said. "We talked a lot and got to know each other really well before I came (to TCU)."

Wood said Larkin had made her aware before she joined the Frogs that she would be a leader on the TCU golf team. Wood said she was prepared for that position, but development was still necessary.

"I had to grow up a lot," Wood said. "But I was the leader in high school. I expected to be the best player at TCU."

Wood said her leadership exists more in her playing than it does in motivating her teammates.

"I don't make speeches," Wood said. "I'm not as encouraging as some of the other girls. I just stay real quiet and lead by example."

Wood also said her teammates are very accepting and supportive of her.

"We have all gotten along really well," Wood said. "We have a really good chemistry."

Ravaoli-Larkin said several qualities made Wood an ideal recruit.

"I look at other things besides ability," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "(Wood) hit every category I consider. She has determination, drive, the (right) attitude, the work ethic and initiative."

Ravaoli-Larkin said she agreed that Wood's best leadership is in her habits.

"(Wood) already leads greatly with how much she practices," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "(Wood) does what she thinks she needs to do to get better, not just what everyone else does."

Ravaoli-Larkin said Wood has grown a good deal in her short time at TCU.

"(Wood) has matured a lot as far as being away from home," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "She's started to adjust to college life, and it

seems like she's really enjoying it now."

In addition to personal growth, Ravaoli-Larkin said Wood has truly become a part of the golf team.

"(Wood) has helped make everyone (on the women's golf team) a little bit better," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "She has become a team player. She has always been out there to win herself, but now she's behind the team."

Ravaoli-Larkin said Wood shows promise to become exceptionally successful as a collegiate athlete.

"She has the potential to be the No. 1 player in the country," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "She could be an All-American as many years as she wants."

Ravaoli-Larkin said Wood faces very few obstacles in being a top

player.

"As far as I can see, she just has to continue to mature as a player," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

The quality Ravaoli-Larkin said she associates most with Wood is a knack for success.

"She is a well-rounded girl," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "She is good at everything she tries to do."

Wood said she's going to try to reach success one day at a time.

"Every day, I continue to improve a little bit," Wood said.

Leading the women's golf team in birdies and par putting and having two holes-in-one to her credit already, it seems she leaves little room for improvement, but she'd never say that.

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### THE WOOD FILE



Wood

**Full name:** Courtney Wood  
**Hometown:** Brentwood, Tenn.  
**Class:** Freshman  
**Sport:** Women's golf  
**Best round:** 64 at Temple Hills Country Club in Brentwood, Tenn.  
**Holes-in-one:** Two

**Accolades:** Finished fourth out of 89 players at Price's Give Em Five Intercollegiate Tournament in New Mexico; Finished 12th out of 74 players at the Mercedes-Benz Women's Championship in Knoxville, Tenn.; Leads the women's golf team in birdies, par putting and greens hit in regulation

### Sports glance A look ahead at what's going on in TCU athletics next week.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Men and Women at WAC Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.	Men and Women at WAC Tournament in Tulsa, Okla.					
		Women vs. Harvard 11 a.m.	Men vs. Arkansas 1 p.m.	Women vs. Wyoming 2 p.m.	Women vs. Mississippi State 2 p.m.		
	vs. Nevada 2:35 p.m.	vs. Nevada 1:05 p.m.	vs. Nevada 1:05 p.m.			vs. Iowa State 2:35 p.m.	
	Men at Las Vegas Intercollegiate in Nevada	Men at Las Vegas Intercollegiate in Nevada	Men at Las Vegas Intercollegiate in Nevada	Women at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin	Women at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin	Women at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin	
	Men and Women at American Short Course Championships	Men and Women at American Short Course Championships	Men and Women at American Short Course Championships				

## Tech coach says he will focus on team, not rumors about Knight

By Pam Easton  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech administrators were tightlipped Thursday about the possibility of former Indiana coach Bobby Knight becoming the Red Raiders' head coach — a job that belongs to the embattled James Dickey.

Dickey said he won't let the rumors affect his focus, which is winning games.

"My focus is on having our team prepared as well as we possibly can and making sure these players are given every opportunity to have every chance they can to succeed," Dickey told The Associated Press early Thursday from his hotel room in Kansas City.

The Red Raiders faced Oklahoma State in the first game of the Big 12 Tournament at 2:20 p.m. Thursday. Tech (9-18) is the 12th seed in the tournament.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Thursday's editions that Dickey, 46, will be dismissed after

this season. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported that Texas Tech administrators have approached Knight about taking over. Attorney Russell Yates, who represents Knight, said coaching is his client's forte.

"He would not knowingly attach his name to a job that is not open," Yates said. "That is not him."

A former college coach, who is close to Knight but asked not to be identified, told the Avalanche-Journal that Tech president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers traveled to Naples, Fla., earlier this week to discuss with Knight the possibility of replacing Dickey.

Dickey said he first learned of the report from reporters and friends in Lubbock who saw the story on television.

"We have had a lot of our friends call us from Lubbock," said Dickey, who is in Kansas City with his wife and children. "They just wondered if we knew anything and the answer

is: 'No, we don't.'"

Myers has declined to comment.

There are three years remaining on Dickey's contract, which has a base annual salary of \$200,000. According to his contract, neither win-loss records nor attendance records can be considered "good cause for termination" without compensation.

"I'm not going to fire myself," Dickey said. "I'm not going to quit."

Dickey has compiled a 166-123 record, including two NCAA tournament berths, in his 10 seasons as Tech's head coach. But Tech has dropped 11 of the team's past 12 games and have suffered through four straight losing seasons.

Dickey helped Tech recover from a situation remarkably like the one that may force him out — before his arrival, the program had endured four straight losing seasons and had a 13-45 record in the preceding two years.

Myers, who coached the Red Raiders from 1971-1991, is said to have hand-picked Dickey as his successor.

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### POLICE BLOTTER

TCU Police reported the following offenses between Feb. 27 and March 6.

#### Resisting Arrest and Property Crime

March 6, 7:25 a.m. -- A former TCU student was arrested for resisting arrest and criminal mischief by the Fort Worth Police Department. The suspect was accompanied by another individual. They were pushing a TCU Police patrol car in the freshman parking lot, located at 2800 Stadium Dr. The arrested suspect was drunk and made inappropriate remarks to campus police officers. The other suspect, who was not drunk, was released and not given a citation.

#### Property Crime

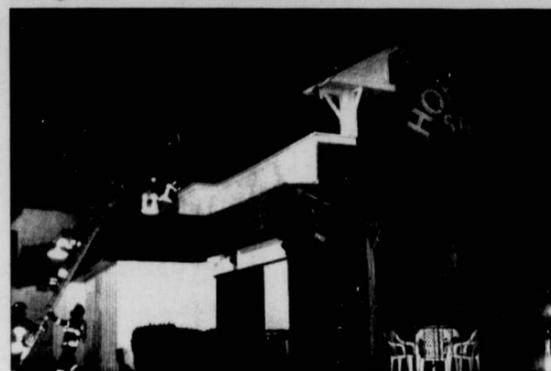
March 2, 10:34 a.m. -- Several rooms in Moncrief Hall were damaged. Previous occupants of the rooms damaged did the damage, according to TCU Police officers. The hall director said the occupants would be fined. The damage to the rooms was reported at less than \$1,500.

#### Vehicle Recovery

March 1, 3:51 a.m. -- A white TCU golf cart was stolen from Colby Hall. The cart was later spotted by TCU Police traveling westbound on Berry Street with the headlights turned off. There were two people riding in the cart. The suspects ran away when police approached them. Police were unable to find the suspects. There was no reported damage to the cart.

Compiled by Ram Luthra

### A JOB 'WELL-DONE'



Fort Worth fire fighters battle smoke while trying to put out a fire at Hoffbrau Steaks, 1712 S. University Dr., just after midnight Thursday morning.

### SGA

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Controller Cheryl Wilson said she traced the problem back to fall 1999 after Markley questioned a lower proposed budget for this year. She said the problem happened because the account code for yearbook payments was the same as the one for student government fees. Wilson said students were charged correctly, but the money was directed into the wrong account.

Wilson was not employed as the controller when the mistake occurred, but she said the problem probably stemmed from the transfer to PeopleSoft, the university's student administration system.

"My only guess would be that it was some sort of conversion problem from the old computer system to the new one," she said.

Kathy Hamer, coordinator of publications for Campus Life, said she was told last week that money was missing from the budget. She said that because of the yearbook's publication schedule, money comes in and out at odd times, so it is difficult for anyone to know that money is missing.

Hamer said it is also difficult to track money because, although the yearbook is self-supporting, all of its finances are handled through Campus Life.

Markley said he heard discussions in Campus Life last fall about the missing money, but he did not involve himself because he didn't think it concerned SGA.

Rick Barnes, director of special projects for student affairs, works with the yearbook budget and was unavailable for comment.

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### FLAT RATE

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acceptable for students to stay in school for more than four years.

"If I could, I would take five years to get through my major," Tschoepe said.

Ferrari said that contrary to what most students believe, there is not any financial benefit for the university with the new flat rate.

"The university collects more money if students do what they are doing right now by staying here an extra one or two years," he said. "If a student takes five years to get a degree, that is actually financially good for the university because we keep collecting all these fees."

Ferrari said he understands why the overwhelming majority of private schools have a flat fee.

"I spent 13 years in higher education in public schools before coming to TCU," he said. "All the public schools charge by credit hour because the state pays them according to the amount of credit hours the students take."

He said that as a private university, TCU does not have state money and does not need to charge by credit hour.

"When I say I would like to see more students graduate in a four-year period, it's not because it'll look better in a rating magazine, but for purely student advantage," Ferrari said. "The university should set its curriculum so that students have the ability to graduate in a four-year time period."

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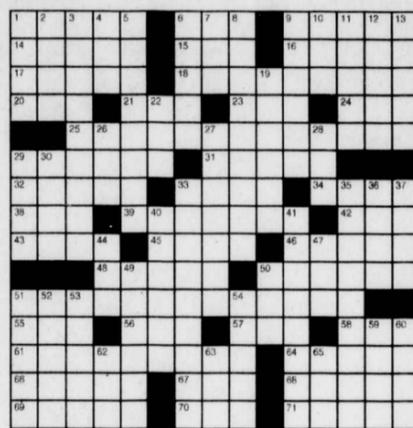


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### Purple Poll

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## Into the mainstream

A battle waged for decades, the legalization of marijuana has recently reappeared on state legislative agendas across the nation.



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By Alisha Brown  
STAFF REPORTER

The medicinal use of marijuana in Texas may soon stand up to the judicial gavel if a bill proposed by representative Terry Keel gains approval.

The bill was introduced Feb. 27 to the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee of the Texas House of Representatives to allow offenders to use the defense that possessing the illegal drug was recommended by their physician.

Keel, a Republican representative and former sheriff and district attorney of Travis County, made provisions in the bill for a patient of a licensed physician with a bona fide medical condition to use their doctor's recommendation for the use of marijuana to ease pain and suffering as an affirmative defense.

This provision stops short of the legalizing possession of the drug. It only qualifies medicinal purposes as a legitimate defense in court.

In Texas, possessing less than an ounce of marijuana is still considered a class B misdemeanor punishable by jail time, detective R.J. Ramos with the Fort Worth Police Department narcotics division said.

"Having two to four ounces is a class A misdemeanor and above that it goes into the felonies," Ramos said.

Other states have taken bolder steps in state legislation. A bill passed by a 6-1 vote Tuesday in a New Mexico legislative committee to reduce the penalties of possessing less than an ounce of marijuana, which is presently punishable by jail time in the state.

The bill, proposed by Gov. Gary Johnson, would still make marijuana possession punishable by a \$300 fine, but reduces the charge from a misdemeanor to the fine.

"It's not condoning the use of drugs, but it's making a statement that it's not criminal," Johnson said in an interview with *CNN*.

Although New Mexico is only a border away, the likelihood for Texas to reduce criminal penalties is unlikely, said Don Jackson, chairman of the political science department.

"Anywhere in the Bible Belt is less likely to make that change," he said. "There is a difference in conservative traditions. Texas is more morally based than libertarian."

Similar propositions have passed in about eight other states, according to Katharine Huffman, director of the New Mexico drug policy project for the Lindesmith Center.

California passed Proposition 215 in 1996 allowing for the possession and cultivating of marijuana when recommended by a physician for medicinal purposes such as easing symptoms of glaucoma and cancer.

Arizona passed its own version of the bill, Proposition 200, in the same year, approving marijuana "to treat a disease or to relieve the pain and suffering of seriously or terminally ill patients."

It also prohibited judges from sending convicted nonviolent drug offenders to prison until their third conviction.

Jackson said the federal government is a long way away from passing legislation to even the penalties across the board.

"I think the war on drugs was lost a long time ago," he said. "The government is now going to demand treatment not prevention. But it's going to be difficult to get by Congress to get out in front of this one."

However, a week ago congressman Barney Frank re-introduced legislation to repeal some federal penalties for possessing marijuana.

Federal provisions currently ban federal financial aid up to a year to students who have been convicted of any federal or state drug offense, according to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Passage of the bill would give authority to bar that provision based on the severity of the crime and whether the offenders were taking steps to rehabilitate themselves, Frank said on (<http://www.norml.org>).

Twenty-three co-sponsors have signed Frank's proposal and more than 70 civil and national education groups have endorsed it, according to the NORML Web site.

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## Restricting marijuana: A Bill of Rights violation?

By Ram Luthra  
STAFF REPORTER

The argument to legalize drugs, especially marijuana, has taken a new, constitutionally-based form on the TCU campus, Michael Katovich, professor of sociology, said.

Katovich makes the argument using the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution. The amendment prohibits people from enduring cruel and unusual punishment. He said people can translate the amendment to show pain as a form of cruelty because they cannot receive treatment offered from the illegal drugs.

Katovich said legalization of marijuana should be closely looked at from an angle of humanity. He said the use of marijuana for medical purposes should be carefully re-examined because of the problems many people are suffering. The problem people endure is the inability to obtain this drug for medical treatment. The drug can be used efficiently to reduce the pain patients suffer. He said approximately one-tenth of the population in the United States

is in severe pain everyday.

"The illegality of drugs, especially marijuana, has caused major anxieties for patients who really need these drugs," Katovich said. "These problems were ignored when these drugs were proclaimed illegal."

He said the prescribed drugs presently available are not well-suited for all patients. Katovich said the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) capsule doctors prescribe to reduce the effects of glaucoma vary in effectiveness. He said the capsules are set to relieve pain of a certain degree, instead of a variation of pain patients may suffer.

"People should have the right to choose the type of medication in accordance to the pain they feel," he said. "Some patients may take the capsule offered from doctors or patients can simply smoke a joint or add the leaves on their food or their drink to reduce the pain."

Katovich said legalizing the drug could be hard, but it's not unachievable.

"There will probably be no immediate change, but in order to have these drugs

more accessible certain things must happen," he said. "There must be a poster person who has to publicly advocate legalization of the drugs. This person must be an innocent person, who has suffered severe pain after being denied access to these drugs."

The public has a negative perception toward drugs because of the many marketing campaigns against them. Katovich said the "War on Drugs" program has altered the ability for medical doctors to prescribe drugs for people in pain.

"The doctor-patient relationship has dramatically changed," he said. "Doctors are supposed to be a type of a healer, but now they are becoming restricted from that role because of the various laws. (Doctors) are now resorting to a role of a cop, who has to regulate the level of medication to accommodate the law, instead of the patient."

He said changing these perceptions will take major rethinking on the stance.

"We need to isolate the current stigma of always attaching the negative effects of

the use of drugs," Katovich said. "Instead, people should entertain themselves with the positive effects of drugs."

Kelly Ham, TCU detective of criminal investigations, said drug-related incidents are one of the many problems TCU has to deal with.

"Drugs are a problem on the TCU campus," Ham said. "But it is not a major problem."

Ham said there are only one or two drug-related incidents reported in a semester.

Since 1998, there have been 17 drug-related incidents reported to the TCU police department. Nine of those incidents have involved marijuana.

The most recent incident occurred this year on Feb. 11. Two students were disciplined by Campus Life after being caught smoking marijuana in their room in Clark Residence Hall. The students were not charged for any criminal violations, but they have been referred to the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

According to the Alcohol and Drug Ed-

ucation Center, in 1998, 35.3 percent of students surveyed said they have used marijuana sometime in their life. TCU was far below the national average of 46 percent. In the same year, 22.9 percent of TCU students said they have used marijuana at least once within the past year. Again, the TCU average was below the national average of 32.4 percent.

Katovich said that even if marijuana is legalized some people will abuse the drug. Students are more likely to fall into the category of those who may use the drugs for inappropriate purposes, but Katovich said that problem will resolve itself as problems of alcohol do.

"There might be a healthy population of students who will use drugs if they become legal," he said. "But most of those will only use the drugs in moderation. Students smoke marijuana like they drink alcohol. It is simply a time-out experience for them."

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