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Fort Worth, Texas

# Bush, Putin pledge to strengthen relationship

## No agreement reached over U.S. missile shield plans

By Kristina Iodice  
COPY DESK CHIEF

When President George W. Bush was in high school, Russia was an enemy. Now, students can know Russia is a friend to the United States and both countries are working to break the old ties and establish a new spirit of cooperation. Bush said Thursday at a high school in Crawford.

"What we're talking about is a new relationship, a relationship that will make your lives better when you get older, and it will make your kids' lives better as they grow up," Bush said. "A lot of people never dreamt that an American president and a Russian president could have established the friendship we have."

Surrounded by an audience waving the red, white and blue flags for two countries, Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin talked about the relationship between Russia and the United States and then gave students at Crawford High School an opportunity to ask questions.

Although Bush and Putin failed to reach an agreement regarding a national missile defense system, Bush said the relationship between the countries is strong enough to endure differences in opinion.

"Our objective is common — both for the United States and for Russia — the objective is to achieve

security for our states, for our nations, for the entire world," Putin said

One student asked Bush to explain in what ways had the summit brought Russia and the United States closer together.

"The summit enabled us to continue a very personal dialogue," Bush said. As well, we agreed to some significant changes in our relationship."

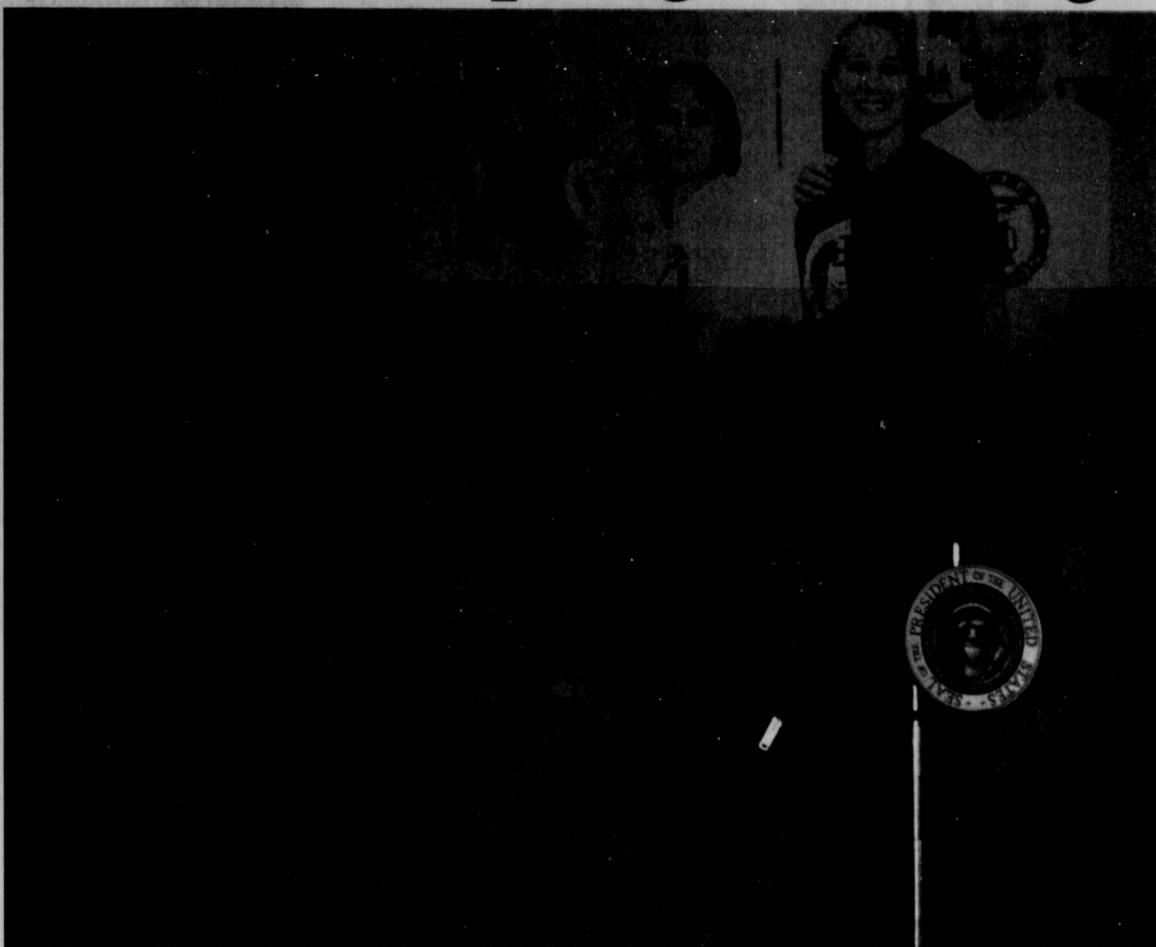
Bush said he and Putin agreed on some concrete issues, as well as specific things that the two countries can do together. Reducing the U.S. nuclear arsenal to between 1,700 and 2,200 warheads over the next decade was a tangible accomplishment, he said.

"We've got a lot to do together. We've had great discussions in Washington, as well as here in Texas. We're both pledging to reduce the amount of nuclear weapons, offensive weapons, we have, in order to make the world more secure," Bush said.

Bush stressed the progress made during the summit, his fourth meeting with Putin. He said he and Putin want to make sure the U.S.-Russian relationship will endure beyond each presidency.

The Russian president easily charmed the audience, saying that

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President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin address the media Thursday at Crawford High School. The two leaders could not come to terms over a missile defense plan.

David Duna/Senior Photographer

## Where presidents play

### Crawford is a one-light town in the heart of "Bush Country"

By Kristina Iodice  
COPY DESK CHIEF

It's easy to see when President George W. Bush is staying at his ranch 10 miles outside of Crawford — when the barely-paved streets are lined with satellite vans and roving reporters roll into town.

Ken Brown, a patrolman for the Crawford police, said traffic, crowd control and security in Crawford is a nightmare when the President is at the ranch, and more of a nightmare Thursday because Russian President Vladimir Putin in attendance at Bush's ranch.

In a town of about 700 residents, most of the police force is volunteer. There is only one full-time and one part-time officer, and everyone works when the president is in town, he said.

"But after Monday it will go back to normal — back to a quiet sleepy little town — and most of the volunteers will be able to go home," he said.

Don Harris, Crawford High School principal, said the biggest change he could see for Crawford, is when the president is in town the main intersection is harder to get through.

Coffee Station is the only restaurant in the small town, which is also a gas station and convenience store.

Stacey Driver, store manager, said she has met a lot of interesting people since Bush became president.

"The Secret Service guys come in all the time, even when he is not at the ranch," she said.

When the president and First Lady Laura Bush stopped at the Coffee Station for a meal during their vacation in August, they let all the guests remain and let others still come in, Driver said. She even remembers what they ordered: cheeseburgers with onions and fried jalapenos.

The main difference with another powerful president in city limits was a big increase in the number of peo-

ple coming in, she said. Not only was she seeing the "regulars," but the Russian Secret Service agents were also coming in, not to mention a larger number of reporters.

Nancy Baird, Coffee Station owner, said the only time Crawford seems affected by its proximity to the Bush's 1,600-acre ranch is when the president holds an event in town.

Brown said Crawford will never be the same, property values are increasing and soon business will start moving in.

It's not everyday students in a small Texas town get to hear from two world leaders, but it is one of the perks when the president has a ranch only 10 miles outside of the town.

Harris said the students, teachers, community members and other guests were sharing a historical moment and something that the students could tell their children and grandchildren about someday.

He said that very little math or science had been taught during the

week before the Bush and Putin visited the campus, but students learned a lot in other ways.

"A foreign exchange student from Russia visited the classes and helped to make the event less abstract," he said.

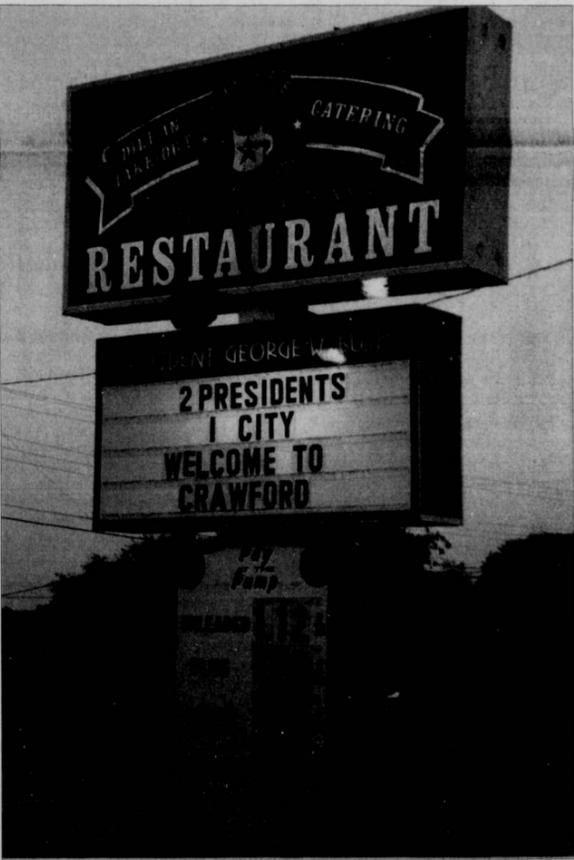
Harris said never guessed how much work and planning went into a major event, but the opportunity to share in an event like this cannot be measured.

Since Bush was coming to the school with the Russian president, security was very tight.

Brianna Shelton, also an eighth-grader, said Secret Service officers had been working at the school for most of the week, and on Thursday there were a number of police dogs. Thursday morning, students went through metal detectors and put their backpacks all in one room.

Shelton said she was a little worried that the school would be tar-

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Local Crawford businesses get in the act to welcome President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

David Duna/Senior Photographer

A lot of people never dreamt that an American president and a Russian president could have established the friendship we have." — George W. Bush

**WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN**



Caleb Williams/SKIFF STAFF

CiAnn Ardoin, a sophomore, Kori Thomas, a sophomore, Stacie Miller, a freshman, and Brandy McGuire, a freshman, dance in the Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated Thursday night.

## Billingsley elected as House VP in run-off

By Kristin Delorantis  
STAFF REPORTER

Junior accounting major John Billingsley won the run-off election for vice president of the House of Student Representatives with 677 votes.

Sophomore speech communication major Abby Crawford received 612 votes of the 1,318 students who voted.

Billingsley said he was very

pleased with the voter turnout for the run-off. He said he tried to raise voter participation by building personal contacts.

"Publicity was important to catch attention in the original election," he said, "but reaching out to individuals this time was more important than directing them to a Web site."

Crawford said she was disappointed with the results of the run-off, but that she will continue to be involved in the House in every possible way.

Billingsley's term begins in January and he said he will strive to raise student involvement.

"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," Billingsley said in the Nov. 9 issue of the TCU Daily Skiff. "I will work to improve the status of student involvement in other organizations as well as the House."

He said he would like to see the House members serve as a campus communicator as well as work on issues involving safety and parking.

"I would like to see the expansion of security measures such as Froggie Five-0," Billingsley said. "I will definitely push for a solid statement from administration concerning the present and future state of student parking."

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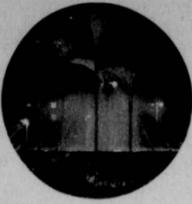
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**Today in history**  
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■ **TCU Theatre presents "Love's Labour's Lost"** at 8 p.m. today in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts, Hays Theatre. Additional performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are free to students, adults are \$5 and children and seniors are \$3. For more information call (817) 257-5770.

■ **Jeff Guinn, books editor for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram** will be discussing "Harry Potter and Frodo and the Wart" at 3 p.m. Saturday in Mary Coats Burnett Library, Great Reading Room. The presentation is sponsored by Friends of the TCU Library. For more information call (817) 257-7106.

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# WORLD DIGEST

## National interests rule in WTO agenda, could shape next 10 years

DOHA, Qatar — Bolivian farmers, American steel manufacturers and Thai tuna fishermen won't feel the effect of the World Trade Organization's decision to launch new trade talks for years.

That didn't stop governments from fighting passionately for national interests.

Until the last afternoon, India was threatening to block the deal if it didn't get concessions. A group of poor countries insisted they approve a trade deal they had negotiated with the European Union otherwise they, too, would withhold their support. And the Europeans held out until the last moment on agricultural export subsidies.

The agreement — reached late Wednesday on the sixth day of the supposedly five-day WTO meeting — is only a 10-page document setting out, in the vaguest terms, the starting point for many years of talks.

But what's at stake is a road map that is likely to shape the world trading system for more than 10 years. Even if it finished on schedule in 2005, the round will set targets and timetables for opening up trade in the years after that.

"I think there is something in it for everyone. I was just so impressed by the commitment of ministers to making this work, because they knew what was at stake," said WTO Director-General Mike Moore.

Among the issues to be covered are reducing tariffs on goods and services, cutting agricultural subsidies and regulating the use of "anti-dumping" measures to block subsidized imports.

The principle is that free trade promotes competition, specialization, economies of scale and consumer choice on a global scale. But opening markets can be economically and politically painful for individual governments.

Washington, for instance, resisted allowing its anti-dumping laws to come under scrutiny, but U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said the talks would have failed if he hadn't compromised.

"I just don't think it's fair to ask people to talk about our issues if we're not willing to talk about theirs," he said.

The final deal represents a compromise for all nations — a necessity since it had to be approved by consensus.

"Nobody got everything they wanted. This was a grown-up negotiation in which everybody compromised and the result is an agreement that's very good for developing countries and for developed countries as well," said British Trade Minister Patricia Hewitt.

Many of the more than 300 pressure groups represented in Doha were pleased with a deal to clarify how developing countries can legally override patents on pharmaceuticals to react to health crises, but were less happy with other parts of the deal.

"In Doha much more has been lost than gained," said Bertram Zagema, from the environmental group Friends of the Earth Netherlands. "The environment text may look like a big step for the negotiators, but it is a small step for humankind."

The World Development Movement said the agreement was not a step forward for poorer nations.

"The cost of current trade agreements is already being counted in people's lives. Developing countries do not have the capacity or wish to negotiate these new agreements."

## Mexico is ready to cut 2002 oil production, Energy Ministry says

MEXICO CITY — Mexico will cut oil exports up to 100,000 barrels per day in 2002 as part of OPEC's efforts to reduce oversupply in the world market, the Energy Ministry said Wednesday night.

The decision comes after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed in Vienna on Wednesday to cut its quotas by 1.5 million barrels a day beginning Jan. 1, a move the group says is dependent on Mexico and other non-OPEC producers following its lead.

OPEC officials said they wanted 500,000 barrels per day in non-OPEC cuts to avoid their members losing market share by bearing the full weight of the reductions.

Energy Ministry officials said Mexico's decision to cut exports is also dependent on other non-OPEC producers joining the effort.

Mexico's state oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, exports 1.65 million barrels per day, out of its total production of 3.1 million barrels daily.

"Mexico considers that there has been an important imbalance in supply and demand in the world oil market in recent weeks," the ministry said in a statement.

The global economic slowdown has also affected demand for crude oil, "and therefore the outlook for the market in the short term is not favorable," the statement said.

Mexico is the third leading exporter of oil to the United States behind Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

## Omar dismisses U.N. proposal, wants 'Extinction of America'

LONDON — Defiant in the face of stunning



setbacks, Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar said in a radio interview Thursday that he'd rather die than join "an evil government" with Afghanistan's former leaders.

"We will not accept a government of wrongdoers. We prefer death than to be a part of an evil government," Mullah Omar told the British Broadcasting Corp., dismissing a U.N. proposal for a multiethnic Afghan government.

Mullah Omar also warned of a larger strategy — the "destruction of America" — without specifying what actions may be taken.

The BBC asked the Pashto-language questions by satellite phone through an intermediary who passed them onto the Taliban leader through a hand-held radio. His exact location was unclear, but the private Afghan Islamic Press agency reported earlier Thursday that Omar was in a safe place and in charge of his troops.

Northern alliance advances, backed by U.S.-led bombing, have cost the Taliban their grip on the Afghan capital, Kabul, and deprived them of huge swaths of territory.

Mullah Omar acknowledged that his forces "may have made some mistakes," and was in control of only four or five Afghan provinces.

"But it is not important how many provinces we have under our control," he said. "Once we did not have a single province, and then the time came when we had all the provinces, which we have lost in a week."

He called the Taliban pullback from urban centers part of a larger strategy.

"The current situation in Afghanistan is related to a bigger cause — that is the destruction of America."

"If God's help is with us, this will happen within a short period of time — keep in mind this prediction," he said. "The real matter is the extinction of America, and God willing, it will fall to the ground."

"I tell you, keep this in mind. This is my prediction," he warned. "You believe it or not — it's up to you. But we will have to wait and see."

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### Newspaper program reaps benefits

It costs a person \$14 for a one-month subscription to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and \$159 for the year.

For about \$5 a student, TCU can provide a copy of the Star-Telegram, and The New York Times and USA Today, for most students on campus next semester during weekdays, said Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs.

From examining the costs and benefits in purely financial terms, this is a no-brainer. All a student has to do is pick up a copy of the Star-Telegram or USA Today 10 times during the course of the semester to get their money's worth. Just five times with The New York Times. Most students will pick up more copies — and save more money as a result.

Some students are required to have newspaper subscriptions for certain classes. If the university continues the free newspaper program it had earlier this semester, these students will benefit.

The program makes financial sense for TCU students. It also enhances the educational experience.

In a survey of 370 students conducted by the Star-Telegram, 45 percent of the student said they read a newspaper more often during the pilot program and 62 percent said they would read a newspaper more often if TCU provided them. What the numbers show is if newspapers are available for free then more students will read them.

"The overall goal of the program is to make students better informed about what is happening outside the TCU bubble," Mills said. "We hope this will generate some interest among students to discuss issues among themselves, and faculty can also use the newspapers as a teaching tool."

However, more litter on campus is one problem associated with the program.

Nobody wants to add an additional burden to the hard-working housekeepers on our campus. So as long as the student body is responsible and recycles the newspapers, this shouldn't be a problem. Mills said waste didn't seem to be much of a problem during the pilot program.

Reinstating the free newspaper program is a win-win situation for students, faculty and the university. After all, students are here to learn, and teaching from current events is an added bonus for faculty.

Hopefully, the university will bring the program back.

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## Students who defy fears show nation's personality

Since I've decided to study abroad in London next semester, people have been asking me if I'm scared to be an American in a U.S.-friendly country in light of the events of Sept. 11, and if I'm going to change my mind if there's another terrorist attack. My answer is, of course I'm a little apprehensive, but it doesn't affect my decision to go.

**Commentary**  
**Sarah McClellan**

My parents, on the other hand, though masking their concerns with speeches about the great opportunities of studying abroad, are freaking out. I'll be working for a magazine within a governmental office, in a country that is a U.S. ally, at a time when Anthrax is running rampant and common speculation and paranoia says terrorists are targeting Americans and the Western way of life in general. Let's face it, that would give anyone the creeps. My mom, who made me take echinacea, an herb to boost the immune system and get rid of colds, every morning in high school, is ready to spend my London shopping money on a case of Cipro.

As scary as the world situation is right now, and as nerve-racking as it might be to take this chance, I'm not afraid to go to London. This is not an uncommon student point of view.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said he asked high school students recently if the Sept. 11 events had an effect on their decisions to go to college, and most of them said it didn't.

However, Brown said the students told him their parents are worrying. While our parents' fears are viable, I know they want the best for

us. And the best thing for us would not be to compromise our American standards and cow down. It would not benefit our characters to stay as sheltered as possible until this whole terrorist thing "blows over." Even if something bad and terrorist-related happens to me in London, I will know I didn't give up on the desire I've had since before I came to college to go to another country and experience something totally new.

With the way things are right now, though unlikely, the terrorists could very well come to Fort Worth and wreak havoc. Or, I could be hit by a car on University Drive while walking to class (we all know it's happened before) and die as just another case of road-pizza in Texas. We've all heard the over-patriotic, cheesy catch phrase, "If we don't go on with our lives, the terrorists will win." Everyone has lost something in this situation. If we haven't lost a family member or friend, we've lost at least a little bit of optimism and some of our sense of well-being. But if we lose our willingness to try new things and venture to new places, we've given up even more. By depriving ourselves of adventure, we're not losing to the terrorists, but to the ever-more-ominous image we have of them, and to ourselves.

If our attitudes change from having the courage that makes us want to do things like study abroad to cowering under a blanket of fear, we'll let a huge part of our country's personality slip away. After that, what's left to lose?

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## Visa process needs upgrading

Among many new measures trying to curb the threat of terrorism in the United States, President George W. Bush has announced his support of restrictive legislation on student visas. Although this legislation has good intentions, these restrictions will not have much impact due to the sheer magnitude of foreign nationals inside the United States for reasons other than study. If passed, the legislation instead would serve to decrease the number of foreign students who will want to study in American universities.

**Commentary**  
**Alex Rosemblat**

The proposal calls for a national tracking system that will require foreign students to have their finger and palm prints checked at airports and border crossings. Also, each university will be responsible for ensuring that foreign students actually are attending school. No one can accurately estimate how these policies will affect foreign students, but it probably will make it more difficult for them to obtain visas and may discourage them from trying.

It is understandable for lawmakers to want to try to keep out terrorists by any means they can. One of the Sept. 11 hijackers, Hani Hanjour, entered the country with a student visa but never showed up to begin his studies. Yet, there is no indication that putting restrictions on student visas would be effective at deterring the entrance of foreign terrorists. All of the 19 hi-

jackers entered the United States legally, and only one came in with a student visa.

In fact, international students are a minority of foreign nationals in the United States, as compared to the number of people here for other reasons. In 1999, 31.4 million foreigners were given visas to enter the country. Of those, only 514,723 were student visas. That is roughly 1.6 percent of foreigners who are in the United States legally. It is illogical to think that cutting down on such a small percentage of visas will be able to stem the inflow of terrorists.

Another factor to blame for the terrorists' entrance onto U.S. soil is the relatively lax visa policies that are in place. Although citizens of certain countries, particularly those that had been identified as state sponsors of terrorism, are scrutinized in great detail, certain other countries such as Saudi Arabia are deemed to be low risk areas in which to issue visas.

According to *The Washington Post*, only 3 percent of Saudi citizens had their applications for visas rejected because they were deemed to be potentially dangerous. Saudi citizens requested visas through U.S. consulates and most were let in without interviews. Fifteen of the 19 terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks came in through Saudi visas, although not all of them were Saudi Arabian citizens. Apparently, these 15 hijackers were run through computerized background checks which turned up negative.

Unfortunately, terrorism is such

a global phenomenon that the United States should expect terrorists to enter the country from any area. If there is any way to get into the country, the United States should assume that terrorists will find a way. They have proven their ingenuity and resourcefulness and have the single-minded goal of completing their mission.

Measures must be taken to improve the security involved in granting visas. More in-depth background checks must be made, because the current ones are not effective. Internal security agencies such as the FBI should be more watchful of any suspicious activities of foreign nationals, as in the case of the terrorist who never showed up to the college he had gotten a visa to attend. Although colleges might be required to keep track of their foreign students, the FBI has the resources and jurisdiction to monitor suspicious behavior on a national level.

Putting restrictions on student visas will do very little to solve the United States' internal terrorism problem. This policy probably would make it more difficult for international students to come to study in the United States. This could hurt the quality and prestige of American institutions that pride themselves on offering cultural diversity and also most importantly international students, who are themselves looking to get a good education.

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## Stop whining, do something

### TCU students are easily distracted from a lack of dating options

At TCU, conversations about the lack of dating among students are more common than conversations about other issues in the world. It's silly for students to spend so much time complaining about something they have control over.

**Commentary**



**Chrissy Braden**

Students who complain that there aren't enough dates can solve that problem by paying for dates themselves, meeting more people and asking other people out on dates.

Students complain that many of the "dates" among TCU students involve going to one's room and watching a movie or going to The Main to eat. These same students say this is not a "real date," which they say involves going off campus and spending money.

It's cheaper and easier to have a date on campus than it is off campus. If someone wants to be taken off campus for a date, then he or she should invite the other person and offer to pay for it.

Some students don't spend money on dates because they

spend the only money they have on school and a TCU experience. This is a responsible way to be spending money. However, there are some students who seem to think this money should be spent on dates anyway. They think a social life is more rewarding than an education.

Some students say there are limited dates on campus because of the male-to-female ratio. TCU is about 60 percent female and 40 percent male. This complaint is invalid because there are plenty of men among the 40 percent who are available. The women at TCU haven't even paired up with all of the men at TCU.

Plenty of people from the surrounding communities and colleges frequent the bars on University Drive. If someone is unsatisfied with dating among TCU students he or she should try dating someone outside of the TCU community.

Another reason some girls have said TCU students don't date more is because guys don't ask them out on a date. It is socially acceptable now for women to ask

men out on dates. Some people are uncomfortable doing this. However, they can't complain about the lack of dating unless they have tried everything to solve the problem.

Maybe the university should also try to help with the dating problem if it's one of students'

top concerns. Perhaps the new tuition increase will include a dating fee. Each student can pay a sum of money that the school will allow only for an official "date." Maybe dating will be considered as a new University Curriculum Requirement.

Students should stop complaining about the lack of dating on campus and do something about it. Students can spend their own money on a date, find other people within the community to date and ask other people on dates. Maybe once the dating problem is solved, students can concentrate on more important issues, like the latest fall fashions.

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## U.S. must wage war in reality

America seems to have learned nothing from Vietnam. A few troops here and there, appeasement of protesters and an overall mediocre effort by the "forces of freedom" led to the debacle known as the Vietnam War. Our war veterans, who are truly heroes, fought for freedom, while a lack of impetus and an overflow of politics and propaganda in Washington

**Commentary**  
**John Hoedeman**

fought the same war on the wrong side. Once again, America seems to have found a way to make a mess of foreign policy, and similarly, a way to disregard the ideals of freedom, truth and morality that provide the basis for the United States of America. My generation's Vietnam is called "The War on Terrorism."

I have not heard such a blatant misnomer since California called its command-market power schemes "deregulation." It seems to me, only mere months after the climax of Sept. 11, that the United States had no real intention of waging war on terrorism. This fact is no bother to President Bush, who, as long as he keeps up appearances, garners better approval ratings than even Clinton.

The fact that everyone loves to ignore is that governments that harbor, aid, abet or even condone terrorism must be eliminated swiftly and unequivocally. When gone, the Taliban and its sister regimes must be replaced with governments that allow the freedoms we take for granted in the West.

Make no mistake; this is as close to imperialism as it gets. Anti-Western, liberal hate-mongers who protest war and clamor for a peace that amounts to murder will absolutely hate this idea, a fact I find ironic given the relative condition of the Western world. Putting it simply, the Islamic fundamentalist countries that harbor and condone terrorists are putrid hellholes by comparison to the United States. Those who call for peace only seek to deny the blessings of freedom, self-interest and individuality to those who now suffer under these bloodthirsty regimes. Those who would trade morality for a shaky peace must question their rationale.

It is unbelievable that the debate over whether to postpone war for Ramadan was ever staged. Of course war should be continued over Ramadan. I would have no qualms about an escalation of war over Ramadan. The upshot of postponement would be one more month of subjugation and terror, a situation that is unacceptable.

War had been postponed even before Ramadan, and, more importantly, before the provocation of Sept. 11. The United States had significant moral justification to eliminate the Taliban and similar Middle Eastern regimes quite some time ago. And even now, after Sept. 11, what has the United States accomplished in Afghanistan? The greatest military in the world, with an arsenal large enough to destroy the planet, has barely made a dent in the Afghan wilderness. Bin Laden is still alive; this is testament enough. The United States has run out of excuses to stall the war and appease the protesters. It truly is time to do what is right. The United States must wipe out everything and everyone associated with the Taliban, al-Qaeda and terrorism. Now.

The soft approach: the United States has taken on the war against terrorism comes from a lack of firm morality on which to base judgment. In truth, one must never fail to pronounce moral judgment, especially with future crimes at stake. Failure to pronounce the proper judgment on terrorists is the same as collaboration.

It is once again time for the United States to show its belief in freedom, truth and justice. We will not put up with another Vietnam. Our politically correct government must stop tiptoeing around morality. It is time for action.

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# Congress plans to vote on aviation bill

By Jim Abrams  
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WASHINGTON — Airport screeners would become federal employees under a compromise aviation security bill aimed at restoring the confidence in flying unhinged by the terrorist hijackers.

After weeks of impasse, House and Senate leaders said Thursday they planned to vote on the legislation Friday, sending it to President Bush for his signature in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, one of the busiest flying times of the year. "Safety comes first," Bush said, announcing in a statement that he would sign the measure. He had balked at making airport screeners federal employees.

The goal, said Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, who helped craft the compromise, is to give Americans "peace of mind when they get on airplanes across the country, especially as we approach Thanksgiving."

The votes will come a little more than two months after the hijacker attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

While travelers will see few immediate changes, the long-term effects of the bill are substantial. It will take permanent steps to fortify cockpit doors, increase air marshals on flights, upgrade screening technology and ensure that all checked baggage is inspected.

Airports will have 60 days to take whatever steps necessary to expand inspections. Within two years, they must inspect all checked baggage.

A new agency will be created within the Transportation Department to oversee all transportation security issues.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said he had already met with airline industry executives to map future security measures. He said the legislation was "a major milestone in the creation of a consistent, high-quality, nationwide aviation security force."

The biggest stumbling block to compromise had been a provision putting all screening operations under federal control. Airlines now contract out baggage screening to private security companies, which have come under fire for hiring low-paid, poorly motivated workers responsible for numerous and serious security breaches.

The original Senate bill put all 28,000 screeners on the federal payroll. House Republicans, resisting the creation of a new federal bureaucracy, pushed through a bill that put the government in control of screening operations but let the administration decide whether the screeners should be public servants.

Senate Democrats generally prevailed on this issue under the pro-

posed compromise. Over a one-year period all screening operations and the workers will be federalized. For three years after the new law is enacted, all airports would have to remain under that federal system, except for five airports that volunteer for a pilot program experimenting with different security approaches.

After that three-year period, airports would have the right to opt out of the federal worker program, but would remain under federal supervision.

"The government is essentially taking away my business," said William Vassell, chairman and chief executive of Command Security Corp., a company based in Lagrangeville, N.Y., that provides some 600 screeners at airports in Los Angeles, Miami and New York.

"The fact is, there are good companies that can do the job," he said. "Raise the standards and fire the companies that don't meet them."

Bush said the agreement puts responsibility for transportation security at the Department of Transportation, "where it belongs."

Lott met separately Wednesday with Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., the chief sponsor of the Senate bill, and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, a fierce opponent of the new federal work force, to promote the compromise. On

Thursday morning, 10 House and Senate negotiators met to give their endorsement to the concept.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., a key sponsor of the House legislation, said he was generally satisfied because the Senate had accepted most of the House language. The new security agency in the Transportation Department, he said, would have "unprecedented power for cutting through red tape and bureaucracy and putting security rules in place."

He added that the new federal screeners would be denied the right to strike and would be subject to work rules where they could be more easily disciplined and fired than is the case with other civil servants.

The agreement would levy a \$2.50 passenger fee to help pay for the added security, with a \$5.00 maximum charge per trip.

The public clearly is concerned about airline safety.

A CBS News poll, taken this week just after the airliner crash in New York City, found that 56 percent say the government has not done enough to improve airport security and two-thirds say the airlines have not sufficiently tightened airport security, about a 15 percentage point increase in both categories since late October.

# Terrorist materials found in Kabul lab

By Kathy Gannon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Materials left behind in a compound used by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network — including a booklet offering advice on how to survive a nuclear explosion — suggest the terrorist group may have been trying to develop chemical arms and other unconventional weapons.

Foul-smelling liquids and charred papers covered with chemical formulas littered a makeshift laboratory in one al-Qaeda building in the heart of Kabul. Maps, mines and computer manuals were found in others.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Thursday that the documents are consistent with bin Laden's statements saying he desired nuclear weaponry.

But papers found detailing how to make a nuclear device were "taken off the Internet some years ago" and could've been widely available to people other than the al-Qaeda terrorists, he said. U.S. officials have said that they had no information to suggest bin Laden has succeeded in gaining nuclear weapons.

But "we have to be prepared for all eventualities including a nuclear threat," Ridge said.

The Kabul compound appeared to have taken a direct hit from what northern alliance soldiers said was a U.S. rocket.

The *Times of London* newspaper reported Thursday that designs for nuclear weapons, bombs and missiles — written in Arabic, German, Urdu and English — were among the debris left behind.

"There are descriptions of how the detonation of TNT compresses plutonium into a critical mass, sparking a chain reaction and ultimately a thermonuclear reaction," *The Times* said.

Room after room was filled with papers, formulas and maps, some partially burned, some with handwritten Arabic notations. There was a yellowed page from an old issue of *Plane and Pilot* magazine — a story titled "A Flight to Remember."

At the rear of the main house, one room contained mountains of papers, some from training manuals showing diagrams of weapons. An English-language book described how to use a recoilless rifle. Small, anti-personnel mines littered the floor of another room.

An alliance soldier in camouflage dress, Mohammed Nisar, walked through three houses pointing out pieces of paper with formulas, handwritten diagrams, pictures of rock-

ets and other weaponry. In the basement of one house was what looked to be a laboratory.

In another house where the al-Qaeda men resided, according to Nisar, four different types of land mines were found. Northern alliance troops had emptied two old railway cars parked in the yard that its soldiers said had been packed with arms and ammunition.

"Look, you can see the land mines," Nisar said, moving to pick one up. "It's safe now; we have disarmed it."

Deep beneath the house were what seemed to be bunkers, with a roof of fresh cement. In one were parts of weapons, with the barrels of anti-aircraft weapons propped up in the corner.

In the yard and in the rooms were more papers and diagrams — some in Arabic, some in Persian, some in Urdu — and maps with large circles to mark locations.

Earlier this year, *The Associated Press* acquired an 11-volume Encyclopedia of Holy War, written in Arabic and dedicated to bin Laden and the Taliban.

Another sprawling al-Qaeda compound, built on a former Scud missile base in the hills that surround Kabul's Darulaman Palace, apparently served as training grounds.

"We found lots of books and papers and newspapers," said Haji Abdullah, a northern alliance commander. "We threw most of them out."

A laminated certificate retrieved from the rubble identified the holder as a "military training instructor," alliance soldier Jan Aga said.

The northern alliance, which now controls the abandoned base, had one Pakistani in custody, Naimad Ullah. Just 17, Ullah could only speak Urdu. He looked terrified.

"I am afraid to say anything, they will take my head off," he said in Urdu. The northern alliance soldiers said they had kept him safe for three days and had captured him on the front lines north of Kabul.

Ullah said he was a student at a madrassa, or religious school, in Pakistan and had come to fight with the Taliban during his school holidays. His captors promised to keep him safe.

A letter left behind by another Pakistani was addressed to a brother in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Twelve days into the air campaign, Mohammed Khaliq had written: "Don't worry about me. Pray for me five times a day. Our enemy is not strong; we will win. If we die here, there is no greater reward."

Look, you can see the land mines, (moving to pick one up), it's safe now; we have disarmed it.

— Mohammed Nisar, Northern Alliance Soldier

## NEWSPAPER

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lot program and 62 percent said they would read a newspaper more often if TCU provided them.

Ryan Eloe, junior international economics major, said he started reading *The New York Times* during the pilot program and he would continue to read the newspaper if TCU made it available to him.

He said he thinks the program would be worth the cost because it

would help increase his knowledge of current events.

Victoria Tschoepe, junior social work major, said she does not want tuition money to go toward the newspapers because most people probably would not read the newspapers.

"I rarely read the newspaper now," Tschoepe said. "I would probably only read a paper once or twice a week, and maybe on Sundays even if they were provided."

Mills said he was worried the newspapers would create more

waste on the campus.

"One of my biggest concerns was whether it would create an additional workload for housekeepers and it did not," he said. "People seem to be recycling their papers, so that did not cause a problem."

Another potential problem was the effect the program may have on the TCU Daily Skiff, Mills said.

Bitsy Faulk, Skiff business manager, said she did not feel the newspapers would affect the Skiff's advertising revenue because Skiff advertisements were

aimed toward a specific college market, unlike advertisements in the other local and national newspapers.

Mills said he hopes TCU will be able to distribute the newspapers in all the main campus residence halls, Worth Hills Dining Hall, the Student Center and some of the academic buildings so students living off-campus would also be able to receive them.

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## SENATE

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Busbey, who is also the Faculty Senate secretary.

The committee would also address ergonomics, the science of how a body interacts in a workspace, Laster said.

According to the TCU Risk Management Web site, ergonomics covers all aspects of a job. It ranges from physical stresses it places on joints, muscles, nerves, tendons and bones, to environmental factors which can effect hearing, vision and

general comfort.

Laster said typing on a keyboard or the positioning of a desk may put physical strain on the body. She said environmental factors may include the lighting of a workspace or the air circulation.

"If someone works at a desk that is not appropriate for their body, it could cause injury," Laster said. "More attention needs to be paid to how work stations are set up."

Faculty and staff frequently have questions concerning ways to improve office ergonomics, Laster said.

The committee would also ex-

plore the possibility of making Automatic External Defibrillators accessible on campus, Laster said. According to the American Heart Association Web site, Automatic External Defibrillators are devices that easily and accurately analyze cardiac rhythms during a heart attack. These machines are commonly found in public places such as airports, she said.

Heart attacks have not been a problem on campus, but with a large faculty and staff population, the committee would look into these machines as a precautionary measure, Laster said. Each AED costs \$3,000,

and the committee would have to decide where the most appropriate places are on campus for these devices and whether they are needed for the TCU community, she said.

The committee would consist of four faculty members, four staff members and two students who would be appointed by Chancellor Ferrari, Laster said.

Laster said if the Faculty Senate and Ferrari approves the proposal, the committee will hopefully begin work next semester.

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## Potter film visual achievement

Floating candles, eccentric ghosts, shifting staircases and a Quidditch field out back — if only TCU were more like Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

This magical castle and its bewitching residents have come to life on movie screens around the world in this year's most highly anticipated film "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Perhaps the biggest question on everybody's mind is how closely the film follows J.K. Rowling's record-breaking novel about Harry Potter and his life at Hogwarts as "the boy who lived."

Watching the movie is like seeing Rowling's words transform into enchanting pictures — it's truly magical and right on target.

For those who are not familiar with words such as "muggle" and "the golden snitch," the story is about an 11-year-old boy living with his hateful aunt, uncle and cousin until one day his world turns upside down by his acceptance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Harry soon discovers a secret, magical world to which he has never been exposed and

where the name Harry Potter is known to everybody as the boy who survived a death curse from the evil Lord Voldemort. The story is about his first year at Hogwarts and how he becomes the boy he never thought existed.

From the opening scene on Privet Drive to the closing image of the Hogwarts Express, the "Sorcerer's Stone" is most of what I imagined and a whole lot more. Colorful costumes, extraordinary music, mind-bending special effects and a set design straight out of the book make this film a wonder to the eyes and a masterpiece to the ears.

Like Rowling's first novel in the series, "Sorcerer's Stone" would be nothing without those three best friends, Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint). Character portrayal in the film is so exact and perfectly executed, these three could likely be the main reason this film will be so loved by Harry Potter fans of all ages.

Rowling creates such beautifully natural characters who are archetypes of those people we

have known all our lives: The brainiac, the faithful sidekick and the young boy struggling to live up to everybody's expectations. Radcliffe, Watson and Grint so perfectly embody these characters through facial expressions, voice tones, body language and impressive acting that they are easily the best part of the movie.

What director Chris Columbus missed in his film, however, was good transition and a little patience.

The film was cut from about six hours of original footage, but somewhere in that editing, a smooth storyline became a medley of scenes that were too concise. The result was a lack of emotional element so loved by Harry Potter fans.

Portraying this novel must be one of Columbus' greatest challenges to date, but it seems he forgot that following a novel doesn't just mean telling the story — it is also about sharing the magic interpreted between the lines.

That warm, fuzzy feeling isn't there when Harry and Dumbledore (Richard Harris) share their final conversation. It isn't there when Harry sees his parents in

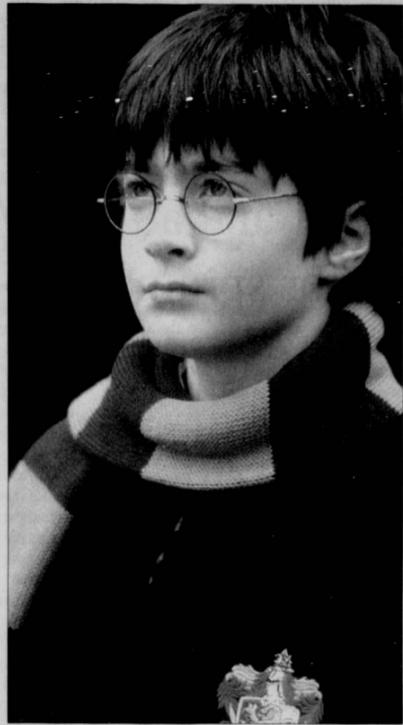
the Mirror of Erised. It isn't there when Harry receives his father's invisibility cloak for the first time. Such moments are probably experienced best in the pages of a book, though, and not through the pictures on a screen.

Despite missing that element best portrayed in the novel, the "Sorcerer's Stone" is enchanting, engrossing and almost as good as what many expect.

As for those unfortunate muggles who have not met Harry on the page, the movie should be just as good if not better than if it were being seen by a Harry Potter fanatic. However, if you are unfortunate enough not to know him yet, it's strongly suggested you let Rowling introduce Harry Potter before Columbus does.

—Emily Ward

## MOVIE review



## MUSIC review



### Let it Come Down

## SPIRITUALIZED

Jason "Spaceman" Pierce, the frontman and driving force behind British rock band Spiritualized, has always composed material based on three things: Love, God and lots and lots of drugs. While all those exist to fill an aching spiritual, emotional and psychological absence, the latter has been the most exhaustively covered topic in the Spiritualized oeuvre.

This is a man who once declared "Sometimes I have my breakfast right out of a bottle / And sometimes I have it right off of a mirror," and yet his dreamy, bombastic music somehow lends an odd nobility to the stoner aesthetic.

On "Let It Come Down," however, Pierce, for the first time, is beginning to show palpable signs of regret and remorse for the aimless, wasted existence he has led. The title is fitting, as the album's 11 songs present the sound of a junkie on an extended come-down, trying to make up his mind either to kick the habit or keep going. "I'm going nowhere," he declares mournfully, but then realizes "nowhere's where I wanna be."

Spiritualized has always sounded as drugged up as their frontman. No band in the history of rock and roll has embraced the possibilities of feedback the way they have. Where Spiritualized's previous two albums, 1997's "Ladies and Gentlemen We Are Floating in Space" and 1998's magnificent "Live at the Albert Hall," mixed soaring orchestral flourishes with squawking bursts of (pick one: beautiful or interminable) white noise, "Let It Come Down" comes as a startling departure. Gone are the peals of feedback. In their place is a lavish orchestra; the likes of which hasn't been heard on a rock album since Brian Wilson was fighting his own demons through the saving power of pop melody.

Pierce, whose singing voice barely gets above monotone, actually sounds monumentally anguished on laments like "Out of Sight" and "The Straight and the Narrow," showing, at long last, an unwillingness to let the background music pick up the emotional slack for him any longer. But the man can still squeeze out irresistibly gorgeous hooks. "Stop Your Crying," with its full backing choir, sounds like Paul McCartney on his best day, and "Don't Just Do Something" might be the most beautiful song recorded by anybody this year. And in case you were wondering if it was all gloomy bluster, Pierce even throws in a little old fashioned hard rock for good measure, on "On Fire," "The Twelve Steps" and the sublime "Do It All Over Again."

Like every album Spiritualized has ever made, "Let It Come Down" is a lot to swallow, and can sound either crushingly pretentious or profoundly transcendent from moment to moment. While it might be hard to make sense of it now, this sure sounds like one of those albums that people come back to after about 20 years, and suddenly realize that it's an absolute classic.

—Jack Bullion



Shauna McLean, Melissa Odom, Shanna Riddle and Robin Devoe star in "Love's Labor's Lost" which will run in the Hays Theatre through Nov. 18.

## 'Love's' Prevails

### TCU production is host to laughs and music

TCU's production of "Love's Labor's Lost" shows once again the talents of George Brown, associate professor of theatre, to please his audience. Under his direction, a large student ensemble cast came together to perform one of William Shakespeare's more difficult plays.

The play is about the King of Navarre (LaVar Veale) and three of his attending Lords who take a vow not to speak to, be with or even see a woman for three years. No sooner do they sign the oath, than the Princess of France (Melissa Odom) and three Ladies of her court arrive to ask a favor of the King. Everyone falls in love with everyone and there are of course several cases of mistaken identity. Furthermore, the oath is broken by all of the Lords, and the ending throws a real curve ball. Let's just say that no one gets married.

In the midst of the dating game there are numerous comedic characters that come to lighten any tense moments. Costard the clown (Jason Lovelady) sacrifices his body for the show, taking fall after comedic fall. Don Adriano de Armado (David Fluitt), the very sensitive and love struck Spaniard, and his servant Moth (Angie Jepson) both give high-energy performances with incredible comedic timing.

This is a long (three hours) and massive play, with 28 cast members. One of the things that continues to amaze me about TCU's productions is their ability to find so many uniformly talented and appealing performers. There wasn't anyone on stage that didn't perform their parts well. It seems a shame to sin-

gle out just a few names, but I did especially enjoy Joshua Doss as Berowne who was both witty and charming. Veale showed his regal stature and command of the text as the King of Navarre. Odom proved to be regal and elegant and extremely pleasant to watch as the Princess of France. Shanna Riddle, Robin Devoe and Shauna McLean as Rosaline, Maria and Katherine respectively gave incredible performances, proving that once again Shakespeare knew how to write strong women roles and Brown knows how to cast them. Grant Denney and Chris Zuber as Longaville and Dumaine were easy targets for love, and they proved they could make the audience swoon right along with them.

If the acting alone were not reason enough to see the play, the set, costumes, music and pre-show entertainment should be. I can only imagine how much time, research and hard work went into replicating The Globe within the walls of the Hays Theatre, designing very authentic looking Shakespearean costumes, choreographing pre-show sword fights and knife juggling and putting together a group of singers to work on some very difficult music. My hat is off to the TCU theatre department for creating a magical world and allowing us to visit.

"Love's Labor's Lost" runs through Nov. 18 at the Hays Theatre. The show runs three hours with one intermission. Call the box office for tickets at 817-257-5770.

—Ashley Hungerford

## Hollywood suffers from lack of great films

It seems kind of weird to think longingly of the year 1999 as days of yore, but when it comes to movies, we practically underwent a golden age some two years ago. Week after week, great movie after great movie rolled off the assembly line: "American Beauty," "Being John Malkovich," "Three Kings," "The Insider," "Fight Club," "Magnolia," "Election," "Boys Don't Cry," "Toy Story 2," "Topsy-Turvy." Even in that incredible list, I know that there are films I'm forgetting — that's how good 1999 was.

### Commentary



Jack Bullion

Even middling fare from 1999 seemed slightly inspired. The average "The Cider House Rules" actually took a divisive subject like abortion and, miraculously, made it almost comical. Inversely, "The Matrix" was a dumb action movie with some of the most startling action sequences ever filmed. "The Sixth Sense," which wasn't quite as great as everyone made it out to be, more

than made up for its flaws with its mood and a bulldozer of a twist ending. "The Hurricane," whose narrative took sloppy liberties with the truth, still contained a great performance from the always reliable Denzel Washington. And "Eyes Wide Shut" may have been weird as hell, but at least it was interesting.

Now, after about two years of cinematic malaise, one would almost feel lucky if just one of those aforementioned 1999 films bowed before audiences. As I watched the producers of "American Beauty" accept their Oscar for best picture (to go with its other nods for best director, actor and original screenplay), I couldn't help but feel filled with hope. The movie industry was changing.

"American Beauty" was not your standard best picture winner; it played out like a demented sitcom, filled with hope and black humor that dealt with uncomfortable topics like adultery, homophobia, drug abuse and suburban emptiness. Even more inspiring was the fact that "American Beauty" had come from a major studio (DreamWorks), and seemed to indicate a new devotion among the corporate filmmakers to produce films with more substance. And then the year 2000 came along. A year that many film critics

claimed to be one of the worst years in movie history.

Kevin Spacey and Haley Joel Osment (who I swear has to be a 32-year-old dwarf; listen to this kid TALK sometime), cloyed us to death in the drippy "Pay it Forward." "Time Code," director Mike Figgis' multiple screen experiment, was diagnosed by most as pretentious on arrival. Leonardo DiCaprio's return in "The Beach" reminded us all how little we missed him. Compared to all these disappointments, the blissfully low-aiming "Dude, Where's My Car?" seemed like a breath of fresh air.

I'll admit it, I loved "Gladiator," but I never would've expected it to win best picture at the Oscars this past spring. Sure, it was nice to see Russell Crowe honored for his fantastic performance in "The Insider" — so what if it was a year late and for the wrong movie? If it weren't for the welcome appearances of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Traffic," 2000's Oscar race might have had no substance at all. To be fair, 2000 did have its share of great films: the highbrow sharpness of "Wonder Boys," the shapely observed family relationships in "You Can Count on Me," and of course the giddy nostalgia of "Almost Famous." All three of these

movies are building small, devoted followings on video, but they absolutely tanked at the box office.

Movies couldn't get much worse than they got in 2000, so maybe 2001 would play out as the ultimate rebound year, a grand "do-over" for filmmakers. Or would it?

The early returns for 2001 are discouraging. So far, this year has given us the brilliant jigsaw puzzle "Memento," and little else. "Moulin Rouge," depending on your point of view, either came off as daring, breathless post-modernism or monumentally silly self-indulgence — I haven't made up my mind yet on that one. The movie year of 2000 numbed me so that I didn't even go see "Pearl Harbor," 2001's grandest offering, but mostly I skipped it because I was still trying to recover from the gnawing fatigue that director Michael Bay's previous film "Armageddon" put me through.

So again, like last year, we're down to the latest spate of fall movies, geared for the Oscar race, to try and rescue this year from second-rate status. Coming down the pike, we have "The Royal Tenenbaums," particularly appetizing because it comes from the creators of the cult classics "Rushmore" and "Bottle Rocket," and another offering from old maestro Robert Altman, "Gos-

ford Park." The Tom Cruise/Penelope Cruz dyad certainly sparks interest in the upcoming "Vanilla Sky," but if the couple's off-screen romance translates to the screen as poorly as Russell Crowe's and Meg Ryan's did in "Proof of Life," then we're in for some trouble. And I don't know what to make of "Ali" yet. On the plus side, it's directed by the always able Michael Mann who directed "The Insider." But it basically looks like "The Hurricane" redux — only this time with Will Smith instead of Denzel. And the moment I hear a corn-ball commemorative rap song from Big Willie, I'm officially out on it.

As the year in movies that is 2001 continues to slip through our fingers, one can't help but think that maybe 1999 was both a blessing and a curse. Without a doubt, it's beginning to look like one of the best years for quality movies in the history of film. However, at the same time, maybe filmmakers shot all their bullets in 1999, leaving audiences to suffer for the cinematic greatness of the last year of the 20th century with a dearth of good movies in the years to follow.

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# Auburn suspends 15 students for KKK costumes

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AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn University said Thursday it has indefinitely suspended 15 students who wore Ku Klux Klan costumes and blackface to fraternity Halloween parties.

The school said the students violated its harassment and discrimination rules. They could face additional disciplinary action including expulsion.

"The continued presence of these students in the university

community poses an immediate threat to the well-being of the university, and we're taking that action," Auburn President William Walker said.

The suspended students include five from Delta Sigma Phi fraternity one who wore blackface with a noose around his neck, another dressed as a policeman and three more who dressed as hunters.

They appeared in a photo with a fraternity member dressed as a Klansman who was pointing a

gun at the man in blackface. The school said the student dressed as a Klansman has dropped out of school.

"They just did something stupid," said Delta Sigma Phi President Matt Furin. "Everyone feels responsible and everyone wishes they could do things different."

The other 10 suspended students were members of Beta Theta Pi who wore blackface and afro wigs at a separate party.

The two fraternities were pre-

viously expelled from campus by their national chapters. They both made public apologies.

The university has also requested that local prosecutors conduct an investigation to determine whether any crimes were committed at the two parties, which occurred on Oct. 25 and Oct. 27.

Auburn has created a task force to discuss opening a multi-cultural center on campus, and will expand course offerings on tolerance and diversity. Fewer

than 10 percent of Auburn's 22,000 students are black.

"We're going to redouble our efforts to diversify," Walker said. "The level of cultural awareness on this campus is not nearly where it should be."

Separately, the University of Mississippi has suspended the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for a year after an Internet photo showed one member dressed as a police officer holding a gun to another in blackface. The fraternity expelled both members.

# Downey Jr. focuses on drug rehab

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INDIO, Calif. — Robert Downey Jr. told a judge Thursday he is focused on his drug rehabilitation, and his attorney said the actor plans to return to the big screen one day.

"Furthering my endeavor in recovery ... is really my priority for right now," Downey said at a hearing to evaluate his progress since he was placed on probation in July for drug offenses.

Downey said he had been spending time with his son and his family.

"I've been able to re-establish contact with my family. That's the only privilege I consider myself really to have at this point," Downey said.

Riverside County Superior Court Judge Randall D. White ordered Downey to return in March 2002 for another evaluation hearing.

"With some humility I'd like to let the court know I appreciate your allowing me to continue," Downey said.

Downey did not talk to reporters. His attorney, James Epstein, said Downey has turned down numerous acting offers while recovering.

"You'll have Robert again, I promise, on the screen. But for now, he's focusing on his personal life," Epstein said.

Downey, nominated for an Oscar for "Chaplin" and an Emmy for "Ally McBeal," was arrested at Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa in Palm Springs a year ago. Authorities allegedly found drugs in his hotel room.

Downey pleaded no contest to cocaine possession and being under the influence. He was sentenced to a year at a live-in rehabilitation center and three years of probation. The actor also was ordered to comply with a set of regulations including random drug testing and random searches.



Robert Downey Jr.

# Skiff editor in chief and ad manager named for spring

SKIFF STAFF

Next semester's editor in chief and advertising manager for the TCU Daily Skiff were selected Thursday by the Student Publications Committee.

Melissa DeLoach, a senior news-editorial major, was selected editor in chief and Brian Schneider, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, was selected advertising manager by the committee which comprise of faculty, staff and students.

DeLoach, a native of Waco who is currently participating in the American University Journalism Program in Washington, said she has high expectations for the upcoming semester.

"I am definitely one who has high

expectations as I think it is always wise to shoot high because even if you don't make it to the moon, the stars are just as bright," DeLoach said.

DeLoach has been a staff reporter, senior reporter and columnist for the Skiff.

"What a wonderful honor it is to be given the responsibility to lead an organization that I truly love so much," DeLoach said. "I look forward to an adventure and challenge ahead."

Schneider, who has been an advertising sales representative this semester, said his main priority is to create a better form of communication between his staff and prospective advertisers.

"As the new advertising manager my goal is to create a more efficient, friendly and successful advertising team," Schneider, a native of Pueblo, Colo., said. "I will work hard to build a strong relationship with advertisers in the community through extensive employee training."

DeLoach will be replacing senior Ram Luthra, a news-editorial journalism and political science major, and Schneider will be taking over duties for Leslie Moeller, a sophomore advertising/publications major.

Editor in Chief



Melissa DeLoach

Ad Manager



Brian Schneider

## NEWS

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news issues, leaving listeners with only shallow interpretations, Riddlesperger said.

"What concerns me is people who have the illusion that they have in-depth coverage because they have the most current coverage," Riddlesperger said. "I think it's too easy to see the world as just one event after another, rather than seeing it as a course of events that have a pattern and about which we can increase human understanding. I think we are much more likely to get that (understanding) from newspaper coverage than from electronic coverage."

Tonya Antle, a senior computer science major at TCU, said she picked up the paper almost every day during the trial period.

"I usually read the paper online every day, and I liked having a paper like *The New York Times* in the Student Center when I wanted to read it," she said. "I would like to have that around permanently."

Second-hand newspapers are almost always readily available to students, Riddlesperger said, so giving out free newspapers will probably not make that big of a difference to students. The issue at hand is not really whether or not students will pick up the free newspapers — it's whether or not they will actually take the time to read them instead of getting their news from the electronic media.

"Newspapers are not very user-friendly in a society where people want instant turn-around, and that's a problem with newspapers," he said. "But now newspapers (like the *USA Today*) have made themselves more user-friendly and more accessible to the average person who is trying to do 17 things while trying to read the newspaper."

But not all newspapers have accommodated to this user-friendly format, Riddlesperger said. Out of the three newspapers that were available during the free trial, the *USA Today* is the only one that really meets this description, he said.

The *USA Today* is the most picked-up newspaper on campus, Mills said. Even though it may not live up to the highest of newspaper standards, it's great at what it does: delivering the news quickly and easily to readers who want exactly that, he said.

Perry said the university needs to do more with the newspapers to get its money's worth. Encouraging faculty to use them as a learning tool would help balance out the benefits shortage when the students only use them (or don't use them) outside of class. If the project is just there to encourage students to read newspapers more often, it could very well be a lost cause, he said.

**Drawbacks: Are the losses too great?**

Though the program is perceived as beneficial to students and faculty, others may be adversely affected by its permanent implemen-

tation.

The project could also do a great deal of harm to the TCU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, said Aaron Chimbel, a senior broadcast journalism major and president of SPJ.

The majority of SPJ funds come from the 338 student subscriptions to the *Star-Telegram*, which will disappear if the newspaper plan is implemented. This year, SPJ received \$1,800 from these subscriptions, Chimbel said.

"I am in favor of students reading newspapers and knowing what is going on in the world around them, but I don't want SPJ to suffer because of that," Chimbel said. "If we did not receive money from TCU or the *Star-Telegram*, I would not be in favor of the newspaper project because SPJ would not be able to remain as a viable chapter."

These missing funds would be considered during the if TCU goes ahead with the newspaper program, Mills said.

Recycling could cause a problem if the project is implemented permanently, he said.

As of now, each non-residential building has recycling services, Mills said. So once the Residential Hall Association or individual hall councils can work out a campus-wide residential recycling program, the issue of recycling the newspapers should not be a problem, he said.

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Crawford residents have anticipated President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit for quite some time. A cardboard cutout of Bush rests against the counter of the Coffee Station in the town of more than 700.

## BUSH

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people in Russia tend to know more about Texas than any other state — "except maybe for Alaska, which we sold to you."

Putin said he has not expected as warm and friendly reception as he had received, and complimented the hundreds of people who has gathered in the high school gym.

"Indeed, the backbone of any country is not only the people who live in the capital, but also and mostly the people who live hundreds and thousands of miles from the capital," Putin said.

Putin said important work is accomplished by people in capital cities and regardless of circumstances or situations their priority is to fulfill the will of the people.

"I can feel the will of the people, the will to cooperate with the

Russian Federation, the will to cooperate with Russian. And I assure you that the Russian people fully shares this commitment and is also committed to fully cooperating with the American people. Together, we can achieve quite a lot, especially if we are helped in this by such a young and active and beautiful generation as the one we're meeting with now."

The meeting demonstrated the deepening relationship between Bush and Putin and their countries. The two presidents shared jokes and acted like personal friends and not just political allies.

Bush called Russia a "strong partner" and introduced Putin as "a man who's going to make a huge difference in making the world more peaceful."

Putin said Bush is "a man who does what he says."

After arriving via helicopter to the Bush's ranch Wednesday, Putin and his wife, Lyudmila

were treated to a Texas barbecue complete with pecan pie and country-western music. On Thursday, Putin said he had a hard time imagining how a person could create what he called a "masterpiece of cooking."

Bush said he wanted Putin to come to Crawford and his 1,600-acre Prairie Chapel Ranch to show him the state he and his wife Laura Bush love. He said he wanted to show the Putins how he lives.

"I brought him to my ranch because ... you usually only invite your friends into your house," he said.

Bush also announced that he did accept Putin's invitation to visit Russia, but no date has been set. He said he hopes to also visit Putin's "hometown" of St. Petersburg in addition to Moscow, Russia's capital.

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## CRAWFORD

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ried that the school would be targeted since Bush and Putin were going to be speaking but it was important to her that the two presidents were talking to the students about their ideas and allowing the students to ask questions, she said.

Although more serious topics were discussed, the two presidents exchanged jokes, about student questions (too-hard) and weather.

Bush said he had invited Putin for another visit to the ranch in August — for a true taste of Crawford and Texas heat. Putin responded with an invitation to visit Siberia in the winter.

Bush said he wanted to introduce Putin to the residents of Crawford because the town represents "hard-working Texans, people who have great values, faith and family."

"And even though we changed addresses, our hearts are right here in our home state," Bush said

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# Turbulence causes American Airlines' jet crash

By Larry Neumeister  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — American Airlines Flight 587 twice ran into turbulence left by a jumbo jet, including a blast of air that sent it careening sideways seconds before it crashed, investigators said Thursday.

The doomed plane's flight data recorder indicates the Airbus A300 had two turbulent "wake encounters" during its three-minute flight, said Marion Blakey, chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"The second was similar in intensity to the first," she said.

She and other investigators cautioned that they were not ready to conclude turbulence caused Monday's crash, which killed all 260 people aboard the jet bound for the Dominican Republic and five more people on the ground in Queens.

But investigators have swiftly focused on why the tail fin broke away before the crash, looking at its composition and whether the wake of the Japan Air Lines jumbo jet played a

role. The JAL 747 left from the same runway at Kennedy Airport less than two minutes earlier.

Flight 587 began banking hard with its left wing down within eight seconds of the second wake encounter, said Tom Haueter, the NTSB's deputy director of aviation. The flight data recorder cut off at that point.

"Obviously, the whole time we're talking about is the last eight seconds," he said. "We have eight seconds we're going to be looking at in extreme detail."

Earlier, NTSB investigator George Black Jr. said investigators were almost certain the tail broke off before the jetliner's twin engines. While cautioning that investigators are not ready to rule out sabotage, he said the tail "doesn't appear to have been sabotaged in any way."

Black also said the pilots of Flight 587 were probably unaware its tail fin had broken off as they struggled to control the plane.

"They don't have a rearview mirror," he told The Associated Press.

"They have no idea they've lost a tail."

In Washington, the Federal Aviation Administration was preparing to order inspections of Airbus A300s, focusing on the tail. The order would cover 90 of the European-built planes used by three U.S. airlines — American, FedEx and United Parcel Service. American has already agreed to do voluntary inspections of its 34 remaining A300s.

"We understand that American Airlines is inspecting their fleet as a very precautionary measure," said a spokeswoman for Airbus in Toulouse, France. "We do not yet know what went wrong."

The tail assembly on the Airbus A300 includes a tail fin and rudder; without those parts, the jetliner would have suffered a loss of stability and turning control.

Besides the effects of turbulence, investigators are looking at the tail's makeup. It is made of composites, or carbon-fiber reinforced plastic that is incredibly strong.

Composite materials started being

used for major structural parts in commercial jets in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Black said there haven't been any problems with the material, "but then we also haven't lost any tails."

Maintenance records indicate that before the plane was delivered to American Airlines in 1988, one of the six fittings that hold the tail to the fuselage had to be repaired by the manufacturer. The fitting's thickness was increased and it was reinforced with rivets.

The cockpit voice recorder, the plane's other black box, has offered potential clues to investigators.

For example, the co-pilot calls for maximum power about two minutes after takeoff, just after a pair of jet frame rattling noises are heard in the cockpit. Seconds later, the pilots indicate they were losing control.

"When they start talking about max power ... they've gone into recovery mode," Black said. "And they might be recovering from the wrong thing, because they don't know" about the missing tail.

The voice recording ends 19 seconds after the call for maximum power.

With much of its work on the ground done, the NTSB planned to shut down its main investigation in New York by Saturday and return to Washington, Black said.

At the crash site Thursday, large pieces of shattered wreckage were pulled from the neighborhood where Flight 587 plunged to earth and workers with pitchforks and rakes moved methodically through smaller piles of rubble.

The crash destroyed or damaged 11 homes.

The airline has changed the flight number from 587 to 619. The flight from Kennedy to the Dominican Republic was so well known among Dominicans that it was referenced in a popular song, "El Avion (The Plane)."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said a memorial service will be held Sunday for victims of the crash, but specifics were not immediately disclosed.

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## Horoscopes

**♈ Aries** (March 21-April 19) - There's nothing you love better than running wild and free, way out ahead of everybody else. The reason you're so pushy is because you'd like to push through. Don't let up!

**♉ Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - Today and tomorrow are best for treasure hunting, so plan accordingly. Ask questions of people who have more than you do. Ask about investments, insurance and the best value for your dollar.

**♊ Gemini** (May 21-June 21) - Looks like somebody has come to your rescue. If he or she hasn't yet, holler. Somebody nearby could take a huge load off your back and do so cheerfully. Don't whine, but don't suffer in silence, either.

**♋ Cancer** (June 22-July 22) - Love and work are closely associated again today - and not as in "I love my work," although that may be the case. This is more like loving your co-worker. Got a mom-and-pop business? If not, give it some consideration. That might be the perfect thing.

**♌ Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Plan a romantic surprise for your sweetheart tonight. Make it something that you hardly ever do. Keep it a secret till the last moment. That will make it even more fun. No water balloons or fake spiders!

**♍ Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - It's another good day for getting rid of stuff. That goes for stuff at work as well as stuff at home. Why? To make room for new stuff, of course.

**♎ Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Keep studying. You're doing fine. The more you learn, the more quickly you'll advance. You're good with words, but that's not enough. You also need to know what you're talking about. Read the books! Surf the Web!

**♏ Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - When you say it's time to pay up, the other guy knows you're not kidding. If you push a little, the money will come pouring in. It's a great time for you to make sales calls, too. You're irresistible.

**♐ Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - You're powerful and decisive, but what you're doing isn't easy. That's not going to stop you, of course. You're on a campaign to shine light on something that's been hidden, and you'll succeed.

**♑ Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Is your conscience bothering you, or is it just time to make a change? Something's bugging you, so take action. One way or another, it'll get done.

**♒ Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're pushing to get a big job done, even in the face of opposition. You don't care if everybody agrees with you; you're too busy. The most important people are on your side, so full speed ahead!

**♓ Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - If you have a secret you've been keeping, be careful. It's liable to pop out. Is there something you're upset about but were afraid to mention? It might be difficult at first, but if it leads to a better understanding with a loved one, go for it.

**Purple Poll Q:** Are you going to see the Harry Potter movie this weekend?

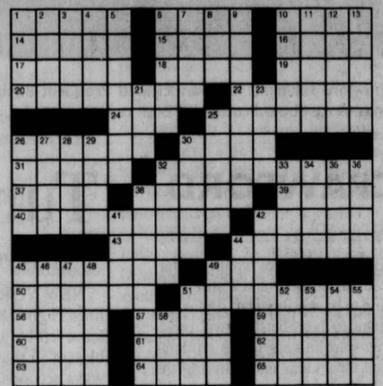


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Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Flotilla
  - Cartoon Bunny
  - Took flight
  - Foot-operated lever
  - Where Polo went
  - Nettle
  - By oneself
  - Mailed
  - Leave out
  - Magnificent
  - down cake
  - Ameche or Johnson
  - Deep-fried cake
  - Lova seat
  - Castle ringer
  - Old anesthetic
  - At once
  - Work for
  - Dispute
  - Read in the winds
  - Element Pu
  - Punishable act
  - Shroud of gloom
  - Woman in distress
  - Misfit
  - Get the gold
  - In truth
  - Monkish?
  - Impetuous ardor
  - Box to train
  - Trap
  - Called up
  - Showy flower
  - Eagle claw
  - Tricycle rider
  - Flatfish
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- DOWN**
- Mineral springs resorts
  - Lend a hand
  - Image of a false god
  - Framed glass
  - Willow
  - Bird bath
  - Not new
  - Cotton separator
  - Soak
  - Winter coating
  - Confine
  - Change
  - "captain" to "cap'n"
  - Prevent
  - Buck's mate
  - Heart of the matter
  - Open discussion
  - Ooze
  - List-shortening abbr.
  - No street
  - Tepee or yurt
  - Ski-slope mound
  - Ruffle
  - Robin food
  - Heron's cousin
  - Big volume god
  - Canine command
  - Thorough examination
  - Milky gem
  - Multi-deck game
  - Noisy clamor
  - Open to view
  - Postpone
  - Quenched thirst
  - Spree
  - Less favorable
  - Word after chain or junk
  - Catch
  - Good yarn
  - Age after Bronze
  - Copper coin
  - In favor of

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## TCU wants to play with the Big Boys

### Basketball team competes at a national level, but no one at home is paying attention

Perhaps the most well-known college basketball coach in America answered questions from a podium in Chicago.

Of course Rick Pitino talked about rebuilding the once-proud Louisville basketball program. He mentioned the quality of Conference USA basketball, how Cincinnati and Memphis both have top-tier programs. Said a little something about being back in the state of Kentucky.

He also said something else. TCU has a Division-I basketball program? So it goes for the Frogs, who have been playing Division I basketball for more than 80 years. TCU will open its season tonight against Northwestern State (La.). Do not worry about showing up late, as plenty of seats will be available.

TCU wants to be a player in college basketball. It got in the

right neighborhood. Now it needs to show it belongs in the spotlight. Making noise on the court is only half the battle. TCU needs it in the stands as well. Money programs all have money crowds. TCU can't become the former until it has the latter.

For years, TCU has screamed for national attention. Not just the basketball program, the university as a whole. TCU has a Division-I coach, one who came within a half of winning a national championship at Oklahoma. Scouts say they even have some Division-I talent. What they don't have is Division-I support.

Granted, maybe complaining about fan support in Dallas/Fort Worth is like complaining about SUVs on the TCU campus. The link is inextricable. During the final games of a lost 2000-2001 campaign, attendance could be hand-counted.

Bet ESPN loves that crowd shot.

National attention can come to TCU. The football team drew TV cameras and national headlines when LaDainian Tomlinson ended his career at the Downtown Athletic Club. People in Alabama took notice, hiring the head coach

away to the shadow of the Bear. Thing is, ESPN cameras showed a top-10 team on the field, viewed by a half-empty stadium.

Pitino and John Calipari will pace the floor of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For those who love college basketball, it does not get much better.

Want a sounder bet than Duke in the Final Four? How about Head Coach Billy Tubbs mentioning the importance of fan support during every interview. He hopes it runs because he hopes people come support his basketball team.

"We really need our fans to come out and support this team," Tubbs said Tuesday afternoon. "That's who we play for."

Duke players have said the Cameron Crazies are worth 10 points a game. That is home-court advantage and an atmosphere beyond compare. Sure, success has something to do with it. But the Frogs have won 20 games four times in five years. Still, half-empty crowds. Freshman point guard Corey Santee said the Frogs are going to shock some people this year.

That is, if anyone, anywhere in America, is watching.

### Basketball tonight



Northwestern State (La.) at TCU  
8:05 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum  
TV: none  
Radio: KTCU 88.7 FM.  
Records: TCU (0-0)  
Northwestern State (0-0)  
About the game: This is the first game of the Las Vegas Invitational. The next three will be played in Las Vegas.  
About TCU: The Frogs have won 20 consecutive home openers. Last season, the Frogs beat Northwestern State 102-69.  
About Northwestern State: This is the first of a 12-day road trip for the Demons, who were Louisiana's only team in the NCAA Tournament.



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Junior guard Junior Blount takes the ball upcourt against Czech-Select Nov. 5 in an almost empty Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Head coach Billy Tubbs said he hopes a few more people are in the stands when the Frogs take on Northwestern State (La.) at 8:05 today.

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### Commentary



Matt Stiver

## Women's basketball ready to start season

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

It's been over seven months since the TCU women's basketball team finished its best season in program history, and head coach Jeff Mittie said the team is anxious to take the court for another one.

"With the way we ended last year, there's been so much anticipation toward this year," Mittie said. "As a coach, you sometimes think your team isn't ready, but the team is really ready to play every week. This team has been working hard every day to get better, but their reward is game night."

The Frogs will get their first "reward" of the season tonight as they open their season at 5:15 p.m. against Sam Houston State in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For six TCU players, the game will be their first regular season game in a Horned Frog jersey.

TCU's last meeting with the Bearcats, who had a 6-21 overall record last season, was Dec. 19 of last year. TCU won the game 86-55 in Huntsville.

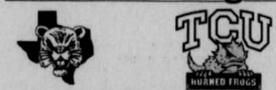
Senior forward Kati Safaritova, who is TCU's only returning starter from last season, said the team is still adjusting to each other.

"It's a totally different team from last year," Safaritova said. "You don't know the people, so you're kind of running into each other still, but it's getting better. I hope later on in the season it will be easier. It's the first real game, so we will go through it at the beginning of the season."

Mittie said to control Sam Houston State, who added seven new players from last year's squad, the Frogs will have to control the Bearcat backcourt players.

"They have good, quick guards, and that's our biggest concern," Mittie said. "Their scoring comes from

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About TCU: TCU has won five straight home openers. Last season, the Frogs defeated Yale 79-56.  
About Sam Houston State: The Bearcats lost to Abilene Christian 78-77 in their only exhibition game. Last season, the Bearcats lost 85-55 to TCU.

their guards, so we have to do an excellent job of controlling that.

"This game for us will likely depend on how we take advantage of our inside game and the half court and how we control their guards both in the full court and the half court."

Junior guard Stacy Allen, who averaged 16.8 points a game and was the Bearcats' second-leading scorer, is coming off scoring 26 points in the team's only exhibition game Nov. 3.

Safaritova said she hopes the big home crowds that came to watch the Frogs earn that best season in program history will return this season.

"I have never played in front of big crowds (before last year)," Safaritova said. "In Europe, it's really not that big of crowd in basketball because that's not the number one sport. I'm from a little town, so it was a crowd of 200 people, and in junior college it was like 300-500 people."



Caleb Williams/ SKIFF STAFF

Junior wide receiver Adrian Madise, not even projected to start at the beginning of the season, has emerged as the Frogs leading receiver. The junior college transfer is eight in Conference USA with 40 receptions.

## Never too late Madise didn't always like the game

By Quinten Boyd  
SKIFF STAFF

Adrian Madise was not with the Horned Frogs in time to be featured in the TCU Football Media Guide. His picture and profile are not currently found on the Athletics Web site.

But that doesn't mean fans don't know who Madise is.

Madise, a junior wide receiver who transferred late, is currently the Horned Frogs' leading receiver. Going into next week's game against Louisville, the Langston native is eighth in Conference USA in receptions: with 40 and eighth in reception yards per game, averaging 58.4 yards. He also has three touchdowns, averages 13.1 yards per catch and has two consecutive 100-yard receiving games.

It would seem that Madise grew up with a football in his hands. However, this was not the case.

"I hated football at first," Madise said. "In little league, my coaches put me at guard. I wanted to be running back because I've always loved handling the ball. I ended up quitting the team."

Madise did not play football again until the eighth grade, where he played tight end until a growth spurt allowed him to "grow into his weight," and become a wide receiver.

After graduating high school,

Madise intended to attend Langston University. However, he did not receive a scholarship that he had applied for. He decided to attend Middle Georgia College to play a few years of football before transferring to TCU, a decision that was influenced by two factors.

"When I was in Georgia, my family didn't really get to come out and see me play," Madise said. "I was always used to them coming to watch me play, and now they can since I'm closer to home. Also, I knew some of the people on the team and I found out that TCU had a good team atmosphere."

This team atmosphere that Madise saw carries over into every game, win or lose.

"This team wants to win," Madise said. "I saw that when I transferred here and I see that now. There's no finger-pointing and everyone here has a fire to win."

Head coach Gary Patterson saw Madise's fire during spring practice.

"During two-a-days, everyone on the coaching staff saw that Adrian had a lot of potential," Patterson said. "There are always surprises going into a new football season and, offensively, he was one of them."

Madise credits his successful season to the bond between himself and his quarterback, junior Casey Printers.

"We forged a 'comfort zone' over the summer that led to a lot of trust between us," Madise said. "Casey knows what I'm going to do on routes and he makes it easier to get into the flow of a game, even if we aren't throwing it a lot that night."

Patterson feels that Madise has stepped up this season and will do the same next season.

"This year, it wasn't time for him to be the leader, but next season will be," Patterson said. "He's trying to be himself on the field and in the locker room."

Madise feels that he has made the most of his opportunities this year, but he isn't thinking about the future at this point.

"I couldn't even call it (the future)," Madise said. "I'm just living every day as it comes and I'm trying to take care of my business. I want to give 110 percent in everything that I do, not only in football."

Madise says that he feels "blessed" to be in a situation such as the one he is in now.

"This time last year, I only had five catches," Madise said. "I feel blessed to be here at TCU and to be healthy this season. That allows me to do well and perform at my best."

Staff reporter John-Mark Day contributed to this report.

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Baker named to C-USA All-Conference Team

Senior midfielder Nick Baker was named to the third-team All-Conference USA soccer team, as selected by the conference's coaches.

Baker started 17 matches this season, and scored 11 goals with 10 assists in his 70 career matches. He finished in the team top five in scoring all of his four years and was a first team All-Western Athletic Conference selection in 1999.

"Nick is one of the best soccer players who has ever played for TCU," associate head coach Blake Amos said in a press release. "It's truly a compliment that he was named all-conference and shows that the league's coaches were able to recognize who he is as a player."

#### Men's golf signs five of nation's top 200 players

Men's golf head coach Bill Montigel announced the signing of five golfers for next season. All five are ranked among the top 200 prep golfers in the country by the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Ratings System.

The signers are Colby Beckstrom, ranked No. 9; Ben Spitz, ranked 11th; Drew Pigg, ranked 33rd; Evan O'Donnell, ranked 163 and Drew Stoltz, ranked 168. The Frogs will lose three seniors at the end of this season: Andy Doeden, Bret Guetz and Steve Shuert.

#### MacCurdy wins C-USA credit for performance

Senior swimmer Jamie MacCurdy was named TCU's first Conference USA Swimmer of the Week Tuesday.

MacCurdy won the 200 individual medley, the 200 backstroke and was part of the 400 medley relay team that captured victory in last Saturday's dual meet against Southwest Missouri State.

She has won six individual and two relay titles for the season. The honor is the third of its kind for MacCurdy, who won the Western Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week twice last season.

#### Men's, women's swim teams defeat Valparaiso

The men's and women's swimming teams handily beat Valparaiso Thursday in Valparaiso, Ind.

The men (3-2) won their third straight meet with a score of 104-81. The women (4-1) won 108-91 for their fourth consecutive victory. The men recorded the top time in every event. Senior Scott Adkins won the 200-yard medley (2:02.88) and as a member of the Frogs' 200 freestyle relay team (1:29.92). Pipes won in the 100-yard freestyle (49.64) and as a member of the relay.

Senior Jamie MacCurdy led the women with victories in the 50-yard freestyle (25.49) and 100 butterfly (1:00.97). TCU had the best time in eight of the 10 events it competed in.



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Freshman guard Ashley Browning dribbles the ball upcourt against Abiyhjo-Denmark Nov. 3. The Frogs play Sam Houston State 5:15 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Weighing the costs of news

By Emily E. Ward  
SKIFF STAFF

With little more than 15 minutes before class begins, the get-to-the-point news network, commonly known as CNN, broadcasts the day's top news stories.

Bombs have hit Afghanistan, President George W. Bush is to speak about anthrax, the mayor of New York City is to be knighted and a new World Trade Center death toll has been released. Now that all the day's news has been absorbed, there's still plenty of time to get to class.

For many TCU students, this is how daily newsgathering is done.

Few students prefer reading the newspaper over watching it on television or listening to it on the radio, both of which provide only a fraction of what print journalism has to offer, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs at TCU.

In attempt to remedy this problem, TCU piloted a newspaper project from Oct. 1 through Oct. 28, giving away issues of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *USA Today* and *The New York Times* to students, faculty and staff.

"Reading the newspaper gives students the opportunity to be better-informed citizens," Mills said. "And that goes right along with the TCU mission statement."

*USA Today* first contacted Mills last summer proposing the pilot program at TCU. The newspaper project, which originated at Penn State University in 1998, was piloted at the University of North Texas last year and will reach the University of Texas at Arlington by the end of October, said Dolan Stidom, circulation operations director at the *Star-Telegram*. So far, UNT has yet to implement the newspaper project on a permanent basis.

The *Star-Telegram* works first-hand with TCU on this project, while *The New York Times* and *USA Today* work with TCU only through the *Star-Telegram*. The *Star-Telegram* decides how many of each newspaper will be delivered based on how many are picked up each day.

If the trial period leads to permanent implementation of the newspaper project, it will cost the university \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year for sub-

scriptions, pick-up and delivery, Mills said. Additional housekeeping costs and a \$2,500 to \$3,000 grant to the TCU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists are other possible expenses, Mills said.

The important question TCU administrators are asking as they decide whether or not to implement the program is one of simple economics: Will the benefits outweigh the costs in this project?

"If we have 15 percent or 20 percent of the students who are taking advantage (of the program), it may not be worth it to spend \$50,000 plus extra housekeeping costs," Mills said. "It's expensive, so we want people to not just find it convenient, but also useful."

### Benefits: Will it make a difference?

Earnest Perry, assistant professor of journalism at TCU, said the program is not likely to have a significant impact in the number of students who read the newspaper every day.

"(Students) tend to pick and choose the certain things they are going to spend their time doing," Perry said. "Reading the newspaper is not usually high on that priority list."

Because most students do not normally own their own homes, finance their own vehicles or work full-time, they do not experience the same real-world impact as adults do, Perry said. Living in this student bubble makes most undergraduates think the newspaper has no relevance in their individual lives, he said.

That's not to say, however, that students are unaware of current events, said James Riddlesperger, chair of the political science department at TCU.

"Probably in terms of knowing what's going on in the world — in terms of being current on what we call the news — I think we have ample evidence that people are more attuned of that now more than ever," Riddlesperger said. "I think the electronic media make that the case."

Although the electronic media are good with providing immediacy and factual bits of information, they don't delve deep enough into the real

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## TCU makes no decision on newspapers

By Erin LaMourie  
STAFF REPORTER

Faculty, staff and students will not know whether they will be able to read the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *The New York Times* and *USA Today* for free until early spring, said Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs.

If the program is implemented, students will be provided with the three newspapers on weekdays,

Mills said.

Mills said the program will cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 each semester and it would cost TCU an average of about \$5 each student. However, the money will come from the general tuition budget and will not cause an increase in tuition or fees.

The program will be compared to other priorities of the university's budget before a final decision will be made, he said.

During the pilot program from Oct. 1 to Oct. 28, students picked up about 1,100 papers each day according to the *Star-Telegram* research department.

Mills said if TCU chooses to adopt the program, he hopes it will cause students to read and follow the news more.

"The overall goal of the program is to make students better informed about what is happening outside the

TCU bubble," Mills said. "We hope this will generate some interest among students to discuss issues among themselves, and faculty can also use the newspapers as a teaching tool."

In a survey of 370 students conducted by the *Star-Telegram*, 45 percent of respondents said they read a newspaper more often during the pi-

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## STRUMMING STRINGS



Lauren DeMattia, a freshman elementary education major, practices Thursday night for the TCU Symphony concert on December 4 in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

## Senate to vote on new committee

By Piper Huddleston  
STAFF REPORTER

The Faculty Senate will vote Dec. 6 to establish a University Safety and Environmental Committee proposed by the Risk Management and Safety departments, Jill Laster, assistant vice chancellor for administrative services, said Thursday.

This committee would be charged with reviewing environmental health and safety issues such as indoor air quality, pollution reduction, exit drill and life safety

training and any other concerns raised by the campus community, Laster said.

Laster said currently ad hoc committees are formed to address faculty and staff safety and environmental complaints individually as they arise. A standing committee would establish a base to address complaints more efficiently, she said.

Art Busbey, Computer and Telecommunications Committee chairman, said if a University

Safety and Environmental Committee is formed, they may be able to answer questions and concerns about the long term risks of wireless telecommunications that have come up in his committee.

"This involves not only telephones, but also wireless computer networking and I think a Safety and Environmental Committee might have the expertise to truly pursue questions related to this issue," said

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## Housing sign-ups move to the Internet

By Aaron Chimbel  
STAFF REPORTER

Students living on-campus this semester were sent residence hall room assignments for next semester Wednesday via e-mail, marking the first time for all housing sign-ups to be completed online, Associate Director of Residential Services Karen Baker said.

All students currently living on-campus were sent e-mails explaining their housing options and a link to the specific web address where they submitted their hall, roommate and other housing requests for next semester, Baker said. Students who wish to stay in their current room with their current roommate would not have to do anything, she said.

Since this is the first time for the all online housing assignments residential services sent post cards to all students living on-campus to remind them to check their e-mail, Baker said. She says no problems with the new online system have been reported.

Baker said the decision to go online was in accordance with the university's effort to make services more accessible to students. The transition to online assignments occurred to save paper, Baker said.

Residents that have not decided their minds can still change their housing assignments, she said.

"Many may want to make a change and we will make changes as space becomes available," Baker said.

She said freshmen that have been living in Worth Hills, the Moncrief Hall lobby and with resident assistants were given first

priority in room assignments. Those students were given the opportunity to submit their spring semester residence hall assignments before other students, Baker said.

"We do not expect anyone to live in the temporary places (Greek halls, lounges or with RAs) next semester," Baker said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said no decision has been made whether freshmen students will live in Greek residence halls in the Fall 2002 semester if space is not available in residence halls.

"Our preference is to have all freshmen in regular residence halls," Mills said. "We think it is better to have them on campus even if it is in a Greek Hall."

Mills said a decision will likely be made in January regarding non-members living in Greek residence halls.

Greek organizations are not required to allow non-members to live in their hall, said Student Affairs Director of Special Projects Rick Barnes. The university asked fraternities that had space available to house freshmen this semester because of a lack of room for the men, he said.

Barnes said it is a "win-win" situation for the fraternities and university because the fraternity does not have to pay for the rooms and the university can house the men on campus.

If a fraternity does not fill its rooms then it has to pay almost \$1,900 per person per semester, Barnes said.

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## PEACEFUL PRAISE



Jonathon David Musser, Chi Alpha praise and worship leader plays the guitar Thursday night worship while Nicole McDaniel, a praise leader, and Sara Ellis, a TCU campus pastor, accompany vocally.

Erin Munger/PHOTO EDITOR

## COLLEGE BRIEF

### Bin Laden video games gain popularity

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE)

— The Kill Osama Game, Bend Over Bin Laden, Osamatron Torture Machine — the list of computer games targeting the world's most sought-after man goes on.

They sprang up en masse shortly after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. For many, firing at Osama bin Laden electronically has made it easier to cope with the devastation on the East Coast.

Jason Day, marketing manager for TwistedHumor.com, the humor site that originally launched the now-widespread game *Yo Mamma, Osama!*, said he came up with the idea for the game as a way to revive humor and positively in people and to help get their lives back to normal.

"We made a concerted effort to make it about as funny and as cartoonish as possible" to keep the game from entering shaky political territory, Day said. He said the public response has been overwhelmingly positive, with almost no signs of dissatisfaction despite more than 4 million downloads of the game since its birth nearly six weeks ago.

"I certainly think it's somewhat therapeutic," Day said. "And I've seen plenty of e-mails backing me up on that one, saying, 'I just beat him, I loved it, it felt good to knock that guy out,' that kind of stuff."

Wanting to share the game with as many players as possible, TwistedHumor.com waived the licensing fees that would normally apply to other Web sites and made *Yo Mamma, Osama!* downloadable for free on the Internet.

Part of the reason, Day said, was to acquire donations for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

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## 2001 TCU BASKETBALL PREVIEW

# Trading places



**B**illy Tubbs is on his way out. Jeff Mittie is on his way up.

Their teams are headed in opposite directions.

For the first time in TCU history, the women's team is expected to go further than the men's team. Once the laughing stock of TCU athletics, the women's team seems poised for another NCAA Tournament appearance.

The men's team, purged of six players from a year ago and unsure of who its coach will be next season, is rebuilding.

The two programs have traded places.

### INSIDE



The women's basketball team is younger than a year ago, but they could be more talented.

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The women's basketball team has come a long way in just 10 years. Once perennial losers, they enter this season with the highest expectations in program history.

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The *Skiff* previews and predicts the finish of the men's and women's teams in Conference USA. Teams face fiercer competition this season.

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With the move to a new conference, the men's team will face a different style of play this year.

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Most of last year's starting lineup for the men's team is gone. The Frogs will expect some new faces to step up.

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A SPECIAL SECTION OF THE *TCU DAILY SKIFF*

Did you know?

Head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie owns the highest winning percentage in program history at three different schools. At TCU, Mittie is 41-22 (.651 winning percentage) in two seasons.

Trading Places

# Young Frogs enter season with high hopes

## Potential lies with recruiting class ranked as high as fourth in the nation

By Brandon Ortiz  
SPORTS EDITOR

One thing is indisputable: the Horned Frogs are not as experienced as they were last year.

But that doesn't mean they are not as talented.

"Oh, we have a lot more talent," senior



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Head coach Jeff Mittie talks to senior guard Ashanti Nix during the Frogs exhibition game Nov. 3. Nix is competing with junior Candace Baldwin to start at point guard.

guard Ashanti Nix said.

Guards Jill Sutton and Amy Porter, the second and third all-time leading scorers in program history, are gone. Forward Janice Thomas, the fifth all-time rebounder in program history, is gone. Senior forward Tricia Payne, last season's team MVP, is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. The four starters combined for 52.8 percent of the Frogs' scoring last season.

Nonetheless, head coach Jeff Mittie thinks this year's team is more talented. Prognosticators agree. The Frogs enter the season ranked No. 35 in The Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN polls.

"(The team) is faster, and it is more athletic on the front line of any team I have coached," Mittie said. "This is a team that can be versatile. As the season progresses, we will be able to do a lot of things with this team."

An influx of talent from a recruiting class ranked fourth in the nation by Mike White's All-Star Report and a year of seasoning to last year's class, which was ranked 22nd, are reasons for Mittie's optimism.

Sophomore forward Tiffany Evans said this year's team barely resembles last year's.

"We are a totally different team," Evans said. "Last year's team was more of a half-

court, slow it down, shoot the three type of team. This year, I see us as more of a run-and-gun."

While the team is not lacking in talent, Mittie said the team is missing leadership.

"Right now we have to find someone to stir the pot a little bit," Mittie said. "(We've) got to find somebody who will provide more leadership."

All the problems associated with inexperience have plagued the Frogs, Mittie said. He said newcomers are still trying to adapt to the team's system.

To combat this, Mittie has had to simplify things.

"What I don't want early in the season is to be jack of all trades, master of none," Mittie said. "What I have done is limit some things."

Though they may not be as experienced, Mittie said this year's squad is deeper than last year's. So much deeper that Mittie has had problems picking his starting line-up — a striking contrast to last season when the Frogs had the same line-up nearly every game.

"I think we have more than five starters," Mittie said. "Depth should be a strength of ours, and I think that is a good problem to have. Fitting everyone into their role is a challenge at this stage."

The recruiting class includes the first high school All-American in program his-

tory, forward Sandora Irvin, who is likely to start at center tonight against Sam Houston State. Junior college transfers Grace Ganit, a forward, and Candace Baldwin, a guard, are also competing for heavy playing time. Mittie already thinks freshman guard Ashley Browning is one of the best perimeter shooters on the team.

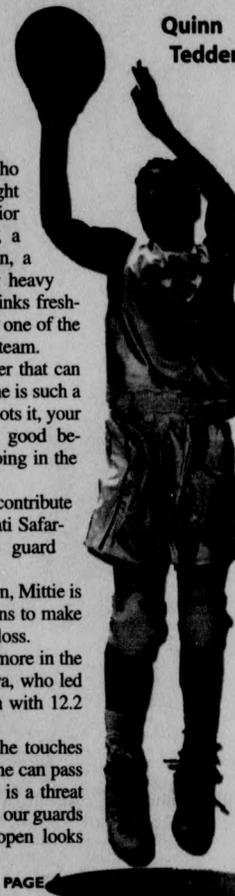
"Ashley Browning is a player that can really shoot it," Mittie said. "She is such a good shooter that when she shoots it, your offensive rebounding isn't as good because everybody thinks it is going in the basket."

The returnees expected to contribute the most are senior forward Kati Safaritova, Evans and sophomore guard Ebony Shaw.

With Payne out for the season, Mittie is looking for Safaritova and Evans to make up for the 11.2 points a game loss.

Mittie wants to get the ball more in the hands of the 6-foot-2 Safaritova, who led the team in scoring last season with 12.2 points a game.

"Our team is better when she touches the basketball," Mittie said. "She can pass it, she is a threat to score, she is a threat to step away from it. She makes our guards better. Our guards get more open looks

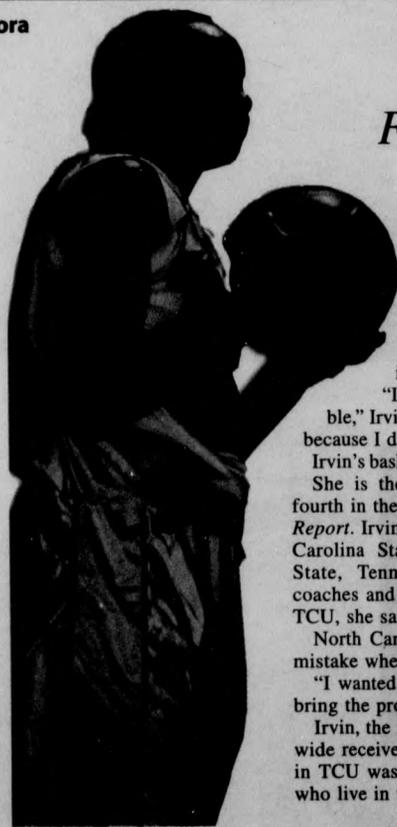


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### Sandora Irvin



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

# Immediate contributor

## Freshman Sandora Irvin recruited for skill and love of the game, expected to play big role for Frogs

By Blair Busch  
SKIFF STAFF

As strange as it may seem now, heavily recruited freshman forward Sandora Irvin wasn't much of a basketball player when she started to play in the seventh grade.

"I didn't even know how to dribble," Irvin said. "I was frustrated everyday because I didn't know what I was doing."

Irvin's basketball skills have since improved.

She is the top recruit in a class ranked fourth in the nation by Mike White's All-Star Report. Irvin said she chose TCU over North Carolina State, Kentucky, Florida, Florida State, Tennessee and Notre Dame. The coaches and the school drew her attention to TCU, she said.

North Carolina State told her she made a mistake when she chose TCU.

"I wanted to go somewhere where I could bring the program up," Irvin said.

Irvin, the niece of former Dallas Cowboys' wide receiver Michael Irvin, said her interest in TCU was encouraged by family members who live in the area.

Associate head coach Larry Tidwell first witnessed Irvin's potential as a coach for South Florida when he saw her play Miami's South Beach Lizards.

"I saw great ability, potential and a love for the game," said Tidwell, who handles the recruiting duties for the Frogs. "She loves to play basketball."

Irvin comes to TCU as a first-team USA Today All-American. She earned an All-American mention from Nike. She is ranked sixth nationally in the 2000-01 Blue Star Report. Irvin was named the Florida-4A player of the year, Gatorade Florida player of the year, Florida Sun-Sentinel player of the year and the Miami Herald player of the year. She averaged 22.2 points, 17.5 rebounds, 8.1 blocks and 4.0 assists during her senior year at Fort Lauderdale High School.

The coaches are ready to let Irvin on the court to see what she can bring to the team.

"She is expected to contribute immediately," Tidwell said. "We didn't bring her here to look pretty and sit on the bench."

Irvin started her first game for the Frogs Nov. 3 against Abyhoj, the Denmark national team. She scored 15 points, had 10 rebounds

and blocked eight shots in the exhibition game.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said she will continue to be in the starting line-up if she continues to play like she has. He also mentioned a few things she will need to work on to keep up with the college game.

"In high school she could rely on her athletic ability to score," Mittie said. "Now she is going to have to rely on making good strong moves. She's a great shot blocker and she has got to make sure she's in good positioning to do that and stay out of foul trouble."

Despite what she needs to work on, Mittie said Irvin is still one of the best players on paper that TCU has ever signed.

"Sandora is a very instinctive player," Tidwell said. "She is quick off of her feet to block shots, she is very aware of what is going on the court. She can score from the elbow, can score from the short corner, can score inside over people or can pull up and hit the three."

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# 2001 Preview

## Did you know?

As of Friday, Nov. 9, the Athletics Marketing Department sold a record 594 season tickets for the women's basketball team.

### Trading Places

## Selling a WINNER

*Athletics Marketing shoots to score more season ticket sales for men's, women's games*

Story by Sarah McClellan  
Graphics by Brandon Ortiz and April Bell

The Athletics Marketing Department is on the offensive with marketing for the women's basketball team this year. They want people in the stands after it had the most successful season in program history, said Brian Estridge, director of athletics marketing and broadcasting.

"We've taken a more aggressive approach this year," Estridge said. "There have been more resources devoted to women's basketball than in the past because women's basketball continues to grow in fan interest."

Estridge said the necessity for more aggressive marketing in the women's basketball program led to the hiring of Assistant Sports Marketing Director Jason Booker. Booker's primary responsibility is women's basketball marketing, he said.

"With the limited staff we have a lot of people get stretched pretty thin," Booker said. "This position will help make the program grow."

Booker said one of the reasons for increased interest in women's basketball at TCU is the success of last year's game against Tennessee.

"If we bring teams like that it will allow our fan base to grow because the atmosphere for these games is exciting for fans," he said.

Booker said some of the goals for improvement with the women's basketball program are increasing season ticket sales by 70 percent,

establishing 10 official gameday sponsors, increasing individual game attendance from 2,278 to 2,500, and creating a special event centered around pregame or postgame fan involvement with the players.

Booker said the Athletics Marketing Department will promote every women's basketball game on Radio Disney. The station will also have a promotional booth at three of the games in an effort to push season tickets for families.

The Athletics Marketing Department will also aggressively promote ticket sales to group, Booker said. Groups of 10 or more will be able to purchase adult tickets for \$3, compared to the usual \$6 for both men's and

women's games.

Jeff Mittie, women's basketball head coach, said the increase in interest in the women's basketball team will put more "fans in the stands."

"We had a good year last year," Mittie said. "We're going to have a good year this year and when you put those years back to back, you start seeing the stands pile up."

Estridge said the success of the women, who were ranked third out of 14 teams by the Conference USA Preseason Coaches' Poll, contributed to a record season ticket sales of

The Athletics Marketing Department has made a major push to promote the women's basketball team. To the left are items the Marketing Department and Media Relations uses to publicize the men's and women's teams.



594 as of last Friday.

Mittie said the tougher schedule and the marketing of games against higher profile teams such as Southwest Missouri State and Arkansas has contributed to the women's success.

"Marketing has taken a look at targeting big games like last year's game against Tennessee," Mittie said.

Marketing for the men's team, who was ranked fifth out of seven teams in the National Division by the Conference USA Preseason Coaches' Poll, is also getting a boost.

"The men's program has grown as well," Booker said. "We've learned about strategies to sell out games from last year's Tennessee game."

Booker said those strategies will be implemented with the men's program.

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## MEET THE STAFF

*A look at the assistant coaches for both the women's and men's basketball teams*

### Women's assistant coaches

**Associate head coach Larry Tidwell** is in his third season at TCU. He coordinates the recruiting plans for the Horned Frogs and helps with on-court instruction. Before coming to TCU, Tidwell was an assistant coach at South Florida. He also served as athletics director and head coach at Mexia (Texas) High School and as assistant coach at Baylor University for six seasons.



TIDWELL

**Assistant coach Lonnelle Hall** is in her third season at TCU, her sixth under head coach Jeff Mit-

tie. She worked under Mittie for three seasons at Arkansas State before coming to TCU. Hall has coached both offense and defense and helps monitor the strength and conditioning programs.



HALL

**Assistant coach Tonya Benton** is in her second season at TCU. Benton's responsibilities include on-court coaching of the guards as well as helping



BENTON

with the team's scouting, film exchange and editing.

### Men's assistant coaches

**Assistant coach Brian Fish** is starting his sixth season as a basketball coach at TCU. Fish assists with the team's recruiting and is involved with on-court instruction.



FISH

**Assistant coach Rob Flaska** is in his fourth



FLASKA

season as a member of the TCU men's basketball staff. From 1995-98, Flaska was a head basketball coach at Florida Community College. He was an assistant coach at Trinity Valley Community College from 1992-93.

### Director of basketball operations

**Scott Edgar** begins his second season as part of the TCU staff. He is a former head basketball coach at Duquesne University. He coached under Nolan Richardson at Tulsa and Arkansas. His first head coaching job was in 1991 at Murray State.



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# 2001 Preview

## Did you know?

The women's basketball team had its most successful season in school history last year. The Frogs were 25-8, won their first conference championship and upset Penn State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

## Trading Places

How the women's basketball team has stacked up in the past 10 years:

**1991-92**

4-24

**1992-93**

10-17

**1993-94**

5-20

**1994-95**

1-26

**1995-96**

2-25

**1996-97**

13-14

**1997-98**

13-15

**1998-99**

16-12

**1999-2000**

16-14

**2000-01**

25-8



FILE PHOTO

The women's basketball team celebrates after winning the WAC Championships last year.



SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF  
Janice Dziuk is the Frogs' all-time leading scorer and rebounder. She played with the Frogs from 1987-1990.

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

When the TCU women's basketball team was in the process of recording its best season in program history last year, Arthur Prevost was following it closely over 1,000 miles away in Minnesota.

Prevost, who is now the assistant coach of the men's basketball team at Minnesota, said he saw the team's potential when he was the associate head coach of the Frogs from 1996-1999.

"We weren't buying into how (bad) TCU was,"

Prevost said.

"It was a great

school academically and had a lot of talented players. We were trying to get the best out of them. We raised the bar. We knew we weren't going to take baby steps."

In 1996, Mike Petersen, now the associate head coach of the men's basketball team at Minnesota, became TCU's head coach. Before his arrival, the Frogs had a combined record of 8-71 in its three previous seasons. Jill Sutton, TCU's second all-time leading and her twin sister Amy Porter, TCU's third all-time leading scorer, were still a year away from wearing TCU jerseys.

The Frogs were annual losers before Petersen came. Despite the efforts of all-time leading scorer and rebounder Janice Dziuk and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame coach Fran Garmon, the Frogs had a lifetime record of 166-360 (.316 winning percentage).

But in Petersen's first year, TCU went 13-14, earning 11 more wins than it had the year before. In 1997, Prevost, who also acted as recruiting coordinator, brought in a recruiting class that was ranked in the top 20 in the nation. Four of the seven in that class completed their last year of eligibility last season.

"They put TCU women's basketball on the map," Prevost said. "It was never on the map before."

After the Frogs lost 12 of their last 13

games at the end of Petersen's second year as coach, Sutton said it was a challenge to stay positive.

"We struggled the first two years we were here," Sutton said.

"That's why last year makes it so special. To me, every year but last year was a disappointment because we had high

expectations. We used to focus on the first two years, and we were so upset all the time. But with last year, now that's all we remember."

Sutton said the drastic change the program underwent since she came to TCU in 1997 is almost incomprehensible.

"We couldn't believe it," Sutton said. "All last year, from the time we beat Hawaii at Hawaii, we kept on having big wins. It seemed like we celebrated after games almost more than we had in our whole lives."

Sophomore forward Tiffany Evans said it is the hard work of last year's graduating seniors, like Sutton, who have helped bring the program where it is today.

"When I got here, we had such a great team," Evans said. "All the seniors that left, we couldn't have expected more out of them."

"They helped build this program. They're the ones that worked hard to get where we are today, so we could have new people come in and keep the program going into the future."

With a record of 25-8 last season, the Frogs captured their first ever Western Athletic Conference title and WAC Championship title along with their first NCAA Tournament appearance.

This year's team is ranked 35th in the nation in both *The Associated Press* and the *USA Today/ESPN* Preseason polls. According to the preseason national rankings of *Women's Basketball Magazine*, TCU is No. 15.

Sutton said she hopes this is another 25-win season this year.

"It's tough to win 25 games, but I hope they can do it," Sutton said. "I know they're expected to do a lot, but they are a very athletic class. I just hope they don't set too high expectations on themselves because I think if they win 18 or 20 games, it would be a good accomplishment."

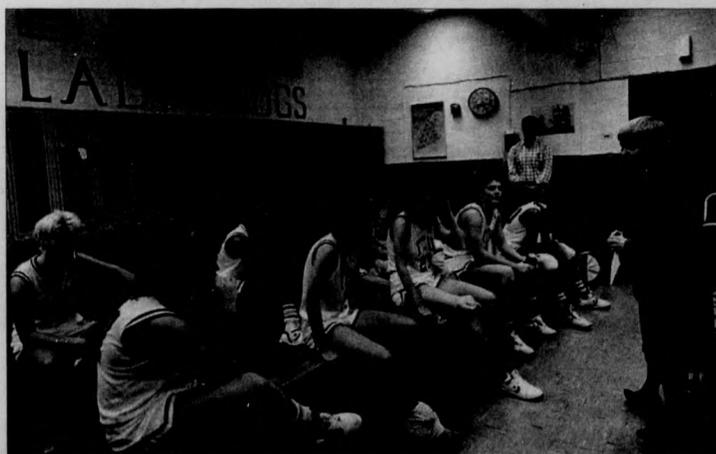
"They have a lot to live up to, but they have the talent to live up to it."

And no matter how the Frogs play this season, Prevost said he will be a TCU women's basketball fan for life.

"Those (in the recruiting class) are my girls," Prevost said. "TCU has a warm place in my heart, and I still consider it my home."

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SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Fran Garmon coached the Frogs from 1984 to 1993. She has the most wins of any coach in program history, but has the second lowest winning percentage (28.9).

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when the inside game touches."

Last season as freshman, Shaw and Evans were Mittie's first two options off the bench. This season,

Mittie will ask the two to start.

Mittie said Evans has stood out in practice.

"I think she is becoming more comfortable in the three spot," Mittie said. "If there is one person who had to single out to be our most consistent player it would be Tiffany

Evans."

Shaw said with a year of experience under her belt, she is more comfortable with the team's system.

"When you are a freshman coming in, you don't want to make mistakes," Shaw said. "Now I just play my game. Things are little easier

now that I have a year behind me. I am more comfortable with the offense and the defense and everything."

Once the Frogs learn and make the proper adjustments, Mittie said the Frogs will show amazing improvement.

"This team will show a lot of growth throughout the year," Mittie said. "This team does have the capability to grow more than any basketball team I have ever coached."

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## Did you know?

Senior forward Kati Safaritova was named second-team All-WAC and was selected as TCU's Offensive Player of the Year. She averaged 12.2 points and 5.4 rebounds a game.

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## Trading Places

# THE WOMEN

### 3, Candice Baldwin, G

Candice Baldwin is a junior college transfer from Dixie State in St. George, Utah. Baldwin 11.0 points and 5.7 rebounds a game as a sophomore at Dixie State.



### 10, Amy Pack, F

Amy Pack was first in the Western Athletic Conference in overall scoring with 19.1 points a game at Texas-El Paso. Pack was first team all-WAC during the 2000-2001 season. She will sit out this year because of NCAA transfer regulations.



### 11, Ashley Browning, F

Ashley Browning is a true freshman from Plano East High School. Browning was ranked as the eighth best player in Texas. Browning as a senior was first team all-state.



### 20, Ashanti Nix, G

Ashanti Nix played in all 33 games in her first year at TCU, averaging 3.1 points and 2.5 assists a game. Nix transferred last season from Howard Junior College in Big Spring, where she averaged 5.6 assists and 3.7 steals a game.



### 21, Joi Harris, G

Joi Harris sat out last season at TCU due to NCAA rules after transferring from Boise State. Harris was a two time MVP in track for J.M. Hanks High School in El Paso.



### 22, DeeDee Favors, G/F

DeeDee Favors saw action in 11 games last season as a freshman averaging 1.5 points and 1.0 rebounds a game with some bright moments on the court.



### 23, Tiffany Evans, F

Tiffany Evans was selected as TCU's Freshman of the Year by the coaching staff. Evans played in 32 of 33 games, averaging 6.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. Evans blocked 41 shots last season setting the TCU single season record.



### 24, Niki Newton, F

Niki Newton is a true freshman out of Crowley High School. Newton averaged 20.8 points, 10.8 rebounds and 4.0 steals a game at Crowley.



### 25, Maranda Hankerson, G

Maranda Hankerson played with Sandora Irvin on the nationally-ranked Fort Lauderdale High School team. Hankerson averaged 10 points and four rebounds a game during her four-year varsity career.



### 30, Ebony Shaw, G

Ebony Shaw played in all 33 games as a true freshman and averaged 6.1 points per game. Shaw had 25 steals and 93 rebounds last season for the Horned Frogs.



### 31, Quinn Tedder, F

Quinn Tedder has played in 72 total games in her three year career at TCU. Tedder averaged 1.6 points per game.



### 33, Kati Safaritova, F

Kati Safaritova was named second-team All-WAC and was selected as TCU's Offensive Player of the Year. Safaritova led the team last season with 12.2 points a game and second on the team with rebounds 5.4.



### 35, Tricia Payne, F

Tricia Payne, who is out for the season with a torn ACL, ranks first all-time in free throw percentage and sixth all-time in total points. Payne was selected as the Most Valuable Player last season by the coaches.



### 40, Grace Gantt, F

Grace Gantt is a junior college transfer from Howard Junior College in Big Spring. Gantt was rated as the third best junior college prospect last season, averaging 20.3 points a game.



### 50, Sandora Irvin, F

Sandora Irvin was ranked sixth nationally in the 2000-2001 Blue Star Report. Irvin averaged 22.2 points, 17.5 rebounds, 8.1 blocks and 4.0 assists per game at Fort Lauderdale High School.



### 51, Lindsey Prewitt, C

Lindsey Prewitt averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and 10 blocks per game at Tuerlings Catholic High School in Lafayette, La. Prewitt was an all-state selection in Louisiana.



### Scoring

Player	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg
1. D. Jackson (UAB)	30	270	46	175	761	25.4
2. Janell Burse (TUL)	32	233	1	136	603	18.8
3. L. Williams (DEP)	31	201	76	86	564	18.2
4. Tiffany Adkins (MEM)	30	205	15	112	537	17.9
5. Alya Shepard (USF)	27	160	27	135	482	17.9

### Field goal pct.

Player	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Janell Burse (TUL)	32	233	391	.596
2. Teana McKiver (TUL)	32	103	189	.545
3. S.R. Lasseter (HOU)	32	131	245	.535
4. Natasha Thomas (UAB)	30	127	240	.529
5. Shannon Hamp (MEM)	30	116	230	.504

### Free throw pct.

Player	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Valerie King (CIN)	32	124	145	.855
2. Lenae Williams (DEP)	31	86	104	.827
3. Sarah Goree (TUL)	32	78	96	.813
3. Angela Johnson (USM)	28	78	96	.813
5. Alicia Abernathy (CHA)	28	87	108	.806

### Three-point field goal pct.

Player	G	3FG	FGA	Pct.
1. Deanna Jackson (UAB)	30	46	113	.407
2. Sarah Goree (TUL)	32	45	121	.372
3. Valerie King (CIN)	32	62	168	.369
4. Britt Themann (TUL)	32	45	122	.369
5. Sara Nord (LOU)	29	51	140	.364

### Rebounding

Player	G	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.
1. D. Jackson (UAB)	30	108	241	349	11.6
2. Janell Burse (TUL)	32	152	190	342	10.7
3. S. Zawodny (MAR)	29	91	147	238	8.2
4. G. Slaughter (TUL)	32	87	166	253	7.9
5. T. Adkins (MEM)	22	67	90	157	7.1

### Assists

Player	G	Assists	Avg
1. Sara Nord (LOU)	29	222	7.66
2. Angela Johnson (USM)	28	155	5.54
3. Kristen Sharp (CIN)	32	170	5.31
4. Jessica Shanklin (HOU)	32	163	5.09
5. Tiffany Collins (MEM)	30	132	4.40

### Steals

Player	G	Steals	Avg/G
1. Alya Shepard (USF)	27	84	3.11
2. Sara Nord (LOU)	29	78	2.69
3. Jessica Shanklin (HOU)	32	68	2.13
4. Nicole Oliver (HOU)	31	65	2.10
5. Tiffany Adkins (MEM)	30	62	2.07

### Blocked shots

Player	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1. Janell Burse (TUL)	32	66	2.06
2. Teana McKiver (TUL)	32	58	1.81
3. Gwen Slaughter (TUL)	32	51	1.59
4. April McKinney (SLU)	29	40	1.43
5. Deanna Jackson (UAB)	30	36	1.20

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Cincinnati BEARCATS

**Location:** Cincinnati  
**Home court:** Shoemaker Center  
**Head coach:** Bob Huggins  
**2000-2001 record:** 25-10  
**Key losses:** G Kenny Satterfield, center Donald Little  
**Player to watch:** Guard Steve Logan. Logan has a pure shooting touch and plays tenacious defense. He averaged 20.9 points a game and made 45 percent of three-pointers during conference play last year. Just the sort of player Huggins loves.  
**Outlook:** Forward Jamaal Davis must improve his numbers to compensate for the loss of Satterfield. If they can find an interior game and find a point guard, Cincinnati has the talent for its seventh-consecutive 25-win season.



Charlotte 49ers

**Location:** Charlotte, N.C.  
**Home court:** Halton Arena  
**Head coach:** Bobby Lutz  
**2000-2001 record:** 22-11  
**Key losses:** G Diego Guevara, F Rodney White  
**Player to watch:** G Jobey Thomas. Deadly from beyond the arc, Thomas opens up interior play by forcing teams to focus on his shooting. What impresses Lutz more is his willingness to dish and desire to win.  
**Outlook:** The 49ers made a name for themselves with the NCAA Tournament upset. With their talent, Charlotte will not sneak up on anyone for a while. While not ready to challenge Cincinnati for dominance, the 49ers will find themselves dancing again in March.



Marquette GOLDEN EAGLES

**Location:** Milwaukee  
**Home court:** Bradley Center  
**Head coach:** Tom Crean  
**2000-2001 record:** 15-14  
**Key losses:** G Brian Wardle  
**Player to watch:** G Cordell Henry. With the departure of Wardle, the Golden Eagles are Henry's team. His game was high on flashy no-look passes and jumpers and short on court-savvy. If Crean can get him to play with more control, look for a more-rounded Marquette team.  
**Outlook:** In Henry and freshman Travis Diener, the Eagles are loaded in the backcourt. Odarthey Blankson, Oluoma Nnamaka and Scott Merritt ensure their frontcourt won't get pushed around. If the Eagles can get experience with youth, this could be a dangerous team in March.



Louisville CARDINALS

**Location:** Louisville, Ky.  
**Home court:** Freedom Hall  
**Head coach:** Rick Pitino  
**2000-2001 record:** 12-19  
**Key losses:** G Rasheed Brooks, G Marques Maybin  
**Player to watch:** G Reece Gaines. While he will likely shift from point to shooting guard, Gaines will still have a monster year. His 43 percent three-point percentage and defensive acumen are tailored perfectly to Pitino's system.  
**Outlook:** Pitino breathed new life into a once-proud but withering program. His organized chaos system, proven at Kentucky and Providence, will produce some upsets and interesting basketball. But the Cardinals will land in the NIT.



Saint Louis BILLIKENS

**Location:** St. Louis  
**Home court:** Savvis Center  
**Head coach:** Lorenzo Romar  
**2000-2001 record:** 17-14  
**Key losses:** F Matt Baniak, C Chris Heinrich  
**Player to watch:** F Kenny Brown. Saint Louis still has serious deficiencies in the paint, even with the addition of the 6-10, 245-pound Brown. Unless Brown can help provide an offensive presence, the weak-shooting Billikens will look at a long winter.  
**Outlook:** Their top three players are

all juniors, and a influx of freshmen talent mean the Billikens have next year.



DePaul BLUE DEMONS

**Location:** Chicago  
**Home court:** United Center  
**Head coach:** Pat Kennedy  
**2000-2001 record:** 12-18  
**Key losses:** G Bobby Simmons, C Steven Hunter  
**Player to watch:** F Sam Hoskin. Another example of top-flight talent in the DePaul program. The 6-9 forward should combine with Chicago-native Andre Brown to provide both muscle and scoring punch to a front line in need of both.  
**Outlook:** The once-proud Blue Demons set a new record for underachievement last year. Kennedy will face pressure to produce with the talent, at least on paper, to contend for the C-USA title. This may be his last chance.



East Carolina PIRATES

**Location:** Greenville, N.C.  
**Home court:** Williams Arena  
**Head coach:** Bill Herrion  
**2000-2001 record:** 14-14  
**Key losses:** G Larry Matthews  
**Player to watch:** Aren't Cincinnati and Memphis playing on "The Duce" now?  
**Outlook:** Though the Pirates return nine players, they are nowhere close to competing in C-USA. East Carolina will take a beating, learn from it and hopefully use the marquee lights of C-USA to draw talent and build the program.



Memphis TIGERS

**Location:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**Home court:** The Pyramid  
**Head coach:** John Calipari  
**2000-2001 record:** 21-15  
**Key losses:** G Shyrone Chatman, F Shannon Fortman  
**Player to watch:** G DaJuan Wagner. The nation's top recruit, Wagner steps into a Memphis team already loaded with talent. His game has been called a combination of Penny Hardaway and Allan Iverson. Yeah.  
**Outlook:** Wagner and center Kelly Wise will be a dangerous inside-outside tandem. If Calipari keeps everyone happy with playing time and shot selection, Memphis has the depth and talent to end Cincinnati's dominance of C-USA.



South Florida BULLS

**Location:** Tampa, Fla.  
**Home court:** Sun Dome  
**Head coach:** Seth Greenberg  
**2000-2001 record:** 18-13  
**Key losses:** F Chonsey Asbury, F Artha Reeves  
**Player to watch:** B.B. Waldon. Waldon's four-game suspension for a failed drug test sent the Bulls into a tailspin, losing six of their last nine games. South Florida needs is 17.1 points per game on the court.  
**Outlook:** Shooting 60.2 from the charity stripe cost the Bulls six wins and probably a NCAA Tournament berth. This weakness becomes more glaring with the fact that South Florida has one of the league's top backcourts, with Altron Jackson and Waldon.



UAB BLAZERS

**Location:** Birmingham, Ala.  
**Home court:** Bartow Arena  
**Head coach:** Murray Bartow  
**2000-2001 record:** 17-14  
**Key losses:** G LeAndrew Bass, F Igor Nikolic  
**Player to watch:** G Eric Bush. The junior-college transfer from Barton County (Kan.) Community College may earn the starting point guard position. By stabilizing the point, Bush can also take some streak out of leading-scorer P.J. Arnold's game.  
**Outlook:** Injuries decimated UAB last year, claiming 85 games. With four starters and nine upperclassmen on the roster, UAB has depth inside and out. If they can stay out of the hospital, the Blazers will return to the postseason.



Southern Miss GOLDEN EAGLES

**Location:** Hattiesburg, Miss.  
**Home court:** Green Coliseum  
**Head coach:** James Green  
**2000-2001 record:** 22-9  
**Key losses:** G Mel Cauthen, C Vandarel Jones  
**Player to watch:** Elvin Mims. Jones was named C-USA Defensive Player of the Year after leading the Eagles in rebounds (7.4). While 6-5 with a shooting touch, Mims averaged 5.4 rebounds last year and will be counted on for more this year.  
**Outlook:** C-USA's other Golden Eagles tied Cincinnati for the regular-season title last year. Southern Miss made steady progress, winning 17 and 22 games the past two years. But losing four starters precludes another miracle in Hattiesburg.



TCU HORNED FROGS

**Location:** Fort Worth  
**Home court:** Daniel-Meyer Coliseum  
**Head coach:** Billy Tubbs  
**2000-2001 record:** 20-11  
**Key losses:** G Greedy Daniels, G Ryan Carroll, F Derrick Davenport, PG Thomas McTyer  
**Player to watch:** G Corey Santee. TCU lost two point guards with a combined 163 games of experience. How fast Santee makes the transition from top recruit to TCU's leader of the future could make things interesting in Fort Worth.  
**Outlook:** Tubbs' final season at TCU will lay the foundation for future success. Even with Daniels, this would still be a re-tooling year for the Frogs. The experience a young but talented core gains will manifest itself next year.



Houston COUGARS

**Location:** Houston  
**Home court:** Hofheinz Pavilion  
**Head coach:** Ray McCallum  
**2000-2001 record:** 9-20  
**Key losses:** F Alton Ford, G Chad Johnson  
**Player to watch:** maybe the mascot  
**Outlook:** The Cougars can generate mismatches with size on the perimeter and speed inside. While a dangerous team capable of pulling upsets, the Cougars are still a few years and a few players away from challenging.



Tulane GREEN WAVE

**Location:** New Orleans  
**Home court:** Fogelman Arena  
**Head coach:** Shawn Finney  
**2000-2001 record:** 9-21  
**Key losses:** F Ledyarl Billingsly  
**Player to watch:** G Brandon Spann. Spann showed flashes of brilliance last year, averaging 15.9 points per game. He will continue to carry the load for a young team.  
**Outlook:** C-USA is not the sort of conference that rewards poor defense. Tulane allowed 80.2 points per game and let opponents shoot 48 percent. When Finney gets the players to fill his system, shaped by his tenure as an assistant to Pitino, Tulane will roll over no more. The process will take a few more years.



Louisville's Reece Gains

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ins in Conference USA and predicts its finish



Tulane's Sarah Gore



## Louisville CARDINALS

**Location:** Louisville, Ky.  
**Home Court:** Freedom Hall (18,865)  
**Head Coach:** Martin Clapp  
**2000-2001 record:** 19-10  
**Key Losses:** F/C Shamika Ingram  
**Player to Watch:** Sophomore guard Sara Nord averaged 14.1 points a game as a freshman last year. Nord led the team with 222 assists and 78 steals last season.

**Outlook:** The Cardinals return a team virtually intact from last year that advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Guards Marju Sober (14.2 ppg) and Kara Kessans (12.2 ppg) join Nord to create an explosive backcourt. Forward Amanda Wolke, the top junior college player in the nation according to All-Star Girls Report, will help the team improve from their performance last season.



## Tulane GREEN WAVE

**Location:** New Orleans  
**Home Court:** Fogelman Arena (3,600)  
**Head Coach:** Lisa Stockton  
**2000-2001 record:** 22-10  
**Key Losses:** F Janell Burse  
**Player to Watch:** Junior center Teana McKiver averaged only 8.1 points a game last season, but will be counted on to replace many of Burse's 18.8 points a game and should be the most dominant inside player in the conference. The 6'3" center had 58 blocks last season.

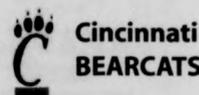
**Outlook:** With the best overall record in the conference last year, the Green Wave will aim for the conference championship under the leadership of All-Conference USA returnees guard Sarah Gore (10.5 ppg) and forward Gwen Slaughter (10 ppg).



## TCU HORNED FROGS

**Location:** Fort Worth  
**Home Court:** Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (7,200)  
**Head Coach:** Jeff Mittie  
**2000-2001 record:** 25-8  
**Key Losses:** F Janice Thomas, G Jill Sutton, G Amy Porter, G Tricia Payne (tom ACL)  
**Player to Watch:** Forward Kati Safaritova will be expected to lead the Frogs with her stellar play after the loss of Payne. Safaritova was the team's leading scorer with 12.2 points a game.

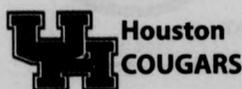
**Outlook:** Safaritova joins returnees forward Tiffany Evans and guards Ashanti Nix and Ebony Shaw to lead an inexperienced but very talented team. Junior college transfers Candace Baldwin and Grace Gantt will combine with freshman Sandora Irvin and Ashley Browning to help shape the Frogs best ever recruiting class.



## Cincinnati BEARCATS

**Location:** Cincinnati  
**Home Court:** Shoemaker Center (13,176)  
**Head Coach:** Laurie Pirtle  
**2000-2001 record:** 22-10  
**Key Losses:** F Katrin Merriweather  
**Player to Watch:** Sophomore guard Valerie King leads an experienced team and could improve on her team-best 16.2 points a game. King will be expected to take more of a leadership role this season along with her scoring.

**Outlook:** Junior point guard K.B. Sharp (170 assists) will team with King for a strong backcourt. Senior center Tammy Douglass (9.5 ppg) will be a force in the middle for the Bearcats. Also, freshman center Debbie Merrill will be asked to step in immediately and provide a post presence.



## Houston COUGARS

**Location:** Houston  
**Home Court:** Hofheinz Pavilion (8,479)  
**Head Coach:** Joe Curl  
**2000-2001 record:** 19-13  
**Key Losses:** F/C Monet Sykes, G Jessica Shanklin, F/C ShaRonda Lasseter

**Player to Watch:** Sophomore guard Chandl Jones will lead a fairly young Cougar team this season. Jones averaged 21.5 points a game on her way winning Conference USA Freshman of the Year honors. She tore her ACL in January but will be full strength for the season.

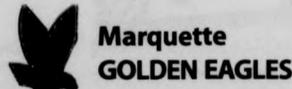
**Outlook:** Jones teams with senior center Valerie Muoneke and sophomore guard/forward Nicole Oliver, who will serve as the team's defensive specialist.



## UAB BLAZERS

**Location:** Birmingham, Ala.  
**Home Court:** Bartow Arena (8,500)  
**Head Coach:** Jeannie Milling  
**2000-2001 record:** 20-11  
**Key Losses:** G Mia Thrash  
**Player to Watch:** Senior guard Deanna Jackson led the conference in scoring last season with 25.1 points a game. Jackson will be asked to carry the load for the Blazers again this year. Jackson is also a force on defense, having led the team with 36 blocks and 54 steals.

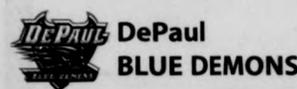
**Outlook:** As Jackson goes, so go the Blazers. Forward Natasha Thomas will be the Scottie Pippen to Phil Jackson's Michael Jordan. However, there is a drop-off after these two.



## Marquette GOLDEN EAGLES

**Location:** Milwaukee  
**Home Court:** U.S. Cellular Arena (8,946)  
**Head Coach:** Terri Mitchell  
**2000-2001 record:** 13-16  
**Key Losses:** G/F Heidi Bowman  
**Player to Watch:** Sarah Zawodny, a 6-foot-4-inch senior center, is the team's leading returning scorer having contributed 10.6 points a game last season. Zawodny also led the team in blocks and steals last season with 25 apiece.

**Outlook:** Bowman will be a tough loss, but the Golden Eagles return everyone else from an average team last season. Due to a tough non-conference schedule their overall record may not reflect improvement, but they will still be a threat with other returners like guard Kristi Johnson and forward/center Kristin Seffern.



## DePaul BLUE DEMONS

**Location record:** Chicago  
**Home Court:** DePaul Athletic Center (3,000)  
**Head Coach:** Doug Bruno  
**2000-2001 record:** 18-14  
**Key Losses:** F Candice Blankson, G Molly Watson, F Brianna Fitzgerald, C Sylvia Blackstee

**Player to Watch:** Senior forward and three-point specialist Lenae Williams led the team with 18.2 points a game last season and the burden will be even heavier on her this season with few key contributors returning.

**Outlook:** The Blue Demons chances of success will rely heavily on Williams' leadership and play and the contribution of bench players from last season like guard Laura Sobieszcyk and center Jamie Smith.

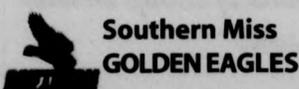


## Memphis TIGERS

**Location:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**Home Court:** Elma Roane Fieldhouse (2,800)  
**Head Coach:** Joye Lee-McNelis  
**2000-2001 record:** 17-13  
**Key Losses:** F/C Tiffany Adkins, F Malissa Bush, G/F Patrice Boyd, G Tiffany Collins

**Player to Watch:** Sophomore guard Tamika Rogers returning from an ACL tear after missing all of last season. With several key players gone from last season, Rogers' full health will be crucial to the Tigers' hopes for success.

**Outlook:** Along with Rogers, junior center Shannon Hamp and sophomore guard Princess Swiley will combine with a strong recruiting class to shape a young but talented team that is probably still at least a year away from being good.



## Southern Miss GOLDEN EAGLES

**Location:** Hattiesburg, Miss.  
**Home Court:** Reed Green Coliseum (8,095)  
**Head Coach:** Rick Reaser  
**2000-2001 record:** 12-18  
**Key Losses:** G Angela Johnson, G Crystal Courtney, F Jessica Wood (ACL)

**Player to Watch:** Senior center Yvonne Mason will be expected to be an important force in the middle for one of the top teams in C-USA. Mason's 11.6 points a game and 156 rebounds led the team last season.

**Outlook:** The lesser of the Golden Eagles may improve from last season, but can expect little better than mediocrity. Junior college transfer Sonja Brown, a 6-foot-5-inch center, will join Mason in the middle. Senior guard Janique Williams will be looked upon for leadership.



## Charlotte 49ERS

**Location:** Charlotte, N.C.  
**Home Court:** Dale F. Halton Arena (9,105)  
**Head Coach:** Katie Meier  
**2000-2001 record:** 10-18  
**Key Losses:** G Tonya Phifer  
**Player to Watch:** Senior forward Tonika Smith will be trying to lead the 49ers in field goal percentage for the third straight year after scoring 8.3 points a game last season.

**Outlook:** Phifer's 17.2 points a game will be greatly missed as teams key in on Smith and junior guard Alicia Abernathy.



## Saint Louis BILLIKENS

**Location:** Saint Louis  
**Home Court:** Baumgardner-Eberhardt Coliseum (7,000)  
**Head Coach:** Jill Pizzotti  
**2000-2001 record:** 14-14  
**Key Losses:** C April McHenry, F Bridget Beckman

**Player to Watch:** Senior guard Star Jackson returns in her leadership role at the point to go along with her 10.9 assists and 8.3 points a game.

**Outlook:** Jackson returns with leading scorer junior guard Christian Shelton to form a strong backcourt. However, with only four players who aren't guards, the Billikens will be hard pressed to compete physically.

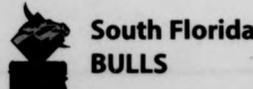


## East Carolina PIRATES

**Location:** Greenville, N.C.  
**Home Court:** Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum (6,000)  
**Head Coach:** Dee Stokes  
**2000-2001 record:** 16-22  
**Key Losses:** G Joana Fonseca, G Roc Canada, F Nikki Brown, F Tamika Murray

**Player to Watch:** Junior guard/forward Tai Robich returns her 18.1 points a game to a depleted team that was subpar last season.

**Outlook:** This is a young team in which eight of 13 scholarship players are freshmen. They'll play up-tempo to try and replace athleticism for experience, but it won't work often.



## South Florida BULLS

**Location:** Tampa, Fla.  
**Home Court:** Sun Dome (10,411)  
**Head Coach:** Jose Fernandez  
**2000-2001 record:** 4-24  
**Key Losses:** G Shannon Layne, F/C Denatrice Johnson

**Player to Watch:** Junior guard Aya Shepard returns her 17.3 points a game, but you're better off picking a player to watch from the opposing team.

**Outlook:** The Bulls won four games last season, maybe they can win five this year.

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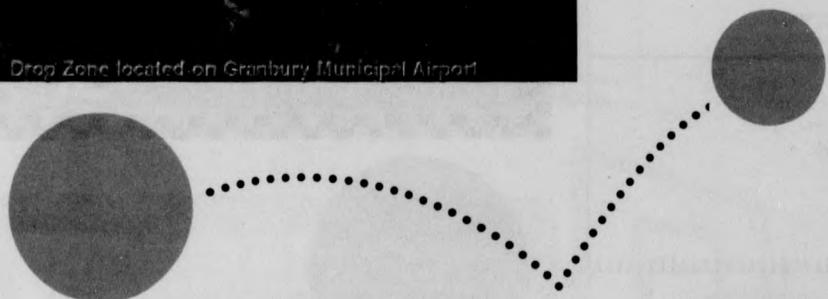


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## Did you know?

Junior forward Bingo Merriex averaged 21.7 points and 8.3 rebounds in the final seven games of the season. Overall, he averaged 11.5 ppg and shot 45.8 percent from the field.

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# THE MEN

### 1, Nucleus Smith, G

Nucleus Smith started 10 of 30 games he played in for the Frogs last season. Smith, arguably the most athletic player on this year's team, shot for 51.5 percent and averaged 6.9 ppg.



### 3, Corey Santee, G

Corey Santee is a true freshman from Southwestern Academy High School in Flint, Mich. In Santee's senior year, he averaged 20 points and seven assists a game.



### 4, James Davis, G

James Davis is a redshirt freshman from Detroit. Davis won Detroit's scoring title as a senior at Murray-Wright High School averaging 25.1 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.



### 5, Marcus Sloan, F

Marcus Sloan is a true freshman from Eisenhower High School in Houston. Sloan was a two-time all-state and as a senior averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds.



### 12, J.R. Jones, G

J.R. Jones, a former walk-on, appeared in six games last year, but played only seven minutes for the Frogs.



### 15, Alan "Junior" Blount, G

Alan Blount, a junior college transfer from Conners State Junior College in Warner, Okla., averaged 18.7 points, 5.3 assists and three rebounds a game last season at Conners. Blount shot 42 percent from beyond the three point arc.



### 23, Kenny Kelly, G

Kenny Kelly is a walk-on freshman from Denver. Kelly averaged 13.2 ppg and led the team with 2.8 steals and 4.0 assists a game last season.



### 30, Jamal Brown, F

Jamal Brown is a transfer from Seward County College in Kansas. Brown earned first-team All-American honors in the 2000-2001 season at Seward. Brown averaged 21.9 points a game and totaled 33 blocks last season at Seward.



### 33, Corey Valsin, G

Corey Valsin, who redshirted last season, earned all-state honors his senior year in high school at Lincoln High School in Port Arthur. He averaged close to 18 points and 10 rebounds a game his senior season.



### 34, Bingo Merriex, F

Bingo Merriex averaged 11.5 points a game, and shot 45.8 percent from the field and 36.6 percent behind the three point arc. Merriex played in 31 games for the Frogs last season.



### 35, Colin Boddicker, F

Colin Boddicker is one of two seniors on the Frogs 2001-2002 roster. Boddicker appeared in only three games for the Frogs last season after sitting out the first semester and rejoining the team Jan. 4.



### 40, Brian Carter, P

Brian Carter is a true freshman from Gibraltar Carlson High School in Rockwood, Mich. The Sporting News ranked him among the top 25 centers in the country as a senior in high school. Carter averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds his senior year in high school.



### 42, Marlon Dumont, P

Marlon Dumont started seven of the 30 games he played in last season for the Frogs, averaging 6.0 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. Dumont was a transfer last season from Seminole State Junior College in Oklahoma. Dumont is one of two seniors on the roster.



### 44, Rebel Paulk, P

Rebel Paulk started once last season and appeared in 16 games for the Horned Frogs. Paulk averaged 1.53 assists and 1.34 points a game in his career at TCU. Paulk was a redshirt during the 1998-1999 campaign for the Frogs.



### 55, Chris Campbell, P

Chris Campbell was on the Air Force Academy roster his freshman year then transferred to TCU in 1999 and was red-shirted. Campbell appeared in only one game last season for the Frogs.



### 00, Ronald Hobbs, G

Ronald Hobbs is a junior transfer from Texas Tech where he started 10 of the 16 games he appeared in for the Red Raiders last season. In his career at Tech he averaged 4.35 points and 2.31 assists per game. Hobbs is a graduate of Everman High School.



Scoring						
Player	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
1. A. Jackson (USF)	31	231	32	93	587	18.9
2. Brian Wardle (MAR)	29	175	65	129	544	18.8
3. Rodney White (CHA)	28	188	33	114	523	18.7
4. L. Billingsley (TUL)	30	196	12	137	541	18.0
5. M. Maybin (LOU)	31	173	65	139	550	17.7

Field goal pct.				
Player	G	FG	FGA	Pct.
1. Vandarel Jones (USM)	31	140	227	.617
2. Steve Hunter (DEP)	30	138	233	.592
3. David Walker (UAB)	29	119	209	.569
4. Will Campbell (UAB)	31	109	196	.543
5. B.B. Waldon (USF)	27	182	325	.534

Free throw pct.				
Player	G	FTM	FTA	Pct.
1. Jobey Thomas (CHA)	33	80	88	.909
2. Dominic Smith (HOU)	29	142	160	.887
3. Steve Logan (CIN)	34	132	150	.880
4. Brandon Spann (TUL)	30	118	140	.843
5. Brian Wardle (MAR)	29	129	154	.838

Three-point field goal pct.				
Player	G	3FG	FGA	Pct.
1. Reece Gaines (LOU)	28	28	61	.459
2. Shyrone Chatman (MEM)	36	54	133	.406
3. Elvin Mims (USM)	30	43	106	.406
4. Jobey Thomas (CHA)	33	94	234	.402
5. David Wall (USM)	28	61	153	.399

Rebounding					
Player	G	Off	Def	Tot	Avg/G
1. Kelly Wise (MEM)	36	114	249	363	10.1
2. Ledaryl Billingsley (TUL)	30	88	187	275	9.2
3. Patrick Okafor (HOU)	28	125	117	248	8.6
4. Ledaryl Billingsley (TUL)	29	106	139	245	8.4
5. Will Campbell (UAB)	31	95	157	252	8.1

Assists			
Player	G	Assists	Avg/G
1. Imari Sawyer (DEP)	30	179	5.97
2. Kenny Satterfield (CIN)	35	172	4.91
3. Le Andrew Bass (UAB)	30	146	4.87
4. Brandon Spann (TUL)	30	145	4.83
5. Shyrone Chatman (MEM)	36	165	4.58

Steals			
Player	G	Steals	Avg/G
1. Dominic Smith (HOU)	29	65	2.24
2. Cedric Smith (USF)	31	60	1.94
3. Kenny Satterfield (CIN)	35	60	1.71
4. Brandon Spann (TUL)	30	51	1.70
5. B.B. Waldon (USF)	27	41	1.52

Blocked Shots			
Player	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1. Vandarel Jones (USM)	31	77	2.48
2. Gerrick Morris (USF)	31	75	2.42
3. Steve Hunter (DEP)	30	72	2.40
4. Linton Johnson	30	58	1.93
5. Donald Little (CIN)	35	66	1.89

**Did you know?**

The men's basketball team led the nation in scoring with 93.6 ppg in 2000-01 season. The Frogs scored over 100 points 12 times. It was the second time in three years the Frogs led the nation in scoring.

**Trading Places**

# Same old story

*"This team is still young and a bit inexperienced, so establishing a style is a priority before we can change it to fit the conference" – Billy Tubbs*

By Ram Luthra  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs does not have any tricks to pull out of his hat in his final year at TCU for his new friends, or foes, in Conference USA.

Tubbs will repeatedly find his team in a position where they are on a fast break with a man trailing and three defenders in front, but junior forward Bingo Merriex will abruptly stop and pull a three-pointer on the break instead of taking the ball to the basket.

"Every single time it will be the same result," Merriex said. "I am going to let it fly. That's TCU basketball."

That was the tune Tubbs and his Frogs played the past seven years since he's been in Frogland. And that up-and-down style of play won't change a bit as TCU enters its fourth conference during Tubbs' reign.

TCU will continue running up, gambling on defense and probably score close to 100 points per game this year in the new conference, Tubbs said.

"We change the style of our team's play based on our own players that fit it," Tubbs said. "We do not change it based on our conference opponents."

Despite the Frogs' style, Tubbs feels some transitions will have to be made by his team in C-USA.

"This (C-USA) is a more conservative league," Tubbs said. "In the WAC there were some teams like that but you always had Fresno State, SMU and Tulsa which were more aggressive, similar to us."

TCU was indeed aggressive last season leading the NCAA in scoring with 93.6 points per game. It will, however, find itself entering C-

USA as the worst scoring defensive team by giving up nearly 82 points a game.

"This team is still young and a bit inexperienced, so establishing a style is a priority before we can change it to fit the conference," Tubbs said.

Tubbs said he has scouted and studied each team in the conference by watching tapes during the off-season.

"My coaching staff has seen four different games of each team in the summer," Tubbs said. "Players have seen several games, as well."

C-USA has players that are bigger, stronger, quicker and more athletic than the players the Horned Frogs faced in their non-conference and Western Athletic Conference schedule last year, Tubbs said.

Marquette and Southern Miss will give TCU problems with their slow, patient style of play. Tubbs compares those teams to teams in the WAC that TCU struggled with last year as Rice, UTEP and San Jose State.

"Marquette and Southern Miss will give us a lot of problems," Tubbs said. "They walk the ball up and don't get into their offense until late in the shot clock. That takes a lot out of our game when they do that."

Various teams in the conference employ different defensive schemes as zone defenses, man-to-man and halfcourt traps which may further hamper the Frogs in the new conference.

"Conference USA has more teams that play different defenses compared to the (Western Athletic Conference)," Tubbs said. "But the good thing is that is similar to our team, because we play many defenses throughout the game."

Louisville head coach Rick Pitino brings his famous fast-paced offense and full-court press defense which he used at Kentucky and the in NBA with the Boston Celtics.

With the high powered offense and athleticism that Louisville, Memphis and Charlotte bring, Tubbs has been focusing a bit more on defensive strategies.

"Right now we are probably devoting nearly 70 percent of our time in practice on defense," Tubbs said.

Tubbs feels the team to watch in C-USA is Charlotte, which has the most

conference titles (two), tournament victories (13) and championship game appearances (four).

DePaul, which scored 72.3 points per game last year, tops in C-USA, hopes to increase its scoring this year. Leading the way for the Blue Demons

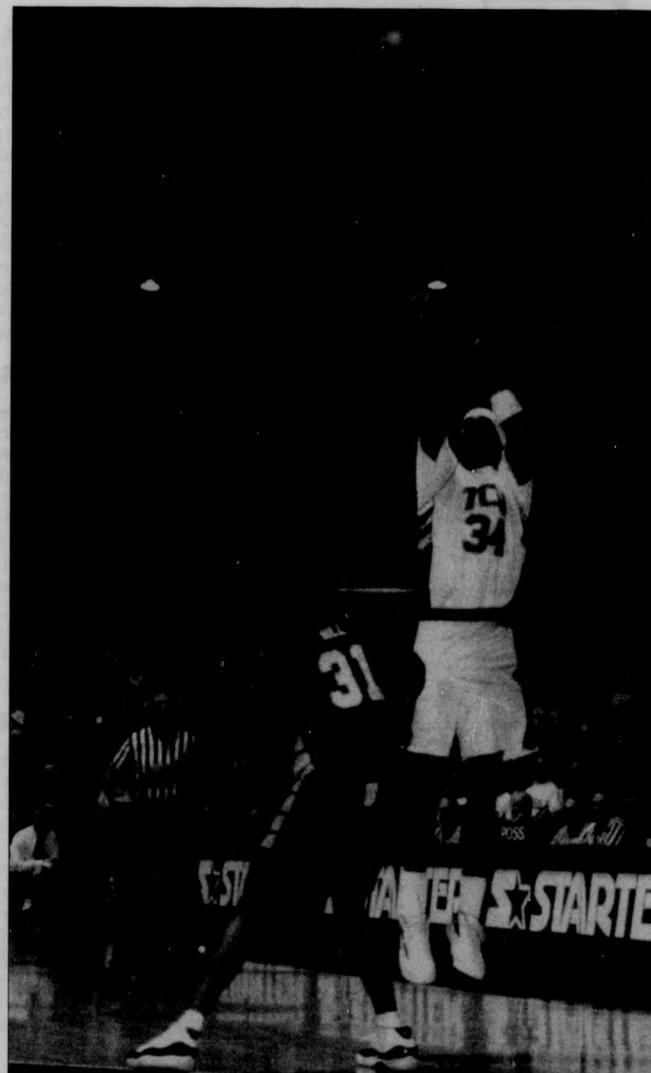
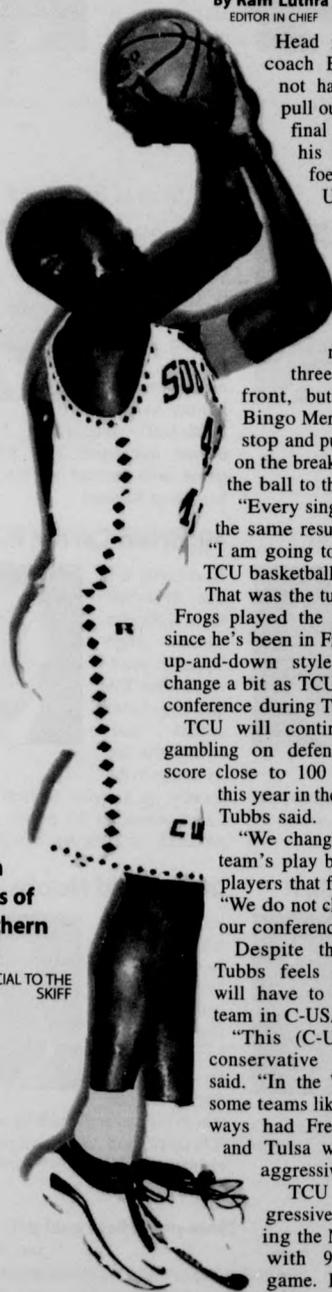
will be sophomore point guard Imari Sawyer who averaged nearly 12 points per game and six assists in his freshman campaign.

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Elvin Mims of Southern Miss

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Junior forward Bingo Merriex stops for the easy three-pointer against Tulsa last season. Merriex and the Frogs will still play a run-and-gun style in Conference USA, which is a more conservative conference.

## NEW FACES

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up the offense for three-consecutive postseason teams. He handed the reigns to his cousin, Thomas McTyer, who led TCU in assists the

past two years and steals in 1999-2000.

Santee said he focuses on his abilities, the past few years.

"There's not pressure or high expectations," Santee said. "The game is faster and the players are stronger, but I'm adjusting well. I'm not re-

ally worried about it because the team is behind me 100 percent."

Tubbs said Santee has performed well in running TCU's up-tempo offense and pressure defense.

"He's a good decision-maker on the court, but he just needs more experience in our system," Tubbs said.

"It would be hard to expect him to do better than he's done. He's got a great career ahead of him."

In his last season at TCU, molding potential and experience will pay off with time, Tubbs said.

"It will just take games to find out about this team," Tubbs said. "Ob-

viously we've had a lot of breakdowns because we have a lot of new players. If we're patient, I think this club is going to get better every game, and that's called experience."

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## Did you know?

Head men's basketball coach **Billy Tubbs** has a lifetime 579-282 record (.672 winning percentage). He was named National Coach of the Year twice at Oklahoma. He has guided TCU to four 20-win seasons.

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## Trading Places

Corey Valsin

## Frogs try to replace six players lost from last year

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

The sight of the men's locker room has changed for junior forward Bingo Merriex.

"There are a lot of new faces," Merriex said. "It's like a brand-new team."

When TCU opens its season tonight against Northwestern State (La.), the Frogs will look entirely different than the team that went 20-11 last year. Gone are six players who took with them 411 games-worth of experience, 76.3 points and 27.8 rebounds per game.

With six of their top nine players having not played a minute of Division I basketball, the Frogs are a new basketball team.

"It's going to be a learning experience for us this year," Merriex said.

A learning experience that head coach Billy Tubbs said he relishes.

Smith said the enthusiasm of the team and the willingness to

learn make this a fun squad to coach.

"This is a young team, and it's fun teaching basketball," Tubbs said. "We'll play hard every game and out-hustle teams. I liked our team just watching the two exhibition games. We'll have some good firepower if we could get our defense unleashed."

Replacing the lost firepower should not be a problem. Merriex returns as TCU's leading scorer (11.5 points a game), and the Frogs have added junior transfer Junior Blount, who drained seven of 10 three-pointers in TCU's first exhibition game. Senior post player Marlon Dumont (6.0 points) will see an increased role in the offense.

Finding rebounding and blocks will prove more of a problem.

Merriex said this year the Frogs cannot rely on individual efforts.

"Ryan Carroll was our leading scorer, Thomas McTyer led with assists and Derrick Davenport got the rebounds and blocked shots," Merriex said. "Now we got to have more than one guy on the team score, block shots and get rebounds. It has to be a team thing."

Of the new players, true freshmen Corey Santee will face the biggest adjustment. Tabbed as the No. 1 point guard in Michigan last year by *Prep Spotlight*, the Flint native will take the floor as TCU's starting point guard.

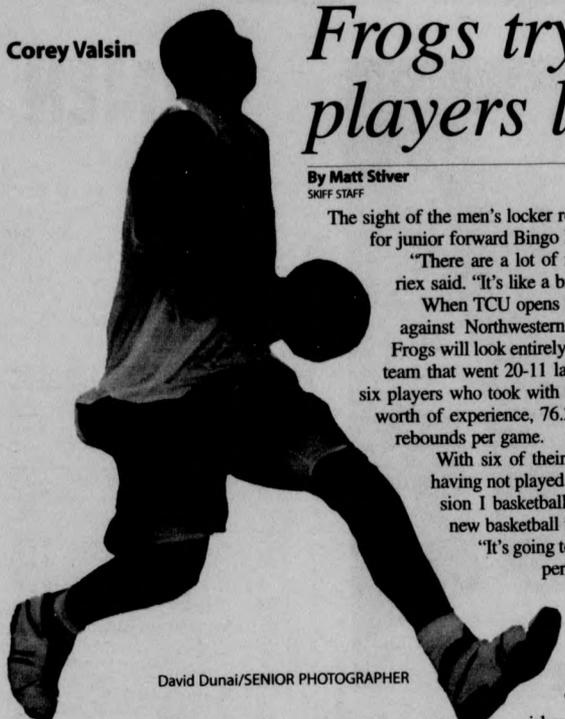


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Senior forward Marlon Dumont protects the ball against a Grambling State defender last season. Dumont is expected to be a major contributor this season for the Frogs.

Point guard has been a position of stability for the Frogs during the past seven years. Prince Fowler set

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## Frogs ready to 'Nuke' 'em

### Nucleus Smith expected to step up as team leader in 2002

By Colleen Casey  
SKIFF STAFF

A nucleus is defined as a central or essential part around which other parts are gathered or grouped.

This definition is exemplified by sophomore guard Nucleus Smith's role on the men's basketball team.

"Everyone just follows what I do. They surround me," Smith said. "I just do what I want to do."

With the loss of three guards, the Frogs will count more than ever on the 6-foot-2-inch guard. A reserve for most of the first half of last season, Smith started five of the last six games. He averaged 13.1 points and 2.5 assists a game over the final 10 games.

This season, head coach Billy Tubbs said Smith is expected to be one of the leading scorers and will play both guard spots, although he is better suited to playing at the two-guard spot.

"He's without a question one of our best players," Tubbs said. "He's very solid on paper and is a well-rounded person."

Tubbs said he knows Smith is a good scorer, as evident by shooting nearly 51 percent from the field, but

he would like to see him become more aggressive.

"Saying that I want him to be more aggressive offensively still means he plays hard," Tubbs said. "But he passes up shots we'd like him to take. He's very unselfish."

Smith, a humble leader, has been playing basketball since he can remember. His father and brothers played and it was almost expected that he pick up a basketball as well.

In his hometown of Pontiac, Michigan, Smith graduated from Pontiac Northern High School in 1999. Prep Spotlight named him the No. 6 senior prospect in Michigan and the No. 2 point guard.

After graduation, Smith then attended prep school at Maine Central Institute where he averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds over the season's final 12 games.

Basketball was beginning to pay Smith back for his dedication, especially when he signed a scholarship letter to attend TCU in August 2000.

Smith said owes his college career to basketball.

"Basketball got me here. It's the only reason I'm at college," Smith said.

Smith, a pre-major, has yet to determine what he would like to do for the rest of his life, except play the game he loves.

"I want to do something with basketball, like coaching," Smith said. "I wish I could major in basketball."

Since his freshman year, he said he's adjusted well to the big jump to Division I basketball, especially adapting to the increased physical demands on the basketball court.

Tubbs said Smith is coming off a great summer.

"He's tried to develop his game and work on areas he needed to work on," Tubbs said. "He has more knowledge (this season) of what to expect."

Smith said he'd like to become more of a scorer, and fulfill his position of co-captain for his teammates.

"Being a leader on the court means when Coach Tubbs isn't getting on you, I will be," Smith said. "They'll listen to me."

If Smith does that, he will be the nucleus of the team.

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### ■ Smith File:

**Full name:** Nucleus W. Smith

**Position:** Guard

**Height:** 6 feet 2 inches

**Weight:** 193 pounds

**Hometown:** Pontiac, Mich.

**High school:** Pontiac Northern High School

**Accolades:** Averaged 13.1 points and 2.5 assists in last 10 games of the 2000-2001 season; averaged 6.9 points a game and shot 51.5 percent; as a senior in high school, averaged 18.2 points, 9.8 rebounds and 5.6 assists a game.

Nucleus Smith

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# 2001-02 SCHEDULE

## MEN

N 16	vs. Northwestern St.	8:05 p.m.
N 25	vs. Louisiana Monroe	3:05 p.m.
N 28	vs. Southwest Texas St.	7:05 p.m.
D 01	@ Texas Tech	noon
D 04	vs. Creighton	7:05 p.m.
D 08	vs. Lenoir-Rhyne	7:05 p.m.
D 15	vs. Texas-San Antonio	8:05 p.m.
D 18	vs. SMU	8:05 p.m.
D 20	vs. Appalachian State	7:05 p.m.
D 23	vs. North Texas	3:05 p.m.
D 29	vs. Baylor	8:05 p.m.
J 05	@ South Florida	6 p.m.
J 09	vs. Memphis	8:30 p.m.
J 12	@ Louisville	1 p.m.
J 15	@Houston	7:30 p.m.
J 19	vs. Tulane	11 a.m.
J 23	@ Marquette	7 p.m.
J 26	vs. Southern Miss	7:05 p.m.
J 29	vs. UAB	7:05 p.m.
F 02	@ Memphis	1 p.m.
F 06	vs. DePaul	7:05 p.m.
F 09	vs. Houston	7:05 p.m.
F 12	@ UAB	7:05 p.m.
F 16	vs. South Florida	7:05 p.m.
F 23	@ Southern Miss	7 p.m.
F 26	@ Tulane	7 p.m.
M 2	vs. East Carolina	7:05 p.m.
M 6-9	C-USA Tournament	TBD



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Top: Head coach Billy Tubbs diagrams a play during the Frogs' exhibition win over Czech-Select Nov. 5. Bottom: Junior point guard Candace Baldwin and the women's basketball team celebrate after the Frogs exhibition win over Abyhoj-Denmark Nov. 13.

## WOMEN

N 16	vs. Sam Houston St.	7 p.m.
N 18	@ Air Force	5 p.m.
N 24	@ Oregon	8 p.m.
N 27	@ Oklahoma	7 p.m.
N 30	vs. Prairie View A&M	7 p.m.
D 02	vs. San Diego St.	1 p.m.
D 08	vs. Rutgers	1 p.m.
D 15	vs. SW Missouri St.	6 p.m.
D 18	vs. TAMU-CC	5:30 p.m.
D 22	vs. BYU	1 p.m.
D 29	vs. Arkansas	6 p.m.
J 01	vs. Montana State	1 p.m.
J 03	vs. Santa Clara	7 p.m.
J 06	@ Houston	1 p.m.
J 13	vs. Houston	1 p.m.
J 18	vs. Cincinnati	7 p.m.
J 20	vs. Louisville	1 p.m.
J 25	@ Charlotte	6 p.m.
J 27	vs. East Carolina	1 p.m.
F 01	@ South Florida	6 p.m.
F 03	@ UAB	2 p.m.
F 08	vs. Southern Miss	7 p.m.
F 10	vs. Tulane	1 p.m.
F 15	@ Memphis	7 p.m.
F 17	@ Saint Louis	1 p.m.
F 22	vs. DePaul	7 p.m.
F 24	vs. Marquette	1 p.m.
M 1-4	C-USA Tournament	TBD



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