

Measuring up

TCU had nothing to lose and everything to prove against Nebraska. Coaches and players alike were pleased with the team's performance. See Sports, page 8.

Parking woes

Columnist Emily Ward is convinced after three years that TCU Police have better things to do than write parking tickets. See Opinion, page 3.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Student injured in Bonfire returns to classes

By Sommer Bunce
THE BATTALION

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — John Comstock, a junior biomedical sciences major, returns to Texas A&M University this fall after two years of rehabilitation from injuries sustained in the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse. Comstock says he is excited about returning and eager to finish his education.

When John Comstock was a freshman, the letter "A" shaved into his hair helped spell "Moses Hall" when he

joined his fellow "letterheads" for pictures on the steps of Sbis Dining Hall.

Like his fellow freshmen, Comstock "pushed" when his upperclassmen caught him "pulling out." He played in a football game against the older students during his residence hall's Fish Fry and lost. He went to his share of parties, with some of his earliest classes beginning at 3 p.m.

He also responded to the 4:15 a.m. wake-up calls from crew chiefs to be the first hall at the Bonfire cut site.

"Moses Hall was always 'first in, last out,'" Comstock said, remembering the two-hour waits for the sun to come up and the red pots to arrive. "But I had a blast. There was always something going on — never a dull moment."

Before the night of Nov. 17, 1999, the highest Comstock had been on the Bonfire stack was the first tier. He had stood on the ground and gazed up at the 60-foot-tall center pole, watching as each tier of logs emerged and the Aggie Bonfire began to reach its full

height. He and the crew from his hall had swung axes at the logs that were then at the Bonfire site.

Working into the early morning hours of Nov. 18, 45 feet up on the third tier of the stack, Comstock had told a friend to give him five minutes to finish setting up wire that the next shift of Bonfire workers would use to tie in more logs. At 2:42 a.m., the stack swayed, and Comstock heard a loud crack.

"The only thing you had time to do was hold on to the log in front of you

and ride it down," he said.

The 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse left 12 people dead and 27 injured. Each one of these Aggies has a story, but for Comstock, who awoke from a coma between Christmas 1999 and New Year's and spent a year and a half in intensive physical therapy, the return to a normal life is just beginning.

Today, for the first time since the collapse, Comstock, a junior biomedical sciences major, will return to classes at A&M, no longer a "letter-headed" freshman, but a man whose

"crazy streak died down."

"I'm just trying to finish up my education; that's my main goal right now," Comstock said, sitting in his wheelchair in his room in Moses Hall. "Certain parts of my personality are different, but I have the same feelings as before. I want to have fun, and I just want to be a college kid."

Comstock was trapped for seven hours beneath the fallen stack. Logs lay across his pelvis, his right bicep

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COLLEGE BRIEFS

Rowdy crowd storms streets by UC-Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) — A boisterous crowd of about 70 college-aged youth near a fraternity party on the University of California-Berkeley campus turned violent early Sunday morning, with some breaking their way into a house after lighting fires in trash cans and smashing business and car windows in the Southside.

A group of young men forced their way into a house across the street from Unit 3's Spens-Black residence hall, looting UC Berkeley students' computers and stereos and smashing a stolen television and guitar on the street. The four female UC Berkeley students at the house barricaded themselves in a bathroom, grabbing a baseball bat while the men looted the place.

"There were people standing by the gate, and they pushed open the front door and threw a brick through the windows," said Aileen Reischl, a UC Berkeley student who was in the house when the men stormed in. "When they threw a brick we ran into my bedroom, went into the bathroom and closed the door."

Reischl said neighbors reported that 20 to 25 people entered the house.

Stores lining Telegraph Avenue were unharmed by the raucous crowd, protected by a police line. But shops on Bancroft Way were broken into, and party revelers danced on top of a white pickup truck, smashing its windows.

They also lit fires with newspaper in front of the ATMs at a Wells Fargo Bank and broke windows of a bookstore, a barber shop and a yogurt shop. Officials did not yet have estimates for the damage.

— Daily Californian

CORRECTIONS

The TCU Bookstore Cafe recently eliminated six student employment positions. The Skiff incorrectly identified the cafe as Froggie Cafe and reported eight positions were cut in Friday, Aug. 24's edition.

Also, the search for a dean of the College of Communications is entering its second year, not its third as written in a headline in Friday, Aug. 24's edition.

NEW TOYS FOR TOES



Marc Sicignano, a sophomore computer information systems major and modern dance major, works with the new LifeForms program, a new choreography tool in the ballet and modern dance department.

Studio with advanced technology nearing completion

By Kristin Campbell
STAFF REPORTER

Most TCU students would not expect to find the latest Macintosh computers and software in a beginning ballet or modern dance class.

But in a new studio still under construction in the Ballet and Modern Dance Building, dance students will have state-of-the-art equipment to use for their classes.

The new studio will include a computer lab with 16 new, flat-screen Macintosh computers and a wooden dance floor. The floor is covered with marley, a rubbery surface that helps dancers prevent injuries.

LifeForms, the choreographic animation software which will be used, allows students to choreograph dance sequences while learning the origin of movement, said dance instructor Keitha Manning said.

"In order to stay current in this field, it is necessary to have this technology," she said.

The studio set-up will allow students to work at the computer, step back and dance in the same space, Manning said.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler toured the fa-



Sicignano dances the choreography the program will record.

ilities and was influential in initiating the remodeling process, Manning said. Renovations began in June and Manning expects the studio to be completed in a few weeks.

Funding came from two separate budgets, Koehler said. At least \$25,000 spent on the computers was funded by information service acquisition and replacement budgets. Room modification expenses were covered

by the classroom renovation budget, he said.

Marc Sicignano, a sophomore computer informational science and modern dance major, said he will be able to simultaneously use the workspace to dance and choreograph, edit and burn music for concerts and back up videos onto DVDs.

The studio is a tremendous upgrade, Manning said, since she once taught a course with 12 students in a room with six computers but no space for dancing. She said she is using that space to teach a course this semester that will move to the new studio as soon as construction is complete.

Ohio State University, Arizona State University and the University of California at Irvine also have the new technology, Manning said. California-Irvine is already using motion capture software to assist dancers and is the only university she knows of that utilizes the advanced software, Manning said.

An open house is being planned to showcase the complete studio to the university community.

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Master's program goes online
Degree plan lets working nurses enhance education

By Aaron Chimbel
STAFF REPORTER

The Harris College of Nursing is offering a new master's degree, without students ever setting foot inside the Bass Building.

The master of science in nursing program is designed to give working nurses the chance to enhance their education and their careers. All the course work for the degree can be completed online.

This program will put more highly educated nurses on the front lines, working with the community, said Kathleen Baldwin, director of graduate studies for the college.

"Nursing is a 24-7 job and notoriously classes are eight to five, Monday to Friday," Baldwin said.

For those with a bachelor's degree it takes only two years to complete a master's. A nurse with an associate's degree can earn a master's degree in three years, but will need to take 24 semester hours of leveling courses.

Baldwin said typically a full-time master's degree in nursing takes a year to a year and a half to complete.

Traditionally, nurses who had to work full-time couldn't work and continue their education, Baldwin said.

As part of the degree, the nurses will be required to complete 500 hours of clinical work, which will be supervised by a clinical nurse specialist in their home area. This will be the outside portion of their job, so many will be doing this on their vacation time, Baldwin said. Sixteen students are enrolled in the two-year program, while three with associate's degrees are enrolled in the three-year program.

The program will be admitting 12 students with bachelor's degrees and 12 with associate's degrees each year, Baldwin said.

Most students are in their 30s or 40s. None currently enrolled are from out of state, but two are from the Houston area.

Although the degree is designed to be completed in two or three years, Baldwin says potential students have already asked if they can take longer on their degrees. Baldwin said they will be able to take as long as they need.

The flexibility of the program may help students, but instructors will face new challenges.

"I really think it is more work for the faculty," said

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Campus minister learns Spanish in Guatemala school

By Heather Christie
STAFF REPORTER

As part of the Diocese of Fort Worth's encouragement to have their clergy bilingual, Roman Catholic Campus Minister Father Charlie Calabrese spent the summer in Guatemala studying Spanish.

Calabrese spent 11 weeks at Linguistico Francisco Marroquin, a Spanish language school in Antigua-Guatemala. "Antigua-Guatemala is known for its Spanish-language schools," Calabrese said.

The Bishop of Fort Worth, Joseph P. Delaney, wants all seminarians, who will be ordained in the future, to be bilingual by the time they are ordained, Calabrese said.

"They want seminarians and other priests to learn Spanish so that they could minister more adequately to the needs of the Catholic, Hispanic community," Calabrese said. There is no law or written document that says ordained priests have to be bilingual, said Jeff Hensley, Director of Communications of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

"It's just simply a strong encouragement to be bilingual,

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U.S. decides to leave downed plane in Iraq

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Air Force unmanned reconnaissance aircraft failed to return from a mission over southern Iraq and may have been shot down by Iraqi air defense forces, a U.S. official said Monday.

In a brief statement from U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., a spokesman, Col. Rick Thomas, said it was not yet clear why the Predator aircraft was missing.

"The aircraft may have crashed or been shot down," Thomas said.

A Pentagon spokesman, Marine Corps Lt. Col. David Lapan, said it was the first U.S. aircraft of any kind lost in Iraq in the 10 years since U.S. and British planes began patrolling "no-fly" zones, with the exception of a "friendly-fire" incident

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Caleb Williams/Skiff Staff
Andy Walker, a sophomore English major, provides entertainment at the activities fair Thursday.

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PC vs. Mac

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Today in history
1963 — Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech to 250,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Our views

CLASS ACT

Husker fans were excellent hosts

Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. is an intimidating sight on gameday. Thousands of fans decked in red and white stream into the venue chanting "Go Big Red!" and clapping to "Hail, Varsity." Car windows bear threatening messages against the visiting team — Saturday even brought slogans such as, "Croak the Frogs."

But it's all just a show in the name of school pride. Nebraska fans are proud of their school, their team and their state. After the performance of the Husker fans at the Pigskin Classic, Nebraskans should also be proud of their class.

As soon as the realization spread through the crowd that TCU junior defensive tackle John Turntine was not getting up after a fourth-quarter play, silence fell across the sea of red. TCU trainers headed onto the field. Nebraska trainers followed. Then head coach Gary Patterson joined the crew. Finally, Nebraska head coach Frank Solich walked out toward the concerned staff.

At that point, fans in both red and purple removed their hats and bowed their heads. No one in the crowd of 77,743 spoke or even moved. All eyes were on the field as trainers attempted to provoke reflexive movements in Turntine's arms and legs. Binoculars were passed among the crowd, each fan seeking answers to the questions everyone was afraid ask.

Turntine was loaded onto a stretcher nearly 20 minutes after he went down. As he was carted off the field, thunderous applause erupted as fans stood in respect of the fallen player. The standing ovation continued until Turntine and the trainers left the stadium.

Thankfully, Turntine was not seriously injured. He even attended classes Monday morning. After the game, Nebraskans stopped TCU fans to inquire about Turntine's health, to congratulate the school on a well-played game and to thank them for making the 650-mile trip.

The respect Nebraska fans showed our players and school is not only to be commended, but to be repeated. In three weeks, the Frogs will host Marshall. Show your TCU pride: wear purple, cheer loud, be respectful. Make Amon Carter Stadium a place visiting teams will remember.

Prices go up, still no parking

It's that time again. Temperatures are still high. Howdy Week is wrapping up. Greeks are preparing for their new members and dorm move-ins have invaded the west side of campus. Fall semester has officially arrived, and I have decided to make this year my best one at TCU.

Commentary



Emily Ward

Reaching such a lofty goal, however, is never easy for any one student. After weighing the costs and benefits of my upcoming decisions, I have come up with a reasonably sized list of intents for my last year at TCU. At the top: To avoid parking violations at all costs.

So much for that idea. It was not even 24 hours into this new semester before I found one of those charming yellow slips locked down to my car by a dusty windshield wiper. It seems getting my new parking sticker on the first day of class is considered too late for the TCU police.

It is now clear to me that only two things are certain: Tuition increases and parking violations. Critics of this idea talk about how much cheaper TCU is than other private universities in the United States and say parking is exponentially worse at other schools like the University of Texas at Austin and

Texas A&M University. But these schools are not the ones for which I have such great expectations. An increase in the price of tuition is at least a little understandable and always predictable at any student's favorite school. Inadequate parking and unreasonable ticket prices, however, are not things to which I wish to become accustomed.

I can honestly say parking was not terrible my sophomore year. During the 1999-2000 school year, parking violations did not put me into debt, though they were enough to keep me clean from purposefully breaking any rules. During that time, half of the quad lot still belonged to main campus permit-holders, and students could still purchase Coliseum permits for only \$10. (No, I am not kidding.)

Life was good that year when it came to parking. There were not too many complaints, and I was never nervous about going bankrupt if I made a bad judgment call when I had to park somewhere unknown.

Then, the volcano erupted. White lines were suddenly painted red, parking violations tripled in price and the \$10 parking permit disappeared faster than Chandra Levy. I thought I had taken a wrong turn and ended up at SMU.

Things could not have gotten worse in my mind at that point,

but little did I know things were only going downhill from there. Kindergartners should have visited TCU last Wednesday to get some counting practice with the number of parking tickets issued within the first few hours of the day. Then again, with the number of tickets given out, we should have probably assigned that task to the math professors.

It seems that as the prices of parking permits and violations rise, the number of parking spaces and ticket-free windshields declines. I am not doubting the ability of the TCU police to ensure safety on this campus. I think they have done an excellent job in that department.

I hope, however, the TCU Police are concentrating more on safety than collecting money from already poor students. It seems like students (and perhaps faculty as well) are the ones being made the victims in this parking crime.

In the end, I wonder if my excitement of being a senior is because I will be graduating in May or because I know I won't have to deal with any of my parking woes after this year. Either way, I am still determined to make this my best year at TCU, parking tickets and all.

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Dept. of Peace, though a dream, is the right idea

Many people believe that only the thickest, most reptilian-skinned people choose politics for their profession or that if an aspiring politician did once possess idealism, reality soon stole it away.

Commentary Paulette Chu

But now — during an era of young protesters who die while demonstrating their ideals, of never-ending wars, of increasing international arms sales, of missile defense shields, of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons — an idealist is just what the United States needs.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, is proposing sharing 1 percent of the Defense Department's budget with his plan to "tap the infinite capabilities of humanity to transform consciousness and conditions which impel or compel violence," by "developing a new understanding of, and a commitment to, compassion and love."

Kucinich's plan is to establish a federal Department of Peace.

The United States spends more money on the military than all other portions of the discretionary budget, including education, health care and the environment. President Bush requested 50 percent of the 2002 budget, or \$325 billion, go to the Pentagon, the largest lobbying power in the nation.

This is six times greater than Russia's military budget — the world's second largest — and 23 times larger than the seven "rogue" nations' military budgets combined, according to the Center for Defense Information.

War killed more than 100 million people during the 20th century, according to Kucinich's bill, HR 2459. This includes an estimated 70,000 El Salvadorians, many civilian men, women and children whom U.S.-financed and trained battalions killed during the 1980s, according to the 1992 U.N. Truth Commission on the El Mozote Massacre. It also includes victims of Congress' illegal funding, training and arming of the Contras, an army of Nicaraguan exiles, which led to the Iran-Contra scandal.

Kucinich's independent Department of Peace would work to prevent future United States involvement in such sad atrocities and extreme abuses of taxpayers' dollars. A presidentially-appointed and Senate-approved secretary of peace would head the Department of Peace, which would operate as a Cabinet-level unit in the executive branch.

The peace secretary would be a delegate to the National Security Council, and oversee domestic and international peace objectives. Domestic objectives include creating policy to combat domestic violence, reduce substance abuse, address violence against animals, hate crimes and gun-related violence.

Internationally, the secretary would advise the secretaries of defense and state on all national security issues, give recommendations to the president on reducing weapons of mass destruction, conduct annual reports on global arms sales (which the United States accounts for half of) and study the impacts of war and its effects on children.

The peace secretary would also study the media's role in the escalation of violence, develop peace education curricula for elementary and secondary schools and give universities grants to create or expand peace studies departments.

Kucinich has been working since 1999 on the bill's passage, and aims to get House committee hearings on it during the fall. But Congress skeptics are more likely to just continue dismissing him as a dreamy, starry-eyed peacenik.

Maybe Kucinich is a dreamer. So what? The best leaders usually are. Abraham Lincoln was too bold for anti-abolitionists. Legislators who proposed creating the Environmental Protection Agency were tree-hugging hippies. And in his most revolutionary speech, Rev. Martin Luther King proudly proclaimed, "I have a dream."

While speaking against the Vietnam War, King also warned that America "must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society." Nothing could be truer today.

Establishing a national Department of Peace could be the first step toward making that shift. Selling more weapons, building defense shields and hiring more police officers is merely reactionary policy, not proactive or reventative.

"Love, not weaponry, is the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality," King also stated. Exactly one year later, following King's assassination, Robert Kennedy delivered a timeless challenge that Washington politicians should consider this fall: "Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world."

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Reporters should work on restoring faith in news profession

If any of you are returning from summer vacation in Florida, you should be sincerely thankful that you made it back to school alive. At least it seems that way, given all the media coverage of recent shark attacks. MSNBC scheduled programs about the history of shark research. Newsweek magazine ran a photo of a dead shark that took up two glossy, colorful pages while banner headlines proclaimed the number of recent attacks to be "unusually large."

Commentary Jenny Robertson

It must have been a slow news

merit the attention they've been receiving. Take the much talked-about "energy crisis." As a journalism major and someone with an interest in how people respond to the media, I've found that most people this summer equated the energy crisis with the rising cost of gasoline. Why? Because for several weeks, the local TV stations didn't mention the so-called crisis without also saying that gas cost five cents more than it did the day before.

When gas prices fell again, it was as if the crisis had suddenly been solved, judging from the little coverage that remained. Never mind that we are still using more energy than we can

our current energy-guzzling system with a viable solution. The reporters had hopped on the next big story.

That brings us to the continuing coverage of Oxycontin. Just saying the drug's name resurrects images of drug-abusers snorting the crushed pill for a quick high, crooked doctors writing bogus prescriptions and cops making heroic drug busts.

And why are these images so directly connected to the name of one prescription drug? Because these are the images the media have provided.

The other side of the Oxycontin debate has been largely ignored: the thousands of patients, many with cancer and other

Oxycontin just to deal with the pain that plagues them daily.

The only magazine that I've seen cover the patients' plight is Lexington, Ky.'s ACE Weekly, with its cover story "Valley of the Dolls: How the media built the Oxycontin scare," although hopefully other media outlets have considered this side of the story.

Why don't the media give equal attention to these victims, who are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain the drug, given all the negative public opinion? Because these people just want to be able to keep taking the medication. They want the status quo, and the status quo doesn't sell papers or bring in viewers. Instead, it is those screaming for change, demanding that the drug be restricted, who provide the juicy stories.

And it's not just national news. Even our local media have been facing this urge to highlight the flashy quotes to grab people's attention.

A recent article printed in the Louisville Courier-Journal reported that the University of Kentucky was not retaining its black faculty. The story was picked up by The Associated Press and also printed in the Lexington Herald-Leader. In the article, Teresa Unseld, a former UK professor, was used as a source. The reporter wrote that Unseld "said some white students showed her a lack of respect, and she felt that some white faculty saw their black peers as affirmative-action hires who were unqualified for their positions."

Clearly, this was an explosive view. In a letter published in Monday's Herald-Leader, Unseld wrote that "the article was constructed of sentences lifted out of context to present a totally negative perspective not representative of my views as presented during the interview."

While only Unseld and the reporter can truly know the context of the quotes, it certainly brings into question the ethics used in the telling of the story. Whether or not Unseld was represented accurately, situations like this erode the media's credibility.

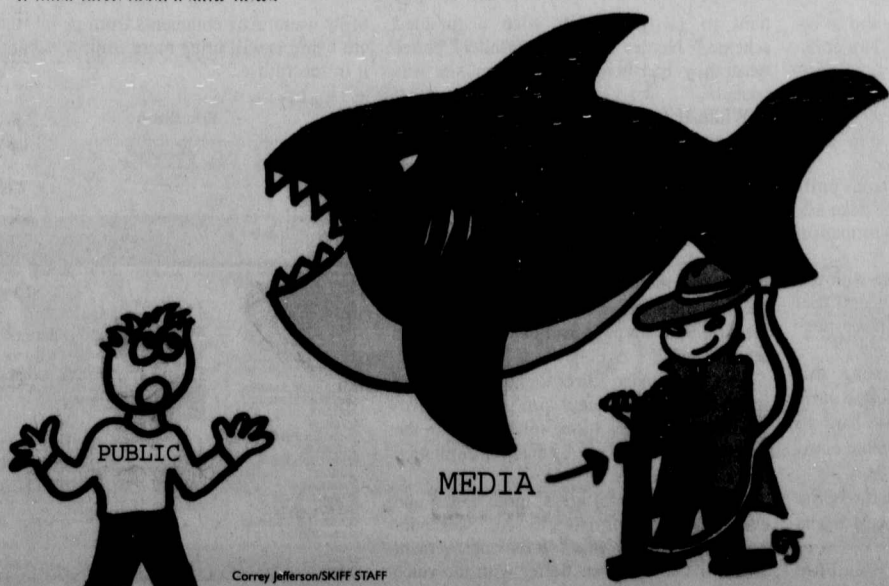
All this negativity overshadows those reporters who are actually trying to make a difference. In fact, these reporters are probably the biggest victims of this whole debacle. The disgusted public can turn off their televisions or put down their newspapers. Those working in the media have to deal with an ever-growing disillusionment toward the news profession.

Unless the heads of the networks and the publishers of the newspapers recognize this problem and work to change it, the gap between the media and the public will only widen.

It won't be a fin in the water and the theme from "Jaws" that sends the public running.

It'll be microphones and cameras.

Jenny Robertson is a columnist for the Kentucky Kernel at the University of Kentucky. This column was distributed by U-Wire.



Correy Jefferson/SKIFF STAFF

Microsoft browser draws protest

By Allison Linn

SEATTLE — The latest version of Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer browser, made available for free download Monday, is drawing protests because it doesn't support two rival products commonly used on Web sites.

Internet Explorer 6.0 will not automatically support the embattled Java programming language or Netscape-style "plug-ins," though users and developers will have tools to make the browser compatible with those products.

Microsoft decided to drop support for the plug-ins — additional software that lets users play music, watch videos or perform other tasks — in favor of Microsoft technology called ActiveX. Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the move was for increased security.

The free version of Internet Explorer 6.0 is virtually the same browser users will find in Windows XP, the forthcoming version of the company's desktop operating system, Cullinan said.

The company is touting such user-friendly features as the ability to easily download and print pictures off Web pages and play music and videos. The browser also will have added security.

The final code for Windows XP, due out in October, was shipped to manufacturers Friday for mass production. That move prompted the company to provide Internet Explorer 6.0 for download, the company said in a statement.

Intel launches Pentium 4 processor

By Matthew Fordahl

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Intel Corp. launched its fastest Pentium 4 processor to date Monday and slashed prices on older models to help spur demand in the weak economy.

The new Pentium 4 is the first microprocessor to hit 2 gigahertz, or 2 billion cycles per second. Available immediately, it sells for \$562 when purchased in quantities of 1,000.

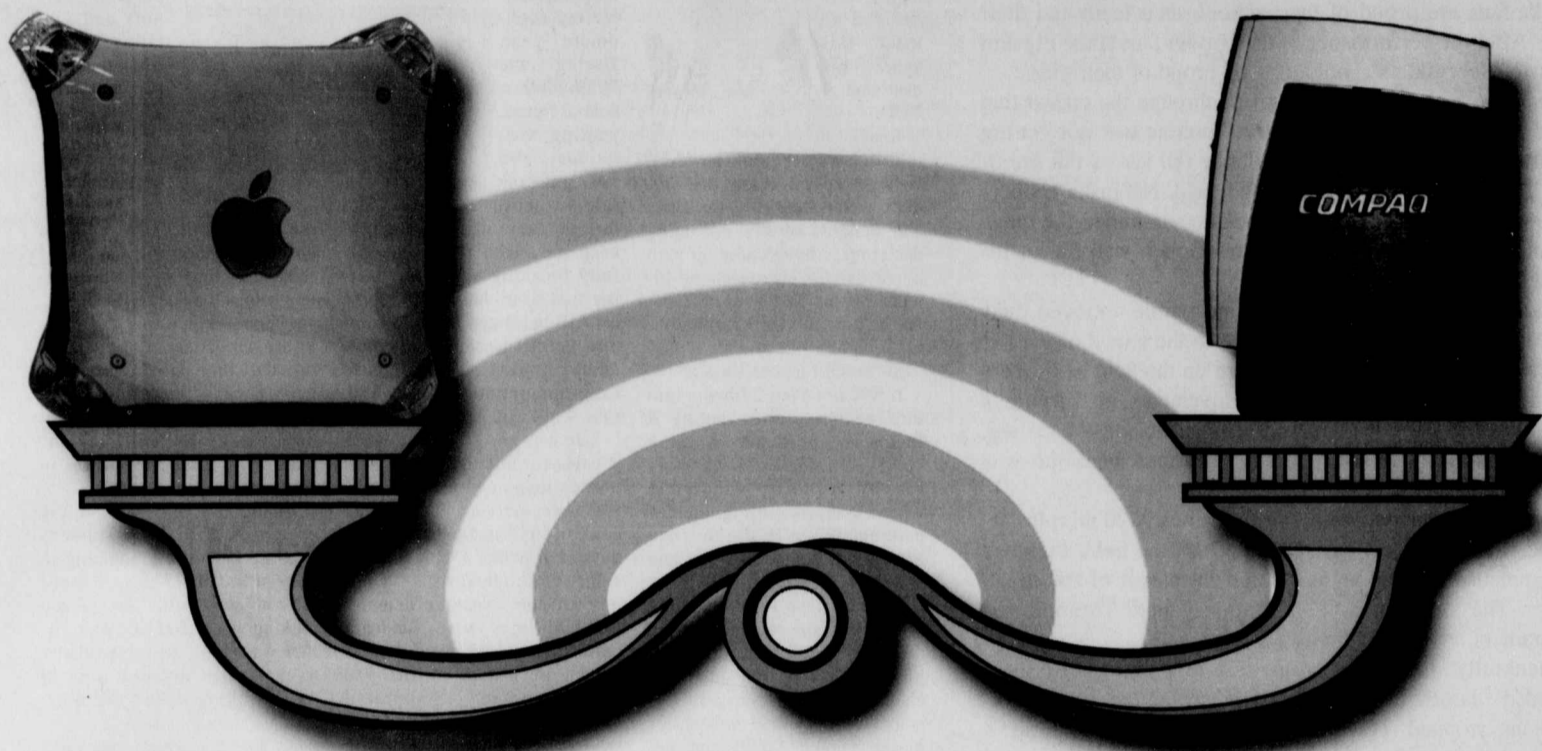
Several computer manufacturers, including Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Compaq, launched systems incorporating the processor. Prices started at \$1,499.

"The combination of Intel processor and platform technologies and industry innovation provides the foundation for the next decade of desktop computing," said Louis Burns, vice president and general manager of Intel's Desktop Platforms Group.

During a flashy presentation at Intel's developer conference, the world's largest chip maker also launched a 1.9 gigahertz Pentium 4 for \$375. The line previously topped out at 1.8 gigahertz.

Also Monday, Intel cut prices on its 1.3 GHz, 1.4 GHz and 1.5 GHz Pentium 4 processors to \$133 each — a decrease of up to 39 percent. Faster models also saw steep cuts.

Mac Attack



Story by Chrissy Braden • Illustration by J. Kent Ladewig

Once the underdogs on campus, Macintosh computers are gaining ground on PCs

TCU was in the process of abolishing Macintosh computers on campus in 1998, when Chancellor Michael Ferrari, who came from a university that only used Macs, arrived to save the apple of his eye.

Or so the story goes.

In actuality, Dick Rinewalt, chairman of computer science, said neither IBM-compatible nor Mac computers could ever be banished from campus because students need the experience of both platforms to be prepared for careers after college.

English department chairman David Vanderwerken, who attributes an increase in Mac users to Ferrari's personal preference, said his department has an equal number of Macs and IBM-compatible computers.

Ferrari said students have needs and preferences for both Mac and IBM-compatible computers, so both platforms are needed at the university.

"When I came to TCU, I emphasized that we should have and

would have a multi-platform environment for computing on our campus," Ferrari said.

Rinewalt said the computer science department switched to platform-neutral Java software, which runs on both computer platforms, three years ago.

"We emphasize developing software rather than just learning it," he said. "So it's essential to us that our graduates have exposure to every platform, because that's what they'll have to deal with when they get out in the real world."

Richard Bonner, a sales development executive at Mac, said the company has had a rebirth since the iMac, a desktop computer, was released and Steve Jobs became CEO in 1998.

Bonner said faster speed, lower prices and innovative technology have helped to increase the popularity of Macs.

"Macs are more user-friendly," he said.

iMac is priced from \$999 and

iBook, a Mac laptop computer, is priced from \$1,299, according to the Mac Web site (www.apple.com).

Steven Ogden, a technology specialist at Office Depot on SW Loop 820, said Compaq offers a desktop computer from \$999 and a laptop computer from \$1,299 as well.

Ogden said he had not noticed a decrease in IBM-compatible computer sales since Mac heightened its competition. IBM-compatible computers offer more software than Macs, but he isn't aware of an industry that would need an IBM-compatible rather than a Mac computer, he said.

Bonner said that although there is always a threat for one computer company to be dominated by another, he thinks Macs are in a safe position because the creative community relies on them for high speed in running things such as 3-D programs.

Ferrari said there are still some people at TCU who think the

school should have only IBM-compatible computers, but he thinks Mac users on campus find that platform environment much more suitable for teaching and learning in their disciplines.

Bonner said Macs are number one in the education environment and are continuing to gain new ground.

"Perception is changing," he said. "And our new (server) OS X will put us into a league that will really revitalize us."

Anne Ramos, a junior political science major who is a Compaq user, said she thinks both platforms should be offered on campus.

"I prefer Compaq a zillion times over," Ramos said. "It's a more familiar system to me."

Ferrari agreed students need the option of either platform.

"We have both platforms at TCU today, as it should be," Ferrari said.

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New TCU Web site receives mixed reviews

By Eric Elton

SKIFF STAFF

Maegan Deller, a sophomore education major, sat down at her computer to check her schedule the day before classes began only to find a redesigned TCU home page.

After the initial surprise, she proceeded to search the page, taking twice as long to locate the TCU Frognet link.

"Before, the page was much less complicated and I could find what I was looking for on the site," Deller said. "Now the layout appears to be too cluttered and not nearly as user friendly as its predecessor."

Victor Neil, director of new media, said many factors were considered during the process of revamping the new \$10,000 home page. Research was done to make sure the new TCU Web site would satisfy the needs of the entire TCU community.

Neil said the main audience was current students.

"One major thing we did was look at the e-mails we get on a regular basis, and we

also (considered) the calls transferred to us from the help desk," Neil said. "The complaints we received were mainly from people who couldn't find certain site maps. We made decisions based on that knowledge for the changes, and mainly brought more content to the front of the page."

Neil said the new site uses numerous pull-down menus which allow the user to take advantage of copious amounts of information on the site.

Even though changes were made with the TCU community in mind, some students feel the changes are geared more toward prospective students.

"The parts pertaining to incoming students are easily accessible, whereas the parts composed for current students are hard to find," said Casey Nettles, a sophomore environmental science major.

Nettles said the information on the home page seems to be fashioned in a way that is not user-friendly.

"I think it is a nice change but it's a little

hard to navigate with such a jumbled scheme," Nettles said. "I definitely prefer what they had before this newer site was posted."

While it will take some students time to adapt to the structure of the new TCU home page, others are already beginning to appreciate the alterations.

"I think the new site is easy to use and very accessible," said Jonathan Murphy, a sophomore theatre major. "I can find enrollment information along with e-mail addresses and other general information from the first start up page rather than having to search for it."

Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing, said the new site is an improvement as it provides more information to the users at the first page to make information quickly accessible.

"(The new site) gets more news and events out there for users to see," Alexander said. "I definitely think it is improvement and will become even better with the voice

of its users. Any comments from people that are using it will bring more improvement to it in the future."

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BONFIRE

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and over his face. The only internal organ damage he experienced was a split liver from the fall, but his right wrist and left ankle were crushed. His right leg was twisted up at an angle near his head.

On hands and knees near the disarrayed pile of logs, emergency crews could see Comstock with a flashlight "like I was in a gutter," he said. When he was finally pulled from the stack and rushed to College Station Medical Center, Comstock could sense enough emergency room staff hovering around him to know his condition was serious.

"They told me, 'We're going to shoot you up,' and I said 'OK, if I don't make it, tell my family I love them,'" he said. "A whole month and a half turned into a second. I woke up before New Year's."

Comstock vaguely recalls people who visited him in the Medical Cen-

ter in the days before he fully regained consciousness. But for most of the month and a half he was in a coma, he recalls nothing but a "crazy morphine dream or two."

Surgeons amputated Comstock's left leg above the knee and removed dying tissue from his legs and buttocks. He underwent more surgeries than can be counted, he said, telling of a surgery that lasted days, with a break overnight when staff wrapped him in plastic while the surgeon slept.

The log that had been weighing on Comstock's pelvis caused nerve damage that left him with no feeling below his waist. The nerves slowly began to re-grow and he can now feel everything above his ankle, he said.

After regaining consciousness, Comstock remained in the intensive care unit at the Medical Center for 40 days before being transferred to Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas, near his hometown of Richardson.

Therapists at Zale devoted Comstock to rehabilitation.

He was finally released in April 2000, but Comstock's time at home was yet another ground for recovery. He continued outpatient therapy five days a week, learning how to maneuver in a wheelchair and how to pull together the strength to walk, a few steps at a time, with the assistance of a walker and prosthetic leg. His therapy dropped to three times a week, then two, before being bumped back up to three. Once right-handed, he had to learn to write with his left hand, the hand that was free during the seven hours he was under the fallen stack.

Comstock's mother, Dixie, said her son never gave up.

"He wears out, but he's not down," she said. "A lot of people would have been very bitter, but his attitude throughout all this is that he's got to do what he's got to do."

Comstock simply says it is a waste of energy for him to be angered by what has happened.

"I have to spend my energy towards rehabilitation and getting back

to where I was, not in being upset about an accident," he said. "Besides, I'm going to light (Bonfire) 2002. It won't be the same, but it'll be ... one of those things to help people get over the collapse."

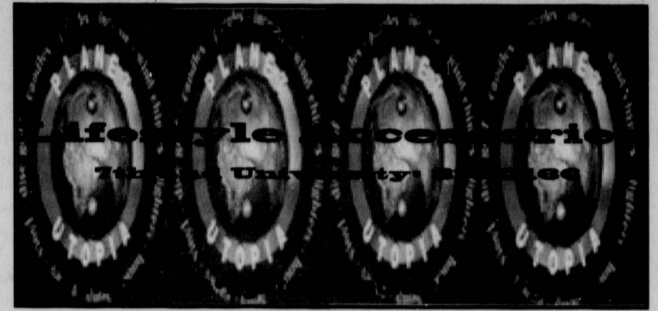
Today, Comstock attends physical therapy three times a week at A.P. Beutel Health Center and can only walk in short bursts of energy. He tires easily.

"I just want to get better, finish my education and get out into the world," he said.

Now a junior, Comstock bears the scars of something the Aggie family always will mourn. But like the spirited freshman he once was, Comstock has something emblazoned on him to show his pride in his school and everything he's gone through.

A few days before he moved back to College Station, Comstock got a tattoo: over his shoulder blade, if he will show you, is a 4-inch tall, 3-inch wide Bonfire, with the words "The 13th Man" written underneath.

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NURSING

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Pat Bradley, associate professor of nursing. "You have to get (course materials) online in a readable format, you can't just go to class with notes."

Bradley has taught undergraduate courses online previously and will teach students in the master's program.

She said professors who may have jotted notes down before class will be forced to plan ahead.

"There is a lot of preparation done getting the course online and making it interesting for the students," Bradley said.

Technical support for the program

will come from eCollege a Denver based software and service provider, said Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support.

Harris College of Nursing received a \$120,000 grant from eCollege for the new program. Munson said the grant will help offset the cost of using eCollege. Students currently enrolled in online programs at TCU do not pay any additional fees.

A decision will have to be made to determine if students in the online programs will pay the additional cost or if that money will come from the program's budget, Munson said.

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MINISTER

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to better serve the people and the Hispanic population," Hensley said.

Calabrese said the bishop does not make priests learn Spanish who are already ordained, but he encourages and is supportive of learning Spanish.

But being a student was the hardest thing he has ever done in his life, he said.

"Someone told me the gene for learning languages turns off around the age of 25 and I can

believe it."

Calabrese learned basic grammar and vocabulary while in Guatemala. He is also continuing his Spanish studies in a conversation course at TCU, he said.

"I would hope to go back to Guatemala next summer," Calabrese said. "The people are open, warm, hospitable, friendly and genuine."

Calabrese looked into attending classes in Mexico but it was more expensive than Guatemala, he said.

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IRAQ

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in 1994. In that incident, two American F-15 fighter jets mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 15 Americans, five Iraqi Kurds, three Turks, two Britons and a Frenchman.

The patrols began in northern Iraq in 1991 shortly after the Gulf War and in the south a year later.

Also on Monday, U.S. planes attacked an SA-3 surface-to-air missile

site in northern Iraq, a U.S. official said. The U.S. European Command, which is responsible for U.S. operations in northern Iraq, said in a brief statement that U.S. planes retaliated when Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery from sites north of Mosul.

American and British aircraft regularly patrol "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq to protect minority Shiites in the south and Kurds in the north from attacks by government forces. The southern patrols also provide early warning of potential Iraqi military moves toward the Kuwaiti border.

Thomas said there is no plan to attempt to recover the low-speed aircraft, which other officials said was lost near the southern city of Basra.

"No sensitive technology will be compromised by not recovering the aircraft," Thomas said.

The plane, whose wing span is less than 50 feet, flies at a maximum speed of 140 miles per hour at altitudes up to 25,000 feet. It was reported missing at 2 a.m. EDT., Thomas said. It is an easier target for Iraqi air defenses than manned aircraft like the much more agile and

speedier F-16 fighter, which can reach twice the speed of sound. Also, the Predator loiters at lower altitudes and has no armaments aboard to protect itself.

One U.S. official said operators of the Predator lost communications and radar contact with the aircraft and were not immediately sure why.

The first word came from Baghdad. "Iraqi air defenses have shot an American reconnaissance plane coming from Kuwaiti territory," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified military spokesman as saying.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries (March 21-April 19) — You're getting luckier in love. It almost makes up for the frustration of working for someone else. Even if you're self-employed, the customer comes first. But after you've taken care of business, be bold. Make an outrageous suggestion. Your sweetheart, or the one you're after, will follow through on an old promise.

♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You could do well financially now, though you may not see the money for quite a while. That's all right, as long as you're sure it's in a safe place. No surprises, just carefully calculated moves — that's your specialty.

♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21) — You're cute, and getting cuter. Why? Because your attitude is improving. You're starting to get interested in everything around you, and that's charming. You know somebody else who's pretty cute, too. Get together to talk things over and see what develops. One thing could lead to another.

♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22) — All this work could start to show a profit soon. It could happen today. If not, definitely over the next few weeks. Add a few final touches. Make sure your routine is working, and prepare to relax.

♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's fortunate that the best things in life are free, because you could be experiencing a slight financial pinch. No need to show off by throwing your money around. This sweetheart doesn't care about material things. Don't worry about being a big shot. Be a puppy instead.

♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Yesterday's lethargy may have turned into a summer cold. Are you far enough ahead with your work to take a few days off? Today is for household projects and sleeping. Tuesday and Wednesday are for being with loved ones and sleeping. You won't feel like working until Thursday.

♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — A group you were worried about turns out to be a lot friendlier than you thought they'd be. The details you're collecting turn out to be a lot more troublesome. You finally make a decision and take action.

♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Choose your words carefully and move quickly. The opportunity should come early. The boss is in a generous mood. If you've proven your value to the company, it'll be easy to explain that a raise is actually an investment in your future together. Ignore a friend who says it can't be done.

♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It's still urgent that you play by the rules. Conform to the dress code, too. It's not worth the hassle to proclaim your individuality now. It could ruin your chance to get something you want. Be patient.


♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't rush into anything. A surprising revelation could cause a change in plans. You'll take action soon enough, but maybe not in the direction you're headed now. Stranger things have happened, right? Be flexible.

♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Somebody you didn't used to like is looking better all the time. Maybe you can be friends after all. How about asking him or her to join you and a few other friends for lunch? It's a good way to get to know each other without making much of a commitment.

♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Somebody is barking orders, and you're scurrying around, trying to keep up. Don't worry, you have a knack. You can figure out what this other person needs before they do, and that'll make you look good. Pay attention!

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- Wapiti
- Stand up to
- Mouth moisture
- Cub Scout unit
- Primitive Egyptian god
- North or Hardy
- One Stooge
- Tame
- Binary digits
- Prehistoric tomb
- Clan members
- Slangy negative
- A single time
- Cultural values
- Hill the bottle
- Pierce with a horn
- Sturdy tree
- Most blue
- Plant farm
- Pisa's river
- Architect Christopher
- Obsessive collector
- Fluttered in place
- Commotion
- Le Pew of cartoons
- French river
- Squeals
- Saturn satellite
- Ramble
- Devour
- Foundry form
- Footfall
- Gin removals
- Golfer Ernie
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- Very dry, as champagne
- Agile deer
- Part of a firearm
- TV sports award
- Health retreat

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- "Fidelio" role
- Patella protector
- Craze
- Shell rival
- Reaching an agreement
- "Oedipus" composer
- Georges
- Heavy imbiber
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- Exist
- Mississippi steamboats
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- Thole insert
- Wild blue yonder
- Deborah of film
- Kind of dollar
- Metal fastener
- Guns the engine
- Dirty looks
- Light touch
- Fruit concoction
- Author of "Gigi"
- Mob members
- Surround
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Frogs Report Card

The Skiff reviews the Frog's 21-7 loss against Nebraska Saturday

Passing Offense

C Junior quarterback Casey Printers made one spectacular play in the first quarter, but for most of the game he was pretty average. Printers hurt his leg in the first quarter and that might have affected his performance. Printers started the game by completing four of his first six passes, but only completed six of his last 15.

Rushing Offense

D The Frogs could not get anything going on the ground, and it disturbed the whole offense. Sophomore tailback Ricky Madison ran for only 33 yards on 18 attempts, an average of 1.8 yards a carry. The Nebraska defensive line got penetration the entire game, hindering the running game.

Passing Defense

B- Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch threw for only 151 yards, but did so on only 18 attempts. Other than giving up a few big plays, the Frog's defense contained a weak passing game.

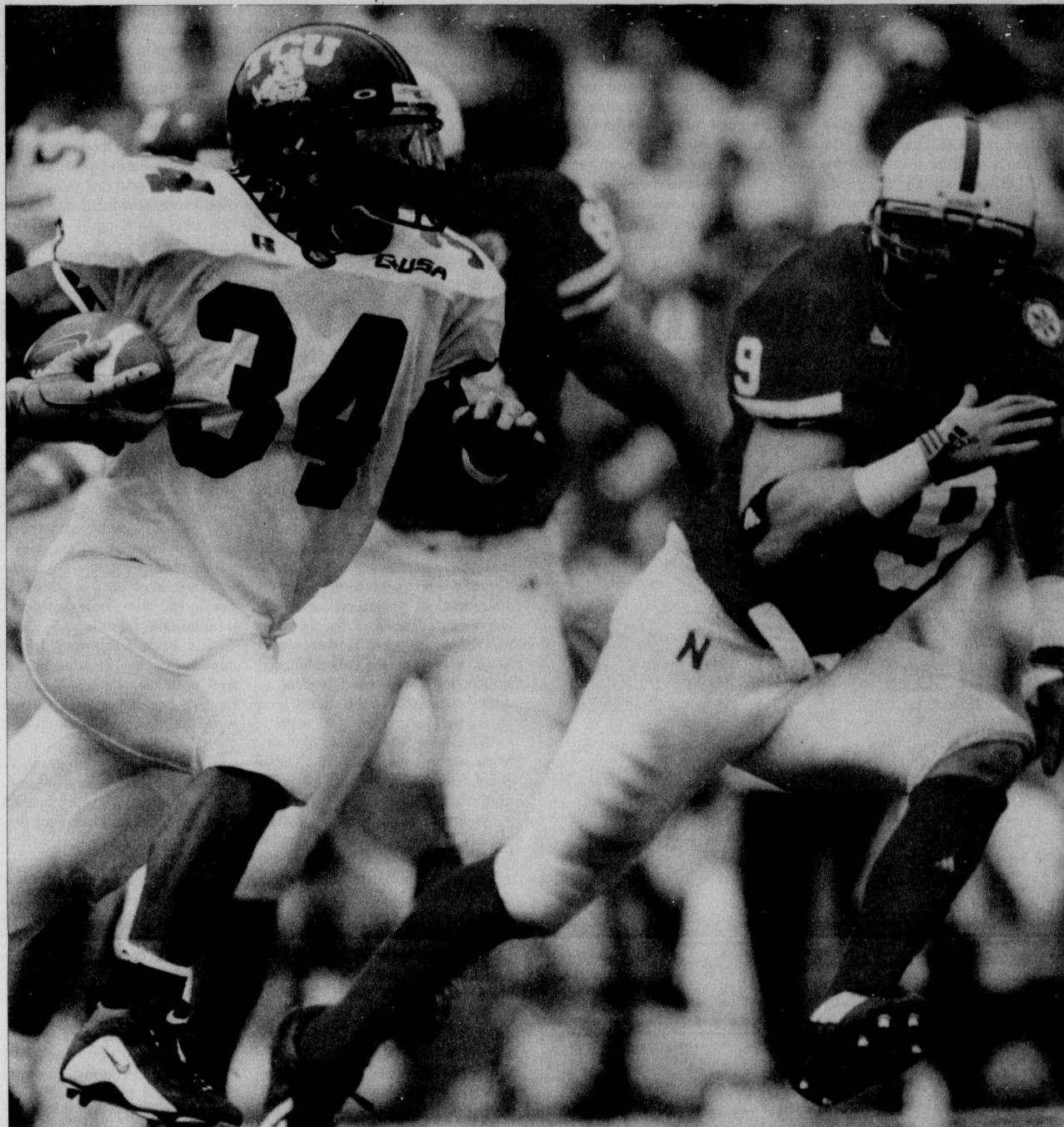
Rushing Defense

A The Frogs held an offense that averaged 349.3 rushing yards a game last year to 159 yards on 50 carries. The Frogs defense was especially dominant in the second quarter, when Nebraska had negative 20 yards rushing. Redshirt freshman Marvin Godbolt, in his first collegiate game, had five tackles for 37 yards lost. The Frog's defense began to give in the third quarter, but considering the potency of the Huskers' offense, the team still had a great performance.

Special Teams

A Junior punter Joey Biasatti stood out, punting 11 times for 44.8 yards, including three inside the 20 yard line. The Frogs were going to need great special teams to stay in the game, and for the most part, they got it.

MEASURING UP



Nebraska linebacker Mark Vedral chases down sophomore tailback Ricky Madison. Madison was limited to 33 yards rushing on 18 carries, an average of 1.8 yards an attempt. The Frogs overall had 56 yards rushing.

SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Frogs surprise experts, impress Nebraska coach

By Brandon Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

Throughout the off-season, head coach Gary Patterson called Saturday's game against Nebraska a measuring stick.

Win or lose, the game represented a chance for the Horned Frogs to evaluate how far the program has come against one of the best schools in the country. The Frogs lost, 21-7, but put up a better showing than many experts anticipated.

For 2 1/2 quarters Saturday, the Frogs were only six points behind the fourth-ranked team in the country and a program that has posted 32 consecutive nine-win or more seasons. This is despite Horned Frog's starting quarterback, junior Casey Printers, was hobbling with a strained quadriceps, sophomore defensive end Bo Schobel tore his right anterior cruciate ligament and senior tight end Matt Schobel's hamstring was bothering him.

"I thought our kids fought hard," Patterson said. "I thought with a younger football team, we came in and after the initial shock of being in front of 78,000 and playing a team like Nebraska, I thought they settled down, especially on defense we played hard. I think even offensively, we will keep growing and the offensive line will give ourselves a chance."

The Frogs' defense definitely gave the team a chance to win Saturday. The defense had whipped around the offense in preseason scrimmages, but odds makers did not anticipate the Frogs having the same kind of results against the mighty Huskers, who averaged 41.5 points a game and 459.9 yards total offense last year. The Frogs' defense dominated the second quarter, holding the Huskers to negative 20 yards rushing and 310 total yards for the game.

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Printer's leadership apparent on sidelines as well as on field

With more than seven minutes remaining in the first half, TCU junior quarterback Casey Printers stood on the sidelines grimacing in agony.

For the first time during Saturday's, 21-7, loss to Nebraska, Printers' pain didn't stem from his ailing quadriceps. Instead, TCU's starting quarterback couldn't stand the sight of someone else doing his job.

So after a quick series with the Frogs' backup Sean Stillely at the helm, Printers obtained his rightful position as the leader of the football team.

Printers has been the starting

quarterback at TCU for the better part of two seasons, but the starting quarterback title had yet to translate into a title as the team's leader until Saturday.

In 1999, Printers beat out Patrick Batteaux as the starting quarterback. But Batteaux, who had switched from wide receiver to quarterback to fill a void in the team's plans, remained the leader.

In 2000, Printers took the majority of the snaps again, but then, he immediately handed the ball to LaDainian Tomlinson, who ran his way into the record books and the leadership role.

In 2001, there is no one else to overshadow Printers' leadership, and he proved he is ready for the role with his perseverance against Nebraska.

In athletics, leadership courts

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Commentary



Rusty Simmons

In the huddle

Junior defensive tackle John Turntine flew back with the team Saturday after being carted off the field with a neck injury late the fourth quarter.

Turntine did not lose consciousness and precautionary X-rays showed no injury. He may have a possible concussion.

Turntine received a standing ovation from the sold out crowd at Tom Osborne Field at Memorial Stadium.

Players were appreciative of the crowds hospitality.

"It shows Nebraska does have

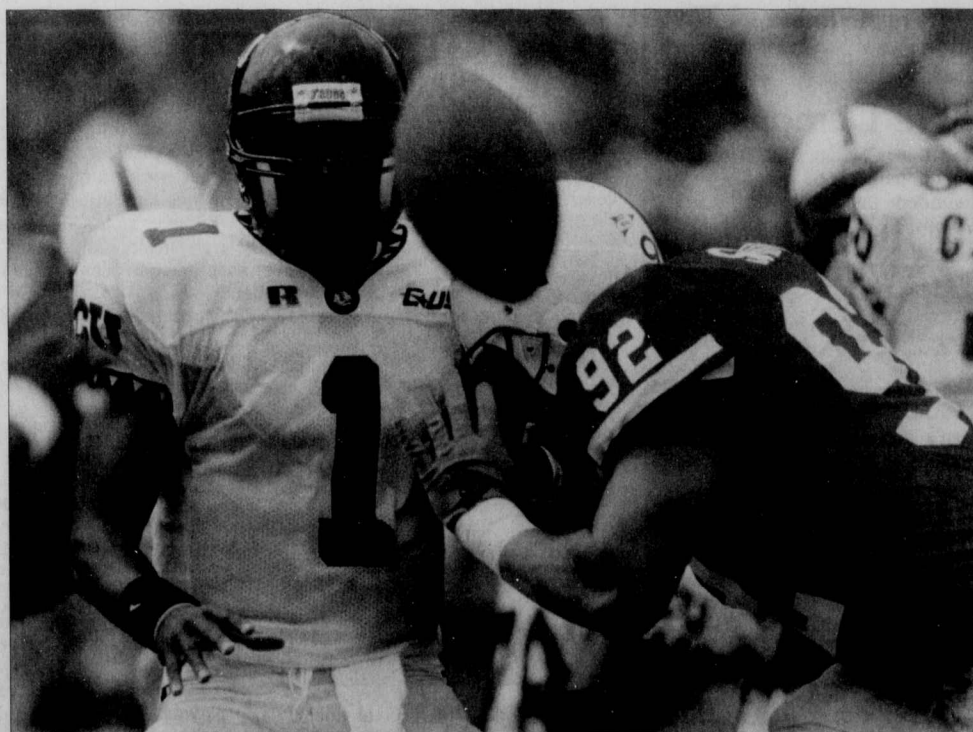
quality fans and they do appreciate hard working team," junior quarterback Casey Printers said. "They're good football fans."

Both teams prayed for Turntine in the center of the field.

"We appreciated that a lot," senior defensive end Joe Hill said. "There's a lot (of class). The fans are cool, the players were real nice."

Redshirt freshman Marvin Godbolt was the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Pigskin Classic Most Valuable Player of the Game for TCU.

— Brandon Ortiz



Junior quarterback Casey Printers is forced to pitch on the option by Nebraska rush end Justin Smith. Printers injured his quadriceps in the first quarter and hobbled most of the game.

SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Top frogs

A look at the game's top performers.

Everyone knew junior punter Joey Biasatti would have a busy day. No one knew it would be this busy, or this important. Biasatti punted 11 times for 44.8 yard average. Biasatti kept the Huskers from gaining good field position and is a large reason why the Huskers only managed 21 points — 20.5 points less than they averaged a game last season.



Biasatti

Redshirt freshman Marvin Godbolt had five tackles for 37 yards lost, including one sack. Godbolt, playing his first game at the collegiate level, got off to a slow start but picked it up later in the game. His first tackle came in the second quarter, when he sacked quarterback Eric Crouch for an 11-yard loss. Godbolt was a big reason the Frogs were able to contain Nebraska's option.



Godbolt

Measuring up

TCU had nothing to lose and everything to prove against Nebraska. Coaches and players alike were pleased with the team's performance. See Sports, page 8.

Parking woes

Columnist Emily Ward is convinced after three years that TCU Police have better things to do than write parking tickets. See Opinion, page 3.

Tuesday, August 28, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

Student injured in Bonfire returns to classes

By Sommer Bunce
THE BATTALION

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — John Comstock, a junior biomedical sciences major, returns to Texas A&M University this fall after two years of rehabilitation from injuries sustained in the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse. Comstock says he is excited about returning and eager to finish his education.

When John Comstock was a freshman, the letter "A" shaved into his hair helped spell "Moses Hall" when he

joined his fellow "letterheads" for pictures on the steps of Sbis Dining Hall.

Like his fellow freshmen, Comstock "pushed" when his upperclassmen caught him "pulling out." He played in a football game against the older students during his residence hall's Fish Fry and lost. He went to his share of parties, with some of his earliest classes beginning at 3 p.m.

He also responded to the 4:15 a.m. wake-up calls from crew chiefs to be the first hall at the Bonfire cut site.

"Moses Hall was always 'first in, last out,'" Comstock said, remembering the two-hour waits for the sun to come up and the red pots to arrive. "But I had a blast. There was always something going on — never a dull moment."

Before the night of Nov. 17, 1999, the highest Comstock had been on the Bonfire stack was the first tier. He had stood on the ground and gazed up at the 60-foot-tall center pole, watching as each tier of logs emerged and the Aggie Bonfire began to reach its full

height. He and the crew from his hall had swung axes at the logs that were then at the Bonfire site.

Working into the early morning hours of Nov. 18, 45 feet up on the third tier of the stack, Comstock had told a friend to give him five minutes to finish setting up wire that the next shift of Bonfire workers would use to tie in more logs. At 2:42 a.m., the stack swayed, and Comstock heard a loud crack.

"The only thing you had time to do was hold on to the log in front of you

and ride it down," he said.

The 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse left 12 people dead and 27 injured. Each one of these Aggies has a story, but for Comstock, who awoke from a coma between Christmas 1999 and New Year's and spent a year and a half in intensive physical therapy, the return to a normal life is just beginning.

Today, for the first time since the collapse, Comstock, a junior biomedical sciences major, will return to classes at A&M, no longer a "letter-headed" freshman, but a man whose

"crazy streak died down."

"I'm just trying to finish out my education; that's my main goal right now," Comstock said, sitting in his wheelchair in his room in Moses Hall. "Certain parts of my personality are different, but I have the same feelings as before. I want to have fun, and I just want to be a college kid."

Comstock was trapped for seven hours beneath the fallen stack. Logs lay across his pelvis, his right bicep

SEE BONFIRE, PAGE 5

COLLEGE BRIEFS

Rowdy crowd storms streets by UC-Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) — A boisterous crowd of about 70 college-aged youth near a fraternity party on the University of California-Berkeley campus turned violent early Sunday morning, with some breaking their way into a house after lighting fires in trash cans and smashing business and car windows in the Southside.

A group of young men forced their way into a house across the street from Unit 3's Spens-Black residence hall, looting UC Berkeley students' computers and stereos and smashing a stolen television and guitar on the street. The four female UC Berkeley students at the house barricaded themselves in a bathroom, grabbing a baseball bat while the men looted the place.

"There were people standing by the gate, and they pushed open the front door and threw a brick through the windows," said Aileen Reischl, a UC Berkeley student who was in the house when the men stormed in. "When they threw a brick we ran into my bedroom, went into the bathroom and closed the door."

Reischl said neighbors reported that 20 to 25 people entered the house.

Stores lining Telegraph Avenue were unharmed by the raucous crowd, protected by a police line. But shops on Bancroft Way were broken into, and party revelers danced on top of a white pickup truck, smashing its windows.

They also lit fires with newspaper in front of the ATMs at a Wells Fargo Bank and broke windows of a bookstore, a barber shop and a yogurt shop. Officials did not yet have estimates for the damage.

— Daily Californian

CORRECTIONS

The TCU Bookstore Cafe recently eliminated six student employment positions. The *Skiff* incorrectly identified the cafe as Froggie Cafe and reported eight positions were cut in Friday, Aug. 24's edition.

Also, the search for a dean of the College of Communications is entering its second year, not its third as written in a headline in Friday, Aug. 24's edition.

NEW TOYS FOR TOES



Marc Sicignano, a sophomore computer information systems major and modern dance major, works with the new LifeForms program, a new choreography tool in the ballet and modern dance department.

Studio with advanced technology nearing completion

By Kristin Campbell
STAFF REPORTER

Most TCU students would not expect to find the latest Macintosh computers and software in a beginning ballet or modern dance class.

But in a new studio still under construction in the Ballet and Modern Dance Building, dance students will have state-of-the-art equipment to use for their classes.

The new studio will include a computer lab with 16 new, flat-screen Macintosh computers and a wooden dance floor. The floor is covered with marley, a rubbery surface that helps dancers prevent injuries.

LifeForms, the choreographic animation software which will be used, allows students to choreograph dance sequences while learning the origin of movement, said dance instructor Keitha Manning said.

"In order to stay current in this field, it is necessary to have this technology," she said.

The studio set-up will allow students to work at the computer, step back and dance in the same space, Manning said.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler toured the fa-



Sicignano dances the choreography the program will record.

ilities and was influential in initiating the remodeling process, Manning said. Renovations began in June and Manning expects the studio to be completed in a few weeks.

Funding came from two separate budgets, Koehler said. At least \$25,000 spent on the computers was funded by information service acquisition and replacement budgets. Room modification expenses were covered

by the classroom renovation budget, he said.

Marc Sicignano, a sophomore computer informational science and modern dance major, said he will be able to simultaneously use the workspace to dance and choreograph, edit and burn music for concerts and back up videos onto DVDs.

The studio is a tremendous upgrade, Manning said, since she once taught a course with 12 students in a room with six computers but no space for dancing. She said she is using that space to teach a course this semester that will move to the new studio as soon as construction is complete.

Ohio State University, Arizona State University and the University of California at Irvine also have the new technology, Manning said. California-Irvine is already using motion capture software to assist dancers and is the only university she knows of that utilizes the advanced software, Manning said.

An open house is being planned to showcase the complete studio to the university community.

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Master's program goes online

Degree plan lets working nurses enhance education

By Aaron Chimbel
STAFF REPORTER

The Harris College of Nursing is offering a new master's degree, without students ever setting foot inside the Bass Building.

The master of science in nursing program is designed to give working nurses the chance to enhance their education and their careers. All the course work for the degree can be completed online.

This program will put more highly educated nurses on the front lines, working with the community, said Kathleen Baldwin, director of graduate studies for the college.

"Nursing is a 24-7 job and notoriously classes are eight to five, Monday to Friday," Baldwin said.

For those with a bachelor's degree it takes only two years to complete a master's. A nurse with an associate's degree can earn a master's degree in three years, but will need to take 24 semester hours of leveling courses.

Baldwin said typically a full-time master's degree in nursing takes a year to a year and a half to complete.

Traditionally, nurses who had to work full-time couldn't work and continue their education, Baldwin said.

As part of the degree, the nurses will be required to complete 500 hours of clinical work, which will be supervised by a clinical nurse specialist in their home area. This will be the outside portion of their job, so many will be doing this on their vacation time, Baldwin said. Sixteen students are enrolled in the two-year program, while three with associate's degrees are enrolled in the three-year program.

The program will be admitting 12 students with bachelor's degrees and 12 with associate's degrees each year, Baldwin said.

Most students are in their 30s or 40s. None currently enrolled are from out of state, but two are from the Houston area.

Although the degree is designed to be completed in two or three years, Baldwin says potential students have already asked if they can take longer on their degrees. Baldwin said they will be able to take as long as they need.

The flexibility of the program may help students, but instructors will face new challenges.

"I really think it is more work for the faculty," said

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Campus minister learns Spanish in Guatemala school

By Heather Christie
STAFF REPORTER

As part of the Diocese of Fort Worth's encouragement to have their clergy bilingual, Roman Catholic Campus Minister Father Charlie Calabrese spent the summer in Guatemala studying Spanish.

Calabrese spent 11 weeks at Linguistico Francisco Marroquin, a Spanish language school in Antigua-Guatemala. "Antigua-Guatemala is known for its Spanish-language schools," Calabrese said.

The Bishop of Fort Worth, Joseph P. Delaney, wants all seminarians, who will be ordained in the future, to be bilingual by the time they are ordained, Calabrese said.

"They want seminarians and other priests to learn Spanish so that they could minister more adequately to the needs of the Catholic, Hispanic community," Calabrese said. There is no law or written document that says ordained priests have to be bilingual, said Jeff Hensley, Director of Communications of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

"It's just simply a strong encouragement to be bilingual,

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U.S. decides to leave downed plane in Iraq

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Air Force unmanned reconnaissance aircraft failed to return from a mission over southern Iraq and may have been shot down by Iraqi air defense forces, a U.S. official said Monday.

In a brief statement from U.S. Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., a spokesman, Col. Rick Thomas, said it was not yet clear why the Predator aircraft was missing.

"The aircraft may have crashed or been shot down," Thomas said.

A Pentagon spokesman, Marine Corps Lt. Col. David Lapan, said it was the first U.S. aircraft of any kind lost in Iraq in the 10 years since U.S. and British planes began patrolling "no-fly" zones, with the exception of a "friendly-fire" incident

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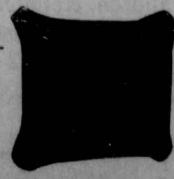
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Andy Walker, a sophomore English major, provides entertainment at the activities fair Thursday.

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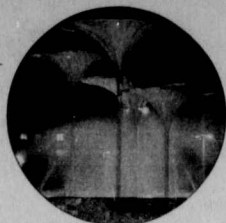


PC vs. Mac
On campus, the two formats are on equal ground.
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Today in history
1963 — Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech to 250,000 people at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

CAMPUS LINES



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Image magazine will hold an informational meeting for interested students at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Reading Room in Moudy Building South. For more information call (817) 257-7429.

The fourth annual Gates of Chai Lectureship will feature civil rights attorney Morris Dees at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are currently on sale at the Student Center Information Desk or at the University Theatre Box office. TCU students are admitted free but must have a ticket. TCU faculty and staff tickets are \$10 each. Reserved seating with reserved parking is \$35 each, and general admission tickets for the public are \$15 each. Call (817) 257-7627 for tickets, or for more information call (817) 257-7804.

The RTVF Film Series will present the 1939 film "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

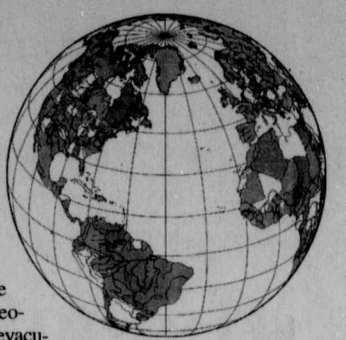
The 19th annual Fall Art in the Metroplex Exhibition, featuring local artists in a juried show, begins Sept. 8 and runs through Sept. 28 in the Moudy Building. For more information call (817) 257-7643.

The RTVF Film Series will present the 1947 film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

Artist Ed Ruscha will be featured in a special exhibit until Oct. 3 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. This is his first American museum retrospective since 1982. For more information call (817) 738-9215.

TCU Theatre will present "La Llorona" at various times from 8 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 26 through 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 30 in Hays Theatre. For more information and ticket reservations call the box office at (817) 257-5770.

WORLD DIGEST



FOOT-AND-MOUTH BREAKS OUT IN NORTHEASTERN ENGLAND

LONDON — Farmers in Northumberland in northeastern England thought they had put the foot-and-mouth epidemic behind them.

But in the last three days, eight new cases have been confirmed in an area that had been disease-free for nearly three months, leading to calls Monday for continued vigilance. Two more cases are suspected, officials said.

The new outbreak has also frightened Northumberland's neighbors in Scotland, and those farther away in Ireland, which has thus far escaped the epidemic but remains fearful that it could wipe out the nation's crucial agriculture industry.

"Everybody is aware that the infection is still out there, and yet it seems to have caught us out once again ... We wonder how far the disease has spread," David Smith, chairman of the National Sheep Association, told the British Broadcasting Corp.'s Radio 4 program.

All seven new cases are in a 400-square-mile region near Hexham, Northumberland, where animal movement restrictions were due to be lifted within weeks. But now sharpshooters have been called out again to kill potentially-infected cattle, and footpaths have been closed. Disinfectant foot mats and sprays were reintroduced at all farms, and police began patrolling to make sure that no animals were moved illegally.

The new outbreak brings the total number of cases of foot-and-mouth disease to 1,979 since it first appeared Feb. 20 among pigs at a slaughterhouse. The trickle of new infections is proving stubbornly hard to halt, with an average of two new cases being confirmed each day.

At the epidemic's height, the average was 40 a day.

Almost 3.8 million sheep, cows and pigs have been slaughtered in a bid to contain the disease, which is harmless to humans but diminishes animals' productivity and ruins export markets.

In Scotland, where farmers hope to regain their export licenses within days, the re-emergence of foot-and-mouth just south of the border was cause for concern.

"What the Northumberland outbreaks show for people north of the border is that they cannot afford to let their guard drop," said James Withers, spokesman for the National Farmers' Union of Scotland.

"Scotland will remain free as long everyone remains vigilant to the risk of possible new cases. The message has to be that there is no room for complacency."

The Irish Government said the outbreak in Northumberland was a timely warning to Irish farmers that the disease still posed a major threat.

Only one outbreak was recorded in Ireland, on a sheep farm in County Louth close to the border with

Northern Ireland, but tens of thousands of animals were slaughtered as a precaution.

CAR BOMB EXPLODES AT MADRID AIRPORT; ONE INJURED

MADRID, Spain — A powerful car bomb exploded in a parking lot at Madrid's international airport — just minutes after a warning call from the armed Basque separatist group ETA. The bombing was part of a stepped-up campaign by ETA to target Spain's lucrative tourism industry in its fight for Basque independence.

The 110-pound bomb exploded in a covered parking garage connected to one of the airport's three terminals. The blast went off just before 8 a.m., a busy hour when the garage normally would be packed with travelers and their cars.

ETA has been blamed for a series of bomb blasts since March, when it advised tourists in a statement that it planned to target the tourism industry. An anonymous caller who said he was a member of ETA gave authorities time to clear people out of the garage.

"ETA is an enemy of the people. It wants to cause harm and disrupt the tourism industry," said Madrid regional leader Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon. Spain is one of the world's three top tourist destinations, along with the United States and France.

Police Chief Juan Cotino accused ETA of setting a booby-trap for his officers by timing the bomb to go off three minutes before the caller said it would. The technique has been used in the past to injure or kill the first policemen on the scene.

A local police officer who suffered damage to his hearing was the only person injured. The blast could be heard for miles.

ETA — a Basque language acronym for Basque Homeland and Freedom — has taken responsibility for killing more than 800 people — including 12 so far this year — since it began fighting in 1968 to separate the Basque region from northern Spain and southwestern France.

The group has targeted the tourism industry in other years, but mostly with minor explosive devices. Faced with a center-right government with no inclination to discuss Basque independence, the group has made this past year its busiest in more than a decade in terms of the number of bombings and shootings.

The latest blast damaged some 100 vehicles and blew a 35-square-yard hole in the garage's third floor.

The bomb followed the arrest last week of more than a dozen suspected ETA members in raids that officials believe thwarted other possible attacks on tourist targets.

It also resembled more than a half-dozen explosions and bomb threats against tourist targets in recent weeks, including a car-bomb that was defused in a parking lot at the busy Malaga airport in south-

ern Spain last month.

A week ago, more than 800 people were evacuated from two hotels and an apartment building at the coastal resort of Salou prior to another car bomb forewarned by an ETA caller. Days earlier services on Spain's high-speed rail were interrupted by two small explosive devices.

MILITANT YOUTHS FREE OIL WORKERS SEIZED ON RIG IN NIGERIA

ABUJA, Nigeria — Militant youths took hostage dozens of oil workers — including at least eight foreigners — at a drilling rig off the coast of West Africa, but released them all Monday, Shell Oil said.

The hostages, who were seized Thursday night, were unharmed, said Bisi Ojeidiran, a spokesman for Shell's joint venture with the Nigerian government. The workers were evacuated by helicopter to the Nigerian city of Port Harcourt, said Guy Cantwell, spokesman for Transocean Sedco Forex, which owns the oil platform. He spoke from the company's office in Houston.

There were conflicting reports about the number of hostages taken and how many were foreign.

Ojeidiran said in the Nigerian capital of Abuja that 99 hostages were seized at the offshore facility: 80 Nigerians and 19 foreigners.

But Cantwell said 50 hostages had been taken, including five Britons, two Americans and an Egyptian. The rig, known as Trident 8, is operated by his company on behalf of Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Cos.

Ojeidiran said the released oil workers were in good condition.

"Our people went into negotiations with the youths and the hostage-takers agreed to vacate the rig last night (Sunday) but it was late so they couldn't leave," Ojeidiran said. "They left this morning and the hostages have been evacuated. They were not harmed in any way."

Shell officials in Nigeria declined to reveal the nationalities of those who had been taken hostage.

Alex McCann, duty officer at the British Deputy High Commission in Lagos, Nigeria, confirmed the hostages included five Britons.

Donald Bishop, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Abuja said he was not aware that any Americans were involved. Cantwell said the takeover resulted from a dispute over the sharing of the region's oil wealth.

From the Associated Press.



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Our views

CLASS ACT Husker fans were excellent hosts

Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. is an intimidating sight on gameday. Thousands of fans decked in red and white stream into the venue chanting "Go Big Red!" and clapping to "Hail, Varsity." Car windows bear threatening messages against the visiting team — Saturday even brought slogans such as, "Croak the Frogs."

But it's all just a show in the name of school pride. Nebraska fans are proud of their school, their team and their state. After the performance of the Husker fans at the Pigskin Classic, Nebraskans should also be proud of their class.

As soon as the realization spread through the crowd that TCU junior defensive tackle John Turntine was not getting up after a fourth-quarter play, silence fell across the sea of red. TCU trainers headed onto the field. Nebraska trainers followed. Then head coach Gary Patterson joined the crew. Finally, Nebraska head coach Frank Solich walked out toward the concerned staff.

At that point, fans in both red and purple removed their hats and bowed their heads. No one in the crowd of 77,743 spoke or even moved. All eyes were on the field as trainers attempted to provoke reflexive movements in Turntine's arms and legs. Binoculars were passed among the crowd, each fan seeking answers to the questions everyone was afraid ask.

Turntine was loaded onto a stretcher nearly 20 minutes after he went down. As he was carted off the field, thunderous applause erupted as fans stood in respect of the fallen player. The standing ovation continued until Turntine and the trainers left the stadium.

Thankfully, Turntine was not seriously injured. He even attended classes Monday morning. After the game, Nebraskans stopped TCU fans to inquire about Turntine's health, to congratulate the school on a well-played game and to thank them for making the 650-mile trip.

The respect Nebraska fans showed our players and school is not only to be commended, but to be repeated. In three weeks, the Frogs will host Marshall. Show your TCU pride: wear purple, cheer loud, be respectful. Make Amon Carter Stadium a place visiting teams will remember.

Prices go up, still no parking

It's that time again. Temperatures are still high. Howdy Week is wrapping up. Greeks are preparing for their new members and dorm moves have invaded the west side of campus. Fall semester has officially arrived, and I have decided to make this year my best one at TCU.

Commentary



Emily Ward

Reaching such a lofty goal, however, is never easy for any one student. After weighing the costs and benefits of my upcoming decisions, I have come up with a reasonably sized list of intents for my last year at TCU. At the top: To avoid parking violations at all costs.

So much for that idea. It was not even 24 hours into this new semester before I found one of those charming yellow slips locked down to my car by a dusty windshield wiper. It seems getting my new parking sticker on the first day of class is considered too late for the TCU police.

It is now clear to me that only two things are certain: Tuition increases and parking violations. Critics of this idea talk about how much cheaper TCU is than other private universities in the United States and say parking is exponentially worse at other schools like the University of Texas at Austin and

Texas A&M University. But these schools are not the ones for which I have such great expectations. An increase in the price of tuition is at least a little understandable and always predictable at any student's favorite school. Inadequate parking and unreasonable ticket prices, however, are not things to which I wish to become accustomed.

I can honestly say parking was not terrible my sophomore year. During the 1999-2000 school year, parking violations did not put me into debt, though they were enough to keep me clean from purposefully breaking any rules. During that time, half of the quad lot still belonged to main campus permit-holders, and students could still purchase Coliseum permits for only \$10. (No, I am not kidding.)

Life was good that year when it came to parking. There were not too many complaints, and I was never nervous about going bankrupt if I made a bad judgment call when I had to park somewhere unknown. Then, the volcano erupted. White lines were suddenly painted red, parking violations tripled in price and the \$10 parking permit disappeared faster than Chandra Levy. I thought I had taken a wrong turn and ended up at SMU.

Things could not have gotten worse in my mind at that point, but little did I know things were only going downhill from there. Kindergartners should have visited TCU last Wednesday to get some counting practice with the number of parking tickets issued within the first few hours of the day.

It seems that as the prices of parking permits and violations rise, the number of parking spaces and ticket-free windshields declines. I am not doubting the ability of the TCU police to ensure safety on this campus. I think they have done an excellent job in that department.

I hope, however, the TCU Police are concentrating more on safety than collecting money from already poor students. It seems like students (and perhaps faculty as well) are the ones being made the victims in this parking crime. In the end, I wonder if my excitement of being a senior is because I will be graduating in May or because I know I won't have to deal with any of my parking woes after this year. Either way, I am still determined to make this my best year at TCU, parking tickets and all.

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Dept. of Peace, though a dream, is the right idea

Many people believe that only the thickest, most reptilian-skinned people choose politics for their profession or that if an aspiring politician did once possess idealism, reality soon stole it away.

Commentary Paulette Chu

But now — during an era of young protesters who die while demonstrating their ideals, of never-ending wars, of increasing international arms sales, of missile defense shields, of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons — an idealist is just what the United States needs.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, is proposing sharing 1 percent of the Defense Department's budget with his plan to "tap the infinite capabilities of humanity to transform consciousness and conditions which impel or compel violence," by "developing a new understanding of, and a commitment to, compassion and love."

Kucinich's plan is to establish a federal Department of Peace.

The United States spends more money on the military than all other portions of the discretionary budget, including education, health care and the environment. President Bush requested 50 percent of the 2002 budget, or \$325 billion, go to the Pentagon, the largest lobbying power in the nation.

This is six times greater than Russia's military budget — the world's second largest — and 23 times larger than the seven "rogue" nations' military budgets combined, according to the Center for Defense Information.

War killed more than 100 million people during the 20th century, according to Kucinich's bill, HR 2459. This includes an estimated 70,000 El Salvadorians, many civilian men, women and children whom U.S.-financed and trained battalions killed during the 1980s, according to the 1992 U.N. Truth Commission on the El Mozote Massacre. It also includes victims of Congress' illegal funding, training and arming of the Contras, an army of Nicaraguan exiles, which led to the Iran-Contra scandal.

Kucinich's independent Department of Peace would work to prevent future United States involvement in such sad atrocities and extreme abuses of taxpayers' dollars. A presidentially-appointed and Senate-approved secretary of peace would head the Department of Peace, which would operate as a Cabinet-level unit in the executive branch.

The peace secretary would be a delegate to the National Security Council, and oversee domestic and international peace objectives. Domestic objectives include creating policy to combat domestic violence, reduce substance abuse, address violence against animals, hate crimes and gun-related violence.

Internationally, the secretary would advise the secretaries of defense and state on all national security issues, give recommendations to the president on reducing weapons of mass destruction, conduct annual reports on global arms sales (which the United States accounts for half of) and study the impacts of war and its effects on children.

The peace secretary would also study the media's role in the escalation of violence, develop peace education curricula for elementary and secondary schools and give universities grants to create or expand peace studies departments.

Kucinich has been working since 1999 on the bill's passage, and aims to get House committee hearings on it during the fall. But Congress skeptics are more likely to just continue dismissing him as a dreamy, starchy-eyed peacenik.

Maybe Kucinich is a dreamer. So what? The best leaders usually are. Abraham Lincoln was too bold for anti-abolitionists. Legislators who proposed creating the Environmental Protection Agency were tree-hugging hippies. And in his most revolutionary speech, Rev. Martin Luther King proudly proclaimed, "I have a dream."

While speaking against the Vietnam War, King also warned that America "must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society." Nothing could be truer today.

Establishing a national Department of Peace could be the first step toward making that shift. Selling more weapons, building defense shields and hiring more police officers is merely reactionary policy, not proactive or preventative.

"Love, not weaponry, is the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality," King also stated. Exactly one year later, following King's assassination, Robert Kennedy delivered a timeless challenge that Washington politicians should consider this fall: "Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world."

Paulette Chu is a columnist for the Daily Texan at the University of Texas-Austin. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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Reporters should work on restoring faith in news profession

If any of you are returning from summer vacation in Florida, you should be sincerely thankful that you made it back to school alive.

At least it seems that way, given all the media coverage of recent shark attacks.

MSNBC scheduled programs about the history of shark research.

Newsweek magazine ran a photo of a dead shark that took up two glossy, colorful pages while banner headlines proclaimed the number of recent attacks to be "unusually large."

It must have been a slow news

merit the attention they've been receiving.

Take the much talked-about "energy crisis." As a journalism major and someone with an interest in how people respond to the media, I've found that most people this summer equated the energy crisis with the rising cost of gasoline. Why? Because for several weeks, the local TV stations didn't mention the so-called crisis without also saying that gas cost five cents more than it did the day before.

When gas prices fell again, it was as if the crisis had suddenly been solved judging from the little coverage that remained. Never mind that we are still using more energy than we can

our current energy-guzzling system with a viable solution. The reporters had hopped on the next big story.

That brings us to the continuing coverage of Oxycontin. Just saying the drug's name resurrects images of drug-abusers snorting the crushed pill for a quick high, crooked doctors writing bogus prescriptions and cops making heroic drug busts.

And why are these images so directly connected to the name of one prescription drug? Because these are the images the media have provided.

The other side of the Oxycontin debate has been largely ignored: the thousands of patients, many with cancer and other ter-

Oxycontin just to deal with the pain that plagues them daily.

The only magazine that I've seen cover the patients' plight is Lexington, Ky.'s ACE Weekly, with its cover story "Valley of the Dolls: How the media built the Oxycontin scare," although hopefully other media outlets have considered this side of the story.

Why don't the media give equal attention to these victims, who are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain the drug, given all the negative public opinion? Because these people just want to be able to keep taking the medication. They want the status quo, and the status quo doesn't sell papers or bring in viewers. Instead, it is those screaming for change, demanding that the drug be restricted, who provide the juicy stories.

And it's not just national news. Even our local media have been facing this urge to highlight the flashy quotes to grab people's attention.

A recent article printed in the Louisville Courier-Journal reported that the University of Kentucky was not retaining its black faculty. The story was picked up by The Associated Press and also printed in the Lexington Herald-Leader. In the article, Teresa Unseld, a former UK professor, was used as a source. The reporter wrote that Unseld "said some white students showed her a lack of respect, and she felt that some white faculty saw their black peers as affirmative-action hires who were unqualified for their positions."

Clearly, this was an explosive view. In a letter published in Monday's Herald-Leader, Unseld wrote that "the article was constructed of sentences lifted out of context to present a totally negative perspective not representative of my views as presented during the interview."

While only Unseld and the reporter can truly know the context of the quotes, it certainly brings into question the ethics used in the telling of the story. Whether or not Unseld was represented accurately, situations like this erode the media's credibility.

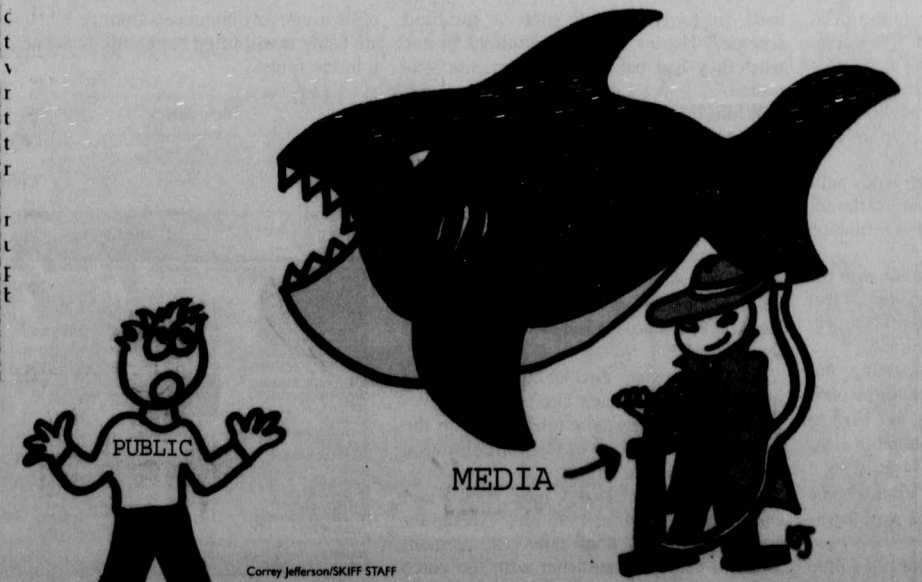
All this negativity overshadows those reporters who are actually trying to make a difference. In fact, these reporters are probably the biggest victims of this whole debacle. The disgusted public can turn off their televisions or put down their newspapers. Those working in the media have to deal with an ever-growing disillusionment toward the news profession.

Unless the heads of the networks and the publishers of the newspapers recognize this problem and work to change it, the gap between the media and the public will only widen.

It won't be a fin in the water and the theme from "Jaws" that sends the public running.

It'll be microphones and cameras.

Jenny Robertson is a columnist for the Kentucky Kernel at the University of Kentucky. This column was distributed by U-Wire.



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Microsoft browser draws protest

By Allison Linn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — The latest version of Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer browser, made available for free download Monday, is drawing protests because it doesn't support two rival products commonly used on Web sites.

Internet Explorer 6.0 will not automatically support the embattled Java programming language or Netscape-style "plug-ins," though users and developers will have tools to make the browser compatible with those products.

Microsoft decided to drop support for the plug-ins — additional software that lets users play music, watch videos or perform other tasks — in favor of Microsoft technology called ActiveX. Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the move was for increased security.

The free version of Internet Explorer 6.0 is virtually the same browser users will find in Windows XP, the forthcoming version of the company's desktop operating system, Cullinan said.

The company is touting such user-friendly features as the ability to easily download and print pictures off Web pages and play music and videos. The browser also will have added security.

The final code for Windows XP, due out in October, was shipped to manufacturers Friday for mass production. That move prompted the company to provide Internet Explorer 6.0 for download, the company said in a statement.

Intel launches Pentium 4 processor

By Matthew Fordahl
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Intel Corp. launched its fastest Pentium 4 processor to date Monday and slashed prices on older models to help spur demand in the weak economy.

The new Pentium 4 is the first microprocessor to hit 2 gigahertz, or 2 billion cycles per second. Available immediately, it sells for \$562 when purchased in quantities of 1,000.

Several computer manufacturers, including Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Compaq, launched systems incorporating the processor. Prices started at \$1,499.

"The combination of Intel processor and platform technologies and industry innovation provides the foundation for the next decade of desktop computing," said Louis Burns, vice president and general manager of Intel's Desktop Platforms Group.

During a flashy presentation at Intel's developer conference, the world's largest chip maker also launched a 1.9 gigahertz Pentium 4 for \$375. The line previously topped out at 1.8 gigahertz.

Also Monday, Intel cut prices on its 1.3 GHz, 1.4 GHz and 1.5 GHz Pentium 4 processors to \$133 each — a decrease of up to 39 percent. Faster models also saw steep cuts.

Mac Attack



Story by Chrissy Braden • Illustration by J. Kent Ladewig

Once the underdogs on campus, Macintosh computers are gaining ground on PCs

TCU was in the process of abolishing Macintosh computers on campus in 1998, when Chancellor Michael Ferrari, who came from a university that only used Macs, arrived to save the apple of his eye.

Or so the story goes.

In actuality, Dick Rinewalt, chairman of computer science, said neither IBM-compatible nor Mac computers could ever be banished from campus because students need the experience of both platforms to be prepared for careers after college.

English department chairman David Vanderwerken, who attributes an increase in Mac users to Ferrari's personal preference, said his department has an equal number of Macs and IBM-compatible computers.

Ferrari said students have needs and preferences for both Mac and IBM-compatible computers, so both platforms are needed at the university.

"When I came to TCU, I emphasized that we should have and

would have a multi-platform environment for computing on our campus," Ferrari said.

Rinewalt said the computer science department switched to platform-neutral Java software, which runs on both computer platforms, three years ago.

"We emphasize developing software rather than just learning it," he said. "So it's essential to us that our graduates have exposure to every platform, because that's what they'll have to deal with when they get out in the real world."

Richard Bonner, a sales development executive at Mac, said the company has had a rebirth since the iMac, a desktop computer, was released and Steve Jobs became CEO in 1998.

Bonner said faster speed, lower prices and innovative technology have helped to increase the popularity of Macs.

"Macs are more user-friendly," he said.

iMac is priced from \$999 and

iBook, a Mac laptop computer, is priced from \$1,299, according to the Mac Web site (www.apple.com).

Steven Ogden, a technology specialist at Office Depot on SW Loop 820, said Compaq offers a desktop computer from \$999 and a laptop computer from \$1,299 as well.

Ogden said he had not noticed a decrease in IBM-compatible computer sales since Mac heightened its competition. IBM-compatible computers offer more software than Macs, but he isn't aware of an industry that would need an IBM-compatible rather than a Mac computer, he said.

Bonner said that although there is always a threat for one computer company to be dominated by another, he thinks Macs are in a safe position because the creative community relies on them for high speed in running things such as 3-D programs.

Ferrari said there are still some people at TCU who think the

school should have only IBM-compatible computers, but he thinks Mac users on campus find that platform environment much more suitable for teaching and learning in their disciplines.

Bonner said Macs are number one in the education environment and are continuing to gain new ground.

"Perception is changing," he said. "And our new (server) OS X will put us into a league that will really revitalize us."

Anne Ramos, a junior political science major who is a Compaq user, said she thinks both platforms should be offered on campus.

"I prefer Compaq a zillion times over," Ramos said. "It's a more familiar system to me."

Ferrari agreed students need the option of either platform.

"We have both platforms at TCU today, as it should be," Ferrari said.

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New TCU Web site receives mixed reviews

By Eric Elton
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Maegan Deller, a sophomore education major, sat down at her computer to check her schedule the day before classes began only to find a redesigned TCU home page.

After the initial surprise, she proceeded to search the page, taking twice as long to locate the TCU Frognet link.

"Before, the page was much less complicated and I could find what I was looking for on the site," Deller said. "Now the layout appears to be too cluttered and not nearly as user friendly as its predecessor."

Victor Neil, director of new media, said many factors were considered during the process of revamping the new \$10,000 home page. Research was done to make sure the new TCU Web site would satisfy the needs of the entire TCU community.

Neil said the main audience was current students.

"One major thing we did was look at the e-mails we get on a regular basis, and we

also (considered) the calls transferred to us from the help desk," Neil said. "The complaints we received were mainly from people who couldn't find certain site maps. We made decisions based on that knowledge for the changes, and mainly brought more content to the front of the page."

Neil said the new site uses numerous pull-down menus which allow the user to take advantage of copious amounts of information on the site.

Even though changes were made with the TCU community in mind, some students feel the changes are geared more toward prospective students.

"The parts pertaining to incoming students are easily accessible, whereas the parts composed for current students are hard to find," said Casey Nettles, a sophomore environmental science major.

Nettles said the information on the home page seems to be fashioned in a way that is not user-friendly.

"I think it is a nice change but it's a little

hard to navigate with such a jumbled scheme," Nettles said. "I definitely prefer what they had before this newer site was posted."

While it will take some students time to adapt to the structure of the new TCU home page, others are already beginning to appreciate the alterations.

"I think the new site is easy to use and very accessible," said Jonathan Murphy, a sophomore theatre major. "I can find enrollment information along with e-mail addresses and other general information from the first start up page rather than having to search for it."

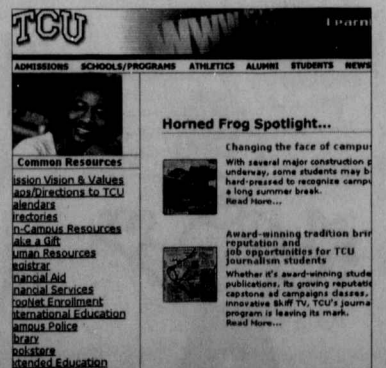
Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing, said the new site is an improvement as it provides more information to the users at the first page to make information quickly accessible.

"(The new site) gets more news and events out there for users to see," Alexander said. "I definitely think it is improvement and will become even better with the voice

of its users. Any comments from people that are using it will bring more improvement to it in the future."

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BONFIRE

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and over his face. The only internal organ damage he experienced was a split liver from the fall, but his right wrist and left ankle were crushed. His right leg was twisted up at an angle near his head.

On hands and knees near the disarrayed pile of logs, emergency crews could see Comstock with a flashlight "like I was in a gutter," he said. When he was finally pulled from the stack and rushed to College Station Medical Center, Comstock could sense enough emergency room staff hovering around him to know his condition was serious.

"They told me, 'We're going to shoot you up,' and I said 'OK, if I don't make it, tell my family I love them,'" he said. "A whole month and a half turned into a second. I woke up before New Year's."

Comstock vaguely recalls people who visited him in the Medical Cen-

ter in the days before he fully regained consciousness. But for most of the month and a half he was in a coma, he recalls nothing but a "crazy morphine dream or two."

Surgeons amputated Comstock's left leg above the knee and removed dying tissue from his legs and buttocks. He underwent more surgeries than can be counted, he said, telling of a surgery that lasted days, with a break overnight when staff wrapped him in plastic while the surgeon slept.

The log that had been weighing on Comstock's pelvis caused nerve damage that left him with no feeling below his waist. The nerves slowly began to re-grow and he can now feel everything above his ankle, he said.

After regaining consciousness, Comstock remained in the intensive care unit at the Medical Center for 40 days before being transferred to Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas, near his hometown of Richardson.

Therapists at Zale devoted Comstock to rehabilitation.

He was finally released in April 2000, but Comstock's time at home was yet another ground for recovery. He continued outpatient therapy five days a week, learning how to maneuver in a wheelchair and how to pull together the strength to walk, a few steps at a time, with the assistance of a walker and prosthetic leg. His therapy dropped to three times a week, then two, before being bumped back up to three. Once right-handed, he had to learn to write with his left hand, the hand that was free during the seven hours he was under the fallen stack.

Comstock's mother, Dixie, said her son never gave up.

"He wears out, but he's not down," she said. "A lot of people would have been very bitter, but his attitude throughout all this is that he's got to do what he's got to do."

Comstock simply says it is a waste of energy for him to be angered by what has happened.

"I have to spend my energy towards rehabilitation and getting back

to where I was, not in being upset about an accident," he said. "Besides, I'm going to light (Bonfire) 2002. It won't be the same, but it'll be ... one of those things to help people get over the collapse."

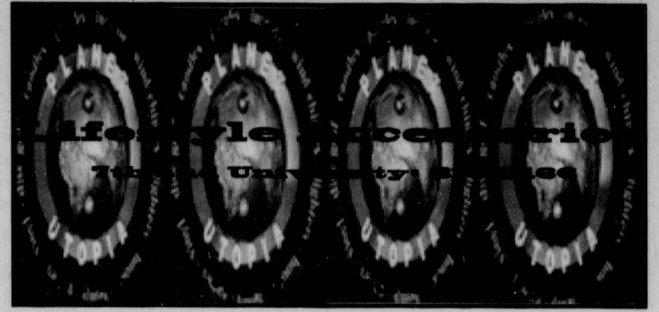
Today, Comstock attends physical therapy three times a week at A.P. Beutel Health Center and can only walk in short bursts of energy. He tires easily.

"I just want to get better, finish my education and get out into the world," he said.

Now a junior, Comstock bears the scars of something the Aggie family always will mourn. But like the spirited freshman he once was, Comstock has something emblazoned on him to show his pride in his school and everything he's gone through.

A few days before he moved back to College Station, Comstock got a tattoo: over his shoulder blade, if he will show you, is a 4-inch tall, 3-inch wide Bonfire, with the words "The 13th Man" written underneath.

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NURSING

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Pat Bradley, associate professor of nursing. "You have to get (course materials) online in a readable format, you can't just go to class with notes."

Bradley has taught undergraduate courses online previously and will teach students in the master's program.

She said professors who may have jotted notes down before class will be forced to plan ahead.

"There is a lot of preparation done getting the course online and making it interesting for the students," Bradley said.

Technical support for the program

will come from eCollege a Denver based software and service provider, said Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support.

Harris College of Nursing received a \$120,000 grant from eCollege for the new program. Munson said the grant will help offset the cost of using eCollege. Students currently enrolled in online programs at TCU do not pay any additional fees.

A decision will have to be made to determine if students in the online programs will pay the additional cost or if that money will come from the program's budget, Munson said.

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MINISTER

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to better serve the people and the Hispanic population," Hensley said.

Calabrese said the bishop does not make priests learn Spanish who are already ordained, but he encourages and is supportive of learning Spanish.

But being a student was the hardest thing he has ever done in his life, he said.

"Someone told me the gene for learning languages turns off around the age of 25 and I can

believe it."

Calabrese learned basic grammar and vocabulary while in Guatemala. He is also continuing his Spanish studies in a conversation course at TCU, he said.

"I would hope to go back to Guatemala next summer," Calabrese said. "The people are open, warm, hospitable, friendly and genuine."

Calabrese looked into attending classes in Mexico but it was more expensive than Guatemala, he said.

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IRAQ

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in 1994. In that incident, two American F-15 fighter jets mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 15 Americans, five Iraqi Kurds, three Turks, two Britons and a Frenchman.

The patrols began in northern Iraq in 1991 shortly after the Gulf War and in the south a year later.

Also on Monday, U.S. planes attacked an SA-3 surface-to-air missile

site in northern Iraq, a U.S. official said. The U.S. European Command, which is responsible for U.S. operations in northern Iraq, said in a brief statement that U.S. planes retaliated when Iraqi forces fired anti-aircraft artillery from sites north of Mosul.

American and British aircraft regularly patrol "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq to protect minority Shiites in the south and Kurds in the north from attacks by government forces. The southern patrols also provide early warning of potential Iraqi military moves toward the Kuwaiti border.

Thomas said there is no plan to attempt to recover the low-speed aircraft, which other officials said was lost near the southern city of Basra.

"No sensitive technology will be compromised by not recovering the aircraft," Thomas said.

The plane, whose wing span is less than 50 feet, flies at a maximum speed of 140 miles per hour at altitudes up to 25,000 feet. It was reported missing at 2 a.m. EDT., Thomas said. It is an easier target for Iraqi air defenses than manned aircraft like the much more agile and

speedier F-16 fighter, which can reach twice the speed of sound. Also, the Predator loiters at lower altitudes and has no armaments aboard to protect itself.

One U.S. official said operators of the Predator lost communications and radar contact with the aircraft and were not immediately sure why.

The first word came from Baghdad. "Iraqi air defenses have shot an American reconnaissance plane coming from Kuwaiti territory," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified military spokesman as saying.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries (March 21-April 19) — You're getting luckier in love. It almost makes up for the frustration of working for someone else. Even if you're self-employed, the customer comes first. But after you've taken care of business, be bold. Make an outrageous suggestion. Your sweetheart, or the one you're after, will follow through on an old promise.

♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You could do well financially now, though you may not see the money for quite a while. That's all right, as long as you're sure it's in a safe place. No surprises, just carefully calculated moves — that's your specialty.

♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21) — You're cute, and getting cuter. Why? Because your attitude is improving. You're starting to get interested in everything around you, and that's charming. You know somebody else who's pretty cute, too. Get together to talk things over and see what develops. One thing could lead to another.

♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22) — All this work could start to show a profit soon. It could happen today. If not, definitely over the next few weeks. Add a few final touches. Make sure your routine is working, and prepare to relax.

♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's fortunate that the best things in life are free, because you could be experiencing a slight financial pinch. No need to show off by throwing your money around. This sweetheart doesn't care about material things. Don't worry about being a big shot. Be a puppy instead.

♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Yesterday's lethargy may have turned into a summer cold. Are you far enough ahead with your work to take a few days off? Today is for household projects and sleeping. Tuesday and Wednesday are for being with loved ones and sleeping. You won't feel like working until Thursday.

♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — A group you were worried about turns out to be a lot friendlier than you thought they'd be. The details you're collecting turn out to be a lot more troublesome. You finally make a decision and take action.

♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Choose your words carefully and move quickly. The opportunity should come early. The boss is in a generous mood. If you've proven your value to the company, it'll be easy to explain that a raise is actually an investment in your future together. Ignore a friend who says it can't be done.

♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It's still urgent that you play by the rules. Conform to the dress code, too. It's not worth the hassle to proclaim your individuality now. It could ruin your chance to get something you want. Be patient.

♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't rush into anything. A surprising revelation could cause a change in plans. You'll take action soon enough, but maybe not in the direction you're headed now. Stranger things have happened, right? Be flexible.

♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Somebody you didn't used to like is looking better all the time. Maybe you can be friends after all. How about asking him or her to join you and a few other friends for lunch? It's a good way to get to know each other without making much of a commitment.

♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Somebody is barking orders, and you're scurrying around, trying to keep up. Don't worry, you have a knack. You can figure out what this other person needs before they do, and that'll make you look good. Pay attention!

Purple Poll Q: Do you prefer Macintosh over PCs?

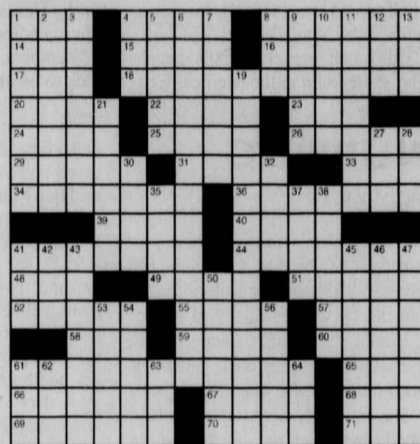


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SPORTS BRIEFS

Frogs defeat Oklahoma State in scrimmage

TCU's women's soccer team defeated Oklahoma State 1-0 in a scrimmage Sunday at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

TCU junior forward Nicole Carman scored the only goal, with a shot 10 yards out. Senior midfielder Tiffany Goetz and freshman midfielder Cara Toulouse assisted on the goal.

Neither team scored in the first half.

Head coach Dave Rubinson said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"We did some good things out there today, but we still need to improve in some areas," Rubinson said. "I was very happy with the way our girls hung in there and stayed patient."

The scrimmage does not count toward either team's record.

The Frogs will open the 2001 season against Texas Tech 7 p.m. Friday in Lubbock. The first home game will be 6 p.m. Sept. 2 against Oklahoma.

C-USA provides the Volley Frogs with a new challenge

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

The Volley Frogs are set to begin their first Conference USA schedule ever, but they aren't too worried about not knowing what to expect, head coach Sandy Troudt said.

Even though the change to a new conference means they won't be playing near the sun-drenched beaches of Hawaii this season as they did in the Western Athletic Conference, the team's outlook is as bright as it has ever been.

Although TCU won't play the five-time WAC champions, Hawaii, Troudt said the teams that top the C-USA are still all very good.

The Frogs are preparing to com-

pete with twice the amount of conference teams that make up an overall similar schedule.

"This conference is bigger than the WAC and we'll be playing teams for the first time ever, but it will be good for the program," Troudt said. "It will be entertaining."

Freshman middle blocker/outside hitter Amber Sims said she is confident of both her own and the team's newest challenge.

"I think that because we are new (to C-USA), we are able to come out and play without any self-doubts," Sims said.

TCU is ranked seventh in the C-USA pre-season coaches' poll out of 14 total teams. Four C-USA

teams, Cincinnati, Houston, Louisville and South Florida, played in the NCAA tournament in the 2000 season.

Troudt said she thinks the current ranking will not satisfy her team of thirsty competitors and she doesn't believe it's an accurate prediction of the season.

"I think that (the preseason poll) isn't worth the paper it's written on," Troudt said. "I know we won't be happy unless we are the champs."

Being within the top three teams of the C-USA rankings is one team goal for the Volley Frogs. Other goals include each player bringing their own "A" game to the court each day, despite their virtually un-

known competitors.

"They are ready to meet their goals," Troudt said. "I see that their determination and drive is really there."

Although the motivation is there, senior middle blocker Allison Lynch said adjustment is still needed.

"The traveling is going to be a lot different. We fly and play on the same day," Lynch said. "We're really going to have to be on our toes all the time."

Yet, Troudt said the staff has done a good job of scouting the C-USA teams' games so the Frogs will have an idea of what to expect on the court.

She also said that the novelty of the teams scheduled is welcomed,

and not stressful for the team.

"It's a huge challenge, but they're doing fine with that," Troudt said. "This way the team doesn't have any old ghosts that come to haunt them. It's all a new challenge and we have a tradition of always looking for new ways to challenge ourselves."

Although the unfamiliarity with the new conference is something TCU volleyball must face everyday, the move to C-USA has made the Volley Frogs the most excited about their season they have ever been, Troudt said.

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Volleyball ready to focus on whole

Sights set on being top in conference, 20 wins



Lindsay Hayes, a senior setter, sets for a kill in practice.

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By Colleen Casey
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Following an off-season focused on individual player progress, the Volley Frogs are back concentrating on the whole as they take on TCU volleyball's sixth season.

Last season's record of 15-18, despite being its best record ever, was also an unfulfilled goal for the team that sought 20 wins. However, past goals, as well as the two graduated seniors and strong team leaders — Amy Atamanczuk and Bethany Toce — are well behind the 2001 team.

"This team won't look like any team we've seen before," head coach Sandy Troudt said. "They are unique and challenged already."

With their development since last season, the Frogs still have similar goals for this season. It has composed a similarly determined mission for the season that includes the goals of being at the top of the conference and winning at least 20 matches.

Troudt said her team can't be satisfied unless it reaches its highest goals. The Volley Frogs are prepared to reassess their season periodically and to monitor the progress of their mission.

With the five fresh-faced freshmen additions, the newcomers will rely on the five eager, veteran seniors.

"We have very strong seniors who are eager, hungry and are in great shape," Troudt said.

The freshmen are made up of two non-scholarship and three scholarship players. The newest freshman

recruit, middle blocker and outside hitter Amber Sims, said she feels adjusted and ready to play.

"(My teammates) have been behind us from the start and it's a very warm environment," Sims said.

One other freshman, outside hitter Dominika Szabo from Hungary, is the program's first international recruit.

"It's been frustrating for Dominika, but she is adjusting very well with her teammates, and her English has improved greatly because we make her speak up on the court," Troudt said.

The Frogs also have four other returning players, two sophomores and two juniors, who are prepared to continue the team's quest for a successful season.

Troudt said the entire team had more time in the summer to practice, and currently plays sharper and is more vocal on the court than ever before.

"We had some tough practices this summer," Sims said. "But that, and anticipation and confidence will make us ready."

Since the second week in August up until the first day of school the Frogs had strenuous, two-a-day practices and many went through team bonding activities.

All the practice has made senior middle blocker Allison Lynch say she feels prepared for the season's start.

"We've practiced so much that I'm tired of practicing and I just



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Courtney Beach, a sophomore middle blocker, goes for a kill in practice as Jennifer Sebastian, a senior middle blocker, prepares for a possible dig.

want to get into (the season)," Lynch said. "We're in a crucial time now when we have to put everything together."

Lynch also said she thinks the Frogs' defense and serving will be the key to winning its games. She hopes that the new offensive strategies will come together and solidify both sides of the team's game.

With ambitions high and bodies and minds ready for play, volleyball players said they are set for a new era in TCU volleyball history.

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today in sports history

1922 — The Walker Cup, the oldest international team golf match in America, was held for the first time at Southampton, N.Y.

1941 — The Football Writers Association of America was organized.

1945 — Baseball commissioner Branch Rickey and future baseball great Jackie Robinson met. They discussed the difficulties Robinson, a black athlete, would face in major league baseball. Robinson received \$600 a month and a \$3,500 signing bonus to play for Montreal of the International League. He would quickly move up and enjoy a brilliant career with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1972 — Mark Spitz captured the first of his seven gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany. Spitz completed the 200-meter butterfly in 2 minutes, 0.7 seconds. His performance set a new world record.

1981 — For the third time in 10 days, a world record in the mile run was set. Sebastian Coe, who broke Steve Ovett's record on Aug. 19 and lost it to Ovett on Aug. 26, broke it again by a full second in Brussels, Belgium. Coe's new record time was 3:47.33.

Getting to know DePaul

Blue Demons

Location: Chicago, Ill.
Enrollment: 18,565
Founded: 1898

Colors: Royal blue and scarlet
President: Rev. John P. Minogoue
Sports: Men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's golf, softball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, women's volleyball.

History: DePaul is the nation's largest Catholic university, offering seven campuses and more than 130 undergraduate degree programs.

this week in C-USA

Men's soccer at Vanderbilt
8 p.m.
Friday Vanderbilt Soccer field.

Women's soccer at Texas Tech
7 p.m.
Friday R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Football at North Texas
7 p.m.
Saturday at Fouts Field.

Volleyball vs. New Hampshire
11 a.m.
Harry A. Gampel Pavillion.

Volleyball vs. Connecticut
6 p.m.
Harry A. Gampel Pavillion.

'Dynamic' King positioned to set several school records

By Adrienne Burch
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Senior Marci King received a strange plea from her soccer coach in sixth grade.

"My soccer coach got roped into coaching volleyball," King said. "It was the first year for it and he didn't know any of the girls that were coming out. (He asked me), 'Will you come out for it, just so I'll know someone?'"

Fortunately for TCU, she listened. King is now a starting outside hitter for the TCU volleyball team.

She led the team in kills her first two seasons and finished second on the team last season. The senior has a chance to set school records in kills, consecutive matches played, total

attacks and digs.

Assistant coach Chris Rudiger said King is a standout player because of her work ethic.

"She works hard in the weight room," Rudiger said. "She is in the best physical condition she's ever been in, so her confidence is higher."

Head coach Sandy Troudt agrees.

"She has the capability of being a dynamic player," Troudt said.

King came to TCU because she wanted to remain close to her family. The coaching staff's interest also helped her decision. The prospect of more playing time appealed to King, who came to TCU



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Marci King, a senior outside hitter, has a chance to set program records in kills, consecutive matches played, total attacks and digs this season.

knowing she would have a chance to play right away as opposed to waiting until her junior or senior year.

The Frogs have become her

family away from home. She said she has grown close to other team members, especially seniors.

"When you're in the fall, you're together 24 hours a day, seven days a week," King said. "It's awesome, because the minute you get here you have 12 automatic friends who will stand by you."

After graduation King hopes to play professionally, even if that means going overseas.

"They have teams all over Europe, and in South America as well," King said. "It just depends on who's looking for an outside hitter."

She already has a plan for putting her broadcast journalism degree to work.

"I want to take Hannah Storm's

job," King said. "I want to sit on the couch during the Olympics and just talk about everything. If I could be on ESPN, I would die a happy woman."

For now, King chooses to focus on the present. As her last college season starts, she is learning to be a leader. Senior setter Lindsay Hayes has seen King's leadership. "She works really hard," Hayes said. "She's determined and outgoing on the court."

For now, King has one thing on her agenda.

"I want to live in the moment," she said. "I want to remember it."

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NEBRASKA

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Nebraska head coach Frank Solich was impressed with the Frogs' play on defense.

"They are a very physical football team," Solich said. "They were a very good defensive team last season, statistically they were the best. We had too many plays that went for minus yardage."

The Frogs were expected to lose by 28 points. Even though the game was closer than expected, senior linebacker Chad Bayer took no pride in the loss.

"You really can't feel good after losing a game," Bayer said. "I think the defense played OK, but not to the best of our ability. We have some things to work on. Nebraska found a lot of our weak spots."

But the Frogs also managed to find Nebraska's weak spots, giving Solich many fits.

"We didn't pick things up well inside, but we did get back to where the option

played a very big part in the second half," Solich said. "Our power game struggled."

Patterson said the Frogs' experience playing the option helped.

"Once we got our option responsibilities down, we felt like that one of the things people are scared to do against the option is they are scared to blitz it," Patterson said. "Because we play against it in practice, we understand a little bit more about it. So we were able to take some chances and got fortunate on some plays and (Nebraska) lost yardage."

The Frogs may not have pulled off the upset, but they performed better than anyone expected — except themselves.

"We knew that the game is played on the field," Printers said. "The field is a 100 yards long, just like our field is a 100 yards long. That's how we approached it. We didn't look at them as these gods that couldn't be beat."

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PRINTERS

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unselfishness. When a player is willing to sacrifice his or her own well-being for the team, the other players begin to follow.

On TCU's only scoring play, a 67-yard pass from Printers to Matt Schobel, Printers felt a twinge in his quadriceps. As the game progressed, it became obvious that he would no longer have the mobility that he has grown to expect.

So rather than relying on his athleticism, Printers rallied his troops with his leadership.

He became more vocal, demanding that his players and coaches remain calm despite the deficit to the nation's No. 4 team. Then he grimaced.

He twisted, turned and ran away from the Cornhuskers' constantly-blitzing defensive line. Then he grimaced.

He cheered on the defense, willing it to halt Nebraska's offense. Then he grimaced.

With each direction, each run and each

cheer, Printers was becoming a leader. And with each grimace the team rallied around his ability to play through pain.

The defense, which was ranked No. 1 in the nation last season, was inspired by Printers, and it stifled the Nebraska rushing attack for most of the game.

The offense struggled without the complete package Printers usually offers, gaining just 186 yards, 65 after halftime. But Printers managed to complete 10 of 21 passes for 122 yards and a touchdown.

His efforts weren't enough to win the game, but Printers' desire to lead the Frogs through the battle was enough to capture the trust of his teammates. That trust will breed more than one victory in the future.

Printers' teammates now know that when he is grimacing, that only means he's about to take control.

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Frogs Report Card

The Skiff reviews the Frog's 21-7 loss against Nebraska Saturday

Passing Offense

C Junior quarterback Casey Printers made one spectacular play in the first quarter, but for most of the game he was pretty average. Printers hurt his leg in the first quarter and that might have affected his performance. Printers started the game by completing four of his first six passes, but only completed six of his last 15.

Rushing Offense

D The Frogs could not get anything going on the ground, and it disturbed the whole offense. Sophomore tailback Ricky Madison ran for only 33 yards on 18 attempts, an average of 1.8 yards a carry. The Nebraska defensive line got penetration the entire game, hindering the running game.

Passing Defense

B- Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch threw for only 151 yards, but did so on only 18 attempts. Other than giving up a few big plays, the Frog's defense contained a weak passing game.

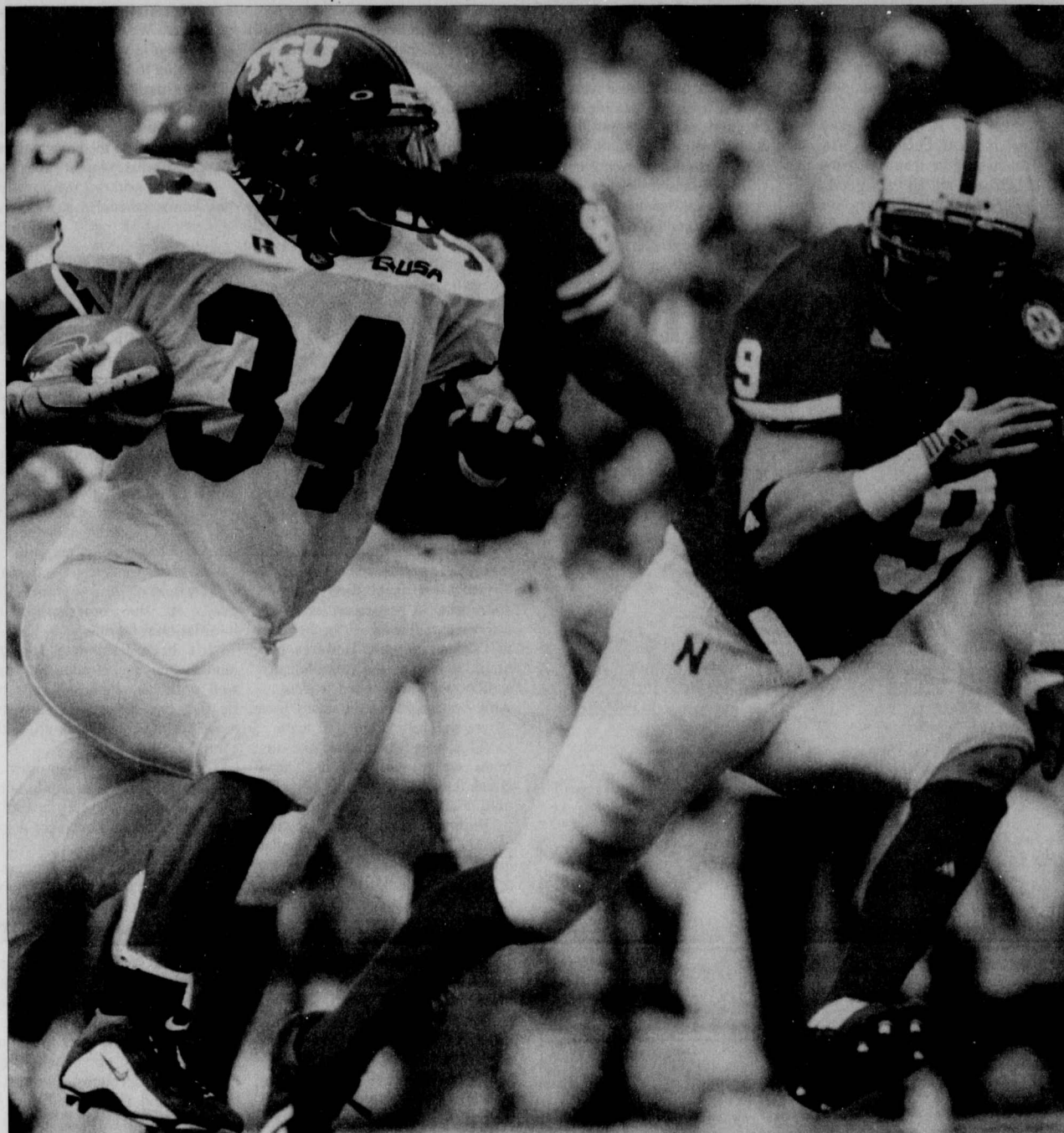
Rushing Defense

A The Frogs held an offense that averaged 349.3 rushing yards a game last year to 159 yards on 50 carries. The Frogs defense was especially dominant in the second quarter, when Nebraska had negative 20 yards rushing. Redshirt freshman Marvin Godbolt, in his first collegiate game, had five tackles for 37-yards lost. The Frog's defense began to give in the third quarter, but considering the potency of the Huskers' offense, the team still had a great performance.

Special Teams

A Junior punter Joey Biasatti stood out, punting 11 times for 44.8 yards, including three inside the 20 yard line. The Frogs were going to need great special teams to stay in the game, and for the most part, they got it.

MEASURING UP



Nebraska linebacker Mark Vedral chases down sophomore tailback Ricky Madison. Madison was limited to 33 yards rushing on 18 carries, an average of 1.8 yards an attempt. The Frogs overall had 56 yards rushing.

Frogs surprise experts, impress Nebraska coach

By Brandon Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

Throughout the off-season, head coach Gary Patterson called Saturday's game against Nebraska a measuring stick.

Win or lose, the game represented a chance for the Horned Frogs to evaluate how far the program has come against one of the best schools in the country. The Frogs lost, 21-7, but put up a better showing than many experts anticipated.

For 2 1/2 quarters Saturday, the Frogs were only six points behind the fourth-ranked team in the country and a program that has posted 32 consecutive nine-win or more seasons. This is despite Horned Frog's starting quarterback, junior Casey Printers, was hobbling with a strained quadriceps, sophomore defensive end Bo Schobel tore his right anterior cruciate ligament and senior tight end Matt Schobel's hamstring was bothering him.

"I thought our kids fought hard," Patterson said. "I thought with a younger football team, we came in and after the initial shock of being in front of 78,000 and playing a team like Nebraska, I thought they settled down, especially on defense we played hard. I think even offensively, we will keep growing and the offensive line will give ourselves a chance."

The Frogs' defense definitely gave the team a chance to win Saturday. The defense had whipped around the offense in preseason scrimmages, but odds makers did not anticipate the Frogs having the same kind of results against the mighty Huskers, who averaged 41.5 points a game and 459.9 yards total offense last year. The Frogs' defense dominated the second quarter, holding the Huskers to negative 20 yards rushing and 310 total yards for the game.

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Printer's leadership apparent on sidelines as well as on field

With more than seven minutes remaining in the first half, TCU junior quarterback Casey Printers stood on the sidelines grimacing in agony.

For the first time during Saturday's, 21-7, loss to Nebraska, Printers' pain didn't stem from his ailing quadriceps. Instead, TCU's starting quarterback couldn't stand the sight of someone else doing his job.

So after a quick series with the Frogs' backup Sean Stillel at the helm, Printers obtained his rightful position as the leader of the football team.

Printers has been the starting

quarterback at TCU for the better part of two seasons, but the starting quarterback title had yet to translate into a title as the team's leader until Saturday.

In 1999, Printers beat out Patrick Batteaux as the starting quarterback. But Batteaux, who had switched from wide receiver to quarterback to fill a void in the team's plans, remained the leader.

In 2000, Printers took the majority of the snaps again, but then, he immediately handed the ball to LaDainian Tomlinson, who ran his way into the record books and the leadership role.

In 2001, there is no one else to overshadow Printers' leadership, and he proved he is ready for the role with his perseverance against Nebraska.

In athletics, leadership courts

Commentary



Rusty Simmons

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In the huddle

Junior defensive tackle John Turntine flew back with the team Saturday after being carted off the field with a neck injury late the fourth quarter.

Turntine did not lose consciousness and precautionary X-rays showed no injury. He may have a possible concussion.

Turntine received a standing ovation from the sold out crowd at Tom Osborne Field at Memorial Stadium.

Players were appreciative of the crowds hospitality.

"It shows Nebraska does have

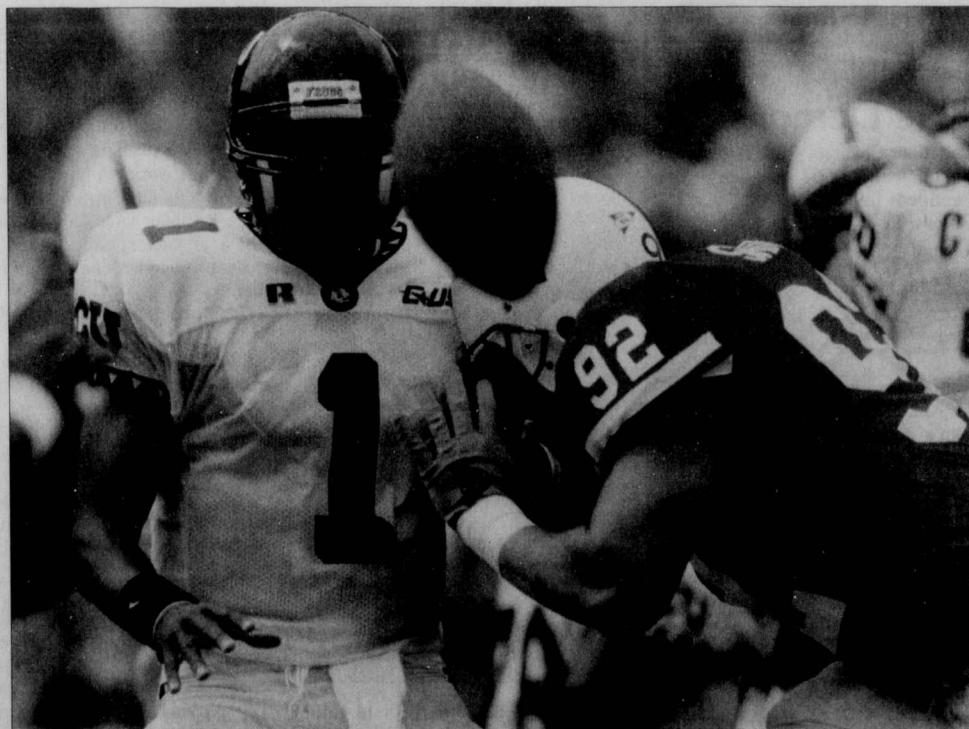
quality fans and they do appreciate hard working team," junior quarterback Casey Printers said. "They're good football fans."

Both teams prayed for Turntine in the center of the field.

"We appreciated that a lot," senior defensive end Joe Hill said. "There's a lot of class. The fans are cool, the players were real nice."

Redshirt freshman Marvin Godbolt was the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Pigskin Classic Most Valuable Player of the Game for TCU.

— Brandon Ortiz



Junior quarterback Casey Printers is forced to pitch on the option by Nebraska rush end Justin Smith. Printers injured his quadriceps in the first quarter and hobbled most of the game.

Top frogs

A look at the game's top performers.

Everyone knew junior punter Joey Biasatti would have a busy day. No one knew it would be this busy, or this important. Biasatti punted 11 times for 44.8 yard average. Biasatti kept the Huskers from gaining good field position and is a large reason why the Huskers only managed 21 points — 20.5 points less than they averaged a game last season.



Biasatti

Redshirt freshman Marvin Godbolt had five tackles for 37 yards lost, including one sack. Godbolt, playing his first game at the collegiate level, got off to a slow start but picked it up later in the game. His first tackle came in the second quarter, when he sacked quarterback Eric Crouch for an 11-yard loss. Godbolt was a big reason the Frogs were able to contain Nebraska's option.



Godbolt