

'Against the wall'

Head coach Gary Patterson said the TCU football team is in a must win situation if it wants to reach a school record fourth consecutive bowl. See Sports, page 8.

Earning respect

Columnist Jonathan Sampson examines the balance needed between the Skiff and its readers to keep the system working. See Opinion, page 3.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Bush addresses nation on homeland security, how to serve

By Sonya Ross
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — President Bush urged an uneasy nation Thursday night to meet "our great national challenge" to protect America against future terrorist attacks by volunteering for community service

and watching for suspicious activity.

"Our citizens have new responsibilities," the president said in prime-time address. "We must be vigilant, inspect our mail, stay informed on public health matters." "We will not give in to exagger-

ated fears or passing rumors," Bush said. "We will rely on our good judgment and our common sense."

Bush spoke in the Georgia World Congress Center before a ticketed audience of 5,000 people, mostly public servants — police, postal workers, firefighters, soldiers. They

cheered and applauded the president.

"There is a difference between being alert and being intimidated, and this nation will not be intimidated," Bush said.

Nearly two months after the hijacker attacks in New York and Washington, the president said the

United States will emerge stronger.

"None of us would ever wish the evil that has been done to our country, yet we have learned that out of evil can come great good. During the last two months, we have shown the world America is a great nation," he said.

The address was billed as an update on the war in Afghanistan, the anthrax scares at home and the new responsibilities of government and all Americans. He also outlined actions the government has taken to

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Initiative aimed at education

By Melissa DeLoach
SKIFF STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A group of educators, business executives and policy makers announced a plan Thursday to use research data to help improve academic performance in the nation's public schools.

By creating The National Center for Educational Accountability, they said they hoped to provide a model for public school improvement by using a data management system to identify classroom success and cutting-edge educational resources to improve schools.

"I don't think effective teaching can exist absent this kind of great data," said Education Secretary Rod Paige. "For folks who use accountability and know how it works, it's a new way of doing business across our nation, a new day in education and a good day where there's a lot of progress."

The National Center for Educational Accountability, which will be located at the University of Texas, is modeled after the Austin-based 'Just for Kids,' a non-profit organization that uses accountability data to examine and improve school performance. The new center is a joint partnership formed by 'Just for Kids,' the University of Texas at Austin and the Education Commission for the States.

"What we do is highlight success stories in all of our public schools with every kind of child and every type of learning condition," said Tom Luce, who heads Just for Kids and will chair the new organization. "With our data we are able to find the most successful schools and research their best practices."

Paige said the initiative will provide parents and communities with information they need to make a critical judgment about their schools and education of their students.

"There is no more powerful engine for change than parents who have this kind of information and have some alternatives," he said.

The initiative will provide public data that will help to ensure fair comparisons between schools of the same characteristics, Paige said.

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills, senior advertising/public relations major Allyson Cross and professor of interior design Fred Oberkircher discuss current and future parking problems at the parking forum Thursday. Mills said close to 200 parking spaces will be removed due to construction of the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall.

Students voice concerns over loss of parking space

By Sarah McClellan
STAFF REPORTER

Students, faculty and staff filled out surveys about parking concerns in front of Mary Coats Burnett Library Thursday at a forum sponsored by the University Affairs Committee.

The House of Student Representatives committee held the forum to

enable students to voice their concerns about the parking crunch experienced on campus and make suggestions to help alleviate the problem, said Karl Kruse, University Affairs Committee chairman.

The forum generated responses ranging from a parking garage to reserved spaces to alleviate the problem.

Will Stallworth, director of the Physical Plant, said the lot north of Tandy Hall will close at the end of the semester for construction of the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs, said nearly 200 parking

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Deadline for new UCR draft set back

By Jacque Petersell
STAFF REPORTER

The deadline for the draft of the new University Core Curriculum was pushed back until mid-November, allowing more time for assessing proposed classes, said Richard Enos, chairman of the committee.

Enos said the current committee is focusing on drafting a new core. The next committee will review the draft, look at ways to implement the core and find ways to assess what a student understands, he said.

The original deadline for the first committee was the end of October, Enos said. The deadline was pushed back, he said, because the committee had to review each class proposed for the new core.

Melissa Canady, director of assessment for the committee, said the new core could be implemented as soon as fall 2002.

The core would have to be "grandfathered" in, where it would only affect incoming freshmen.

Each core course will be given equal consideration when deciding which courses to keep, Enos said. No current courses will get placed in

the new core because each must first be evaluated.

However, Enos said the committee isn't looking to increase the current 124 required UCR hours.

"We want to work with the amount we already have," Enos said. "The effort is not to lay on any additional work (for the students). We may just shift things around."

The shape of the new UCR may include aspects other than just classes.

Along with grades in the course, Enos said there will be external assessment of a student's performance. Enos said the type of external assessment hasn't been decided yet. There haven't been complaints about assessment but that there are no formal assessment rules.

Sharon Reynolds, a professor of educational psychology, said students can be assessed in class through tests and class participation, but it is up to the departments to decide whether to change that system.

An example, Reynolds said, would be instead of taking a test in

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Postal Service seeks cash, slashes payroll

By Laurie Kellman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service asked Congress Thursday for \$5 billion to help it rebound from the terrorist attacks and said it has cut millions of hours from workers' shifts in an effort to stay afloat.

Without the money, stamp prices could skyrocket, employee hours could be cut even further and service could be severely harmed, Postmaster General John Potter told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

A disruption in the Postal Service, created to "bind commerce together," could rip the economy apart, Potter added.

"At a time when the economy is challenged, losing credibility in the mail system would exacerbate the downturn that we've seen," he said.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have cost the Postal Service \$3 billion to \$4 billion, he said, citing damage to facilities, medical treatment, environmental testing and the purchase

of new equipment. Additionally, the service asked for \$2 billion to offset the deficit it said would result from the attacks. That's in addition to the \$1.35 billion deficit it already had anticipated.

"We are working on the premise that the leaders of the nation want all the mail system to be protected against this type of terrorist threat in the future," he said.

Lawmakers agreed that the government should do whatever necessary to help the service bounce back from terrorism, even if that means adding to the \$175 million President Bush has already approved.

But lawmakers said the one-time, \$2 billion request sounded like an effort to get Congress to save the service from financial troubles that existed before the crisis. The postal system already has requested a 3 cent increase in stamp prices.

"I don't know that there is much enthusiasm for 'bailing out,'

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Students endure 'Survivor TCU'

By Sam Eaton
STAFF REPORTER

For a group of 42 TCU students, 'Survivor' is not just a television show. It is a part of their lives each morning as they compete for \$100 in the Army ROTC's PT Survivor competition.

Jonathan Kohn, a junior biology major, said the competition was a ROTC recruitment effort and it is also a way for the organization to increase visibility on campus.

"It shows that their worst nightmare of getting up at five in the morning for PT is not so bad," Kohn said. "We always want to recruit people, but it's also ROTC wanting to be involved with TCU students and being a part of the campus."

PT test consists of two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and a timed two-mile run. There is a score chart based on age and sex to determine

how many points one would get for each event. Pratt said ROTC cadets are required to participate in two or three mornings of PT per week.

Kohn, a cadet who is helping out as a drill sergeant, said holding the competition benefits both ROTC and those participating.

"It's really brought up morale within the corps," Kohn said. "Now we get to show our friends and classmates what we do in the mornings."

There are 42 contestants remaining from the original 104. These 42 have remained faithful and showed up every weekday since Monday, Oct. 29, all vying to win the grand prize of \$100.

The contest runs through next Friday.

Cadet Sergeant Andy Pratt, a junior elementary education major, said if there is more than one survivor remaining at the end of the 15 days, the

winner will be determined by a physical training test.

Whoever receives the highest cumulative score will be named the winner.

"Today we went over to the stadium and ran up and down the ramps," Pratt said. "Then we stopped to do some push-ups. You get to choose your own level of activity. There are some people who want a better workout, and they'll go with the fast group."

Pratt said she was surprised at the number of women in the competition.

"Only 26 of the 104 people who signed up were men," Pratt said. "There are only six male survivors at this point."

Melissa Young, an assistant professor of speech communication and the only faculty member competing in PT Survivor, said she was glad to see such

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STEP ASIDE



Caleb Williams/SKIFF STAFF

Josh Igleke (left), junior e-business major, and Nick Celedun, TCU alumnus, perform a step routine Thursday in the Student Center during the Zeta Phi Beta Greek Step Show.

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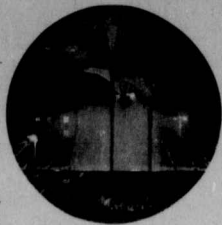
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Today in history
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Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to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



The University Christian Church Weekday School Holiday Bazaar is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 today. 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.

The Office of International Education welcomes Sir Eldon Griffiths, former international journalist and current Chair of the World Affairs Council, as a part of International Education Week. He will be giving a presentation on global awareness and the American media Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 2.

The Neeley Student Resource Center will hold Advising Workshops from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in Dan Rogers Hall room 134, and Thursday in DRH 164. Please bring your Academic Summary or a previous degree plan and RSVP online at (www.neeley.tcu.edu/nsrc).

Summer 2002 Education Abroad programs are now open for enrollment. Deadline to apply for financial aid is Dec. 15. For more information visit the Office of International Education in Sadler Hall, room 16.

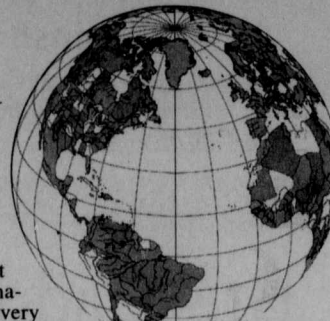
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WORLD DIGEST



Palestinian bomber blows self up when Israelis stormed hide-out

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up when Israeli commandos stormed his hide-out Thursday, while a Palestinian official said Europe is working on an initiative to stop 13 months of Mideast violence.

Before daybreak, the Israeli border police special anti-terror unit stormed the building where the bomber was hiding in the West Bank town of Baka al-Sharkeyeh, just across the invisible boundary with Israel.

The Palestinian detonated the explosives, killing himself and wounding two commandos, said Lt. Col. Amos Yaakov of the border police. Police said they believed the bomber intended to blow himself up in an Israeli city.

The militant group Hamas said the bomber was acting on its behalf. It issued a statement identifying him as a 22-year-old student from the West Bank town of Tulkarem, saying the commandos were his target and pledging to "kill 100 Zionist soldiers in revenge against Israeli oppression."

Extra police roadblocks remained in place in Israel's north, where main cities near the line with the West Bank have been frequent targets of Palestinian suicide bombings responsible for killing dozens of Israelis and wounding hundreds over the past year.

Israel TV reported that a Cabinet minister moved out of his home because security services warned he would be targeted by Palestinian militants. The report did not name the minister. Raanan Gissin, a senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said he knew nothing about the case.

On Oct. 17, Palestinian militants assassinated ultranationalist Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi at a Jerusalem hotel.

Israel has accused Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat of permitting Palestinian militants to operate freely.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told Israel Radio, "It must be understood that the Palestinian Authority, and especially Arafat, use terrorism as a strategy."

Ahmed Abdel Rahman, secretary general of the Palestinian Cabinet, rejected Ben-Eliezer's statements, saying they were meant to discredit Arafat and distract attention "from the daily crimes that the Israeli army is committing against our people."

Arafat has said he is making a real effort to rein in the militants, but that he could not be expected to carry out large-scale arrests at a time when Israeli troops are raiding Palestinian areas.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Cabinet Minister Nabil Shaath said European Union representatives had given a new Mideast peace proposal to the United States for review.

Shaath, in Washington for talks, said the first part of the plan calls for establishing a Palestinian state, ending Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and finding a fair solution for Palestinian refugees.

The second part deals with ending the violence

by implementing existing agreements and sending international observers to monitor a ceasefire, Shaath said.

He said he expects the plan to be discussed in New York during the upcoming U.N. General Assembly session.

Gissin said Israel has not been informed of the initiative. He said Israel would not accept additions to existing peace formulas, such as international observers.

Tropical storm in Philippines leaves at least 108 dead

MAHINOG, Philippines — Tropical storm Lingling battered the Philippines for a second day Thursday, leaving at least 108 people dead, sinking a cargo ship and virtually shutting down several provinces.

The death toll included 78 in Mahinog town on the resort island of Camiguin, which suffered its worst disaster in a half-century. With 300 people missing, officials said the overall toll was likely to rise.

Nineteen of the missing were Filipino crewmen on a cargo ship that sank Thursday in stormy seas off the northwestern Philippines. There was no word on survivors, as the poor weather hampered rescue efforts.

The storm was blamed for the collapse of a tunnel in a copper mine in Cebu province. Rescue workers were trying to reach 14 miners trapped under tons of rock and earth.

Workers in Mahinog, which reported 203 people missing, scurried to embalm dozens of corpses to avoid an outbreak of disease in the steamy tropical heat. Urgent requests went out for chain saws to cut through trees and other debris, and for anyone with a shovel to help dig through tons of mud.

But the devastation was so complete — only five houses were still standing in Hubangon, one of the villages that make up Mahinog — that it was hard to tell where most homes had stood.

"I saw the people, the children, the innocent who died," Camiguin Gov. Pedro Romualdo said, sobbing as he spoke to ABS-CBN television. "It's the first time I've seen something like this."

Fast-moving flood waters bearing boulders cascaded from hills around Hibok-Hibok, one of seven volcanoes on the island, into mountain villages in Mahinog and riverside communities in Catarman as most people were still sleeping Wednesday.

Casiano Matela, regional director of the provincial Office of Civil Defense, said residents reported hearing a thunderous water spout — a tornado over water — before the flash floods hit.

Dozens of corpses, mostly elderly and children, were lined up on a basketball court in Mahinog as people nervously inspected posted lists of the dead and missing.

"We have to bury them this afternoon; otherwise they will cause a stench and pose health risks," Mahinog Mayor Benedicto Castanares said as about 20 workers made coffins in the back of the gymnasium.

Camiguin normally avoids the worst from the

typhoon season that batters the Southeast Asian nation every year because most storms track to the north, but a four-hour pre-dawn deluge took residents by surprise.

Damaged roads and a destroyed bridge prevented rescuers from reaching some communities.

"The highway appeared like a river bed, and you could see uprooted trees," Romualdo said. "All roads are heavily damaged. I still cannot believe what happened."

He said the storm was the biggest calamity to hit Camiguin since 1951, when Hibok-Hibok volcano erupted, killing 500 people.

About 5,000 of Camiguin's 74,000 people were evacuated from the island 440 miles southeast of Manila. Romualdo said the island's well-known tourist resorts escaped serious damage from Lingling.

Flooding hit other parts of the Philippines as the storm moved northwest. Two girls were killed in Toledo City in central Cebu province, and eight in Negros Occidental province, where about 40,000 people were evacuated and officials declared a state of calamity.

The storm knocked out electricity and flooded many parts of central Leyte, Samar and Bacolod provinces, where many schools were closed.

The storm was forecast to move northwest out of the Philippines by Friday.

Canadian PM raises concerns over U.S. duties on lumber

WASHINGTON — Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien raised concerns about U.S. duties on Canadian lumber in a telephone conversation with President Bush on Wednesday.

"The president listened carefully and reiterated our commitment to work hard for a fair, market-based solution," said White House spokesman Sean McCormack.

Bush also updated Chretien on the campaign against terrorism and discussed the importance of maintaining cooperation on keeping the U.S.-Canadian border "secure and open to commerce," McCormack said.

The Commerce Department announced last month that the United States would impose a 12.6 percent tariff on softwood lumber that will be placed on top of a 19.3 percent duty imposed in August, in an attempt to protect American jobs.

Softwood lumber, from fir, pine and other cone-bearing trees, is a popular building product used for home frames, siding, flooring and other purposes. The United States imported about \$6.4 billion worth from Canada last year, roughly a third of all softwood used in the country.

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GIVE AND TAKE

Open dialogue generates solutions

Now is the time to find a solution to the on-campus parking problem.

This week University Christian Church closed its parking lot on and TCU has announced that a lot north of Tandy Hall will close at the end of the semester. The grand total of spots lost would be nearly 400, and that is too many to lose.

Reacting to the announcements, the University Affairs Committee of the House of Student Representatives organized a parking forum Thursday for students to voice their concerns. At the forum, faculty, staff and students were given a chance to fill out surveys regarding parking on campus.

The committee deserves commendation for taking initiative and creating a forum to address this campus problem. Approximately 400 to 450 surveys were completed, reflecting a good turnout and serious concern about the parking problem. With the closings, there is no better time than now to communicate with the administration about possible solutions to the crunch on campus for parking spaces.

The committee would like to recommend the construction of a parking garage, and that is certainly the best alternative. If that is impossible, then TCU must consider other options whether it be a new parking lot or a more efficient and extended shuttle service to main campus from parking lots near Amon Carter Stadium.

If nothing is done now to create new parking spaces by the spring semester, the parking squeeze will just grow worse and the complaints will almost assuredly grow louder.

Here is an opportunity for both faculty, staff and students to create an open and continuous dialogue to solve a problem on campus. To the members of the TCU community who filled out a survey, continue to be vocal about your needs. To the students who are concerned about the problem, find your SGA commuter representative and let them know.

Administration members must also remember to keep an open mind and listen. If there are reasons that some solutions would not work for TCU, then explain those reasons to the TCU community. When both sides of an issue share ideas, reasons and concerns, there is more understanding. Hopefully, a dialogue will move the university closer to a solution that will close the book on the parking problem.

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Skiff must earn students' trust, interest

Jessica Hartson stopped reading the TCU Daily Skiff last year after reporters handled a story involving one of her friends in ways she believes were unethical.

Commentary



Jonathan Sampson

Hartson, a sophomore ballet major, says reporters published information that made it too easy to pinpoint her friend, an alleged rape victim, and compromised part of the investigation by printing the male's name.

In journalism, we're supposed to understand our audience and write to them. Well, half the people I'm writing to won't ever read this. Like Jessica, they've been turned away from the Skiff because of disagreements over how a story was handled or what should be in a campus paper.

The ethics and scope of news coverage is a touchy subject where there are no right answers,

but Skiff reporters would benefit from more thoroughly understanding how stories affect people, and every once in a while, erring on the side of caution.

Most students who have dealt with the paper have two main complaints: accuracy of quotes and reporting, and the type of stories published.

Abby Crawford, House of Student Representatives Dining Services Committee chairwoman, says she wants to trust Skiff reporters, but when they print inaccurate information, it's difficult to overlook.

This complaint can be echoed by many a voice across TCU. Most of the time people just wish they hadn't said what they did, or find it easy to blame the reporter after speaking without considering the consequences. Other times, the accusations actually hold water.

Crawford said she also thinks reporters dig too deep into issues that aren't a big deal and in the end make things into larger issues than they actually are.

But Ashley Hungerford, a senior radio-TV-film major, said she thinks the Skiff misses a lot of

campus news.

"People are more interested in finding out what's going on campus than finding out more about Anthrax," Hungerford said.

Amidst the varying opinions and ideas, one thing is clear. There is a balance needed. Students say they want less national news, but for many the Skiff is their only source of information. Others say reporters are too nosy, but at the same time want more local news. In order to accurately cover issues on campus, reporters may have to ask the tough questions.

Even though it is a campus paper, the Skiff must be unbiased. We cannot simply skim over issues because they cast TCU in a negative light.

This puts an even greater responsibility on the reporter to present the whole truth and find the whole story, which is difficult when the entire news staff changes every semester.

Mistakes and glitches sometimes get through in the way of misquotes and inaccuracies because the articles are written by students. No other major on campus publishes students' homework

for the world to see.

Even so, the Skiff has had some great stories and coverage of news over the past few years. The coverage the day after Sept. 11 was excellent, and at times like that, students and faculty alike turn to the Skiff for accurate information about what's happening on campus.

In other words, the system works.

Now we just need to get back to doing that on a regular basis. But in a world where it's your job to hold others accountable regardless of whether they like it or not, it's easy to become cynical and lose focus. It's easy to point fingers and offer criticism, but scoff and blow it off when the table is turned.

As a student staff, we would benefit from more self-examination. Credibility will grow from our honesty and willingness to admit fault. We must build trust and do what's right, even if it means we don't catch the biggest headline or juiciest story.

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Club sports need support, too

Publicity from campus needed to improve visibility

The purple and black-clad warrior from TCU's Rugby Club sprinted across the try line and placed the ball for five points. The crowd roared their approval. Well, all five of them did anyway.

Commentary
Jamie Hutchison

This scene has become all too common for TCU club sport athletes. Their games are played in front of significant others, family members and a few friends. Furthermore, they receive little or no publicity from campus organizations or media outlets.

Hyperfrogs bill themselves as a group of students that support TCU athletics, however, they limit themselves to football and basketball. They seem to have forgotten about the unsung athletes that pay dues to play the game they love and represent their school, asking for nothing in return.

These athletes are never asked on campus about their next game. Many times, students don't know that these club sports exist. This only serves to hurt these sports. The participants on these club teams don't have any lofty dreams of a greater glory. Greater glory cannot exist in front of the usual 12 faithful supporters.

I am sure that just once, one of these athletes would love to feel the thrill of playing in front of a large crowd. Although a large

crowd does little to affect performance on the field, it goes a long way in furthering the sports. After all, they are in it for the good of the game.

This is where the role of campus media needs to be broadened. The only means of advertising these club sports is the TCU Daily Skiff. The Skiff was essential in boosting the men's soccer program at TCU and could work wonders for these club sports. However, the Skiff focuses on the school's NCAA-sanctioned sports. This is certainly a necessary function, but what if these club teams were allotted coverage? Would they not gain respect on campus?

Eventually, these sports would be in demand. These clubs would be able to perform like an NCAA team. They would be able to further themselves in stature among the student body, ensuring the success of these clubs for years to come. These are the places where regular students turn to be involved. Why shouldn't we support this type of involvement as students working towards a common goal of promoting our school?

These club sports are often some of the fastest growing sports in the country. The United States Rugby Football Union is beginning to establish itself in the international spotlight.

The Eagles, the national team, is a relatively new team in international play. However, they are starting to prove themselves. As

a result of their new found popularity, the number of rugby teams and fans is growing exponentially every year. Part of this growth is player development at the collegiate level.

Rugby is a fast paced, hard-hitting game that requires skill, strength and brains. Often games appear chaotic, and most of the time they are. TCU's team is made up of many different types of people, from former high school football players to soccer players.

Attending these games will help student's understanding of sports played in other areas of the world and one of the fastest growing games in their own backyard. Team members have to pay to play the sport and often find themselves playing for no other reason than the love of the game.

Supporting TCU's Rugby club will not just benefit these players, who for once, would be able to play with the pride that comes with representing their school, but also allow other students to expand their knowledge of the game.

The "ruggers," as the players are called, would like to extend an invitation to all students to come out and support them. After all, it is rugby, and you never know what you might see.

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L.A. council should focus on bigger issues than smoking

This past weekend, a Greyhound bus traveling 70 miles per hour rolled over on its side, injuring 33 people, after a passenger struggled with the driver for the wheel. The trigger: He was told to put out his cigarette.

Commentary
Danielle Stein

Obviously the smoker in question, one Charles George of Phoenix, has troubles that run a lot deeper than yellowing teeth. But it still made me wonder, is America driving its smokers to their wits' ends?

In a matter of a few decades, we have ended smoking in schools, most offices, most restaurants and on public transportation. You cannot smoke in theaters, airports or even in a handful of bars. And if you even think about sneaking the forbidden cigarette in the bathroom, you risk emerging drenched from the watchdog sprinkler system. You may as well be wearing a scarlet "S".

I am opposed to none of these measures. The harms of smoking in indoor public places are many; mainly, smokers infringe on the rights of non-smokers. Even most smokers don't want to eat a nice meal with smoke blowing at them from every angle. Strange that there was a time when the circulated air of office buildings was filled with smoke, when cigarette

breaks didn't exist and coworkers never huddled together outside in the dead of winter, sucking down Marlboros at record speeds.

Smokers now spend more time outside in the good name of healthier, more pleasant air indoors, but is that enough? One city thinks not. Los Angeles' City Council now wants to ban smoking from one of smokers' few remaining havens — public parks.

I won't pretend I relish the pockets of smoke I occasionally have to jog through in parks, but this measure goes too far, especially in a city known for smog-filled air. The arguments for the measure are many, but they all stand on shaky ground.

Because the risk of second-hand smoke outdoors is negligible amidst the generally poor air quality, the issue here is more personal. For example, some L.A. parkgoers complain about eating lunch on benches next to smokers. This argument flies in a restaurant, but in a park you can actually move. Not a revolutionary thought, but while it's the obvious choice when any other type of bothersome person plants themselves next to us, we grow indignant when it's a smoker, as if he's infiltrated air space that we own.

Parents' argument that they don't want their children playing around smoke sounds more valid, but there are other solutions besides forcing smokers to become hermits. The option of a smoke-

free play area in parks may be reasonable, though I'm still not convinced that without such a regulation, smokers will nominate the sandbox as the "cool" place to convene. Is the mother standing 20 feet away from your child — outdoors — as she watches hers play and quietly drags on a cigarette that much of a liability? Is she more dangerous than the kid across the seasaw from yours with the runny nose and thundering cough?

Some Los Angeles residents complain that there's nothing worse than the cigarette butts littering park grounds. Personally, I'd go with hypodermic needles and used condoms. In any case, I hardly think that the only way to clean up parks is to ban smoking. Should we also ban eating and drinking? Aren't those pieces of plastic we rip off Snapple bottles equally ubiquitous?

Smokers' rights are not a huge priority in my life. But smart government is. Putting the good of society over individual liberties is often worthwhile, but the benefits society would enjoy from banning smoking in outdoor public parks are not completely clear. At least not as clear as L.A.'s air might be if the City Council spent its time on bigger issues.

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BUSH

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strengthen homeland security.

"Our great national challenge is to hunt down the terrorists and strengthen our protections against future attacks; our great national opportunity is to preserve forever the good that has resulted," Bush said. "Through the tragedy, we are renewing and reclaiming our strong American values."

He said the country is different — "sadder and less innocent; strong and more united" — than before the attacks.

He spoke in Atlanta, chosen because it is home to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the nation's leading disease control facility.

Recognizing in polls a desire by Americans to get involved in the fight against terrorism, the president suggested ways people can serve their country. He urged people to head into "careers of service," such as firefighting or police work.

He said people should volunteer to work in hospitals and other places on the front lines of terrorism response, such as military installations.

On Friday, Bush was announcing a "dramatic increase" in the use of National Guard personnel for airport security, including the stationing of

Guardsmen at airport boarding gates, an administration official said.

"Many ask what can I do to help in our fight? The simple answer is all of us can become a September 11th volunteer by making a commitment to service in our own communities," Bush said.

Bush announced that the national service groups created by former President Clinton in 1993, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, would provide more than 20,000 government-subsidized volunteers to help police, fire and public health departments and "free up" the professionals for work on the front lines of homeland defense.

Bush also created a task force on citizen preparedness, which will have 40 days to give him recommendations on helping Americans prepare their homes, neighborhoods, schools and workplaces for the potential consequences of any future attacks.

"One way to defeat terrorism is to show the world the true values of America through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of responsibility and decency and service," he said.

Bush asked states to help develop a modern civil defense service. The program would be modeled after volunteer firefighter programs, which provide trained, equipped firefighters.

The president had little progress to

report during his planned Georgia World Congress Center address. The chief suspect in the Sept. 11 hijackings, Osama bin Laden, remains free in Afghanistan despite the pounding by American bombs, and investigators remain baffled by the anthrax attacks.

Four people have died, 13 others have fallen ill since the bacteria was unleashed in the nation's mail last month.

Still, Bush confidently predicted victory in the terrorism fight.

"No group or nation should mistake America's intentions: Where the terrorist groups of global reach exist, the United States and our friends and allies will seek it out and destroy it," he said.

Bush praised Americans for responding to the crisis with "courage and compassion, calm, reason, resolve and fierce determination."

In a separate development, White House advisor Karl Rove planned to meet with Hollywood executives Sunday to discuss ways in which the entertainment industry might want to promote the war and anti-terrorism effort. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said public service announcements are one option.

In that meeting, organized by Paramount executive Sherry Lansing, Rove hoped to discuss the themes the White House is stressing in the anti-terror campaign — tolerance, courage, patriotism.

UCR

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a foreign language class, students could read an article in that language and be graded on comprehension.

Since the core has not yet been fully defined, no policies on how the students or courses will be assessed have been set, Canady said. Enos said the next committee will focus on ways to assess the students and courses.

Enos said the UCR will carry into upper-level classes. An example may be adding a writing across the curriculum requirement, which will implement a writing course in each major, he said.

Students should focus on rounding their education, not just seeking to get classes out of the way.

"It shouldn't be what courses do (you) need to meet the requirement," Enos said. "It should be what courses will help you understand (issues like) social diversity."

Enos said students have told him they may have passed a class, but didn't learn anything. Enos said the new core should test on what the student learns and understands.

Kelly Patek, a junior nursing major, said keeping her GPA up is more important than understanding the class she's in. However, she said students shouldn't pass a class if they didn't understand the course's concepts.

"Your grade should reflect what you learn," she said.

Jeff Roet, a history lecturer, said, from his experience only a small number of students take a class just to get a grade.

"(Students) try to maximize the various aspects of the class (such as learning something new)," he said. "Generally, the best professors try to engage the whole class."

Roet said assessment of student work by someone other than the professor is possible, but he does not see someone other than a professor grading students' work.

"The professor is in charge of a class," he said. "I don't think there will ever be any second guessing. It will be very revolutionary if the students were assessed by an outsider."

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SURVIVOR

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a good turn out.

"I'm really impressed with how many people came out and how organized the ROTC people are," Young said. "It's fun to see students who are in my classes taking on a leadership role."

Of the remaining 42 survivors, 30 are affiliated with various campus organizations.

If the winner turns out to be from an organization, Pratt said, ROTC will mount a plaque in their honor in the cadet lounge. Delta Gamma sorority currently leads all organizations with 15 survivors remaining.

Delta Gamma President Heidi Ohl, a survivor, said she encouraged sorority participation.

"We've learned a lot about everything they do," Ohl said. "We have a new respect for them and how hard they work."

Pratt said she was pleased to see that attendance has not dropped this week.

Young said she had always been active, but PT Survivor was forcing her to be more disciplined.

"This was a good challenge to get back into it," Young said. "I prefer to workout in the mornings, just not quite this early."

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War on terrorism proves to be long term

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WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday that America has "emerged victorious in the opening battle in the war against terrorism," avoiding another major attack through the hard work of law enforcement personnel and the patience and vigilance of the public.

Nearly two months after terrorists killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Ashcroft said "two periods of extremely high threat have passed" without additional attacks.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, he said that Americans have "endured the videotaped tauntings of Osama bin Laden," the suspected mastermind behind the attacks, and have struggled with disruptions to their daily lives prompted by the continuing threat of terrorism.

"We cannot know with certainty what acts of terrorism our combined efforts have thwarted or pre-

vented," he said in remarks to Justice Department employees. "But we have trusted the American people to act responsible in the face of threats. And thanks to their patience and to their vigilance, we know this: We have not suffered another major terrorist attack."

In his remarks, Ashcroft did not mention the outbreak of anthrax, linked to tainted mail, that has killed four people and sickened 13 others.

Ashcroft's reference to two periods of highest threat refer to the pair of terrorism threat warnings that placed law enforcement nationwide at their highest alert. The first was issued for several days beginning Oct. 11 and the second was issued for one week beginning on Oct. 29.

The attorney general spoke the same day President Bush was set to deliver a prime-time address from Atlanta, home to the Centers for Disease Control, where anthrax cases are tracked. The White House billed the 25-minute speech as an

update on the military campaign in Afghanistan but with a heavier emphasis on the battle against domestic terrorism and on how average Americans are dealing with it.

Homeland security chief Tom Ridge was with the president.

"The president will, I think, talk to the American people about how life both changes and goes on since Sept. 11, about the spirit of the country about some of the things that the government has been doing on behalf of the American people to make us all safer," said national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. "He will make a very clear case that the government is on the case and doing everything that it possibly can but the American people need to continue to be vigilant. This is an important progress report."

Bush, recognizing in polls a desire by Americans to get involved in the effort, also planned to suggest ways people can serve their country. He would recommend "careers of service," such as firefighting or police work, aides said, and volun-

teering to work in civilian and military hospitals, aides said.

In a bit of new policy, Bush planned to announce an expansion of the federal AmeriCorps community service program to broaden the number of jobs involving people who respond to emergencies. Using money already in the federal budget, Bush also wants to work with states to create a civil defense network, aides said.

In a separate development, White House advisor Karl Rove planned to meet with Hollywood executives Sunday to discuss ways in which the industry might want to promote the war and anti-terrorism effort.

As Bush speaks Thursday night in Atlanta, however, investigators remain baffled by the anthrax deaths and bin Laden remains elusive in Afghanistan.

Bush said his address before 5,000 people at the World Congress Center will remind Americans "that we're truly a great nation, that we responded in ways that the enemy could never have imagined."

PARKING

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spaces will be removed next semester due to Smith Hall construction.

Jason Ruth, committee member and a sophomore e-business and finance major, said the forum was planned in reaction to the parking spaces being removed.

"What we want to do is get enough support to build a parking garage," Ruth said.

Ruth said 400 to 450 surveys completed Thursday. After the surveys have been assessed, the University Affairs Committee will take their results to Mills and Frederick Oberkircher, who is in charge of parking fines. The committee will then suggest the building of a parking garage, he said.

Jenny Meierotto, a senior business marketing major, said it is especially hard to find parking around Dan Rogers and Tandy Halls.

"There's just nowhere to park," she said. "Even if I go to class 15 to 20 minutes early it's difficult to find a spot."

Ruth said closing the Tandy Hall parking lot will cause the problem to escalate during the spring 2002 semester.

The parking problem worsened with the closure of the University Christian Church lot on the southwest corner of McPherson and Rogers avenues Monday, Ruth said.

Julia Nelson, a senior speech major who filled out a survey at the forum, said she is in favor of a parking garage.

"I wish we had a parking garage because it would make it easier to get to class on time," Nelson said.

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said a parking garage would create only 300 new spaces, and would cost between \$6 million and \$7 million.

Mills said no one has offered to pay for a parking garage and no one is likely to, but the garage could be funded by other means.

"Parking garages are paid for by borrowing money and user fees," he said.

Parking behind the Amon Carter Stadium is an option, Ruth said.

Ruth said it takes 27 minutes to walk from the west stadium lot to Dan Rogers and Tandy halls, so an extended shuttle service from behind the stadium to campus in a timely manner may help.

"The shuttle system we have now is never on time and rarely gets to classes when you need it to," Ruth said. "We want to make it better and beef it up a little."

Another suggestion, Kruse said, is reserved spaces for students to purchase.

SGA has not discussed a projected cost for student reserved spaces or a new shuttle system, said Larry Markley, SGA advisor.

"(SGA) wants to gather students' opinions so they can use them later to make recommendations to solve the problem," Markley said. "At this forum, they're trying to find out what direction they want to go with that."

Michael Cruz, a junior radio-TV-film major who filled out a survey at the forum, said he would gladly pay more for a reserved space than the \$60 students pay for a parking permit.

"I'm not one of the earliest students to get here," Cruz said. "If I can just find my spot and come to school five minutes before class, that's worth paying for."

Meierotto said she wouldn't pay more for a reserved spot.

"I don't think we have to pay more to park when we already pay \$20,000 (a year) to go here," she said.

Meierotto said she doesn't mind paying the \$60 for a permit, but doesn't want to pay more if there isn't enough parking for commuters.

"No matter what they charge, they need to supply parking (for the students that buy permits)," she said.

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POSTAL

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quote/unquote, the Postal Service," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. "They have ways of addressing their need for resources and they ought to use them."

Postal officials were quick to defend the \$2 billion request.

"It's not designed to erase our forecasted deficit of \$1.35 billion," said Richard Strasser, the service's chief financial officer. "It's designed to take us forward from here."

In addition to costs related to the Sept. 11 attacks, the Postal Service has been battered by anthrax-laced letters that have left two workers dead, others sick and the public nervous about its mail.

With the crucial holiday mail season looming, Potter said the service is still unsure how high its losses will mount. "Let me assure you that they are enormous," he said.

Before the attacks, the service planned to cut about 3 million employee jobs each month. But then mail volume dropped 6.6 billion pieces in the month following the attacks from the same period a year earlier.

The result: The service nearly doubled its plans by cutting 11.5 million hours between Sept. 8 and Nov. 2, Strasser said.

The service is not considering laying off workers, but will continue to eliminate positions through attrition, Potter said.

The postal service said the most expensive piece of their request would be equipment to sanitize mail at the location where it's sent. They haven't settled on

the technology yet, but it's expensive — officials said irradiation machines cost about \$5 million. Eight of those have already been purchased, Potter said.

Several lawmakers have said they want to include aid for the Postal Service as part of a new \$20 billion package of spending related to terrorism. Bush said Tuesday, however, he would veto any spending beyond the \$40 billion Congress appropriated after Sept. 11 but before the outbreak of mailed anthrax.

Meanwhile, in Bellmawr, N.J., a federal judge closed a postal distribution facility Wednesday after workers complained that they weren't sure it was free of anthrax. A postal workers union said an outside contractor had cleaned the wrong machine after anthrax spores were found on a bar code-sorting device.

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Background	How will you work to further encourage the administration to act on student concerns?	What experience do you have that qualifies you for the office you are seeking?	What is the number one issue you will work for if elected?	What will you do to make SGA and its officers more visible to the student body?	What are your specific goals if you are elected?
<p>Student Government Association President</p>  <p>Brad Biggs</p>	<p>The key to encouraging the administration to act for students is to compromise. In the past, the students have done nothing but demand that issues be resolved and have been upset because their ideas were not accomplished. As a student body, we have to compromise to see our goals achieved.</p>	<p>I have been part of the House of Student Representatives for four semesters, and I know how the system works. I have helped rewrite several documents of the student body constitution. I have been an active part of Student Foundation where I have worked with many faculty members.</p>	<p>The primary issue I would like to work on is parking. Parking seems to be one of the largest student concerns right now. In the future that might change, and I would like to work on the most pressing issue because I am representative of the student body.</p>	<p>I think making officers and SGA more visible is up to the policies set at the beginning of the year. SGA members, including officers, need to realize they were elected to represent students. I believe representatives should be required to have weekly meetings for constituents.</p>	<p>I want to attain better parking for students and fix the double taxation issue with dining services. They said they do not double tax, but I have received a receipt that clearly says otherwise. I simply want as many students at TCU to be happy with their time here. I also want to bring back Homecoming concerts. It is a vital key in school spirit.</p>
<p>junior biology major Springdale, Ark.</p>  <p>Chelsea Hudson</p>	<p>The administration does not enjoy saying 'no' to students, yet they have a university to run. When presenting concerns to the administration, four steps need to be in place: Our ideas must benefit the whole, the liability cannot be too costly, the cost must be reasonable and the idea should serve students' best interests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> two semesters as Homecoming Chairperson (2000-2001) two semesters as Permanent Improvement's Chairperson (2001-2002) five semesters serving the Student Government Association (1999-2002) Resident Assistant 	<p>The students decide my number one issue because I'm elected to serve them. I have gathered several ideas that need attention, but the important thing is they are student ideas. While campaigning, I have reached students face to face. That's how I hope to confront and resolve issues if I'm elected.</p>	<p>I will be creative. People are tired of the same programs and the same issues. Catching attention is the trick. TCU students are not apathetic, but it is the duty and the responsibility of leaders to motivate and mobilize students. People do care, if their leaders make an effort to reach out to them.</p>	<p>If I'm elected, my goals are to help SGA extend the hours of The Main, Frogbytes and Pond Street Grill, revert some loading zones back into parking spaces, send a presidential newsletter to students discussing the content of meetings with school leaders and improve the recycling program at TCU.</p>
<p>junior political science major Dallas</p>  <p>Matt Colglazier</p>	<p>The administration is always willing to act on the part of students, as long as their concerns are reasonable and presented in the proper way. I believe as president, I will be able to focus groups of students on specific issues that, when brought to the administration, will be taken seriously.</p>	<p>I've been an Orientation Student Assistant for two summers, a mentor in the Chancellor's Leadership Program, led a Wordwise Bible Study this semester, studied in London, written columns for the Skiff, served on the AddRan Student Advisory Council served for three semesters as a Clark Hall representative.</p>	<p>Food and parking are the first issues that need to be solved. After this, I hope students turn a more caring eye to the community. If we are to become a stronger, more recognized student body, we must help make TCU and the surrounding area places where all people and ideas are welcome.</p>	<p>If elected I hope the TCU Daily Skiff and KTCU/88.7 FM would allow the president and SGA representatives space for commentary. It takes a dialogue to garner support. I think if these kind of measures are in place, students would be more likely to communicate on issues.</p>	<p>Solve food and parking problems. Continue to bring in a high caliber group of speakers, musicians and events. Help students realize the larger goal of a student body, which is to serve. Communicate weekly progress made in SGA. Have a specific legislative agenda before the first meeting of SGA.</p>
<p>junior English major Fort Worth</p>  <p>John Billingsley</p>	<p>The House Mission Statement says that House provides a "unified voice for students" and encourages a "clear, continuous exchange of ideas." I think House finds it hard to provide a unified voice because many minority interests are underrepresented, as well as international student and commuter student interests.</p>	<p>Increasing student involvement has been my platform throughout my campaign, and I feel that overcoming these issues is a great challenge. I would first make sure information about all campus organizations is available to all students, and then I would try to provide incentives for increasing involvement (i.e. food).</p>	<p>I have been involved in the House for two years. I served a semester as Permanent Improvements Committee Chairman and two semesters as Elections and Regulations Committee chairman. I fully understand the process of getting students involved in the House.</p>	<p>Issues such as parking and dining services are always important, but if student involvement increases, we as more unified TCU students would have a stronger voice in determining policies that affect our lives. I will work to improve the status of student involvement in other organizations as well as the House.</p>	<p>I would also like to see the expansion of security measures such as Froggie 5-0, and I would definitely push for a solid statement from administration concerning the present and future state of student parking.</p>
<p>House of Representatives Vice President</p>  <p>Abby Crawford</p>	<p>The role of the House must be to accurately represent the campus and reflect the needs of the student body in ALL decision making. Currently, we are not placing enough emphasis on communication between representatives and their constituents.</p>	<p>I will require that each residence hall produce a bi-monthly newsletter with detailed information on the business of SGA (House AND PC), and I will ask that commuters are notified via e-mail, as this is their preferred means of communication (as discovered by the Fall 2001 Constituency Day Survey).</p>	<p>I have served in the House for three semesters (Residential Concerns committee, Historian, Communications Committee and Dining Services Committee chair). I have also served TCU in many other leadership and facilitation capacities including Student Foundation, TCU Ambassadors, to name a few.</p>	<p>Students are upset with student government. Obviously, we aren't attacking issues important to students. We must formulate ways to get ideas, so we can build programs that matter. Maybe our surveys are inefficient. I will change them. Maybe our representatives do not know how to approach students. I will train them.</p>	<p>Accountability in ALL things. We are accountable to the student body to take information and USE it. The Executive Board is accountable to administration to target meaningful projects with visible results. Representatives are accountable to voters. We must develop a working relationship.</p>
<p>sophomore speech communication major Tyler</p>  <p>Karl Kruse</p>	<p>House should be a body through which student interests are represented to the administration. First, House needs to find out what students want done; second it needs to find new and innovative ways to accomplish these goals. Currently, I believe House is doing well on the former, but needs help on the latter.</p>	<p>A weekly e-mail from representatives reporting on House actions to their constituencies would be the first step. This would be cost effective, and an easy way for recipients to voice opinions. Once students see House news regularly, I believe it will be easier for them to tell representatives what they want.</p>	<p>Three semesters of work with most committees and chairing the University Affairs Committee has taught me how the House works. My work on parking fines and meal card use has given me connections with university officials. I hear diverse opinions through my work in the honors, business, and music programs.</p>	<p>My number one goal is credibility, both with the student body and administration. The House will do what it promises.</p>	<p>My goals are to improve the parking situation, find ways to use meal cards off campus, improve food service and make sure students can easily bring issues that concern them before House.</p>
<p>sophomore international business major Elkhorn, Neb.</p>  <p>Chris Mattingly</p>	<p>House should serve as the collective voice of the students. House should be an instrument for student change on campus. Right now, House is working on projects that have resulted from student concerns and constituent surveys. However, House is always looking for new ideas from those they represent.</p>	<p>The House doesn't magically know what students are thinking. Therefore, we must reach out to constituents through forums, surveys and face-to-face conversations. I believe through hard work and diligence, I can further motivate our representatives to take time and talk with their peers about their interests and concerns.</p>	<p>I have a working knowledge of the House after one and half years at TCU. I was sub-committee chair of the Dining Services Committee and served as Parliamentarian. I am the president of my Delta Sigma Pi pledge class and was a team leader for TCU LEAPS.</p>	<p>It's hard to say one issue because we deal with many every day. If I could encourage one thing on campus, it would be school involvement and spirit. Many events occur on-campus every day! I would love to see a more consolidated push to support each other as Horned Frogs!</p>	<p>I have a number of goals which are: to revise the Election Code, work on parking issues, continue constituent-representative contact, bring students to meetings and committees, begin to instill a lasting change on campus and work to adequately represent student concerns.</p>
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<p>Programming Council Vice President</p>  <p>Stephanie Zimmer</p>	<p>The role of the PC on campus is to educate and entertain the TCU community and to bring the campus together through student-run and student idea-driven programs. Currently, PC is doing campus programming, but is lacking communication with the student body and lacking leaders to implement programs.</p>	<p>The VP truly leads cohesiveness within the PC. By finding a diverse sector of chairs and through hands on interactions with programs and being able to be an advisor to chairpersons and committees, I hope individuals will realize that PC is a family that helps motivate them, and works with them to create better student programs.</p>	<p>I have been on the PC for two and half years. I was involved in committees, chairperson and administrative cabinet roles. As Director of Programming for 18 months, I have worked with all seven current committees, worked and co-programmed with over 40 organizations, and worked on the PC assessment.</p>	<p>I want to create communication with organizations that do not currently work with the Programming Council. I want PC to be more marketable to students. I want every student at TCU to hear what PC does. I want to work with the House of Student Representatives to create SGA programming, not only PC programming.</p>	<p>Reviving the image of the PC and communicating to the student body will help, but marketing of the organization will be placed into a mass-marketing campaign of what PC has done. I want to encourage participation through personal interaction by taking PC to the students.</p>
<p>junior political science and ad/pr major Baltimore, Md.</p>  <p>Stephanie Zimmer</p>	<p>I would love to see the PC assess the needs of students and fulfill them. Currently PC is stuck in the rut of programming the same events every year. Some programs need to be re-evaluated and some new ones need to be added. PC needs to be more visible to the student body.</p>	<p>Ideally, the Programming Council should be a representative body of TCU's campus. Unfortunately, it isn't like this. In the past PC has consisted of a small group that doesn't have a lot of student influence. We need to recruit from a variety of groups on campus, by making the PC more visible to the student body.</p>	<p>In the past two weeks, a lot of talk has been thrown around about the number of semesters here and active involvement there. While my two semesters of experience on PC are important, it is my ability to network and inspire that PC needs right now. These two things</p>	<p>Communication between the Programming Council and students is most needed. It can be achieved by regular speaking tours, like SGA has done, and by pulling members from the wide variety of students that TCU has. Surveys are an excellent way to find out information, but</p>	<p>Recently the Programming Council by-laws were rewritten. The first starting with by-laws is essential. There needs to be more than just a change. Ask fellow students what needs to change. The answer will not be positive. As you know, PC I will work with you.</p>

SPORTS BRIEFS

Former Texas Rangers manager has tumor

ARLINGTON (AP) — Former Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and will undergo surgery later this month in Richmond, Va.

Oates began to experience some weakness in his left side in late October and was forced to cut short a telephone interview due to weakness and slurring of his speech. He then underwent a series of tests and was informed of the diagnosis Monday.

"My family and I have great strength at this time, and I have put myself in the hands of the Lord," Oates said in a statement released Thursday by the Rangers. "I am optimistic about the future. I appreciate all of the kind words and prayers that I have received."

The 55-year-old Oates, who lives in Matoaca, Va., was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma Multiforme, the most aggressive form of primary brain tumors. The average survival rate is about a year.

"The entire Texas Rangers family is deeply saddened to hear this news regarding Johnny Oates," Rangers owner Tom Hicks said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Johnny, Gloria, and their family."

Oates, who managed the Rangers to their only three AL West titles (1996, '98 and '99), resigned under pressure May 4 after an 11-17 start. He was the AL Manager of the Year in 1996.

In six-plus seasons with the Rangers, he had a 506-476 record, a .521 winning percentage. He ranks second in team history in wins, winning percentage and games managed.

Oates spent 34 years as a player, coach and manager in professional baseball.

today in sports history

1912 — Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania hammered Army, 27-6. Playing right half-back on the Army team was future U.S. war hero and president Dwight D. Eisenhower. Carlisle, which produced Jim Thorpe, was led by legendary coach Pop Warner.

1953 — Maurice Richard set a National Hockey League record by scoring his 325th career goal. Most players would have kept the record-breaking puck, but Richard sent this one to Queen Elizabeth II.

1982 — Sugar Ray Leonard retired from boxing, five months after having retinal surgery on his left eye. In 1984, Leonard came out of retirement to fight once more before becoming a fight commentator for NBC.

1984 — Larry Bird tangled with Philadelphia's Julius "Dr. J" Irving at Boston Garden. The Celtics won the game 130-119, but the two players lost \$7,500 each. They were not alone: the 16 other players who joined in the melee paid a total of \$15,500 in fines.

1986 — Bobby Rahal won his first national auto racing driving title. He had earned \$300,000 for six victories, including an Indy 500 win.

1996 — Evander Holyfield joined Muhammad Ali as the second man to become a three-time undisputed Heavyweight Champion with a TKO of Mike Tyson 37 seconds in to the 11th round.

Men's soccer team 'quit playing' in loss, coach says
Frogs drop 12th match of year in loss to DePaul

By Dan Smith
SKIFF STAFF

With just one game left for the men's soccer team, the team's attitude is obvious to head coach David Rubinson.

"We have quit playing," Rubinson said. "I don't think we played with our hearts."

Rubinson referred to Thursday's 3-1 loss to the DePaul Blue Demons (3-12-2, 1-5-2 at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. The Frogs (5-10-1, 2-6-0) helped the Blue Demons to only their second conference victory by giving up two late goals.

Rubinson said the Frogs have struggled with two things this season: Their inability to finish chances and giving away easy goals to opponents. Both factors were present in their loss to DePaul.

"We had as many chances as they had to take control," Rubinson said.

The Frogs stayed close through the first half, holding the Blue Demons to three shots on goal. What looked to be a goalkeeper's duel between junior Michael La-

houd and Josh Chavero of DePaul turned ugly midway through the second half.

DePaul put the game away by scoring two goals in the final 12 minutes.

"Their keeper had a career day against us, and key defensive plays kept the score from being three or four to nothing," Rubinson said.

Junior forward Nick Browne scored in the 67th minute to put the Frogs on top, 1-0.

After two open-net saves by senior defenseman Davis Bland, DePaul countered with a goal of its own, knotting the score at 1-1.

"I didn't think we were cohesive defensively," Rubinson said.

On the offensive side, the Frogs out-shot DePaul 17-16 but were only able to net one shot.

The Frogs finish their season against Louisville 1 p.m. Sunday at Garvey-Rosenthal.

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Louisville Cardinals at TCU Horned Frogs



what: last game of the season
when: 1 p.m. Sunday
where: Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium



Junior forward Dustin Sitar swipes a steal during the Frogs' 3-1 loss to DePaul Thursday at the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Complex.

Swim teams bid farewell to seniors Saturday

By Quinten Boyd
SKIFF STAFF

The renovations of the Rickel Building may have disrupted the swimming team's schedule, but not enough to force the four seniors to finish their careers away from home.

The Frogs take on Austin College in a dual meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the Rickel Building. In their final home meet of the year, the Frogs will take on Southwest Missouri State 1 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel.

Adding to the excitement is the fact that Saturday has been designated as

Senior Recognition day. The Frogs will honor their four seniors: Jamie MacCurdy, Marisa Schenke, Josh Pipes and Scott Adkins. All four had fond memories of their years at TCU.

"I'm confident that I can do anything in life," Pipes said. "Swimming in an elite program such as this one has made me a better swimmer and a better person."

Austin College's men come into tonight's meet with an 0-4 mark, while the women enter with a 2-3 record. Due to the size of the Kangaroos' team, the Frogs will swim only

their freshmen and sophomores.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said the meet against the Kangaroos may be considered a tune-up for Southwest Missouri State, but his team will not be overlook Austin College.

"We aren't overconfident at all," Sybesma said. "I admit, though, that we are confident. We have some great swimmers in our freshmen and sophomores. This meet gives our underclassmen a great chance to see action."

The men's swimming team looks to avenge last year's 78-35 loss to

Southwest Missouri State Saturday. The Bears' men's team enters Saturday with a 1-0 dual meet record, while their women's team comes in with a 2-1 record.

"Our goal this year for the men is to keep from getting caught off guard by them (Southwest Missouri State)," Sybesma said. "It should be a great meet."

Out of all of her memories over the past four years, MacCurdy could not select only one.

"I can't pick only one memory," MacCurdy said. "It's hard because

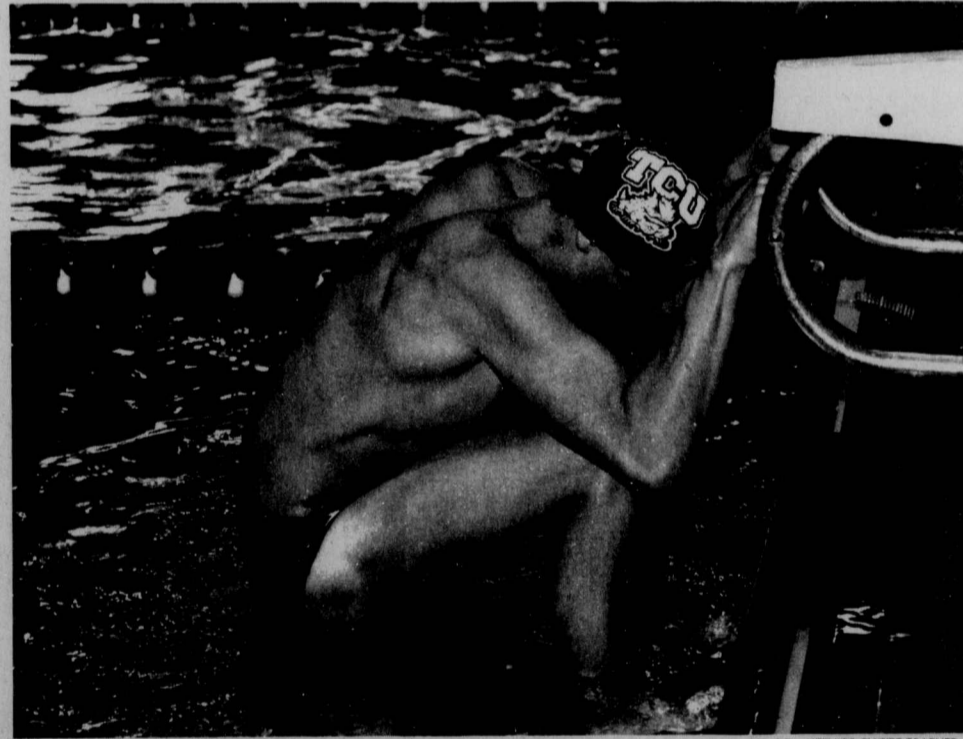
I've had so much fun here. I'm sad that it will end soon."

Schenke said one lesson will stay with her forever.

"I've learned that there is no greater bond than the one between teammates," Schenke said. "This is the closest that I've ever felt to a group of people in my life. Few people get to experience a bond like this, and I've been lucky enough to go through this experience."

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Nowitzki, Mavs win fifth game of year

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 33 points, 23 in the first half, to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 105-91 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

Michael Finley had 18 points and Steve Nash added 13 points and 12 assists as the Mavericks improved to 5-1.

Nowitzki went 12-for-23 from the field and pulled down nine rebounds. Danny Manning had 13 points and six rebounds for Dallas.

Isaiah Rider's 19 points paced the Nuggets, who fell to 1-4. Nick Van Exel added 13 points and seven assists.

The Nuggets got as close as 88-81 midway through the final quarter. But Shawn Bradley's three-point play and a 20-footer from Finley with 6:28 left triggered an 11-4 run. That gave Dallas a 99-85 lead, and the Mavericks went on to remain perfect in three games at the new

American Airlines Center.

Dallas opened the game with 25-9 run and carried a 53-46 advantage into halftime behind Nowitzki, who was 9-for-13 from the field in the first half and made all three of his 3-pointers.

Dallas held an 81-74 lead at the start of the fourth quarter.

Notes: Mavericks guard Greg Buckner missed his fifth straight game due to a sprained ankle. ... Dallas swingman Adrian Griffin has sat out all six games due to back spasms. ... Bradley and James Posey of the Nuggets each received personal fouls and technicals after getting tangled up under the Dallas basket while jostling for rebound positioning in the second quarter. Bradley appeared to pull Posey to the floor, then the players exchanged shoves before they were pulled apart. ... Dallas forward Donnell Harvey sprained his left wrist in the second quarter and did not return.

MLB players file grievance against league to prevent contraction

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball players began their fight to stop owners from eliminating two major league teams, filing a grievance claiming their labor contract was violated.

Management and the union met for about two hours Thursday, their first session since owners voted earlier in the week to get rid of two teams next year — with Montreal and Minnesota the front-runners to disappear.

New York Mets pitcher Al Leiter and Texas pitcher Rick Helling were at the meeting, along with Detroit Tigers infielders Tony Clark and Damion Easley.

The session took place on the

day after the expiration of the sport's collective bargaining agreement.

In Washington, Sens. Paul Wellstone and Mark Dayton, both Democrats from Minnesota, asked President Bush to support legislation that would rescind baseball's antitrust exemption.

Wellstone and Rep. John Conyers, the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said they will introduce legislation next week to revoke the exemption.

"Without your support, we believe it will be extremely difficult to move this legislation forward," Wellstone and Dayton wrote to Bush, the former controlling

owner of the Texas Rangers. White House officials did not return calls seeking comment.

Players and owners declined comment on the talks, but details were confirmed by officials on both sides who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

In the grievance, filed Wednesday just hours before the labor contract ran out, the union claimed owners violated the agreement Tuesday by unilaterally deciding to cut from 30 to 28 teams next season. If the sides don't settle, the grievance would be decided by Shyam Das, baseball's permanent arbitrator.

Management lawyers maintained owners had the right to

eliminate teams but conceded that particulars, such as how to disperse players on the folded franchises, must be bargained over.

Management lawyers didn't make any proposals to the union during the discussion, which dealt in generalities and not specifics, and both sides agreed it would be impossible to complete negotiations until the teams to be eliminated are identified.

In addition to the Expos and Twins, Florida, Oakland and Tampa Bay also are possibilities. Montreal has the lowest attendance in the major leagues. Minnesota owner Carl Pohlad, a close friend of baseball commissioner Bud Selig, wants to be bought out

and would get a much higher price in a contraction payment from the remaining 28 teams than he would from a sale.

Lawyers for owners and players said they will get back in touch with each other next week.

In Minneapolis, a hearing scheduled Thursday on a suit by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Commission, was postponed until Tuesday. Hennepin County District Court Judge Diana Eagon has issued a temporary restraining order against the Twins and major league baseball.

The commission sued earlier this week to compel the Twins to honor their lease to play in the Metrodome, which runs through

next season.

Conyers, a Michigan Democrat, would be in line to become chairman of the Judiciary Committee if Democrats regain control of the House next year.

"This is like a game of musical chairs — two teams will be left standing and their fans will be left out in the cold," he said. "This unprecedented decision is bad for the fans, bad for the players on the field and the workers and businesses at and around the stadium, bad for the minor league teams that will also be cut loose, and bad for the cities that will be forced into new and more costly bidding wars to avoid being dumped by baseball."

TCU FOOTBALL GAME CENTRAL

Everything you wanted to know about this weekend's game, plus more.

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The Edge Box

How the two teams match up:

RUSHING OFFENSE

TCU

The Frogs face perhaps their stiffest front-seven of the season, without Corey Connally or Andrew Hayes-Stoker. Frank Montgomery, who has not played a down at TCU, is listed at No. 2 and may share carries with Ricky Madison.

UAB

The Blazers, averaging 166 yards per game, are led by Jegil Dugger (595 yards, five touchdowns). As with the Frogs, UAB finds strength in rotating its running backs.

Edge: Even

PASSING OFFENSE

TCU

Night and day for junior Casey Printers, who razed East Carolina for 319 yards and two touchdowns. In the second half, Facing the No. 1 run defense in the nation, TCU needs to take the shackles off Printers' right arm.

UAB

The strength of the Blazers' offense is their balance. They excel at neither the pass or run, doing just enough to keep defenses honest. Back-up quarterback Thomas Cox has completed 14-47 passes for 178 yards and four interceptions.

Edge: TCU

RUSHING DEFENSE

TCU

The Frogs cannot afford to fall behind early, facing the No. 2 rush defense in the nation. UAB does not present much of a running game, and the strength of the TCU defense must not let it find one now.

UAB

No Division I team stops the run better than the Blazers, who allow 58 yards per game (No. 1 in the nation). It took the worst half of football this year to get the TCU defense to play its best.

EDGE: UAB

PASSING DEFENSE

TCU

With UAB starting an interception-prone backup, the Frogs need to take advantage of his inexperience and force mistakes.

UAB

The chink in UAB's formidable defensive armor. If allowing 102.25 yards per game can be called a chink. UAB must play to its strength (run defense) and prove Printers second half outburst was just that: An outburst.

Edge: UAB

SPECIAL TEAMS

TCU

The kicking game continues to be the most consistent aspect of the TCU game. Junior punter Joey Biasatti ranks No. 12, averaging 43.5 yards per punt, in the nation. Placekicker Nick Browne missed his first kick of the season from beyond 40 yards (48, into the wind) last week.

UAB

The Blazers have had lapses in the kicking game so far this year. Placekicker Rhett Gallego has made only 4-10 field goals, including just 2-6 from 20-29 yards. Punter Ross Stewart is averaging 43 yards per punt.

EDGE: TCU

INTANGIBLES

TCU

All depends on which TCU team steps on to Legion Field: The one that got blitzed or the one that looked like title contenders. In a game of defenses, go with the more explosive offense and solid kicking game.

UAB

Pat Sullivan will face the Frogs for the first time since he stepped down after leading TCU to a 1-10 record. He will no doubt be eager to end the string of TCU bowl berths, one fueled by his recruits.

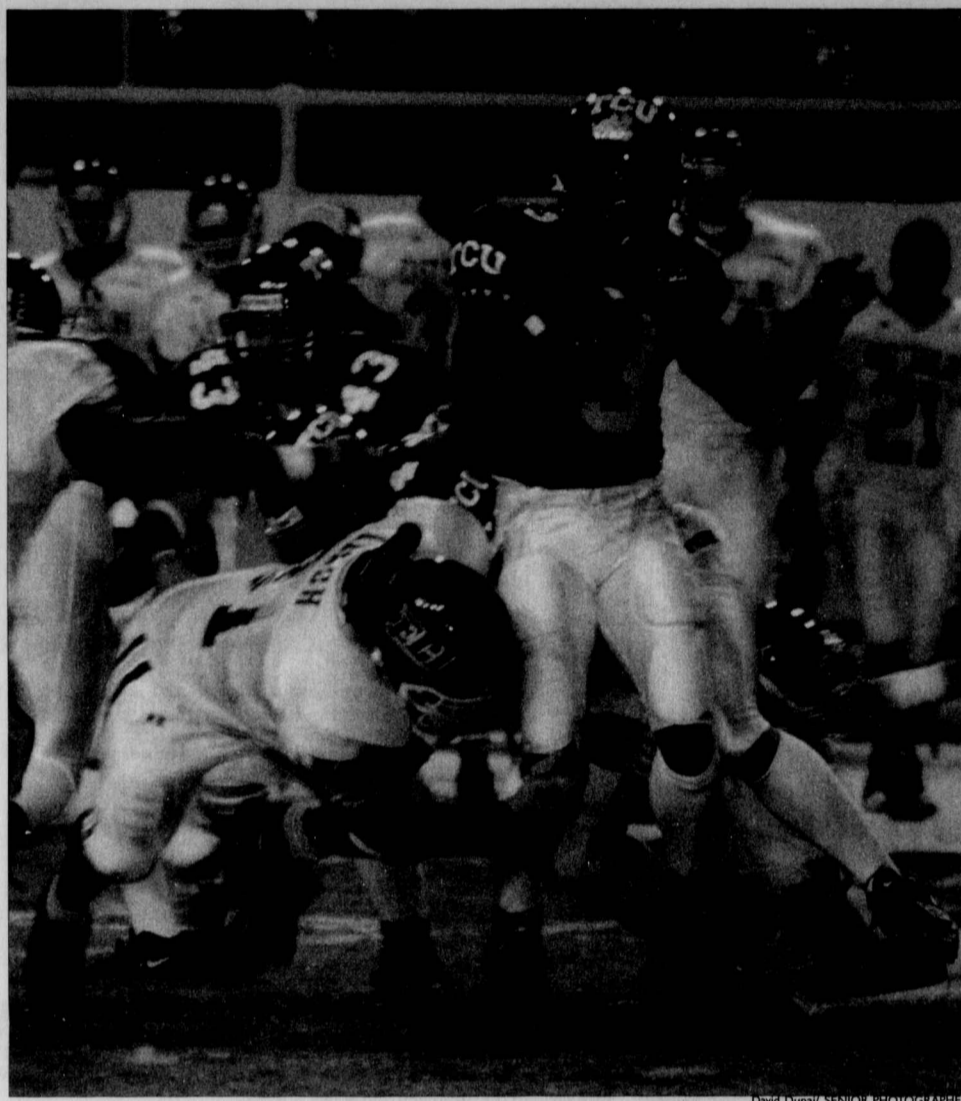
EDGE: Even

Prediction: TCU 30, UAB 27, (2 OT)

— Matt Stiver

'Do or Die'

Frogs look for consistency, season-saving victory



Junior receiver LaTarence Dunbar fights away from East Carolina tacklers. Dunbar and the Frogs hope to put some points on the board against the UAB defense, which is ranked No. 2 nationally.

By Brandon Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

The year was 1999, and TCU had dug itself into a hole.

After an upset win in the 1998 Norwest Sun Bowl over Southern California, the Frogs had gotten off to a disappointing 1-3 start.

But starting with a 42-0 win over San Jose State, the Frogs went on to win seven of their last eight games en route to winning the GMAC Mobile Bowl.

Head coach Gary Patterson hopes this year's Frogs (4-4, 2-2 Conference USA), who have lost three of their last five games, can respond in a similar fashion to secure a program-record fourth consecutive bowl trip.

"Our group plays better when its back is against the wall," Patterson said. "We got to play every down like it's our last down. We're not just participants. To play a football game, I can go across the street and get 85 people. But not to win it."

The Frogs get their first chance to be more than just participants against UAB (4-4, 3-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday in Birmingham, Ala. UAB finds itself in a similar situation after losing three consecutive games Sept. 29 to Oct. 13. A loss would eliminate both team from bowl consideration.

"This is just like a heavyweight championship fight," sophomore tailback Ricky Madison said. "You got two men in there, and the last one standing is going to win."

Said senior tight end Matt Schobel: "If we want to get to where we said we want to get to, we need to win. It's do or die."

Patterson said sophomore tailback Corey Connally likely won't start. Connally is still bothered by a groin injury suffered Oct. 30 against East Carolina. Senior running back Andrew Hayes-Stoker is also injured (knee), meaning junior Frank Montgomery will move up the depth chart.

Madison, looking to get his first start since Sept. 22, will run against the No. 1 rush defense in the nation. The Blazers are only giving up 1.9 yards a rush and 58 yards a game.

Schobel said the UAB defense, ranked No. 2 nationally and top-ranked rush defense, is as good as

the Nebraska defense the Frogs faced Aug. 25 to start off the season.

"They are as good as we have seen up front, including Nebraska," Schobel said.

Madison is undaunted by UAB's defensive statistics.

"I don't care about that," Madison said. "I just want to go out there and win."

The *Birmingham Post-Herald* reported that quarterback Jeff Aaron will miss his third consecutive start. Quarterback Thomas Cox will get another start. Even though Cox has a passing efficiency of 57.98 and has only completed 36.2 percent of his passes, he is undefeated as a starter.

Patterson said his defensive game plan will not change for the fleet-footed Cox, who averages 5.8 yards a carry.

"I think he has done a really good job of running the football team, I am sure the coach feels that he is keeping him there because they have done a nice job the last couple of weeks," Patterson said. "They run the same offense with either one of them in there. It hasn't really changed at all."

UAB will likely wonder which TCU team will show up from last week. The one that allowed 319 yards and fell behind 27-3 in the first half, or the one that rolled to 350 yards and 27 before nearly forced overtime.

"I think that was the worst half we have played since I have been here," Schobel said. "We came out with more intensity, got some stops and moved the ball."

Patterson said the Frogs' near comeback was a result of something more simple.

"They were embarrassed," Patterson said. "I would be embarrassed, too."

If the Frogs can avoid being embarrassed Saturday, Patterson said the Frogs will still have a chance to receive a bowl bid.

"We got three games left, we still have a chance for a winning season, we still have a chance for a bowl game," Patterson said. "I would say right now the championship is pretty slim, but we still have a chance for the other two."

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Three keys to victory

1 Take off the chains
Junior quarterback Casey Printers threw 50 passes for 319 yards in the second half against East Carolina last Tuesday. Junior receivers Adrian Madise and LaTarence Dunbar caught 20 passes together. All this proves TCU can do more than just "three yards and a cloud of dust." Throw the ball.

2 Blitz the young'en'
The UAB passing attack will not be confused with Tulane or Northwestern St., teams that burned the TCU secondary. Against a young backup, the Frogs will need to pressure and confuse Cox into throwing interceptions. With four in 47 attempts, he should be a willing accomplice.

3 Win it on special teams
The two teams matchup evenly, on offense and defense. Strengths balance weaknesses. The Frogs, however, have an advantage in the kicking game with placekicker Nick Browne. TCU needs to take advantage of a weak UAB kicking game.

"Backs against the wall"

A look at how the TCU football team has responded in dire straights the past four seasons

YEAR	GAME	SITUATION	RESULT
1998	game 10 at Tulsa	After 4-1 start, TCU in 4 game losing streak.	TCU wins, 17-7, goes on to win Sun Bowl.
1999	game 5 vs. San Jose State	Frogs off to 1-3 start	Frogs win, 42-0. Goes on to win Sun Bowl, GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl.
2000	game 9 vs. Fresno State	TCU coming off 27-24 loss to San Jose State	Frogs win, 24-7, but lose Sun Bowl, Mobile Alabama Bowl.
2001	game 9 at UAB	Frogs have lost 3 of last 5 games.	?

Who to watch

Ricky Madison, RB vs. Rod Taylor, LB

The matchup: UAB linebacker Rod Taylor anchors the nation's No. 1 rushing defense by getting in on every play. TCU tailback Ricky Madison, the opening-day starter, will carry the TCU running game.

The stats: Taylor leads the Blazers with 76 tackles, including 11 for a loss of (minus) 76 yards. His three sacks and two interceptions tie for second on the team. UAB counts on Taylor to disrupt opposing offenses, and he hasn't disappointed yet. Madison's 330 yards and three touchdowns place him second in TCU's round-robin backfield. His average of 3.2 yards per carry is solid but will have to improve for TCU to have a chance.

Effect on the game: The strength

of this UAB team is its defense, and specifically its ability to stop the run. The Frogs have been unable to produce a steady running game so far. Printers proved TCU can throw the ball, but Madison and the offensive line need to provide balance.

Winner: Taylor. Madison and the Frogs will need their best performance of the year after running for 27 yards on 37 carries against ECU, a porous defense. Anything less against Taylor and UAB will prove even more fruitless.

—Matt Stiver

