



# CAMPUS LINES

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■ **The first university chapel** will be at noon today in Robert Carr Chapel. The ecumenical worship service is held each Wednesday throughout the semester.

■ **Chi Alpha TCU**, will serve free dinner for students at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 23 and Friday, Aug. 24 at 2701 S. University Drive. For more information call (817) 923-8833.

■ **The Wesley Foundation at TCU** will have a fellowship meeting with a meal and program at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday at 2750 W. Lowden. For more information call (817) 924-5639.

■ **Brighton Beach Memoirs** will be performed at Stage West through Saturday. Call (817) 784-9378 for ticket information.

■ **The band Destination Known** will be performing a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

■ **The Pigskin Classic**, TCU vs. Nebraska, will be televised live beginning at noon on Saturday on local ABC affiliate WFAA-TV Channel 8.

■ **Visting Mathematics Green Chair Ed Burger** will give a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Sid W. Richardson Building. Lecture hall 1. He will also be speaking at 4 p.m. Aug. 27 and 28 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 3. For more information call (817) 257-7335.

■ **Artist Ed Ruscha** will be featured in a special exhibit Sept. 1 until Sept. 30 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. This is his first American museum retrospective since 1982. For more information call (817) 738-9215.

# WORLD DIGEST



## As tropical storm nears Mexico, Cancun resorts continue to party

CANCUN, Mexico — "Sorry, we're open," quips the sign on a popular restaurant here. And so far the approach of Tropical Storm Chantal hasn't led many to think about closing.

In fact, few of the tourists here late Sunday knew that a hurricane warning had been called for the seemingly peaceful region.

"I wasn't worried about it because I thought it was over in Puerto Rico," said Meghann Fitzgerald, a 21-year-old life-guard from Santa Cruz, Calif., who was dancing and laughing with friends at an open-air restaurant called Slices.

"OK, NOW I'm worried. Thanks a lot!" she told a reporter who asked about the storm whirling away out to sea with 65 mph winds.

As Cancun throbbed with rock, rap and still-swelting heat shortly before midnight, forecasters estimated that Chantal's ill-defined center was still about a day from landfall — most likely somewhere on the Mexican coast between Cancun and the border with Belize.

With high winds extending out for 200 miles in some directions, it seemed likely that the storm — hurricane or not — would at least paw at Cancun even if it does not pounce.

Christoph Schreiner and Michel Archen of Graz, Austria, said they were down to their last 60 pesos — less than \$7 — after a month of grass-roots travelling through southern Mexico and planned to sleep at the airport.

"We have to stay here a night and a day, on the floor here," said Schreiner, carrying a large backpack. With a flight scheduled for Tuesday morning, a slight northward jog by the storm could cause them a major problem. Among the few who knew about Chantal were a group from Virginia Beach, Va. — people who had lived through storms back home.

"We almost didn't come," said 24-year-old Bobby Johnson.

"We were worried about being boarded

up in a third-rate hotel," he said. "Once we got here, it's not so bad," he added, as music poured into the street beneath pyramid-like hotels.

Few of the hotels seem to have alerted their guests to the hurricane warning.

## Israel says Palestinian militant, children killed by own bomb

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — A Palestinian militant and his two children were killed by a bomb the man was preparing, and not by an Israeli missile as the Palestinians alleged, an Israeli army spokesman said Monday.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, meanwhile, said it was possible he might meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "I don't know if it will be soon, but it is certainly visible on the horizon," Peres told Israel army radio.

Peres has been trying to revive cease-fire talks. A truce brokered in June by CIA chief George Tenet collapsed weeks ago, and high-level contacts have been rare.

On Sunday, six Palestinians were killed, including Samir Abu Zeid, his daughter Inez, 7, and his son Suleiman, 5, who died in an explosion at their home in the Rafah refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip.

Palestinian police said the explosion was caused by an Israeli missile.

Israel denied having fired a missile at the house, and initially said the blast was caused by a Palestinian mortar which was aimed at an Israeli army position but fell short of its target.

However, on Monday, an Israeli spokesman, Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, said an examination of the evidence showed that Abu Zeid was handling a bomb that exploded prematurely.

The explosion appeared to have taken place inside the yard. Buckled and blood-stained sheets of corrugated iron were scattered around the perimeter. Neighbors said Abu Zeid's body was blown apart and his limbs scattered.

Palestinian police came to the house Sunday evening and removed all the evidence, neighbors said. Abu Zeid was a

leader of a local squad of activists engaged in confrontations with Israeli troops and Jewish settlers, Palestinian and Israeli sources said.

Salah Zeidan, 33, was not involved in the fight, his mother said. He was awakened by the shooting, went out onto the balcony to see what was happening and was shot in the chest, she said.

## Undersecretary of state continues missile defense talks with Russians

MOSCOW — U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton met Tuesday with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov as part of a drive to win Moscow's approval for U.S. missile defense plans.

The meeting is part of a series of consultations that began after President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin announced in July that missile defense would be linked to talks on cutting the nuclear arsenals of both countries.

So far, Russian officials say the Americans have not convinced them of the need to scrap the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Treaty, which prohibits national missile defense systems. Russia says the treaty is a cornerstone of international security.

"We have not heard from the Americans a clear-cut explanation of what it is that is not to their liking in the treaty," said Andrei Nikolayev, head of parliament's defense committee, after talks with Bolton on Monday, according to the Interfax news agency.

Bolton's talks this week are to be followed by a September meeting in New York between Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

— From Associated Press reports

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Our views

## GROWING PAINS

### Housing shortage rightly anticipated

There is no doubt TCU is growing. The university is growing in prestige and size, but importantly, it is growing up and making better decisions. As in previous years, the university was faced with a housing dilemma. Fall 2001 brought the largest percentage of incoming male students in the past four years, creating a deficit of male housing.

Realizing early on there would be a problem, university officials handled the situation in an appropriate, professional manner.

After exploring their options, administrators and Residential Services staff members took the necessary precautions and instituted policies to accommodate the overflow of male students.

The university reserved 70 spaces at the Hampton Inn and provided adequate transportation services for these students.

It prioritized well by temporarily displacing those who missed the May 1 housing deadline.

Others have also made sacrifices to help solve the problem.

Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Sigma fraternities should be applauded and respected for not just allowing non-fraternity members to stay in their houses, but welcoming the incoming freshmen to their new homes.

One freshman resident praised the level of respect he was shown by members of the fraternity house he was assigned to.

Back on main campus, the 17 residential assistants are to be commended for allowing freshmen to be their roommates.

Although 22 men are still assigned in the lounge in Mocrief Hall, steps have been taken to provide Internet, telephone and cable access in the lounges.

Even with the growing pains, TCU officials have worked to alleviate the problem. Maturity, it seems, comes with experience.

### Editorial Policies

**Editorial policy:** The content of the Opinion page does not necessarily represent the views of Texas Christian University. Unsigned editorials represent the view of the TCU Daily Skiff editorial board. Signed letters, columns and cartoons represent the opinion of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board.

**Letters to the editor:** The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor for publication. Letters must be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. To submit a letter, bring it to the Skiff, Moudy 291S; mail it to TCU Box 298050; e-mail it to skiffletters@tcu.edu or fax it to 257-7133. Letters must include the author's classification, major and phone number. The Skiff reserves the right to edit or reject letters for style, taste and size restrictions.

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## Editorial Staff Demographics

Here is a look at the Skiff's fall 2001 leaders:

- **Gender:** Seven female, three male
- **Classification:** One freshman, one sophomore, three juniors, five seniors
- **Political affiliation:** three liberal, two conservative, five moderate
- **Religious preference:** Three agnostic, one Roman Catholic, two Baptist, two non-denominational Christian, one Disciples of Christ, one Sikh
- **Major:** Three broadcast journalism, one international communication, one English, three news-editorial journalism, one news-editorial and English, one news-editorial and political science
- **Housing:** Six off campus, four on campus
- **Greek affiliation:** 10 independent
- **Home state:** eight Texas, one Nebraska, one California
- **Editorial experience:** one previous editor, nine new editors
- **Reporting experience:** eight have taken the reporting class, two have not
- **Average GPA:** 3.324
- **Average hours scheduled fall semester:** 15.25



## BIG SHOES TO FILL...



## TCU community should steer Skiff

### Editor in Chief asks students, faculty and staff for input

A couple of weeks ago I went to a seminar and people asked me what I do for the paper.

Naturally I told them I was going to be the editor next semester. The next question shot at me was, "What is the name of the paper?"

I told them it is the TCU Daily Skiff. They gave me a funny look and nodded their head as most people do when they are set to ask another question. Then I was asked, "What does that mean?"

Interesting. There I am standing and thinking what exactly does the Skiff mean and how did it get its name.

I started to scratch my scalp and replied, "Well, I know that a skiff is a small boat, but as far as what it stands for I am not sure."

That was then and they bought that explanation. But now I think about the question and I can tell you what the Skiff stands for.

The Skiff is a place where voices of students with concerns can be heard and addressed. It allows students to exhibit their views. It allows students to widely express the way they feel about issues around campus.

The Skiff is a mirror that is supposed to reflect the way TCU really looks: The good, the bad and the ugly.

The Skiff's mission is to inform, entertain and

even excite our readers.

For that to happen we need to know what affects you on an everyday basis.

I know the problems the media has had with credibility. The media has been criticized heavily for its actions. This business has been known for reporting only the bad news and criticized for not admitting our mistakes.

That is true in some cases, but on the flip side there are some people in this business who do their best to be fair, balanced and impartial.

I understand the public watches the cases of how the media portrayed the Monica Lewinsky situation and the ordeal with Sen. Gary Condit. Some of that denunciation is fully justified.

I don't have a problem with that criticism as long as you continue to give us input.

On our opinion page, all of our editors will be writing columns throughout the semester. Along with their column will appear a picture of that editor. If you see that face around campus at the Main or at a bar or something, let us know what problems you are having or what we could do to help.

Tell us if the construction on campus is becoming bothersome or if this is your first time away from home and you are feeling homesick. Trust me, if those things matter to you, they probably matter to other people at TCU.

Once again, we try our best to be fair and

balanced, but spending so much time in a newsroom can take a massive toll. That anxiety usually confines us to the Moudy Building. So it is even more vital that you provide us an avenue of information, advice and even criticism.

I urge all students and all faculty to call, write and or drop by to tell us things around campus or give us advice on things that affect you.

This plea is not only for the traditional, full-time students, but also for the part-time students that work and have a family, and to the faculty and staff who make this university click day in and day out.

And for those readers who don't write or call or e-mail or perhaps even pick up a copy, I request you give us a chance. We really want to make things better for everybody and sometimes we tend to try too hard. But our passion is to be public servants for you.

Oh by the way, I did find out how the Skiff got its name. In 1902, the founder, who was a student, hoped to make some extra money. He wanted to produce a paper that would be a way to "sail through the financial weather."

Ninety-nine years after the Skiff took to sea, we continue on our course with the goal of "rowing, not drifting."

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#### Commentary



Ram Luthra

The Skiff's mission is to inform, entertain and even excite our readers. For that to happen we need to know what affects you on an everyday basis.

## Opinion page belongs to all who read it

As a reader of the TCU Daily Skiff, there is something you should know — the Skiff belongs to you. The Skiff isn't the exclusive property of the editorial board, the journalism department or even Chancellor Michael Ferrari. This is your paper, your opinion page.

You, as a reader of the Skiff, are the most important element of this paper. A newspaper would be useless and unable to be informative without readers. You provide the paper with a purpose when you read it.

Therefore, what you have to say matters to us. The voice of every reader deserves to be heard and their interests represented.

Diversity should play a critical

### Exposure to new ideas, opinions that begins here should continue

role at this paper because the readers of the Skiff do not fit into any one group or category.

Looking around TCU, it doesn't always feel diverse. During my first year on campus, I was surprised by the lack of diversity on campus, but I looked closer and discovered diversity under the surface. TCU students come from different backgrounds, have different religious beliefs and hold variety of viewpoints.

One great thing about college is the opportunity to develop friendships with people from different backgrounds who have views you might not agree with.

When I was a freshman I had dinner with two students who were complete opposites. One was a conservative, Christian male and the other a female, liberal feminist. Over

dinner they debated the issue of sexual orientation. It was definitely an interesting conversation.

While neither student changed their beliefs after that debate, both understood the other a little better. They didn't become best friends and leave the table skipping down the street holding each other's hands, but they respected each other. Learning to respect people you might not agree with is critical for living in the world today.

The opinion page is similar to a conversation. It allows you to read opinions you might not agree with and then express your own view. This page should be fun, but it should get you thinking. College is a time to challenge those beliefs you were taught while growing up.

Listening to what those around you believe is an important way to

challenge your views. You may decide you don't agree with what you were raised believing, or you may strengthen your existing beliefs.

It is important that everyone's voice is heard and represented at TCU and in the world. The Skiff provides an outlet for the voices and ideas of its readers and it's easy for you to speak out here. We welcome and encourage letters to the editor or contributions of columns or editorial cartoons.

The wider the range of views that are represented in the Skiff, the more you will be interested and challenged. Now is the time to develop your opinions and understand those opinions that you don't agree with.

Stop by the Skiff office in the Moudy Building, talk to us and tell us what you think. Remember, this is your paper and your opinions matter.

Bethany McCormack is a junior English major from Dallas. She can be contacted at (b.s.mccormack@student.tcu.edu).

Do you have an opinion? Put in writing. The TCU Daily Skiff is looking for columnists.

Apply in person at Moudy Building South Room 290, noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



Erin Munger/PHOTO EDITOR

Orientation Student Assistants entertained faculty and staff with skits at the Chancellor's Luncheon Tuesday.

## LUNCHEON

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Ferrari attended orientation sessions throughout the summer and, after seeing the OSAs perform, thought it would be an entertaining addition to the luncheon.

At the conclusion of the skit all faculty and staff members were asked to stand and follow the OSAs in Riff Ram Bah Zoo.

Melissa Bagley, an OSA and junior music education and vocal performance major, said she couldn't believe

when Ferrari asked the OSAs to perform at the luncheon.

"I was excited that the faculty enjoyed something we put so much time into," Bagley said.

Ferrari said he wasn't sure if the OSAs will perform at next year's luncheon, but does want to have some sort of student involvement. Ferrari said the skit gave faculty and staff a chance to see students having fun. The opening luncheon should end with high hopes, optimism and excitement for the coming year, he said.

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## RENOVATIONS

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out with it, nobody talked about the magnitude of change in the place where the students are going to spend the majority of their time — in the classroom," Munson said.

Davis said he was glad to see some of his tuition money put to use.

"At least it's good to know students are getting to see some of the benefits of the tuition hikes," Davis said.

Tim Barth, psychology department chair, said the technological improvements will enhance professors' ability to teach their students.

"Every faculty member is now moving toward more multimedia

presentations," Barth said. "So everything that's been done this summer has allowed people to teach at a level that they would like to teach."

The next renovations will probably focus on the science labs in the Sid W. Richardson Building and in Winton-Scott Hall, but no time table or budget has been set, Munson said.

Now the only problem is keeping the classrooms in good condition, Barth said.

"The only concern now is to keep food and drinks out of the classroom to keep them nice," Barth said. "But this is probably going to be a battle that we'll lose."

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## RIVAS

FROM PAGE 1

Toby Shook said, "The evidence is overwhelming. George Rivas is nothing more than a malicious, vicious, ruthless killer."

Rivas' attorneys offered a much briefer defense, presenting one witness. The defense argued that Rivas never intended to kill Hawkins, only disarm him by shooting him in the shoulders when others joined in the gunfire.

"These guys were just in a panic," said attorney Karo Johnson. "They were just firing their guns."

But Shook noted that Hawkins was shot at close range, which showed intent.

"This was a well-planned, meticulous operation," he said. "They weren't in a panic. They were determined and in a frenzy to kill Officer Hawkins, to get him out of the way."

Investigators say Rivas helped six fellow convicts escape from a South Texas prison and lead authorities on a six-week nationwide manhunt.

Rivas is the first of six Texas escapees to be tried on capital murder charges. Dallas County prosecutors have vowed to seek the death penalty and accept no plea agreements.

Legal experts have said the verdict in Rivas' case will be a barometer for the remaining trials; if he is sentenced to die, the other defendants are likely to meet the same fate.

Hawkins was responding to a Christmas Eve robbery call at an Oshman's Sporting Goods when he was shot 11 times, six in the head, and run over twice. Prosecutors say

five guns were used.

Rivas said in his written statement that he shot Hawkins because he thought the officer was reaching for his service revolver.

When others joined in the shooting, Rivas himself was shot twice by his own men.

The prosecution was not required to prove that bullets fired by Rivas actually killed Hawkins. Under the "law of parties," Rivas is liable for the alleged conduct of the other escapees if he promoted or assisted them during the crime.

After grabbing \$70,000, 44 weapons and winter clothing from Oshman's, the men lived for about a month in a trailer park in Woodland Park, Colo. A neighbor recognized them from broadcasts of Fox TV's "America's Most Wanted" and went to authorities.

On Jan. 22, a SWAT team nabbed Rivas, Joseph Garcia and Michael Rodriguez at a convenience store. Randy Halprin gave up at the mobile home, where Larry Harper then killed himself.

Patrick Murphy and Donald Newbury, who had gone out on their own a day earlier, surrendered two days later at a motel in Colorado Springs.

Jurors did not hear about the gang's meticulously planned Dec. 13 breakout from the Connally Unit in Kenedy, where they stole a pickup and 16 guns, and left a note threatening, "You haven't heard the last of us yet."

Several of the men robbed a Pearland Radio Shack on Dec. 15, stealing walkie talkies, wireless telephones and radio scanners to monitor law enforcement channels. Three days later, they stole thousands of dollars from an Auto Zone store in Pasadena, investigators said.

## HOUSING

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lounges and 17 male resident assistants have roommates.

Moncrief Hall resident assistant Marla Prevost said many things were done to make lounges comfortable for students.

"The lounges where students are living have been transformed into rooms," Prevost said. "There are two beds, dressers and desks

in the rooms. Since there are no closets, clothes racks are provided."

He also said Internet, telephone and cable access will be installed in lounges not already equipped with those lines.

Baker said the top priorities of Residential Services is to take students out of lounges as soon as rooms open up and give resident assistants single rooms.

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## FBI arrests 8 in scam for McDonald's game prizes

By KAREN GULLO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The FBI has arrested eight people allegedly involved in a scheme that fraudulently netted more than \$13 million worth of McDonald's game prizes.

Authorities said Tuesday the criminal ring allegedly involved Simon Marketing, Inc., a company responsible for McDonald's game security.

Among those arrested was an employee of the company's security department in Lawrenceville, Ga. The employee embezzled winning game pieces, officials charged.

"This fraud scheme denied McDonald's customers a fair and equal chance of winning," said Attorney General John Ashcroft.

"Those involved in this type of corruption will find out that breaking the law is no game."

Authorities said no McDonald's Corp. employees were involved and that McDonald's assisted the investigation.

Law enforcement authorities said those arrested were charged with fixing the outcome of McDonald's Monopoly, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire and other McDonald's promotional games by controlling the distribution of the high-value prize pieces, such as the \$1 million grand prize.

More than \$13 million worth of grand prizes were "won" by the conspirators in this scheme, the FBI said in a statement.

The bureau's investigation, called operation "Final Answer," is continuing. All eight individuals were charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, and felony complaints were filed against them in federal court in Florida.

The FBI said the scheme began

as early as 1995. The government alleges that those involved provided winning game pieces to friends and associates who acted as recruiters. These recruiters then solicited individuals who falsely and fraudulently represented that they were the legitimate winners of the McDonald's games.

The eight made off with some of the highest-value prizes in the McDonald's games, authorities said. But the sources also said that no employees of McDonald's were involved in the scam.

Officials said the scam involved McDonald's Monopoly game promotion.

McDonald's has offered big prizes — \$1 million in cash, diamonds or gold, cars and vacations — to Monopoly game winners. Customers collect game pieces attached to drink cups or obtained through writing to McDonald's. The prizes are redeemable for "instant win" prizes or can be used on a game board available at McDonald's.

The company has offered the Monopoly promotion for 10 years, according to McDonald's Web site.

"This investigation has required the utilization of some of the most sophisticated and innovative investigative techniques," said acting FBI Director Thomas J. Pickard.

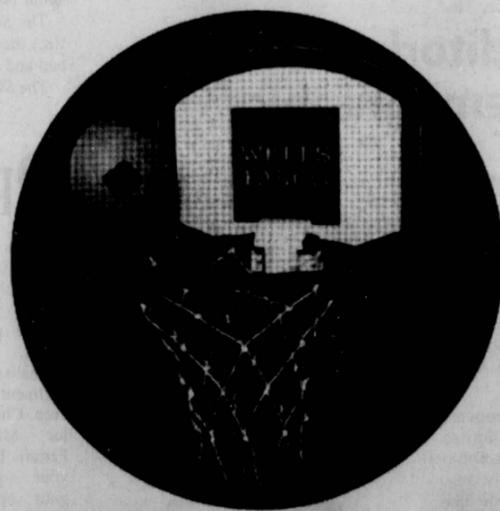
Those arrested are: Linda L. Baker, 49, of Westminster, S.C.; Noah D. "Dwight" Baker, 49, of Westminster, S.C.; John F. Davis, 44, of Granbury, Texas; Andrew M. Glomb, 58, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Michael L. Hoover, 56, of Westery, R.I.; Ronald E. Hughey, 56, of Anderson, S.C.; Jerome P. Jacobson, 58, of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Brenda S. Phenix, 50, of Fair Play, S.C.

**This fraud scheme denied McDonald's customers a fair and equal chance of winning. Those involved in this type of corruption will find out that breaking the law is no game.**

—John Ashcroft,  
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# \$1 billion tire lawsuit handed to jury

By Lynn Brezosky  
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McALLEN, Texas — Attorneys in the nation's first defective-tire lawsuit against Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. to reach trial prepared Tuesday to hand the \$1 billion product-liability case to a South Texas jury.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela gave jurors a list of 20 questions to consider after hearing closing arguments from lawyers for both sides.

The questions included whether Firestone tires or Ford Explorers had design defects and what responsibility, if any, the tire company and Ford Motor Co. bear for the March 2000 accident that left a Texas woman paralyzed.

"I don't care if we work until 12 midnight — this case will be in your hands by tomorrow," the judge told the jury of seven women and two men Monday, the seventh day of the trial.

Lawyers for Dr. Joel Rodriguez attacked the final Bridgestone/Firestone witness as a retired company loyalist whose job in court is to

dodge blame for faulty tires.

Corpus Christi Attorney Mikal Watts, in cross-examination of consultant James Gardner, cited recent cases in which the witness under contract with Bridgestone/Firestone blamed driver error in Explorer rollovers involving tread separations.

Now, Watts said, Gardner is arguing that Ford Motor Co. is solely at fault for rollovers involving tread separations. Watts said that differs from a Mississippi deposition in which Gardner testified Explorers "do not have a propensity to roll over."

"That testimony took place Dec. 15, 1998 — before you started fighting with one another," Watts said, referring to a public rift between Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone.

Gardner said that he "had always been under the impression that there were problems with the Explorer," but that he wasn't convinced until seeing a study commissioned by Bridgestone/Firestone after his 1998 deposition.

He said he wanted to show jurors that an object, perhaps a baseball, caused the tire to fail and that the product had no defects when it left Bridgestone/Firestone's Decatur, Ill., plant in 1997.

Holding pieces of the rear right tire that apparently failed in a rollover, Gardner said the inner tire's smoothed surface was a result of friction caused by prolonged rubbing against the loose outer tread. After about 1,000 to 4,000 driving miles, he said, the tread finally separated on the day of the accident.

Bridgestone/Firestone lawyers say that tread separations are common and that Explorers roll over because of design flaws that prompt panicked drivers to oversteer, causing the vehicle to tip over.

But Rodriguez's attorneys say drivers wouldn't have to react if the tires didn't fail first. They say Bridgestone/Firestone knew how to fix its defective tires.

"I guess what you're trying to say is, 'If our tire runs over a baseball, we're not responsible,'" Watts said, adding many Texans drive

over rough country roads.

Watts said the company marketed the Firestone Wilderness AT as an off-road tire but now contends that running over an object could cause it to fail. Gardner replied the tires can still fail in such cases.

Rodriguez, a doctor from the South Texas town of Pharr, sued the tire manufacturer after his 39-year-old wife, Marisa, was left brain-damaged and paralyzed following the crash. Rodriguez's lawyers are trying to prove that Bridgestone/Firestone knew tread separation was a problem on its tires before it recalled 6.5 million tires last summer.

Rodriguez has settled with Ford for \$6 million but so far has rejected all settlement offers by Bridgestone/Firestone.

More than 200 deaths and 800 injuries in the United States have been blamed on Explorers rolling over after a tire tread separation involving a Firestone tire. Bridgestone/Firestone has settled more than 150 cases.

# NASCAR commits to installing 'black boxes'

By Jenna Fryer  
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ATLANTA — NASCAR will try to improve car safety by installing "black boxes" but won't require drivers to wear head and neck restraints, the organization said Tuesday in releasing its report on Dale Earnhardt's death.

"We have committed to the installation of crash data recorders," NASCAR president Mike Helton said Tuesday, referring to equipment similar to that used on airplanes. "Such devices will help drivers, owners, manufacturers and NASCAR study how impacts affect drivers and cars."

Earnhardt was not wearing a head and neck device when he was killed in a crash on the final turn of the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18. Use of the devices has dramatically increased since then; 41 of 43 drivers wore them in Sunday's race.

Among other findings released at a news conference, a researcher said Earnhardt's seat belt broke during the wreck, but did not immediately say whether it played a role in the seven-time Winston Cup champion's death. Five days after the fatal crash, NASCAR said a broken seat belt had been found in the car.

Dr. James Raddin, a director with San Antonio-based Biodynamic Research Corp., said he found the broken belt during his study and ruled out that it was cut by rescue workers as they tried to remove Earnhardt from the battered car.

"The physical evidence is clear," said Raddin, who showed a blown up photo of Earnhardt's seat belt. "This was not a cutting of a belt afterward. This was a belt that separated under load."

Raddin attributed the break to a phenomenon called "dumping," which is when the webbing is pulled or moved to one side of the adjustment device through which the belt webbing travels.

When a dumped belt is under stress, it can separate and tear across the entire webbing.

Raddin concluded that the dumping was not caused by driver

adjustment because the marks on the left lap belt showed it was tightened in a symmetrical fashion.

A second investigator, Dr. Dean Sicking of the University of Nebraska, found that the car was traveling between 157-160 mph when it hit the Turn 4 wall.

Helton said the stock car racing organization will commission a study on restraint systems for drivers to take a closer look at seat-belt strength. But NASCAR will not mandate the use of the head and neck restraints.

"We are pleased that a majority of Winston Cup drivers now use them," Helton said. "But we are not completely satisfied. We have intensified our efforts with drivers, equipment manufacturers and outside experts with the goal of helping all drivers find a system in which they feel comfortable and safer."

In mandating for next season the installation of black boxes, which will only record data in cars, NASCAR is following the example of CART and the Indy racing league.

Ford has been supplying the black-box technology to the two leagues for several years in an effort to better understand the forces in crashes. Until now, NASCAR had resisted using the boxes on its cars.

The investigation, which cost more than \$1 million, has been the most far-reaching independent inquiry in NASCAR's 52-year history.

Helton and the two lead investigators met with the majority of the drivers at a North Carolina country club early Tuesday morning to present their findings and answer any questions.

Among those in attendance at the presentation were Earnhardt's eldest son, Kerry, his daughter, Kelly, and several members of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. did not attend the presentation, but a NASCAR spokesman said Helton has privately gone over the report with him. Earnhardt Jr.'s spokesman said the driver would have no comments on Tuesday.

# Chantal batters Yucatan, heads toward U.S.

By John Rice  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHETUMAL, Mexico — Tropical Storm Chantal dragged its weakened feet across the Yucatan Peninsula on Tuesday, nearly coming to a halt over land. But forecasters expected it to develop into a hurricane once it hits the Gulf of Mexico.

Residents of Chetumal, the capital of Quintana Roo on the border with Belize, emerged from their fortified houses Tuesday morning to clear leaves and branches from their yards and rooftops.

A gray sky, gusty winds and drizzling rain were reminders that Chantal remained close, but no longer a serious threat.

The storm battered shuttered restaurants along the city's deserted coastline shortly after hitting land late Monday night, snapping power lines and hurling tree branches and debris through the air. But state officials said that no one was injured.

Chantal emerged last Thursday as a fast-moving storm that drenched small Caribbean islands and resulted in two deaths in Trinidad.

Officials along a 200-mile coastline stretching from the popular resort city of Cancun southward to Belize City, Belize, put their populations on alert as Chantal's winds strengthened to near-hurricane speed.

But by Tuesday, Chantal almost came to a stop, creeping forward at 6 mph, its winds reduced to 40 mph.

Tropical storms become depressions when their winds slow to 39 mph or less, and are classified as hurricanes when they reach at least 74 mph.

However, forecasters predicted that Chantal would strengthen into a hurricane when it hits the warm waters in the Gulf of Mexico, probably Wednesday.

"It's going to be a close call, but right now we think it's going to turn

into a hurricane," said Eric Blake, a meteorologist at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

If the storm stays on its current north-northwest track, it will be over water for a longer time, making a hurricane likely, Blake said. If it were to shift course to a more westerly direction, it would spend very little time over water, reducing the chances that it would re-strengthen a great deal.

At 2 p.m. EDT, Chantal was about 70 miles west of Chetumal.

Civil protection agencies said Tuesday they were putting contingency plans in place in the Gulf coast states of Veracruz and Tamaulipas.

The storm touched land in Mexico on the Xcalak peninsula just east of Chetumal after 9 p.m. local time Monday, churning up 13-foot waves.

Police and troops evacuated hundreds of people from the peninsula and the Banco Chinchorro, a group

of coral reefs east of the peninsula. More than 850 people evacuated their homes in Chetumal, the Mexican government news agency Notimex reported.

One of the first to flee from a low-lying house to a primary school shelter was Chetumal native Julia Rodriguez, 75, who recalled the way Hurricane Janet demolished much of the town in 1955.

"There were no houses; there was nothing" after it passed, she said. "There were hills of bodies in the streets."

State officials closed all schools Monday and Tuesday and said some in the south of the state might be closed longer. Boats were ordered to port — and smaller vessels taken out of the water.

Offshore activities were restricted in Cancun, but the brunt of the storm passed south, producing gray skies, some rain and wind, but little danger for thousands of tourists.

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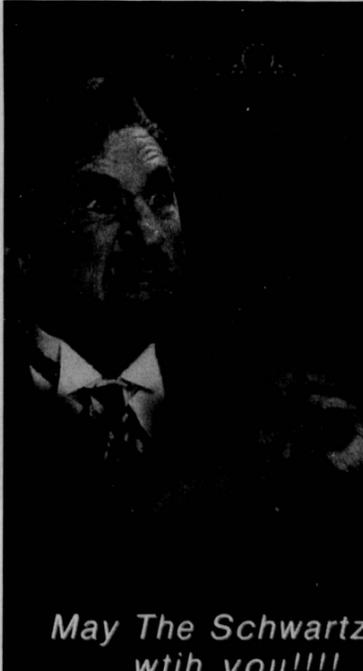
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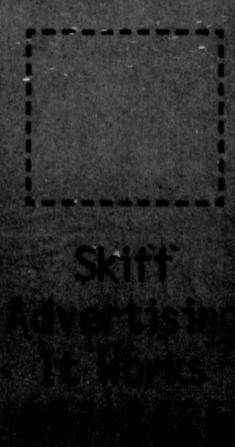
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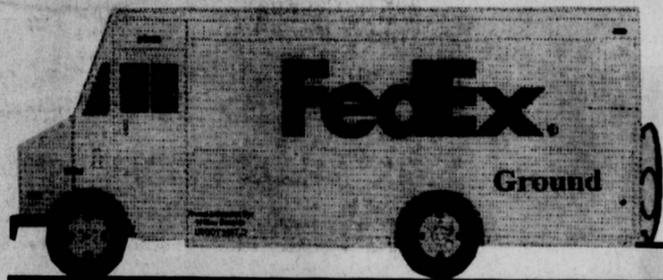
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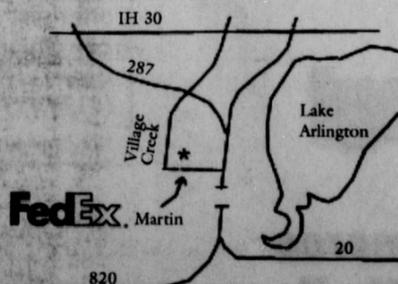
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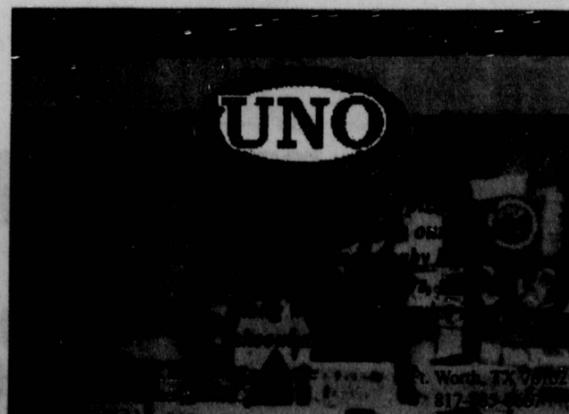
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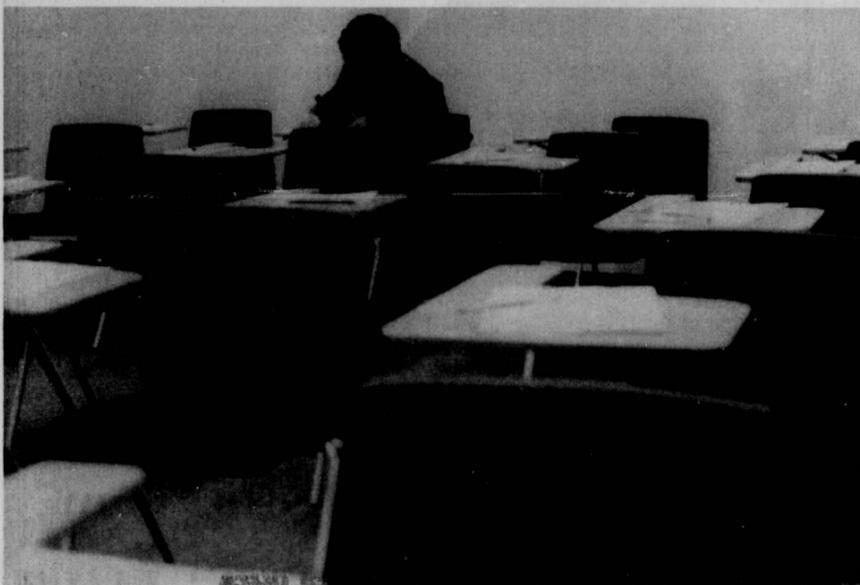
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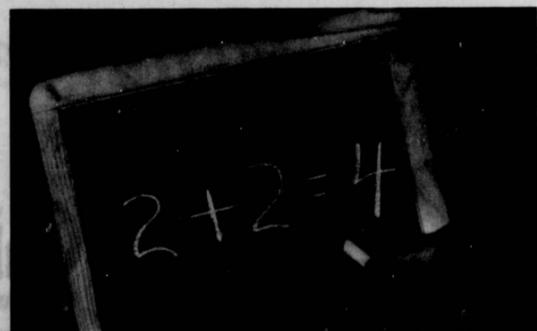
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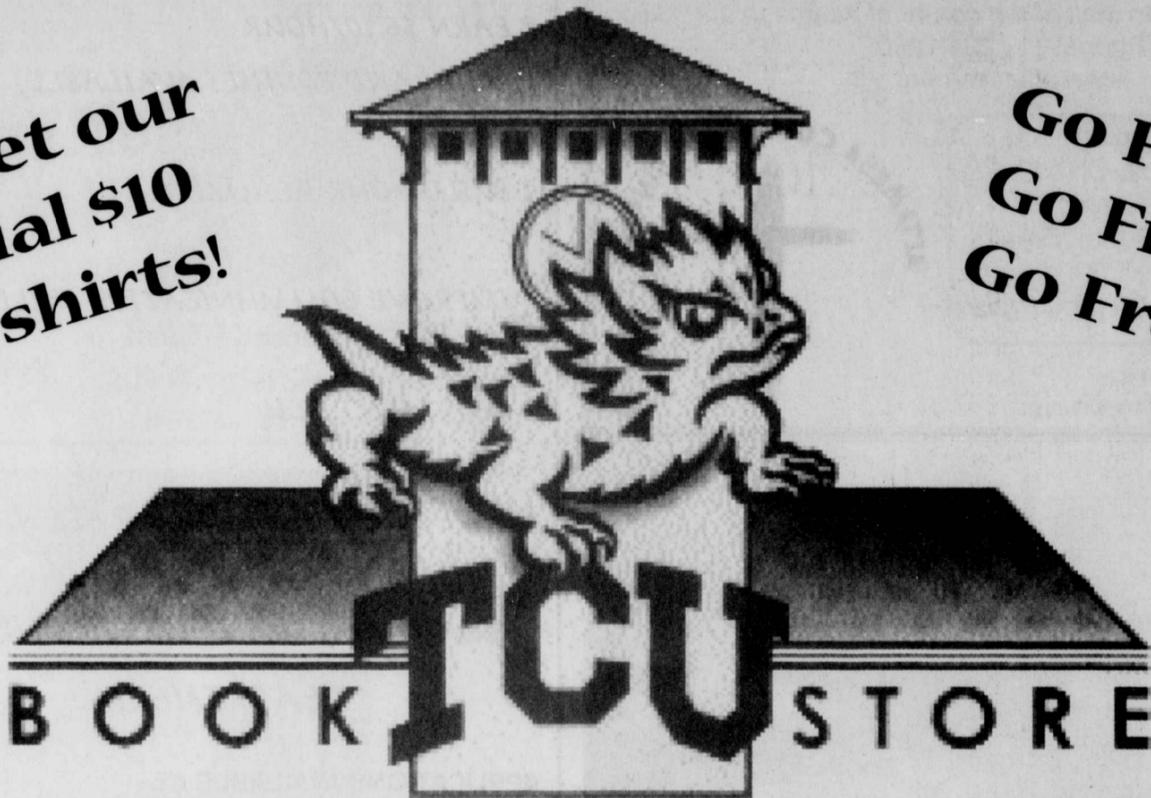
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# Strug becomes intern for Arizona senator

Former Olympian 'expanding horizons'

By Robert Gehrke  
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WASHINGTON — She's gone from doing backflips for Bela Karolyi to making copies for Sen. John McCain.

Kerri Strug, the heroine of the 1996 U.S. gymnastics team, is content just being one of thousands of interns who perform the menial tasks that keep the government moving.

"My goal was to learn more about our government system, because when I was in gym I worried about gym and my gym world and that was about it," Strug said. "Now I'm trying to expand my horizons."

For the past seven weeks, she has commuted from the Washington suburbs to Capitol Hill for her internship in the office of Sen. McCain, R-Ariz.

Her duties are mundane: replying to constituent letters, making copies and answering phones.

It's far different from the feat she accomplished five years ago at the Atlanta Olympics. Strug landed her final vault on a badly injured leg — she had torn two ligaments and sprained the ankle in a fall on her first vault — helping the U.S. women's team win its first all-around competition.

She hit the landing, wincing and hopping on her good leg long enough for her score to count before crumpling to the mat.

The media and marketing blitz that followed that defining moment made her one of the most recognizable gymnasts ever.

Her trademark high-pitched

voice and Karolyi carrying her to the medal stand in '96 has been spoofed on "Saturday Night Live" and elsewhere.

But in Washington, the 4-foot-9 recent Stanford graduate gets only occasional second looks.

"Here and there on the Metro (subway) or at an occasional restaurant someone will say something like, 'You're that gymnast, right?' But she doesn't flaunt her status," said Erin Vargo, Strug's best friend from Stanford, a White House intern. "She's doing the normal intern thing."

And doing it well, said fellow intern Wallace Morris. "Kerri is one of the most down-to-earth people I've ever met," he said. "You'd never guess she's a gold-medal winner."

Although her parents are stalwart Republicans and longtime McCain supporters, Strug's real interest is not politics. After a one-year graduate program at Stanford, she wants to teach, then possibly go into advertising.

She no longer competes, but stays physically active, having run the Houston Marathon twice.

The lessons from gymnastics — commitment, hard work and teamwork — hold true everywhere, she said.

"There's a lot of team work," she said. "I had no idea how many staff members were behind a senator. Seeing all these interns and personnel who have these high hopes of making a difference and making America a better place is inspiring."

# Census data on homosexuals released

By Genaro C. Armas  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Same-sex couples head nearly 600,000 homes in the United States, according to census data considered the federal government's most thorough count yet of homosexuals. A gay or lesbian couple led a household in nearly every county in America.

Of the 594,391 same-sex couple homes in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, nearly 16 percent were in California, and 8 percent in New York, according to the 2000 census. San Francisco had one of the highest shares among metropolitan areas, while gay and lesbian partners also settled in rural parts of the Midwest and Deep South.

Such living arrangements still comprise a tiny share of the nation's households — just over one-half of 1 percent of the 105.5 million U.S. homes.

Many gay rights groups said the count alone offered proof of the

growing social acceptance of homosexuality. David Smith, senior strategist for Human Rights Campaign, said the statistics will be used to buttress arguments concerning such issues as legal recognition of same-sex couples.

The results also dispel stereotypes that homosexuality is limited to large urban centers and college towns, Smith said.

Unsurprisingly, the three most populous states also had the highest proportions of same-sex couple households, though it wasn't a simple one, two and three based on population.

—No. 1 California, with 10.9 percent of U.S. households, had almost 16 percent of same-sex homes.

—No. 3 New York, with 6.7 percent of U.S. households, had 8 percent of same-sex homes.

—No. 2 Texas, with 7 percent of U.S. households, had 7.2 percent of the same-sex homes.

Among cities, San Francisco,

Washington, D.C., and New York had some of the largest numbers of same-sex homes.

Reflecting how widely dispersed these households are, there was at least one same-sex couple home in 99 percent of all U.S. counties.

And an analysis by demographer Gary Gates of the Urban Institute think tank found same-sex couple homes in 97 percent of the country's "census tracts," which are far smaller than counties.

Brenda Henson said life has improved a bit since she and her partner moved eight years ago to rural Overt, Miss., to open a feminist retreat house. The census found 109 of the 24,275 households in Jones County, where they live, were headed by same-sex couples.

Once the target of constant threats, Henson said they are now on good terms with their neighbors and have a charge account at a grocery store that once turned them away.

"This is where we belong, much

to the chagrin of many around us," Henson said. "But things are changing."

National figures on households led by homosexual couples come as the census Bureau finished releasing the first wave of data from the 2000 count for all 50 states. Results for Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas were released Wednesday.

The figures were derived by counting the number of people who checked off "unmarried partner" on their form who also said they lived with someone of the same sex.

Advocacy groups for gays and lesbians consider that to be a gay or lesbian couple since other options such as "roommate," "boarder" or "other nonrelative" were available.

The census count is not an official or complete tally of homosexuals since the form does not ask about sexuality. So a gay person living alone could not be identified on a form as gay.

# U.S.-Mexican border summit begins

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDINBURG, Texas — Once seen as a liability with illegal immigration and drug trafficking the top issues, the U.S.-Mexico border is transforming as opportunities for commerce and cultural exchanges grow.

A three-day summit beginning Wednesday will bring high-level officials from both sides of the border together. Some of them will meet for the first time.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta is scheduled to give the keynote address on Wednesday.

Julia Benitez Sullivan, a spokeswoman for the University of Texas at Pan American, which is hosting the summit, said Mineta's counterpart in Mexico, Pedro Cerisola y Weber, had confirmed he would attend. However, she said that he was angry over attempts by the U.S. Congress to put extra restrictions on Mexican trucks entering the country and threatened to withdraw.

"If he comes, it would be the first face-to-face meeting among those counterparts," Benitez Sullivan said. The conflict over Mexican trucks, which were supposed to be allowed into the United States under the

North American Free Trade Agreement, is symbolic of a new set of problems facing the border that will be addressed at the summit.

As trade increases, the region's highways, already in need of repair, are getting more use. Partitioning water between crops and burgeoning urban areas — not to mention between countries — is harder as demand increases. And creating affordable housing to replace the colonias where people have lived for decades without sewer or water service is a long-standing issue.

"Vast economic expansion has caused us to outgrow our current in-

frastructure," said U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Texas, of Mercedes, who will be attending the summit.

Already there are crisis conditions involving the water, power, and transportation needs for the seven million people living within a 150-mile radius of Edinburg. The area straddles the border and is considered by some a bi-national region.

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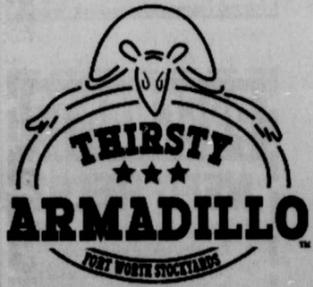
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# Federal Reserve cuts interest rate for seventh time

**By Martin Crutsinger**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, still trying to keep the U.S. economy out of a recession, cut a key interest rate Tuesday for the seventh time this year, lowering the federal funds rate by a quarter-point to 3.50 percent.

The reduction pushed the funds rate to its lowest level in more than seven years.

Bank of America and Bank One cut their prime lending rate, the bench-

mark for consumer and business loans, to 6.5 percent, also the lowest level in seven years. Other banks were expected to follow suit.

On Wall Street, stock prices dropped after the announcement, investors having anticipated the Fed's action. Within 20 minutes of the announcement, the Dow Jones industrial average had lost a 45-point gain and another 20 points. The Nasdaq index was down 7 points.

With the latest reduction, the Fed has cut rates by 3 percentage points

since the beginning of this year, including five straight half-point rate reductions, which represented the Fed's fastest credit easing in nearly two decades.

The effort is aimed at jump-starting the U.S. economy, which has been lackluster for a year and slipped close to recession territory in the spring.

In explaining its latest rate move, the Fed said in a statement: "Household demand has been sustained, but business profits and capital spending continue to weaken and growth

abroad is slowing, weighing on the U.S. economy."

The quarter-point move had been expected. Some analysts had said the central bank might opt for a larger half-point move in an effort to deliver a surprise to Wall Street investors, who had already factored in a quarter-point cut.

Signaling possible future moves, the Fed said the balance of risks going forward remains "weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness in the foreseeable future."

Many analysts believe the Fed will cut rates again at its next meeting on Oct. 2.

The Bush administration is counting on lower interest rates plus the impact of nearly \$40 billion in tax rebate money this year to boost consumer demand and provide greater strength in the second half of the year.

Economists point to encouraging signs that an upturn may be imminent, including a report Monday that the Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose by 0.3 percent in July, the fourth

consecutive monthly gain.

The economy barely grew in the spring, managing only a 0.7 percent rate of increase in the gross domestic product, the poorest performance in eight years. Even that rate is likely to be lowered when the government revises the figure later this month.

Top forecasters surveyed by Blue Chip Economic Indicators said they were looking for a slight rebound to growth rates of 1.7 percent in the July-September quarter and 2.8 percent in the final three months of this year.



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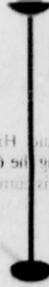


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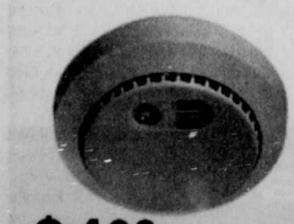
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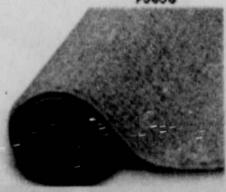
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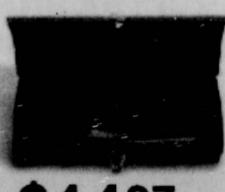
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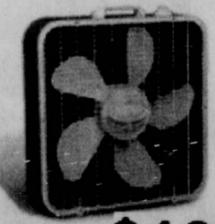
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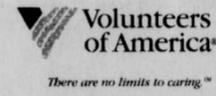


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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Carter tries to rebound from starting flop

OXNARD, Calif. — There were no fumbled snaps, no interceptions and no frustrated looks from the sidelines. There was just Quincy Carter flipping tight spirals through the chilly air of Oxnard, Calif., on Monday, trying to make amends for his woeful starting debut against New Orleans.

The Dallas Cowboys' rookie quarterback handled himself with the poise of a grizzled veteran during the team's first practice since their 16-10 loss to the Saints on Saturday.

"He was about as sharp today as I've ever seen him," said Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones. "He understands the ups and downs that come at this position. Quincy's going to be able to handle anything that comes his way."

— Associated Press

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### TCU this week

Football at Nebraska, noon Saturday at Tom Osborne Field at Memorial Stadium.

Womens soccer vs. Oklahoma State, 6 p.m. Sunday. (Scrimmage).

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— Gary Patterson, Football head coach, when asked how special the Nebraska game would be to him.

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### TCU vs. Nebraska facts

This is the first time in 25 years the two programs have met. The last time the Horned Frogs played the Cornhuskers,



Nebraska blew out TCU 64-10 in 1976. TCU and Nebraska have clashed

six times, with the Huskers holding a 5-1 record in the series. The Frogs lone win came in the first ever meeting between the two schools in 1951. TCU won 28-7.

## to our readers

The Skiff sports staff wants to know how we are doing. We welcome your comments, suggestions, rants and raves. E-mail us at (skiffletters@tcu.edu) or drop by Moudy 291S. Selected letters will be printed on the sports page.

# Teams take precautions to prevent heat stroke

By Nathan Loewen  
WIRE COORDINATOR

In light of the recent death of Minnesota Viking offensive lineman Corey Stringer, TCU coaches are being cautious during team workouts.

"You see it happening a lot and everybody wants to be a little more careful," freshman-redshirt quarterback Brandon Hassell said.

Beating the heat is nothing new for athletic programs. The football and soccer teams have plans to help prevent dehydration and heat stroke.

"We utilize a prehydration plan," football trainer Todd Nalder said. "We give each one of our guys a 32 ounce Gatorade bottle and we tell them to get four of those into them before every practice that we have."

The team also has water breaks in and around practice, Nalder said.

Along with the prehydration plan, players weigh in before and after each practice. This allows the trainers and coaching staff to monitor their health closer, assistant trainer Chris Hall said.

"We get concerned when they start losing six to eight pounds in one session," Hall said.

If players gain the weight lost back by next practice, Hall said trainers aren't concerned because most of the lost weight was water weight, Hall said.

The team also take pills that help replenish electrolytes, Hassell said.

"Athletes are taking it a little more serious," Hassell said. "When a big name guy like (Stringer) goes down it hits you a little harder."

Nalder said athletes have become more aware of the issue.

"[Athletes] are asking better questions like what should I

drink, what is the proper hydration method, how can I avoid this" Nalder said. "Coaches look at that aspect as well."

Hall said it is important that athletes communicate with trainers and drink plenty of water.

"We're lucky enough I believe we have a great protocol," Hall says. "If an athlete is having problems we can pull them out of practice then we can bring them into the main training room."

There, trainers can administer solutions intravenously, Hall said.

"Will there ever be time where we won't have to do that?" Hall said "No, because there are too many variables."

Programs have also experimented with various homeopathic remedies. Hall tried giving players pickle juice after some pro sports teams tried it.

"We went out and bought it

and experimented with it as a lot of schools did and did not find a significant improvement," Hall said.

The teams chose to utilize other products to help rehydrate their bodies, Nalder said.

"We utilize rehydrolyte which is a pediatric formula that is used for kids or infants with diarrhea," Nalder said. "They are given this to replace the electrolytes that they have lost so we utilize that."

Primarily the team uses water and Gatorade, Nalder said.

"All we can do is communicate and be cautious and try to prevent a death from happening here," Hall said. "The last thing I want to do is call Mr. And Mrs. John Doe and inform them that we have lost their son (or) daughter."

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With temperatures nearing triple digits, coaches and trainers are taking extra precautions to safeguard against dehydration and heat stroke.

# Frogs building muscle, confidence

## Five weight-lifting records broken in summer program

By Brandon Ortiz  
SPORTS EDITOR

Underdogs. Sure. Less talented. Maybe. Weaker. No.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said the Horned Frogs enter Saturday's game against Nebraska a stronger football team after going through one of the toughest summer programs in school history.

The Frogs broke five team weight lifting records and several records at every position. Senior linebacker Chad Bayer said the Nebraska game served as motivation.

"Nebraska is a great team," Bayer said. "You hear all these rumors about how strong they are. That motivates you a little bit to get stronger to raise your standards, to raise the bar a little bit. You get stronger, you get faster, that helps you have a chance towards winning. I guess it helps you a little bit. That pushed a couple of guys."

The Frogs are hoping their rigorous conditioning program will put them in better shape to keep up with the physical Cornhuskers.

"We've gotten our legs back quicker than we have the last two seasons after two-a-days," Patterson said. "One of the things about (playing) Nebraska is you have to run."

In addition to being stronger, Bayer said the team is more confident.

"It helps a great deal," Bayer said. "I am out there, I can look at pretty much anybody out there and know I am stronger than he is. That just gives you overwhelming confidence about yourself. Even though he is bigger than you, you're still stronger. You gotta know you can put that in play."

"Example. A guy is 6'5", and I am only 5'11", I know I am stronger than him, I can hit him full force with my arms and throw him around like a rag doll because I know I am stronger than him. It is a confidence builder."

Players credit new strength



After what coaches called the toughest summer conditioning program in school history, the TCU football team enters the season stronger than a year ago.

and conditioning coach Don Sommer for pushing them.

"He is the type of person who will make his players push," Bayer said. "He is the type of man you just don't want to mess with. He can back up everything he says, pretty much. We are in there one day and he goes, 'I expect y'all to do what I do'. This man, I don't know how old he is. He says, 'I expect y'all to do what I do'. Put 550 on the bar, squats it. He did three sets of five. At that point in time I couldn't do that. I said, 'That's unbelievable.'"

Sommer replaced Ben Pollard, who was also given a lot of credit for the football program's rise. Players said Sommer hasn't had any problem's filling Pollard's shoes.

"You are comparing two great weight lifting coaches," Bayer

said. Senior left guard Victor Payne said Sommer is down to earth.

"They are two different individuals," Payne said. "Coach Pollard is more laid back and Coach Sommer is a very respectable, down home type of guy. He is looser and a little easier to approach and talk to and speak your mind. (He) is easier to work for."

Sommer downplayed his role. "I don't think I had much to do with it," Sommer said. "I just cracked the whip. They did it all."

Sommer also made players run during the heat of the day to get them acclimated to the heat. It was not fun, but it has shown results, Bayer said.

"He said, 'Well, y'all got to get used to the heat sooner or later, so you might as well get

used to it now so you don't cramp up," Bayer said. "Come two-a-days, it helped quite a bit. Everybody ran pretty much in the heat of the day. Everybody did fine doing that. We had less people cramp up. There was a master plan behind that."

The Frogs are hoping the master plan will play out Sunday.

"(We) know (we) can go to Nebraska and not worry about a team being stronger and faster than what (we) are," Patterson said. "They may have played longer together, they may have more tradition in general and all those things, but we still are not going into a situation thinking we can't hold up to them. They are not going to be any bigger and stronger than we are."

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# Golfers take the greens at Amateurs

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's fall golf season is not even under way yet, but four golfers this week take the greens in Atlanta, Ga.

Seniors Andy Doeden and Steve Sheurt, junior Adam Rubinson and sophomore Stephen Polanski played in the 101st U.S. Amateurs Championship which began Monday at the East Lake and Druid Hills Golf Courses. After making the 64-player cut Tuesday, Doeden is currently tied for 35th and will play his first round of match play today.

Head Coach Bill Montigel said he couldn't be prouder.

"This is the greatest number of returning golfers we have ever had qualify for this tournament," Montigel said. "It is a huge honor for the players and TCU. The U.S. Amateur Championship is the most prestigious amateur event, and with four of our guys qualifying for it, it speaks very highly of the golf program at TCU."

Last year, Doeden, sophomore J.J. Killeencq and graduate Aaron Hickman qualified for the Amateur Championship. In 1995, TCU had five golfers qualify, but two of them had already graduated. No one qualified two years ago.

On Monday, Doeden led the way for TCU shooting a one-over par 71 that tied him for 78th place. Rubinson tied for 159th shooting a four-over 74, while Sheurt notched 227th place and Polanski tied for 272nd.

After Tuesday's round, the field was cut to 64 golfers. Sheurt, Rubinson and Polanski failed to make the cut in their first U.S. Amateurs. With a two round score of 147, Rubinson finished tied for 110th place. Sheurt tied for 143rd and Polanski finished tied for 190th.

Even though he did not make the cut, Rubinson said it was comforting having other teammates qualify with him.

"We're just having a good time together and having fun," Rubinson said.

Doeden did make the cut shooting a 1-under par 71 at the 6,561-yard Druid Hills course. He will play the first round of match play today at the East Lake Golf Course which measures 7,091 yards.

And after losing in the first round of match play last year, Doeden said he hopes to improve upon his finish.

"I lost in the first round of match play last season, but I learned a lot there," Doeden said. "I think the knowledge I gained will play a big part this year."

Two years ago, no one qualified for the tournament. With four qualifiers this year, the Frogs tied Georgia Tech with the most tournament participant, shows the program is on the rise, Montigel said.

"We've come a long way," Montigel said. "Last year we did a little better, but now I think we have the program back where we want it. This tournament will give us a great edge to the season."

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# Coach to decide fate of arrested Husker I-back

By DOUG ALDEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LINCOLN, Neb. — With three days of practice left before the season opener, Nebraska head coach Frank Solich still has some decisions to make on his starting lineup, including who will play I-back.

Solich said Tuesday he was still considering the fate of I-back Dahrran Diedrick, who was the front-runner for the starting job until he was arrested for disturbing the peace outside a Lincoln bar early Sunday.

"It was just a situation that seemed to mushroom a little bit. Dahrran had his chances to leave, did not and certainly put himself in position ... to have some things go wrong," Solich said.

Solich spent much of his first weekly news conference discussing Diedrick's playing status.

He was the fourth player to be arrested since June and although all were on misdemeanor charges, Solich has clearly reached his threshold for off-field troubles.

Solich would not say whether Diedrick would be suspended for Saturday's season opener against TCU in the Pigskin Classic. In past cases in-

volving misdemeanors, Solich has let a player go through the legal system before punishing him, but Diedrick's situation came after Solich issued a warning to the team.

Solich cautioned his players after the highly publicized arrests of running back Thunder Collins and kicker Josh Brown in June that led to Brown's suspension for the opener and a pretrial diversion program for Collins.

"Regardless of whether there's an injustice on your end of it or

Regardless of whether there's an injustice on your end of it or not, you can't let it happen.

—Frank Solich,

Nebraska football head coach to his team

# Media meets man with artificial heart

By Bruce Schreiner  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Sporting a blue shirt and red tie, the man with a self-contained artificial heart beating in his chest stepped into the public eye Tuesday, saying "I knew I had no more chances."

More than six weeks after he received the experimental device, Robert Tools, 59, was introduced to the news media via closed circuit television at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

"I had a choice to stay home and die or come here and take a chance," said Tools of Franklin, Ky. "I decided to come here and take a chance."

"I asked for it because I knew I had no more chances to survive," said Tools, who appeared frail and spoke with an airy voice while holding his throat because of a tracheotomy.

Tools, a former telephone company employee and teacher, had the titanium-and-plastic pump implanted in his chest July 2, but his name and face were unknown to the public until this week.

He appeared at the news conference by a video hookup from the office of Dr. Laman Gray. Tools smiled

as he said the whirring sound of the device took some getting used to, but he liked it because he knew he was alive.

Before his appearance, the hospital showed a video of Tools opening cards and gifts at a recent birthday party in the hospital.

Tools, a diabetic with a history of heart problems, was deemed too ill to receive a heart transplant. Before the surgery, he was so weak he could take only a few steps at a time and couldn't raise his head to talk to his doctors. He was given only a slight chance of surviving 30 days.

Tools moved to Kentucky from Colorado five years ago hoping to receive a transplant, but he grew so weak he could barely cross the street, neighbors said.

Asked if he was having second thoughts because of the media attention, he said: "My second thoughts were about, 'Am I going to make it?'"

"I realize that death is inevitable, but I also realize that if there's an opportunity to extend it, you take it."

But he also praised journalists for the way they have handled his story. "I want to thank all of you for not invading my privacy or the privacy of

my family and waiting until the last minute to release my name," he said. Jewish Hospital and Abiomed Inc., maker of the artificial heart, had not identified Tools, saying only that the patient was a diabetic man in his 50s with a history of heart problems.

The public appearance comes nearly two weeks after Tools was put back on a ventilator to assist his breathing. He also had developed an infection and was running a fever, but the mechanical heart continued to pump without problems.

Tools' name had been so closely guarded that even the family's pastor and people who live on the same street in Franklin, 140 miles south of Louisville, said they didn't know Tools had received the heart. He had hoped to get a heart transplant, but was too ill to undergo one and was given only about a month to live when the artificial heart was implanted.

Melony Scott, 34, a friend and neighbor, said Tools and his wife, Carol, moved into the neighborhood about the same time she did in 1996. "He'd walk over four or five times a day," she said in an interview at her home last week.

Scott said Tools would keep her

company while she tended her outdoor plants. The last time he visited her, the walk across the residential street was excruciatingly slow.

She has not talked to Tools since he went to Louisville and did not specifically talk with him about the artificial heart. Nodding toward her front lawn, she said: "I'm sure I'll sit right out there and talk to him again."

A former neighbor, Joanne Hartmeister, who lives near Tools' former home in Morrison, Colo., said Tools is a talented musician who liked to cook and go fishing.

Hartmeister said Tools had a bass boat that he kept parked on his property in Colorado so he could go fishing. "But he didn't get to much, nothing like he'd like to do," she said.

Tools had a computer-related job with the telephone company in Colorado but left for health reasons, Hartmeister said. Scott said Tools earlier was a special education teacher in Chicago.

The AbioCor artificial heart is self-contained, with internal and external batteries. Earlier mechanical hearts had wires and tubes that stuck out of the chest and connected to a power source.

# Houston drug dealers charged with conspiracy

Additional evidence still being gathered

By Kristen Hays  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Three of five Houston men charged in connection with distributing a deadly mixture of cocaine and heroin that killed a 16-year-old girl appeared before a federal magistrate Tuesday.

Roman Gabriel "Horse" Juarez, 23, Lucas Martinez, 23, and Charles Martinez, 22, are charged with conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance in connection with the death of Jennifer Rivera, the youngest of 15 drug users in the Houston area who died between Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 after ingesting what they thought was straight cocaine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Stabe argued that the men distributed a drug that ended up killing a 16-year-old and making others sick.

"There are other victims out there," he said. "The investigation is still continuing."

Stabe said if investigators prove that death or bodily injury resulted from the use of the drugs distributed by the men, each could face from 20 years to life in prison. Stabe said prosecutors are still gathering evidence from investigators before pursuing further charges.

Marjorie Meyers, an attorney for one of the men, said there is no evidence that her client, Juarez, continued selling the drug mixture after learning of its adverse effects.

"We have a two-bit drug deal with admittedly tragic consequences," she said.

FBI agent Bryan P. Finnegan alleged in an affidavit that a fourth suspect, Jose "Kilo" Colunga, 19, delivered a packet of white powder purported to be cocaine to a man who was with Rivera and another man at the second man's house in

the city's Heights neighborhood.

The homeowner told police that the trio snorted the drug, and he "instantly got real tired and dizzy," the affidavit said. Rivera died, and the two men were treated at a Houston hospital. Both men identified Colunga.

The affidavit said authorities arrested Colunga, who identified Juarez as his drug source. Upon his arrest, Juarez identified Lucas Martinez as his source. A federal hearing for Colunga is scheduled for Friday.

The affidavit said further that once arrested, Lucas Martinez told authorities that he bought nearly half a kilogram of the powder for \$7,800 from another source and sold some of it to Juarez and another seller identified only as "Baldo."

Lucas Martinez told authorities that Baldo later returned portions of the powder because one customer didn't like its smell and it made another customer sick.

Rivera's mother found the teenager's body on Aug. 12. A Harris County Medical Examiner's investigator said no deaths connected to the earlier overdose cases were reported over the Aug. 18-19 weekend.

A fifth man also faces charges in connection with distributing the deadly drug in state court.

Andy Gonzalez, 25, is charged in state court with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. Maj. Juan Jorje with the Harris County Sheriff's office alleged that Gonzalez delivered drugs to three people who died and others who did not die.

Authorities said Gonzalez could face federal charges as well.

## NEBRASKA

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not, you can't let it happen. You can not bring any more light to this program from that end of things," Solich said he told the team.

Solich expected to announce his decision regarding Diedrick on Wednesday.

Diedrick and backup middle linebacker Tony Tata both spent about an hour in jail early Sunday after being arrested for disturbing the peace in separate incidents at the same bar.

Diedrick was kicked out of the bar after a disturbance around 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said he also was yelling at the bar owner. After he refused to leave, Diedrick was arrested for failure to disperse and disturbing the peace. He is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 12.

"Probably the most unfortunate thing about the incident was that he had a chance to leave," Solich said.

Although the starting I-back is generally at Solich's weekly news conference, Diedrick did not attend. He did practice with the team Tuesday morning.

Diedrick was suspended for the

Fiesta Bowl following the 1999 season for violating team policy, but Solich said that was unrelated and would not be a factor in his punishment.

Solich also said alcohol was not a factor in Diedrick's arrest.

Tata is recovering from a knee injury and can't report to the team until after Saturday's game, so Solich said he will worry about Tata's status later.

If Diedrick does not play Saturday, either Collins or sophomore DeAntae Grixby will likely move up. Collins had charges of misdemeanor assault against him dropped

earlier this month when he agreed to enter a pretrial diversion program.

Solich said Collins' agreement did not involve admitting any guilt, so he did not punish the running back. But with so many arrests, what constitutes "inappropriate behavior" appears to be getting broader.

"If you are arrested then the injustice or justice is there for you but it's also there for the program," Solich said. "We asked them to really stay away from those types of situations and when one develops to walk away."

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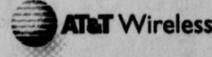
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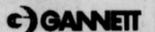
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## Horoscopes

**♈ Aries** (March 21-April 19) — You're about to go into your annual full-on work phase. This is not like the spring, when you're full of energy and enthusiasm for all your new projects. This is more difficult. This is when you get those projects accomplished. Having a good partner helps. Find one before you jump in.

**♉ Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — You're still cranking, trying to catch up. You work well under pressure, right? You might do more in one day than you do the rest of the week. Make it happen, and you can take an extra-long lunch tomorrow. Ask for a raise or promotion, too. If you've proven you can do the work, the odds are in your favor.

**♊ Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Don't get too pushy with an attractive person. It's too early. Besides, there's a job to be done on Thursday and Friday that will interfere. Innuendo is fine for now. Don't make promises you can't keep. Keep it light.

**♋ Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Is there something you could get for your home that would make it a little cozier, make being there a little more special? How about new frames for some favorite family photos? A

basket of silk flowers? You'll find the perfect thing. It won't take long, and it won't be too expensive.

**♌ Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — The hardest part is over. You've made your point or your sale, or maybe you even converted some non-believers. If you haven't yet, you soon will. Wrap things up so you can get into a new project. Your focus is about to shift again.

**♍ Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — We were discussing money, remember? It's about time you asked for a raise. Don't say anything to the boss, though. Ask your friends not to say anything either. Just keep your eyes open for a potential problem. If you catch it before it gets big, your value to the company will be obvious.

**♎ Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You've made it past most of the major irritations. However, you might clash with an older woman. Don't make big decisions or changes now. There's one more thing you need to learn from this older woman before you move on.

**♏ Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You know more than most people think you do. Use what you've recently learned to further your own agenda — discreetly, of course. You can also get something nice for

your home at wholesale price. Don't make it a gift for your sweetheart, though. Take roses instead.

**♐ Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Don't believe everything you see or hear. Something that looks like a lot of fun could lead to a world of trouble. It would be stupid to do something slimy just because everyone else does. Heed the little voice telling you to play by the rules.

**♑ Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're schmoozing to achieve some goal, give it up. You're apt to have the opposite effect. Instead, do the best you can and let nature take its course. Plan to get together with friends Friday night.

**♒ Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Prospects look good, but don't push too hard. A business relationship is fragile, so don't ask for more than this person is willing to give. Instead, rely on an outside supplier to get what you need. A person you've known for years, or a company you've dealt with before, is your best bet.

**♓ Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Get something nice to fix up your house, but remember to get your sweetheart's input on your selection or there will be trouble.

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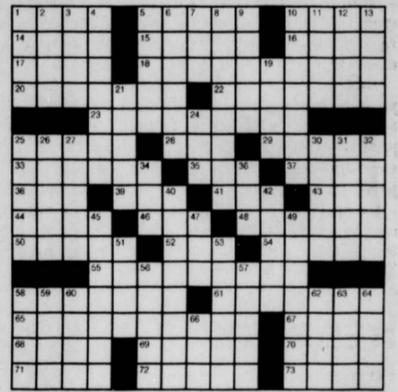


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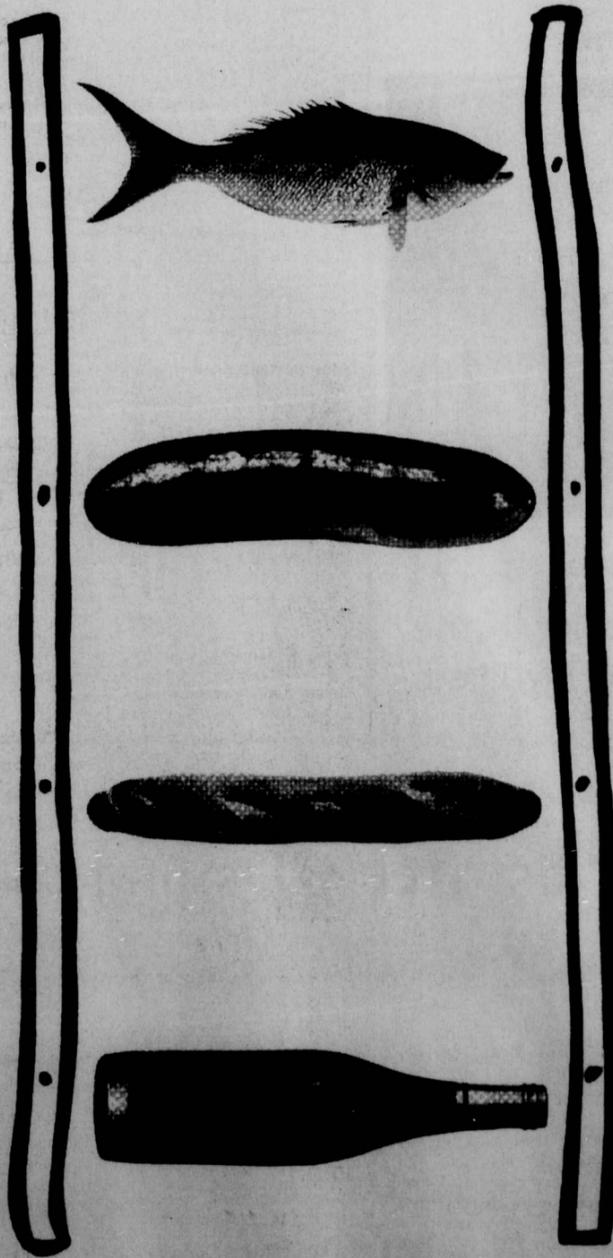
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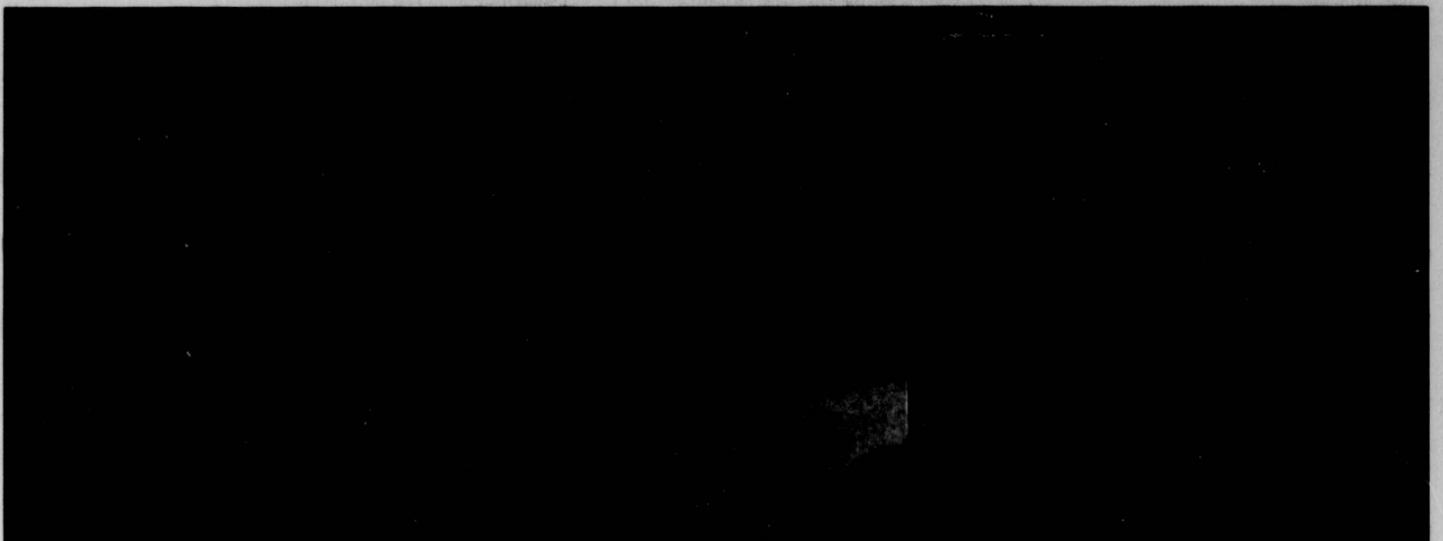
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## TCU Frogs ...

# THIS IS YOUR HOME



Story by Angie Chang • Photos by Erin Munger

## Community, campus leaders encourage involvement

As you begin to accumulate all things purple this fall, it's easy to get pulled into the "TCU Bubble." For students on campus everything will seem to be a skip and a leap away, and, when classes begin, a maelstrom of class work will keep students from ever thinking of traversing out of campus perimeters.

But beyond the ever changing landscape and the currently unkempt lawns of TCU lies the bigger community of Fort Worth; the city that will be your home for the rest of your college career.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs, said it is very important for students to be active citizens in the Fort Worth community and to not restrict themselves exclusively to TCU activities. He said branching out into the community will help students learn and feel connected to the city.

"Students often make references to the 'TCU Bubble,' but they need to realize that students are not separate from the Fort Worth public," Mills said. "Students tend to think of themselves as nonpermanent residents, but they have a stake in the future of TCU and they need to be involved."

Mills said the economic impact of about 8,000 students alone makes TCU an important asset to the community, but it is up to the faculty, staff and students to give back and be responsible citizens of the city.

Dallas-native Wes Zercher, a senior music education major, said he volunteered in a food bank for a semester even though he often found that he hardly had enough time to fit in school activities.

"I'm involved with the TCU Band and spend so much time in school that it's difficult to add anything else," Zercher said. "But taking the time to pack food for the needy felt really good and made me feel like a part of the community."

In addition to community service, City Councilwoman Wendy Davis said registering to vote in Fort Worth is an important part of being an active and responsible citizen of the community.

"(Fort Worth) is where students will be living nine months of the year," Davis said. "It's important for them to be able to voice their concerns and vote for things that will affect their environment and their quality of life."

Robert Greer, a freshman pre-major, said that although

he plans to be involved in the community and at school, he would not change his voter registration to Fort Worth from his home town of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"Florida is a heavily divided state during presidential elections, and voting there is a big deal because each vote counts a lot," Greer said. "Florida needs all the in-state votes it can get."

For the Frogs that don't want to make the leap into the big pond, Mills said that it is also important to have a thorough representation in the Student Government Association from all areas of the university.

"The more confident the administration is that SGA speaks for the students, the more we will turn to them as a primary voice of student concerns and opinions," Mills said. "It is very important that students realize that they are connected to something bigger than themselves and give back to the TCU community and Fort Worth."

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— Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs

### volunteer organizations you need to know

**AIDS Outreach Center**

Ann Elms  
(817) 335-1994 ext. 236  
Stock shelves or sack groceries in a nutrition center for AIDS patients.

**Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tarrant County**

(817) 877-4277  
Serve as a role model for a child in a need of a companion.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Worth**

(817) 834-4711  
Support various sports leagues for at-risk children.

**Community Enrichment Center**

(817) 281-1164  
Assist with various forms of community aid from food pantries to playgrounds.

**Cook Children's Hospital**

(817) 885-4241  
Decorate for holidays or help with the annual Children's Fair.

**Fort Worth Parks and Community Service — Graffiti Abatement**

(817) 212-2700  
Paint a mural over graffiti in the Fort Worth area.

**Fort Worth Public Library**

(817) 871-7703  
Volunteer at the branches or help with community book sales

**Fort Worth Zoo**

(817) 759-7255  
Work at fund raisers like the Zoo Run or Boo at the Zoo.

**Huguley Nursing Home**

(817) 551-5900  
Visit with residents or assist with holiday projects.

**James West Special Care**

(817) 877-1199  
Visit and play Bingo with Alzheimer's patients.

**Lena Pope Home**

(817) 731-8681  
Volunteer for or donate items to the supply drive or visit with the residents.

**Presbyterian Night Shelter**

(817) 336-1781 ext. 110  
Make sandwiches, serve food to the homeless or tutor underprivileged children.

**Ronald McDonald House**

(817) 820-8931  
Help with annual fundraisers or visit families staying in the home.

**Salvation Army**

(817) 332-2495 ext. 109  
Paint the Friendship House, babysit children or serve food to the homeless.

**Samaritan House**

(817) 626-9398  
Play Bingo or other games with residents who have AIDS.

**Special Olympics**

(817) 332-3433  
Help plan and execute events in the area.

**Summerbridge**

(817) 731-0852  
Tutor and mentor area children.

**Tarrant Area Food Bank**

(817) 332-9177  
Collect, sort and box food to be sent to various agencies that assist the poor.

**The Women's Shelter**

(817) 548-0583 ext. 221  
Sort clothes and make displays at the retail shop.

## Features post more than just free CDs and movies

I can honestly tell you that I have never wanted this much responsibility in my life. Truth be told, I first applied to be features editor of the TCU Daily Skiff because I had some great ideas to share and I thought it would be great to get some free albums, books and movie tickets.

I was convincing enough to get hired. Now I know talk is cheap, and I've talked enough to pay off

my tuition this semester.

In this first week of production, I've already learned that ideas are great but a good story with outstanding visuals is even better.

I've also realized I will have to plead with my reviewers to let me keep some compact discs and books. Plus, who am I kidding? I'll never have time to venture out on a Wednesday to catch a sneak preview.

And there are the big questions. Who's going to kick me around and tell me what stories I need to do each week? Who do I go to about ideas for stories? That's right, it's time to suck it up because I've finally acquired a place on the

lower end of the totem pole.

The challenge for me is to come out with a features page four times a week, but it has to be a page that will keep you, the readers, coming back for more.

My objective for the semester is to provide you with useful information that will give you a greater awareness of the TCU community. Equally important, I will make a page that is visually pleasing.

Within my pages you can expect to see stories on lifestyles, science, technology, health, food, travel and arts & entertainment. This first week you will find stories on how to be involved in your new home, how to survive in your space and

where to go to be entertained when school work becomes tiresome.

In addition, I have many ideas for the upcoming months that include a look into the lives of immigrants at TCU and a Halloween page that will explore haunted locales. I also plan to have several columns from fellow students expounding on their various experiences in college, as well as an events calendar to make life a bit easier when you're contemplating what to do each week-end.

Please remember the Skiff is your paper and we provide a service to the TCU community. If there is something that you would like to know, contact me. A paper must be

informative in order to be beneficial to the community. If my page is not news to you, I am not doing my job.

As I'm settling into my new position, I am still uneasy with the idea of responsibility. Being an editor will be a lesson in trusting in other people to make a great product and trusting in myself to be able to contribute to that great product.

In the meantime, I better start polishing up my skills on haggling staff members for their free stuff.

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Chang



# CAMPUS LINES

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ **The first university chapel** will be at noon today in Robert Carr Chapel. The ecumenical worship service is held each Wednesday throughout the semester.

■ **Chi Alpha TCU**, will serve free dinner for students at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 23 and Friday, Aug. 24 at 2701 S. University Drive. For more information call (817) 923-8833.

■ **The Wesley Foundation at TCU** will have a fellowship meeting with a meal and program at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday at 2750 W. Lowden. For more information call (817) 924-5639.

■ **Brighton Beach Memoirs** will be performed at Stage West through Saturday. Call (817) 784-9378 for ticket information.

■ **The band Destination Known** will be performing a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

■ **The Pigskin Classic**, TCU vs. Nebraska, will be televised live beginning at noon on Saturday on local ABC affiliate WFAA-TV Channel 8.

■ **Visting Mathematics Green Chair Ed Burger** will give a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture hall 1. He will also be speaking at 4 p.m. Aug. 27 and 28 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 3. For more information call (817) 257-7335.

■ **Artist Ed Ruscha** will be featured in a special exhibit Sept. 1 until Sept. 30 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. This is his first American museum retrospective since 1982. For more information call (817) 738-9215.

# WORLD DIGEST



## As tropical storm nears Mexico, Cancun resorts continue to party

CANCUN, Mexico — "Sorry, we're open," quips the sign on a popular restaurant here. And so far the approach of Tropical Storm Chantal hasn't led many to think about closing.

In fact, few of the tourists here late Sunday knew that a hurricane warning had been called for the seemingly peaceful region.

"I wasn't worried about it because I thought it was over in Puerto Rico," said Meghann Fitzgerald, a 21-year-old life-guard from Santa Cruz, Calif., who was dancing and laughing with friends at an open-air restaurant called Slices.

"OK, NOW I'm worried. Thanks a lot!" she told a reporter who asked about the storm whirling away out to sea with 65 mph winds.

As Cancun throbbed with rock, rap and still-sweltering heat shortly before midnight, forecasters estimated that Chantal's ill-defined center was still about a day from landfall — most likely somewhere on the Mexican coast between Cancun and the border with Belize.

With high winds extending out for 200 miles in some directions, it seemed likely that the storm — hurricane or not — would at least paw at Cancun even if it does not pound.

Christoph Schreiner and Michel Archen of Graz, Austria, said they were down to their last 60 pesos — less than \$7 — after a month of grass-roots travelling through southern Mexico and planned to sleep at the airport.

"We have to stay here a night and a day, on the floor here," said Schreiner, carrying a large backpack. With a flight scheduled for Tuesday morning, a slight northward jog by the storm could cause them a major problem. Among the few who knew about Chantal were a group from Virginia Beach, Va. — people who had lived through storms back home.

"We almost didn't come," said 24-year-old Bobby Johnson.

"We were worried about being boarded

up in a third-rate hotel," he said. "Once we got here, it's not so bad," he added, as music poured into the street beneath pyramid-like hotels.

Few of the hotels seem to have alerted their guests to the hurricane warning.

## Israel says Palestinian militant, children killed by own bomb

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — A Palestinian militant and his two children were killed by a bomb the man was preparing, and not by an Israeli missile as the Palestinians alleged, an Israeli army spokesman said Monday.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, meanwhile, said it was possible he might meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "I don't know if it will be soon, but it is certainly visible on the horizon," Peres told Israel army radio.

Peres has been trying to revive cease-fire talks. A truce brokered in June by CIA chief George Tenet collapsed weeks ago, and high-level contacts have been rare.

On Sunday, six Palestinians were killed, including Samir Abu Zeid, his daughter Inez, 7, and his son Suleiman, 5, who died in an explosion at their home in the Rafah refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip.

Palestinian police said the explosion was caused by an Israeli missile.

Israel denied having fired a missile at the house, and initially said the blast was caused by a Palestinian mortar which was aimed at an Israeli army position but fell short of its target.

However, on Monday, an Israeli spokesman, Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, said an examination of the evidence showed that Abu Zeid was handling a bomb that exploded prematurely.

The explosion appeared to have taken place inside the yard. Buckled and blood-stained sheets of corrugated iron were scattered around the perimeter. Neighbors said Abu Zeid's body was blown apart and his limbs scattered.

Palestinian police came to the house Sunday evening and removed all the evidence, neighbors said. Abu Zeid was a

leader of a local squad of activists engaged in confrontations with Israeli troops and Jewish settlers, Palestinian and Israeli sources said.

Salah Zeidan, 33, was not involved in the fight, his mother said. He was awakened by the shooting, went out onto the balcony to see what was happening and was shot in the chest, she said.

## Undersecretary of state continues missile defense talks with Russians

MOSCOW — U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton met Tuesday with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov as part of a drive to win Moscow's approval for U.S. missile defense plans.

The meeting is part of a series of consultations that began after President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin announced in July that missile defense would be linked to talks on cutting the nuclear arsenals of both countries.

So far, Russian officials say the Americans have not convinced them of the need to scrap the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Treaty, which prohibits national missile defense systems. Russia says the treaty is a cornerstone of international security.

"We have not heard from the Americans a clear-cut explanation of what it is that is not to their liking in the treaty," said Andrei Nikolayev, head of parliament's defense committee, after talks with Bolton on Monday, according to the Interfax news agency.

Bolton's talks this week are to be followed by a September meeting in New York between Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

— From Associated Press reports

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Our views

## GROWING PAINS

### Housing shortage rightly anticipated

There is no doubt TCU is growing. The university is growing in prestige and size, but importantly, it is growing up and making better decisions. As in previous years, the university was faced with a housing dilemma. Fall 2001 brought the largest percentage of incoming male students in the past four years, creating a deficit of male housing.

Realizing early on there would be a problem, university officials handled the situation in an appropriate, professional manner.

After exploring their options, administrators and Residential Services staff members took the necessary precautions and instituted policies to accommodate the overflow of male students.

The university reserved 70 spaces at the Hampton Inn and provided adequate transportation services for these students.

It prioritized well by temporarily displacing those who missed the May 1 housing deadline.

Others have also made sacrifices to help solve the problem.

Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Sigma fraternities should be applauded and respected for not just allowing non-fraternity members to stay in their houses, but welcoming the incoming freshmen to their new homes.

One freshman resident praised the level of respect he was shown by members of the fraternity house he was assigned to.

Back on main campus, the 17 residential assistants are to be commended for allowing freshmen to be their roommates.

Although 22 men are still assigned in the lounge in Mocrief Hall, steps have been taken to provide Internet, telephone and cable access in the lounges.

Even with the growing pains, TCU officials have worked to alleviate the problem. Maturity, it seems, comes with experience.

## BIG SHOES TO FILL...



## TCU community should steer Skiff

### Editor in Chief asks students, faculty and staff for input

A couple of weeks ago I went to a seminar and people asked me what I do for the paper.

Naturally I told them I was going to be the editor next semester. The next question shot at me was, "What is the name of the paper?"

I told them it is the *TCU Daily Skiff*. They gave me a funny look and nodded their head as most people do when they are set to ask another question. Then I was asked, "What does that mean?"

Interesting. There I am standing and thinking what exactly does the *Skiff* mean and how did it get its name.

I started to scratch my scalp and replied, "Well, I know that a skiff is a small boat, but as far as what it stands for I am not sure."

That was then and they bought that explanation. But now I think about the question and I can tell you what the *Skiff* stands for.

The *Skiff* is a place where voices of students with concerns can be heard and addressed. It allows students to exhibit their views. It allows students to widely express the way they feel about issues around campus.

The *Skiff* is a mirror that is supposed to reflect the way TCU really looks: The good, the bad and the ugly.

The *Skiff's* mission is to inform, entertain and

even excite our readers.

For that to happen we need to know what affects you on an everyday basis.

I know the problems the media has had with credibility. The media has been criticized heavily for its actions. This business has been known for reporting only the bad news and criticized for not admitting our mistakes.

That is true in some cases, but on the flip side there are some people in this business who do their best to be fair, balanced and impartial.

I understand the public watches the cases of how the media portrayed the Monica Lewinsky situation and the ordeal with Sen. Gary Condit. Some of that denunciation is fully justified.

I don't have a problem with that criticism as long as you continue to give us input.

On our opinion page, all of our editors will be writing columns throughout the semester. Along with their column will appear a picture of that editor. If you see that face around campus at the Main or at a bar or something, let us know what problems you are having or what we could do to help.

Tell us if the construction on campus is becoming bothersome or if this is your first time away from home and you are feeling homesick. Trust me, if those things matter to you, they probably matter to other people at TCU.

Once again, we try our best to be fair and

balanced, but spending so much time in a newsroom can take a massive toll. That anxiety usually confines us to the Moudy Building. So it is even more vital that you provide us an avenue of information, advice and even criticism.

I urge all students and all faculty to call, write and or drop by to tell us things around campus or give us advice on things that affect you.

This plea is not only for the traditional, full-time students, but also for the part-time students that work and have a family, and to the faculty and staff who make this university click day in and day out.

And for those readers who don't write or call or e-mail or perhaps even pick up a copy, I request you give us a chance. We really want to make things better for everybody and sometimes we tend to try too hard. But our passion is to be public servants for you.

Oh by the way, I did find out how the *Skiff* got its name. In 1902, the founder, who was a student, hoped to make some extra money. He wanted to produce a paper that would be a way to "sail through the financial weather."

Ninety-nine years after the *Skiff* took to sea, we continue on our course with the goal of "rowing, not drifting."

Editor in Chief Ram Luthra is a senior news-editorial journalism and political science major from Fort Worth. He can be contacted at (r.d.luthra@student.tcu.edu).

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Commentary



Ram Luthra

### Editorial Policies

Editorial policy: The content of the Opinion page does not necessarily represent the views of Texas Christian University. Unsigned editorials represent the view of the *TCU Daily Skiff* editorial board. Signed letters, columns and cartoons represent the opinion of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board.

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## Editorial Staff Demographics

Here is a look at the *Skiff's* fall 2001 leaders:

■ **Gender:** Seven female, three male

■ **Classification:** One freshman, one sophomore, three juniors, five seniors

■ **Political affiliation:** three liberal, two conservative, five moderate

■ **Religious preference:** Three agnostic, one Roman Catholic, two Baptist, two non-denominational Christian, one Disciples of Christ, one Sikh

■ **Major:** Three broadcast journalism, one international communication, one English, three news-editorial journalism, one news-editorial and English, one news-editorial and political science

■ **Housing:** Six off campus, four on campus

■ **Greek affiliation:** 10 independent

■ **Home state:** eight Texas, one Nebraska, one California

■ **Editorial experience:** one previous editor, nine new editors

■ **Reporting experience:** eight have taken the reporting class, two have not

■ **Average GPA:** 3.324

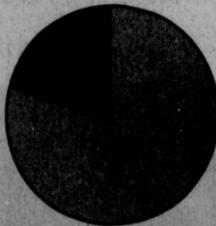
■ **Average hours scheduled fall semester:** 15.25



### Political



### Religion



### Home state

## Opinion page belongs to all who read it

As a reader of the *TCU Daily Skiff*, there is something you should know — the *Skiff* belongs to you. The *Skiff* isn't the exclusive property of the editorial board, the journalism department or even Chancellor Michael Ferrari. This is your paper, your opinion page.

You, as a reader of the *Skiff*, are the most important element of this paper. A newspaper would be useless and unable to be informative without readers. You provide the paper with a purpose when you read it.

Therefore, what you have to say matters to us. The voice of every reader deserves to be heard and their interests represented.

Diversity should play a critical

### Exposure to new ideas, opinions that begins here should continue

role at this paper because the readers of the *Skiff* do not fit into any one group or category.

Looking around TCU, it doesn't always feel diverse. During my first year on campus, I was surprised by the lack of diversity on campus, but I looked closer and discovered diversity under the surface. TCU students come from different backgrounds, have different religious beliefs and hold variety of viewpoints.

One great thing about college is the opportunity to develop friendships with people from different backgrounds who have views you might not agree with.

When I was a freshman I had dinner with two students who were complete opposites. One was a conservative, Christian male and the other a female, liberal feminist. Over

dinner they debated the issue of sexual orientation. It was definitely an interesting conversation.

While neither student changed their beliefs after that debate, both understood the other a little better. They didn't become best friends and leave the table skipping down the street holding each other's hands, but they respected each other. Learning to respect people you might not agree with is critical for living in the world today.

The opinion page is similar to a conversation. It allows you to read opinions you might not agree with and then express your own view. This page should be fun, but it should get you thinking. College is a time to challenge those beliefs you were taught while growing up.

Listening to what those around you believe is an important way to

challenge your views. You may decide you don't agree with what you were raised believing, or you may strengthen your existing beliefs.

It is important that everyone's voice is heard and represented at TCU and in the world. The *Skiff* provides an outlet for the voices and ideas of its readers and it's easy for you to speak out here. We welcome and encourage letters to the editor or contributions of columns or editorial cartoons.

The wider the range of views that are represented in the *Skiff*, the more you will be interested and challenged. Now is the time to develop your opinions and understand those opinions that you don't agree with.

Stop by the *Skiff* office in the Moudy Building, talk to us and tell us what you think. Remember, this is your paper and your opinions matter.

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Do you have an opinion? Put in writing. The *TCU Daily Skiff* is looking for columnists.

Apply in person at Moudy Building South Room 290, noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



Erin Munger/PHOTO EDITOR

Orientation Student Assistants entertained faculty and staff with skits at the Chancellor's Luncheon Tuesday.

## LUNCHEON

FROM PAGE 1

Ferrari attended orientation sessions throughout the summer and, after seeing the OSAs perform, thought it would be an entertaining addition to the luncheon.

At the conclusion of the skit all faculty and staff members were asked to stand and follow the OSAs in Riff Ram Bah Zoo.

Melissa Bagley, an OSA and junior music education and vocal performance major, said she couldn't believe

when Ferrari asked the OSAs to perform at the luncheon.

"I was excited that the faculty enjoyed something we put so much time into," Bagley said.

Ferrari said he wasn't sure if the OSAs will perform at next year's luncheon, but does want to have some sort of student involvement. Ferrari said the skit gave faculty and staff a chance to see students having fun. The opening luncheon should end with high hopes, optimism and excitement for the coming year, he said.

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## RENOVATIONS

FROM PAGE 1

out with it, nobody talked about the magnitude of change in the place where the students are going to spend the majority of their time — in the classroom," Munson said.

Davis said he was glad to see some of his tuition money put to use.

"At least it's good to know students are getting to see some of the benefits of the tuition hikes," Davis said.

Tim Barth, psychology department chair, said the technological improvements will enhance professors' ability to teach their students.

"Every faculty member is now moving toward more multimedia

presentations," Barth said. "So everything that's been done this summer has allowed people to teach at a level that they would like to teach."

The next renovations will probably focus on the science labs in the Sid W. Richardson Building and in Winton-Scott Hall, but no time table or budget has been set, Munson said.

Now the only problem is keeping the classrooms in good condition, Barth said.

"The only concern now is to keep food and drinks out of the classroom to keep them nice," Barth said. "But this is probably going to be a battle that we'll lose."

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## RIVAS

FROM PAGE 1

Toby Shook said, "The evidence is overwhelming. George Rivas is nothing more than a malicious, vicious, ruthless killer."

Rivas' attorneys offered a much briefer defense, presenting one witness. The defense argued that Rivas never intended to kill Hawkins, only disarm him by shooting him in the shoulders when others joined in the gunfire.

"These guys were just in a panic," said attorney Karo Johnson. "They were just firing their guns."

But Shook noted that Hawkins was shot at close range, which showed intent.

"This was a well-planned, meticulous operation," he said. "They weren't in a panic. They were determined and in a frenzy to kill Officer Hawkins, to get him out of the way."

Investigators say Rivas helped six fellow convicts escape from a South Texas prison and lead authorities on a six-week nationwide manhunt.

Rivas is the first of six Texas escapees to be tried on capital murder charges. Dallas County prosecutors have vowed to seek the death penalty and accept no plea agreements.

Legal experts have said the verdict in Rivas' case will be a barometer for the remaining trials; if he is sentenced to die, the other defendants are likely to meet the same fate.

Hawkins was responding to a Christmas Eve robbery call at an Oshman's Sporting Goods when he was shot 11 times, six in the head, and run over twice. Prosecutors say

five guns were used.

Rivas said in his written statement that he shot Hawkins because he thought the officer was reaching for his service revolver.

When others joined in the shooting, Rivas himself was shot twice by his own men.

The prosecution was not required to prove that bullets fired by Rivas actually killed Hawkins. Under the "law of parties," Rivas is liable for the alleged conduct of the other escapees if he promoted or assisted them during the crime.

After grabbing \$70,000, 44 weapons and winter clothing from Oshman's, the men lived for about a month in a trailer park in Woodland Park, Colo. A neighbor recognized them from broadcasts of Fox TV's "America's Most Wanted" and went to authorities.

On Jan. 22, a SWAT team nabbed Rivas, Joseph Garcia and Michael Rodriguez at a convenience store. Randy Halprin gave up at the mobile home, where Larry Harper then killed himself.

Patrick Murphy and Donald Newbury, who had gone out on their own a day earlier, surrendered two days later at a motel in Colorado Springs.

Jurors did not hear about the gang's meticulously planned Dec. 13 breakout from the Connally Unit in Kenedy, where they stole a pickup and 16 guns, and left a note threatening, "You haven't heard the last of us yet."

Several of the men robbed a Pearland Radio Shack on Dec. 15, stealing walkie talkies, wireless telephones and radio scanners to monitor law enforcement channels. Three days later, they stole thousands of dollars from an Auto Zone store in Pasadena, investigators said.

## HOUSING

FROM PAGE 1

lounges and 17 male resident assistants have roommates.

Moncrief Hall resident assistant Marla Prevost said many things were done to make lounges comfortable for students.

"The lounges where students are living have been transformed into rooms," Prevost said. "There are two beds, dressers and desks

in the rooms. Since there are no closets, clothes racks are provided."

He also said Internet, telephone and cable access will be installed in lounges not already equipped with those lines.

Baker said the top priorities of Residential Services is to take students out of lounges as soon as rooms open up and give resident assistants single rooms.

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## FBI arrests 8 in scam for McDonald's game prizes

By KAREN GULLO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The FBI has arrested eight people allegedly involved in a scheme that fraudulently netted more than \$13 million worth of McDonald's game prizes.

Authorities said Tuesday the criminal ring allegedly involved Simon Marketing, Inc., a company responsible for McDonald's game security.

Among those arrested was an employee of the company's security department in Lawrenceville, Ga. The employee embezzled winning game pieces, officials charged.

"This fraud scheme denied McDonald's customers a fair and equal chance of winning," said Attorney General John Ashcroft.

"Those involved in this type of corruption will find out that breaking the law is no game."

Authorities said no McDonald's Corp. employees were involved and that McDonald's assisted the investigation.

Law enforcement authorities said those arrested were charged with fixing the outcome of McDonald's Monopoly, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire and other McDonald's promotional games by controlling the distribution of the high-value prize pieces, such as the \$1 million grand prize.

More than \$13 million worth of grand prizes were "won" by the conspirators in this scheme, the FBI said in a statement.

The bureau's investigation, called operation "Final Answer," is continuing. All eight individuals were charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, and felony complaints were filed against them in federal court in Florida.

The FBI said the scheme began

as early as 1995. The government alleges that those involved provided winning game pieces to friends and associates who acted as recruiters. These recruiters then solicited individuals who falsely and fraudulently represented that they were the legitimate winners of the McDonald's games.

The eight made off with some of the highest-value prizes in the McDonald's games, authorities said. But the sources also said that no employees of McDonald's were involved in the scam.

Officials said the scam involved McDonald's Monopoly game promotion.

McDonald's has offered big prizes — \$1 million in cash, diamonds or gold, cars and vacations — to Monopoly game winners. Customers collect game pieces attached to drink cups or obtained through writing to McDonald's. The

pieces are redeemable for "instant win" prizes or can be used on a game board available at McDonald's.

The company has offered the Monopoly promotion for 10 years, according to McDonald's Web site.

"This investigation has required the utilization of some of the most sophisticated and innovative investigative techniques," said acting FBI Director Thomas J. Pickard.

Those arrested are: Linda L. Baker, 49, of Westminster, S.C.; Noah D. "Dwight" Baker, 49, of Westminster, S.C.; John F. Davis, 44, of Granbury, Texas; Andrew M. Glomb, 58, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Michael L. Hoover, 56, of Westerly, R.I.; Ronald E. Hughey, 56, of Anderson, S.C.; Jerome P. Jacobson, 58, of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Brenda S. Phenix, 50, of Fair Play, S.C.

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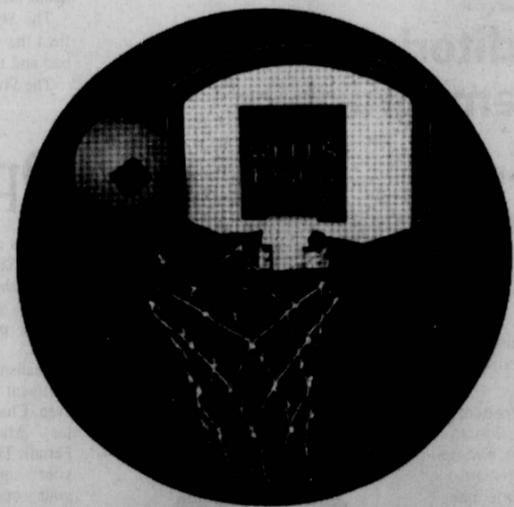
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# \$1 billion tire lawsuit handed to jury

By Lynn Brezozky  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

McALLEN, Texas — Attorneys in the nation's first defective-tire lawsuit against Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. to reach trial prepared Tuesday to hand the \$1 billion product-liability case to a South Texas jury.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela gave jurors a list of 20 questions to consider after hearing closing arguments from lawyers for both sides.

The questions included whether Firestone tires or Ford Explorers had design defects and what responsibility, if any, the tire company and Ford Motor Co. bear for the March 2000 accident that left a Texas woman paralyzed.

"I don't care if we work until 12 midnight — this case will be in your hands by tomorrow," the judge told the jury of seven women and two men Monday, the seventh day of the trial.

Lawyers for Dr. Joel Rodriguez attacked the final Bridgestone/Firestone witness as a retired company loyalist whose job in court is to

dodge blame for faulty tires.

Corpus Christi Attorney Mikal Watts, in cross-examination of consultant James Gardner, cited recent cases in which the witness under contract with Bridgestone/Firestone blamed driver error in Explorer rollovers involving tread separations.

Now, Watts said, Gardner is arguing that Ford Motor Co. is solely at fault for rollovers involving tread separations. Watts said that differs from a Mississippi deposition in which Gardner testified Explorers "do not have a propensity to roll over."

"That testimony took place Dec. 15, 1998 — before you started fighting with one another," Watts said, referring to a public rift between Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone.

Gardner said that he "had always been under the impression that there were problems with the Explorer," but that he wasn't convinced until seeing a study commissioned by Bridgestone/Firestone after his 1998 deposition.

He said he wanted to show jurors that an object, perhaps a baseball, caused the tire to fail and that the product had no defects when it left Bridgestone/Firestone's Decatur, Ill., plant in 1997.

Holding pieces of the rear right tire that apparently failed in a rollover, Gardner said the inner tire's smoothed surface was a result of friction caused by prolonged rubbing against the loose outer tread. After about 1,000 to 4,000 driving miles, he said, the tread finally separated on the day of the accident.

Bridgestone/Firestone lawyers say that tread separations are common and that Explorers roll over because of design flaws that prompt panicked drivers to oversteer, causing the vehicle to tip over.

But Rodriguez's attorneys say drivers wouldn't have to react if the tires didn't fail first. They say Bridgestone/Firestone knew how to fix its defective tires.

"I guess what you're trying to say is, 'If our tire runs over a baseball, we're not responsible,'" Watts said, adding many Texans drive

over rough country roads.

Watts said the company marketed the Firestone Wilderness AT as an off-road tire but now contends that running over an object could cause it to fail. Gardner replied the tires can still fail in such cases.

Rodriguez, a doctor from the South Texas town of Pharr, sued the tire manufacturer after his 39-year-old wife, Marisa, was left brain-damaged and paralyzed following the crash. Rodriguez's lawyers are trying to prove that Bridgestone/Firestone knew tread separation was a problem on its tires before it recalled 6.5 million tires last summer.

Rodriguez has settled with Ford for \$6 million but so far has rejected all settlement offers by Bridgestone/Firestone.

More than 200 deaths and 800 injuries in the United States have been blamed on Explorers rolling over after a tire tread separation involving a Firestone tire. Bridgestone/Firestone has settled more than 150 cases.

# NASCAR commits to installing 'black boxes'

By Jenna Fryer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — NASCAR will try to improve car safety by installing "black boxes" but won't require drivers to wear head and neck restraints, the organization said Tuesday in releasing its report on Dale Earnhardt's death.

"We have committed to the installation of crash data recorders," NASCAR president Mike Helton said Tuesday, referring to equipment similar to that used on airplanes. "Such devices will help drivers, owners, manufacturers and NASCAR study how impacts affect drivers and cars."

Earnhardt was not wearing a head and neck device when he was killed in a crash on the final turn of the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18. Use of the devices has dramatically increased since then; 41 of 43 drivers wore them in Sunday's race.

Among other findings released at a news conference, a researcher said Earnhardt's seat belt broke during the wreck, but did not immediately say whether it played a role in the seven-time Winston Cup champion's death. Five days after the fatal crash, NASCAR found a broken seat belt had been found in the car.

Dr. James Raddin, a director with San Antonio-based Biodynamic Research Corp., said he found the broken belt during his study and ruled out that it was cut by rescue workers as they tried to remove Earnhardt from the battered car.

"The physical evidence is clear," said Raddin, who showed a blown up photo of Earnhardt's seat belt. "This was not a cutting of a belt afterward. This was a belt that separated under load."

Raddin attributed the break to a phenomenon called "dumping," which is when the webbing is pulled or moved to one side of the adjustment device through which the belt webbing travels.

When a dumped belt is under stress, it can separate and tear across the entire webbing.

Raddin concluded that the dumping was not caused by driver

adjustment because the marks on the left lap belt showed it was tightened in a symmetrical fashion.

A second investigator, Dr. Dean Sicking of the University of Nebraska, found that the car was traveling between 157-160 mph when it hit the Turn 4 wall.

Helton said the stock car racing organization will commission a study on restraint systems for drivers to take a closer look at seat-belt strength. But NASCAR will not mandate the use of the head and neck restraints.

"We are pleased that a majority of Winston Cup drivers now use them," Helton said. "But we are not completely satisfied. We have intensified our efforts with drivers, equipment manufacturers and outside experts with the goal of helping all drivers find a system in which they feel comfortable and safer."

In mandating for next season the installation of black boxes, which will only record data in cars, NASCAR is following the example of CART and the Indy racing league.

Ford has been supplying the black-box technology to the two leagues for several years in an effort to better understand the forces in crashes. Until now, NASCAR had resisted using the boxes on its cars.

The investigation, which cost more than \$1 million, has been the most far-reaching independent inquiry in NASCAR's 52-year history.

Helton and the two lead investigators met with the majority of the drivers at a North Carolina country club early Tuesday morning to present their findings and answer any questions.

Among those in attendance at the presentation where Earnhardt's eldest son, Kerry, his daughter, Kelly, and several members of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. did not attend the presentation, but a NASCAR spokesman said Helton has privately gone over the report with him. Earnhardt Jr.'s spokesman said the driver would have no comments on Tuesday.

# Chantal batters Yucatan, heads toward U.S.

By John Rice  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHETUMAL, Mexico — Tropical Storm Chantal dragged its weakened feet across the Yucatan Peninsula on Tuesday, nearly coming to a halt over land. But forecasters expected it to develop into a hurricane once it hits the Gulf of Mexico.

Residents of Chetumal, the capital of Quintana Roo on the border with Belize, emerged from their fortified houses Tuesday morning to clear leaves and branches from their yards and rooftops.

A gray sky, gusty winds and drizzling rain were reminders that Chantal remained close, but no longer a serious threat.

The storm battered shuttered restaurants along the city's deserted coastline shortly after hitting land late Monday night, snapping power lines and hurling tree branches and debris through the air. But state officials said that no one was injured.

Chantal emerged last Thursday as a fast-moving storm that drenched small Caribbean islands and resulted in two deaths in Trinidad.

Officials along a 200-mile coastline stretching from the popular resort city of Cancun southward to Belize City, Belize, put their populations on alert as Chantal's winds strengthened to near-hurricane speed.

But by Tuesday, Chantal almost came to a stop, creeping forward at 6 mph, its winds reduced to 40 mph.

Tropical storms become depressions when their winds slow to 39 mph or less, and are classified as hurricanes when they reach at least 74 mph.

However, forecasters predicted that Chantal would strengthen into a hurricane when it hits the warm waters in the Gulf of Mexico, probably Wednesday.

"It's going to be a close call, but right now we think it's going to turn

into a hurricane," said Eric Blake, a meteorologist at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

If the storm stays on its current north-northwest track, it will be over water for a longer time, making a hurricane likely, Blake said. If it were to shift course to a more westerly direction, it would spend very little time over water, reducing the chances that it would re-strengthen a great deal.

At 2 p.m. EDT, Chantal was about 70 miles west of Chetumal.

Civil protection agencies said Tuesday they were putting contingency plans in place in the Gulf coast states of Veracruz and Tamaulipas.

The storm touched land in Mexico on the Xcalak peninsula just east of Chetumal after 9 p.m. local time Monday, churning up 13-foot waves.

Police and troops evacuated hundreds of people from the peninsula and the Banco Chinchorro, a group

of coral reefs east of the peninsula. More than 850 people evacuated their homes in Chetumal, the Mexican government news agency Notimex reported.

One of the first to flee from a low-lying house to a primary school shelter was Chetumal native Julia Rodriguez, 75, who recalled the way Hurricane Janet demolished much of the town in 1955.

"There were no houses; there was nothing" after it passed, she said. "There were hills of bodies in the streets."

State officials closed all schools Monday and Tuesday and said some in the south of the state might be closed longer. Boats were ordered to port — and smaller vessels taken out of the water.

Offshore activities were restricted in Cancun, but the brunt of the storm passed south, producing gray skies, some rain and wind, but little danger for thousands of tourists.

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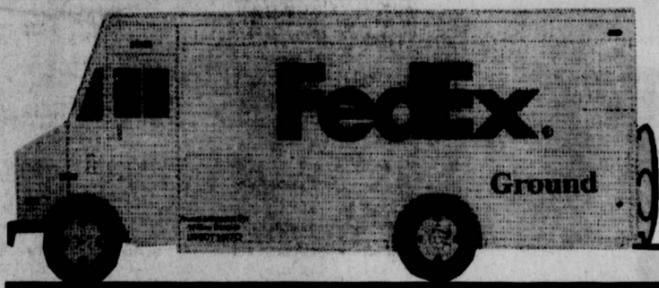
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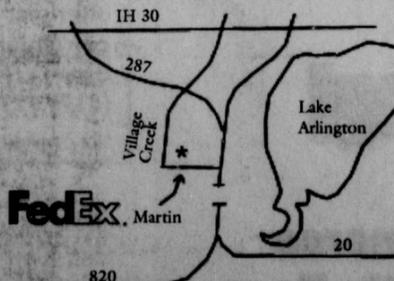
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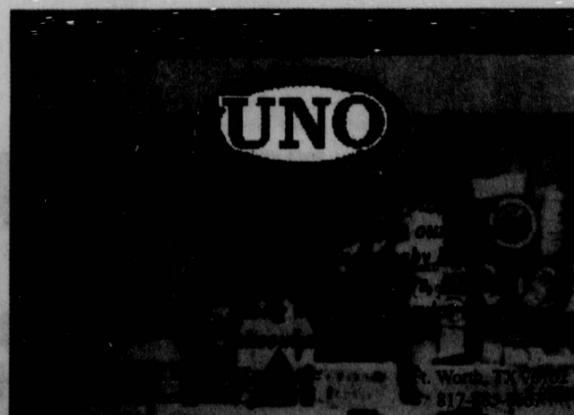
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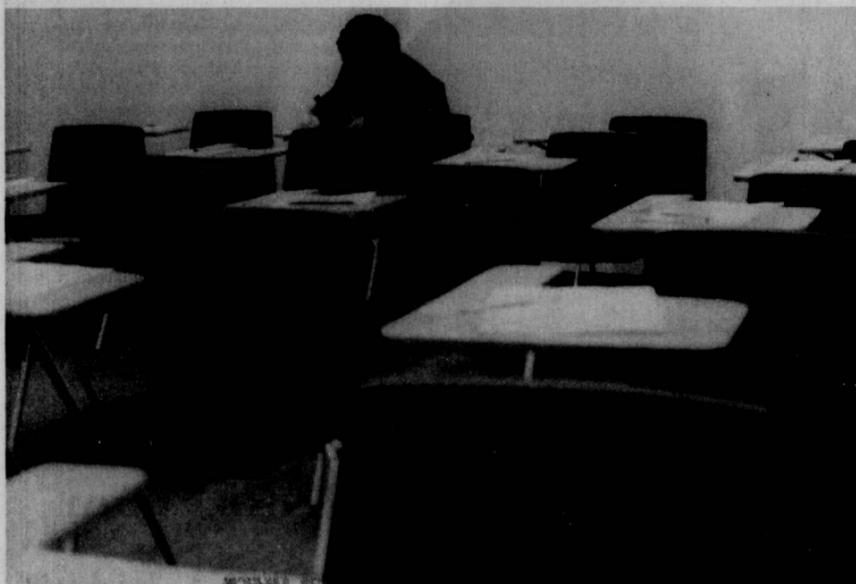
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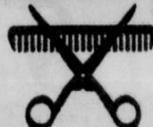
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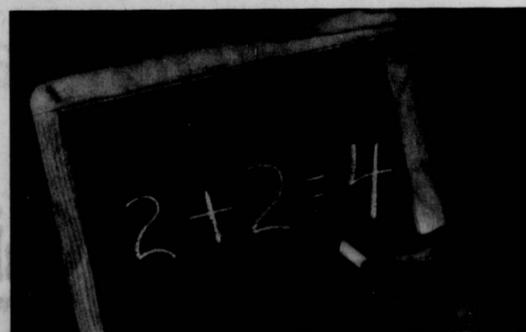
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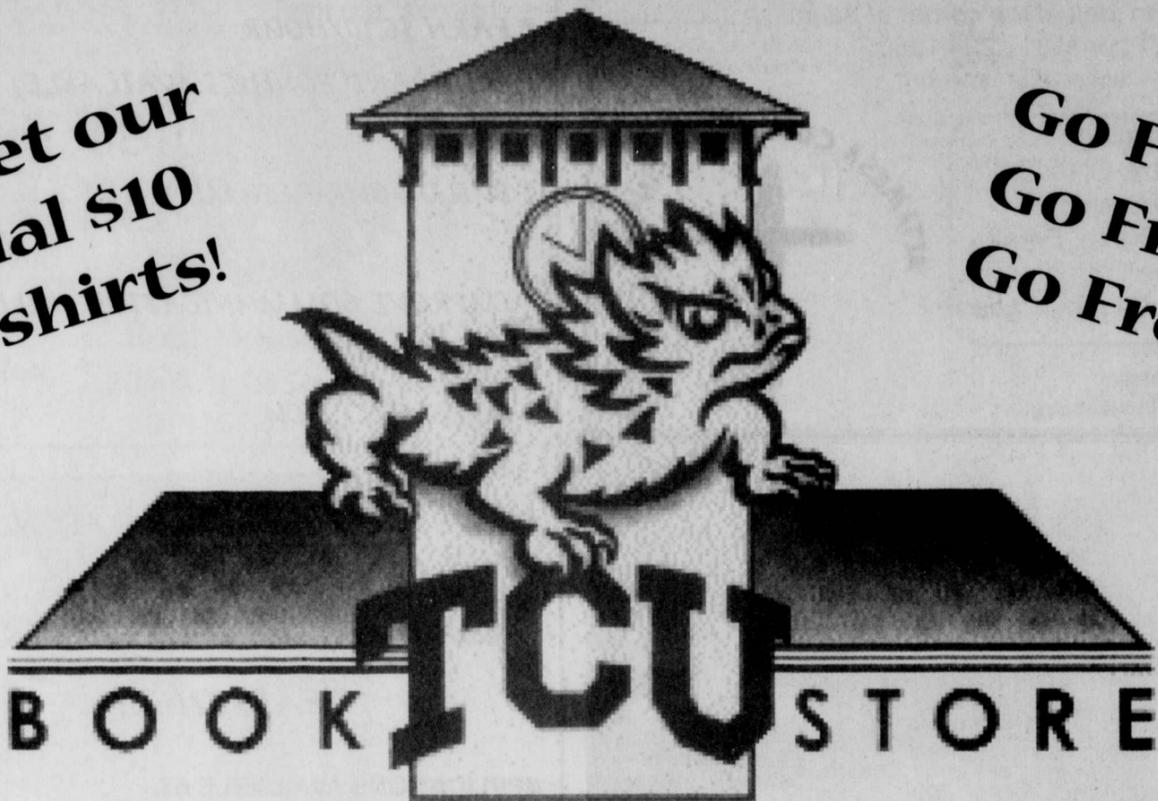
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# Strug becomes intern for Arizona senator

## Former Olympian 'expanding horizons'

By Robert Gehrke  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — She's gone from doing backflips for Bela Karolyi to making copies for Sen. John McCain.

Kerri Strug, the heroine of the 1996 U.S. gymnastics team, is content just being one of thousands of interns who perform the menial tasks that keep the government moving.

"My goal was to learn more about our government system, because when I was in gym I worried about gym and my gym world and that was about it," Strug said. "Now I'm trying to expand my horizons."

For the past seven weeks, she has commuted from the Washington suburbs to Capitol Hill for her internship in the office of Sen. McCain, R-Ariz.

Her duties are mundane: replying to constituent letters, making copies and answering phones.

It's far different from the feat she accomplished five years ago at the Atlanta Olympics. Strug landed her final vault on a badly injured leg — she had torn two ligaments and sprained the ankle in a fall on her first vault — helping the U.S. women's team win its first all-around competition.

She hit the landing, wincing and hopping on her good leg long enough for her score to count before crumpling to the mat.

The media and marketing blitz that followed that defining moment made her one of the most recognizable gymnasts ever.

Her trademark high-pitched

voice and Karolyi carrying her to the medal stand in '96 has been spoofed on "Saturday Night Live" and elsewhere.

But in Washington, the 4-foot-9 recent Stanford graduate gets only occasional second looks.

"Here and there on the Metro (subway) or at an occasional restaurant someone will say something like, 'You're that gymnast, right?' But she doesn't flaunt her status," said Erin Vargo, Strug's best friend from Stanford, a White House intern. "She's doing the normal intern thing."

And doing it well, said fellow intern Wallace Morris. "Kerri is one of the most down-to-earth people I've ever met," he said. "You'd never guess she's a gold-medal winner."

Although her parents are stalwart Republicans and longtime McCain supporters, Strug's real interest is not politics. After a one-year graduate program at Stanford, she wants to teach, then possibly go into advertising.

She no longer competes, but stays physically active, having run the Houston Marathon twice.

The lessons from gymnastics — commitment, hard work and teamwork — hold true everywhere, she said.

"There's a lot of team work," she said. "I had no idea how many staff members were behind a senator. Seeing all these interns and personnel who have these high hopes of making a difference and making America a better place is inspiring."

# Census data on homosexuals released

By Genaro C. Armas  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Same-sex couples head nearly 600,000 homes in the United States, according to census data considered the federal government's most thorough count yet of homosexuals. A gay or lesbian couple led a household in nearly every county in America.

Of the 594,391 same-sex couple homes in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, nearly 16 percent were in California, and 8 percent in New York, according to the 2000 census. San Francisco had one of the highest shares among metropolitan areas, while gay and lesbian partners also settled in rural parts of the Midwest and Deep South.

Such living arrangements still comprise a tiny share of the nation's households — just over one-half of 1 percent of the 105.5 million U.S. homes.

Many gay rights groups said the count alone offered proof of the

growing social acceptance of homosexuality. David Smith, senior strategist for Human Rights Campaign, said the statistics will be used to buttress arguments concerning such issues as legal recognition of same-sex couples.

The results also dispel stereotypes that homosexuality is limited to large urban centers and college towns, Smith said.

Unsurprisingly, the three most populous states also had the highest proportions of same-sex couple households, though it wasn't a simple one, two and three based on population.

—No. 1 California, with 10.9 percent of U.S. households, had almost 16 percent of same-sex homes.

—No. 3 New York, with 6.7 percent of U.S. households, had 8 percent of same-sex homes.

—No. 2 Texas, with 7 percent of U.S. households, had 7.2 percent of the same-sex homes.

Among cities, San Francisco,

Washington, D.C., and New York had some of the largest numbers of same-sex homes.

Reflecting how widely dispersed these households are, there was at least one same-sex couple home in 99 percent of all U.S. counties.

And an analysis by demographer Gary Gates of the Urban Institute think tank found same-sex couple homes in 97 percent of the country's "census tracts," which are far smaller than counties.

Brenda Henson said life has improved a bit since she and her partner moved eight years ago to rural Overt, Miss., to open a feminist retreat house. The census found 109 of the 24,275 households in Jones County, where they live, were headed by same-sex couples.

Once the target of constant threats, Henson said they are now on good terms with their neighbors and have a charge account at a grocery store that once turned them away.

"This is where we belong, much

to the chagrin of many around us," Henson said. "But things are changing."

National figures on households led by homosexual couples come as the census Bureau finished releasing the first wave of data from the 2000 count for all 50 states. Results for Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas were released Wednesday.

The figures were derived by counting the number of people who checked off "unmarried partner" on their form who also said they lived with someone of the same sex.

Advocacy groups for gays and lesbians consider that to be a gay or lesbian couple since other options such as "roommate," "boarder" or "other nonrelative" were available.

The census count is not an official or complete tally of homosexuals since the form does not ask about sexuality. So a gay person living alone could not be identified on a form as gay.

# U.S.-Mexican border summit begins

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EDINBURG, Texas — Once seen as a liability with illegal immigration and drug trafficking the top issues, the U.S.-Mexico border is transforming as opportunities for commerce and cultural exchanges grow.

A three-day summit beginning Wednesday will bring high-level officials from both sides of the border together. Some of them will meet for the first time.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta is scheduled to give the keynote address on Wednesday.

Julia Benitez Sullivan, a spokeswoman for the University of Texas at Pan American, which is hosting the summit, said Mineta's counterpart in Mexico, Pedro Cerisola y Weber, had confirmed he would attend. However, she said that he was angry over attempts by the U.S. Congress to put extra restrictions on Mexican trucks entering the country and threatened to withdraw.

"If he comes, it would be the first face-to-face meeting among those counterparts," Benitez Sullivan said. The conflict over Mexican trucks, which were supposed to be allowed into the United States under the

North American Free Trade Agreement, is symbolic of a new set of problems facing the border that will be addressed at the summit.

As trade increases, the region's highways, already in need of repair, are getting more use. Partitioning water between crops and burgeoning urban areas — not to mention between countries — is harder as demand increases. And creating affordable housing to replace the colonias where people have lived for decades without sewer or water service is a long-standing issue.

"Vast economic expansion has caused us to outgrow our current in-

frastructure," said U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Texas, of Mercedes, who will be attending the summit.

Already there are crisis conditions involving the water, power, and transportation needs for the seven million people living within a 150-mile radius of Edinburg. The area straddles the border and is considered by some a bi-national region.

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# Federal Reserve cuts interest rate for seventh time

By Martin Crutsinger  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, still trying to keep the U.S. economy out of a recession, cut a key interest rate Tuesday for the seventh time this year, lowering the federal funds rate by a quarter-point to 3.50 percent.

The reduction pushed the funds rate to its lowest level in more than seven years.

Bank of America and Bank One cut their prime lending rate, the bench-

mark for consumer and business loans, to 6.5 percent, also the lowest level in seven years. Other banks were expected to follow suit.

On Wall Street, stock prices dropped after the announcement, investors having anticipated the Fed's action. Within 20 minutes of the announcement, the Dow Jones industrial average had lost a 45-point gain and another 20 points. The Nasdaq index was down 7 points.

With the latest reduction, the Fed has cut rates by 3 percentage points

since the beginning of this year, including five straight half-point rate reductions, which represented the Fed's fastest credit easing in nearly two decades.

The effort is aimed at jump-starting the U.S. economy, which has been lackluster for a year and slipped close to recession territory in the spring.

In explaining its latest rate move, the Fed said in a statement: "Household demand has been sustained, but business profits and capital spending continue to weaken and growth

abroad is slowing, weighing on the U.S. economy."

The quarter-point move had been expected. Some analysts had said the central bank might opt for a larger half-point move in an effort to deliver a surprise to Wall Street investors, who had already factored in a quarter-point cut.

Signaling possible future moves, the Fed said the balance of risks going forward remains "weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness in the foreseeable future."

Many analysts believe the Fed will cut rates again at its next meeting on Oct. 2.

The Bush administration is counting on lower interest rates plus the impact of nearly \$40 billion in tax rebate money this year to boost consumer demand and provide greater strength in the second half of the year.

Economists point to encouraging signs that an upturn may be imminent, including a report Monday that the Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose by 0.3 percent in July, the fourth

consecutive monthly gain.

The economy barely grew in the spring, managing only a 0.7 percent rate of increase in the gross domestic product, the poorest performance in eight years. Even that rate is likely to be lowered when the government revises the figure later this month.

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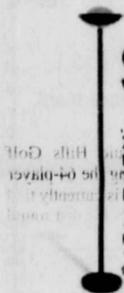


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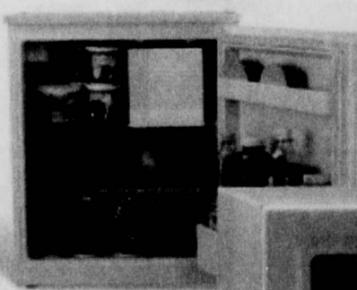


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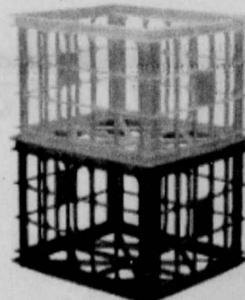
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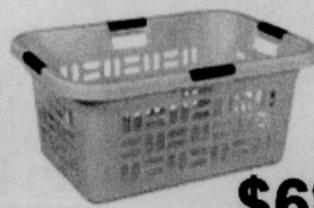


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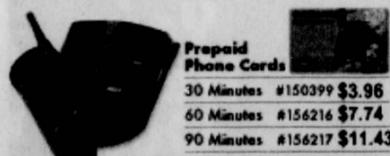
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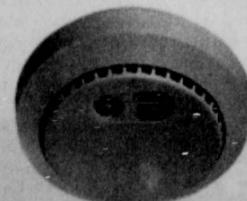
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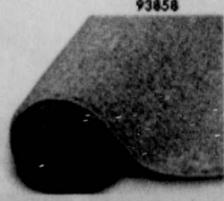
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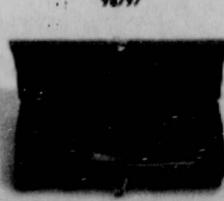
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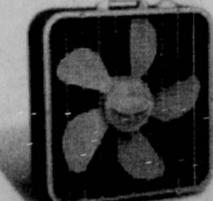
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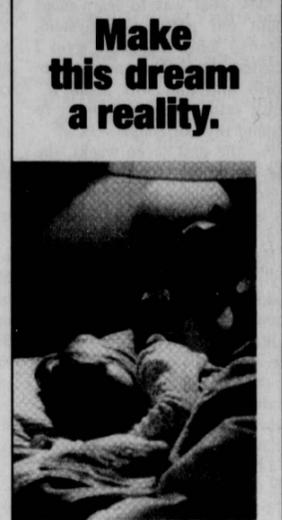
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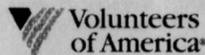


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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Carter tries to rebound from starting flop

OXNARD, Calif. — There were no fumbled snaps, no interceptions and no frustrated looks from the sidelines. There was just Quincy Carter flipping tight spirals through the chilly air of Oxnard, Calif., on Monday, trying to make amends for his woeful starting debut against New Orleans.

The Dallas Cowboys' rookie quarterback handled himself with the poise of a grizzled veteran during the team's first practice since their 16-10 loss to the Saints on Saturday.

"He was about as sharp today as I've ever seen him," said Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones. "He understands the ups and downs that come at this position. Quincy's going to be able to handle anything that comes his way."

— Associated Press

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### TCU this week

Football at Nebraska, noon Saturday at Tom Osborne Field at Memorial Stadium.

Womens soccer vs. Oklahoma State, 6 p.m. Sunday. (Scrimmage).

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### TCU vs. Nebraska facts

This is the first time in 25 years the two programs have met. The last time the Horned Frogs played the



Comhuskers, Nebraska blew out TCU 64-10 in 1976. TCU and Nebraska have clashed six times, with the Huskers holding a 5-1 record in the series. The Frogs lone win came in the first ever meeting between the two schools in 1951. TCU won 28-7.

## to our readers

The Skiff sports staff wants to know how we are doing. We welcome your comments, suggestions, rants and raves. E-mail us at (skiffletters@tcu.edu) or drop by Moudy 291S. Selected letters will be printed on the sports page.

# Teams take precautions to prevent heat stroke

By Nathan Loewen  
WIRE COORDINATOR

In light of the recent death of Minnesota Viking offensive lineman Corey Stringer, TCU coaches are being cautious during team workouts.

"You see it happening a lot and everybody wants to be a little more careful," freshman-redshirt quarterback Brandon Hassell said.

Beating the heat is nothing new for athletic programs. The football and soccer teams have plans to help prevent dehydration and heat stroke.

"We utilize a prehydration plan," football trainer Todd Nalder said. "We give each one of our guys a 32 ounce Gatorade bottle and we tell them to get four of those into them before every practice that we have."

The team also has water breaks in and around practice, Nalder said.

Along with the prehydration plan, players weigh in before and after each practice. This allows the trainers and coaching staff to monitor their health closer, assistant trainer Chris Hall said.

"We get concerned when they start losing six to eight pounds in one session," Hall said.

If players gain the weight lost back by next practice, Hall said trainers aren't concerned because most of the lost weight was water weight, Hall said.

The team also take pills that help replenish electrolytes, Hassell said.

"Athletes are taking it a little more serious," Hassell said. "When a big name guy like (Stringer) goes down it hits you a little harder."

Nalder said athletes have become more aware of the issue.

"[Athletes] are asking better questions like what should I

drink, what is the proper hydration method, how can I avoid this," Nalder said. "Coaches look at that aspect as well."

Hall said it is important that athletes communicate with trainers and drink plenty of water.

"We're lucky enough I believe we have a great protocol," Hall says. "If an athlete is having problems we can pull them out of practice then we can bring them into the main training room."

There, trainers can administer solutions intravenously, Hall said.

"Will there ever be time where we won't have to do that?" Hall said. "No, because there are too many variables."

Programs have also experimented with various homeopathic remedies. Hall tried giving players pickle juice after some pro sports teams tried it.

"We went out and bought it

and experimented with it as a lot of schools did and did not find a significant improvement," Hall said.

The teams chose to utilize other products to help rehydrate their bodies, Nalder said.

"We utilize rehydrolyte which is a pediatric formula that is used for kids or infants with diarrhea," Nalder said. "They are given this to replace the electrolytes that they have lost so we utilize that."

Primarily the team uses water and Gatorade, Nalder said.

"All we can do is communicate and be cautious and try to prevent a death from happening here," Hall said. "The last thing I want to do is call Mr. And Mrs. John Doe and inform them that we have lost their son (or) daughter."

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With temperatures nearing triple digits, coaches and trainers are taking extra precautions to safeguard against dehydration and heat stroke.

# Frogs building muscle, confidence

## Five weight-lifting records broken in summer program

By Brandon Ortiz  
SPORTS EDITOR

Underdogs. Sure. Less talented. Maybe. Weaker. No.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said the Horned Frogs enter Saturday's game against Nebraska a stronger football team after going through one of the toughest summer programs in school history.

The Frogs broke five team weight lifting records and several records at every position. Senior linebacker Chad Bayer said the Nebraska game served as motivation.

"Nebraska is a great team," Bayer said. "You hear all these rumors about how strong they are. That motivates you a little bit to get stronger to raise your standards, to raise the bar a little bit. You get stronger, you get faster, that helps you have a chance towards winning. I guess it helps you a little bit. That pushed a couple of guys."

The Frogs are hoping their rigorous conditioning program will put them in better shape to keep up with the physical Cornhuskers.

"We've gotten our legs back quicker than we have the last two seasons after two-a-days," Patterson said. "One of the things about (playing) Nebraska is you have to run."

In addition to being stronger, Bayer said the team is more confident.

"It helps a great deal," Bayer said. "I am out there, I can look at pretty much anybody out there and know I am stronger than he is. That just gives you overwhelming confidence about yourself. Even though he is bigger than you, you're still stronger. You gotta know you can put that in play."

"Example. A guy is 6'5", and I am only 5'11", I know I am stronger than him, I can hit him full force with my arms and throw him around like a rag doll because I know I am stronger than him. It is a confidence builder."

Players credit new strength



After what coaches called the toughest summer conditioning program in school history, the TCU football team enters the season stronger than a year ago.

and conditioning coach Don Sommer for pushing them.

"He is the type of person who will make his players push," Bayer said. "He is the type of man you just don't want to mess with. He can back up everything he says, pretty much. We are in there one day and he goes, 'I expect y'all to do what I do'. This man, I don't know how old he is. He says, 'I expect y'all to do what I do'. Put 550 on the bar, squats it. He did three sets of five. At that point in time I couldn't do that. I said, 'That's unbelievable.'"

Sommer replaced Ben Pollard, who was also given a lot of credit for the football program's rise. Players said Sommer hasn't had any problem's filling Pollard's shoes.

"You are comparing two great weight lifting coaches," Bayer

said.

Senior left guard Victor Payne said Sommer is down to earth.

"They are two different individuals," Payne said. "Coach Pollard is more laid back and Coach Sommer is a very respectable, down home type of guy. He is looser and a little easier to approach and talk to and speak your mind. (He) is easier to work for."

Sommer downplayed his role. "I don't think I had much to do with it," Sommer said. "I just cracked the whip. They did it all."

Sommer also made players run during the heat of the day to get them acclimated to the heat. It was not fun, but it has shown results, Bayer said.

"He said, 'Well, y'all got to get used to the heat sooner or later, so you might as well get

used to it now so you don't cramp up," Bayer said. "Come two-a-days, it helped quite a bit. Everybody ran pretty much in the heat of the day. Everybody did fine doing that. We had less people cramp up. There was a master plan behind that."

The Frogs are hoping the master plan will play out Sunday.

"(We) know (we) can go to Nebraska and not worry about a team being stronger and faster than what (we) are," Patterson said. "They may have played longer together, they may have more tradition in general and all those things, but we still are not going into a situation thinking we can't hold up to them. They are not going to be any bigger and stronger than we are."

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# Golfers take the greens at Amateurs

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's fall golf season is not even under way yet, but four golfers this week take the greens in Atlanta, Ga.

Seniors Andy Doeden and Steve Sheurt, junior Adam Rubinson and sophomore Stephen Polanski played in the 101st U.S. Amateurs Championship which began Monday at the East Lake and Druid Hills Golf Courses. After making the 64-player cut Tuesday, Doeden is currently tied for 35th and will play his first round of match play today.

Head Coach Bill Montigel said he couldn't be prouder.

"This is the greatest number of returning golfers we have ever had qualify for this tournament," Montigel said. "It is a huge honor for the players and TCU. The U.S. Amateur Championship is the most prestigious amateur event, and with four of our guys qualifying for it, it speaks very highly of the golf program at TCU."

Last year, Doeden, sophomore J.J. Killeencq and graduate Aaron Hickman qualified for the Amateur Championship. In 1995, TCU had five golfers qualify, but two of them had already graduated. No one qualified two years ago.

On Monday, Doeden led the way for TCU shooting a one-over par 71 that tied him for 178th place. Rubinson tied for 159th shooting a four-over 74, while Sheurt notched 227th place and Polanski tied for 272nd.

After Tuesday's round, the field was cut to 64 golfers. Sheurt, Rubinson and Polanski failed to make the cut in their first U.S. Amateurs. With a two round score of 147, Rubinson finished tied for 110th place. Sheurt tied for 143rd and Polanski finished tied for 190th.

Even though he did not make the cut, Rubinson said it was comforting having other teammates qualify with him.

"We're just having a good time together and having fun," Rubinson said.

Doeden did make the cut shooting a 1-under par 71 at the 6,561-yard Druid Hills course. He will play the first round of match play today at the East Lake Golf Course which measures 7,091 yards.

And after losing in the first round of match play last year, Doeden said he hopes to improve upon his finish.

"I lost in the first round of match play last season, but I learned a lot there," Doeden said. "I think the knowledge I gained will play a big part this year."

Two years ago, no one qualified for the tournament. With four qualifiers this year, the Frogs tied Georgia Tech with the most tournament participant, shows the program is on the rise, Montigel said.

"We've come a long way," Montigel said. "Last year we did a little better, but now I think we have the program back where we want it. This tournament will give us a great edge to the season."

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# Coach to decide fate of arrested Husker I-back

By DOUG ALDEN  
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LINCOLN, Neb. — With three days of practice left before the season opener, Nebraska head coach Frank Solich still has some decisions to make on his starting lineup, including who will play I-back.

Solich said Tuesday he was still considering the fate of I-back Dahrran Diederick, who was the front-runner for the starting job until he was arrested for disturbing the peace outside a Lincoln bar early Sunday.

"It was just a situation that seemed to mushroom a little bit. Dahrran had his chances to leave,

He was the fourth player to be arrested since June and although all were on misdemeanor charges, Solich has clearly reached his threshold for off-field troubles.

Regardless of whether there's an injustice on your end of it or not, you can't let it happen.

—Frank Solich, Nebraska football head coach, to his team

Solich said. Solich spent much of his first weekly news conference discussing Diederick's playing status.

Solich cautioned his players after the highly publicized arrests of running back Thunder Collins and kicker Josh Brown in June that led to Brown's suspension for the opener and a pretrial diversion program for Collins.

"Regardless of whether there's an injustice on your end of it or

involved misdemeanors, Solich has let a player go through the legal system before punishing him, but Diederick's situation came after Solich issued a warning to the team.

Solich would not say whether Diederick would be suspended for Saturday's season opener against TCU in the Pigskin Classic. In past cases in-

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# Media meets man with artificial heart

**By Bruce Schreiner**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Sporting a blue shirt and red tie, the man with a self-contained artificial heart beating in his chest stepped into the public eye Tuesday, saying "I knew I had no more chances."

More than six weeks after he received the experimental device, Robert Tools, 59, was introduced to the news media via closed circuit television at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

"I had a choice to stay home and die or come here and take a chance," said Tools of Franklin, Ky. "I decided to come here and take a chance."

"I asked for it because I knew I had no more chances to survive," said Tools, who appeared frail and spoke with an airy voice while holding his throat because of a tracheotomy.

Tools, a former telephone company employee and teacher, had the titanium-and-plastic pump implanted in his chest July 2, but his name and face were unknown to the public until this week.

He appeared at the news conference by a video hookup from the office of Dr. Laman Gray. Tools smiled

as he said the whirring sound of the device took some getting used to, but he liked it because he knew he was alive.

Before his appearance, the hospital showed a video of Tools opening cards and gifts at a recent birthday party in the hospital.

Tools, a diabetic with a history of heart problems, was deemed too ill to receive a heart transplant. Before the surgery, he was so weak he could take only a few steps at a time and couldn't raise his head to talk to his doctors. He was given only a slight chance of surviving 30 days.

Tools moved to Kentucky from Colorado five years ago hoping to receive a transplant, but he grew so weak he could barely cross the street, neighbors said.

Asked if he was having second thoughts because of the media attention, he said: "My second thoughts were about, 'Am I going to make it?'"

"I realize that death is inevitable, but I also realize that if there's an opportunity to extend it, you take it."

But he also praised journalists for the way they have handled his story. "I want to thank all of you for not invading my privacy or the privacy of

my family and waiting until the last minute to release my name," he said.

Jewish Hospital and Abiomed Inc., maker of the artificial heart, had not identified Tools, saying only that the patient was a diabetic man in his 50s with a history of heart problems.

The public appearance comes nearly two weeks after Tools was put back on a ventilator to assist his breathing. He also had developed an infection and was running a fever, but the mechanical heart continued to pump without problems.

Tools' name had been so closely guarded that even the family's pastor and people who live on the same street in Franklin, 140 miles south of Louisville, said they didn't know Tools had received the heart. He had hoped to get a heart transplant, but was too ill to undergo one and was given only about a month to live when the artificial heart was implanted.

Melony Scott, 34, a friend and neighbor, said Tools and his wife, Carol, moved into the neighborhood about the same time she did in 1996. "He'd walk over four or five times a day," she said in an interview at her home last week.

Scott said Tools would keep her

company while she tended her outdoor plants. The last time he visited her, the walk across the residential street was excruciatingly slow.

She has not talked to Tools since he went to Louisville and did not specifically talk with him about the artificial heart. Nodding toward her front lawn, she said: "I'm sure I'll sit right out there and talk to him again."

A former neighbor, Joanne Hartmeister, who lives near Tools' former home in Morrison, Colo., said Tools is a talented musician who liked to cook and go fishing.

Hartmeister said Tools had a bass boat that he kept parked on his property in Colorado so he could go fishing. "But he didn't get to much, nothing like he'd like to do," she said.

Tools had a computer-related job with the telephone company in Colorado but left for health reasons, Hartmeister said. Scott said Tools earlier was a special education teacher in Chicago.

The AbioCor artificial heart is self-contained, with internal and external batteries. Earlier mechanical hearts had wires and tubes that stuck out of the chest and connected to a power source.

# Houston drug dealers charged with conspiracy

## Additional evidence still being gathered

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HOUSTON — Three of five Houston men charged in connection with distributing a deadly mixture of cocaine and heroin that killed a 16-year-old girl appeared before a federal magistrate Tuesday.

Roman Gabriel "Horse" Juarez, 23, Lucas Martinez, 23, and Charles Martinez, 22, are charged with conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance in connection with the death of Jennifer Rivera, the youngest of 15 drug users in the Houston area who died between Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 after ingesting what they thought was straight cocaine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Stabe argued that the men distributed a drug that ended up killing a 16-year-old and making others sick. "There are other victims out there," he said. "The investigation is still continuing."

Stabe said if investigators prove that death or bodily injury resulted from the use of the drugs distributed by the men, each could face from 20 years to life in prison. Stabe said prosecutors are still gathering evidence from investigators before pursuing further charges.

Marjorie Meyers, an attorney for one of the men, said there is no evidence that her client, Juarez, continued selling the drug mixture after learning of its adverse effects.

"We have a two-bit drug deal with admittedly tragic consequences," she said.

FBI agent Bryan P. Finnegan alleged in an affidavit that a fourth suspect, Jose "Kilo" Colunga, 19, delivered a packet of white powder purported to be cocaine to a man who was with Rivera and another man at the second man's house in

the city's Heights neighborhood. The homeowner told police that the trio snorted the drug, and he "instantly got real tired and dizzy," the affidavit said. Rivera died, and the two men were treated at a Houston hospital. Both men identified Colunga.

The affidavit said authorities arrested Colunga, who identified Juarez as his drug source. Upon his arrest, Juarez identified Lucas Martinez as his source. A federal hearing for Colunga is scheduled for Friday.

The affidavit said further that once arrested, Lucas Martinez told authorities that he bought nearly half a kilogram of the powder for \$7,800 from another source and sold some of it to Juarez and another seller identified only as "Baldo."

Lucas Martinez told authorities that Baldo later returned portions of the powder because one customer didn't like its smell and it made another customer sick.

Rivera's mother found the teenager's body on Aug. 12. A Harris County Medical Examiner's investigator said no deaths connected to the earlier overdose cases were reported over the Aug. 18-19 weekend.

A fifth man also faces charges in connection with distributing the deadly drug in state court.

Andy Gonzalez, 25, is charged in state court with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. Maj. Juan Jorgue with the Harris County Sheriff's office alleged that Gonzalez delivered drugs to three people who died and others who did not die.

Authorities said Gonzalez could face federal charges as well.

## NEBRASKA

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not, you can't let it happen. You can not bring any more light to this program from that end of things," Solich said he told the team.

Solich expected to announce his decision regarding Diedrick on Wednesday.

Diedrick and backup middle linebacker Tony Tata both spent about an hour in jail early Sunday after being arrested for disturbing the peace in separate incidents at the same bar.

Diedrick was kicked out of the bar after a disturbance around 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Police said he also was yelling at the bar owner. After he refused to leave, Diedrick was arrested for failure to disperse and disturbing the peace. He is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 12.

"Probably the most unfortunate thing about the incident was that he had a chance to leave," Solich said.

Although the starting I-back is generally at Solich's weekly news conference, Diedrick did not attend. He did practice with the team Tuesday morning.

Diedrick was suspended for the

Fiesta Bowl following the 1999 season for violating team policy, but Solich said that was unrelated and would not be a factor in his punishment.

Solich also said alcohol was not a factor in Diedrick's arrest.

Tata is recovering from a knee injury and can't report to the team until after Saturday's game, so Solich said he will worry about Tata's status later.

If Diedrick does not play Saturday, either Collins or sophomore DeAntae Grixby will likely move up. Collins had charges of misdemeanor assault against him dropped

earlier this month when he agreed to enter a pretrial diversion program.

Solich said Collins' agreement did not involve admitting any guilt, so he did not punish the running back. But with so many arrests, what constitutes "inappropriate behavior" appears to be getting broader.

"If you are arrested then the injustice or justice is there for you but it's also there for the program," Solich said. "We asked them to really stay away from those types of situations and when one develops to walk away."

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — You're about to go into your annual full-on work phase. This is not like the spring, when you're full of energy and enthusiasm for all your new projects. This is more difficult. This is when you get those projects accomplished. Having a good partner helps. Find one before you jump in.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — You're still cranking, trying to catch up. You work well under pressure, right? You might do more in one day than you do the rest of the week. Make it happen, and you can take an extra-long lunch tomorrow. Ask for a raise or promotion, too. If you've proven you can do the work, the odds are in your favor.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Don't get too pushy with an attractive person. It's too early. Besides, there's a job to be done on Thursday and Friday that will interfere. Innuendo is fine for now. Don't make promises you can't keep. Keep it light.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Is there something you could get for your home that would make it a little cozier, make being there a little more special? How about new frames for some favorite family photos? A

basket of silk flowers? You'll find the perfect thing. It won't take long, and it won't be too expensive.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — The hardest part is over. You've made your point or your sale, or maybe you even converted some non-believers. If you haven't yet, you soon will. Wrap things up so you can get into a new project. Your focus is about to shift again.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — We were discussing money, remember? It's about time you asked for a raise. Don't say anything to the boss, though. Ask your friends not to say anything either. Just keep your eyes open for a potential problem. If you catch it before it gets big, your value to the company will be obvious.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — You've made it past most of the major irritations. However, you might clash with an older woman. Don't make big decisions or changes now. There's one more thing you need to learn from this older woman before you move on.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You know more than most people think you do. Use what you've recently learned to further your own agenda — discreetly, of course. You can also get something nice for

your home at wholesale price. Don't make it a gift for your sweetheart, though. Take roses instead.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Don't believe everything you see or hear. Something that looks like a lot of fun could lead to a world of trouble. It would be stupid to do something slimy just because everyone else does. Heed the little voice telling you to play by the rules.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you're schmoozing to achieve some goal, give it up. You're apt to have the opposite effect. Instead, do the best you can and let nature take its course. Plan to get together with friends Friday night.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Prospects look good, but don't push too hard. A business relationship is fragile, so don't ask for more than this person is willing to give. Instead, rely on an outside supplier to get what you need. A person you've known for years, or a company you've dealt with before, is your best bet.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Get something nice to fix up your house, but remember to get your sweetheart's input on your selection or there will be trouble.

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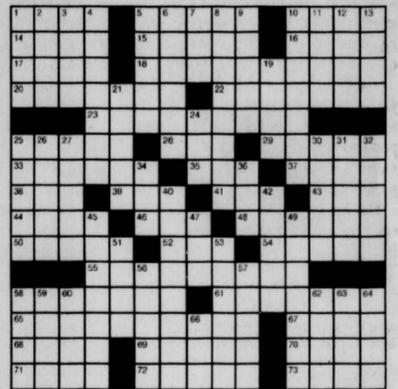


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  - 53 California city
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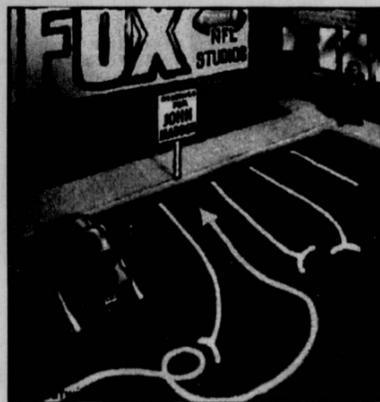
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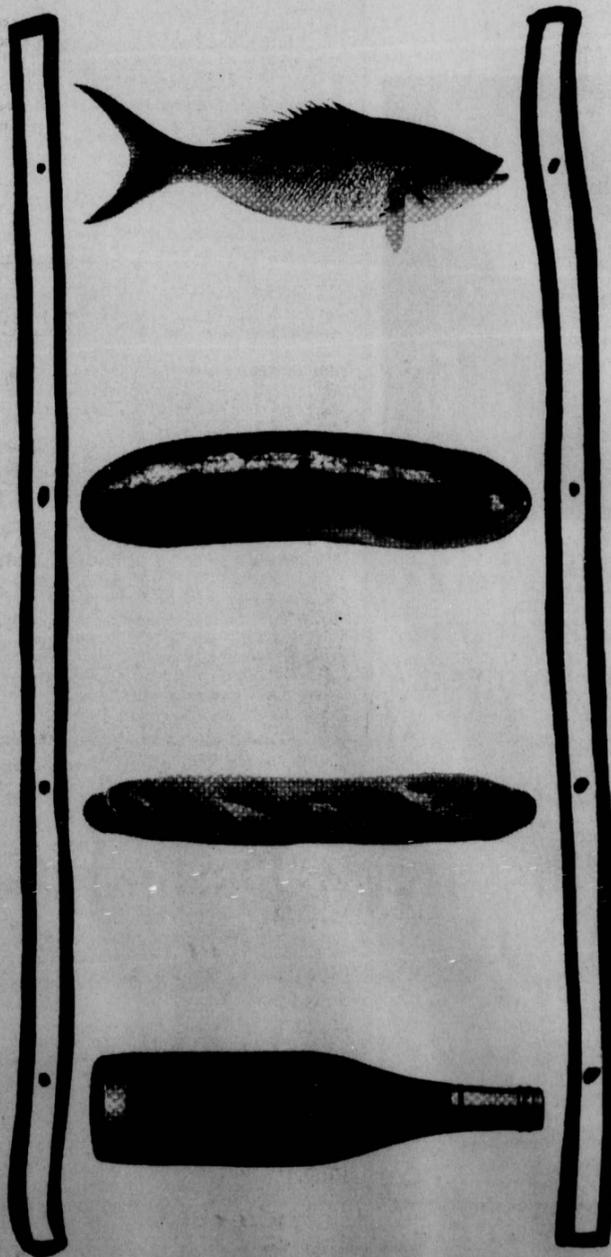


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## TCU Frogs ...

# THIS IS YOUR HOME

Story by Angie Chang • Photos by Erin Munger

## Community, campus leaders encourage involvement

As you begin to accumulate all things purple this fall, it's easy to get pulled into the "TCU Bubble." For students on campus everything will seem to be a skip and a leap away, and, when classes begin, a maelstrom of class work will keep students from ever thinking of traversing out of campus perimeters.

But beyond the ever changing landscape and the currently unkempt lawns of TCU lies the bigger community of Fort Worth; the city that will be your home for the rest of your college career.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs, said it is very important for students to be active citizens in the Fort Worth community and to not restrict themselves exclusively to TCU activities. He said branching out into the community will help students learn and feel connected to the city.

"Students often make references to the 'TCU Bubble,' but they need to realize that students are not separate from the Fort Worth public," Mills said. "Students tend to think of themselves as nonpermanent residents, but they have a stake in the future of TCU and they need to be involved."

Mills said the economic impact of about 8,000 students alone makes TCU an important asset to the community, but it is up to the faculty, staff and students to give back and be responsible citizens of the city.

Dallas-native Wes Zercher, a senior music education major, said he volunteered in a food bank for a semester even though he often found that he hardly had enough time to fit in school activities.

"I'm involved with the TCU Band and spend so much time in school that it's difficult to add anything else," Zercher said. "But taking the time to pack food for the needy felt really good and made me feel like a part of the community."

In addition to community service, City Councilwoman Wendy Davis said registering to vote in Fort Worth is an important part of being an active and responsible citizen of the community.

"(Fort Worth) is where students will be living nine months of the year," Davis said. "It's important for them to be able to voice their concerns and vote for things that will affect their environment and their quality of life."

Robert Greer, a freshman pre-major, said that although

he plans to be involved in the community and at school, he would not change his voter registration to Fort Worth from his home town of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"Florida is a heavily divided state during presidential elections, and voting there is a big deal because each vote counts a lot," Greer said. "Florida needs all the in-state votes it can get."

For the Frogs that don't want to make the leap into the big pond, Mills said that it is also important to have a thorough representation in the Student Government Association from all areas of the university.

"The more confident the administration is that SGA speaks for the students, the more we will turn to them as a primary voice of student concerns and opinions," Mills said. "It is very important that students realize that they are connected to something bigger than themselves and give back to the TCU community and Fort Worth."

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— Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs

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### AIDS Outreach Center

Ann Elms  
(817) 335-1994 ext. 236  
Stock shelves or sack groceries in a nutrition center for AIDS patients.

### Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tarrant County

(817) 877-4277  
Serve as a role model for a child in a need of a companion.

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Worth

(817) 834-4711  
Support various sports leagues for at-risk children.

### Community Enrichment Center

(817) 281-1164  
Assist with various forms of community aid from food pantries to playgrounds.

### Cook Children's Hospital

(817) 885-4241  
Decorate for holidays or help with the annual Children's Fair.

### Fort Worth Parks and Community Service — Graffiti Abatement

(817) 212-2700  
Paint a mural over graffiti in the Fort Worth area.

### Fort Worth Public Library

(817) 871-7703  
Volunteer at the branches or help with community book sales

### Fort Worth Zoo

(817) 759-7255  
Work at fund raisers like the Zoo Run or Boo at the Zoo.

### Huguley Nursing Home

(817) 551-5900  
Visit with residents or assist with holiday projects.

### James West Special Care

(817) 877-1199  
Visit and play Bingo with Alzheimer's patients.

### Lena Pope Home

(817) 731-8681  
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### Presbyterian Night Shelter

(817) 336-1781 ext. 110  
Make sandwiches, serve food to the homeless or tutor underprivileged children.

### Ronald McDonald House

(817) 820-8931  
Help with annual fundraisers or visit families staying in the home.

### Salvation Army

(817) 332-2495 ext. 109  
Paint the Friendship House, babysit children or serve food to the homeless.

### Samaritan House

(817) 626-9398  
Play Bingo or other games with residents who have AIDS.

### Special Olympics

(817) 332-3433  
Help plan and execute events in the area.

### Summerbridge

(817) 731-0852  
Tutor and mentor area children.

### Tarrant Area Food Bank

(817) 332-9177  
Collect, sort and box food to be sent to various agencies that assist the poor.

### The Women's Shelter

(817) 548-0583 ext. 221  
Sort clothes and make displays at the retail shop.

## Features post more than just free CDs and movies

I can honestly tell you that I have never wanted this much responsibility in my life. Truth be told, I first applied to be features editor of the TCU Daily Skiff because I had some great ideas to share and I thought it would be great to get some free albums, books and movie tickets.

I was convincing enough to get hired. Now I know talk is cheap, and I've talked enough to pay off my tuition this semester. In this first week of production, I've already learned that ideas are great but a good story with outstanding visuals is even better. I've also realized I will have to plead with my reviewers to let me keep some compact discs and books. Plus, who am I kidding? I'll never have time to venture out on a Wednesday to catch a sneak preview. And there are the big questions. Who's going to kick me around and tell me what stories I need to do each week? Who do I go to about ideas for stories? That's right, it's time to suck it up because I've finally acquired a place on the lower end of the totem pole.



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The challenge for me is to come out with a features page four times a week, but it has to be a page that will keep you, the readers, coming back for more. My objective for the semester is to provide you with useful information that will give you a greater awareness of the TCU community. Equally important, I will make a page that is visually pleasing. Within my pages you can expect to see stories on lifestyles, science, technology, health, food, travel and arts & entertainment. This first week you will find stories on how to be involved in your new home, how to survive in your space and where to go to be entertained when school work becomes tiresome.

In addition, I have many ideas for the upcoming months that include a look into the lives of immigrants at TCU and a Halloween page that will explore haunted locales. I also plan to have several columns from fellow students expounding on their various experiences in college, as well as an events calendar to make life a bit easier when you're contemplating what to do each weekend. Please remember the Skiff is your paper and we provide a service to the TCU community. If there is something that you would like to know, contact me. A paper must be

informative in order to be beneficial to the community. If my page is not news to you, I am not doing my job. As I'm settling into my new position, I am still uneasy with the idea of responsibility. Being an editor will be a lesson in trusting in other people to make a great product and trusting in myself to be able to contribute to that great product. In the meantime, I better start polishing up my skills on haggling staff members for their free stuff.

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