

**Media tested**

Editor in Chief Ram Luthra discusses the dilemma the media encountered in covering the tragic terrorist attacks.  
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**Athletics graduation rates**

Despite overall graduation rates remaining constant from last year, the men's basketball team recorded its lowest rates in over a decade.  
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Fort Worth, Texas

**TCU post office workers receive security training**

By Aaron Chimbel  
STAFF REPORTER

TCU post office workers were instructed on how to handle suspicious packages Friday morning by U.S. Postal Service supervisors from the Trinity River Station. The meeting was in response to the events in New York and Washington, said Glen Hulme, mailing services manager. Jerry Martin, customer service supervisor for Trinity River station, said domestic stamped mail weighing 16

ounces or more and international packages receive the most scrutiny. Training sessions like the one Friday are normally only required for employees that work in the retail windows, Hulme said. Because of the seriousness of what happened in New York and Washington his entire staff of 10 non-students was asked to attend. The 35 students who work in the post office did not attend. Hulme said the TCU post office staff inform the student workers.

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Fort Worth firefighters return to assess damages Monday to the Stonegate Villas after a three-alarm fire.

**Students displaced by fire in Stonegate Villas**

By Erin LaMourie  
STAFF REPORTER

A three-alarm fire at Stonegate Villas, 2501 Oak Hill Circle, Sunday caused an estimated \$625,000 damage to Building 2 and displaced about 21 people, said Fort Worth Fire Department Lt. Kent Worley. Fifteen apartments were damaged by the fire. Many TCU students live in the apartment complex, said Melissa Fellows, a Stonegate Villas resident and senior graphic design major. The manager of Stonegate Villas, Ginger

Dass, declined to comment on the incident so it was unknown exactly how many TCU students were affected. Worley said the fire department believes the fire started about 4:30 p.m. when a male disposed of a cigarette in a trash can on the balcony of his third-floor apartment. Rob DeDreu, security officer for the apartment complex, pointed out the male suspect. He declined an interview. It is unknown at the time of press if charges were filed.

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**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**SGA and Leadership Council host forums**

Student Government Association and the Leadership Council are hosting forums in the Student Center Tuesday and Wednesday to help students to better understand the terrorist attacks on America. Tuesday's topic will be politics and terrorism, discussed by political science professor Dr. Ralph Carter and sociology and criminal justice professor Dr. Carol Thompson. The presentation will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday's topic will be religion and terrorism, and will be led by religion professors Dr. Yushau Sodiq and Dr. Ronald Flowers, and political science professor Dr. Manochehr Dorraj. This presentation will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE BRIEFS**

**'Mate Poaching' common on campuses**

PEORIA, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Have you ever stolen someone's boyfriend? Has someone tried to steal your girlfriend? According to a Bradley professor's study on infidelity in romantic relationships. Research on what he calls "mate poaching" has made psychology professor David Schmitt a hot topic around the world. Schmitt and David M. Buss co-authored an article titled "Human Mate Poaching: Tactics and Temptations for Infiltrating Existing Relationships," which appeared in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology during the summer. The article is based on studies the two performed to determine the criteria that exist to cause a person to steal or "poach" another away from his or her boyfriend or girlfriend, husband or wife, for the short term, such as a one-night stand or brief affair, or for the long term, such as a serious relationship or marriage. Schmitt, who has conducted several studies about human romantic relationships and personalities, said this research into why people try to form relationships with others who already are in relationships is the first of its kind. — The Bradley Scout

**FBI agents to ride commercial planes**



Chuck Kennedy/KRT CAMPUS

President Bush makes an appearance at the Mosque of the Islamic Center in Washington Monday. Dr. Abdullah Khouj Chief Imam shows the President detail of mosque design. Bush and other leaders are encouraging the nation to avoid stereotyping and persecuting Muslims and Arab-Americans for last week's attacks.

**Sky marshals will protect against terrorists, ensure safety of flight**

By Pete Yost  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The FBI has detained 49 people for questioning in the terrorist attacks, officials disclosed Monday as they pledged numerous federal agents would also fly commercial airlines for added safety. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the new sky marshals as he also pleaded with Congress to pass by week's end anti-terrorism laws that could assist the current investigation. The changes would expand wiretapping and increase prison penalties for those who aid terrorists. "We need these tools to fight the terrorism threat which exists in the United States and we must meet that growing threat," Ashcroft said. FBI Director Robert Mueller disclosed that 49 people — nearly double the number when the weekend began — have been detained for questioning in the probe or because of questions about their immigration status. Mueller also said there were a number of material witness warrants that have been issued for suspects, but he said the warrants were sealed. Officials previously disclosed two arrests. Ashcroft said law enforcement officers believe there is a continuing threat because "associates of the hijackers that have ties to terrorist organizations may be a continuing presence in the United States." He directed the U.S. Marshals Service to assign more than 300 deputies to assist FBI field offices in the probe, which has received 7,700 phone calls and 47,000 tips on the Internet. The attorney general said a growing number of federal law enforcement agents from the Justice Department would be boarding commercial flights as air marshals. Typically, air marshals are armed. Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation aviation subcommittee, said the first group of new air marshals would be transferred from existing federal law enforcement agencies to get them aboard flights

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**Protective agencies respond to Americans' security fears**

By James Zwilling  
STAFF REPORTER

The safety concerns many Americans are feeling in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against America may cause people to question the credibility and accountability of U.S. protective agencies, assistant professor of criminal justice Chip Burns said. Changes will be made in airports and agencies across the country, however, to help calm the fears of Americans, he said.

Federal agencies are being asked to contribute armed plainclothes security officials while the Federal Aviation Administration trains a new generation of marshals to provide security on airplanes, The Associated Press reported Monday. Many of the marshals are coming from the Justice Department, hundreds of other marshals are being recruited and some will come from private security firms who serve as marshals for foreign airlines, Attorney

General John Ashcroft said in a press conference Monday. Burns said tasks as simple as cutting a steak in an airport restaurant located past security checkpoints will have to change if protective agencies plan on maintaining accountability. "Those types of freedoms (like using knives in airport restaurants) are going to change," he said. Burns said these changes may calm some fears of travelers. "Americans want to know who did

this — who let this happen," he said. "Americans need accountability." Burns said people will begin to hold agencies more accountable for their actions. These agencies range from the local police and airport security to the federal government. Lynn Ligon, director of public affairs and communication for the Dallas division of Immigration and Naturalization Service, said it will be difficult to persuade people at this time of uncertainty that they are safe in this

country, but his agency will do its best. "We want to make sure people are safe," Ligon said. "(Americans) are still in a state of shock and fear." On a normal day, the Dallas INS office helps between 800 and 1,000 people from all different countries, Ligon said. "Our credibility is important to people of all nations," Ligon said. "People want our protection and they need

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**Small hearts, big fears**

**Education majors help young students cope with terrorist attacks**

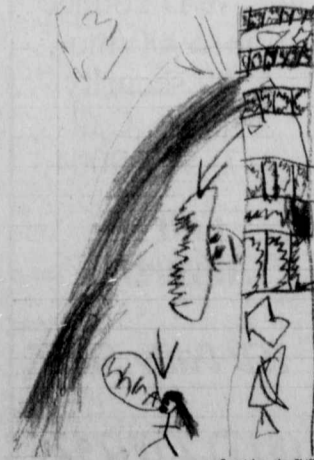
By Jordan Blum  
STAFF REPORTER

Lindsay Barnard, a senior elementary education major, said she has had to subdue her own fears about the terrorist attacks while explaining the events of the past week to her students. "It's the first time we've been in a situation like this," Barnard said. "Now I'm the teacher, and I have to realize that I'm no longer the kid anymore who needs to be comforted." Senior education majors involved in student teaching programs at the Mary Louise Phillips Child Care Center said they've had to take the role of teacher and

mentor to help their students cope with their fear of the unknown. Jane Vonhoff, a senior special education major, said explaining the basic facts of the terrorist attacks and reassuring her first graders of their safety was enough to put her students at ease. "The teachers and school counselor told the kids it was a real bad thing and they understood that the nation was scared," Vonhoff said. "But we also made supreme efforts to make the kids feel safe and let them know Fort Worth isn't the next target." Erin Savage, a senior early childhood education major, said

she was surprised at how much her kindergarten class understood the attacks and how concerned they were for their own safety. "(The children) knew a lot and they said a plane crashed into a building and there were bad people and that kind of thing," Savage said. "But they were really concerned about whether the bad people were coming to get them. So we spent a lot of time telling them we were there to keep them safe and that the school was very safe." Kristen Wright, a senior elementary education major said,

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A plane falls on a bystander as fire spews from the top floors of one of the twin towers in a crayon drawing by Kevin Barkin, 8, a third grader at Grapevine Elementary School.

**TCU graduates share stories about being near Ground Zero**

By Jill Sutton  
STAFF REPORTER

In the aftermath of the terrorists attacks in New York and Washington, the Alumni Association has been trying to reach those TCU alumni who are living and working in the attacked areas, said Kristi Hoban, Director of Alumni Relations. Four graduates were working in New York and Washington D.C. on the day of the attacks, and shared memories of their encounters with the Alumni Association. Rodrick Branch, who graduated summa cum laude, lives in New York just 10 blocks away from the World Trade Center. Branch works as a lawyer at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steed and

Hamilton law firm, which is directly across the street from the twin towers. He was getting ready for work when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. "I was getting ready and heard what sounded like a super-sonic jet fly by," said Branch. "I opened my blinds and saw a gaping hole in the first tower with flames coming out." Branch said he then called his mom and told her to turn on the television because something awful had happened. "After I called home, I started throwing my documents and passport into my briefcase and then I saw the

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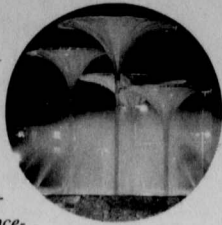
Check out Friday's Skiff for a special on what American nationalism really means.

**Today in history**

1947 — The U.S. Air Force was established by the National Security Act. Previously, military aviation was part of the U.S. Army.

# CAMPUS LINES

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■ **Olivia Coggin Eudaly**, deputy director of the Tarrant Area Food Bank, will be speaking to the nutritional sciences department's Food Issues in Society classes at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Bass Building, room 107. The lecture is open to all students, faculty and staff.

■ **Delta Sigma Theta** sorority will be collecting teddy bears from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today until Friday for the children who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. For more information contact Tamara Taylor at (817) 257-5869.

■ **Alpha Epsilon Delta**, the PreHealth professions honor society will be selling raffle tickets for more than \$1,800 prizes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today until Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24 to Sept. 28. Raffle tickets will cost \$2 for one ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 10 tickets. For more information call (817) 257-3949.

■ **KinoMonda Film Series** will present the film "My Twentieth Century" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

■ **Public Relations Student Society of America** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South room 271. For more information send an e-mail to (tcuprssa@hotmail.com).

■ **Student Development Services and SGA** present the University Retreat and TCU LEAPS. Students, faculty and staff interested in participating may return registration cards to Student Development Services in room 220 in the Student Center or register online at (www.tculeaps.tcu.edu). The last official day to register for the retreat or TCU LEAPS is Friday if you want to register for both the retreat and TCU LEAPS or just the community service day. The University Retreat will be at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Student Center. TCU LEAPS will be at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sat. 29 starting at the Rickel Building. For more information call Student Development Services at (817) 257-7855.

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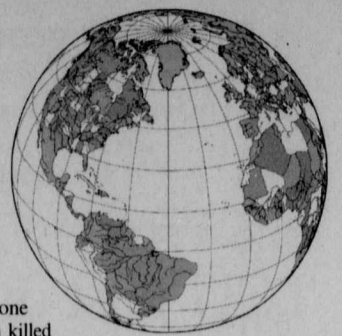
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# WORLD DIGEST



### Moderate Catholic leader Hume resigns citing health reasons

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — John Hume, Nobel Peace Prize winner and the intellectual architect of the peace process in Northern Ireland, announced his resignation Monday as leader of the major moderate Catholic party after 22 years in charge.

Hume, 64, said he would surrender the helm of the Social Democratic and Labor Party — which holds the most Catholic posts in Northern Ireland's foundering unity government — at the party conference in November. He cited ill health as the only reason why he was leaving with key parts of the 3-year-old Good Friday peace accord still in doubt.

But analysts pointed to his party's growing challenge from Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Army-linked party Hume worked hard to involve in peacemaking efforts. In June elections, Sinn Fein outpolled the moderate SDLP among Catholic voters for the first time.

"He's got a lot of criticism for behaving like an old heavyweight champ, for hanging on too long and not letting young people establish themselves as candidates. The party's destroyed in Belfast," said Brian Feeney, a former SDLP activist-turned-commentator.

Feeney said the trigger may have been Hume's news conference last month, when he shouted at journalists until his false teeth fell out. "That was an absolutely desperate performance," he said.

But Hume won plaudits from Britain, Ireland and political rivals, who credited him with inventing and promoting the key principles of the peace process.

"John Hume is a true Irish hero," said Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who called Hume "the philosopher, architect and ultimately symbol of peace."

Without Hume, said former Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, Northern Ireland peacemaking "would never have got off the ground."

"At all times, John's voice has been heard because it was never tainted by any covert regard for violence," said David Trimble, leader of the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, who shared the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with Hume.

Ever since helping to found the SDLP in 1970 from his base as a Catholic civil rights activist in Londonderry, Hume has argued that IRA violence only compounded Northern Ireland's divisions, a view finally accepted with cease-fires in 1994 and 1997.

He also argued that any Northern Ireland settlement must involve joint action by the British and Irish governments, a view incorporated in the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985 that allowed the southern Irish a role in shaping Northern Ireland policies for the first time.

Hume preached that any successful negotiations must improve not just relations between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland but also ties between the north and south of Ireland, and between Ireland and Britain. All those concepts were part

the Good Friday pact.

### Chechnya rebels shoot down Russian helicopter, killing 10

NAZRAN, Russia — Rebels in breakaway Chechnya shot down a Russian helicopter Monday, killing two generals and eight colonels, and attacked the republic's second-biggest city in the largest rebel assault in months.

The officers were members of a general staff team on an inspection trip to the rebel region, the Russian military commander in Chechnya, Col. Gen. Valery Baranov, said on Russia's state RTR television.

Rebels fired a portable surface-to-air missile at the Mi-8 helicopter after it took off from the Chechen capital Grozny, killing the 10 officers and three crew members, Baranov said.

Also Monday, rebels attacked Russian outposts on the outskirts of Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, where many officials in the region's Kremlin-appointed administration are based. Rebels came at the city, 20 miles east of Grozny, from different directions firing automatic weapons and grenade launchers.

It was a brazen assault on one of the first cities seized by the Russians after troops entered Chechnya in September 1999, and one full of Russians and Moscow-backed Chechens. The attack was a well-coordinated action by the rebels, who have focused over most of the past year on small-scale raids and planting mines.

At least 10 Russian troops died in the gun battle, which lasted for several hours, Kremlin envoy Sergei Yastrzhembskiy said on Russian television. He said Russian forces responded with aircraft and artillery strikes and had cleared out most rebels by evening.

Baranov said Russian troops killed at least 15 rebels.

Reports on the number of rebels who attacked Gudermes varied. The head of the Moscow-appointed Chechen administration, Akhmad Kadyrov, put it at 15, but Interior Minister Boris Gryzlov said about 300 militants were believed involved.

Local residents who spoke to The Associated Press near Gudermes put the number of rebels at about 100. They said the attack began at dawn with rebels surrounding most Russian outposts and administrative buildings in the city and spraying them with gunfire.

### Jewish New Year in Israel marked by guards, more violence

JERUSALEM — Israel ushered in the Jewish New Year on Monday with armed guards stationed at every synagogue and police deployed across the country on high alert for attacks by Palestinian militants.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sent New Year's greetings to Israel, along with reassurances that he has

ordered his forces to cease fire. But fighting persisted, with one Palestinian killed and 15 wounded in gun battles in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The fighting has been going on just short of a year. It was on Sept. 28 last year, that then-opposition leader — now prime minister — Ariel Sharon toured a disputed holy site in Jerusalem, setting off Palestinian protests that quickly escalated into widespread fighting.

The strife has taken 635 lives on the Palestinian side and 175 on the Israeli side since the last Jewish New Year.

"It has been a very hard year. Our hopes for peace fell apart," said Eli Shehtiel, 56, a professor, as he dragged a shopping cart with holiday groceries through Jerusalem's outdoor Mahane Yehuda market. "I feel worried and sad. I'm really worried."

Soldiers armed with M-16s joined police patrols in the market and the downtown area. Black-clad members of the police anti-terror unit, carrying sub-machine guns, rode motorcycles down Jerusalem's main street.

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Police Commissioner Shlomo Aharonishki said security forces were getting warnings about plans by militants to carry out attacks during the holiday. More than 50 Israelis have been killed in nearly two dozen suicide bombings by Islamic militants in the past year.

But Jerusalem's Malha shopping mall was bustling with crowds of last-minute shoppers, pushing baby carriages, lugging bags — and carrying gas masks.

Some shoppers renewed out-of-date gas masks from the Gulf War times in the army-operated bomb shelter located one floor under the mall's designer-label clothing stores.

Gas masks were distributed in Israel a decade ago on the eve of the Gulf War. The army said that on Sunday, about 9,000 Israelis renewed gas masks, compared to 1,500 a day in quieter times.

Many Israelis now feel war is on the horizon. "Last year I thought the messiah would come," said Yossi Cohen, 34, a stall owner in the Jerusalem market. "It didn't."

Gazing at the trickle of shoppers, Cohen complained that fewer people are coming to shop. "Peace, we won't have with (the Palestinians.) I wish we could. But I don't think there is a solution."

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### Our views

## HOLDING TRUE

### Religious understanding now vital

Grasping for answers to the questions raised by last week's terrorist attacks, Americans flooded churches, mosques and temples this weekend for spiritual guidance and reassurance.

Some services were ecumenical while others subscribed to a particular faith. After attending a Christian service of his own Sunday, President George W. Bush visited the Islamic Center Monday in Washington. He hoped this stop, captured by photographers, would remind Americans that Muslims, particularly those of Arab descent, are gladly counted among the nation's citizenship and are not to be considered targets for revenge.

Attorney General John Ashcroft emphatically reassured reporters at a press conference Monday, "we do not, have not, will not target people solely based on their ethnicity."

The nation's leaders are pleading with Americans to hold dear to an ideal established more than 200 years ago — tolerance. Tolerance for other religions, tolerance for different cultural beliefs and tolerance for our neighbors in the world's largest melting pot.

However, tolerance is not enough. Understanding is the next crucial step.

Across the world, Jewish people are finishing their celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. A time of joy, the holiday precedes 11 days of deep introspection until Yom Kippur arrives — the Day of Atonement. At that point, as one Jewish student explained, those in the skies decide the eternal fate of the worshippers.

For a campus dominated by Christians, this holy time is the perfect opportunity to train in the art of tolerance and understanding. Ask religion professors about the meaning of the holiday. Talk to Jewish students about the importance of the introspection period. Examine how the beliefs of the Jewish faith parallel or contrast the beliefs of your own faith system.

In doing so, the base for understanding another belief system is formed, paving the path for further study of more cultures.

Thus, this nation can hold true to the very beliefs upon which it was founded.

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## Isolation must stop before terrorism will

Last week's terrorist attacks highlighted American insularity to events beyond our borders. I bring up American separation from events abroad, because it begins with our insularity at home. I was made aware of this during a recent meal at the Main.

I sat observing how people were grouping themselves in the cafeteria, and here's what I saw: People generally sat with others of the same race.

I reflected on that a bit.

Such actions are only natural. It is only human to seek out and be with those that are like you. To a certain extent, there is really nothing wrong with that. And yet, aren't we in college to learn new thoughts and ideas? Why don't we do more to reach out to others that are unlike us? So then I asked myself, why don't I?

Someone has to be the first to break the ice, and if no one else is trying to reach out, I figured, why not me? Plus, with my handicap (I have a partial hearing loss in both ears), it tells me something about the other person right away and how tolerant they are. Talking with someone who is hard of hearing is not easy, because the speaker often has to repeat himself or herself — sometimes more than once — and that often taxes his or her patience.

My hearing loss has made me something of an isolationist and introvert; so I really have to make the effort to reach out to others.

Had I kept to myself, you would not have ever known about my cartooning abilities or writing skills. My life would have been very empty had I never challenged myself to reach out to all of you, and to hear you (no pun intended) react to what I had to say.

This leads me back to the events of last week. Many are the cries for war and revenge on those that sponsored those evil terrorist acts, and a part of me feels that sense of anger.

And yet, I also realize the United States tends to isolate itself from the rest of the world. Some international students I talked with said the United States really shouldn't have been surprised that there is so much hatred of the nation outside our borders. But we were.

That speaks volumes on just how disconnected we are. It is no justification, of course, for hijacking planes and crashing them into the two towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But had we been more aware of the anger that is out there, we might have done more to diffuse the situation before it came to such an end.

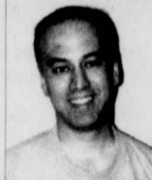
Our country needs to reach out more to others unlike us, and that has to start with us, the individuals, before it can become us, the United States.

I broke with my usual method of coming up with a topic for my column (sitting in solitude) and instead went out to the Main to find it. After a few contacts, I met up with two female students, not of my race, who had plenty to say on the topic.

They were charming women, and they not only gave me a topic for my column, but also topics that I could give to my editor to give to other Skiffers. All this just from reaching out to others and them reaching back. Somewhere in this, there's a lesson we can all learn, individually and as a nation, when it comes to dealing with others.

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### Commentary



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## Proud to be part of the press

### Media coverage of attacks proved even, insightful, informative

After the horrific terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, President George W. Bush said, "The resolve of our nation is being tested. But make no mistake we'll show the world, we will pass the test."

The president and the nation will indeed face a difficult test. But journalists all over the nation are being tested to objectively and extensively report the tragic events, while simultaneously presenting sorrow and sympathy as any other American patron would do.

One promise I made to the readers of the TCU Daily Skiff was that our coverage throughout the semester would present fair, balanced and impartial news. But in light of the attacks, our staff has been faced with the dilemma of maintaining this goal while trying to fully understand and consume the reality of this national catastrophe.

As a collegiate newspaper, our goal is to be professional and inform our audience — the TCU community. During this process, we will make mistakes and learn on the scene. This learning cannot be achieved overnight, but the entire Skiff staff was truly unified through this tragic event, as jour-

nalists and as compassionate citizens of our nation.

Journalists are supposed to position themselves outside the box and look in on events with detachment. They should not become emotionally intertwined with the news; rather they should sacrifice their own personal needs for the sake of the readers.

Journalists are public servants whose ultimate goal is to make a difference in people's lives. In order to achieve this goal, journalists must provide as much information as possible. I can proudly say I have seen examples of how journalists have passed the test this past week.

As I watched ABC's Peter Jennings throughout the week, I was reminded of why I wanted to be a journalist. Jennings subdued emotion and lost much sleep for the sake of all Americans. He responsibly provided every possible service to viewers all over the nation.

Similarly, I feel the Skiff and many other collegiate newspapers across the country did the same. These are the same students who also must manage going to class, finishing term papers, studying for tests and handling their social lives and other activities of college life. Despite all that, they fulfilled their commitments to provide the best source of information for you.

One of the primary duties and responsibilities of a journalist is to provide as many answers as possible in order to minimize the number of questions and doubts in a story. However, with a situation like this, so many questions arise.

Why would anyone participate in such a hideous act? What went through the minds of the innocent passengers on the flights that crashed? What needs to be done to make everything all right again?

Every person in America is pondering these questions. But journalists are feeling helpless and ineffective because they live for the sole purpose of answering such questions.

The only solution to counter this feeling of helplessness is for journalists to be patient and understand there are no answers yet.

There might not ever be answers for this terrible human tragedy.

Despite the circumstances however, I fully believe the Skiff put out the best newspapers possible, regarding coverage, sensitivity, objective reporting and localized stories.

The country will try to return to some kind of normalcy. These terrorist acts will not divide the country. Rather it will unite us. It is needed in order for President Bush and the nation to pass the test.

While the nation focuses on its test, journalists are already on the right track with a test of our own. We begin to realize our duties to the nation and, most importantly, our profession. I have never been more proud to be an American. But most importantly, never have I been more proud to be an American journalist.

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### Your Views

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Interracial dating still problematic

I was captivated with the section in the TCU Daily Skiff on Friday, Sept. 15, 2001 about interracial dating. I am in an interracial relationship. My boyfriend is a first generation Iranian. Through the past two years that we have been dating, we have encountered many obstacles. Both of us have felt pressures from family, close adults and peers. We do not get many stares, but some people close to me have commented.

Some people I have talked with, mainly adults, have very negative feelings toward Iranians considering past events dealing with the United States and Iran. I find that most people are accepting of our relationship. Most close friends do not have a problem with me dating my boyfriend, and many of them have dated people outside of their race. I feel pleased when people are accepting of interracial dating, but there are still people our age who disagree with dating.

Each day I continue to learn from him about his culture, and he learns from me as well. The race issue was never a concern for either of us. We are both humans with the same feelings and emotions. I hope that many people will overlook the color of skin and see what is on the inside of a person.

— Candace Lawrence, sophomore chemistry major

#### Battle for Skillet not real rivalry

I picked up my first Skiff newspaper in thirty-five years and there was your wonderful article, "Battle for Iron Skillet not true rivalry". How true, how true, and let me add these comments.

I have missed less than a dozen games since 1952 and I saw the great ones - Doak Walker, Lindy Berry, Jim Swink, Don Meredith, and Bob Lilly - still visit with several of them. I never heard of the Iron Skillet until a couple of years ago the Star Telegram suddenly announced it as a honored tradition. I can't even find a friend who has even heard of the award, but I have found friends who shake their head and role their eyes when the skillet is mentioned.

The Skillet looks like someone picked it up at an Ace Hardware store before the game; it could have come out of an antique store.

Forget or bury the skillet and go win the Conference USA a couple of times. You'll have your rivalries.

— Ted Lange, Class of '59

## No peace without instilling compassion in Afghanistan

Everywhere you can see we are preparing for war. We have given blood for the wounded. We have begun signing up at army recruitment offices. We have declared the attacks acts of war and Congress has written the president a \$40 billion blank check to fight World War III.

Right now the finger seems to point to Osama bin Laden harbored in Afghanistan by the Taliban government.

Bin Laden has long been a worthy target for arrest, capture and trial for planning and carrying out terrorist attacks. Afghanistan has long been a Cold War battleground upon which America and the Soviet Union maneuvered.

Bush spoke Wednesday about punishing not just those involved in the attacks, but also the countries who tolerated the presence of terrorists on their soil. The unstated reference was to Afghanistan.

Already the voices in Congress have been retributive and angry. Rep. Zell Miller (D-Ga.) said Wednesday that the United States should simply, "bomb the hell out of [Afghanistan]."

Afghanistan is not a photogenic country. Four years of famine, 22 years of war and a repressive, uneducated, fundamentalist regime has not improved its face to the world. It has no oil, and its strategic value was mostly lost after the end of the Cold War.

The Taliban has allowed bin Laden to seek shelter in Afghanistan most likely because he has provided military support against opposition leaders who, during the Cold War, were supported by America against the Soviet-installed regime. The same day as the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, the main opposition leader, Ahmed Shah Masood (now covertly supported by Russia, India and

Iran), was assassinated, some say by bin Laden and company.

It is a complicated, bloody and tragic national story if there ever was one. One dominated by the interference and mindless meddling of other nations, and the failure and poverty of the people caught in the midst of the struggle. If there is a national antithesis to the American story of success and growth, Afghanistan is it.

So, the question is, assuming bin Laden is behind the attacks, what is the proper response? Should we, as Bush has suggested we will, launch a full-on assault on Afghanistan? It is hard to see what this would accomplish.

Afghanistan already knows that America's military might far exceeds its own. It is already banking on the hope that America couldn't possibly do anything worse to the country than has already been done. It is also hoping that its feebleness, abject misery and pleading will spare it more damage. Afghanistan knew that harboring bin Laden would earn them the wrath of America, but figured that the 2,000 or 3,000 men that bin Laden could supply to protect them from the immediate threat of opposition invasion was worth it.

If we let Afghanistan off the hook, we let other nations harboring terrorists think they can get away with it, too. If we bomb Afghanistan to oblivion, we will make other small, impoverished countries fear and hate us even more strongly. We already know the retributive policy pursued in Israel has only increased the terrorists' resolve and

undermined the power of the only people who can curb terrorism — the governments of the countries who harbor them.

This is why it is so important that we stand with our allies worldwide to combat terrorism. That this battle doesn't pit the largest and most powerful nation in the world against one of the poorest and most miserable. That we do not allow ourselves to stoop to the level of revenge, revenge which could never be commensurate to our loss because our loss is incalculable. This is not war in the traditional sense.

Our enemy is not a nation, but rather the poverty, ignorance and fear that exist in nations like Afghanistan, countries where terrorists are welcomed. Our best defense is to eliminate these conditions in countries like Afghanistan, so that the incentives for harboring terrorists like bin Laden are minuscule compared to the advantages of

having America as a friend and ally. And we cannot be simply a military ally, exacting promises of peace at the point of a sword.

In the 21st century we do not frighten our enemies more than they are already frightened, we cannot punish them more than they have already been punished. They know about war, famine and death — indeed, they know nothing else. So we must teach them compassion, peace and prosperity. Or we will have no lasting peace.

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### Commentary

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# Education majors face new standards

## Students may need to take extra summer courses for teaching certificate

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Education students working toward teacher certification in Texas may be required to take extra summer courses in order to graduate under old certification requirements.

The TCU School of Education changed curriculum requirements to comply with the new Texas teaching certificate structure that went into effect this fall semester, said Diana Woolsey, director of teacher certification.

As a result of the restructuring process, students who have completed more than 54 hours may have to take summer courses in order to graduate and test under the old teaching requirements, Woolsey said. The last date to test and graduate under the old certificate is August 2003. Woolsey said faculty has restructured courses and created new classes to prepare students for the new requirements.

Students should stay in close contact with their advisors, she said. Students with fewer than 54 hours will graduate under the new plan.

Erin Fitzgerald, a junior early childhood major, said she had planned on staying at TCU for an extra semester, but now she will have to

graduate in May 2003 to be certified under the old requirements. She said she took six credit hours this summer and will take nine hours next summer in order to finish on time.

"It puts you in a bind because you don't have the option to graduate later," Fitzgerald said. "It's been difficult."

The State Board of Education Certification, not TCU, changed the structure. Three new certificates, Early Childhood to Grade 4, Grade 4 to 8 and Grade 8 to 12, replaced the two old certificates, Early Childhood to Grade 8 and Grade 6 to 12.

According to the SBEC, candidates who are eligible to take the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas during the 2002-2003 academic year will still receive one of the corresponding certificates that is valid.

Sam Deitz, dean of the School of Education, said as long as students are taking an appropriate class load, they should not have problems graduating on time.

However, he said that the certification changes could have been separated into more practical grade brackets. He said breaking the certification into Early Childhood to Grade 6,

Grade 7 to 9, and Grade 10 to 12 would be better for the interests of the future teachers.

Wendy Branson, a junior middle school major, said she will graduate on time. However, Branson said she will have to take 11 hours in the summer to graduate in May 2003.

"My advisor put me on the right track," Branson said. "He pretty much saved me."

She found out about the changes during an advisory session last spring when she was told to enroll in certain courses in hopes of them satisfying the revised requirements.

Woolsey said students graduating with the old certificate will not be at any disadvantage when applying for jobs.

"Teachers with the old certificate are needed just as much in the classroom as teachers with the new certificate," Woolsey said. "The goal of the new certificates is simply to give teachers more flexibility in their field."

Woolsey said the new course structure is available online.

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Mail packages wait to be sorted by TCU postal employees Monday. Employees were trained in federal security procedures Friday in response to the terrorist attacks.

## POSTAL

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Teresa Minneweather, station manager for Trinity River, said the meeting with TCU postal workers was to discuss precautionary measures and not to scare workers.

"Awareness is definitely the key now," she said.

Hulme said that the meeting has helped to reinforce what he and his staff have already had in place.

Each month the TCU post office submits a self review to Martin to ensure safety practices are being met, Hulme said.

Martin said he is trying to get video cameras installed at TCU mail windows so if someone did send a dangerous package from TCU they could be identified. The cost of the cameras would have to

be approved by the Postal Service, he said.

Hulme said he would be in favor of adding the cameras.

Minneweather also told the post office staff that although previously guaranteed mail may not be arriving as scheduled due to air travel restrictions, no refunds will be given. The Postal Service is using ground transportation to supplement air travel, she said.

Junior elementary education major Laurie Oberhausen said she was worried whether a package she sent to her father in Indiana last week would make get there. She said it arrived fine.

"I think everyone is understanding about things getting through," she said.

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# Alumna memorialized with scholarship

By Jordan Blum  
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Former TCU student Meredith Fraker Thompson, a 1996 alumna, died tragically in July when she was struck by lightning outside her Houston home.

Her name will live on through a TCU scholarship started in her name by her co-workers at Simmons & Company International investment banking firm, said Cathy Neece, senior associate of University Advancement for the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Bill Sanford, director of institutional sales for Simmons & Company International, coordinated the development of the Meredith Fraker Thompson Memorial Scholarship in Finance. He said in excess of \$200,000 will be raised to allow scholarships of \$5,000 each to be awarded to two students each year, beginning next year.

Neece said Thompson interned at Luther King Capital Management firm as a TCU student and Thompson's co-workers at Simmons & Company International chose to develop the scholarship with the Fort Worth-based firm.

Sanford said the financial aspect of the award is just a part of what the students will be eligible to receive.

"We thought it would be special if we did something more than just a basic grant, (to) do the award plus provide an internship at Luther King," Sanford said. "Not only does the student get the money, but also valuable experience at a top firm, which is great for resumes and future employment."

"We're also in the process of trying to give the students an opportunity to come to our shop and get additional experience, since the two companies are in two different aspects of the investing business," Sanford said.

"We're thinking about letting the students come to Houston over the summer to get additional exposure, but the details haven't been worked out yet."

Neece said the scholarship is being designed to be an academic merit award for junior finance majors going into their senior years who embody many of the same qualities Thompson did.

The criteria form lists some of the characteristics the committee will be looking for that Thompson possessed: a contagious zest for life that inspires others, strong interpersonal skills and a well-rounded social life, among several others.

Neece said the manner in which the money was raised is a testament to the strength of friendships.

"The sales team that Meredith worked with chose to donate a lot of the commissions off of the accounts they were working on into the scholarship," Neece said.

"There's obviously a very family-like atmosphere extending from the company because money is usually motivation to a lot of people, and in other companies people would probably be vying for those clients of hers instead of donating the money," Neece said.

Robert Lusch, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said the scholarship's symbolism is just as significant as the actual award.

"The Meredith Fraker Thompson Memorial Scholarship will forever symbolize to future TCU students the extent to which a single person, in a short period of time, can make a difference," Lusch said. "We wish to award the scholarship annually to TCU students who exemplify and help us to celebrate her character."

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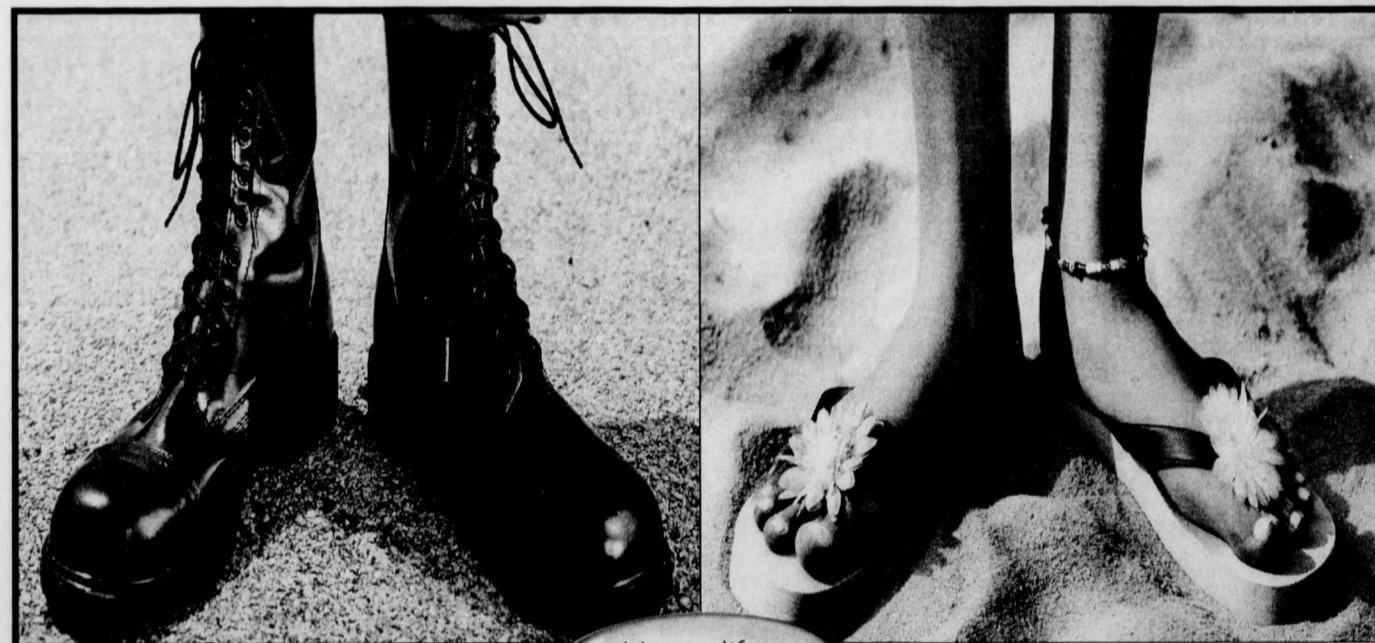
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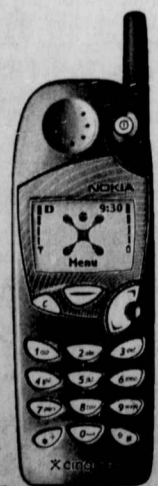
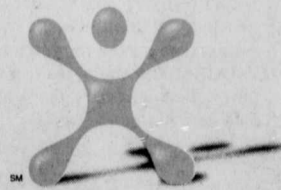
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# Jewish High Holy Days arrive under watch of security guards, police

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The Jewish High Holy Days arrived Monday night with synagogues under the watch of extra security guards and police, but worshippers greeted the period of personal reflection with vows not to be intimidated by last week's terrorist attacks.

Three police officers stood in front of a Reform Jewish seminary at the edge of Manhattan's Greenwich Village as a steady stream of people, some wearing red, white and blue ribbons, arrived for services.

Ilana Schweber, 22, went to worship focused as much on the situation in the Mideast as the terror in her own city. She said she would pray "to have a better next year."

"I don't feel nervousness here," she said.

Richard Cohen, a tax attorney, said despite the horror of last week, he wanted to come out and be with other people. "I feel that you can't live your life in fear. You need to go on living," he said.

Most congregations activate special safety plans during the 10-day period that starts with Rosh

Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Security was heightened shortly after terrorists hijacked four commercial jets last week.

Some synagogues were checking bags and restricting parking.

Few saw an imminent threat. But there was concern that — given recent events — synagogues would become targets for hate crimes during the holiday period, the most important time of the year for Jews.

"Security experts have always told us that 75 percent of security in sanctuaries is awareness," said

David Brook, executive director of Beth El Congregation of Phoenix. "I think we're all more aware of it this year than other years."

Brooke said some congregants had called to express concern about security. Yet many rabbis expected greater holiday attendance than usual, as Jews seek comfort in prayer and community.

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, a popular synagogue on Manhattan's upper west side, has hired extra security, banned large bags from the sanctuary and barred cars from entrances to its buildings.

At Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park, Mich., tickets distributed to members to reserve a space at new year services were to be checked at the door. That's a rare step, said Rabbi David Nelson.

The Park Avenue Synagogue, on the upper east side of Manhattan, began speaking with local police immediately after the attacks. "We've been advised by the FBI and police not to give out specifics," executive director Barry Modlin said.

Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg of Temple Israel Ner Tamid, in the Cleveland suburb of Mayfield

Heights, said his congregation hired an extra officer "but we're not going to let these terrorists make us prisoners in our own country."

Two high-profile hate crimes in California two years ago prompted many synagogues to enact the safety plans they are using now.

White supremacist brothers pleaded guilty to setting fire to three Sacramento synagogues and an abortion clinic. In another incident, a white supremacist opened fire at a Jewish day care center in Los Angeles, injuring three boys, a teen-age girl and an older woman.

## FBI

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quickly. Eventually, more will be hired.

"Each day as flights increase we will be adding additional enforcement officials ... as air marshals in addition to the heightened security on the ground," Ashcroft said.

Mueller also disclosed that at least two killings were possibly inspired by anti-Arab sentiment and he sternly warned against any vigilante attacks.

He said federal law enforcement is not singling out Arabs. "We do not, have not, will not target people solely based on their ethnicity," he said.

Congressional leaders emerged from FBI headquarters Sunday saying they were pleased with the progress of the investigation, and the Justice Department disclosed that a federal grand jury in New York is working on warrants for material witnesses.

At least two arrests have been

made to keep witnesses in custody; authorities said they won't disclose any others because of grand jury secrecy rules.

The first arrest was of a man at John F. Kennedy International Airport who had a fake pilot's license. No details were released on the second.

Penalties for people who aid terrorists should be raised to at least the same level as the punishment for those who help people involved in espionage, Ashcroft said in a televised address from Camp David, Md., where he and other top national security officials met with President Bush. People who harbor terrorists now face five-year prison terms.

"Our effort is to develop all the information we can about terrorism, the terrorists and the terrorist networks that have inflicted this injury on the United States and this assault upon the people of the world, and to do everything we can to disrupt them and to put an end to their capacity," Ashcroft said.

## FIRE

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Fellows and Heather Simm, junior anthropology major, said they have lived on second floor of the building since June 2001.

Simm said she was in the apartment when the fire started.

"I was cooking dinner and watching TV and all of the sudden the cable went out," Simm said. "Someone knocked on the door and asked for a fire extinguisher. Then he and I knocked on everyone's doors and made sure everyone was all out."

Fellows said they had not have renter's insurance.

"We think that our parents' (home owner) insurance is going to cover it because we are both dependents," Fellows said.

She said the insurance company asked her to make a list of all the items that were in the apartment. Fellows and Simm said they were unable to retrieve their belongings from the building Monday.

They said the management told them

they would need to wait to get in the building because the roof collapsed from the third floor and is now laying on the ceiling of their second-floor apartment.

They were told they will not be able to enter the building until the roof falls through to the first floor, which will cause their belongings to be crushed, Simm said.

She said most of her possessions can be replaced, though a few items with personal meaning cannot be replaced such as an autographed book by Jane Goodall.

Fellows and Simm said they were somewhat upset, but mostly just inconvenienced. "It is just personal belongings and they can be replaced," Fellows said. "No one was hurt and that is what matters."

John Key, maintenance supervisor, said StoneGate is in the process of putting a fence around the building. For liability concerns, no one can enter in the building until the insurance company evaluates the damage, he said.

The top floor was completely destroyed, the second floor sustained heavy water damage and the first floor had mild water damage, Key said.



Fort Worth fire officials estimate close to \$625,000 worth to the StoneGate Villas after a fire abrubted Sunday.

The fire department estimated the damage, but the complex has not made its own estimate.

Key said of the 15 apartments in the damaged building, only three were vacant. "We are relocating residents in all vacant units (in other buildings) that we

have," he said. Key said other residents are being relocated to local hotels.

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## SECURITY

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to know that they are safe. But right now, I just don't know that we'll be able to convince them of that."

Ligon said the main concern for INS right now is to protect those people who feel they may be threatened as a result of the terrorist attacks. "People are as safe here (America) as anywhere," he said.

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## YOUTH

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"At one point there was a plane that flew overhead because an air force base is close to the school and it scared us all to death," Wright said. "I just froze and my heart was going crazy and the kids were just saying, 'The plane, the plane that crashed into the building.' And they'd just repeat that over and over."

Ranae Stetson, an education professor specializing in early childhood, said the student teach-

ers did a good job explaining the facts to the kids and preserving their psychological safety through consistency and routine.

Savage said she talked to her class about the attacks, but focused on keeping her class on a normal schedule complete with recess and all the daily classes.

Becky Taylor, director of the counseling program for the School of Education, said it is difficult for schools to be kept routine when the parents of the children are panicking.

"I heard at some schools the parents were coming in all panicked and

she got scared. The look in the little girl's eyes was pure panic."

Taylor said it is important for parents to realize that their young

children need to be told the truth, but they only need basic information and can become traumatized when placed in front of the news coverage for hours at a time.

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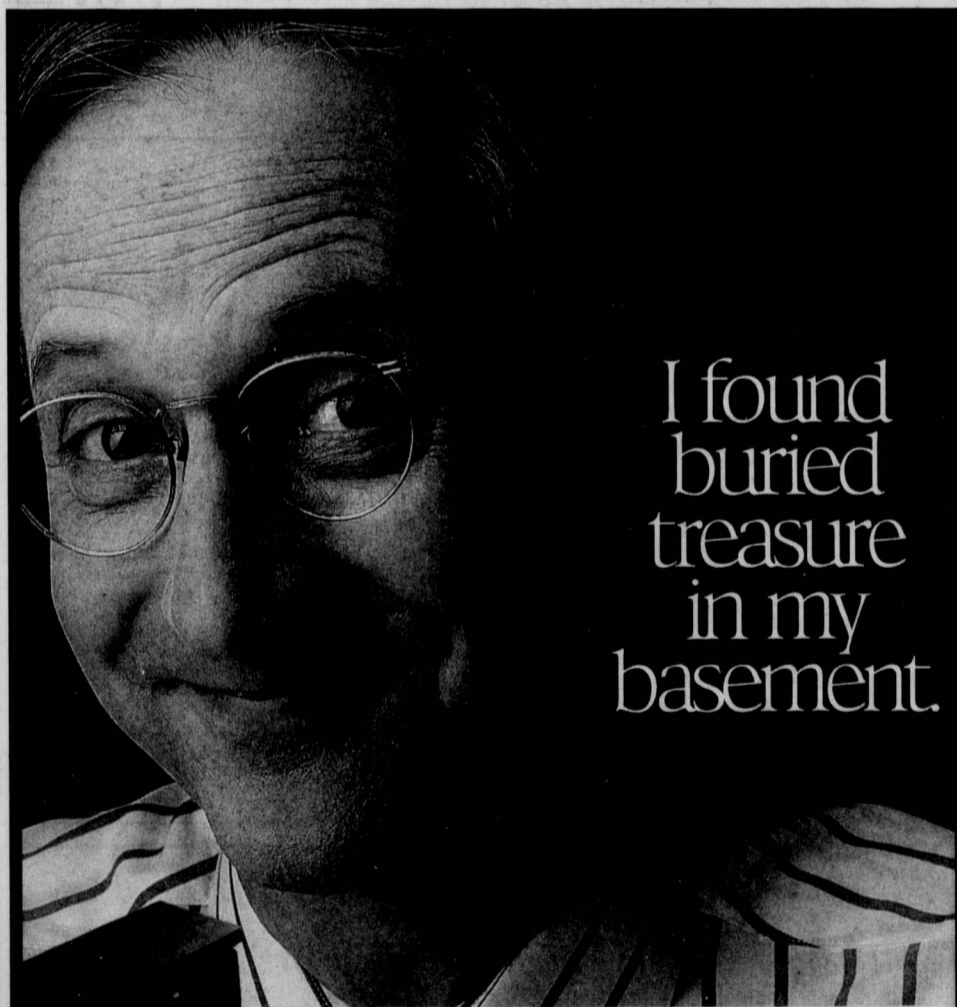
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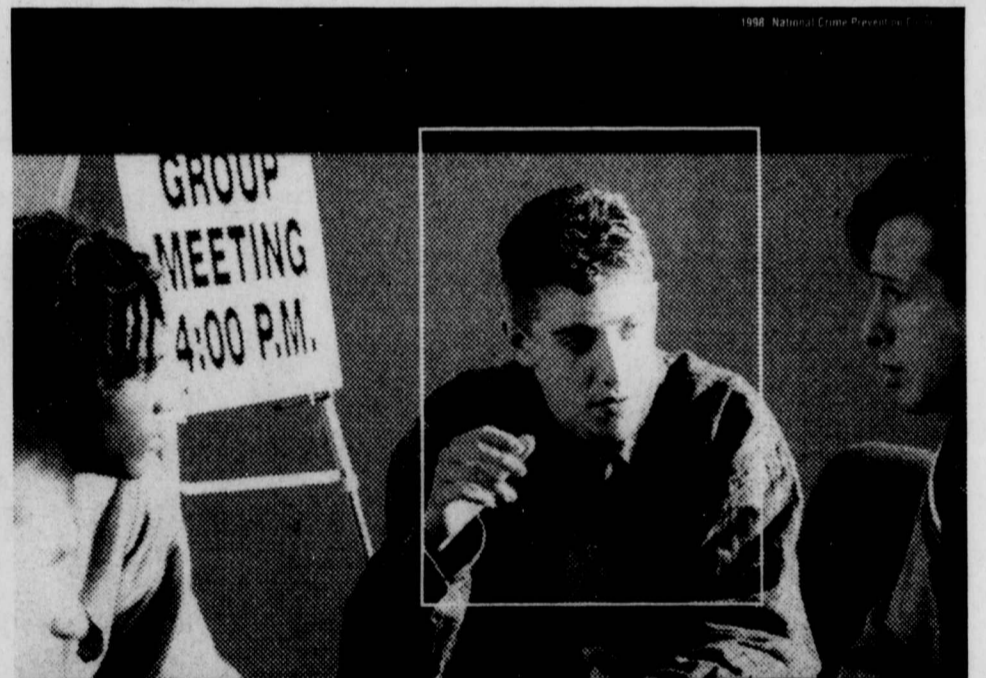
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# American to announce layoffs this week

By DAVID KOENIG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — American Airlines will announce layoffs this week following the terrorist attacks that grounded the U.S. airline industry for two days and left many passengers frightened of air travel.

An American official said Monday that the number of layoffs has not been determined and will depend partly on how much help the airline industry gets from the federal government.

"It may be midweek before we say what the layoffs will be," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We're still crunching the numbers, and we're looking at whether we have to take these measures depending on what the government does."

American said last week that it would cut 20 percent of its schedule. Houston-based Continental Airlines announced Saturday that it would furlough 12,000 of its 56,000 employees,

and cut flights by 20 percent.

The American official said it was not clear whether pending layoffs at the Fort Worth-based carrier, first reported by *The Dallas Morning News*, would match the reduction in flights.

On Sunday, American's vice president of flight, Robert Kudwa, recorded a hot line message for pilots warning that the Fort Worth-based carrier might also have to make cuts. Kudwa said the number of layoffs would depend on how quickly American could rebuild its flight schedule.

American officials expected to operate 70 percent of the flights that they operated before last week's attacks in New York and near Washington involving hijacked commercial airliners, including two American jets.

Two of American's sister airlines appeared to be slightly faster in restoring flights. Commuter affiliate American Eagle planned to reach 80 percent of normal on Sunday, and Trans World Airlines planned to hit 90 percent. All

three carriers are owned by Fort Worth-based AMR Corp.

Analysts say the airline industry was already on a pace to lose more than \$2 billion this year, but that depressed travel and extra security costs could push the losses above \$5 billion.

Executives of the major carriers are expected to lobby the federal government this week for a government bailout of \$10 billion to \$20 billion including grants, low-interest loans, tax relief and assumption of insurance liability from claims stemming from the terrorist attacks.

In Austin, Gov. Rick Perry said he was worried that the airlines' troubles would affect the Texas economy.

"I certainly hope that the Congress, the president can support a package to support the airline industry," Perry said. "It's not just about ... the airline industry — it's also the suppliers, defense companies and a lot of other allied industries that will be impacted in a negative way."

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta named AMR vice chairman Robert W. Baker to a task force on safety measures for aircraft that was expected to meet this week. American's chief executive, Donald J. Carty, might also travel to Washington to meet policy makers, the American official said.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines also may announce layoffs if the government doesn't help the airlines, chief executive Leo Mullin said Sunday. Delta has joined American, Continental, United, Northwest and US Airways in announcing a 20 percent cut in flights.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, however, said it intended to fly 2,700 flights Monday with only six cancellations.

"This is pretty much what we did last Monday," the day before the attacks, said spokesman Ed Stewart. He said there is no talk of layoffs at the low-fare carrier.

## REACTIONS

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second plane hit on TV. It felt like an earthquake, and then I ran to the lobby, where it was total chaos," said Branch.

Branch said the events that occurred still have not sunk in, and he can hardly believe that there is an empty space where the World Trade Center towers used to stand. He also said he appreciated the support and calls from his friends and family at TCU.

"I got a lot of calls from my friends at TCU, and I really appreciated the concern they shared for me," said Branch.

Joseph Everly also lives in New York and was near the towers when the attacks occurred. Everly graduated from TCU and now works on Wall Street.

Everly said he had just exited the subway when he saw everyone looking up at the sky.

"I turned to see the building on fire, but I didn't know what had happened," Everly said. "I went up to my office where I had a clear view of the second tower (the first tower to fall)."

Everly said as he was watching, the building began to crumble before his eyes, and he had a feeling of "impending doom", so he started running down the stairs.

"By the time I made it to the lobby, the smoke outside was so thick that it appeared to be night," said Everly. "So, we all went to the basement and listened to the rest of the destruction for about two hours."

Everly said he was allowed to leave after both towers had collapsed, and he had to walk five miles back home. He said he saw papers with burnt edges, and lone high heels that were laying on the streets.

"Looking back on it is very emotional, as both my sister and I knew people who work in those buildings.

Most of them are O.K., but a few of them are still missing," Everly said.

Suzuno Ota works in New York at a subsidiary Japanese bank. Ota graduated from TCU with a fine arts degree in painting.

Ota said she was at work when the planes crashed into the towers, and sat in shock with her boss. The office they work in was located in the World Trade Center a few years before.

"I could see smoke going up in the sky and the city was nearly empty by five, even Times Square," said Ota.

Ota said she has other friends from TCU who work in East Village, which is an area near the World Trade Center.

"I hope they are safe," said Ota. "I still cannot get a hold of my friends from TCU."

Leah Belotti was in Washington when the attack on the Pentagon occurred. Belotti graduated from TCU last May and now works as the assistant to the rector for George Washington University Campus Ministries.

Belotti heard about the attack on the Pentagon while at the University, and said it did not take long for chaos to ensue.

"Within an hour you could see people pouring out of the area and then in another hour, it was like a ghost town," said Belotti.

Belotti stayed with her priest and his wife the night of the attack, and they could see the Pentagon smoking and police swarming the area.

"It is still very somber," said Belotti. "It is slowly getting back to normal."

Belotti said she received many calls from her friends at TCU who were checking on her.

"I was very impressed by the response of my friends at TCU," said Belotti. "Many had called me within 15 minutes, and other calls and e-mails came all day."

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# Many stockholders sell as Wall Street resumes trading

By Amy Baldwin  
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NEW YORK — The losers included airline, insurance and entertainment stocks while defense issues were among the few winners when Wall Street tumbled Monday, the first day of trading after last week's terrorist attacks. The selling, in record volume on the New York Stock Exchange, gave the Dow Jones industrials their biggest one-day point drop and left them below 9,000.

"To buy stocks you need some kind of clarity and confidence, and right now you've got neither," said Bill Barker, investment consultant at Dain Rauscher in Dallas. "The buying public is sitting on its hands. The sellers

are obviously in control now, but it's difficult to tell how long that will last."

Analysts were unsure how long the selling would last or how intense it might become. Following last week's attacks, investors have more reason to worry about shrinking profits, not to mention the nation's security.

Still, analysts, who said Monday's selling could have been worse, said there are several reasons, including deeply discounted stock prices and patriotism, to hope for a rally.

"There could be some patriotic buying. ... I have heard brokers say their clients are saying, 'I want to buy something to show my support in our economic systems,'" said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at

Prudential Securities.

The Dow ended down 684.81, or 7.1 percent, at 8,920.70, according to preliminary calculations, surpassing the previous record one-day point drop of 617.78, set on April 14, 2000. The last time the blue chips were below 9,000 was Dec. 3, 1998.

The Dow also set a record for an intraday point decline, 721.56 beating the previous record of 721.32, also set on April 14, 2000.

By percentage, however, the Dow's loss was less severe, ranking 14th and equaling less than a third of the biggest-ever percentage drop of 22.6 percent in the crash of Oct. 19, 1987.

The Nasdaq composite index fin-

ished Monday down 116.02, or 6.8 percent, at 1,579.28, a level not seen since Oct. 14, 1998 when it closed at 1,540.97.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the broadest measure of Wall Street, declined 53.75, or 4.9 percent, to 1,038.79.

Trading was extremely busy, evidenced by the NYSE's volume, which reached 1 billion by noon — three hours earlier than usual. But the selling could have been even stronger, something that was apparent in the number of stocks that fell versus those that advanced. The ratio of decliners to advancers was close to 6 to 1, typical of the Wall Street's recent selloffs.

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## Horoscopes

**♈ Aries (March 21-April 19)** - If you're looking for love, sign up for a class. If you already know who you want, ask questions. Let the other person be the teacher. It won't take long to become the teacher's pet. You're so cute when you're willing and eager to learn.

**♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - You're ready to dig into the paperwork. Sort it into piles according to priority, then start checking working through the "overdue" stack. Then dig into the "almost due" and "will be due soon" piles. You'll be good at this tomorrow, too.

**♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Are you in love again? How'd that happen? Change of scene, change of style, change of attitude? If it hasn't happened yet, at least you know what to do now.

**♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - You'd just as soon not get into a mess at home, but it could happen. If it's part of a creative project, it can't be helped. Don't take a quarrel with a roommate too seriously. Let it lead to a better understanding between you.

**♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Is there something you'd like to learn just for the fun of it, or perhaps a skill that would increase your wealth? If you sign up now, romance could be a fringe benefit.

**♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - If you've been planning ahead, as you should have been, you'll recognize an opportunity when you see it. The job of your dreams is available. Are you ready? If not, do the homework.

**♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** - Sure, there's still a pile to go through, and somebody is pushing you to get it done. Yesterday's burden is today's challenge.

**♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Secrets are your specialty; you collect them. You don't always have to go looking for them, either. Sometimes people bring them to you. Don't be surprised if that happens again soon.

**♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Toss your latest dilemma out where the whole group can get at it. Why should you struggle alone? Why should you struggle at all?

**♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Conversations with bureaucrats and other authority figures should go well. Sure, you might be put on hold for a while, but not for as long as usual. The ultimate result of these conversations could be more money in your pocket. Make the call.

**♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Don't spend too much company time planning your weekend adventure - not unless the boss is going with you.

**♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Budgeting may not usually be your favorite thing to do, but you could get into it now. Offer yourself a prize worth having - something that gets your juices flowing.

**Purple Poll** **Q:** Do you think the media has sensationalized coverage of the attacks?



**A:** Yes No  
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Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Athletic department helps raise \$35,000

Over 100 student athletes, coaches and staff members participated in WBAP and ABC Radio's "Change for America" event Friday.

The event raised over \$35,000 for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

The athletes, coaches and staff handed out American flags, ribbons, pins and tickets for the Horned Frogs' Oct. 30 game against East Carolina.

### Cowboys practice resume normal schedule

IRVING (AP) — For the Dallas Cowboys, it was time to get back to work like everyone else in the world.

The Cowboys practiced for more than two hours Monday as they tried to turn their attention toward Sunday's game against San Diego.

"It's no different for us than other Americans," said free safety George Teague. "I'm doing my job."

### Men's soccer postpones tonight's game

The TCU and DePaul men's soccer teams postponed tonight's game. The game will be made up on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

The match between the Horned Frogs and Oral Roberts that was to take place Friday was also postponed, but no new date has been announced.

### Time set for next week's Texas Tech game

AUSTIN — Kickoff for the Sept. 29 game between Texas and Texas Tech will be 6 p.m., the Big 12 announced Monday.

The sold-out game at Memorial Stadium will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

It will be the eighth straight home sellout for the fifth-ranked Longhorns, and the 16th in 18 games at the 80,000-seat stadium.

### Getting to know

#### Marquette Golden Eagles

**Location:** Milwaukee, Wis.  
**Enrollment:** 10,892  
**Founded:** 1881  
**Colors:** Blue and gold

**President:** The Rev. Robert Wild, S.J.  
**Sports:** Men's and women's basketball,

men's and women's cross country, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and volleyball.

**History:** Marquette University was founded in 1881 by members of a Catholic religious order known as the Society of Jesus. In 1909, it became the first Jesuit university in the world to officially admit women. Today, Marquette has an 80-acre campus in downtown Milwaukee and consists of 11 colleges and schools.

## today in sports history

**1830** - The race was held between and an iron horse. Tom Thumb, the first locomotive built in America, was pitted against a real horse in a nine-mile course between Riley's Tavern and Baltimore. Tom Thumb lost more than a nose.

**1988** - The Seoul Summer Olympics became the first since Munich in 1972, to have no organized boycotts going on. On this first day of competition, the Soviet Union was first to claim a gold medal -- in the women's air rifle event. U.S. swimmers won silver and bronze in women's platform diving.

### to our readers

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

# Student-athlete graduation rates remain static

By Jill Sutton  
STAFF REPORTER

NCAA figures released Sept. 10 showed the graduation rates among college student-athletes have changed little, and TCU ranked above the national average.

TCU's male student-athlete graduation rate was 61 percent, and the female student-athlete graduation rate was 65 percent. The NCAA reports show that the national average for male athletes was 54 percent, and the national average for women athletes was 58 percent.

TCU administrators and academic advisors attribute the minimal success of TCU student-athletes to improved facilities and greater commitment to individual student-athletes.

"The scores by TCU student-athletes are higher than the national average because of the support and commitment of the university to assist each student," Academic Advising Director Milton Overton said.

The data collected by the NCAA Division I colleges and universities on graduation rates only account for student-athletes who enroll as freshman, receive athletic-related financial aid and graduate from that institution within six years of initial enrollment.

The only significant drop among national rates, as well as

## Men's basketball rates among lowest in over a decade

TCU, was in men's basketball. The national rate for men's basketball dropped to its second-lowest level since 1984.

The TCU baseball team graduation rate was 56 percent, men's basketball graduated zero percent, the football team graduated 47 percent and the men's cross country and track graduated 100 percent of their student-athletes who entered in 1994-95. All other men's sports are listed as "others" and TCU graduated 86 percent from these other sports.

The women's basketball team graduated 67 percent, the women's cross country and track graduated 67 percent and the other women's sports graduated 67 percent.

According to the NCAA, students who transfer in good academic standing to another institution count against their original institution as not graduating and are not counted in the freshman rate at their second university.

Overton said the numbers can be

confusing, and they really depend on how many student-athletes entered in 1994-95 and finished their eligibility at TCU.

He said most of the construed numbers are affected by student-athletes who transfer or leave the school because of other reasons.

"Our graduation rates are hurt because of transfers who finished their degrees at other schools, athletes leaving early for the professional leagues, and those who leave for personal reasons," Overton said. "A student-athlete can leave TCU with a 4.0, and in the NCAA reports this will count against us."

Overton also said TCU was one of the top schools in the country for receiving the NCAA Degree Completion Award, and yet, the NCAA graduation rates fail to report these numbers. The NCAA Degree Completion Award is a scholarship student-athletes apply for when they seek to return to TCU and finish their degrees.

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—Milton Overton,  
academic advising director for athletics

"These numbers will not show up in the NCAA rates we see," Overton said. "The student-athletes who graduate from TCU with this scholarship will only be counted in studies done over a 10-year period."

While TCU was still ranked above the national average, Overton said four policies are being implemented to improve the numbers: tutoring in the form of supplemental instruction, a new writing center, improved facilities in the John Justin Athletic Center and an increased academic staff.

Overton also said the web-based tutoring system used by TCU is being mirrored by other universities around the country.

"Other schools are now seeing our academic support software and wanting to use it to help teach and

monitor their student-athletes as well," Overton said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said he was pleased by the scores of TCU student-athletes.

"Overall, we are doing fine," Ferrari said. "This is an area that needs attention and support. With the facilities and support services we have, we should continue to be improving."

Head football coach Gary Patterson said athletics takes graduation rates seriously, and this is an important issue that has been dealt with by TCU.

"There has been problems in the past with the graduation rates, but the important thing is that TCU has worked hard to improve these areas," Patterson said.

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### Student-athlete graduation rates for freshmen entering 1994-95 season

School	men	women	fb	mb	wb	ba	mt	wt	mo	wo	total
TCU	53	67	47	0	67	56	100	67	86	67	57
SMU	67	53	67	100	75	—	50	50	58	43	56
Baylor	69	63	67	75	75	67	100	50	69	71	67

Key: fb, football; mb, men's basketball; wb, women's basketball; ba, baseball; mt, men's track and cross country; wt, women's track and cross country; mo, men's other; wo, women's other.

## Changes in scoring format lead Volley Frogs to adjust game plan

By Colleen Casey  
SKIFF STAFF

The Volley Frogs are 1-6, but head coach Sandy Trout did not attribute the team's slow start to new changes in the scoring format.

"We didn't respond as well to rally scoring as I thought we would," Trout said. "But I don't think it's the scoring change. I think it's just us."

The change to the rally-scoring format is a new rule in effect this season for all of NCAA women's collegiate volleyball, including TCU's program. The Volley Frogs will have another game to adjust against North Texas 7 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Previously, women's collegiate volleyball points had been recorded by the sideout scoring format. In rally scoring, each point earned goes to the team that earned it, regardless of which team is serving at the time the point is earned. Every point earned is accredited to that respective team. There are no sideouts.

The first four games of the match are scored up to 30 points, compared to 15 points previously. Similarly, the game is continued until one team has a two-point spread. The fifth game will continue to be played until 15

points, and a winner is the point-leader by two points.

"It's very hard to catch up if the team falls behind early," Trout said. "You then either need (the other team to have) a poor rotation or your own good serves that will you get back up."

The rule will conform and unify all levels of volleyball, as international and club teams play rally-scored matches.

Freshman middle blocker Shannon Brown said she doesn't need to adjust, as she played on club-level teams before playing at the collegiate level.

"It's an adjustment to the game itself," Brown said.

Another rule in effect this season effects serving directly.

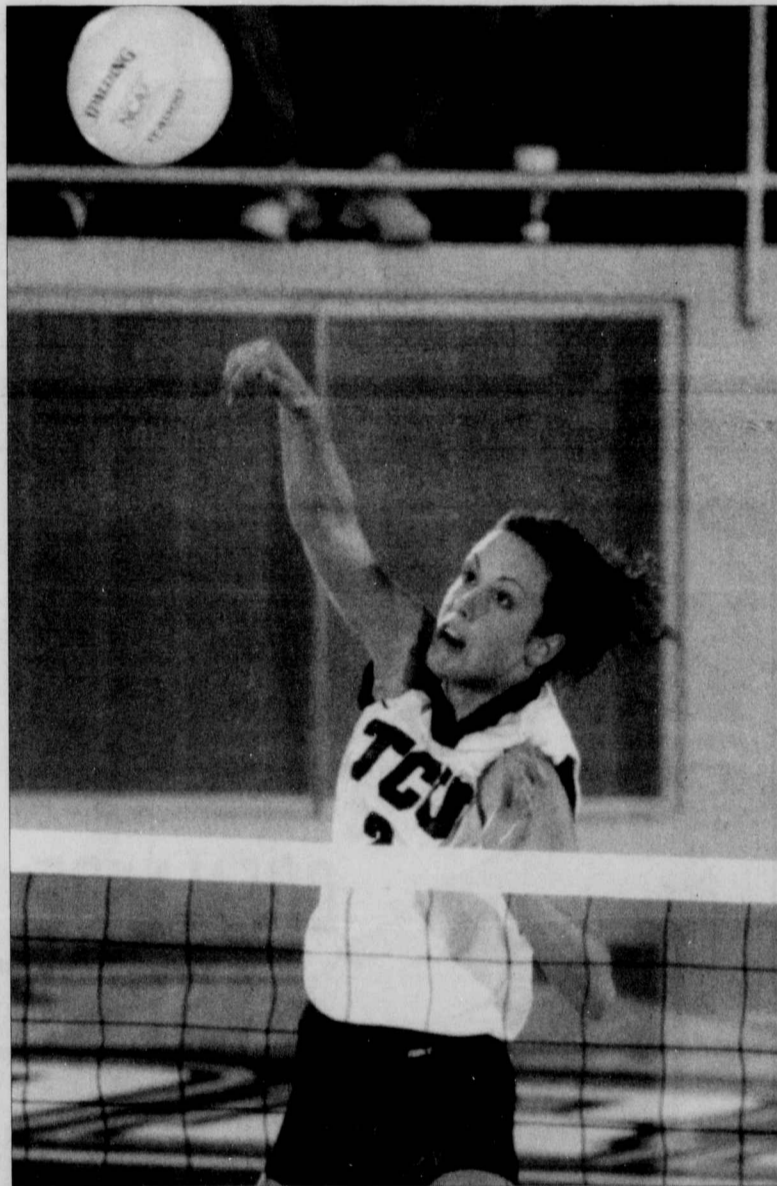
The ball must be served within eight seconds after the referee authorizes the serve, and a second toss will not be permitted. Additionally, a served ball will remain in play if it hits the net and then continues to travel onto the opponent's side, and could count as a service ace if it drops there.

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## C-USA Volleyball Standings

	C-USA Games			All Games			Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.				
Memphis	0	0	—	7	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	5-0	W7
DePaul	0	0	—	7	0	1.000	1-0	2-0	4-0	W7
UAB	0	0	—	6	1	.857	1-0	1-1	4-0	W5
Louisville	0	0	—	4	1	.800	0-0	1-1	3-0	L1
Charlotte	0	0	—	5	2	.714	2-2	1-0	2-0	W3
Marquette	0	0	—	5	2	.714	3-0	1-1	1-1	W3
Southern Miss	0	0	—	5	3	.625	1-0	0-2	4-1	L1
Tulane	0	0	—	5	4	.556	4-4	1-0	0-0	L1
Houston	0	0	—	3	4	.429	0-0	1-1	2-3	W1
Cincinnati	0	0	—	2	3	.400	0-0	1-1	1-2	L3
Saint Louis	0	0	—	2	5	.286	1-0	0-2	1-3	L3
East Carolina	0	0	—	1	6	.143	0-0	0-4	1-3	L1
TCU	0	0	—	1	6	.143	0-0	0-3	1-3	W1



Senior outside hitter Marci King spikes the ball in a game last season. The Volley Frogs play North Texas 7 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Eight athletes killed in weekend car crash

By ROBERT W. BLACK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LARAMIE, Wyo. — After spending part of their weekend in Colorado, eight Wyoming cross country runners crammed into a sport-utility vehicle to return to campus for a fraternity outing.

On the way, their Jeep Wagoneer collided head-on with a pickup truck of a fellow Wyoming student who had apparently swerved into their lane, killing the eight runners. The driver of the truck was seriously injured in what was the latest in a series of tragedies to strike Wyoming athletics in recent years.

"They were focused on going somewhere. That's why this is so devastating," Wyoming sophomore Ann Hedderman said. "It's such an unnecessary loss."

The victims spent Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo., where they planned on shopping for running shoes and visiting nightclubs, said a

friend, Curt Mayer. Victim Shane Shatto called fellow fraternity member Sean Cosgrove to see what was happening back on campus, and he said their Sigma Phi Epsilon house was holding an event. Shatto said he would try to attend.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Sgt. Stephen Townsend said the SUV carrying the athletes collided with the one-ton pickup truck at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, about 17 miles south of Laramie on U.S. 287.

All of the runners except the driver were ejected. Townsend said only the driver of the pickup, Clinton Haskins, was wearing a seat belt.

Authorities would not say whether alcohol was involved, but they are investigating.

Haskins, a senior steer wrestler on the Wyoming rodeo team, was in serious condition at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie.

Sports information director Kevin McKinney spoke with Oklahoma State officials about how to handle

the tragedy. A plane crash in January killed two Oklahoma State basketball players and eight others after a game at Colorado.

Students and officials said losing eight classmates is compounded by the fact that they've been following the horror of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon last week.

"It's like blackness on blackness," Hedderman said.

The victims of the Sunday crash include Shatto, 19; the driver, Nicholas J. Schabron, 20; Justin Lambert-Belanger, 20; Kyle N. Johnson, 20; Kevin L. Salverson, 19; Joshua D. Jones, 22; Morgan McLeland, 21; and Cody B. Brown, 21.

"It's been a very rough week for a lot of people in this country and tragically, it's been all the more rough for our student-athletes and our coaches and all their friends at Wyoming," school President Philip L. Dubois said. "This is a horrible thing."

## Security increased at stadiums

ASSOCIATED PRESS

No coolers will be allowed at NASCAR's race. Backpacks and briefcases will be searched at hockey games. Football fans will be asked to arrive early. Even the Goodyear blimp might not fly.

On the ground, in the sky, at stadium entrances and among tailgaters, security will be increased this week as football, hockey, auto racing and other sports resume.

Fans carrying coolers, umbrellas and bags larger than a purse will be turned away. If it's cold, bulky winter coats and blankets will be allowed in only after they are searched.

Baseball returned Monday night for the first time since terrorists attacked New York and Washington on Sept. 11. New security rules were in effect for all six games, including a ban on coolers, backpacks, large bags and parking within 100 feet of the ballpark.

Things will also be different

when the NFL reopens Sunday. Fans will no longer be able to blithely drive into parking lots three hours before a game, tailgate for several hours, then casually walk to their seats just in time for kickoff.

At colleges with large stadiums, fans were warned to be ready for heightened scrutiny. The University of Michigan is expecting a crowd of 110,000 for its game against Western Michigan on Saturday.

"Our fans should expect some possible delays, especially if they continue to come in at the last minute," said Bill Bess, the university's director of public safety. "We would like fans to get in the stadium sooner than they have in the past."

Every bag brought into the stadium will be subject to search, and other measures are being taken, although university officials declined to elaborate.

Several schools were working with the FAA to stop airplanes from flying near stadiums, especially planes dragging advertise-



**Athletics graduation rates**

Despite overall graduation rates remaining constant from last year, the men's basketball team recorded its lowest rates in over a decade.

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**Media tested**

Editor in Chief Ram Luthra discusses the dilemma the media encountered in covering the tragic terrorist attacks.

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Tuesday, September 18, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

**TCU post office workers receive security training**

By Aaron Chimbel  
STAFF REPORTER

TCU post office workers were instructed on how to handle suspicious packages Friday morning by U.S. Postal Service supervisors from the Trinity River Station.

The meeting was in response to the events in New York and Washington, said Glen Hulme, mailing services manager.

Jerry Martin, customer service supervisor for Trinity River station, said domestic stamped mail weighing 16

ounces or more and international packages receive the most scrutiny.

Training sessions like the one Friday are normally only required for employees that work in the retail windows, Hulme said. Because of the seriousness of what happened in New York and Washington his entire staff of 10 non-students was asked to attend. The 35 students who work in the post office did not attend. Hulme said the TCU post office staff inform the student workers.

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Fort Worth firefighters return to assess damages Monday to the Stonegate Villas after a three-alarm fire.

**Students displaced by fire in Stonegate Villas**

By Erin LaMourie  
STAFF REPORTER

A three-alarm fire at Stonegate Villas, 2501 Oak Hill Circle, Sunday caused an estimated \$625,000 damage to Building 2 and displaced about 21 people, said Fort Worth Fire Department Lt. Kent Worley.

Fifteen apartments were damaged by the fire. Many TCU students live in the apartment complex, said Melissa Fellows, a Stonegate Villas resident and senior graphic design major. The manager of Stonegate Villas, Ginger

Dass, declined to comment on the incident so it was unknown exactly how many TCU students were affected.

Worley said the fire department believes the fire started about 4:30 p.m. when a male disposed of a cigarette in a trash can on the balcony of his third-floor apartment.

Rob DeDreu, security officer for the apartment complex, pointed out the male suspect. He declined an interview. It is unknown at the time of press if charges were filed.

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**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**SGA and Leadership Council host forums**

Student Government Association and the Leadership Council are hosting forums in the Student Center Tuesday and Wednesday to help students to better understand the terrorist attacks on America.

Tuesday's topic will be politics and terrorism, discussed by political science professor Dr. Ralph Carter and sociology and criminal justice professor Dr. Carol Thompson. The presentation will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday's topic will be religion and terrorism, and will be led by religion professors Dr. Yushau Sodiq and Dr. Ronald Flowers, and political science professor Dr. Manochehr Dorraj. This presentation will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE BRIEFS**

**'Mate Poaching' common on campuses**

PEORIA, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Have you ever stolen someone's boyfriend? Has someone tried to steal your girlfriend?

According to a Bradley professor's study on infidelity in romantic relationships.

Research on what he calls "mate poaching" has made psychology professor David Schmitt a hot topic around the world.

Schmitt and David M. Buss co-authored an article titled "Human Mate Poaching: Tactics and Temptations for Infiltrating Existing Relationships," which appeared in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology during the summer.

The article is based on studies the two performed to determine the criteria that exist to cause a person to steal or "poach" another away from his or her boyfriend or girlfriend, husband or wife, for the short term, such as a one-night stand or brief affair, or for the long term, such as a serious relationship or marriage.

Schmitt, who has conducted several studies about human romantic relationships and personalities, said this research into why people try to form relationships with others who already are in relationships is the first of its kind.

— The Bradley Scout

**FBI agents to ride commercial planes**



President Bush makes an appearance at the Mosque of the Islamic Center in Washington Monday. Dr. Abdullah Khouj Chief Iman shows the President detail of mosque design. Bush and other leaders are encouraging the nation to avoid stereotyping and persecuting Muslims and Arab-Americans for last week's attacks.

**Sky marshals will protect against terrorists, ensure safety of flight**

By Pete Yost  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The FBI has detained 49 people for questioning in the terrorist attacks, officials disclosed Monday as they pledged numerous federal agents would also fly commercial airlines for added safety.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the new sky marshals as he also pleaded with Congress to pass by week's end anti-terrorism laws that could assist the current investigation.

The changes would expand wiretapping and increase prison penalties for those who aid terrorists.

"We need these tools to fight the terrorism threat which exists in the United States and we must meet that growing threat," Ashcroft said.

FBI Director Robert Mueller disclosed that 49 people — nearly double the number when the weekend began — have been detained for questioning in the probe or because of questions about their immigration status.

Mueller also said there were a number of material witness warrants that have been issued for suspects, but he said the warrants were sealed. Officials previously disclosed two arrests.

Ashcroft said law enforcement officers believe there is a continuing threat because "associates of the hijackers that have ties to terrorist organizations may be a continuing presence in the United States."

He directed the U.S. Marshals Service to assign more than 300 deputies to assist FBI field offices in the probe, which has received 7,700 phone calls and 47,000 tips on the Internet.

The attorney general said a growing number of federal law enforcement agents from the Justice Department would be boarding commercial flights as air marshals. Typically, air marshals are armed.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation aviation subcommittee, said the first group of new air marshals would be transferred from existing federal law enforcement agencies to get them aboard flights

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**Protective agencies respond to Americans' security fears**

By James Zwilling  
STAFF REPORTER

The safety concerns many Americans are feeling in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against America may cause people to question the credibility and accountability of U.S. protective agencies, assistant professor of criminal justice Chip Burns said.

Changes will be made in airports and agencies across the country, however, to help calm the fears of Americans, he said.

Federal agencies are being asked to contribute armed plainclothes security officials while the Federal Aviation Administration trains a new generation of marshals to provide security on airplanes, *The Associated Press* reported Monday.

Many of the marshals are coming from the Justice Department, hundreds of other marshals are being recruited and some will come from private security firms who serve as marshals for foreign airlines, Attorney

General John Ashcroft said in a press conference Monday.

Burns said tasks as simple as cutting a steak in an airport restaurant located past security checkpoints will have to change if protective agencies plan on maintaining accountability.

"Those types of freedoms (like using knives in airport restaurants) are going to change," he said.

Burns said these changes may calm some fears of travelers.

"Americans want to know who did

this — who let this happen," he said. "Americans need accountability."

Burns said people will begin to hold agencies more accountable for their actions. These agencies range from the local police and airport security to the federal government.

Lynn Ligon, director of public affairs and communication for the Dallas division of Immigration and Naturalization Service, said it will be difficult to persuade people at this time of uncertainty that they are safe in this

country, but his agency will do its best.

"We want to make sure people are safe," Ligon said. "(Americans) are still in a state of shock and fear."

On a normal day, the Dallas INS office helps between 800 and 1,000 people from all different countries, Ligon said.

"Our credibility is important to people of all nations," Ligon said. "People want our protection and they need

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**Small hearts, big fears**

**Education majors help young students cope with terrorist attacks**

By Jordan Blum  
STAFF REPORTER

Lindsay Barnard, a senior elementary education major, said she has had to subdue her own fears about the terrorist attacks while explaining the events of the past week to her students.

"It's the first time we've been in a situation like this," Barnard said. "Now I'm the teacher, and I have to realize that I'm no longer the kid anymore who needs to be comforted."

Senior education majors involved in student teaching programs at the Mary Louise Phillips Child Care Center said they've had to take the role of teacher and

mentor to help their students cope with their fear of the unknown.

Jane Vohnhoff, a senior special education major, said explaining the basic facts of the terrorist attacks and reassuring her first graders of their safety was enough to put her students at ease.

"The teachers and school counselor told the kids it was a real bad thing and they understood that the nation was scared," Vohnhoff said. "But we also made supreme efforts to make the kids feel safe and let them know Fort Worth isn't the next target."

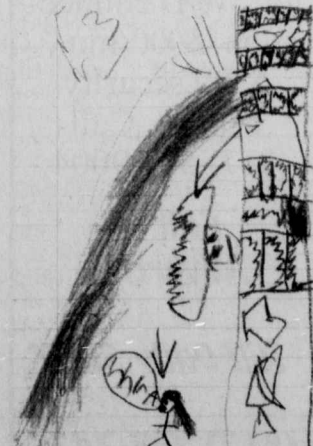
Erin Savage, a senior early childhood education major, said

she was surprised at how much her kindergarten class understood the attacks and how concerned they were for their own safety.

"(The children) knew a lot and they said a plane crashed into a building and there were bad people and that kind of thing," Savage said. "But they were really concerned about whether the bad people were coming to get them. So we spent a lot of time telling them we were there to keep them safe and that the school was very safe."

Kristen Wright, a senior elementary education major said,

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A plane falls on a bystander as fire spews from the top floors of one of the twin towers in a crayon drawing by Kevin Barkin, 8, a third grader at Grapevine Elementary School.

**TCU graduates share stories about being near Ground Zero**

By Jill Sutton  
STAFF REPORTER

In the aftermath of the terrorists attacks in New York and Washington, the Alumni Association has been trying to reach those TCU alumni who are living and working in the attacked areas, said Kristi Hoban, Director of Alumni Relations.

Four graduates were working in New York and Washington D.C. on the day of the attacks, and shared memories of their encounters with the Alumni Association.

Rodrick Branch, who graduated *summa cum laude*, lives in New York just 10 blocks away from the World Trade Center. Branch works as a lawyer at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steed and

Hamilton law firm, which is directly across the street from the twin towers. He was getting ready for work when the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

"I was getting ready and heard what sounded like a super-sonic jet fly by," said Branch. "I opened my blinds and saw a gaping hole in the first tower with flames coming out."

Branch said he then called his mom and told her to turn on the television because something awful had happened.

"After I called home, I started throwing my documents and passport into my briefcase and then I saw the

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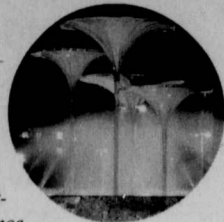
Check out Friday's Skiff for a special on what American nationalism really means.

**Today in history**

1947 — The U.S. Air Force was established by the National Security Act. Previously, military aviation was part of the U.S. Army.

# CAMPUS LINES

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



**Olivia Coggin Eudaly, deputy director of the Tarrant Area Food Bank**, will be speaking to the nutritional sciences department's Food Issues in Society classes at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Bass Building, room 107. The lecture is open to all students, faculty and staff.

**Delta Sigma Theta sorority** will be collecting teddy bears from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today until Friday for the children who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. For more information contact Tamara Taylor at (817) 257-5869.

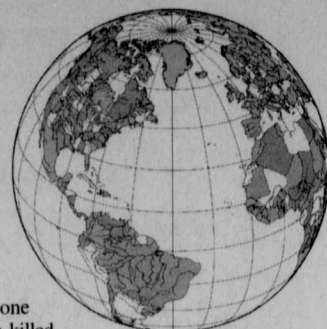
**Alpha Epsilon Delta**, the PreHealth professions honor society will be selling raffle tickets for more than \$1,800 prizes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today until Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24 to Sept. 28. Raffle tickets will cost \$2 for one ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 10 tickets. For more information call (817) 257-3949.

**KinoMonda Film Series** will present the film "My Twentieth Century" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

**Public Relations Student Society of America** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South room 271. For more information send an e-mail to (tcuprssa@hotmail.com).

**Student Development Services and SGA** present the University Retreat and TCU LEAPS. Students, faculty and staff interested in participating may return registration cards to Student Development Services in room 220 in the Student Center or register online at (www.tculeads.tcu.edu). The last official day to register for the retreat or TCU LEAPS is Friday if you want to register for both the retreat and TCU LEAPS or just the community service day. The University Retreat will be at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Student Center. TCU LEAPS will be at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sat. 29 starting at the Rickel Building. For more information call Student Development Services at (817) 257-7855.

# WORLD DIGEST



## Moderate Catholic leader Hume resigns citing health reasons

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — John Hume, Nobel Peace Prize winner and the intellectual architect of the peace process in Northern Ireland, announced his resignation Monday as leader of the major moderate Catholic party after 22 years in charge.

Hume, 64, said he would surrender the helm of the Social Democratic and Labor Party — which holds the most Catholic posts in Northern Ireland's foundering unity government — at the party conference in November. He cited ill health as the only reason why he was leaving with key parts of the 3-year-old Good Friday peace accord still in doubt.

But analysts pointed to his party's growing challenge from Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Army-linked party Hume worked hard to involve in peacemaking efforts. In June elections, Sinn Fein outpolled the moderate SDLP among Catholic voters for the first time.

"He's got a lot of criticism for behaving like an old heavyweight champ, for hanging on too long and not letting young people establish themselves as candidates. The party's destroyed in Belfast," said Brian Feeney, a former SDLP activist-turned-commentator. Feeney said the trigger may have been Hume's news conference last month, when he shouted at journalists until his false teeth fell out. "That was an absolutely desperate performance," he said.

But Hume won plaudits from Britain, Ireland and political rivals, who credited him with inventing and promoting the key principles of the peace process.

"John Hume is a true Irish hero," said Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who called Hume "the philosopher, architect and ultimately symbol of peace."

Without Hume, said former Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, Northern Ireland peacemaking "would never have got off the ground." "At all times, John's voice has been heard because it was never tainted by any covert regard for violence," said David Trimble, leader of the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, who shared the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with Hume.

Ever since helping to found the SDLP in 1970 from his base as a Catholic civil rights activist in Londonderry, Hume has argued that IRA violence only compounded Northern Ireland's divisions, a view finally accepted with cease-fires in 1994 and 1997.

He also argued that any Northern Ireland settlement must involve joint action by the British and Irish governments, a view incorporated in the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985 that allowed the southern Irish a role in shaping Northern Ireland policies for the first time.

Hume preached that any successful negotiations must improve not just relations between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland but also ties between the north and south of Ireland, and between Ireland and Britain. All those concepts were part of

the Good Friday pact.

## Chechnya rebels shoot down Russian helicopter, killing 10

NAZRAN, Russia — Rebels in breakaway Chechnya shot down a Russian helicopter Monday, killing two generals and eight colonels, and attacked the republic's second-biggest city in the largest rebel assault in months.

The officers were members of a general staff team on an inspection trip to the rebel region, the Russian military commander in Chechnya, Col. Gen. Valery Baranov, said on Russia's state RTR television.

Rebels fired a portable surface-to-air missile at the Mi-8 helicopter after it took off from the Chechen capital Grozny, killing the 10 officers and three crew members, Baranov said.

Also Monday, rebels attacked Russian outposts on the outskirts of Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, where many officials in the region's Kremlin-appointed administration are based. Rebels came at the city, 20 miles east of Grozny, from different directions firing automatic weapons and grenade launchers.

It was a brazen assault on one of the first cities seized by the Russians after troops entered Chechnya in September 1999, and one full of Russians and Moscow-backed Chechens. The attack was a well-coordinated action by the rebels, who have focused over most of the past year on small-scale raids and planting mines.

At least 10 Russian troops died in the gun battle, which lasted for several hours, Kremlin envoy Sergei Yastrzhembsky said on Russian television. He said Russian forces responded with aircraft and artillery strikes and had cleared out most rebels by evening.

Baranov said Russian troops killed at least 15 rebels.

Reports on the number of rebels who attacked Gudermes varied. The head of the Moscow-appointed Chechen administration, Akhmad Kadyrov, put it at 15, but Interior Minister Boris Gryzlov said about 300 militants were believed involved.

Local residents who spoke to The Associated Press near Gudermes put the number of rebels at about 100. They said the attack began at dawn with rebels surrounding most Russian outposts and administrative buildings in the city and spraying them with gunfire.

## Jewish New Year in Israel marked by guards, more violence

JERUSALEM — Israel ushered in the Jewish New Year on Monday with armed guards stationed at every synagogue and police deployed across the country on high alert for attacks by Palestinian militants.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sent New Year's greetings to Israel, along with reassurances that he has

ordered his forces to cease fire. But fighting persisted, with one Palestinian killed and 15 wounded in gun battles in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The fighting has been going on just short of a year. It was on Sept. 28 last year, that then-opposition leader — now prime minister — Ariel Sharon toured a disputed holy site in Jerusalem, setting off Palestinian protests that quickly escalated into widespread fighting.

The strife has taken 635 lives on the Palestinian side and 175 on the Israeli side since the last Jewish New Year.

"It has been a very hard year. Our hopes for peace fell apart," said Eli Shealtiel, 56, a professor, as he dragged a shopping cart with holiday groceries through Jerusalem's outdoor Mahane Yehuda market. "I feel worried and sad. I'm really worried."

Soldiers armed with M-16s joined police patrols in the market and the downtown area. Black-clad members of the police anti-terror unit, carrying sub-machine guns, rode motorcycles down Jerusalem's main street.

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Police Commissioner Shlomo Aharonishki said security forces were getting warnings about plans by militants to carry out attacks during the holiday. More than 50 Israelis have been killed in nearly two dozen suicide bombings by Islamic militants in the past year.

But Jerusalem's Malha shopping mall was bustling with crowds of last-minute shoppers, pushing baby carriages, lugging bags — and carrying gas masks.

Some shoppers renewed out-of-date gas masks from the Gulf War times in the army-operated bomb shelter located one floor under the mall's designer-label clothing stores.

Gas masks were distributed in Israel a decade ago on the eve of the Gulf War. The army said that on Sunday, about 9,000 Israelis renewed gas masks, compared to 1,500 to 2,000 a day in quieter times.

Many Israelis now feel war is on the horizon. "Last year I thought the messiah would come," said Yossi Cohen, 34, a stall owner in the Jerusalem market. "It didn't."

Gazing at the trickle of shoppers, Cohen complained that fewer people are coming to shop. "Peace, we won't have with (the Palestinians.) I wish we could. But I don't think there is a solution."

— From The Associated Press

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### Our views

## HOLDING TRUE

### Religious understanding now vital

Grasping for answers to the questions raised by last week's terrorist attacks, Americans flooded churches, mosques and temples this weekend for spiritual guidance and reassurance.

Some services were ecumenical while others subscribed to a particular faith. After attending a Christian service of his own Sunday, President George W. Bush visited the Islamic Center Monday in Washington. He hoped this stop, captured by photographers, would remind Americans that Muslims, particularly those of Arab descent, are gladly counted among the nation's citizenship and are not to be considered targets for revenge.

Attorney General John Ashcroft emphatically reassured reporters at a press conference Monday, "we do not, have not, will not target people solely based on their ethnicity."

The nation's leaders are pleading with Americans to hold dear to an ideal established more than 200 years ago — tolerance. Tolerance for other religions, tolerance for different cultural beliefs and tolerance for our neighbors in the world's largest melting pot.

However, tolerance is not enough. Understanding is the next crucial step.

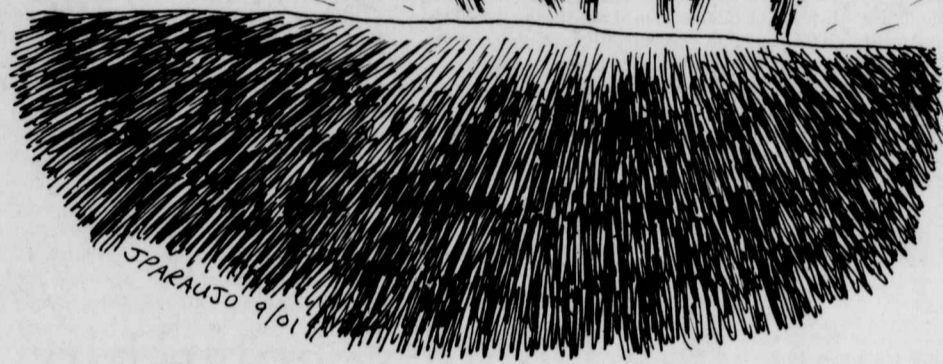
Across the world, Jewish people are finishing their celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. A time of joy, the holiday precedes 11 days of deep introspection until Yom Kippur arrives — the Day of Atonement. At that point, as one Jewish student explained, those in the skies decide the eternal fate of the worshippers.

For a campus dominated by Christians, this holy time is the perfect opportunity to train in the art of tolerance and understanding. Ask religion professors about the meaning of the holiday. Talk to Jewish students about the importance of the introspection period. Examine how the beliefs of the Jewish faith parallel or contrast the beliefs of your own faith system.

In doing so, the base for understanding another belief system is formed, paving the path for further study of more cultures.

Thus, this nation can hold true to the very beliefs upon which it was founded.

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## Proud to be part of the press

### Media coverage of attacks proved even, insightful, informative

After the horrific terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, President George W. Bush said, "The resolve of our nation is being tested. But make no mistake we'll show the world, we will pass the test."

The president and the nation will indeed face a difficult test.

But journalists all over the nation are being tested to objectively and extensively report the tragic events, while simultaneously presenting sorrow and sympathy as any other American patron would do.

One promise I made to the readers of the *TCU Daily Skiff* was that our coverage throughout the semester would present fair, balanced and impartial news. But in light of the attacks, our staff has been faced with the dilemma of maintaining this goal while trying to fully understand and consume the reality of this national catastrophe.

As a collegiate newspaper, our goal is to be professional and inform our audience — the TCU community. During this process, we will make mistakes and learn on the scene. This learning cannot be achieved overnight, but the entire *Skiff* staff was truly unified through this tragic event, as jour-

nalists and as compassionate citizens of our nation.

Journalists are supposed to position themselves outside the box and look in on events with detachment. They should not become emotionally intertwined with the news; rather they should sacrifice their own personal needs for the sake of the readers.

Journalists are public servants whose ultimate goal is to make a difference in people's lives. In order to achieve this goal, journalists must provide as much information as possible. I can proudly say I have seen examples of how journalists have passed the test this past week.

As I watched ABC's Peter Jennings throughout the week, I was reminded of why I wanted to be a journalist. Jennings subdued emotion and lost much sleep for the sake of all Americans. He responsibly provided every possible service to viewers all over the nation.

Similarly, I feel the *Skiff* and many other collegiate newspapers across the country did the same. These are the same students who also must manage going to class, finishing term papers, studying for tests and handling their social lives and other activities of college life. Despite all that, they fulfilled their commitments to provide the best source of information for you.

One of the primary duties and responsibilities of a journalist is to provide as many answers as possible in order to minimize the number of questions and doubts in a story. However, with a situation like this, so many questions arise.

Why would anyone participate in such a hideous act? What went through the minds of the innocent passengers on the flights that crashed? What needs to be done to make everything all right again?

Every person in America is pondering these questions. But journalists are feeling helpless and ineffective because they live for the sole purpose of answering such questions.

The only solution to counter this feeling of helplessness is for journalists to be patient and understand there are no answers yet.

There might not ever be answers for this terrible human tragedy.

Despite the circumstances however, I fully believe the *Skiff* put out the best newspapers possible, regarding coverage, sensitivity, objective reporting and localized stories.

The country will try to return to some kind of normalcy. These terrorist acts will not divide the country. Rather it will unite us. It is needed in order for President Bush and the nation to pass the test.

While the nation focuses on its test, journalists are already on the right track with a test of our own. We begin to realize our duties to the nation and, most importantly, our profession. I have never been more proud to be an American. But most importantly, never have I been more proud to be an American journalist.

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### Commentary



Ram Luthra

## Isolation must stop before terrorism will

Last week's terrorist attacks highlighted American insularity to events beyond our borders. I bring up American separation from events abroad, because it begins with our insularity at home. I was made aware of this during a recent meal at the Main.

I sat observing how people were

grouping themselves in the cafeteria, and here's what I saw: People generally sat with others of the same race.

I reflected on that a bit.

Such actions are only natural. It is only human to seek out and be with those that are like you. To a certain extent, there is really nothing wrong with that. And yet, aren't we in college to learn new thoughts and ideas? Why don't we do more to reach out to others that are unlike us? So then I asked myself, why don't I?

Someone has to be the first to break the ice, and if no one else is trying to reach out, I figured, why not me? Plus, with my handicap (I have a partial hearing loss in both ears), it tells me something about the other person right away and how tolerant they are. Talking with someone who is hard of hearing is not easy, because the speaker often has to repeat himself or herself — sometimes more than once — and that often taxes his or her patience.

My hearing loss has made me something of an isolationist and introvert; so I really have to make the effort to reach out to others.

Had I kept to myself, you would not have ever known about my cartooning abilities or writing skills. My life would have been very empty had I never challenged myself to reach out to all of you, and to hear you (no pun intended) react to what I had to say.

This leads me back to the events of last week. Many are the cries for war and revenge on those that sponsored those evil terrorist acts, and a part of me feels that sense of anger.

And yet, I also realize the United States tends to isolate itself from the rest of the world. Some international students I talked with said the United States really shouldn't have been surprised that there is so much hatred of the nation outside our borders. But we were.

That speaks volumes on just how disconnected we are. It is no justification, of course, for hijacking planes and crashing them into the two towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But had we been more aware of the anger that is out there, we might have done more to diffuse the situation before it came to such an end.

Our country needs to reach out more to others unlike us, and that has to start with us, the individuals, before it can become us, the United States.

I broke with my usual method of coming up with a topic for my column (sitting in solitude) and instead went out to the Main to find it. After a few contacts, I met up with two female students, not of my race, who had plenty to say on the topic.

They were charming women, and they not only gave me a topic for my column, but also topics that I could give to my editor to give to other Skiffers. All this just from reaching out to others and them reaching back. Somewhere in this, there's a lesson we can all learn, individually and as a nation, when it comes to dealing with others.

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### Your Views

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Interracial dating still problematic

I was captivated with the section in the *TCU Daily Skiff* on Friday, Sept. 15, 2001 about interracial dating. I am in an interracial relationship. My boyfriend is a first generation Iranian. Through the past two years that we have been dating, we have encountered many obstacles. Both of us have felt pressures from family, close adults and peers. We do not get many stares, but some people close to me have commented.

Some people I have talked with, mainly adults, have very negative feelings toward Iranians considering past events dealing with the United States and Iran. I find that most people are accepting of our relationship. Most close friends do not have a problem with me dating my boyfriend, and many of them have dated people outside of their race. I feel pleased when people are accepting of interracial dating, but there are still people our age who disagree with dating.

Each day I continue to learn from him about his culture, and he learns from me as well. The race issue was never a concern for either of us. We are both humans with the same feelings and emotions. I hope that many people will overlook the color of skin and see what is on the inside of a person.

— Candace Lawrence, sophomore chemistry major

#### Battle for Skillet not real rivalry

I picked up my first *Skiff* newspaper in thirty-five years and there was your wonderful article, "Battle for Iron Skillet not true rivalry". How true, how true, and let me add these comments.

I have missed less than a dozen games since 1952 and I saw the great ones - Doak Walker, Lindy Berry, Jim Swink, Don Meredith, and Bob Lilly - still visit with several of them. I never heard of the Iron Skillet until a couple of years ago the Star Telegram suddenly announced it as a honored tradition. I can't even find a friend who has even heard of the award, but I have found friends who shake their head and role their eyes when the skillet is mentioned.

The Skillet looks like someone picked it up at an Ace Hardware store before the game; it could have come out of an antique store.

Forget or bury the skillet and go win the Conference USA a couple of times. You'll have your rivalries.

— Ted Lange, Class of '59

## No peace without instilling compassion in Afghanistan

Everywhere you can see we are preparing for war. We have given blood for the wounded. We have begun signing up at army recruitment offices. We have declared the attacks acts of war and Congress has written the president a \$40 billion blank check to fight World War III.

Right now the finger seems to point to Osama bin Laden harbored in Afghanistan by the Taliban government.

Bin Laden has long been a worthy target for arrest, capture and trial for planning and carrying out terrorist attacks. Afghanistan has long been a Cold War battleground upon which America and the Soviet Union maneuvered.

Bush spoke Wednesday about punishing not just those involved in the attacks, but also the countries who tolerated the presence of terrorists on their soil. The unstated reference was to Afghanistan.

Already the voices in Congress have been retributive and angry. Rep. Zell Miller (D-Ga.) said Wednesday that the United States should simply, "bomb the hell out of [Afghanistan]."

Afghanistan is not a photogenic country. Four years of famine, 22 years of war and a repressive, uneducated, fundamentalist regime has not improved its face to the world. It has no oil, and its strategic value was mostly lost after the end of the Cold War.

The Taliban has allowed bin Laden to seek shelter in Afghanistan most likely because he has provided military support against opposition leaders who, during the Cold War, were supported by America against the Soviet-installed regime. The same day as the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, the main opposition leader, Ahmed Shah Masood (now covertly supported by Russia, India and

Iran), was assassinated, some say by bin Laden and company.

It is a complicated, bloody and tragic national story if there ever was one. One dominated by the interference and mindless meddling of other nations, and the failure and poverty of the people caught in the midst of the struggle. If there is a national antithesis to the American story of success and growth, Afghanistan is it.

### Commentary

Meredith B. Osborn

So, the question is, assuming bin Laden is behind the attacks, what is the proper response? Should we, as Bush has suggested we will, launch a full-on assault on Afghanistan? It is hard to see what this would accomplish.

Afghanistan already knows that America's military might far exceeds its own. It is already banking on the hope that America couldn't possibly do anything worse to the country than has already been done. It is also hoping that its feebleness, abject misery and pleading will spare it more damage. Afghanistan knew that harboring bin Laden would earn them the wrath of America, but figured that the 2,000 or 3,000 men that bin Laden could supply to protect them from the immediate threat of opposition invasion was worth it.

If we let Afghanistan off the hook, we let other nations harboring terrorists think they can get away with it, too. If we bomb Afghanistan to oblivion, we will make other small, impoverished countries fear and hate us even more strongly. We already know the retributive policy pursued in Israel has only increased the terrorists' resolve and

undermined the power of the only people who can curb terrorism — the governments of the countries who harbor them.

This is why it is so important that we stand with our allies worldwide to combat terrorism. That this battle doesn't pit the largest and most powerful nation in the world against one of the poorest and most miserable. That we do not allow ourselves to stoop to the level of revenge, revenge which could never be commensurate to our loss because our loss is incalculable. This is not war in the traditional sense.

Our enemy is not a nation, but rather the poverty, ignorance and fear that exist in nations like

Afghanistan, countries where terrorists are welcomed. Our best defense is to eliminate these conditions in countries like Afghanistan, so that the incentives for harboring terrorists like bin Laden are minuscule compared to the advantages of

having America as a friend and ally. And we cannot be simply a military ally, exacting promises of peace at the point of a sword.

In the 21st century we do not frighten our enemies more than they are already frightened, we cannot punish them more than they have already been punished. They know about war, famine and death — indeed, they know nothing else. So we must teach them compassion, peace and prosperity. Or we will have no lasting peace.

*Meredith B. Osborn is a columnist for the Harvard Crimson at Harvard University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

# Education majors face new standards

## Students may need to take extra summer courses for teaching certificate

By Kristin Campbell  
STAFF REPORTER

Education students working toward teacher certification in Texas may be required to take extra summer courses in order to graduate under old certification requirements.

The TCU School of Education changed curriculum requirements to comply with the new Texas teaching certificate structure that went into effect this fall semester, said Diana Woolsey, director of teacher certification.

As a result of the restructuring process, students who have completed more than 54 hours may have to take summer courses in order to graduate and test under the old teaching requirements, Woolsey said. The last date to test and graduate under the old certificate is August 2003. Woolsey said faculty has restructured courses and created new classes to prepare students for the new requirements.

Students should stay in close contact with their advisors, she said. Students with fewer than 54 hours will graduate under the new plan.

Erin Fitzgerald, a junior early childhood major, said she had planned on staying at TCU for an extra semester, but now she will have to

graduate in May 2003 to be certified under the old requirements. She said she took six credit hours this summer and will take nine hours next summer in order to finish on time.

"It puts you in a bind because you don't have the option to graduate later," Fitzgerald said. "It's been difficult."

The State Board of Education Certification, not TCU, changed the structure. Three new certificates, Early Childhood to Grade 4, Grade 4 to 8 and Grade 8 to 12, replaced the two old certificates, Early Childhood to Grade 8 and Grade 6 to 12.

According to the SBEC, candidates who are eligible to take the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas during the 2002-2003 academic year will still receive one of the corresponding certificates that is valid.

Sam Deitz, dean of the School of Education, said as long as students are taking an appropriate class load, they should not have problems graduating on time.

However, he said that the certification changes could have been separated into more practical grade brackets. He said breaking the certification into Early Childhood to Grade 6,

Grade 7 to 9, and Grade 10 to 12 would be better for the interests of the future teachers.

Wendy Branson, a junior middle school major, said she will graduate on time. However, Branson said she will have to take 11 hours in the summer to graduate in May 2003.

"My advisor put me on the right track," Branson said. "He pretty much saved me."

She found out about the changes during an advisory session last spring when she was told to enroll in certain courses in hopes of them satisfying the revised requirements.

Woolsey said students graduating with the old certificate will not be at any disadvantage when applying for jobs.

"Teachers with the old certificate are needed just as much in the classroom as teachers with the new certificate," Woolsey said. "The goal of the new certificates is simply to give teachers more flexibility in their field."

Woolsey said the new course structure is available online.

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Caleb Williams/SKIFF STAFF

Mail packages wait to be sorted by TCU postal employees Monday. Employees were trained in federal security procedures Friday in response to the terrorist attacks.

## POSTAL

FROM PAGE 1

Teresa Minneweather, station manager for Trinity River, said the meeting with TCU postal workers was to discuss precautionary measures and not to scare workers.

"Awareness is definitely the key now," she said.

Hulme said that the meeting has helped to reinforce what he and his staff have already had in place.

Each month the TCU post office submits a self review to Martin to ensure safety practices are being met, Hulme said.

Martin said he is trying to get video cameras installed at TCU mail windows so if someone did send a dangerous package from TCU they could be identified. The cost of the cameras would have to

be approved by the Postal Service, he said.

Hulme said he would be in favor of adding the cameras.

Minneweather also told the post office staff that although previously guaranteed mail may not be arriving as scheduled due to air travel restrictions, no refunds will be given. The Postal Service is using ground transportation to supplement air travel, she said.

Junior elementary education major Laurie Oberhausen said she was worried whether a package she sent to her father in Indiana last week would make get there. She said it arrived fine.

"I think everyone is understanding about things getting through," she said.

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# Alumna memorialized with scholarship

By Jordan Blum  
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Former TCU student Meredith Fraker Thompson, a 1996 alumna, died tragically in July when she was struck by lightning outside her Houston home.

Her name will live on through a TCU scholarship started in her name by her co-workers at Simmons & Company International investment banking firm, said Cathy Neece, senior associate of University Advancement for the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Bill Sanford, director of institutional sales for Simmons & Company International, coordinated the development of the Meredith Fraker Thompson Memorial Scholarship in Finance. He said in excess of \$200,000 will be raised to allow scholarships of \$5,000 each to be awarded to two students each year, beginning next year.

Neece said Thompson interned at Luther King Capital Management firm as a TCU student and Thompson's co-workers at Simmons & Company International chose to develop the scholarship with the Fort Worth-based firm.

Sanford said the financial aspect of the award is just a part of what the students will be eligible to receive.

"We thought it would be special if we did something more than just a basic grant, (to) do the award plus provide an internship at Luther King"

Sanford said. "Not only does the student get the money, but also valuable experience at a top firm, which is great for resumes and future employment."

"We're also in the process of trying to give the students an opportunity to come to our shop and get additional experience, since the two companies are in two different aspects of the investing business," Sanford said.

"We're thinking about letting the students come to Houston over the summer to get additional exposure, but the details haven't been worked out yet."

Neece said the scholarship is being designed to be an academic merit award for junior finance majors going into their senior years who embody many of the same qualities Thompson did.

The criteria form lists some of the characteristics the committee will be looking for that Thompson possessed: a contagious zest for life that inspires others, strong interpersonal skills and a well-rounded social life, among several others.

Neece said the manner in which the money was raised is a testament to the strength of friendships.

"The sales team that Meredith worked with chose to donate a lot of the commissions off of the accounts they were working on into the scholarship," Neece said.

"There's obviously a very family-like atmosphere extending from the company because money is usually motivation to a lot of people, and in other companies people would probably be vying for those clients of hers instead of donating the money," Neece said.

Robert Lusch, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said the scholarship's symbolism is just as significant as the actual award.

"The Meredith Fraker Thompson Memorial Scholarship will forever symbolize to future TCU students the extent to which a single person, in a short period of time, can make a difference," Lusch said. "We wish to award the scholarship annually to TCU students who exemplify and help us to celebrate her character."

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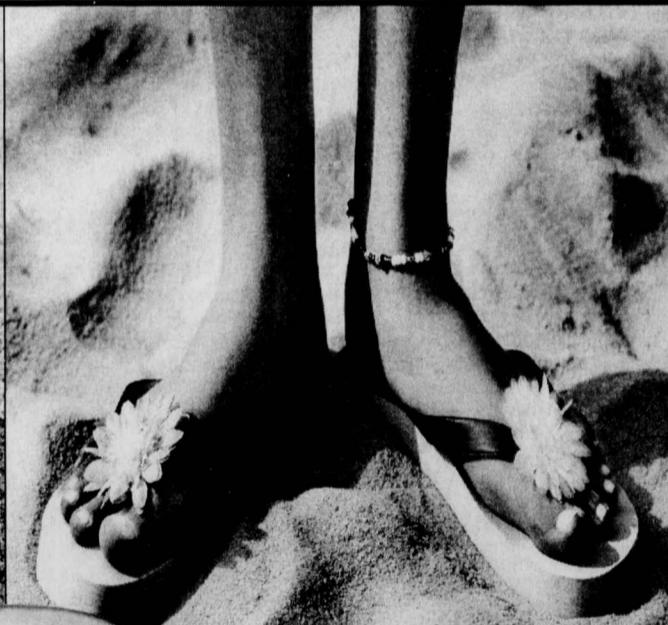
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# Jewish High Holy Days arrive under watch of security guards, police

By Rachel Zoll  
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The Jewish High Holy Days arrived Monday night with synagogues under the watch of extra security guards and police, but worshippers greeted the period of personal reflection with vows not to be intimidated by last week's terrorist attacks.

Three police officers stood in front of a Reform Jewish seminary at the edge of Manhattan's Greenwich Village as a steady stream of people, some wearing red, white and blue ribbons, arrived for services.

Ilana Schweber, 22, went to worship focused as much on the situation in the Mideast as the terror in her own city. She said she would pray "to have a better next year."

"I don't feel nervousness here," she said.

Richard Cohen, a tax attorney, said despite the horror of last week, he wanted to come out and be with other people. "I feel that you can't live your life in fear. You need to go on living," he said.

Most congregations activate special safety plans during the 10-day period that starts with Rosh

Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Security was heightened shortly after terrorists hijacked four commercial jets last week.

Some synagogues were checking bags and restricting parking.

Few saw an imminent threat. But there was concern that — given recent events — synagogues would become targets for hate crimes during the holiday period, the most important time of the year for Jews.

"Security experts have always told us that 75 percent of security in sanctuaries is awareness," said

David Brook, executive director of Beth El Congregation of Phoenix. "I think we're all more aware of it this year than other years."

Brooke said some congregants had called to express concern about security. Yet many rabbis expected greater holiday attendance than usual, as Jews seek comfort in prayer and community.

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, a popular synagogue on Manhattan's upper west side, has hired extra security, banned large bags from the sanctuary and barred cars from entrances to its buildings.

At Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park, Mich., tickets distributed to members to reserve a space at new year services were to be checked at the door. That's a rare step, said Rabbi David Nelson.

The Park Avenue Synagogue, on the upper east side of Manhattan, began speaking with local police immediately after the attacks. "We've been advised by the FBI and police not to give out specifics," executive director Barry Modlin said.

Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg of Temple Israel Ner Tamid, in the Cleveland suburb of Mayfield

Heights, said his congregation hired an extra officer "but we're not going to let these terrorists make us prisoners in our own country."

Two high-profile hate crimes in California two years ago prompted many synagogues to enact the safety plans they are using now.

White supremacist brothers pleaded guilty to setting fire to three Sacramento synagogues and an abortion clinic. In another incident, a white supremacist opened fire at a Jewish day care center in Los Angeles, injuring three boys, a teen-age girl and an older woman.

## FBI

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quickly. Eventually, more will be hired.

"Each day as flights increase we will be adding additional enforcement officials ... as air marshals in addition to the heightened security on the ground," Ashcroft said.

Mueller also disclosed that at least two killings were possibly inspired by anti-Arab sentiment and he sternly warned against any vigilante attacks.

He said federal law enforcement is not singling out Arabs. "We do not, have not, will not target people solely based on their ethnicity," he said.

Congressional leaders emerged from FBI headquarters Sunday saying they were pleased with the progress of the investigation, and the Justice Department disclosed that a federal grand jury in New York is working on warrants for material witnesses.

At least two arrests have been

made to keep witnesses in custody; authorities said they won't disclose any others because of grand jury secrecy rules.

The first arrest was of a man at John F. Kennedy International Airport who had a fake pilot's license. No details were released on the second.

Penalties for people who aid terrorists should be raised to at least the same level as the punishment for those who help people involved in espionage, Ashcroft said in a televised address from Camp David, Md., where he and other top national security officials met with President Bush. People who harbor terrorists now face five-year prison terms.

"Our effort is to develop all the information we can about terrorism, the terrorists and the terrorist networks that have inflicted this injury on the United States and this assault upon the people of the world, and to do everything we can to disrupt them and to put an end to their capacity," Ashcroft said.

## FIRE

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Fellows and Heather Simm, junior anthropology major, said they have lived on second floor of the building since June 2001.

Simm said she was in the apartment when the fire started.

"I was cooking dinner and watching TV and all of the sudden the cable went out," Simm said. "Someone knocked on the door and asked for a fire extinguisher. Then he and I knocked on everyone's doors and made sure everyone was all out."

Fellows said they had not have renter's insurance.

"We think that our parents' (home owner) insurance is going to cover it because we are both dependents," Fellows said.

She said the insurance company asked her to make a list of all the items that were in the apartment. Fellows and Simm said they were unable to retrieve their belongings from the building Monday.

They said the management told them

they would need to wait to get in the building because the roof collapsed from the third floor and is now laying on the ceiling of their second-floor apartment.

They were told they will not be able to enter the building until the roof falls through to the first floor, which will cause their belongings to be crushed, Simm said.

She said most of her possessions can be replaced, though a few items with personal meaning cannot be replaced such as an autographed book by Jane Goodall.

Fellows and Simm said they were somewhat upset, but mostly just inconvenienced.

"It is just personal belongings and they can be replaced," Fellows said. "No one was hurt and that is what matters."

John Key, maintenance supervisor, said StoneGate is in the process of putting a fence around the building. For liability concerns, no one can enter in the building until the insurance company evaluates the damage, he said.

The top floor was completely destroyed, the second floor sustained heavy water damage and the first floor had mild water damage, Key said.



Fort Worth fire officials estimate close to \$625,000 worth to the StoneGate Villas after a fire abrubted Sunday.

The fire department estimated the damage, but the complex has not made its own estimate.

Key said of the 15 apartments in the damaged building, only three were vacant.

"We are relocating residents in all vacant units (in other buildings) that we

have," he said.

Key said other residents are being relocated to local hotels.

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## SECURITY

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to know that they are safe. But right now, I just don't know that we'll be able to convince them of that."

Ligon said the main concern for INS right now is to protect those people who feel they may be threatened as a result of the terrorist attacks. "People are as safe here (America) as anywhere," he said.

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## YOUTH

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"At one point there was a plane that flew overhead because an air force base is close to the school and it scared us all to death," Wright said. "I just froze and my heart was going crazy and the kids were just saying, 'The plane, the plane that crashed into the building.' And they'd just repeat that over and over."

Ranae Stetson, an education professor specializing in early childhood, said the student teach-

ers did a good job explaining the facts to the kids and preserving their psychological safety through consistency and routine.

Savage said she talked to her class about the attacks, but focused on keeping her class on a normal schedule complete with recess and all the daily classes.

Becky Taylor, director of the counseling program for the School of Education, said it is difficult for schools to be kept routine when the parents of the children are panicking.

"I heard at some schools the parents were coming in all panicked and

talking about World War III (which made) their kids panic," Taylor said.

Vonhoff observed similar reactions from parents, she said.

"One parent came in a panic mode, who is normally very proper and business-like, and she nearly ripped her kid's arm off," Vonhoff said. "She'd probably never seen her mother like that in her life

and she got scared. The look in the little girl's eyes was pure panic."

Taylor said it is important for parents to realize that their young children need to be told the truth,

but they only need basic information and can become traumatized when placed in front of the news coverage for hours at a time.

Stetson said children learn from

repetition and that can be dangerous when children see too much of the news about the terrorist attacks.

"When young children repeatedly see the plane go into the building from different angles they can't differentiate that it's one event they're showing multiple times," Stetson said. "With (the children) it's happening each time as a new event. The fear escalates for them with each time the plane hits."

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# American to announce layoffs this week

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DALLAS — American Airlines will announce layoffs this week following the terrorist attacks that grounded the U.S. airline industry for two days and left many passengers frightened of air travel.

An American official said Monday that the number of layoffs has not been determined and will depend partly on how much help the airline industry gets from the federal government.

"It may be midweek before we say what the layoffs will be," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We're still crunching the numbers, and we're looking at whether we have to take these measures depending on what the government does."

American said last week that it would cut 20 percent of its schedule. Houston-based Continental Airlines announced Saturday that it would furlough 12,000 of its 56,000 employees,

and cut flights by 20 percent.

The American official said it was not clear whether pending layoffs at the Fort Worth-based carrier, first reported by *The Dallas Morning News*, would match the reduction in flights.

On Sunday, American's vice president of flight, Robert Kudwa, recorded a hot line message for pilots warning that the Fort Worth-based carrier might also have to make cuts. Kudwa said the number of layoffs would depend on how quickly American could rebuild its flight schedule.

American officials expected to operate 70 percent of the flights that they operated before last week's attacks in New York and near Washington involving hijacked commercial airliners, including two American jets.

Two of American's sister airlines appeared to be slightly faster in restoring flights. Commuter affiliate American Eagle planned to reach 80 percent of normal on Sunday, and Trans World Airlines planned to hit 90 percent. All

three carriers are owned by Fort Worth-based AMR Corp.

Analysts say the airline industry was already on a pace to lose more than \$2 billion this year, but that depressed travel and extra security costs could push the losses above \$5 billion.

Executives of the major carriers are expected to lobby the federal government this week for a government bailout of \$10 billion to \$20 billion including grants, low-interest loans, tax relief and assumption of insurance liability from claims stemming from the terrorist attacks.

In Austin, Gov. Rick Perry said he was worried that the airlines' troubles would affect the Texas economy.

"I certainly hope that the Congress, the president can support a package to support the airline industry," Perry said. "It's not just about ... the airline industry — it's also the suppliers, defense companies and a lot of other allied industries that will be impacted in a negative way."

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta named AMR vice chairman Robert W. Baker to a task force on safety measures for aircraft that was expected to meet this week. American's chief executive, Donald J. Carty, might also travel to Washington to meet policy makers, the American official said.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines also may announce layoffs if the government doesn't help the airlines, chief executive Leo Mullin said Sunday. Delta has joined American, Continental, United, Northwest and US Airways in announcing a 20 percent cut in flights.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, however, said it intended to fly 2,700 flights Monday with only six cancellations.

"This is pretty much what we did last Monday," the day before the attacks, said spokesman Ed Stewart. He said there is no talk of layoffs at the low-fare carrier.

## REACTIONS

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second plane hit on TV. It felt like an earthquake, and then I ran to the lobby, where it was total chaos," said Branch.

Branch said the events that occurred still have not sunk in, and he can hardly believe that there is an empty space where the World Trade Center towers used to stand. He also said he appreciated the support and calls from his friends and family at TCU.

"I got a lot of calls from my friends at TCU, and I really appreciated the concern they shared for me," said Branch.

Joseph Everly also lives in New York and was near the towers when the attacks occurred. Everly graduated from TCU and now works on Wall Street.

Everly said he had just exited the subway when he saw everyone looking up at the sky.

"I turned to see the building on fire, but I didn't know what had happened," Everly said. "I went up to my office where I had a clear view of the second tower (the first tower to fall)."

Everly said as he was watching, the building began to crumble before his eyes, and he had a feeling of "impending doom," so he started running down the stairs.

"By the time I made it to the lobby, the smoke outside was so thick that it appeared to be night," said Everly. "So, we all went to the basement and listened to the rest of the destruction for about two hours."

Everly said he was allowed to leave after both towers had collapsed, and he had to walk five miles back home. He said he saw papers with burnt edges, and lone high heels that were laying on the streets.

"Looking back on it is very emotional, as both my sister and I knew people who work in those buildings.

Most of them are O.K., but a few of them are still missing," Everly said.

Suzuno Ota works in New York at a subsidiary Japanese bank. Ota graduated from TCU with a fine arts degree in painting.

Ota said she was at work when the planes crashed into the towers, and sat in shock with her boss. The office they work in was located in the World Trade Center a few years before.

"I could see smoke going up in the sky and the city was nearly empty by five, even Times Square," said Ota.

Ota said she has other friends from TCU who work in East Village, which is an area near the World Trade Center.

"I hope they are safe," said Ota. "I still cannot get a hold of my friends from TCU."

Leah Belotti was in Washington when the attack on the Pentagon occurred. Belotti graduated from TCU last May and now works as the assistant to the rector for George Washington University Campus Ministries.

Belotti heard about the attack on the Pentagon while at the University, and said it did not take long for chaos to ensue.

"Within an hour you could see people pouring out of the area and then in another hour, it was like a ghost town," said Belotti.

Belotti stayed with her priest and his wife the night of the attack, and they could see the Pentagon smoking and police swarming the area.

"It is still very somber," said Belotti. "It is slowly getting back to normal."

Belotti said she received many calls from her friends at TCU who were checking on her.

"I was very impressed by the response of my friends at TCU," said Belotti. "Many had called me within 15 minutes, and other calls and e-mails came all day."

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# Many stockholders sell as Wall Street resumes trading

By Amy Baldwin  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The losers included airline, insurance and entertainment stocks while defense issues were among the few winners when Wall Street tumbled Monday, the first day of trading after last week's terrorist attacks. The selling, in record volume on the New York Stock Exchange, gave the Dow Jones industrial its biggest one-day point drop and left them below 9,000.

"To buy stocks you need some kind of clarity and confidence, and right now you've got neither," said Bill Barker, investment consultant at Dain Rauscher in Dallas. "The buying public is sitting on its hands. The sellers

are obviously in control now, but it's difficult to tell how long that will last."

Analysts were unsure how long the selling would last or how intense it might become. Following last week's attacks, investors have more reason to worry about shrinking profits, not to mention the nation's security.

Still, analysts, who said Monday's selling could have been worse, said there are several reasons, including deeply discounted stock prices and patriotism, to hope for a rally.

"There could be some patriotic buying. ... I have heard brokers say their clients are saying, 'I want to buy something to show my support in our economic systems,'" said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at

Prudential Securities.

The Dow ended down 684.81, or 7.1 percent, at 8,920.70, according to preliminary calculations, surpassing the previous record one-day point drop of 617.78, set on April 14, 2000. The last time the blue chips were below 9,000 was Dec. 3, 1998.

The Dow also set a record for an intraday point decline, 721.56 beating the previous record of 721.32, also set on April 14, 2000.

By percentage, however, the Dow's loss was less severe, ranking 14th and equaling less than a third of the biggest-ever percentage drop of 22.6 percent in the crash of Oct. 19, 1987.

The Nasdaq composite index fin-

ished Monday down 116.02, or 6.8 percent, at 1,579.28, a level not seen since Oct. 14, 1998 when it closed at 1,540.97.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the broadest measure of Wall Street, declined 53.75, or 4.9 percent, to 1,038.79.

Trading was extremely busy, evidenced by the NYSE's volume, which reached 1 billion by noon — three hours earlier than usual. But the selling could have been even stronger, something that was apparent in the number of stocks that fell versus those that advanced. The ratio of decliners to advancers was close to 6 to 1, typical of the Wall Street's recent selloffs.

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**♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - You're ready to dig into the paperwork. Sort it into piles according to priority, then start checking working through the "overdue" stack. Then dig into the "almost due" and "will be due soon" piles. You'll be good at this tomorrow, too.

**♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Are you in love again? How'd that happen? Change of scene, change of style, change of attitude? If it hasn't happened yet, at least you know what to do now.

**♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - You'd just as soon not get into a mess at home, but it could happen. If it's part of a creative project, it can't be helped. Don't take a quarrel with a roommate too seriously. Let it lead to a better understanding between you.

**♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Is there something you'd like to learn just for the fun of it, or perhaps a skill that would increase your wealth? If you sign up now, romance could be a fringe benefit.

**♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - If you've been planning ahead, as you should have been, you'll recognize an opportunity when you see it. The job of your dreams is available. Are you ready? If not, do the homework.

**♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** - Sure, there's still a pile to go through, and somebody is pushing you to get it done. Yesterday's burden is today's challenge.

**♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Secrets are your specialty; you collect them. You don't always have to go looking for them, either. Sometimes people bring them to you. Don't be surprised if that happens again soon.

**♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Toss your latest dilemma out where the whole group can get at it. Why should you struggle alone? Why should you struggle at all?

**♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Conversations with bureaucrats and other authority figures should go well. Sure, you might be put on hold for a while, but not for as long as usual. The ultimate result of these conversations could be more money in your pocket. Make the call.

**♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Don't spend too much company time planning your weekend adventure - not unless the boss is going with you.

**♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Budgeting may not usually be your favorite thing to do, but you could get into it now. Offer yourself a prize worth having - something that gets your juices flowing.

**Purple Poll** **Q:** Do you think the media has sensationalized coverage of the attacks?



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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Athletic department helps raise \$35,000

Over 100 student athletes, coaches and staff members participated in WBAP and ABC Radio's "Change for America" event Friday. The event raised over \$35,000 for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. The athletes, coaches and staff handed out American flags, ribbons, pins and tickets for the Horned Frogs' Oct. 30 game against East Carolina.

### Cowboys practice resume normal schedule

IRVING (AP) — For the Dallas Cowboys, it was time to get back to work like everyone else in the world. The Cowboys practiced for more than two hours Monday as they tried to turn their attention toward Sunday's game against San Diego. "It's no different for us than other Americans," said free safety George Teague. "I'm doing my job."

### Men's soccer postpones tonight's game

The TCU and DePaul men's soccer teams postponed tonight's game. The game will be made up on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

The match between the Horned Frogs and Oral Roberts that was to take place Friday was also postponed, but no new date has been announced.

### Time set for next week's Texas Tech game

AUSTIN — Kickoff for the Sept. 29 game between Texas and Texas Tech will be 6 p.m., the Big 12 announced Monday.

The sold-out game at Memorial Stadium will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

It will be the eighth straight home sellout for the fifth-ranked Longhorns, and the 16th in 18 games at the 80,000-seat stadium.

### Getting to know

#### Marquette Golden Eagles

**Location:** Milwaukee, Wis.  
**Enrollment:** 10,892  
**Founded:** 1881  
**Colors:** Blue and gold

**President:** The Rev. Robert Wild, S.J.  
**Sports:** Men's and women's basketball,

men's and women's cross country, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and volleyball.

**History:** Marquette University was founded in 1881 by members of a Catholic religious order known as the Society of Jesus. In 1909, it became the first Jesuit university in the world to officially admit women. Today, Marquette has an 80-acre campus in downtown Milwaukee and consists of 11 colleges and schools.

## today in sports history

**1830** - The race was held between and an iron horse. Tom Thumb, the first locomotive built in America, was pitted against a real horse in a nine-mile course between Riley's Tavern and Baltimore. Tom Thumb lost more than a nose.

**1988** - The Seoul Summer Olympics became the first since Munich in 1972, to have no organized boycotts going on. On this first day of competition, the Soviet Union was first to claim a gold medal -- in the women's air rifle event. U.S. swimmers won silver and bronze in women's platform diving.

### to our readers

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

# Student-athlete graduation rates remain static

By Jill Sutton  
STAFF REPORTER

NCAA figures released Sept. 10 showed the graduation rates among college student-athletes have changed little, and TCU ranked above the national average.

TCU's male student-athlete graduation rate was 61 percent, and the female student-athlete graduation rate was 65 percent. The NCAA reports show that the national average for male athletes was 54 percent, and the national average for women athletes was 58 percent.

TCU administrators and academic advisors attribute the minimal success of TCU student-athletes to improved facilities and greater commitment to individual student-athletes.

"The scores by TCU student-athletes are higher than the national average because of the support and commitment of the university to assist each student," Academic Advising Director Milton Overton said.

The data collected by the NCAA Division I colleges and universities on graduation rates only account for student-athletes who enroll as freshman, receive athletic-related financial aid and graduate from that institution within six years of initial enrollment.

The only significant drop among national rates, as well as

## Men's basketball rates among lowest in over a decade

TCU, was in men's basketball. The national rate for men's basketball dropped to its second-lowest level since 1984.

The TCU baseball team graduation rate was 56 percent, men's basketball graduated zero percent, the football team graduated 47 percent and the men's cross country and track graduated 100 percent of their student-athletes who entered in 1994-95. All other men's sports are listed as "others" and TCU graduated 86 percent from these other sports.

The women's basketball team graduated 67 percent, the women's cross country and track graduated 67 percent and the other women's sports graduated 67 percent.

According to the NCAA, students who transfer in good academic standing to another institution count against their original institution as not graduating and are not counted in the freshman rate at their second university.

Overton said the numbers can be

confusing, and they really depend on how many student-athletes entered in 1994-95 and finished their eligibility at TCU.

He said most of the construed numbers are affected by student-athletes who transfer or leave the school because of other reasons.

"Our graduation rates are hurt because of transfers who finished their degrees at other schools, athletes leaving early for the professional leagues, and those who leave for personal reasons," Overton said. "A student-athlete can leave TCU with a 4.0, and in the NCAA reports this will count against us."

Overton also said TCU was one of the top schools in the country for receiving the NCAA Degree Completion Award, and yet, the NCAA graduation rates fail to report these numbers. The NCAA Degree Completion Award is a scholarship student-athletes apply for when they seek to return to TCU and finish their degrees.

The scores by TCU student-athletes are higher than the national average because of the support and commitment of the university to assist each student.

—Milton Overton,  
academic advising director for athletics

"These numbers will not show up in the NCAA rates we see," Overton said. "The student-athletes who graduate from TCU with this scholarship will only be counted in studies done over a 10-year period."

While TCU was still ranked above the national average, Overton said four policies are being implemented to improve the numbers: tutoring in the form of supplemental instruction, a new writing center, improved facilities in the John Justin Athletic Center and an increased academic staff.

Overton also said the web-based tutoring system used by TCU is being mirrored by other universities around the country.

"Other schools are now seeing our academic support software and wanting to use it to help teach and

monitor their student-athletes as well," Overton said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said he was pleased by the scores of TCU student-athletes.

"Overall, we are doing fine," Ferrari said. "This is an area that needs attention and support. With the facilities and support services we have, we should continue to be improving."

Head football coach Gary Patterson said athletics takes graduation rates seriously, and this is an important issue that has been dealt with by TCU.

"There has been problems in the past with the graduation rates, but the important thing is that TCU has worked hard to improve these areas," Patterson said.

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### Student-athlete graduation rates for freshmen entering 1994-95 season

School	men	women	fb	mb	wb	ba	mt	wt	mo	wo	total
TCU	53	67	47	0	67	56	100	67	86	67	57
SMU	67	53	67	100	75	—	50	50	58	43	56
Baylor	69	63	67	75	75	67	100	50	69	71	67

Key: fb, football; mb, men's basketball; wb, women's basketball; ba, baseball; mt, men's track and cross country; wt, women's track and cross country; mo, men's other; wo, women's other.

## Changes in scoring format lead Volley Frogs to adjust game plan

By Colleen Casey  
SKIFF STAFF

The Volley Frogs are 1-6, but head coach Sandy Trout did not attribute the team's slow start to new changes in the scoring format.

"We didn't respond as well to rally scoring as I thought we would," Trout said. "But I don't think it's the scoring change. I think it's just us."

The change to the rally-scoring format is a new rule in effect this season for all of NCAA women's collegiate volleyball, including TCU's program. The Volley Frogs will have another game to adjust against North Texas 7 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Previously, women's collegiate volleyball points had been recorded by the sideout scoring format. In rally scoring, each point earned goes to the team that earned it, regardless of which team is serving at the time the point is earned. Every point earned is accredited to that respective team. There are no sideouts.

The first four games of the match are scored up to 30 points, compared to 15 points previously. Similarly, the game is continued until one team has a two-point spread. The fifth game will continue to be played until 15

points, and a winner is the point-leader by two points.

"It's very hard to catch up if the team falls behind early," Trout said. "You then either need (the other team to have) a poor rotation or your own good serves that will you get back up."

The rule will conform and unify all levels of volleyball, as international and club teams play rally-scored matches.

Freshman middle blocker Shannon Brown said she doesn't need to adjust, as she played on club-level teams before playing at the collegiate level.

"It's an adjustment to the game itself," Brown said.

Another rule in effect this season effects serving directly.

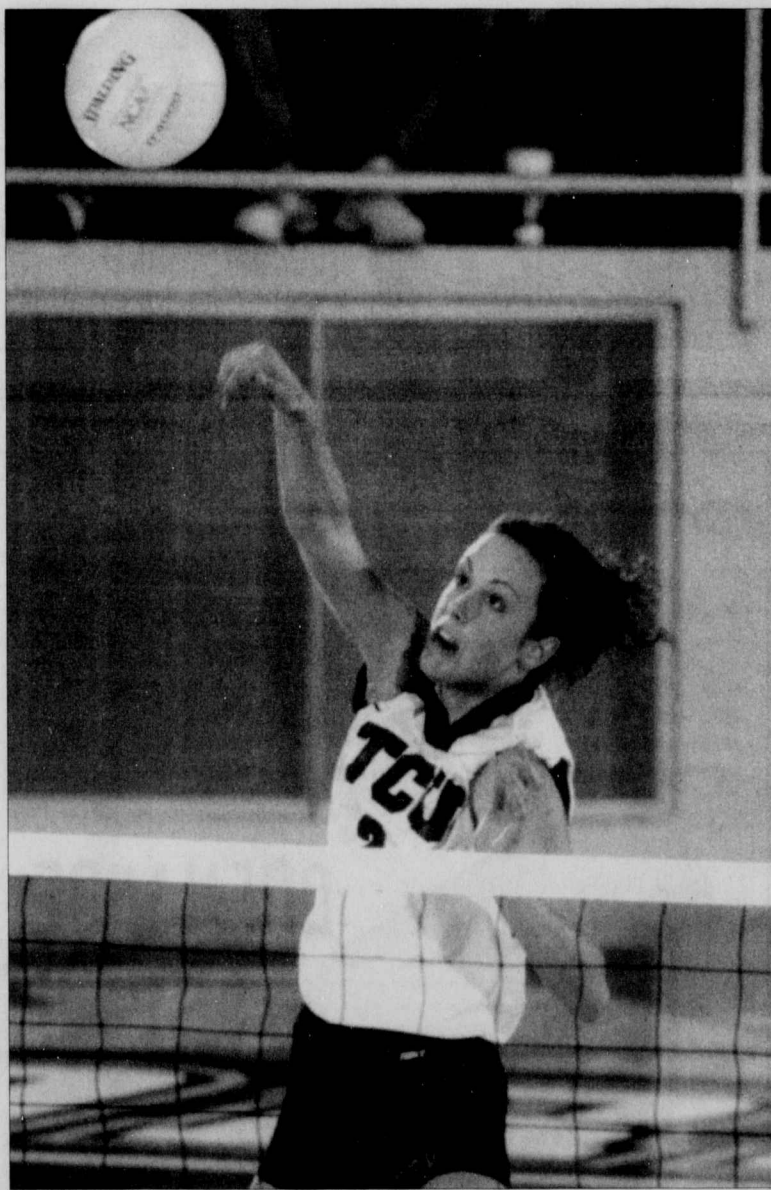
The ball must be served within eight seconds after the referee authorizes the serve, and a second toss will not be permitted. Additionally, a served ball will remain in play if it hits the net and then continues to travel onto the opponent's side, and could count as a service ace if it drops there.

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## C-USA Volleyball Standings

	C-USA Games			All Games			Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
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Memphis	0	0	—	7	0	1.000	0-0	2-0	5-0	W7
DePaul	0	0	—	7	0	1.000	1-0	2-0	4-0	W7
UAB	0	0	—	6	1	.857	1-0	1-1	4-0	W5
Louisville	0	0	—	4	1	.800	0-0	1-1	3-0	L1
Charlotte	0	0	—	5	2	.714	2-2	1-0	2-0	W3
Marquette	0	0	—	5	2	.714	3-0	1-1	1-1	W3
Southern Miss	0	0	—	5	3	.625	1-0	0-2	4-1	L1
Tulane	0	0	—	5	4	.556	4-4	1-0	0-0	L1
Houston	0	0	—	3	4	.429	0-0	1-1	2-3	W1
Cincinnati	0	0	—	2	3	.400	0-0	1-1	1-2	L3
Saint Louis	0	0	—	2	5	.286	1-0	0-2	1-3	L3
East Carolina	0	0	—	1	6	.143	0-0	0-4	1-3	L1
TCU	0	0	—	1	6	.143	0-0	0-3	1-3	W1



Senior outside hitter Marci King spikes the ball in a game last season. The Volley Frogs play North Texas 7 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Eight athletes killed in weekend car crash

By ROBERT W. BLACK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LARAMIE, Wyo. — After spending part of their weekend in Colorado, eight Wyoming cross country runners crammed into a sport-utility vehicle to return to campus for a fraternity outing.

On the way, their Jeep Wagoneer collided head-on with a pickup truck of a fellow Wyoming student who had apparently swerved into their lane, killing the eight runners. The driver of the truck was seriously injured in what was the latest in a series of tragedies to strike Wyoming athletics in recent years.

"They were focused on going somewhere. That's why this is so devastating," Wyoming sophomore Ann Hedderman said. "It's such an unnecessary loss."

The victims spent Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo., where they planned on shopping for running shoes and visiting nightclubs, said a

friend, Curt Mayer. Victim Shane Shatto called fellow fraternity member Sean Cosgrove to see what was happening back on campus, and he said their Sigma Phi Epsilon house was holding an event. Shatto said he would try to attend.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Sgt. Stephen Townsend said the SUV carrying the athletes collided with the one-ton pickup truck at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, about 17 miles south of Laramie on U.S. 287.

All of the runners except the driver were ejected. Townsend said only the driver of the pickup, Clinton Haskins, was wearing a seat belt.

Authorities would not say whether alcohol was involved, but they are investigating.

Haskins, a senior steer wrestler on the Wyoming rodeo team, was in serious condition at Invision Memorial Hospital in Laramie.

Sports information director Kevin McKinney spoke with Oklahoma State officials about how to handle

the tragedy. A plane crash in January killed two Oklahoma State basketball players and eight others after a game at Colorado.

Students and officials said losing eight classmates is compounded by the fact that they've been following the horror of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon last week.

"It's like blackness on blackness," Hedderman said.

The victims of the Sunday crash include Shatto, 19; the driver, Nicholas J. Schabron, 20; Justin Lambert-Belanger, 20; Kyle N. Johnson, 20; Kevin L. Salverson, 19; Joshua D. Jones, 22; Morgan McLeland, 21; and Cody B. Brown, 21.

"It's been a very rough week for a lot of people in this country and tragically, it's been all the more rough for our student-athletes and our coaches and all their friends at Wyoming," school President Philip L. Dubois said. "This is a horrible thing."

## Security increased at stadiums

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No coolers will be allowed at NASCAR's race. Backpacks and briefcases will be searched at hockey games. Football fans will be asked to arrive early. Even the Goodyear blimp might not fly.

On the ground, in the sky, at stadium entrances and among tailgaters, security will be increased this week as football, hockey, auto racing and other sports resume.

Fans carrying coolers, umbrellas and bags larger than a purse will be turned away. If it's cold, bulky winter coats and blankets will be allowed in only after they are searched.

Baseball returned Monday night for the first time since terrorists attacked New York and Washington on Sept. 11. New security rules were in effect for all six games, including a ban on coolers, backpacks, large bags and parking within 100 feet of the ballparks.

Things will also be different

when the NFL reopens Sunday. Fans will no longer be able to blithely drive into parking lots three hours before a game, tailgate for several hours, then casually walk to their seats just in time for kickoff.

At colleges with large stadiums, fans were warned to be ready for heightened scrutiny. The University of Michigan is expecting a crowd of 110,000 for its game against Western Michigan on Saturday.

"Our fans should expect some possible delays, especially if they continue to come in at the last minute," said Bill Bess, the university's director of public safety. "We would like fans to get in the stadium sooner than they have in the past."

Every bag brought into the stadium will be subject to search, and other measures are being taken, although university officials declined to elaborate.

Several schools were working with the FAA to stop airplanes from flying near stadiums, especially planes dragging advertise-