

Report Card

As students get ready for final exams, the Skiff grades the football team's performance on offense, defense, special teams, and coaching staff. See Sports, page 10.

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A slate of new products have arrived on the market just in time for the Christmas season and are prime presents for friends and family. See Holiday, page 5.

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Fort Worth, Texas

University crime stats to be online

By James Zwilling
STAFF REPORTER

A new program by the U.S. Department of Education will enable students considering any of the nation's 6,269 colleges, universities and career schools to view college crime statistics online at (<http://op.ed.gov/security>).

TCU Police have reported their crime statistics on their own Web site for a couple years, TCU administrative Sgt. J.C. Drake said.

Drake, who posts the statistics to the TCU Web site, said the U.S. Department of Education's decision to move the figures online is just another trend to publish information on the Internet. He said TCU has been putting its statistics online not just because it is required, but also because it helps prospective students.

The Web sites report everything from burglaries and stolen vehicles to sexual assaults and rape. According to the Department of Education's Web site, the 2000 statistics have not been studied to produce a national picture of crime trends on college campuses.

"(Reporting statistics online) is easier for students, colleges and folks who are looking at the university to find out what is going around our campus," Drake said.

TCU Detective of Criminal Investigations Kelly Ham said reporting statistics on the Web site can also help the TCU Police do its job better by giving people an idea of what is happening on campus.

"For one thing, it's important to know what crimes are happening and where. For another thing, it's a good resource for people who are looking at the university," he said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Holiday Tree Lighting to be held at 9 p.m. today

Due to inclement weather, the university canceled Wednesday night classes and Order of Omega rescheduled the Holiday Tree Lighting for 9 p.m. tonight in front of Sadler Hall.

Order of Omega Vice President of Programming Burkitt Jensen said a decision had already been made to postpone the tree lighting if the Wednesday classes were canceled.

Jensen said the tree lighting was postponed so that students would not have to be out in the dangerous weather conditions.

Jons Grille to reopen Monday, future unclear

Jons Grille will reopen to sell hamburgers, cheese fries and other favorites Monday, said the restaurant's weekend manager Aris Xhakupi.

The restaurant closed Saturday after the death of owner Jon Meyerson, 52. Xhakupi said he is not sure how long the restaurant will remain open or who will decide the future of the restaurant.

The restaurant is located at 3009 S. University Drive and was opened in 1989.

COLLEGE BRIEFS

SAT scores still stuck in New Jersey post offices

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — For 7,800 high school students who took the SAT I and II on Oct. 13, answer sheets remain stuck in post offices in Trenton and Princeton, N.J.; as a result they may have to apply to colleges before receiving their scores.

And though students applying to University of California still must turn in applications by Friday's deadline, the score delay should not affect applicants, UC spokesman Brad Hayward said.

— Daily Bruin

No guarantees for visa renewals

Problems will keep some international students in U.S. for winter break

By Noah Bond
THE DAILY UNIVERSE (BRIGHAM YOUNG U.)

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) — There is no telling when Edlira Bozgo can safely visit her homeland in Albania.

Going home is like gambling, because there is no guarantee a visa will be renewed, said Bozgo, a first-year clinical lab science major at Brigham Young University.

According to the international services office at BYU, because Bozgo is an international student, the I-20 form gives her permission to attend BYU in the United States.

Her I-20 form is still valid, but her visa has expired.

"If I come back (to BYU after visiting Albania), I'll need a visa," Bozgo said.

As a result of pressures from the United States government, consulates along the Canadian and Mexican borders can no longer renew visas for applicants from Third World countries, according to a letter sent to international student services employees.

The only way that Bozgo can renew her visa is to leave the country.

All international students at BYU, like Bozgo, will be affected this holiday season because of the U.S. government crackdown on immigration.

Since Sept. 11, many visas have

been denied, according to the international services Web site.

If an international student does not have a visa to re-enter the United States, they may not be able to return after the holidays, said Cally Zlatkova, 28, a BYU international student from Bulgaria.

A letter sent to international students services employees said some consulates are even canceling previously scheduled appointments with international students.

A friend of Bozgo who wanted to visit his family in Albania after a five-year absence, went home for what he thought would be a short visit.

When he could not renew his visa, access to the United States

was denied and he now must start his education over again because Albania does not honor American diplomats, Bozgo said.

Because of this incident, Bozgo's parents will not allow her to go home.

According to the International Services office, Bozgo is one of 1,706 international students at BYU facing the reality of being denied access on their return trip to the United States.

Countries with a likelihood of visa processing delays include Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, according to the international student Web page.

X-MAS 'XTRAS



Joe Patton, a 1959 graduate of TCU, sells his holiday crafts for a 15th year Wednesday. "We (he and his wife) only sell these two days out of the year. If you want one after tomorrow, you'll have to wait 363 days," Patton said.

Picking up pieces of so many lives

AIDS Memorial Quilt panels to be displayed in Student Center ballroom

By Piper Huddleston
STAFF REPORTER

Kathryne McDorman, director of the honors program, lost a close friend to AIDS. She and another friend wanted to do something special to remember the loss of their friend, she said.

"We felt that the most appropriate thing to do was to make a panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt to remember him by," McDorman said.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt, a tribute to people who have died of AIDS, will be displayed in the Student Center Ballroom 9 p.m.

to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in remembrance of World Aids Day, Dec. 1.

The Fort Worth/Tarrant County division of the NAMES Project, an international organization that uses the quilt to educate and make people aware of the severity of AIDS, asked TCU to sponsor the event because the university had successfully sponsored the quilt in 1992, said Angie Taylor, co-chair of the TCU Quilt Project.

Randy Linville, co-chair of the Fort Worth/Tarrant County NAMES Project, said this is an

opportunity for the TCU and Fort Worth communities to ask questions and talk about the seriousness of AIDS. He said he hopes that the quilt will help people to become more aware and compassionate.

"The adversity reflected in the panels will hopefully help people realize that AIDS is a disease that can touch everyone in some way," Linville said.

The entire quilt has 44,000 panels, each one commemorating a person who has died from AIDS. Two hundred individual panels will be displayed at

TCU, including some specifically requested with local names, Taylor, who is also the director of alcohol and drug education, said.

The quilt project started in San Francisco in 1987 by gay rights activist Cleve Jones and a group of volunteers. They wanted to express their grief over the deaths of their loved ones and to make the public aware of the devastation caused by AIDS.

Today, the quilt in its entirety

SEE QUILT, PAGE 4

Forum focuses on the importance of organ donation

By Jill Sutton
STAFF REPORTER

There are 66,067 patients waiting for transplants across the nation and one organ and tissue donor can provide up to seven life saving organs, according to statistics from LifeGift, an organ donation organization.

A forum focusing on the importance of organ donation was held Wednesday in The Main to inform students of the importance of becoming an organ donor, said forum organizer Scott Calvert, a junior neuroscience major.

According to the LifeGift Web site, most organ donors are victims of accidents that

cause fatal head and spinal injuries — car wrecks in which drivers or passengers aren't wearing seat belts.

LifeGift, one of 62 Organ Procurement Organizations in the United States, is a non-profit organization responsible for the identification and care of organ donors, organ retrieval, organ preservation, transportation and data follow-up regarding organ donors.

Calvert said he organized this project, with the help of the Honors Program, Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical and pre-dental society, and LifeGift, in order to present the issue of organ donation to college students and inform them of ways they can help. He

said this project was for an assignment in his Nature of Values class.

"I want to increase the awareness of students about the problems that arise because of the lack of donors," Calvert said.

Dolly Gentry, a representative from LifeGift, spoke to students at the forum on the importance of having organ donors available before the need arises. She said students can give just as much as anyone to this cause, no matter what their age is or how much money they have.

"Usually students are very open to becoming donors," Gentry said. "Sometimes they feel they are not qualified, but I just tell them that

organ donors come in all shapes and sizes. Age is not an issue with this type of gift."

Calvert said students can still participate by signing a donor card, which are available at a booth that will be The Main until Friday.

Gentry said she hoped what she said would make students more aware of the need for organ donors and encourage them to sign a donor card.

"It is a need that has to be addressed," said Calvert. "Students need to get information and help attack this problem."

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TCU

Semester in review
Tomorrow is the final issue of the TCU Daily Skiff for this semester. Look for a pictorial review of events that occurred on campus and throughout the world this semester.

Today in history
1904 - President Theodore Roosevelt wrote a letter to his distant cousin Franklin, saying that he approved of Franklin's engagement to the President's niece, Eleanor.

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **The annual holiday craft fair** will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. For more information call (817) 257-6276.

■ **The TCU Jazz Ensembles, directed by Curt Wilson**, will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

■ **The TCU Student Holiday Art Sale** will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the TCU ceramics room in Moudy Building North, Room 133. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to Toys for Tots.

■ **A new club is forming for people interested in robotics.** Pizza will be provided at the meeting at 3 p.m. Friday. For more information contact Charles Hannon at (817) 257-6174 or (c.hannon@tcu.edu).

■ **The AIDS Memorial Quilt** will be displayed on campus from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom in commemoration of World AIDS Day. For more information call (817) 257-7855 or (817) 257-7100.

■ **The TCU Wind Symphony and Choral Ensembles** will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Bobby Francis is symphony conductor and Ronald Shirey is the choral conductor. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

■ **The TCU Opera Theatre, directed by Richard Estes**, will present "An Evening of Operatic Scenes" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

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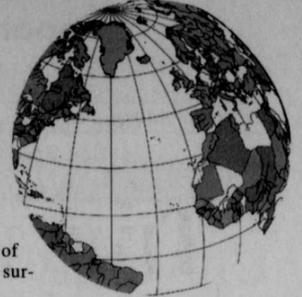
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WORLD DIGEST



Fox creates position to probe leftists' disappearances in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — President Vicente Fox is creating a special prosecutor to investigate reports that hundreds of leftists vanished while in government hands — by far the most dramatic move by any Mexican administration to lift the veil from horrifying past abuses.

Fox ordered the position's creation Tuesday after Mexico's National Human Rights Commission presented a 3,000-page report concluding that many of the 532 people who were reported as having disappeared in the 1970s and early 1980s had been seized by municipal, state or federal agents.

Human Rights Ombudsman Jose Luis Soberanes said that while his agency could confirm only 275 of the cases, further investigation might confirm others.

"The justice that has been awaited for decades is beginning to become a reality," said Fox, whose action partly fulfills campaign promises he made before becoming taking office a year ago.

Fox also ordered the creation of a committee to consider ways of compensating relatives of the victims, and he directed federal agencies to release tens of thousands of files that might shed light on human rights violations between 1960 and 1985, or perhaps even cases today.

The missing victims include suspected members and sympathizers of small guerrilla groups that carried out bombings, kidnappings and occasional slayings during the 1970s in hopes of creating a communist state in Mexico.

Mostly farmers, students and rural school teachers, many were arrested without warrant and disappeared into clandestine prisons at Mexican police and military bases, Soberanes said.

All of those mentioned in the report were tortured or abused.

Soberanes opened the presentation by reading a terrifying account from a survivor: a woman who described being forced to watch the beating and electroshock torture of her husband and her 1-year-old daughter after agents had raped and tortured her as well.

Although the report implicated 37 municipal, state and federal agencies, the majority of the abuses appeared to involve the army or the former Federal Security Directorate.

Soberanes said human rights laws barred his agency from naming the 74 officials — 59 federal and 15 from the state level — implicated in the forced disappearances. But he turned the report and its files over to prosecutors so that they could bring charges.

The report was formally presented at the National Archive, a former prison building known

as the "black palace" of Lecumberri, which served as Mexico's chief political prison. The stone cellblocks, which now silently house library tables, were visible through tall glass windows.

During his campaign, Fox vowed he would investigate past human rights abuses; his election in December ended 71 years of often-authoritarian rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

But many human rights activists remained skeptical, especially following the Oct. 19 slaying of prominent human rights lawyer Digna Ochoa, after a series of death threats.

"There is a recognition that there was a period of clear and undeniable violations of human rights," said Edgar Cortez, director of the Jesuit-run Miguel Agustin Pro Human Rights Center where Ochoa once worked. He noted that previous governments had often tried to ignore the issue.

But he said he wanted to see the results of Fox's promises.

David Cabanas, whose brother Lucio led Mexico's most famous rural guerrilla band of the 1970s, expressed concern that the report did not name the torturers and that an army general, Rafael Macedo, is the attorney general overseeing the case.

Cabanas said Fox's announcement "could be important, but we need to see deeds."

Oppressed aid the oppressed in Rwanda during conference

MURAMBI, Rwanda — Scores of skeletons — some with jaws open in silent screams, others with bony hands clasped to their heads — line the classrooms of a Rwandan school that has become a memorial to the slaughter of minority Tutsis.

Rwandans, along with Jews, American Indians, Aborigines, Bosnians and Armenians, gathered at the high school Wednesday to remember the 1994 genocide in which more than half a million people were killed.

Some 40,000 were killed in the school alone. "The whole country is one huge mass grave; the whole place is a huge killing field," Irfanka Pasagic of Tuzla, Bosnia, said tearfully.

Pasagic, a clinical psychologist, is in Rwanda for an international conference to find ways to help Rwandans deal with the mass slaughter.

She survived the massacre outside Srebrenica in which Serbs who controlled the Muslim enclave are accused of slaughtering some 8,000 Muslim men and boys.

The six-day conference that began Sunday was organized by the New York-based Group Project For Holocaust Survivors and Their Chil-

dren and IBUKA, a coalition of Rwandan associations of genocide survivors.

Yael Danieli, an official with the New York group, said she assembled the gathering after being moved by a plea a year ago. "Teach us how to live after death," the Rwandan genocide survivor had said.

"The purpose is not only to share our experiences but also to let others know that the price we pay is lifelong and multigenerational, especially where the right kind of help is not provided or there is neglect," said Danieli, a Jew who lost relatives in the Holocaust.

The trip to Murambi, 37 miles southwest of the capital, Kigali, was arranged to let the 30 foreigners attending the conference see firsthand the horrors of the genocide and pray for the victims.

Rwanda has been struggling to reconcile its society, reconstruct its shattered economy and bring to justice those involved in the extremist Hutu government-orchestrated killing.

The slaughter of minority Tutsis and political moderate Hutus was triggered by the mysterious shooting down of the plane carrying Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana to Kigali on April 6, 1994.

The genocide ended when Tutsi rebels led by current President Paul Kagame captured Kigali and formed a government made up of both Hutus and Tutsis.

But IBUKA official Bonaventure Niyibizi said the pain does not end with the killings.

"There is widespread psychological trauma which we do not have the capacity to address," Niyibizi said. "The justice system is overwhelmed by the magnitude of the crime and survivors still need assistance."

At least 120,000 Rwandans are in jail awaiting trial on charges connected with the genocide. Another 51 have been detained by a U.N. tribunal in neighboring Tanzania on charges of masterminding the mass killings.

The Rwandans and the foreigners walked silently through the school on the crest of a hill, their eyes welling with tears as they passed the remains of men, women and children.

"Give our brothers and sisters in Rwanda the strength and courage to live and deal with the aftermath of genocide," prayed Chris Mato Nnunpa, a member of the Dakota Indian nation.

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TIME TO CARE

AIDS Quilt lets students reflect

On Saturday, students can think about something bigger than TCU, bigger than themselves. During World AIDS Day, students can reflect on a disease that affects innumerable lives. The goal of day is to bring "compassion, hope, solidarity and understanding about AIDS to every country in the world." And students don't even have to leave campus to participate. The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in the Student Center Ballroom Saturday and Sunday.

Each panel of the quilt memorializes the life of a person who died of AIDS. Since 1987, the quilt has grown to include more than 44,000 panels — more than 44,000 lives. Two hundred panels will be displayed on campus.

This weekend, students can learn and reflect on this devastating disease while people all over the world are doing the same. They can figuratively step outside the safe, secure boundaries of the university and connect with the world. This is an opportunity to feel united with humanity, not just with Horned Frogs.

Randy Linville, co-chair of the Forth Worth/Tarrant County NAMES Project, said he hopes the quilt will help people realize AIDS can affect everyone.

"There is an apathy about the AIDS epidemic and statistics are showing a rise in HIV and AIDS of young people in the age group of college students," Linville said.

Education about the disease is vital for students because a false sense of security can lead students to place themselves at risk. Along with the display of the quilt, students will have the opportunity to educate and learn to protect themselves from the disease.

Now is the time of year when students are distracted by approaching final exams and Christmas break. Trivial concerns are on the minds of many. This weekend, forget about trivial worries and reflect on the countless number of lives that have been lost to AIDS, and other countless lives that have been changed forever because of the disease. Observe the AIDS Memorial Quilt and experience the pain and love that accompanies each panel.

The theme this year of World AIDS Day is "I care...Do you?" Students have the opportunity to answer that question this weekend.



Therapeutic cloning carries benefits

A company recently announced that it can clone human embryos, and the public backlash has been strong. However,

when I examine the opponents' positions, it becomes apparent that they misunderstand exactly what took place in the company's lab. Their reaction demonstrates that skipping some facts can make people jump to big conclusions.

The first mistake opponents make is they assume the company is researching reproductive cloning. That is, it wants to put these embryos into a mother and create a baby. What the company wants to do is therapeutic cloning, which is growing cloned tissues and organs in a lab.

Ultimately, the research will eliminate the need for donated transplants. For example, instead of

putting a heart patient on a long donation list and letting them die because there is no matching donor, the patient would donate a skin cell. The skin cell would be changed into stem cells. The stem cells would then be altered so they would grow into a new human heart. No human harvesting or waiting list would be necessary. The heart patient would have a perfectly matched heart, since it is a clone of the heart inside the patient's body.

Therapeutic cloning research has the potential not only to help heart patients, but any patient in need of a transplant, as well as people who suffer from Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, AIDS and many other illnesses that are currently considered fatal.

Are we crossing into God's territory with this research? This argument reminds me of the statement over the initial controversy over airplanes: "If humans were meant to fly, God would give them wings." My response: If God did not want us to consider doing this research, He would not have given us the brains capable of doing so. Let us analyze

the facts of the situation before proclaiming what God demands.

Would therapeutic cloning lead to reproductive cloning? No, because the processes involved are very different. Remember, these are not naturally occurring embryos that are created from the union of a sperm and an egg. These are artificially created embryos made from a skin cell and an egg.

The artificial embryo does not have everything necessary to develop if it was implanted in a mother. The very act of impregnating a woman with this embryo would be unethical, as it would pose grave dangers to itself and the mother. Reproductive cloning research is very different from this kind of research, and it can be accomplished without knowledge of therapeutic cloning.

There will always be some people who will say, "An embryo is an embryo, and all embryos are human beings. Therefore, it is unethical to experiment with therapeutic cloning." This definition calls an embryo a human being before a woman becomes pregnant. That is, before the embryo attaches

itself to the mother. Some embryos do not reach this stage, and other embryos attach themselves in other places, which can put the mother's life in danger.

In my opinion, the best time to call an embryo a human being is after it has attached itself in the uterus where it can safely grow. However, I do not expect churches to accept this definition for many years. It took the Roman Catholic Church 300 years to acknowledge that Galileo was right when he said the earth orbited around the sun. I do not expect it to change its definition of a human being any time soon.

I am surprised that people have decided to oppose such a potentially beneficial technology without getting all the facts about what actually took place. If the research is banned in America, it will simply move on overseas. The benefits of this technology will change the world. The question is, will people change their minds first?

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Commentary



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The 'typical male' is outdated

What do you expect, I'm a guy.

It's Sunday night, so of course I'm watching television, enjoying "The Simpsons." During the commercial break, an ad for the show "Dark Angel" comes on. The men in the room all drop silent long enough to watch Jessica Alba strut across the screen in tight black leather.

Now, this show has no redeeming qualities, besides Jessica Alba's fantastic "acting talents." (I have, unfortunately, watched it.) So it made me wonder, how the hell is this show still on the air? Simple enough. The producers take advantage of the stereotypical guy. Guys will supposedly watch anything as long as there is a "hot chick" running in tight and/or scant clothing or if there's all sorts of violence and explosions. By exploiting this "standard," the network helps keep the stereotype alive.

Our shared culture, which often boils down to mass media, reinforces this archetypal male. Movies such as "American Pie" glorify the sole-minded chase for a "piece of ass." MTV features videos with all sorts of sexually suggestive material. Flipping through the radio, there is constant praising of sexual conquest in songs cutting across all genres of music. It is considered a mark of distinction if you can get many women, preferably attractive ones, in bed, often. This is where the double standard comes in. If a man has a lot of sex, especially with different partners, he's "the man." A

woman does the same thing and she's considered a "slut" or "whore." So for the male of the species, it is a much larger part of their gender identification to get sex, and often. Those who do not are often looked down upon, made fun of, etc.

Of course, being a "man" inherently assumes heterosexuality, so, the easiest way to insult one's "manhood" is call them "gay." And of course, what is the expected response to someone slinging such accusations?

"Don't make me have to kick your ass."

The other way to prove you're a "man": beat up whoever offends or insults you. This macho posturing goes on daily. A guy is expected to attack anyone who degrades his woman's honor. There's the idealistic form, the "knight in shining armor," chivalrous, slaying-the-dragon-to-save-the-fair-maiden type. There's centuries of literature and movies reinforcing this ideal. But, unfortunately, it now has degraded into a street fighting mentality of calling out someone for smearing your girl's name.

Societal pressures, especially on teenagers in their formative years, reinforce this. You're "not a man" if you let someone go on talking about you or your woman without punching their lights out. And that's if you manage to "win" a fight. It's fairly humiliating to get beat up, and then have someone question your manhood on top of it while you're still struggling with your personal identity in your formative years.

So where does this come from? It would seem to me that these ideals

might have been evolutionary necessary. Men are fertile every time they engage in sex; women are not. I hope everyone knows this by now. From an evolutionary standpoint, all sex that cannot cause reproduction is useless. After all, humans are one of the few species that has sex for the sole purpose of pleasure. So, using this perspective, it would make sense that men have as much sex as possible, and women have sex only when able to reproduce. And the tendency towards violence as a defense mechanism is obviously important for protecting oneself and one's offspring against predators and rivals, especially when you or yours are specifically threatened.

However, in this "advanced" age, we no longer have need for these primitive ideals. We do not need to worry about reproducing. As a species, we have managed to trump Darwin. So we should use our "higher intellect" and create reasonable gender models that are not so objectionable to us. We need to teach men to accept other men without need for macho posturing, and women to appreciate men who do not follow these primitive rules.

Maybe all this "double standard" and "ridiculous gender role" talk is all wrong. Maybe I just don't understand my fellow men. According to TheSpark.com's gender test, I aim, after all, a woman. But I'd like to think that I have some idea about my own gender. So, until the day we can cast aside these silly gender roles and absurd stereotypes, I'll be staring at women and beating up people, because you know I'd hate for people to think I wasn't a "man," right?

SAT scores are a necessary part of the college admissions process

This year the president of the University of California announced that the UC system would do away with the SAT for admissions to all of its schools. UC President Richard Adkinson made the recommendation to discontinue the tests because he says the test has little correlation with success in college and is weighted too heavily.

However, Jim Atwood, TCU's chairman of freshman admissions, said the university has no plans to eliminate the test. "I doubt if it would happen in the near future," he said. "It would be wrong for us not to ask for a blanket indicator. The SAT is just one factor among many considered for admission."

The SAT is a very necessary blanket indicator and an important part of the admissions process.

William Bowen, the former president of Princeton University, and Derek Bok, the former president of Harvard University, show some of the weaknesses of the SAT in admissions in their 1998 book "The Shape of the River." Their studies found that those who had SAT scores in the highest percentages were not the most likely to graduate from college.

However, Bowen and Bok are not arguing against using SAT scores in admissions. They use their studies to show that academic performance should not be the only factor considered.

Bowen and Bok show a need for the SATs to divide the pool of applicants into those who are capable and those who are not capable of doing the curriculum at a school.

The SAT is necessary to compare college applicants easily and procedurally to each other. Characteristics like geographical location, hobbies and challenges students have overcome in their life are also important to consider in admissions.

However, Bowen and Bok say that these factors come into con-

sideration only after the SAT has determined a pool of capable applicants.

The University of Texas system admits the top 10 percent of high school classes without considering SAT scores. This new method gives those who were unsuccessful on the SAT for various reasons but proved academic capability through high school performance an opportunity to enroll. It has shown little change in admissions.

The results of eliminating the SAT have yet to be determined. The UC system may show that the SATs are not an effective factor for admissions.

However, Atwood and TCU have made a wise decision to not follow that example.

Studies show the importance of multiple factors, including the SAT, for admissions. Until the UC system can prove otherwise, TCU and other schools must continue to use the SAT to determine the capable students.

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\$20B aid package approved

By Alan Fram
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House blocked a Democratic effort Wednesday to add billions to the President Bush wants for national security and aid to New York and moved toward approving a bipartisan \$20 billion anti-terrorism package.

The largely party-line 216-211 vote was a victory for the Republican leadership and Bush, who has threatened to veto the legislation if extra money is added. Most GOP lawmakers stayed behind the president despite pressure from unions, airports and other groups supporting the extra spending Democrats want.

"Our opponents across the aisle are trying to outbid us," said Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas. "What this is about is wise and prudent spending of the taxpayers' resources."

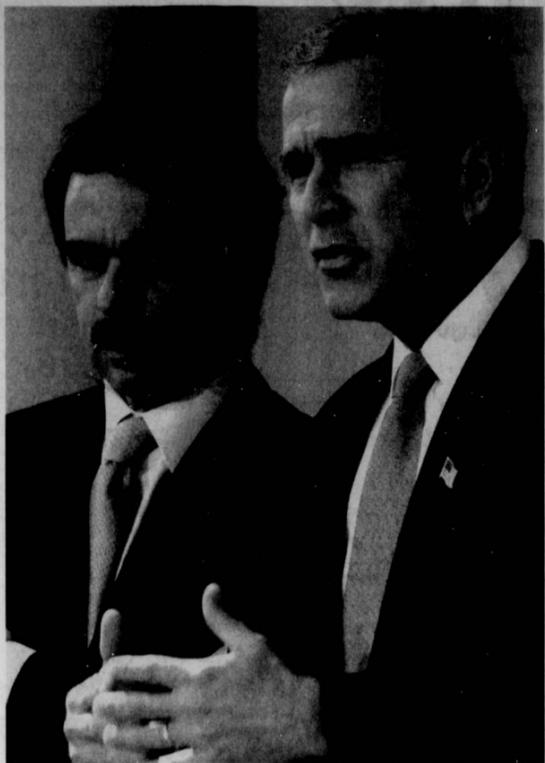
The House vote prevented Democrats from offering three amendments that would have added \$7.2 billion for hiring border guards, purchasing smallpox vaccines and other domestic security programs; \$6.5 billion for defense; and \$9.7 billion to help New York and other communities recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We're going after the snake," Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., said about the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan. "They're going to try to retaliate."

Despite the outcome, Democrats planned a procedural vote later in the day aimed at derailing the bill until more money is added. It, too, seemed likely to fail.

The battle was pitting an effort by Bush to restrain federal spending against a Democratic drive to boost spending on border patrols, food inspection and other programs that are widely popular at a time of widespread worry over terrorism.

In a letter to House leaders, White House officials renewed their veto threat if money was added. They have said they will consider boosting the spending



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

President Bush speaks to the press after meeting with Jose Maria Aznar, prime minister of Spain, Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the White House.

next year. "We look forward to working with the Congress to ensure that the highest priority needs are met in an expeditious manner," they wrote.

In the Senate, majority Democrats had been trying to add \$15 billion for domestic security programs to a separate economic stimulus bill. But in a sign of movement Wednesday, Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Democrats would slice that amount in half and shift the money to the Senate's version of the anti-terrorism spending package.

Bush has threatened to veto any legislation that would spend any more than the \$40 billion in emergency anti-terror spending he and lawmakers agreed to on Sept. 14. That was three days after the attacks that leveled the World Trade Center towers and damaged the Pentagon, killing more than 3,000 people.

Bush controls half that money. The other \$20 billion, which needs congressional approval, is attached to a defense bill providing \$318 billion for this year that the House was debating.

N. Alliance rejects idea of international security force

By Tony Czuczka
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany — The northern alliance on Wednesday rejected an international force to keep security in post-Taliban Afghanistan, saying the alliance's own troops were sufficient.

The issue of security is one of two items to be decided at U.N.-sponsored talks among four Afghan factions that will decide the war-torn country's political future. The other issue is an interim administration.

"We don't feel a need for an outside force. There is security in place," northern alliance delegation leader Younus Qanooni told reporters at the talks, which began Tuesday outside Bonn.

However, Qanooni said, if a more extensive security force is needed, it should be comprised of ethnic groups within Afghanistan.

The United Nations has offered three proposals for a security force to ensure peace in Afghanistan once the Taliban are defeated: an Afghan force, a U.N. peacekeeping force and an international security force. Officials have indicated that an international force would be the most realistic.

The United States, which has sent a delegation to observe the talks, has not taken a position on whether an eventual security force should be multinational, U.S. envoy James F. Dobbins said.

"Our understanding is not that they're refusing to discuss it but that they're of the view that security is actually pretty good at the moment," Dobbins said, referring to the northern alliance.

Though no decision has been made yet on a multinational force, Turkey, Indonesia and New Zealand have offered to contribute troops. U.S. officials have also cited Bangladesh and Jordan as possible participants.

But many Afghan fighters are

hostile to the idea of any international troops on their soil, recalling a long history of battling foreign occupiers, from the British Empire in the 19th century to the Soviets in the 20th.

Qanooni also dampened expectations building at the talks that the exiled former king would head an interim administration, saying he would have a role only if elected by a traditional national council, called a loya jirga.

"We don't believe in the role of a person and personalities. We believe in a system," Qanooni said. "If the people agree through a loya jirga that the king has a role, of course, no one can deny that."

Delegates from other factions at the conference indicated earlier Wednesday that consensus was growing around the ex-king as head of a transitional administration.

The first goal of the talks is to decide on an interim administration that will run Afghanistan until a loya jirga can convene, possibly as early as March. Tribal leaders at the initial loya jirga would approve a transitional government to be in place for up to two years, leading to a second loya jirga, which would approve a constitution and set the stage for elections.

Fatima Gailani, an adviser to one of the four groups negotiating at the talks, said Wednesday that the delegates appeared to be nearing agreement that former King Mohammad Zahir Shah, 87, would run that first administration. Zahir Shah has been living in exile in Rome since being overthrown in 1973.

"The majority, everyone agrees that whatever procedure, he will be the head of it. How much power he will have, we have to discuss this," said Gailani, who is advising the delegation of exiles based in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Deputy U.N. mediator envoy Francesco Vendrell and Dobbins, the U.S. envoy, both said delegates from all four groups at the table

would like to see a role for the king. No faction favors a return of the monarchy, and northern alliance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani strongly opposes the king as head of state.

The four delegations were to meet Wednesday afternoon in a working session with the chief U.N. envoy to Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, following a meeting earlier in the day between the two largest factions, the northern alliance and that of the exiled former Afghan king, U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said.

Secluded in a luxury hotel near Bonn, Germany, the groups are under strong international pressure, not only from the United Nations but also from the United States and Afghanistan's neighbors, who have observers at the talks, to come up with a formula for an interim administration to replace Taliban rule and a security force.

Vendrell indicated a measure of impatience with the pace of talks so far. Despite plans, the four groups have not yet met together since agreeing to the agenda on Tuesday.

"We have to decide whether we should not help them move along and overcome obstacles," he said, adding that the U.N. will probably "encourage them, prod them."

After heralding a unifying tone at the opening sessions, the United Nations toned down expectations on the talks' second day.

"These talks are not going to be easy. One grain of sand can stop the machine," Fawzi said.

Despite the conflict over the security force, Qanooni called the meetings "positive" and said he expected them to be wrapped up in two or three days.

Western nations hope to use the promise of billions in reconstruction aid as leverage to prod the Afghans toward a historic agreement on a broad-based government, a constitution with full civil rights for women and eventual elections

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is 792,000 square feet, the size of 26 football fields, Linville said. The NAMES Project Foundation displayed the entire quilt in 1996 in Washington. It is possible that 1996 might have been the last display of the entire quilt as it has now outgrown the

display ground on Capitol Hill.

There will also be a display of photos taken of AIDS patients and computers set up with AIDS information Web pages bookmarked at the event, Taylor said. Entertainment will be provided by the theater and fine arts departments, she said.

Linville said that it is important to develop an awareness of AIDS, especially among the TCU students.

"There is an apathy about the AIDS epidemic and statistics are showing a rise in HIV and AIDS of young people in the age group of college students," Linville said.

Taylor said that she hopes TCU students will realize that it is possible to get AIDS if they are not responsible.

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CRIME

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Ham said he thinks the U.S. Department of Education's Web site is a great idea because it allows students and parents to compare schools.

"If you continue to check these Web sites you will be able to con-

tinue comparing the data from several universities," he said. "I think our department does a good job and we're happy we can put these statistics online."

Campuses nationwide are required by law to collect and disseminate campus crime statistics, and last year the federal government created the centralized Internet report-

ing system for the information.

The U.S. Department of Education compiled the data which represents alleged criminal offenses reported to campus security and do not reflect prosecutions or convictions, the Web site states.

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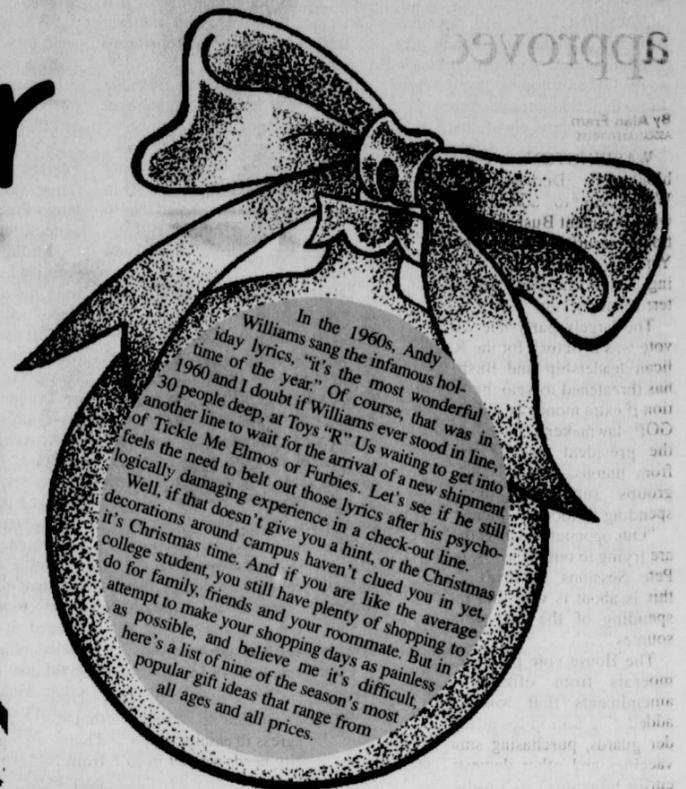
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Where and How Much: Walmart \$169.95

Ages: 13 and up

Gift description: Our little Game Boy is all grown up. Ever since the first Game Boy's introduction into society about 10 years ago we've seen the item go through many changes: Mini Game Boy, Game Boy Color, and now Game Boy Advance. With detailed graphics and a symphony style music selection, Game Boy Advance sports all the qualities of a mature handheld video game. Also, the game can be hooked to three other systems to play against each other. And just when you thought the added bonuses wouldn't end, it can also be used as a controller for Nintendo's other new invention, GameCube. Using only two AA batteries and lasting for weeks at a time, Game Boy Advance makes other handhelds look like TV remote controls.

Where and how much: Best Buy \$99.95

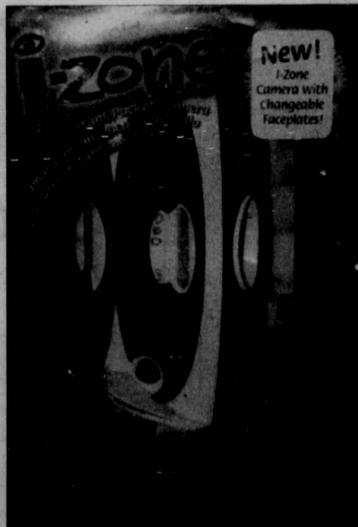


Gift: Nintendo GameCube

Ages: 13 and up

Gift description: Is there even a description needed for the GameCube? This much anticipated game system hit stores recently, going head-to-head with its competitor, the Microsoft Xbox. The GameCube sports a basic look that lives up to its name. The console is relatively small compared to other systems, and four players are allowed to play at once. Along with state-of-the-art graphics, the GameCube has a little edge over its competition with the outrageous amount of games that are available to use on the system.

Where and how much: Best Buy \$199



Gift: Microsoft Xbox

Ages: 13 and up

Gift description: Along with the GameCube, the Xbox is another one of the long-anticipated video game systems. Like its competitor, the Xbox has digitally advanced graphics and a new look that is attracting consumers everywhere. The console is in the shape of an X, as well as the controllers. Unlike the GameCube, the Xbox can play DVDs as well. Although the Xbox does not have as many games available as the GameCube, its graphics are more advanced than its competition.

Where and how much: Best Buy \$299

Gift: Polaroid I-Zone Convertible Camera and Fortune Film (sold separately)

Ages: 10 and up

Gift description: Polaroid's instant film camera takes on a new form this season with the newest addition to the Polaroid family, the Convertible Camera. The I-Zone camera comes with two interchangeable faceplates that come in an array of different colors, all fitting to your mood and style. The camera works great in the outdoors and has a 2- to 8-foot shooting range. It is also equipped with a focus-free flash and selectable film advance. The Fortune Film is another invention from the Polaroid minds. After you snap a picture and pull out your developing picture, a fortune appears like the usual fortune of something good coming your way or the sarcastic "finally, a version of you that doesn't talk." Let's just hope that Polaroid doesn't go overboard with a plaid cover or scratch and sniff film — oh wait, that's next year's idea.

Where and how much: Target \$23.99

Airstrikes damage Taliban base

Planes dropping leaflets to deliver several messages, information

By Matt Kelley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Leaflets dropped by American planes over Afghanistan are starting to persuade some Taliban troops to give up their fight, the Pentagon said Wednesday. "We're happy about that," said spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem.

Stufflebeem said planes continue to drop leaflets with a number of messages, including those giving information on humanitarian aid, wanted posters on Taliban and al-Qaeda leadership and some to prompt defections in the few remaining parts of the country where fighters are still resisting opposition forces.

"We are still delivering messages to have those pockets of resistance... those kinds of individuals surrender and give up their fight," Stufflebeem told a Pentagon press conference.

"We are starting to see some success from those," he said. "In having interviews with those who are detained, there is information that is coming forward that they are having a positive effect."

Earlier, the Pentagon reported that U.S. airstrikes damaged a compound believed to be used by senior Taliban or al-Qaeda figures, but it is unclear if any were killed.

"They had a confluence of intelligence which led us to believe there was senior leadership in the building," said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

"We do not have names, we don't

have a sense of exactly who was in there. We do not have any sense that Omar was there," she said referring to Taliban head Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Marines and equipment arrived at a U.S. base in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, bringing the number to between 750 and 800, Clarke said.

The Marines began arriving Sunday at a makeshift base 70 to 80 miles southwest of Kandahar to boost pressure on Taliban fighters holding out against opposition forces.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that the bombed compound near the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar was thought to hold leaders of the ruling Taliban militia, Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda organization and Wafa, a Saudi humanitarian aid organization that was among several groups named by the United States as alleged money conduits for bin Laden and his network.

"The strike was considered effective in terms of the damage it did to the building, but beyond that there's not much to tell at all," Clarke told a Wednesday briefing, saying pictures showed "we got a lot of it."

F-16 jets and B-1B bombers dropped precision-guided weapons on the compound. Intelligence on the targets came into U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., while Rumsfeld was visiting Tuesday afternoon.

Rumsfeld later told reporters "it clearly was a leadership area" and

that those targeted were not trivial figures.

"Whoever was there is going to wish they weren't," he said.

A senior Taliban representative denied speculation that the group's top leader, Omar, had been injured or killed in the airstrikes.

A former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said Omar was unharmed, the Afghan Islamic Press, a Pakistan-based news agency, reported Wednesday.

"Mullah Mohammed Omar ... is safe and sound. He hasn't been hurt, nor any other Taliban leader," Zaeef said. He said U.S. planes had hit the house of a local Taliban leader in Kandahar's Dand area. However, it was not an al-Qaeda or Taliban base, he said. He gave no details of casualties and his claim could not be independently verified.

Several hundred members of al-Qaeda have been killed during the seven weeks of the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Seven of those killed were considered al-Qaeda leaders, said another official, also speaking on condition of anonymity. They include Mohammed Atef, one of bin Laden's top two deputies, killed in a U.S. strike around Nov. 14. Other leaders believed killed include Mohammed Salah and Tariq Anwar, two high-ranking members of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, who are part of al-Qaeda, the officials said.

Dynegy calls off Enron deal

By Kristen Hays
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. teetered toward bankruptcy Wednesday after its smaller rival, Dynegy Inc., called off its planned \$8.4 billion acquisition of the energy giant.

Dynegy officials announced their decision shortly after two agencies downgraded Enron's credit rating to junk status — triggering an obligation to immediately repay billions of dollars in debt that the once-mighty energy trader probably doesn't have the money to cover.

Enron shares plunged \$3.33, or 81 percent to 78 cents in Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange; less than a year ago, they were trading at \$84.87. With nearly 200 million shares exchanging hands, Enron smashed the one-day trading record for a NYSE-listed stock.

Dynegy shares were off \$4.09, or 10 percent, to \$36.81, also on the NYSE.

Analysts said the dire situation left Enron, the seventh largest U.S. company in terms of revenue, facing almost certain bankruptcy.

"It's the end of Enron, no question about it," said Gordon Howald, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais Securities in New York. "I don't know who else could step in."

Enron suspended payment of some debt and its executives were "evaluating and exploring other options to protect our core energy businesses," said Kenneth L. Lay, the company's chairman and chief executive.

"To do this, we will work to retain the employees necessary to the continuing operations of our trad-

ing and other core energy businesses," he said in a statement.

Dynegy said Enron had breached its acquisition agreement, triggering a "material adverse" clause and causing it to call off the deal.

"Sometimes, a company's best deals are the very ones it did not do," Dynegy chairman and chief executive Chuck Watson said in a conference call.

Dynegy said it is no longer trading with Enron, and that the dissolution of the deal does not reflect a failure of the energy trading business.

"The industry has had several weeks to prepare for this event," said Steve Bergstrom, Dynegy's president. "There are no signs of degradation, just a shifting of business between players."

Dynegy acted shortly after Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service both cited a loss of confidence that the deal would be consummated. They also that Dynegy's willingness to go through with the buyout had been compromised by continued erosion in investor confidence and Enron's core energy trading business.

The downgrades make \$3.9 billion of Enron debt due immediately, and up to \$16 billion in other debt originally due next year could come due earlier.

Dynegy also said it would exercise its right to purchase Enron's Northern Natural Gas pipeline, an option it received after it and ChevronTexaco Inc. — which holds a 26 percent stake in Dynegy — pumped \$1.5 billion into the ailing Enron.

Enron said in a statement that is

reviewing Dynegy's decision to exercise the option. Despite Dynegy's claim to the pipeline, analysts are anticipating a battle over Enron's assets in bankruptcy court.

"It's going to be a fight" between Dynegy and Enron's creditors, Howald said.

Spokesmen for both Enron and Dynegy didn't return repeated calls seeking comment Wednesday. Neither Watson nor Bergstrom would take questions during their conference call.

Enron and Dynegy, both based in Houston, had spent the last several days trying to hammer out a revision to their Nov. 9 merger agreement, which valued Enron stock at more than \$10 per share.

"This comes in response to the fact that they weren't able to craft a deal last night. They were working on getting more cash (from banks shepherding the merger) last night, but they didn't get it," said A.G. Edwards & Sons analyst Mike Heim said. "I think bankruptcy's not too far away."

Raymond James analyst Jon Kyle Cartwright predicted Dynegy will survive with a few battle scars.

"I believe we all misunderstood how dramatic a credibility crisis can be in a recession in a bear market," he said. "The speed at which Enron collapsed caught us all off guard."

Enron, which earned \$979 million on \$100.8 billion in revenue in 2000, last month revealed that partnerships run by its executives had allowed the company to keep about half a billion in debt off its books and allowed the executives to profit from the arrangements.

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CIA officer killed in northern Afghanistan

By John L. Lumpkin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rioting prisoners killed CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann at Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, the agency said Wednesday. He was the first American killed in action inside the country since U.S. bombing began seven weeks earlier.

Officials recovered his body from a prison compound only after northern alliance rebels, backed by U.S. airstrikes and special forces, quelled an uprising by Taliban and al-Qaeda prisoners.

Spann, at the compound to interrogate prisoners, was caught inside when the riot began and had been missing since Sunday. The CIA provided few details of the circumstances of his death.

CIA Director George J. Tenet addressed agency employees Wednesday morning, saying Spann was an American hero and calling on fellow officers to "continue the mission that Mike Spann held sacred."

"And so we will continue our battle against evil with renewed strength and spirit," Tenet said, according to a statement provided by the agency.

The flag outside CIA headquarters in McLean, Va., flew at half-staff.

Spann was a paramilitary trooper within the CIA's Directorate of Operations, the agency's spy service.

"Quiet, serious and absolutely unflappable, Mike's stoicism concealed a dry sense of humor and a heart of gold," Tenet said. "His brand of leadership was founded not on words, but on deeds — deeds performed in conditions of hazard and hardship."

Spann, 32, leaves a wife, two daughters and an infant son.

Originally from Winfield, Ala., he served in the Marine Corps as an artillery specialist, reaching the rank of captain before joining the CIA in June 1999.

"He wanted to be in the FBI or CIA. That's what he always wanted to do," said Billy Mack Spann, a distant relative in Alabama. "He got in the service and went from there."

"This week has really brought home the war to Winfield," said family friend Tracy Estes.

Four other Americans, all military

personnel, have been killed in connection with the fighting in Afghanistan. All died in accidents outside the country, two in a helicopter crash in Pakistan.

The CIA has been running covert operations in Afghanistan alongside the more public military effort. CIA officers are believed to have been providing weapons, money and intelligence to rebel groups opposing the Taliban and al-Qaeda, as well as interrogating prisoners captured during the fighting.

The prison riot began Sunday when hundreds of Arabs, Pakistanis and other non-Afghan prisoners captured after the fall of Kunduz, the Taliban's last stronghold in the north, stormed an armory for weapons.

Thousands of northern alliance fighters, aided by U.S. commandos and airstrikes, assaulted the compound, but the prisoners held out for days.

Five U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded Monday when a U.S. bomb went astray. They were evacuated to a U.S. military hospital in Germany, where one remained in intensive care and the other four were in good condition.

The alliance had recaptured most of the fortress prison by Wednesday. Hundreds of prisoners and dozens of alliance fighters were dead.

"This is a dangerous period of time," President Bush had said Monday. "America must be prepared for loss of life."

The CIA often keeps the death of one of its own secret, usually to protect a clandestine operation or the identities of foreign agents working with the officer. Neither was the case with Spann's death.

Two CIA officers died in the line of duty in 1998. No information has been released about their identities or the circumstances.

Since the agency's creation, 78 CIA officers and employees have died or have been killed in the line of duty, agency spokesman Mark Mansfield said. Each has a star on the wall in the lobby of the agency's main building.

Slightly more than half of the stars include names. The identities of the rest are secret.

U.S. gov't purchases smallpox vaccine

By Lauea Meckler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration signed a contract Wednesday to buy 155 million doses of smallpox vaccine from a British firm, preparing for the possibility terrorists would try to spread the deadly virus.

The contract with Acambis Inc. will bring the nation's stockpile to 286 million doses of the vaccine by the end of next year, promising protection for every American should bioterrorists attack with the all-but-extinct virus.

"The risk does exist and we must be prepared," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

The vaccine can be administered four days after exposure to smallpox and still offer protection. For that reason, and because the vaccine can cause some rare but deadly side effects, officials have no plans to resume the routine vaccinations of Americans that ended in 1972.

Thompson said that buying the new vaccine is sure to prompt demand for the shots by some Americans and debate in Congress and at the White House over whether vac-

inations should resume.

The government already has 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine on hand, and each of them will be diluted to create five doses, bringing the total to 77 million. Researchers are studying whether each dose could be further diluted, to get 10 doses from each one.

In either case, the diluted vaccine would only be used if the new doses had not yet been delivered, or if they ran out, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

An additional 54 million doses have already been ordered from Acambis and are expected to be delivered next year.

The new contract will bring another 155 million doses, which are expected by late fall 2000. They will cost the government \$428 million, or \$2.76 per dose. That's less than the \$509 million that the Bush administration has asked from Congress to pay for the new vaccine.

The initial budget request assumed that the government would need to buy 250 million doses, but new research has found that the existing vaccine can safely be diluted,

meaning much less new vaccine is needed.

To make the newest batch of vaccine, Acambis has teamed with Baxter International, which will begin brewing doses immediately at an undisclosed European factory, said Acambis spokeswoman Lyndsay Wright. Acambis' own manufacturing will begin soon at a factory in Cambridge, Mass., she said.

"Between the two of us, we have the manufacturing capability," she said.

After the vaccine is manufactured, it must be tested in clinical trials and then approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA promised a sped-up review but promised not to lower its standards.

Smallpox hasn't occurred in the United States since 1949 and was declared eradicated from the globe in 1980. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a Moscow laboratory hold stocks of the virus, and experts worry that samples could fall into terrorists' hands and be brewed into enough to be used as a weapon.

Bioterrorism experts say a smallpox attack is unlikely, but it could

overwhelm communities were it to occur. The virus is highly contagious, and nearly a third of its victims die.

"Obtaining the vaccine represents an important insurance policy," said Dr. D.A. Henderson, who led the global campaign that eradicated smallpox and is now Thompson's top bioterrorism adviser. "This is not because of any particular threat or new threat or anything of that sort. It's simply a prudent thing to do at this point in time."

Thompson added that while the risk of a release of the virus is low, it is real.

"We hope that increasing our smallpox vaccine stockpile would serve as a deterrent to any individual terrorist who would consider using smallpox as a weapon against us," he said.

HHS officials have been negotiating for weeks with several drug makers for the new smallpox contract. Two other companies were in the final bidding, Merck & Co. and GlaxoSmithKline.

Final offers were submitted last week. Thompson said Acambis was chosen because of its experience and because its offer was lowest.

Computer industry serious about 'best time to buy' Personal computer prices hitting an all-time low

By David Hayes
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

I'm having a serious case of digital envy.

People are buying computers all around me, and it's making me crazy. My angst doesn't have anything to do with the friends who are buying, or what they're bringing home. It's just that all these sub-basement sale prices have given me a serious itch to buy.

The computer industry has made an art form out of telling consumers now is the best time to buy. This time, the industry may not be stretching the truth.

The average price of a personal computer has fallen to an all-time low. According to research firm NPD Intellect, the average sale price for a personal computer dur-

ing the first nine months of the year fell below \$900 for the first time — to \$899.

To put that in perspective, in late 1995 an average computer sold for around \$2,100. The price dropped to \$1,173 in 1998. By 1999, the price had dropped further, to \$984, according to NPD Intellect. And last year, the average price was \$957.

At the same time, computers have gotten faster, monitors have gotten bigger, hard drives are virtual caverns and manufacturers routinely add CD-ROM burners.

Sub-\$800 computers, an industry fad to lure new buyers three years ago, have been replaced by sub-\$600 computers.

For \$599, Gateway is selling a computer with a 1.1-gigahertz In-

tel Celeron processor, 20-gigabyte hard drive, 128 megabytes of random access memory (RAM) and 15-inch monitor. The deal includes Windows XP (\$99) and a free year of America Online (\$287), which effectively means that the actual computer costs about \$212 if you go the AOL route.

Dell is offering a similar deal, although Gateway has the Austin, Texas, manufacturer beat on giveaways (Dell is only offering six months of free AOL service).

For the average user, these are workmanlike computers and terrific deals. For surfing, they will fly across the Web. They will handle office tasks easily.

Seasoned computer users, however, would scoff. Many computer

games and some new Internet telephony applications require both sound and video cards — separate components that fit into the motherboard, the heart of the computer. Sound and video elements for the lower-price models are built into the motherboard and aren't as robust, so some games will run poorly. And neither the Dell nor the Gateway comes with a CD-ROM burner.

Cutting some of those corners is the reason these computers can sell at sub-\$600 prices. The components are, for the most part, low budget. To start, they use Intel's Celeron processor, which is a couple of steps below the Pentium 3 or Pentium 4, which are included in top-of-the-line computers today.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries (March 21-April 19) - Don't deplete your savings to get something you want badly. Remember the old adage about not putting all of your eggs in one basket.

♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Everybody may think you can't win, but don't give up. Hold out for what you want or what you think you're worth. Right now, you're stubborn enough to succeed. Make them think you'll walk if you don't get your way. Besides, tomorrow's a good day for finding a better job.

♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Proceedings may grind to a halt when others bog down in arguments. Don't try to give them facts when they've already made up their minds. Wait until tomorrow. You have a better chance of getting through then.

♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Continue to cut out frills and keep down expenses. You're good at this, and conditions are right for it. It'll be easy to decide what to keep, what to throw away, what to get and what to do without.

♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - The interrogation isn't over yet. No need to squirm. You're looking good. Just tell the truth, and if you don't know the answer, say so. A couple of good guesses could work for you, but don't push your luck. Stay respectful.

♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Think you could get the day off? One way or the other, office matters may have to wait. You'll be out late doing errands, so don't make a date for tonight.

♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Duty calls. You may have to postpone a social engagement because of chores that must be done. Decisions must be made, money must be spent, bills must be paid. Get together with friends tomorrow.

♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Seems like something's always happening, to steal those precious moments. You know, the ones when you and your sweetheart are together, blissfully not talking. Schedule something special for Sunday. Meanwhile, get all that other stuff finished!

♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Don't make any dates for tonight. You may have to work late. Get together with your sweetheart over the weekend and share some quality time together. Right now, too many things need fixing.

♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Don't make a date for tonight - too many complications. Everything will take longer than expected, and most of it is more expensive than anticipated. Don't buy costly gifts for your loved ones now. First, replenish your resources.

♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're trying everything, but the problem persists. Pushing harder won't work this time. In fact, this situation may require an answer you don't have. Don't worry. By tomorrow, the problem may have solved itself.

♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Traveling still looks problematic. Can you get what you need some other way? Even that could be a hassle. How about just doing without it for one more day? Information you receive could have errors, too.

Purple Poll Q: Are you an organ donor?



A: Yes 9 No 91

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
 1 Emotional tones
 6 Spy Mata
 10 Read quickly
 14 Small bay
 15 "Once a midnight dreary..."
 16 Toast topper
 17 Flight part
 18 Disorder
 19 Wrangler
 20 Time for java
 23 Today's OSS
 24 Shout
 25 Moved under cover
 27 ...had it up to here!
 30 Cake layer
 32 Cal Tech grad
 33 Uses a stopwatch
 35 Bucket
 37 Cape Kennedy org.
 40 Villainous
 41 Cheap sounding
 42 Dutch cheese
 43 Wise Men
 44 Waters
 45 Sty denizens
 46 Went by car
 48 October stone
 50 Signs off on
 51 Pancake flipper
 54 "Heals" isle
 56 Small child
 57 Holiday bash at work
 62 Sal's canal
 64 Grounds for a suit
 65 Conductor's music
 66 Harrow rival
 67 sapiens
 68 Cited
 69 "On Golden ..."
 70 Hollywood idol
 71 Chicks' calls

DOWN
 1 Catchall label abbr.
 2 Not taken in by
 3 Son of Haakon VII
 4 Make a god of
 5 Thoroughfares
 6 Dinner for the humiliated
 7 Copycat
 8 Fragrant bed?
 9 Crazy
 10 Boar's mate
 11 Alarm choice
 12 Hawk's home
 13 Bedouin, for instance
 21 Yale student
 22 Grifley, Jr. or Sr.
 26 Nixon's veep
 27 List unit
 28 "Las Vegas!"
 29 Abandoning one's editor
 36 Crouseau or Gadget
 38 Went to the bottom
 39 Iowa State's home
 41 Months, vis-a-vis a year
 45 Erms
 47 Twosome
 49 Exist
 51 Brew, as tea
 52 Novo, Berin
 53 Underway

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Phil Flickinger

DADE, WANNA SIGN OUR PETITION DEMANDING THAT THE SCHOOL TEARS DOWN THE ROOMS AND REPLACES THEM WITH A COMMUNE?
 NO THANK YOU.
 YOU AMERICANS FOUGHT COMMUNISM FOR OVER 40 YEARS... WHY DO ON SOME COLLEGE CAMPUSES THE STUDENTS THEY EMBRACE IT?
 IN MY COUNTRY, PEOPLE LIKE THEM ARE DANGEROUS...
 THE ONLY THING SUBURBAN HIPPIE HARM ARE PEDOPRANT SALES.

K Chronicles

Keith Knight

IS IT JUST ME OR HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS TOO?
 WHATEVER I SEE A LARGE COMMUNITY OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE AT THE VERY END OF THE STREET, ONE QUESTION FEELS OUT IN MY MIND:
 THE WORLD'S MOST DIVERGENT COLOR STRIP
 THE COLOR BARRIER
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Academia Nuts

John P. Araujo

We've got enough juice for one more jump. Is there some place you always wanted to visit, Andrea?
 Yes, there is...
 Check those records again, you sawed-off runt! I'm tired of getting a lump of coal every year!
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Late clutch defense lets Frogs escape

TCU men's basketball team struggled with defensive, offensive play

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

Glaring question marks on defense and interior play surfaced again, but not enough to

TCU 91
SW Texas St. 88

Top frog

A look at the game's top performers.

Corey Santee

The true freshman played 37 minutes, scoring 20 points, dishing out 12 assists to help lead the Frogs past Southwest Texas State. It took a forearm to the eye during a loose-ball scramble to get him out of the game. His ability to convert when driving to the basket created chances for his teammates

— Matt Stiver



prevent the Frogs from escaping Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with a 91-88 victory over Southwest Texas State Thursday night.

Leading by three with 2.9 seconds left, the Frogs denied Southwest Texas guard Clay Click, who made eight three-pointers, a chance at a new school record. Click could not get open, and Dain Ervin, who had not attempted a three in the game, clanged a shot off the backboard.

Lack of depth and a tendency for breakdowns again became evident, as the Frogs endured another close-call against a team from the Southland Conference. Louisiana-Monroe defeated TCU, 94-90, on Sunday.

Though TCU, behind junior Jamal Brown, out-rebounded the Southwest Texas Bobcats 42-33, defense proved a weakness again.

Clutch three-point shooting prevented either team from pulling away. The Bobcats made their liv-

ing from behind the three-point line, tying a school-record with 16 three-pointers.

Click and Marcus Johnson kept the Bobcats in the game, draining long jumpers despite the presence of TCU defenders. Throughout the second half, Click created space and hit NBA-range threes despite hands in his face.

"When they're making them like that, there's really not much you can do except foul them," head coach Billy Tubbs said. "They came into the game shooting 42 percent, so we knew they were a good three-point shooting team."

Three TCU players logged more than 35 minutes, as junior guard Junior Blount led the Frogs with 28 points (4-8 three-pointers), and freshman Corey Santee chipped in 20.

Southwest Texas shooters were open all night for jumpers in the first half. The Frogs practically handed the Bobcats the keys to downtown. Click tied the single-game record with eight three-pointers.

Blount said the Frogs prepared for off the ball screens, but the Bobcats just hit their shots.

"The coverage was there, and there's not much more we could have done," Blount said.

TCU struggled again on the offensive end of the floor, as set plays often broke down into a street ball affair. The Frogs again relied on athleticism, breaking down opponents and relying on teammates to create open looks at the basket.

Brown, while still looking for his role in the offense, camped out under the basket on the other end and finished with a game-high 16 rebounds. Southwest Texas head coach Dennis Nutt, a stand-out guard with the Frogs from 1981-85, said inside play was key down the stretch.

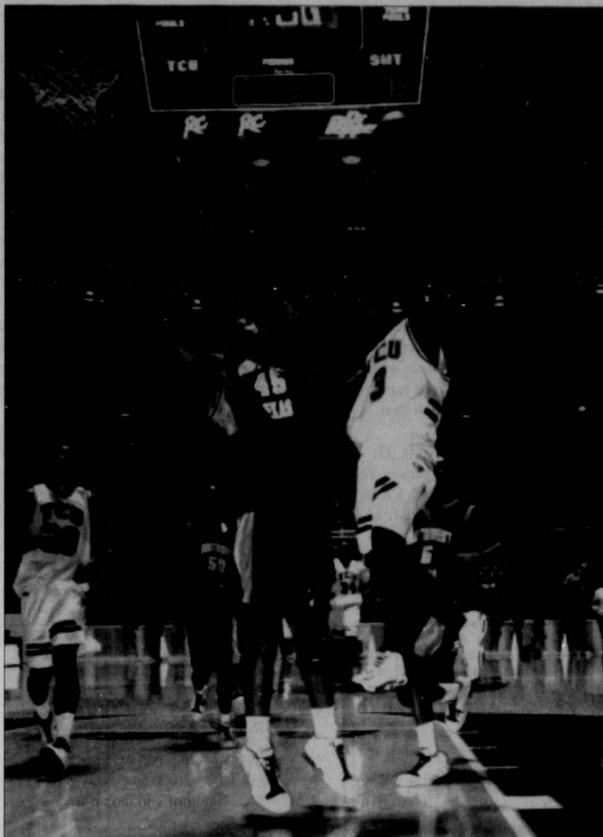
"Brown either got a rebound or got fouled," Nutt said. "That's tough to defend."

Tubbs said the past two games will help the Frogs prepare for play in Conference USA, where the favored style relies on screens and backpicks.

The Frogs take on The General — Bob Knight — and the Texas Tech Red Raiders at 4 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock.

Matt Stiver

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Freshman point guard Corey Santee goes for a layup Wednesday night against Southwest Texas State. Santee had 20 points and dished out 12 assists in the Frogs, 91-88, win.

David Dunbar/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

SPORTS BRIEFS

TCU on the lookout for a new volleyball coach

The search for a new volleyball coach will begin after Christmas break and the completion of the NCAA Volleyball Championships, said Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal operations.

"There are still teams playing in the tournament right now and we want to wait until every team and coach is finished," he said. "So far though, we have had 15-20 coaches apply, and even more than that in phone calls."

Hurricanes, Gators may meet in Rose Bowl

PASADENA (AP) — The way this kooky season is going, it seems only fitting two teams from Florida could wind up playing for the national championship in California.

No. 1 Miami can clinch a spot in the Rose Bowl with a victory over No. 14 Virginia Tech on Saturday, while No. 2 Florida can take a giant step toward the Bowl Championship Series' title game in Pasadena by beating No. 5 Tennessee at The Swamp.

The Hurricanes (10-0) and Gators (9-1), also first and second in the BCS standings, are double-digit favorites against traditionally dangerous foes. But that doesn't mean victory will come easily. Miami hasn't won in Blacksburg since 1992 (0-3), and dropped five in a row in the series until last year's 41-21 win at the Orange Bowl.

"You can't look past a Virginia Tech team, especially in Blacksburg, because you'll end up crying and sitting home like Nebraska or Oklahoma," cornerback Markese Fitzgerald said.

High school basketball player dies after collapsing

HOUSTON (AP) — A Pasadena high school basketball player collapsed and died during a game at the Houston suburb Tuesday night.

John Alexander, a 6-foot-2 junior guard at Pasadena Dobie High School, was standing about midcourt when he collapsed with 7:32 left in the second quarter.

Coaches from Pearland and Pasadena Dobie high schools rushed to aid the 17-year-old varsity guard while players from both teams formed a prayer circle near the Dobie bench, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Dobie athletic trainer Chad Jones tried to revive Alexander before emergency medical technicians arrived. They treated Alexander for about 25 minutes and then transported him to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, about two miles away.

today in sports history

1890 — The first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, N.Y. The Midshipmen from Annapolis dominated, shutting out the Cadets, 25-0.

1962 — Major League Baseball decided to return to playing only one All-Star Game a year beginning in 1963. There had been two games each year since 1959.

DEFENSE

Late season report card

With just one game left in the season, the Skiff evaluates the football team's performance.

Defensive line C-

Losing defensive end Bo Schobel, the team's best pass rusher, was stinging blow at the beginning of the season. A late season injury to Chad Pugh forced the Frogs to reach further down on the depth chart, and its inexperience showed. The Louisville game notwithstanding, the inability of the d-line to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks has exposed a weak secondary. Against the run, the unit has done admirably, especially against Louisville, who were held to a program record negative 47 yards rushing.

LB Chad Bayer B+

The former walk-on has been a steady performer and is third on the team in tackles.

LB LaMarcus McDonald A-

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises on the team, McDonald leads the team with 23 tackles for 104 yards lost and is tied for the team lead with six sacks. It seems like McDonald is all over the field at times.

CB Jason Goss B

Goss is the best cover corner on the team, but at times has had to do it alone. His 22 deflections is four times more than anyone else on the team.

CB Bo Springfield INC

Springfield has started only four games because of injury.

WS Charlie Owens B+

Head coach Gary Patterson has said many times that Owens shouldn't even be playing because of a badly injured shoulder. The gritty senior has toughed it out and been a big contributor. Owens is fourth on the team in tackles and has been named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week twice.

FS Kenneth Hilliard C

Statistics are misleading. Hilliard leads the team in tackles, but that disguises the fact he was challenged for the starting job in the middle of the season. Hilliard has struggled with the passing game.

SS Marvin Godbolt B+

Godbolt has shown flashes of brilliance at times, most notably against Nebraska. Godbolt is tied for the team lead with six sacks and was called the league's "Best Blitz" by The Sporting News.

P Joey Biasatti A

Averages 43.2 yards a punt, the 24th best total in the country. Biasatti has rebounded from a broken leg.

Coaching C

Coaches fully admit that players have had problems getting up for lesser teams. It is a coaches job, whether he will admit it or not, to motivate players. The Frogs losses to Northwestern State (La.) and Tulane kept them from a bowl berth.

Offensive line D-

Clearly, the weakness of not just the offense, but the whole team. The unit was doomed from the beginning, when center Jamal Powell was overcome with an obscure illness that caused him to miss the first game of the season. Powell, projected by most as the second-best lineman on the team behind senior Victor Payne, has lost weight and had not been the same since.

WR Adrian Madise B

Madise wasn't even supposed to start at the beginning of the season and is now the leading receiver on the team with 44 receptions for 642 yards — the best season by a Frogs receiver in six years.

WR LaTarence Dunbar C+

Dunbar came into the season with a lot of hype, but got off to a slow start. In his first three games, Dunbar hauled in only seven catches. Dunbar did have the best game of the season by a Frog receiver when he caught 10 passes for 139 yards and a touchdown against East Carolina. Dunbar is one of the most athletic players on the team, but the Frogs have been unable to consistently give him touches.

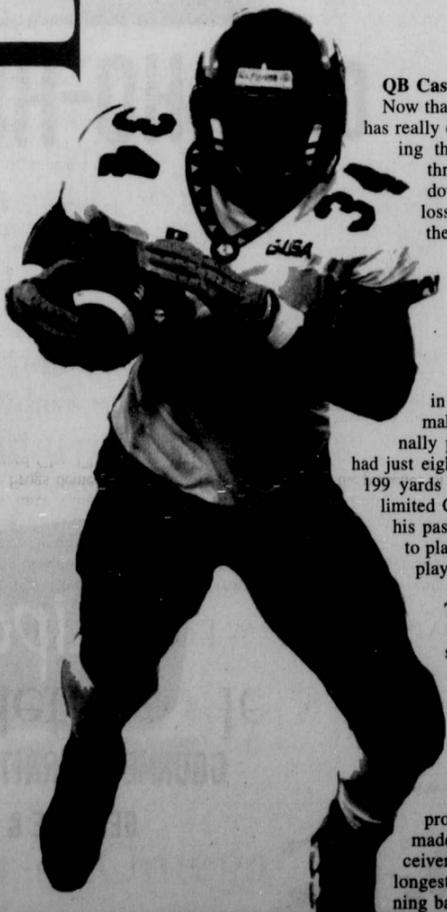
TE Matt Schobel A

When he has played, he has been good. He has only started two games, but he has caught five touchdowns, the most on the team. It is no coincidence that the passing game came alive when Schobel finally got healthy.

PK Nick Browne A

Browne has had to no problem making the shift from soccer to football. Browne has made 73.7 percent of his field goal attempts, and six of eight from past 40 yards.

— Brandon Ortiz



QB Casey Printers B-

Now that his leash has been taken off, Printers has really come alive the past three games. During that span, the junior quarterback has thrown for 885 yards and seven touchdowns — but two of those games were losses. The Frogs have thrown more in the second half of the season, but that is because they have trailed more. Printers veteran leadership, best displayed during the East Carolina game, has had a stabilizing effect on the offense.

TB Corey Connally INC

Connally has only played a vital role in the offense in three games this season, making it hard to give him a grade. Connally played little the first four games and had just eight yards rushing before exploding for 199 yards against Houston. A groin injury has limited Connally to 11 carries for 12 yards in his past three games, and he is not expected to play against Southern Miss. When he has played, he has proven to be a playmaker.

TB Ricky Madison C

The original starter at tailback, Madison has struggled with injuries and poor blocking up front. Madison averages an unspectacular 3.5 yards a carry, but a porous offensive line has a lot to do with that.

FB Reggie Holts B-

A converted tailback, Holts has proven to be an adequate blocker. He has made a few big plays on occasion as a receiver out of the backfield, and has the longest reception of the season by a Frog running back (37 yards).

OFFENSE