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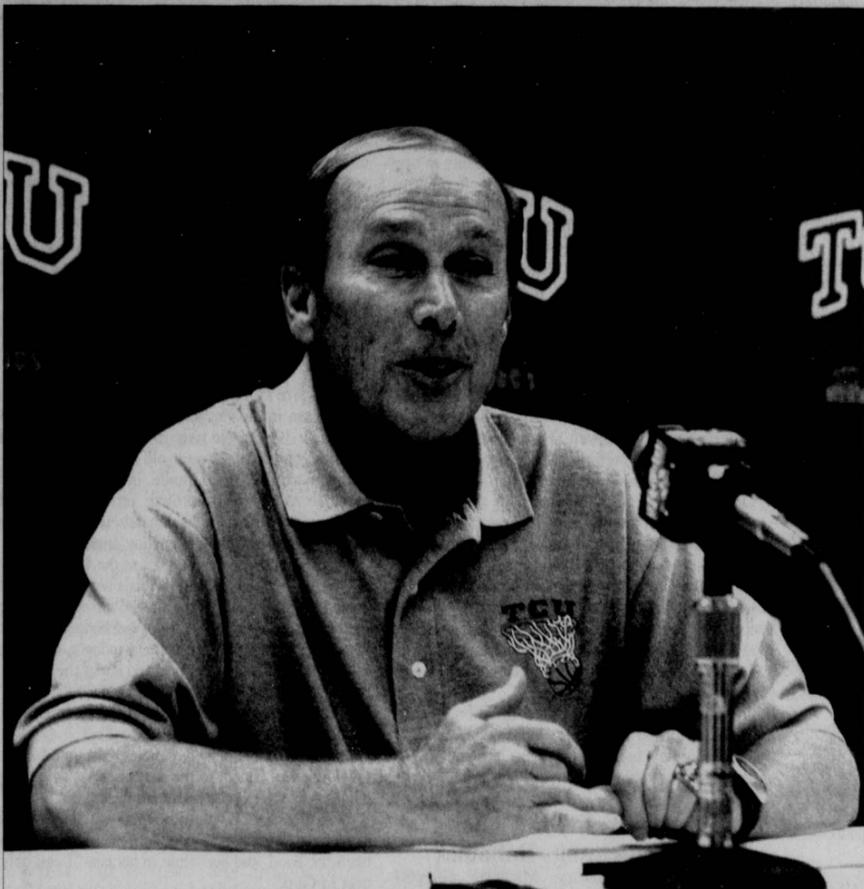
**Verve Void**

TCU has been accused of being a self-absorbed campus, but all the campus needs is a call to action to keep up some fervor.  
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Fort Worth, Texas

# Tubbs to step down after end of season



Head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs announced he would resign at the end of the season in a quickly called press conference. Tubbs said rumors surrounding the program about his job security had finally taken a toll on him.

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

The Texas heat had yet to burn off the early morning fog as men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs, as he does every morning, fired golf balls into the gloaming from a driving range Monday morning. Nothing had changed, he insists, and nothing will.

"The bad thing is, when I hit them, I could see where they landed," Tubbs said.

A different sort of heat finally evaporated Tubbs' coaching tenure at TCU.

Citing the effects of rumors and a lack of support from university officials, Tubbs announced his resignation Monday from TCU effective at the end of the 2001-2002 season.

"The primary purpose of this is to end the speculation because of the consistent rumors that haven't allowed me to function the way I want," Tubbs said. "Hopefully, I can do a little better job because I'm excited about coaching."

Athletics Director Eric Hyman has not set a timetable for a coaching search.

"I think right now the focus should be on Coach Tubbs and what he has done to elevate the TCU basketball program," Hyman said. "He thought this was the appropriate time for this announcement, and I respect his decision."

The move did not come as a surprise, Hyman said, as he and Tubbs had several discussions dating back several months.

Both Hyman and Tubbs would not comment on the length of Tubbs' contract, citing privacy clauses within the deal. Neither would confirm or deny

that Tubbs is in the final year of his contract.

Rumors of the coach's demise swirled for most of the past three years. ESPN.com reported Monday that Tubbs would resign following the season.

"Our players can hear and pull up this stuff on the Web," Tubbs said. "They hear it and see it a lot. It doesn't drive me up the wall. I can roll with the punches. But when it affects our players, something needed to be done."

Players said the announcement caught them off-guard.

Senior forward Marlon Dumont, a co-captain on this year's team, said the younger players will feel the impact more than veterans. TCU has seven underclassmen on its 14-man roster.

"It's worse for them because they just got here," Dumont said. "I put myself in their shoes, and I would not be happy about it."

The split was perhaps driven mainly by the fact that Tubbs had long disagreed with Hyman and Chancellor Michael Ferrari on the role and vision of the basketball program at TCU. Tubbs pushed for improvements to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and other aspects that would help elevate the program, saying he would take a list to the administration each year. After seeing a lack of action, Tubbs said he stopped that practice three years ago.

"For the past three or four years, basketball has been put on the back

burner," Tubbs said. "With they conference they're in, they'd better get it off the back burner or they'll get shel-lacked."

"One reason I came to TCU was the commitment to basketball, and the facilities have improved to an extent," Tubbs said. "But TCU still needs to take a hard look at where they want to be in basketball."

Hyman said TCU remains committed to improving all sports, including basketball, as a part of its three-year plan. The plan included an upgrade on basketball facilities once the John and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium was constructed, Hyman said.

"We have a plan established, approved with the input of different voices, to accomplish the needs to the program," Hyman said. "Sometimes not everybody's on the same timetable, but you have to stick to your gameplan."

"I would like to meet everybody's needs, but we have a finite amount of resources," Hyman said. "All coaches fight for their programs. I don't expect any less. I'd be concerned if they didn't."

As part of his Commission on the Future of TCU, Ferrari advocated using athletics to elevate the image of the university. After the football team's 1998 Sun Bowl win, TCU invested heavily in athletics. The John Justin Athletic Center, for use by all athletes, opened in 2000 after the urging of

Fans and players react to Tubbs decision to resign at the conclusion of the season.  
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## All-nighters benefit students, study says

By Hilaire Fong  
DAILY BRUIJN

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Instead of catching a few more hours of sleep the night before an exam, pulling an all-nighter may prove to be beneficial, according to a new sleep study.

Rapid Eye Movement sleep, the dreaming period, does not have an important role in memory formation, according to University of California-Los Angeles psychiatry and biobehavioral science professor Jerome Siegel's study.

"It is an attractive idea that learning actually occurs in sleep," Siegel said. "However, I have read hundreds of studies, and that idea is not well supported by data. There is no correlation between intelligence and REM sleep."

The more sleep you get, the more often you reach REM. During sleep, people go through several non-REM stages before reaching REM sleep, and as the cycle continues, REM sleep becomes more prevalent than deep sleep.

Studies show that depriving humans and animals of REM sleep by awakening them or by drug treatments does not damage their abilities to retain information.

In many cases, humans taking a class of drugs called Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors that eliminate REM sleep for periods of months or even years have unimpaired or, in some cases, improved memory. Also, humans with brain damage that prevents REM sleep have normal memory.

Siegel said this research does not mean it is wise to pull an all-nighter before any big test, and he does not promote that idea.

"If you are sleepy, you will not be able to concentrate and organize the material," Siegel said. "It just depends on the test itself, and whether you can make it safely to the exam."

For exams that test broad knowledge, like the SAT, Siegel recommends that students sleep instead of study. But if students

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## Senior brick campaign kicks off for class of '02

By Jill Sutton  
STAFF REPORTER

The 2002 Senior Appreciation Program brick campaign began this week, allowing seniors to give back to the TCU community and honor those who have influenced their lives, said Karen Nichols, Director of Student Programs.

Carolyn Dalton, director of reunion giving, said the program is being marketed to anyone graduating in May 2002, December 2002 or August 2002.

Nichols said with a \$50 gift, graduating seniors can select up to three people or couples who have made a significant impact on their

lives. Those chosen will be honored in the Commencement Bulletin, as well as receive a personalized certificate of recognition from the student. The student's name will also be on the brick.

The bricks will be placed in the Senior Mall between the library and the Sid W. Richardson Building in May just before Spring Commencement.

"Students can leave their mark by receiving their own bricks with their names engraved on them, placed with their graduating class, and a special remembrance such as a campus

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## TCU student leaving D.C. internship early

By Aaron Chimbel  
STAFF REPORTER

Senior finance major Sally Spencer hoped to learn about the legislative process as an intern in Congresswoman Kay Granger's Washington office this semester, but the events of Sept. 11 and subsequent anthrax scares have her packing to come home.

Initially, Spencer said her job would be to assist the staff in sorting constituents' mail. After anthrax scares, mail service slowed and eventually came to a halt, she said.

"The whole aspect of my job, little by little, dissolved," Spencer said.

Spencer said she works in the Cannon House office building one block from another Capitol building, connected via tunnels. During last month's anthrax scares in Washington, Spencer said she was

worried about her safety.

Spencer said she is leaving because she wants to get out of Washington and since TCU gave her the opportunity to come home, she took it.

She said she hopes to work at Granger's office in Fort Worth for the remainder of the semester. No other intern she knows is coming home early, she said.

Washington Internship Liaison Valerie Martinez said she called and e-mailed all 10 students in the internship program to allow them to come home if they did not feel safe in Washington.

"If they need to come home for

security reasons, then they can," Martinez said.

Spencer said she was able to keep busy because Granger's office organized a project to have all 535 members of the 107th Congress sign a 3 foot by 5-foot flag with a matted border.

"My job was chasing people down and getting people's signatures," she said. "We had some drive by signings."

The flag will be auctioned with the proceeds going to charity, Spencer said. She said this is the first time the entire Congress has signed one document. For security

reasons, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were unable to sign the flag, she said.

Spencer said she got 10 days off work last month due to the anthrax scares. Granger sent the interns home because working was not that crucial, Spencer said. She said she did not get tested for anthrax and is not taking antibiotics.

"I had no exposure or possible exposure that I know of," Spencer said.

She said Granger expressed concern with her safety and even called her parents. Spencer said her parents let her decide if she wanted to stay in Washington.

"I think they felt a little anxiety, as I did," Spencer said.

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Curt Thompson, TCU violin assistant professor and director of chamber music studies, will be a solo violinist in the debut of the Texas Chamber Orchestra at the Bass Performance Hall on Nov. 18.

## With Strings Attached

Faculty member debuts as a solo violinist

By Heather Christie  
STAFF REPORTER

Curt Thompson, violin assistant professor and director of chamber music studies at TCU, will be a solo violinist when the Texas Chamber Orchestra debuts in Fort Worth Nov. 18 at Bass Performance Hall.

Thompson was appointed the first associate music director/solo violinist of the Texas Chamber Orchestra last month, said Candace Bawcome, executive director of the Texas Chamber Orchestra.

Thompson said his new job duties include violin solos and organization and rehearsals of chamber music concerts.

The two main orchestras in the area are the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Thompson said. The Texas Chamber Orchestra is a smaller orchestra that performs chamber music.

"It is a unique kind of ensemble that is really gaining momentum and gaining attention in this area and its goal is to offer something that the other two orchestras don't offer, which is a more intimate ensemble than the large symphony orchestra," he said.

Thompson, who joined the Texas Chamber Orchestra earlier this year, said his new position will not interfere with his job at TCU, but it will help recruit area musicians to the university.

"(My new position) will further enhance the reputation of our string department and it's an exciting position in a growing organization that stands a chance to have a foothold in the musical community in the Metroplex," Thompson said.

Thompson has been the assistant professor of violin and director of chamber music studies at TCU for the past five years. He is also founder and artistic director for the Mimir Chamber Music Festival, a two-week festival held on-campus each July. At the festival, artists give public performances and teach 20 high school and college-aged music students, he said.

Thompson said the Mimir Chamber Music Festival has faculty that are great musicians from all over the world.

Bawcome said Thompson's new position in the history of the 17-year-old orchestra.

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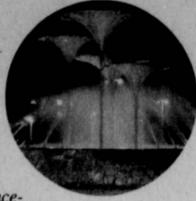
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■ **The University Christian Church Weekday School Holiday Bazaar** is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at UCC. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the preschool and the funds directly benefit the children. The bazaar features 38 vendors with items such as gifts for baby, painted furniture, holiday decorations, home decorations jewelry, toys, books, clothing and more. Other highlights include a tearoom featuring fare from Feastivities, a Scholastic Book Fair, a bake sale and a silent auction. For more information call (817) 926-6631.

■ **The English department invites students** to enter their essays, fiction and poetry in the annual Creative Writing Contests. Entries must be turned in by Nov. 9. Rules and entry forms are available in the English department office in Reed Hall, room 314, or in the Writing Center in the Rickel Building, room 100.

■ **CKI and the local Kiwanis Club are sponsoring the First Annual "Race For The Children" 5k Fun Run/Walk** on Saturday. The event begins at 9 a.m. at Amon Carter Stadium and the entry fee is \$15. All proceeds will go to various children's organizations around Tarrant County. For more information and an entry form, call Dev Branham at (817) 257-4089 or Zach Crutchfield at (817) 257-8660.

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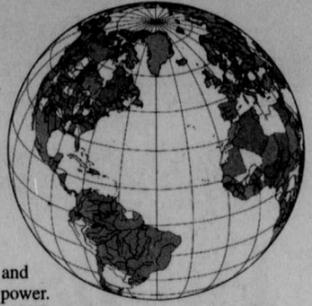
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# WORLD DIGEST



## Israel halts planned West Bank withdrawal, militiamen arrested

JERUSALEM — A bomb exploded in a Jewish settlement Monday, prompting Israel to halt a planned troop pullout from the West Bank town of Jenin after withdrawing from a smaller Palestinian town early in the day.

Israeli officials stressed, however, that the army still intended to leave Jenin and two other towns it entered nearly three weeks ago to root out militants — as long as the Palestinian Authority ensures calm in those areas.

The bomb exploded in a factory cafeteria, injuring three people in the settlement of Shaked, six miles west of Jenin. The militant group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Earlier, about 22 Israeli tanks rumbled out of Qalqilya, pulling back a few hundred yards from Palestinian territory. Qalqilya is on the edge of the West Bank, next to Israel.

The body of a Palestinian policeman, missing since the Qalqilya incursion began two weeks ago, was found Monday after the Israelis pulled out, Palestinian security officials said. Doctors said he was hit by machine gun bullets.

On Sunday, a Palestinian shooting attack on a bus in a disputed section of Jerusalem killed two teenagers, one of them a U.S.-born settler. Police said the gunman was a member of Islamic Jihad.

In 13 months of fighting, 741 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 194 on the Israeli side.

Israel sent forces into parts of six West Bank towns after Palestinian militants assassinated Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi on Oct. 17. The militants were avenging Israel's killing of the leader of the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Israeli troops remain in areas of Jenin, Ramallah and Tulkarem.

During the incursions, 42 armed militants were killed in clashes with Israeli forces and 15 others were killed in targeted operations by special forces, Sharon said.

He said Israeli forces had arrested 85 suspected militants.

The United States has demanded Israel pull its forces out of the West Bank towns, concerned that Mideast tensions could interfere with its effort to maintain support among moderate Arab nations for its war in Afghanistan.

secutive election defeat, and supporters of the victorious Liberal Party candidate, Enrique Bolanos, chanted "Strikeout! Strikeout!" as they celebrated.

"Nicaragua is the winner, because we have taken another step toward the consolidation of democracy," Bolanos said. He called the Sandinistas "worthy and able opponents" and said they showed "respect for the institutions of democracy."

Ortega promised to continue working for national reconciliation and for a free-market economy from within the National Assembly for his Sandinista party, which retains a solid core of support in Nicaragua.

"We accept the mandate of the people and congratulate the Liberal ticket," he said. "We are going to be firm allies of a peaceful Nicaragua, a free, just and prosperous nation for which so many Nicaraguans gave their life."

Ortega alluded indirectly to U.S. hostility as one reason for his defeat, but in an apparent effort to improve his relationship with U.S. officials he pledged that in congress, he would battle against drug smuggling and terrorism, two key U.S. policy concerns.

During the campaign, the United States warned of dire consequences if Ortega were to win, invited Bolanos to hand out donated U.S. food and pressured a third candidate to leave the race.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declared the election a success even before Ortega conceded defeat.

Ortega's concession came with only 5.4 percent of the vote counted. Later, with 13 percent of the vote tallied, the Supreme Electoral Council showed Bolanos with 53.7 percent compared to Ortega's 44.7 percent.

In Sunday's election, an enormous turnout overwhelmed an inefficient election bureaucracy. Some voters were still waiting in line at 11:30 p.m., more than five hours after polls were scheduled to close.

But the peacefulness of the election belied claims by outgoing President Arnoldo Aleman that Ortega's supporters had planned election-day violence. Following Aleman's victory over Ortega in 1997, pro-Sandinista students attacked police with rocks and homemade bombs and mortars.

Bolanos, who was vice president before resigning to run for the presidency, inherits an economy that is struggling under heavy debts and with losses caused by the global economic slowdown.

## Hurricane kills five in Cuba, weakened storm hits Bahamas

HAVANA — Hurricane Michelle whipped through Cuba overnight, killing at least five people, destroying homes in the capital and uprooting crops, authorities said Monday. The storm later weakened somewhat before hitting the Bahamas.

The hurricane, which killed 12 people in Honduras, Nicaragua and Jamaica last week, left Florida virtually untouched.

Michelle swept past the Bahamas capital of Nas-

sau on Monday with 85 mph winds, flooding houses and cutting power.

At 1 p.m. EST, the storm was centered about 45 miles east of Nassau after approaching from the southwest.

When the storm made landfall in Cuba on Sunday, its winds were estimated at 130 mph.

The storm caused 23 homes to collapse in Havana, state television reported, saying that more were expected to crumble as they dried out in the sun. By Monday, the streets of Havana's colonial district were littered with debris.

Conditions in the rest of Cuba were unclear because communications were nearly completely knocked out.

Electricity remained shut down across the western half of the island. The 750,000 people who had been evacuated before the storm still had not been allowed to return home by early Monday afternoon.

Cuba's National Defense confirmed the five deaths during an early afternoon broadcast on state television.

Four were killed in building collapses: a 32-year-old woman in the Havana neighborhood of Arroyo Grande; a 39-year-old man in the provincial capital of Matanzas; and a 33-year-old man and a 98-year-old woman in Jaguey Grande, in central Matanzas province. A 60-year-old man drowned in Playa Larga on the coast of Matanzas, where Michelle made landfall in Cuba on Sunday afternoon.

Javier Godinez, a bartender at the historic Dos Hermanos tavern on Old Havana's waterfront, said he and several other people braved the storm inside the building, listening as the wind banged against the metal shutters covering the windows. Godinez said he had been more concerned about the mother of his young son, who stayed at home.

In the Bahamas, the hurricane unleashed stinging winds and sheets of rain early Monday.

A group of people were being evacuated from low-lying Cat Island, to the east of Nassau, the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association said.

"I didn't know it would be this bad," said Mavis Turnquest, who drove to a hurricane shelter with blankets, food, and her Bible in her car. "I can only trust in God."

Before moving on to the Bahamas, the hurricane's outer winds brushed Florida, where a tropical storm warning was lifted Monday afternoon for the Atlantic coast from the Upper Keys to the West Palm Beach area. A gale warning remained posted from that area to just south of Cape Canaveral.

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## SIGNING OFF

### Fill DMC and support Tubbs

Billy Tubbs' abrupt announcement of resignation as head men's basketball coach immediately after the season means more than just to sports fans at TCU.

He was more to TCU than a basketball coach. He was a catalyst for TCU's transformation toward national prominence. After coming to Fort Worth in 1994, Tubbs anchored a much-needed turnaround for TCU.

Despite his success, Tubbs' critics will question if his decision came at the right time or whether he should have waited and announced his resignation at the end of the season.

But the critics cannot argue what Tubbs has given to TCU.

Over his seven-year tenure at TCU, Tubbs achieved a 140-80 record, claiming two coach-of-the-year honors and bringing a aura of winning to a basketball program notoriously known for losing.

He may be regarded as the coach who could not win a game in the NCAA Tournament, never a tournament conference crown and never able to push TCU to the next level.

But that's OK.

Tubbs, who ranks 12th among the NCAA's all-time winningest active coaches, will be missed for his famous one-liners during postgame interviews, his touching conversations with officials on the court and his stylish goggles which protected his eyes from coins thrown by rowdy SMU fans at Moody Coliseum in Dallas.

For all he has given the TCU community, Tubbs deserves a send-off. Do not send cards or words of wisdom. TCU fans should pack Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and provide the Frogs with a formidable homecourt advantage. More than anything else, Tubbs would be grateful if every game he comes out of the tunnel to 7,200 purple-draped fans.

While Tubbs made his announcement, junior forward Bingo Merriex was on the floor of Daniel-Meyer practicing his shot in anticipation of the exhibition game that followed five hours later. The rest of TCU should follow in Merriex's path and move on, but should enjoy the final ride of "Billyball."



## Banning drugs created the problem

After years of an ineffective war on drugs, it is time to reconsider the nation's handling of the critical issue.

**Commentary**  
**Brad Cohen**

Banning this vice has not done a single positive thing for this country. Instead, it has started a costly and interminable war against an elusive enemy. The attempts to curb drug-related deaths have only created crime and societal problems. Drugs and alcohol are similar in most respects, yet the government is years behind in its regulation of drugs.

Prohibition, the war on alcohol in the 1920s, failed in every major objective and has been replicated decades later with drugs taking the place of alcohol. However, the inevitable failure of the drug war does not cast an ominous shadow of doubt on America's future. With careful regulation and proper education, drugs can be controlled and will not create widespread societal problems as feared.

The restrictions on drugs during the last half of the 20th century created a new and lucrative industry in which supply is limited to specific dealers, prices are exorbitant, and business is conducted with force and violent crime. The police dedicate their limited resources and manpower to fight the supply side of this lawless industry to no avail.

The problem is that the drug industry is like the multi-headed Hydra that cannot be defeated. Dealers always find a way to supply the insatiable public demand. Eradication of dangerous activities isn't possible, so the focus should shift to adjusting to account for them.

Drug use is a personal choice, albeit one made by weak and stupid people. Everybody has their vices, but not all are allowed. Common reasons for why drugs should be illegal are that they are addictive and pose a threat to personal and public safety. However, alcohol, gambling and smoking share these same qualities.

The big difference is that moderation is not as easy with drugs, consequently drugs are more dangerous. If the degree of danger is the only substantive difference between these activities, it is arbitrary to allow some and ban others because they are less publicly acceptable. People that eat fatty foods and live sedentary lives are making a choice that will kill them eventually, yet nobody restricts their eating. Separating the bad vices from the really bad vices is a slippery slope and makes little sense.

If proper criminal law is enacted, society would be much safer than it is under prohibition of drugs. Opponents of legalization suggest that it would allow people to walk around and drive while under the influence, resulting in accidents, death and public disorder. A minimum drinking age, restrictions on sales, limited marketing, banning public drunkenness and harsh penalties for breaking these rules have kept alcohol from being a truly disruptive element in society. Narcotics are more potent versions of alcohol, and regulations can be tailored to have the same minimizing effect.

America will still have problems if drug legalization is realized, but the end of a legal war on drugs would decrease fatalities and crime. The underground world of drugs is littered with corpses who have overdosed on unregulated or impure drugs, were killed in theft of drugs or money, or died in gang rivalries and altercations with the police. Creating regulations would enable supply to reach users without dangerous smuggling operations, high prices, coercion and violent crime.

Opponents of legalization will strike at these benefits as utilitarian manipulations that give no regard to the innocent victims. It would be ideal to eliminate all crime in society, but it would also be naive to believe such a thing is possible.

This nation is great, as well as hated, precisely because of the enormous freedom of choice allowed to its citizens. Though the choice to use drugs can threaten public safety, regulating drugs can be done in the same way as alcohol so that drugs do not become a pervasive and dangerous societal element. To end the futile war on drugs, reassessment is inevitable.

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## Leaders ready for action, but waiting for passion

TCU is a silent campus. Students aren't politically active. We aren't prone to protest. We don't use the Reed-Sadler Mall to stage rallies for human rights causes. We don't make a fuss about war or poverty or even money (if it grows on trees).

Students don't typically challenge administrative decisions. Some students say they are frustrated classes are getting larger. One student said he thinks he "won't have a snowball's chance in hell of registering for classes because things fill up so fast now."

But most students don't get too worked up. "By the time I finish I will probably only know a few professors and no administrators so what does it matter what I think about policy," the same student said. "I'll go find something else to deal with."

Our faculty isn't terribly vocal either. Few have ever been reprimanded for columns published in newspapers or statements made on television. Few are simply pounding down doors in Sadler Hall to talk about issues which matter to them.

Some are very well known in their fields. Their expertise is heralded in national journals, but they aren't heralding causes loudly enough for anyone to notice.

Some are unhappy about administrative policies like the revision of the University Core Curriculum or the fact that enrollment continues to increase even though we don't have the resources to house or educate our new-comers, but "it's best to keep those frustrations more personal," one non-tenured faculty member said. Our groundskeeping staff has from time to

time expressed frustration about salary discrepancies. We are not a campus that likes to rock the boat. "I am happy to be here making money at all," one said. "I can't afford to complain even if I wanted to. They say they are working (on it), I have to believe that and just keep doing my job."

Outsiders might say we are too self-absorbed to bother with the world beyond our well-manicured campus. They might say we should gather the nerve and shout. Sometimes, they are right. But not always.

We aren't crusaders.

But if the cause is right, we jump to action with a fervor that would make even the University of Texas-Austin proud. When fellow student Robin Kindle needed money for life-saving transplants, we emptied our pockets, wrote checks and washed cars. When Keith Ann Wagner was injured in a serious accident we rallied around her. When the Rise School needed a playground, a brightly-colored swing set was erected, no questions asked.

Our silence doesn't always signal total apathy. Often we wait for the right call — those causes which remind us of our mortality, challenge us to believe in miracles or force us to address our priorities.

There are leaders here, but they are subtle. These leaders change policy by working to change minds. They support staff by empowering them. They shape politics by encouraging analytical thinking, and they challenge the status quo one conversation at a time.

At TCU we are not always in tune with the world around us, but not all of us have completely forgotten the big picture. The campus is full of faculty, staff and students poised for action but waiting for passion.

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Commentary



Jaime Walker

## Advertisers, media working hard to sell patriotism

In a time of international crisis, Uncle Sam is quivering in his greenback-lined boots.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, citizens of the nation were numb. However, while the rest of society was slowly regaining feeling, executives in the advertising industry were gearing up for their largest challenge yet — convincing Americans to buy.

The economy was sure to take a plunge if advertisers didn't take immediate action. So they did — with dramatic news coverage, conspicuous product placement and an overwhelming onslaught of red, white and blue-themed advertisements.

The results of their well calculated plans have yet to come in. But there is more than enough evidence to suggest that their commercial crusades have effectively struck a chord with assurance-hungry citizens.

Companies are attempting to capitalize on the vulnerabilities of a nation that does not know quite how to contribute during a time of crisis. And they are doing it under the shady — and annoying — guise of patriotism.

College students naturally don't have superfluous amounts of money to spend rebuilding the economy. However, advertisers' post-attack efforts affect our lives in more ways than are immediately apparent.

Let's first consider the television industry. Though not all members of the college community are avid CNN watchers, almost all of us have tuned in at some point over the past month to see what is happening around the world.

Fortunately, breaking news has slowed down significantly after Sept. 11. Yet, when we tune in, there is still a complete and immediate sense of urgency.

Even when CNN news anchor Paula Zahn covers a story about two young girls in Ohio raising money for the families of firefighters, she narrates it as if it were a breathless update.

The on-screen title reads "America Under Attack" and ominous music plays in the background, as the camera pans to a grassy lawn, where the pig-tailed patriots jovially battle on with their squeegees in hand.

Though the findings of anthrax on Capitol Hill and the case of the hospital worker who died after contracting respiratory anthrax are valid and pressing news stories.

In their quest for viewers' attention, they have effectively engaged in the worst kind of media-where, after pounding viewers over the head to get the message across (and to keep viewer numbers high), network promoters pound viewers some more.

The same unfortunate scenario applies to post-Sept. 11 advertising in general.

If you continue to watch CNN, you will bear witness to an inundation of nationalistic advertisements. One of the best guilt-inciting promotions is for plastic flags that, as the advertisements claim, "attach easily to cars, mail boxes and desks."

At the end of the 60-second promotion, the advertisers have convinced viewers that the United States cannot win the war without the viewers sacrificing three easy payments of \$19.99 for something that was, most likely, produced in China.

Advertisements like these cross the line between good taste and, well, vulturism — where a few conniving entrepreneurs find a way to exploit the most tragic of events.

Admittedly, the formulation that spending money contributes to a recovering economy is cut and dry. If nobody spends money, no one is going to make money.

However, the formulation advertisers present — that spending money contributes to a recovering economy and somehow helps fight terrorism — requires a Herculean stretch of the imagination.

In the Oct. 29 issue of *People Magazine*, Discover Card ran a full-page ad that read, "You'd be surprised how many ways there are to help."

The writing includes words like "toothpaste," "wind-chime," "pancakes" and

"lumber" — all suggestions of what you can buy on your Discover Card to help boost the economy and supposedly fight terrorism.

Yes, next time you anticipate brushing your teeth or building a log cabin, the Taliban will retreat in fear, knowing Americans across the 50 states will purchase their goods on a credit card with a picture of their flag on it.

Inately, there is nothing wrong with making new purchases. But do not make them because advertisements have fooled you into believing these purchases are necessary as a loyal U.S. citizen.

Additionally, the Ford Motor Company has stepped over the line of reasonable patriotic advertising, promoting their 0 percent financing and claiming "We're doing our part," as if producing cars — something they've done for quite some time — makes them American heroes.

Not only should we condemn these post-Sept. 11 advertisements for their crassness and manipulation of American sentiment, but we should also recognize that advertisers are neither creative, nor are they breaking new ground in the advertising industry.

In 1943, the cigarette company Lucky Strikes formulated an idea that resulted in the most successful advertising campaign of that decade.

Faced with a shortage of green ink necessary to print the Lucky Strikes label, the company converted to a white package and aggressively promoted their product with the slogan: "Lucky Strike green has gone to war!"

It's idealistic to think that Americans have become more savvy in detecting the devices of advertisers.

Only time, and a few more commercials, will tell if the classic aphorism is true — that history repeats itself.

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## ORCHESTRA

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"Due to the fact that the Mimir Chamber Music Festival at TCU has been so successful, in looking at his resume and the press that has been associated with Mimir, I felt that this was a logical move and it is something that Mr. Thompson expressed interest in and so we decided to go with it," Bawcombe said.

Thompson said he is excited about the new position because he enjoys building new programs in institutions he believes in and this program has much potential. I don't care if he's excited, if he enjoys building new programs, what programs has he built Thompson said.

Ron Spigelman, music director of the Texas Chamber Orchestra, said he created the new position specifically with Thompson in mind. Spigelman said he and

Thompson worked together for three years in West Texas with the San Angelo Symphony.

"I have become familiar with his work and I realized how talented he is, and I thought it was great if I could get him to work with the chamber orchestra," Spigelman said.

Federico Hood, senior violin performance major, said Thompson's new job is an opportunity for students to learn by watching him play.

"As far as TCU is concerned, it's great to have somebody out in the actual field and it can be an extremely attractive thing for recruitment. You can learn a lot from just seeing him in action," Hood said.

Bawcombe said she hopes the Texas Chamber Orchestra will perform concerts at Bass Hall and eventually on TCU's campus.

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## SENIOR

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organization, sport, sorority or fraternity that the student was involved in," she said.

"Senior giving has had an extensive history at TCU," Nichols said. "Historically the senior class raised money for a specific university project."

Students who 'buy' a brick receive a year membership into the Junior Clark Society, a giving society and organization that recognizes young alumni donors she said.

Nichols said Junior Clark Society members are invited to participate in the festivities of Clark Society Weekend, and receive a newsletter, directory and full access to the TCU library.

The program is administered through the Annual Fund Office and is marketed by a committee of senior students called the Senior Executive Committee. This committee is comprised of Student Foundation seniors and other senior students who have been nominated by members of the faculty and staff, said Dalton.

"Last year approximately 300 graduates participated in the brick campaign out of 1,250 graduating seniors. Our goal is 300 again for this year, and there is plenty of room to add more," said Nichols.

The deadline for students to purchase a brick is Feb. 28, 2002.

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# Armed man gets past airport security

By Mike Robinson  
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CHICAGO — Private security workers at O'Hare International Airport were accused of allowing a man to pass through a checkpoint with several knives and a stun gun in his carry-on luggage.

Subash Gurung, 27, of Chicago, who told authorities he was unemployed, was arrested trying to board a United Airlines flight to Omaha, Neb., on Saturday night, said police spokesman Thomas Donegan.

He was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and attempting to board an aircraft with weapons, both state misdemeanors.

After being released on bail on those charges early Sunday, he was rearrested by FBI agents when he returned to O'Hare to retrieve his checked-in luggage and was charged with a federal felony count of attempting to carry a weapon on an aircraft, said Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago.

City officials said seven security workers, including one supervisor, failed to detain the Nepal-born Gurung after two folding knives were discovered in his pocket when he passed through a metal detector.

The workers did not notice seven other knives, a stun gun and a can of Mace when Gurung's bag went through an X-ray machine. Instead, they were found by United Airlines employees in the gate area who searched Gurung's carry-on bag, Donegan said.

"Something obviously went seriously wrong here, and we're trying to find out if it's the employees' fault," said Monique Bond, spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation. "If weapons were confiscated, he should never have been let through security."

It was not immediately clear why Gurung tried to take the weapons aboard the airplane. In a statement, the FBI said there was no allegation that terrorism was involved and

said reports that Gurung shared an address with alleged terrorist suspects were not accurate.

The screening workers were hired by Atlanta-based Argenbright Security Inc., which operates the screening operations at United's terminal. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident.

Bond at first said she understood seven workers had been fired by Argenbright, but she said later that it was unclear whether they had been fired or suspended. At any rate, she said, they no longer had the city-issued badges allowing them to work at O'Hare.

In a statement, Argenbright said eight workers had been suspended. There was no immediate explanation of the discrepancy in the numbers.

United spokesman Joe Hopkins said Gurung was searched at the terminal gate as part of the airline's regular security procedures. Last month, the FAA and the

Transportation Department announced an audit of the screeners employed by Argenbright, which operates at 14 airports. Officials alleged Argenbright has failed to adequately check employees' backgrounds.

Lawmakers said the incident would provide ammunition in debates over anti-terrorism legislation pending on Capitol Hill. Democrats want the federal government to take over airport security, while President Bush and many Republicans say the security job should stay in private hands.

U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said officials would not have been able to fire the seven employees if they had enjoyed the civil service protection of federal employees.

But Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., maintained that the security system would never work unless those running it were federal employees, "like the Customs Service, like the FBI."

# Russia, U.S. close to missile defense deal

By Vladimir Isachenkov  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russia and the United States have come closer to ending their dispute over Washington's missile defense plans, Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Monday, raising expectations for a breakthrough at next week's summit.

"There has been a certain progress and rapprochement" in talks between Russian and U.S. officials on missile defense, Ivanov told reporters, according to the Interfax news agency.

He refused to elaborate, saying the issue will come up for a detailed discussion Nov. 13-15, when President Bush hosts Russian President

Vladimir Putin in Washington and at Bush's ranch in Crawford.

Ivanov's comment was the strongest signal to date that Russia may agree to a compromise on the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, The United States wants to withdraw from the 1972 treaty, which bans nationwide missile defense shields of the kind the Bush administration wants to build.

In previous remarks on the subject, both Putin and Ivanov have insisted the ABM treaty is a "cornerstone" of strategic stability and should remain in place.

On Saturday, Ivanov held talks in Moscow with U.S. Defense Secretary

Donald Rumsfeld and said that while Russia recognizes the United States' right to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to build the missile defense system, "We believe it is better to do so when something new is already in place."

Russia's support for the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan has bolstered relations after a long period of chill and raised expectations for an agreement on missile defense and drastic cuts in offensive nuclear arms.

A Foreign Ministry statement alluded to new, warmer relations following arms control talks in Moscow on Monday with U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton.

"Real preconditions have emerged for developing a principal vision of the framework of the future strategic relationship between our countries," the statement said.

However, referring to the ABM treaty, it said the two countries must "carefully treat" existing agreements in order to take advantage of "new, major opportunities for radical nuclear weapons cuts."

A senior White House official told The Associated Press earlier that an agreement providing arms cuts of about two-thirds of the arsenal was on the negotiating table, with each country limiting itself to no more than 1,750 to 2,250 warheads.

# U.S. jets target Taliban positions in northern Afghanistan

By Kathy Gannon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — B-52s hammered away at Taliban positions outside a town near the northern border with Tajikistan and along the Kabul front Monday in hopes of helping the opposition gain ground before winter.

Taliban diplomats in Islamabad, Pakistan, also reported American air attacks Monday in the northern provinces of Samangan and Balkh against positions defending the Taliban-held city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Opposition and Taliban forces were fighting in the area of Mazar-e-Sharif on Monday, both sides said. But an opposition offensive launched there a day earlier was reported faltering hours after it began.

B-52 bombers struck at three separate sites about 30 miles northeast of Taloqan, near the Tajik border. Also, U.S. jets pounded Taliban positions to the east of the town, Mohammed Abil, a spokesman for the opposition northern alliance, said in a telephone interview.

Taloqan served as the opposition capital until Taliban troops overran it in September 2000, a major setback for the northern alliance. The alliance is seeking to reclaim the town,

but has not been able to make any major advances despite the U.S. bombing campaign, now in its fifth week.

Two B-52s dropped a total of nearly 20 bombs Monday morning on a Taliban base at Estarghech — part of Taliban defenses north of Kabul. Huge clouds of black smoke rose after the raid.

Two loud explosions were heard on the outskirts of Kabul around 5 a.m., while artillery and heavy machine gun fire reverberated from the Taliban posts in the hills surrounding the Afghan capital.

In a sign of stepped-up U.S. activity in the region, a team of five U.S. military personnel landed at Golbahar, about 40 miles north of Kabul near the front lines, "to help coordinate efforts in the war," opposition interior minister Yunis Qanoni told The Associated Press on Monday.

The men arrived Sunday from Tajikistan in a small twin-engine plane and were expected to study the new dirt landing strip to see if it's ready to handle supply shipments. If so, that would bolster opposition forces, whose mountainous supply route from Tajikistan has already been snowed over.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that more U.S. special forces had entered the country to help the opposition.

The Americans also carried out strikes in the Taliban's southern stronghold of Kandahar after a four-day lull, the Afghan Islamic Press reported.

The Taliban-controlled Bakhtar News Agency claimed bombs killed 10 people and injured 15 others in a village outside Mazar-e-Sharif. Five people died and seven were wounded in a raid near Kandahar, it said.

The reports could not be independently confirmed. The Pentagon has repeatedly dismissed the Taliban's claims of widespread civilian casualties as lies.

President Bush ordered the airstrikes Oct. 7 after the Taliban repeatedly refused to surrender Osama bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Meanwhile, Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf — a key ally in the U.S.-led campaign — will meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair in London on Thursday, Blair's office said. The meeting will

come a day after Blair flies by super-sonic Concorde to Washington for talks with Bush.

Blair has been playing a leading diplomatic role in maintaining international support for the campaign against terror.

On Sunday, an attack by anti-Taliban forces outside Mazar-e-Sharif was reported faltering only hours after it was launched, raising questions about the ability of the opposition to exploit U.S. airstrikes without the assistance of American ground troops.

Mazar-e-Sharif was lost by the rebels to the Taliban in 1998. Retaking it would open a major supply route for the northern alliance from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

In Islamabad, Taliban Ambassador Abdul Salam Zaef said the U.S. bombing had driven thousands of people from their homes. He said the situation had been made worse because Pakistan will not allow refugees into its territory. He called on the United Nations to "help the people of Afghanistan inside Afghan territory."

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan commits itself to cooperating with the United Nations operation in this respect to prevent any further problems," Zaef said.

The United Nations has been reluctant to operate inside Afghanistan because of security concerns and has been trying to persuade Pakistan to open its borders to more refugees who could be cared for on Pakistani soil. U.N. officials have also complained of Taliban fighters harassing aid workers and looting supplies. Zaef said the only threat to U.N. operations in Afghanistan was American bombs.

In Jabal Saraj, near Gulbahar, political leaders of the opposition northern alliance including deposed Afghan president Burhanuddin Rabbani reviewed troops Monday and said they were ready to strike at the capital.

Flags flew and old Soviet tanks fired practice rounds into arid hillsides in a display of strength.

"This is military preparation that shows our highest level of readiness," said Gen. Mohammed Fahim, the northern alliance's military commander. He evaded questions about when the opposition would move on key Taliban positions.

U.S. military planners are concerned that opposition forces will get bogged down with the onset of winter in the weeks ahead. Bad weather will soon make roads impassable,

obstructing the resupply of front-line troops.

Bad weather is believed to have caused the crash Friday night of a U.S. helicopter inside Afghanistan on a mission to rescue a sick soldier. The helicopter was identified as an MH-53, probably an Air Force "Pave Low" special forces troop carrier.

Four crew members aboard the downed craft were injured, none critically, and were taken out by a second helicopter on the mission. The ill soldier was rescued Saturday.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, on a tour of front-line states in the war against terrorism, sought to dispel fears that the air campaign was failing to crack the Taliban's grip on Afghanistan.

In Pakistan on Sunday, Rumsfeld said the Taliban are no longer "functioning as a government" and were "not making major military moves." On Monday, Rumsfeld was in India, where he said the military operation in Afghanistan was becoming more effective every day and would not take years to complete.

U.S. officials, however, have said the campaign against terrorism is global and could last well after the eventual end of fighting in Afghanistan.

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# Anthrax found in two post boxes at Pentagon

By Susanne M. Schafer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Two postal boxes at a post office inside the Pentagon have tested positive for anthrax and individuals renting other boxes are being screened at a Pentagon health clinic, a Pentagon spokesman said Monday.

A Navy sailor who had rented one of the two boxes has been seen at Bethesda Naval Hospital, a Pentagon spokesman said, but no further information about his identity or condition was available.

The second box was unassigned,

Pentagon officials said Monday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention took samples from the office on Tuesday, and the test results were returned Saturday. Two of 17 samples taken tested positive, the Pentagon said.

The office was decontaminated Sunday and "retesting results were all negative," said a Pentagon statement.

Pentagon spokesman Glen Flood said he had no information about the quality of the anthrax found during the testing.

There are 214 post boxes at the office, which is located in a concourse

inside the Pentagon.

All those renting the boxes are being contacted and offered the chance to come to the Pentagon's clinic for screening, Flood said. He said he had no information on the number of renters who might have accepted the offer.

The post office was closed Monday. Yellow police tape covered the alcoves housing the boxes, which are located outside the post office itself in a far corner of the concourse.

The concourse is a commercial section of the Pentagon and contains a bank, several shops and food kiosks that serve the thousands of workers in

the building.

It is separate from the Defense Department's own mailroom, which has been tested twice with negative results, Flood said.

The facility had been scheduled for random testing because it gets its mail from the Brentwood post office in the District of Columbia, which was closed Oct. 15 after anthrax was discovered inside.

Six employees in the concourse post office had been put on medication as a precaution shortly after the discovery of anthrax at Brentwood, the Pentagon said.

## TOUCHING UP



Kristy Laurent, a sophomore art education major, paints a still life in the painting lab in Moudy North Monday. Erin Mungler/PHOTO EDITOR

# Attacks cause rise of concealed weapon permits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Applications to carry a concealed weapon are on the rise around the country as Americans deal with fears of terrorism.

In October, Colorado officials conducted more than triple the number of background checks for concealed-weapons permits than they did a year earlier. One sheriff waived the \$100 fee as a patriotic gesture and asked applicants to donate the money to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Increases have also been reported in states such as Texas, Washington and Oklahoma. South Dakota officials reported the pace of filings has been about 25 percent above normal.

"People want to be safe and they

don't want to be left defenseless and they want to cope with their fear of an unknown future with protection rather than without," said Wayne LaPierre, executive director of the National Rifle Association.

LaPierre said NRA firearm-safety courses, often a requirement for obtaining a permit, are booked solid through the end of December in many areas, and gun sales have increased significantly, as has NRA membership.

State or nationwide figures on how many concealed-weapons permits have actually been issued were not immediately available because local jurisdictions are responsible for the permits.

The process varies from jurisdic-

tion to jurisdiction.

Joshua Orrison, 23, of Loveland, applied for a permit at the beginning of October, shortly after Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden suspended the fee. He works with youth groups such as 4-H and wanted additional protection while on outings, but said the terrorist attacks and the fee waiver persuaded him to apply.

"With the things going on, you never know what's going to happen," Orrison said.

Gun-control advocates urged caution among people buying firearms and authorities issuing the permits.

"There's no evidence thus far that this has been a street battle. It's been on the scale of large attacks and, in that respect, I think that this response

doesn't match the reality," said Tom Mauser, whose son Daniel was killed during the Columbine High School rampage in 1999.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation conducts background checks for gun purchases and concealed-carry permit applications. In September, it did background checks on 217 people who had applied for permits, up from the 142 background checks in September 2000. Last month, the agency did 586 concealed-carry checks, up from 184 in October 2000.

Alderden has scheduled 1,559 to be fingerprinted for concealed-carry permit applications since mid-September. He issued about 870 permits in the 2 years before the attacks, and has issued 145 permits since Sept. 11.



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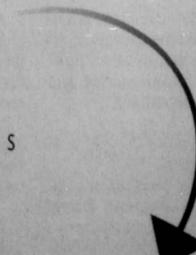
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## DVD killed the Video Star

By Tamara Chuang and Stephen Lynch  
KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

Perhaps you bought one because the price dropped below \$200. Or maybe it was a trip to the local video store, where the format has gobbled up shelf space. Then again, it could be that the title you've been waiting for — "The Godfather" or "Snow White" — was finally remastered and released. Whatever the reason, if you bought a DVD player this year, you're not alone. So far, five million machines have been sold in 2001, and analysts are expecting DVD movies and players to be the hot holiday buy — again.

If there was any doubt that consumers have fallen in love with DVD, this fall has erased it.

"The format is exploding," says Steve Bicksler, owner of the Southern California store chain Penny Lane, which has switched much of its stock to DVD. "The interest has

surpassed even that of the compact disc."

In fact, in four years, the digital versatile disc has become the fastest-adopted consumer electronic product in history. One-third of American homes now have one, according to the Consumer Electronics Association.

For evidence that the format has hit critical mass, one need only look at DVD movie sales, which continue to break records. Early this month, 2 million discs of "The Mummy Returns" sold in one week. But that feat was soon eclipsed by "Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom Menace," which sold 2.2 million copies last week. That \$45 million opening weekend rivaled the film's theatrical debut.

This year marks another turning point for DVD: the release of the first mass-market recordable drives. Pioneer will introduce a DVD-R machine next month, which works much like a VCR. Though sales should be slow at first — especially considering the \$2,000 price tag — this is the last hurdle for DVD to completely usurp VHS as the home video format of choice.

"VCRs took 20 odd years to get into 60 percent of U.S. homes," says Danielle Levitas, an analyst with market researcher International Data Corp. "DVDs are on track to do that in 10 to 15 years and it's probably closer to 10 because prices have come down, more titles are available and (manufacturers) are adding more functionality to players."

DVDs have become so successful so quickly because movie makers have been enthusiastic about the format from the start, and that enthusiasm has rubbed off on consumers.

Unlike laserdiscs, which were few and expensive, studios threw their full support behind DVDs. Some 10,000 movies are available in the DVD format and dozens of new releases come out monthly. Many cost less than \$20. And the average consumer easily recognizes the improved picture and sound quality, not to

mention the extra features such as bonus scenes or director commentaries, says Randy Hargrove, a spokesman for video-rental giant Blockbuster.

"It took a little longer for VCRs to catch on because people had to learn what they were useful for," he says. "With DVDs, they're used to the idea of renting and buying movies."

The result is that many DVD owners are doing what music lovers did a decade ago: migrating their movie collection from an inferior format (cassettes) to a better one (digital).

Blockbuster is doing the same thing. Last month it scrapped 25 percent of its VHS inventory and expanded each store's DVD offerings. Next year, Blockbuster expects 40 percent of its rentals will be on DVD, Hargrove says. That figure will be 50-50 by 2003.

The bet already has paid off for the nation's largest video rental chain. This week, Blockbuster reported a 92 percent increase in third-quarter revenues, attributable mainly to DVD, which have 10 percent higher margins than VHS.

But no matter how superior digital video is over analog, it could be years before the DVD permanently replaces the VCR.

"People are buying DVD players but they probably aren't trashing their VCRs," Levitas says.

People still need VCRs to record off TV and watch old videos. Levitas gives DVDs 12 months before they start outselling VCRs. But the demise of the VCR?

"You're looking at the end of the decade," is her best guess.

An estimated 12.5 million DVD players will be sold in stores this year, according to the Consumer Electronics Association. Next year, sales will hit 15 million and then 17 million the following year. But DVDs still have a long way to go — VCRs are found in 98 million U.S. households, says the CEA.

"Our surveys show that 90 percent of DVD owners still use VCRs for recording or watching movies they own on VHS," says Sean Wargo, senior analyst with the CEA. "When you add recording features to DVD, it does add interest. But not for that price."

DVD recorders are available and currently selling for \$1,000 to \$2,000, down from \$4,000 last year. In addition to the high price, there are three competing standards of rewritable DVD players that are not compatible with one another.

Once prices do come down and the format issue is resolved, Wargo said, recordable DVD players will be a no-brainer for consumers. With VCRs in the majority of U.S. households, pretty much everyone can understand the concept of recording video.

Ken Crane's Home Entertainment store in Westminster, Calif., still sells VCRs, but more shelf space is dedicated to DVDs. The new Panasonic recordable DVD player is prominently displayed for \$998.

"Movies are being released on DVD first. No tapes to break, no heads to clog, it's all optical," said Tom Campbell, corporate director for the Torrance, Calif.-based retailer.

"I would say it's going to be a slow death for the VCR. As prices come down for DVD recorders and people have another option of recording, that will be the end of the tape."

## Rewritable DVD player not mainstream

By Tamara Chuang  
KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

If you still haven't figured out how to set the clock on your VCR, you're not ready.

If you've fallen in love with DVDs and have been eyeing those new-fangled DVD recorders that let you digitally record TV shows, edit them on screen, transfer home movies from camcorder to disk and act like a Tivo — you're still probably not ready.

And if you have a couple of grand to spare, are a videophile with a penchant for being first and don't care that you may have to upgrade in a year, you probably already have one.

A DVD player that can record and re-record, that is.

The first rewritable DVD player came out last fall from Pioneer Electronics releases its version Nov. 15.

But while the technology has been out for more than a year — rewritable DVD drives first targeted computer users — it doesn't seem ready for prime time. Manufacturers continue to flip-flop on features.

Prices, while down nearly 75 percent from last year, are still in the \$1,000-to-\$2,000 range. And the market is so tiny that the Consumer Electronics Association hasn't started tracking sales.

"When you add recording features to the DVD, it does add interest and will be more compelling," said Sean Wargo, an analyst from the association. "But we're not looking at much more mainstream pricing until fourth quarter of next year. ... By then, they should be considerably under \$1,000. Maybe even closer to \$400 to \$500."

Oh yes. Then there's the confusing format war with three incompatible rewritable DVD players vying to be the next VHS (as opposed to Betamax). Panasonic is the main proponent of DVD RAM. Pioneer prefers the DVD-RW. And Phillips is supporting the DVD+RW.

The good thing about waiting is that sometimes dilemmas take care of themselves.

Take Panasonic, for example. It was the first to release a rewritable player last fall. Retailer Eagle Products of Santa Ana, Calif., was proud to carry the \$3,999 device. But the store ended up selling only a couple.

"We tried to sell the Panasonic player but they were too expensive," said Rob Pigneri, the store's general manager. Pigneri also blames the cost of the blank disks, which currently sell for \$25 to \$45 per disk.

"Why spend that much when you can go buy the movie on DVD for a little bit more?" Pigneri said. "I remember when VCRs first came out. They were \$999 and the tapes were \$10. But still, the movies were \$89.99 so there was more incentive to buy a VCR and make your own recordings," he said.

Panasonic's first recorder wasn't a big seller, admits Jeff Samuels, a Panasonic spokesman. "It was really for the people who wanted new technology and we wanted to be first," he said.

The company made some revisions and then introduced the DMR E20 last month. A major change was added compatibility with DVD-R, which allows users to record on a disk once. The DVD-R format is backed by competitor Pioneer and works with many existing DVD players.

"We were and still are big proponents for the DVD RAM market," Samuels said. "But the downside to it was that DVD RAM could only be played on DVD RAM players. So if I had this machine that I just paid \$4,000 for and transferred all my videos to it, I couldn't play (the videos) on a regular DVD player."

Ultimately, said Wargo, with the CEA, the three formats will coexist under a global standard because that's what consumers will demand.

"Nobody benefits from a million different standards," he said. "Manufacturers don't want to hassle consumers."

But until then, for those with cash to spare, rewritable DVD players offer something the VCR never will.

Manufacturers are adding features, such as IEEE 1394 (Firewire), to transfer home videos from camcorder to DVD disk faster than you can watch the video.

The storage capacity ranges from 4.7 GB for most discs; double-sided DVD RAM offers about 9.4 GB of space — or about 9.4 hours of high-quality video. And once on disc, DVDs pretty much last a lifetime.

Videophiles may not have bitten last year, but with prices dropping and compatibility issues getting resolved, sales are starting to pick up, said Tom Campbell, corporate director of Ken Crane's Home Entertainment Inc., a high-end electronics retailer based in Torrance, Calif.

"Consumers are embracing it. Sales are above expectations," said Campbell, who broke down last month and bought one for himself. "With any consumer electronic, we find that the more companies that come out with a product, the more universal the product becomes and the more successful the product will be. We're already advertising the Pioneer product."

## DVD Future Releases

Nov. 6  
*The Sopranos — The Complete Second Season*

Features include: Complete Second Season: Episodes 14-26 (on four discs), two featurettes and Web-links.

Legally Blonde

Features include: Deleted scenes with introductions by director Robert Luketic, two exclusive featurettes, two audio commentary tracks with the director, Reese Witherspoon and film crew and a trivia track.

Star Trek — The Director's Edition

Features include: Two discs, commentary, the newly restored director's edition of the feature film, three retrospective documentaries with cast and crew interviews, three trailers, eight television commercials, 11 deleted scenes, five additional scenes and storyboard archives.

Nov. 13  
*The X-Files — The Complete Fourth Season*

Features include: seven disc boxed set, deleted and extended scenes, international clips, "Behind the Truth" spots, episode commentaries and special effects commentary.

Nov. 20  
*Planet of the Apes*

Features include: Two discs, commentary by score composer Danny Elfman, theatrical trailers, interactive feature, exclusive programs including behind-the-scenes documentaries and eight interactive multi-angle sequences.

*The Grinch (Interactive Playset and Full Frame DVD)*

Features include: Production crew spotlight on location, deleted scenes, musical, Whoville action.

Faith Hill music video, sing-along songs and read-along songs. This set contains the full-frame edition of the movie inside a limited edition 3-D pop-up style play set. The package also expands into a carousel of three scene re-creations.

Dec. 4

*Pearl Harbor*

Features include: Introduction by director Michael Bay, documentary on Pearl Harbor veterans returning to the USS Arizona Memorial, documentary on the real attack, documentary on the unsung heroes, Faith Hill's music video "There You'll Be" and cast interviews.

Dec. 11

*Jurassic Park III (Full Frame Collector's Edition)*

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Rush Hour 2

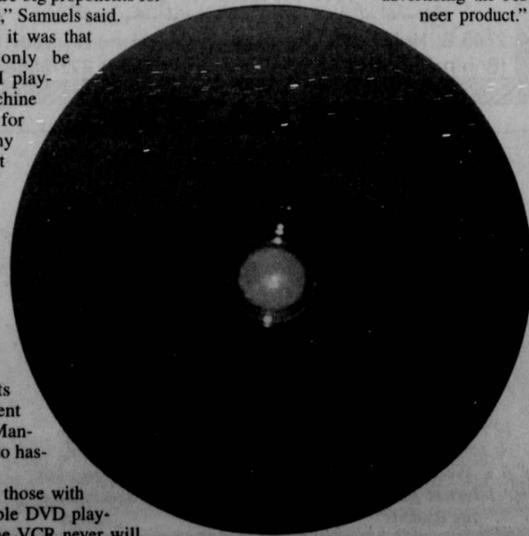
Features include: director commentary, deleted footage and outtakes with optional director commentary, fashion of "Rush Hour 2," visual effects deconstruction, Jackie Chan's Hong Kong introduction, kung fu choreography and fact track.

Dec. 18

*Moulin Rouge*

Features include: Two discs, theatrical trailers, production and writing commentaries, eight behind-the-scenes branches, five "Star" featurettes, early drafts of screenplay, six extended scenes and four re-cut dance sequences and two music videos.

— adapted from (www.amazon.com)



# Detained Baylor alumnae write from Afghanistan

By Stephen Dove  
THE LARIAT

WACO (U-WIRE) - In letters released by their church Wednesday, two Baylor University alumnae detained in Afghanistan said they remain hopeful for their release and request continued prayers for the people of Afghanistan.

The hand-written letters from the Dayna Curry, 29, and Heather Mercer, 24, were delivered to Danny Mulkey, assistant pastor of Antioch Community Church, last week by the women's lawyer. Mulkey is currently living in Islamabad, Pakistan, where he is representing the church in meetings with the women's lawyer and U.S. State Department officials.

In the opening excerpt from her letter, Curry, who turns 30 on Sunday, writes: "It is so good to hear that so many people are praying. I hope they are praying for this country along with us. I'm sure they are. We believe that is one of the main reasons we are here - to motivate and awaken people to pray for this nation. If we weren't here I don't think near as many people would be lifting this place up."

Curry and Mercer are among eight foreign aid workers, including four Germans and two Australians, who were arrested by Afghanistan's Taliban government on Aug. 3. Original reports indicated that the charges against the women were related to preaching Christianity. However, Jimmy Seibert, senior pastor of Antioch, has said the official charge against the two women is limited to being in the home of an Afghan family, a crime for foreign visitors in the country.

Seibert also has said the women acknowledged their personal Christian faith to the Taliban supreme court and admitted that they were showing the Jesus video in an Afghan home the night they were arrested.

All of the aid workers have been held in Kabul, the capital city of Afghanistan, since their arrests.

In her letter, Mercer describes the dangerous surroundings of Kabul as U.S.-led bombing continues around the city.

"Right now I'm writing in the middle of the night, under a blanket with a flashlight," Mercer's letter says. "The lights across the city are shut down every evening

to prepare for the aerial and fire-works show. No lights are allowed. Besides, it's often hard to sleep in anticipation of the evening's events, so writing becomes my great joy."

Both women write that prayers from church members and other friends are keeping their spirits high during their detainment.

"Really, your remembrances are hope for us every day," Mercer writes. "When I am afraid, I remember that our Father in heaven hears the cries of his children and answers them, to know that you and others cry out day and night for a good outcome gives me great joy and faith."

Seibert said the church released excerpts from the women's letters in order to "help their voices be heard in the midst of all that is happening."

He also said the flow of information about Curry and Mercer has been limited since last week, but the women were seen earlier this week and were reportedly fine. The lawyer for the detainees is currently applying for a visa to reenter Afghanistan so that he can meet with Taliban supreme court officials.

## SLEEP

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need to learn specific material for a test, staying up to learn the material would not hinder their abilities to retain information.

Research conducted on animals draws similar conclusions to human studies: There is no correlation between intelligence and REM sleep.

Dolphins, considered by scientists to be very intelligent animals, spend less than 12 minutes of their 10-hour sleep period in REM sleep.

Animals that have long periods of REM sleep are not necessarily

smarter than animals with short periods of REM sleep, Siegel said.

Siegel is especially interested in research on the platypus, one of the most primitive animals and the only duck-billed mammal.

Platypi spend eight hours of their 14-hour sleep period in REM.

Even though platypi spend more than half their sleeping time in REM, they are not a highly advanced species compared to other animals.

For humans, the choice to sleep or stay up is an important one, especially for students whose grades may be on the line. Students try to find a balance be-

tween knowing the material for a test and feeling clear-minded enough to take the test.

In order to function during a test, many students say they try to get about seven hours of sleep the night before.

Fourth-year biology student Anthony Camara prefers to get sleep the night before a test. He is, however, willing to stay up early into the morning to make sure he covers all of the material.

"If I do not get sleep before an English test, I will still be able to stay up and function. If I have to calculate a lot of numbers for a science or math test, I make more mistakes when I do not get sleep," Camara said.

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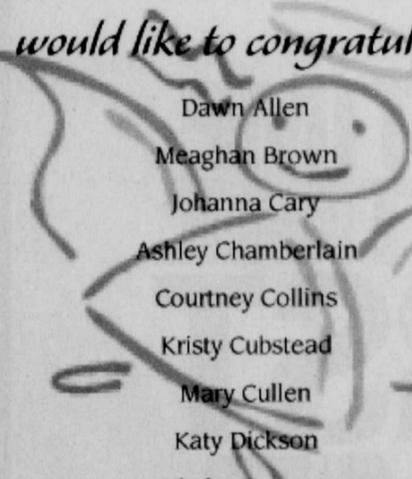
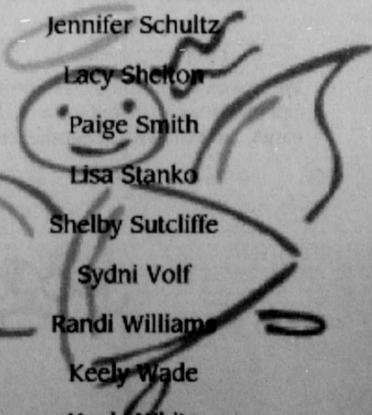
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## Horoscopes

**♈** **Aries** (March 21-April 19) - You and your partner don't agree about the best way to proceed. Don't overpower this person, even though you can. You want change, but it's important to end up with something that works for both of you. Instead of doing all the talking, listen.

**♉** **Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - Pay attention, take notes, but remain objective. See if you can filter out the speaker's bias. People don't usually lie on purpose; they just see things from different points of view. Don't just go with the person who's telling you what you want to hear.

**♊** **Gemini** (May 21-June 21) - Chat less and work more. Don't talk specifically about the money. The wheels are already in motion. All you have to do is follow through on a promise. Ignore gossip and rumblings of mutiny, too.

**♋** **Cancer** (June 22-July 22) - You're rolling along, but there's a caution flag on the track. Something you say won't be understood, or something you buy won't match what you have. Apologize if necessary, and save all the receipts.

**♌** **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Heed that little voice in the back of your head that's always after you to check and double-check. Haste makes waste, especially now. Review information you've been given. It's likely to contain an error.

**♍** **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You're working hard to accomplish a big goal quickly. You're learning fast, and you're getting help from your friends. Be careful not to overspend, unless it's for a very worthy cause.

**♎** **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - This isn't the time to argue with the boss or any other authority figure. Be calm, cool and respectful. Explain your position carefully, and don't be dismayed if you can't get it across yet. Patience helps.

**♏** **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Keep confidential information to yourself just a little longer. Advise a confidant to do the same. If that advice doesn't make sense now, it will tomorrow.

**♐** **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - A person you find annoying is doing you a big favor. Listen to advice you don't want to hear. A friend is apt to accidentally point you in the wrong direction, so pay attention to where you're going.

**♑** **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - A misunderstanding could happen quickly. Check with your listener often to make sure that what he or she hears is what you meant to say. Some words have different meanings to different people, especially where money's concerned. A little extra effort now could save you a bundle.

**♒** **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're pushing, and with good reason. You can see what needs to be done, although you may not know quite how. You can't do it all by yourself. You need a strong leader and the support of others. Offer your expertise to the group effort.

**♓** **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - You're strong, and you have the support of strong friends. But a slick salesperson could sell you a scheme that won't work. Don't go along with the crowd. Do your own research.

## Purple Poll

**Q:** Should Billy Tubbs return as head men's basketball coach next season?



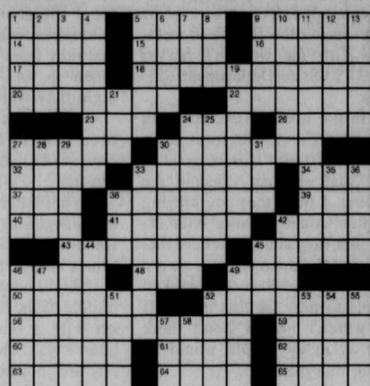
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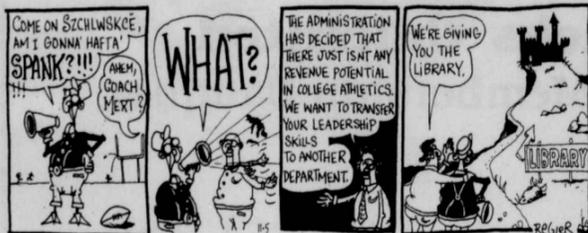
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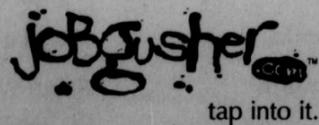
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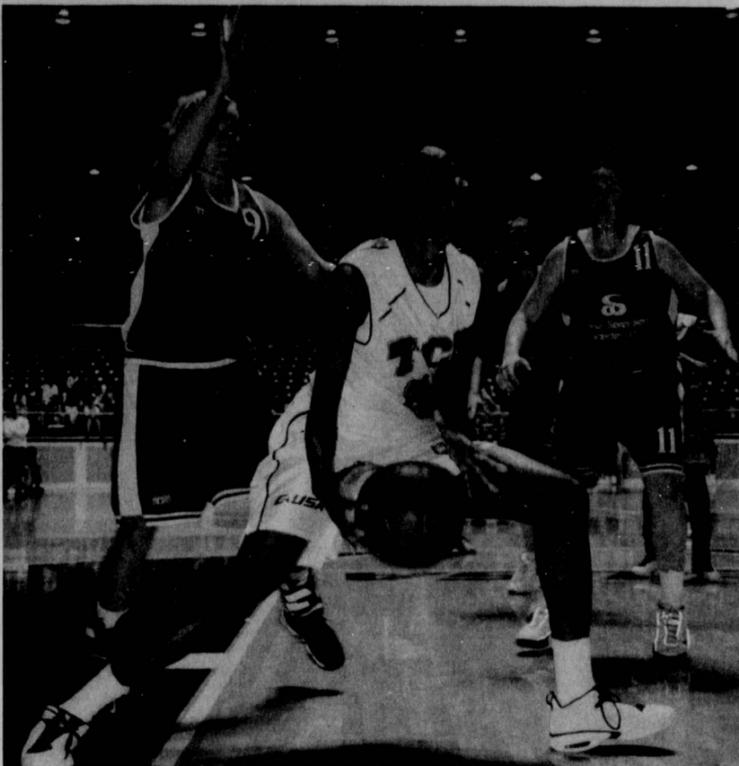
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Freshman forward Sandora Irvin maneuvers with her back to the basket against two defenders of the Abyhoj Basketball Club of Denmark. Irvin scored 15 points in her debut.

## Women's basketball team knocks off Denmark team

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

Before TCU freshman forward Sandora Irvin played in her first college basketball game Saturday she made a call to her uncle, former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin, to tell him she may start.

But Michael Irvin said he did not want his niece to get her hopes up too early in the season.

"I told her just to be glad she's on the team and that she may not get any playing time this year," Michael Irvin said. "She said 'oh, I'm going to play.' I told her to just try her hardest. I got to keep her grounded."

But Sandora Irvin did start Saturday as the Frogs won their first exhibition game of the season 120-50 against the Abyhoj Basketball Club of Denmark at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

And Michael Irvin was there to see it.

"This is my first time to see her play with the rest of the team and in this kind of atmosphere," Uncle Irvin said. "God works in great ways. I'm retired right when she gets here. This gives us a sport to stay into and gives us something to do as a family. To come out with my boys and watch my niece, that's a blessing."

Sandora Irvin finished the game with

15 points and tied senior forward Kati Sarafitova with the most rebounds in the game with seven.

Junior forward Grace Gantt, who was also playing her first game at TCU, led the Frogs in scoring with 20 points. Five other Frogs reached double figures in scoring. Junior guard Candice Baldwin was a perfect 8-of-8 shooting as she netted 16 points.

Freshman forward Ashley Browning, who went 4-of-5 from three-point range and scored 17 points, said she was excited to take the court for her first college basketball game.

"This is what I was thinking about all day long," Browning said. "Freshman forward Niki (Newton) and I just sat in our room pacing. We took out our playbooks, and then we put them down. It just filled our day, but it was a blast."

Demetric Shaw Sr., father of sophomore guard Ebony Shaw, said he was just as excited watching from the stands where he saw his daughter score 15 points.

"This team is very quick and deep," Demetric Shaw said. "It's going to be exciting to see them play this year. On paper, I knew this team was good, and after just one game, I can see where that's coming from."

Head coach Jeff Mittie said the team's depth will be one of its biggest strengths this season.

"We have good scorers at all positions," Mittie said. "I told the team because of our depth, when you step out on that floor, you better be ready to go. If you're not, someone else is going to be ready to step out there for you."

Michael Irvin, who plans to come out to every home game this season, hopes his niece is "ready to go" every game.

"It's truly a blessing to have (Sandora) here," Michael Irvin said. "I knew TCU was one of (the schools she was applying to), and I was hoping she would pick this one. I live in Plano, so it's only an hour drive to get here. I'll take that drive any day."

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## Miami Hurricanes jump to second in BCS polls

Nebraska still in first after 51-7 whipping of Kansas, Oklahoma trails with 7.83 points

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MIAMI — Even with a win over lowly Temple, Miami moved into national title territory in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Hurricanes, sitting third in the rankings for two weeks, rose to second place — ahead of Oklahoma and behind Nebraska — in the latest BCS standings released Monday.

Miami (7-0) defeated Temple 38-0 on Saturday, and surged to a 1.22-point advantage over Oklahoma in the five-pronged formula used to rank teams. The Sooners (8-1) beat Tulsa, 58-0.

Nebraska (10-0), a 51-7 winner over Kansas, remained first with 2.62 points, followed by Miami at 6.61 points and Oklahoma at 7.83 points. Last week, Miami trailed Oklahoma by just .12 points.

The standings determine which teams play in the BCS' national title game in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. The rankings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-loss record and bonus points for big wins.

Miami, ranked No. 1 in the AP media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, jumped past Oklahoma thanks to the computers and a stronger schedule, which also takes into account results of teams Miami has already played.

For example, Miami defeated Florida State earlier this season, and the Seminoles (6-2) improved to 14th in the BCS standings after beating

Clemson on Saturday. Tennessee (6-1) moved up three places to fourth, with Texas (8-1) fifth. Rounding out the BCS' top 10 were Oregon (8-1), Florida (7-1), Washington (7-1), Washington State (8-1) and Michigan (6-2).

BYU (9-0), the only other major college unbeaten team, made the rankings for the first time, in 13th place.

Nebraska's 2.62-point breakdown was: 2 points for poll average, 1 point for computer average, 0.92 for strength of schedule, 0 for won-loss record and a 1.3-bonus point deduction for beating Oklahoma on Oct. 27.

The bonus award — new this season — is based on a sliding scale from 1.5 points for beating a first-place team down to .1 for a win over the 15th-place team. The bonus is awarded after the other elements are calculated.

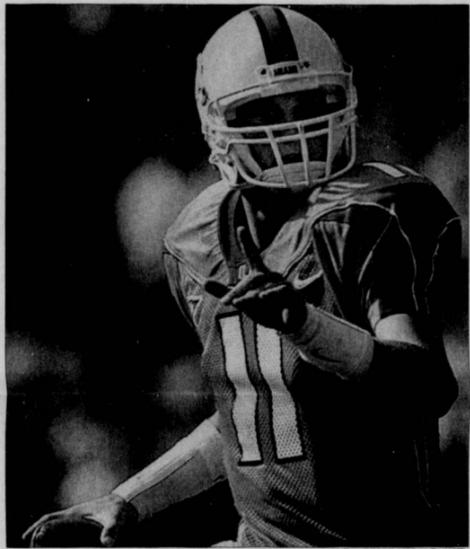
Miami (6.61) had 1 point for poll average, 2.83 for computer average, 2.88 for strength of schedule, 0 for won-loss record and a .1-point deduction for beating Florida State.

Oklahoma (7.83) had 3.5 for poll average, 3.67 for computer average, 0.76 for strength of schedule, 1 for won-loss record and a 1.1-point deduction for beating the Texas Longhorns on Oct. 6.

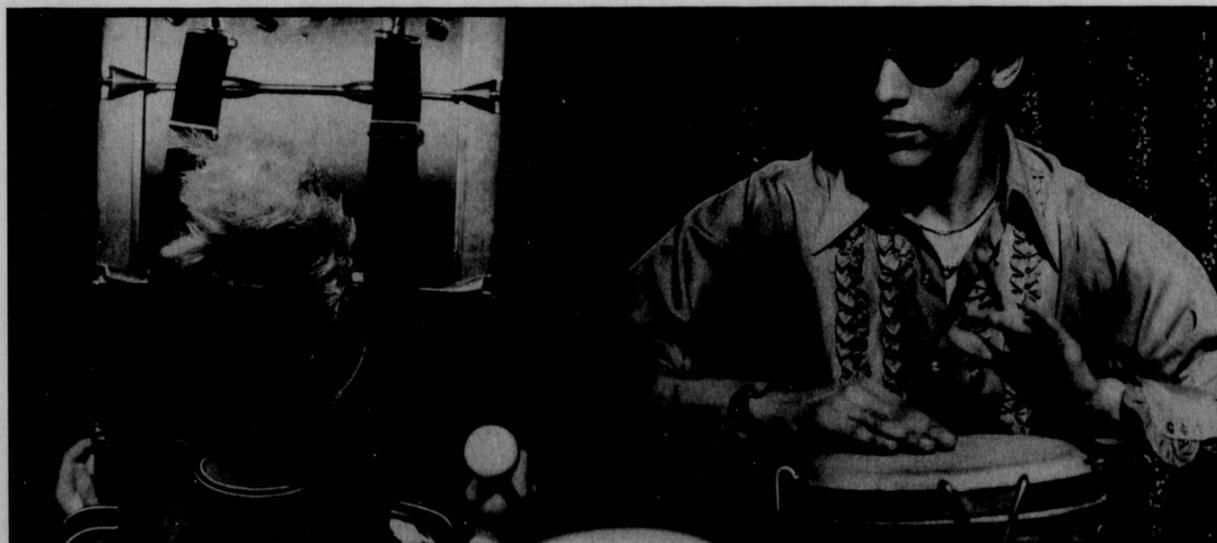
Looking ahead, the schedule seems to favor Miami, which plays four strong teams to close the season — at Boston College (6-2), home to Syracuse (7-2) and Washington (7-1), and at Virginia Tech (6-2).

Oklahoma plays Texas A&M (7-2) at home, and visits Texas Tech (5-3) and Oklahoma State (2-6) before a likely rematch against Nebraska in the Big 12 title game.

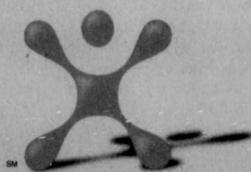
Nebraska plays Kansas State (4-4) at home, and visits Colorado (7-2) before the Big 12 title game.



Miami's Ken Dorsey looks for a receiver down field deep in the end zone during Miami's 38-0 win over Temple.



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## Tubbs' decision hits fans, players

By Brandon Ortiz  
SPORTS EDITOR

It didn't take long for "Billyball" to catch on at TCU. It took a game. A half to be more exact.

In head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs' first game at TCU, a 7-20 team the year before scored a record 61 points in the first half to open in the 1994-1995 season. It was an omen of things to come, as Tubbs' up-tempo style helped the Frogs lead the nation in scoring that year (93.7 ppg) and twice more in the next six seasons. Under Tubbs' high-octane offense, TCU would enjoy its best seven-year stretch in history, going 140-80 (.636 winning percentage), winning one regular season conference title and qualifying for a school record three-consecutive postseason tournaments.

In his usual outspoken manner, Tubbs announced Monday he would step down at the end of the season, marking the end of the Billyball era for TCU. Tubbs said rumors surrounding his job security led to his decision to resign at the end of the season.

"One of the reasons I am doing this at this particular time is to take the burden off of my players and

take the burden off my staff so that we can do the best job we can do this year," Tubbs said hours before his team tipped off its first exhibition game of the season.

After the Frogs played a typical Billy Tubbs' game — drubbing Czech-Select 146-70 — senior forward Marlon Dumont said Tubbs' decision made it a difficult game to play.

"It was a bad feeling," Dumont said. "But we have to respect his wishes. We have to keep playing hard."

Junior forward Bingo Merriex said Tubbs' announcement left the team wondering who its coach would be next season.

"It is kind of emotional," Merriex said. "Coach Tubbs is known for winning and we don't know who is going to come in next year. It is kind of leaving the guys puzzled and curious about what is going to happen next year in the back of our mind."

Fans were also upset. John Cockrell, Frog Club President, said Tubbs turned the basketball program around.

"He was instrumental in 1994 in revitalizing out basketball program and pumped welcome life into the men's program," said Cockrell, who graduated from TCU in 1969.

Tubbs said recruiting has become more difficult the past three seasons because of questions about his job security. He said he was not burned out on coaching, but the rumors swirling around the team had made his job exceedingly difficult.

"I really asked myself if I could be enthusiastic, could I go out and give great effort and the answer is 'yes,'" Tubbs said. "The reason I asked myself that is because I don't ever want to walk out on my players. I love my players, I am never going to walk out on them and leave them high and dry."

After losing six players last year, Tubbs brought in six new recruits this season, including Junior College All-American forward Jamal Brown and highly touted freshman point guard Corey Santee. Dumont said it was the youngest players who took the news the hardest.

"I think that is hurting them more than anybody else," Dumont said.

TCU had a 96-108 record the seven years before Tubbs came to TCU and was only 13-42 the two seasons before his arrival. Tubbs came to TCU after a successful stint at Oklahoma in which he was National Coach of the Year twice and reached the NCAA Tournament

eight times in 12 years. His first season at TCU, the Frogs had a winning record of 16-11 and tied for third in the Southwest Conference.

"When Billy was hired, it really made a tremendous statement to the college athletic world," Athletics Director Eric Hyman said. "I think his hiring was the catalyst that catapulted TCU to where it is today. I think it made a serious statement that TCU was committed because I think up to that point in time that was a question mark."

"I think that is a tribute to him and what he has accomplished."

Tubbs produced the second highest scoring team in NCAA history (102.9 ppg at Oklahoma in 1987-1988) and the highest scoring team in TCU history (97.2 in 1997-1998).

T.L. Farrow, a 1952 TCU graduate who has seen every game he has "been in town for" since 1970, said Tubbs' teams were entertaining for fans.

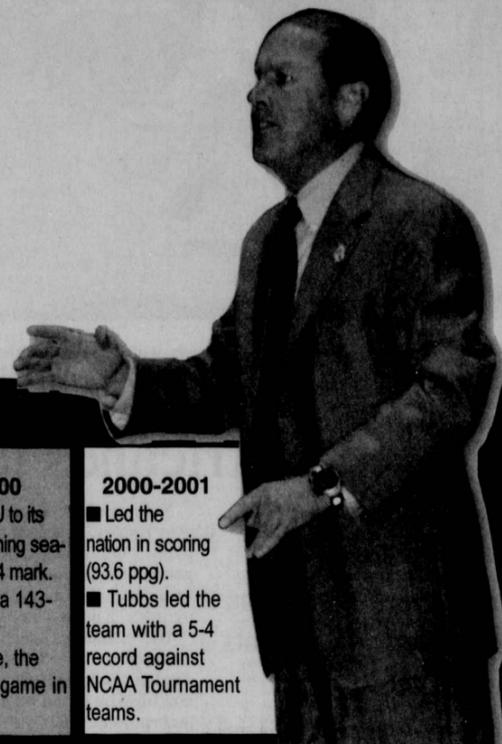
"I would hate for them to go to a slow down game," Farrow said. "It's just not as interesting."

With Billyball almost gone, things might not ever be as interesting again.

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"I had a guy come to me the other day that heard that I might be getting out of coaching. He wanted to know if we wanted to start a little trash newspaper that would go after the news media -no one else. We'd try to dig into the news media's personal lives, and just plant rumors and stuff like that..."

—Billy Tubbs  
men's head basketball coach



## Billy Tubbs' career at TCU

### 1994-95

- In Tubbs first season, he posted a 16-11 mark.
- Tubbs garnered Southwest Conference Coach of the Year honors.

### 1995-96

- TCU finished fourth in SWC play and 16-14 overall.
- Tubbs captured his 25th win at TCU with a 124-78 win over Alaska-Anchorage.

### 1996-97

- In the first year of Western Athletic Conference play, Tubbs led the Frogs to 22 wins.
- TCU lost to Utah in the WAC postseason tournament championship

### 1997-98

- Tubbs led TCU, led the nation in scoring, to its winningest season in program history (27-6).
- Tubbs was named WAC coach of the year and notched his 500th career victory.

### 1998-99

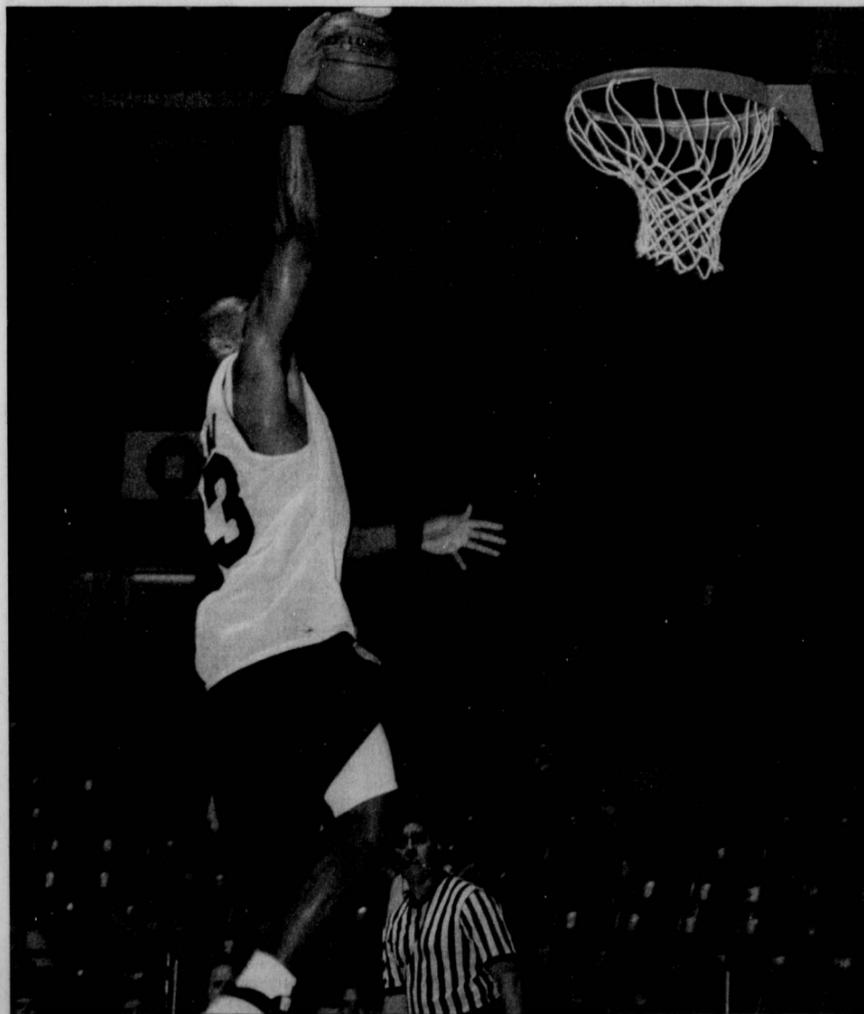
- TCU entered the season ranked nationally for the first time.
- Tubbs gained his 100th victory at TCU with a 72-71 win over Kansas State in the first round of the NIT.

### 1999-2000

- Tubbs led TCU to its sixth straight winning season with an 18-14 mark.
- He recorded a 143-110 victory over Grambling State, the highest scoring game in school history.

### 2000-2001

- Led the nation in scoring (93.6 ppg).
- Tubbs led the team with a 5-4 record against NCAA Tournament teams.



Redshirt freshman guard Corey Valsin goes for a dunk Monday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs beat the Czech-Select 146-70 hours after learning of head coach Billy Tubbs' resignation.

David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

## Horned Frogs open season with commanding exhibition win

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

Oh, and the TCU men's basketball team played a game last night.

Five hours after hearing they would have a different coach next season, the Frogs drubbed Czech-Select, 146-70, in their first exhibition of the season.

"It was difficult, after just hearing Coach (Billy) Tubbs would be leaving after this year," senior forward Marlon Dumont said.

The Frogs will enter the season with question-marks at post and point guard positions. Against not-exactly top-flight competition, those questions remain unanswered. Lapses in defense, missed shots and suspect interior play will not lead to 76-point victories in Conference USA.

The teams traded baskets most of

the game, even when TCU was able to implement its full court press. Yet the game consisted mainly of organized street ball: Dunks, layups and three pointers by the dozen with little defense. Czech-Select attempted to slow the tempo early in the first half, to little avail.

Several Frogs had stand-out performances.

Dumont surpassed his career-highs with 20 points and 11 rebounds — before halftime.

In the early minutes of the game, Dumont's inside presence, both inside and outside, helped turn a 10-6 game into a rout. Dumont scored

16 of TCU's first 26 points, including two that came on follow dunks. Dumont finished with 31 points and 13 rebounds.

During a four-minute stretch in the second half, junior Alan "Junior" Blount drained seven 'threes' en route to finishing

I just came out and tried to play my game. We just need to play basketball right now.

—Marlon Dumont, senior forward

with 26 points.

"I just came out and tried to play my game," Dumont said. "We just need to play basketball right now."

If only it were that simple for the Frogs.

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## TUBBS

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then-football coach Dennis Franchione.

Junior Bingo Merriex said the next TCU basketball coach should bring the same up-tempo style.

"Coach Tubbs was known for winning," Merriex said. "We all like his style of play. I wish he could stay here another 10 years."

Tubbs left Oklahoma in 1993 after leading the Sooners to the NCAA championship game in 1988. Then-Chancellor William Tucker and Athletic Director

Frank Windegger brought Tubbs to TCU the following season.

Tubbs' 140 wins rank second in TCU history, as does his .636 winning percentage. Of TCU's seven 20-win seasons, Tubbs has four.

However, the Frogs have stumbled in recent years. Despite 38 wins the past two seasons, the Frogs did not qualify for post-season play. Two players were dismissed last year, and several others admitted lapses in concentration.

Yet Hyman said Tubbs' accomplishments are clear.

"I think all we need to do is

look at the state of the program before he got here to understand his impact on college basketball," Hyman said.

Even with his tenure at TCU up and his golf card full, Tubbs said he still harbors coaching ambitions.

"I've always left a program in good shape when I left it," Tubbs said. "I'm still going to run three miles, shoot 18 holes and get on my wife's nerves. Don't take this as Billy Tubbs going out to pasture."

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## Basketball coaches question NCAA's new scholarship rule

By Jordan Blum  
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TCU men's basketball coaches say the NCAA's addition of a ninth scholarship to the "5/8 rule" is a step in the right direction but that it is only the improvement of a bad rule.

The NCAA Board of Directors approved the extra scholarship beginning next year for schools meeting NCAA criteria Thursday. The new rule will allow schools to give out no more than nine scholarships over two years and no more than five in any given year, when they

were previously only allowed to give out eight scholarships over two years.

The ninth scholarship will apply only for the 2001 and 2002 and will go back to an eight-scholarship limit in 2003.

Head coach Billy Tubbs said Sunday the fact that the rule needed to be modified serves as proof it was a bad rule to begin with.

"We failed to replace two scholarship players from last year because we lost seven players and we were only allowed to bring in five, so we're two under the limit," Tubbs

said. "We didn't violate any NCAA rules but we're under the same penalties as a school that loses two scholarships for violating rules."

"Only a few people think these rules are good and they're away from the game and don't know really know anything," he said.

Assistant coach Robert Flaska said the extra scholarship will not affect TCU this year since the five scholarship limit has already been filled. Flaska said the scholarship will serve as a backup in case one of the recruits has to leave the team due to academic reasons.

Tubbs said schools like Arizona and Michigan State that lost a lot of players to the NBA receive additional punishments.

"Arizona lost four players to the draft they're not able to replace," Tubbs said. "Say they have four declare for the draft and another four graduate, then they can only bring in five to replace them."

Flaska said schools should be given a maximum of at least five scholarships every year to keep schools who lose a lot of players from being punished.

"Seventy-five percent of schools

gave out five scholarships last year and they'd only have three this year," Flaska said. "That's between 400 and 500 less scholarships for (players). The additional scholarship will cut that in half, but it's still a lot."

According to The NCAA News, proponents of the "5/8 rule" claimed it was implemented to address, among other things, the issue of coaches being able to "run off" student-athletes who were on scholarship but may not be living up to expectations on the court.

Tubbs said it's unfair for men's

basketball to be restricted when women's basketball has no scholarship specifications.

"If (the NCAA) thinks it's a good rule for men's why don't they apply it to women's as well?" Tubbs said. "Not only do they get more scholarships but they can give out 15 in one year if they wanted to."

"It seems some people don't trust men's basketball and they don't trust the coaches to be fair," he said.

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