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Fort Worth, Texas

SGA fees will not increase

By Kristin Delorantis
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives will not raise fees for incoming students and subsequent classes as a result of the online referendum voted on by only 105 members of the student body Thursday, Student Government Association President Brian Wood said.

However, the House will change the SGA Constitution to allot 55 percent of the SGA budget to the Programming Council, 34 percent to the House and 11 percent to the SGA as a whole as a result of the vote, Wood said. The change will be implemented in January 2002, he said.

The Constitution currently allots 60 percent of the SGA budget to the PC and 40 percent to the House.

Also as a result of the referendum, secretarial duties stated in the Constitution will be altered to require the secretary to be in charge of a communications committee, SGA Secretary Allyson Cross said.

Though only 105 students voted, Cross said the constitutional changes will be made because the SGA has been working under these conditions and the policies need to be documented.

Wood said he was disappointed with the turnout because only 105 students voted.

Only four students voted against changing the Constitution and eight students voted against raising SGA

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Potential designs for A&M Bonfire announced
COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) — Texas A&M University Bonfire 2002 planners unveiled the three potential designs for the stack that could burn next November at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

One design is a classic teepee, one design stacks logs of equal height against the interior framework and one design holds true to the recent Aggie Bonfires — a stack with logs of three different lengths that resemble previous Bonfires' wedding-cake structure.

Each design stands 45 feet tall, is made of wooden logs and topped with an orange "t.u. frathouse" outhouse.

The infrastructure of the three proposals is the same: four 40-foot central poles in the middle with a cross-bracing framework that creates a support system for the center of the stack. Four 30-foot independent logs will stand outside the central poles, and four more poles will stand outside those at the 15-foot level. All will be trussed and linked together, continuing the support system from the middle, Cole said.

Professionals will put the 12 poles in place, burying them approximately 12-15 feet in the ground at the fenced-in site.

— The Battalion

Missing lights don't dim mood



David Dunai SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Students and faculty bring gifts Thursday night to the Sadler Tree Lighting. Chancellor Michael Ferrari and wife Jan Ferrari attended the ceremony. For the past 20 years, Order of Omega sponsored the tree lighting, which focuses on giving gifts to underprivileged children.

Despite absence of some lights, many attend Tree Lighting

By Sam Eaton
STAFF REPORTER

Sadler lawn was full of holiday spirit Thursday night at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, despite being held a day late and not having the traditional lights circling the columns on the front of Sadler Hall.

The lighting was originally scheduled for Wednesday night, but canceled classes moved the lighting to Thursday night.

For the past two years, lights lined the columns of Sadler Hall and accompanied the lights on the tree, but this year, the chancellor's office took the lights out of the university's budget.

Order of Omega, the Greek honor society at TCU, has assisted Bank One's Spirit of Christmas Program, which helps give presents to needy children, for the past 13 years, Chancellor Michael Ferrari said in his address to the

crowd.

"Tonight's event provides an opportunity for us to come together and share in the joy and the promise of the holiday season," Ferrari said.

Order of Omega President Sara Donaldson said she was concerned that the absence of lights on Sadler Hall and the rescheduling of the event would lead to a lack of attendance.

"When you're planning something and so many people are involved, it's so frustrating when you think things might not go as well if it's postponed," Donaldson said. "It was really a blessing that so many people came out to see it and could be a part of such a wonderful tradition at TCU."

Sophomore kinesiology major David Lessner said he missed the extra lights on Sadler Hall.

"It's disappointing because with

the lights there's so much holiday cheer and it makes the campus real festive," Lessner said. "It makes it look like we have a really good time around here."

Senior deaf education major Grace Ellis, a member of Order of Omega, said she thought turnout was good despite the setbacks because of good publicity.

"It was a really good turnout since it was moved from last night," Ellis said. "Everyone did a really good job of getting the word out. Word of mouth carried a lot."

Donaldson said though having the extra lights would have been nice, people who came still had a good time.

"Once people were here they experienced the community atmosphere and feeling of unity that the candles burning and the lighting of the tree brings," Donaldson said. "I

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Official: garage to begin construction

By Jordan Blum
STAFF REPORTER

Despite denials from the chancellor, University architect Larry Garrison said the chances are "very good" the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees will approve a measure in December to allow construction of a parking garage on campus to begin in early January.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari denied the timeframe of the project. Ferrari said the Board of Trustees deferred consideration of a parking garage at the last meeting because of an approximate \$8 million price tag and possible new parking created as part of the Berry Street Initiative.

Ferrari said a parking garage could be considered again sometime in the spring if plans for the Berry Street Initiative fall through.

Garrison said construction plans are in the final stages of design and that Ferrari is very supportive of the garage.

"If the garage is favorable to the funding side of the committee, then we'll almost definitely build it," Garrison said.

Plans call for the garage to stretch from the Moudy Building South parking lot across Princeton Street to the lots behind Beasley Hall, Garrison said. The structure would block a portion of Princeton Avenue.

With nearly 375 parking spaces gone next semester due to closures of the Dan Rogers parking lot, the southern end of the parking lot across from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and the University Christian Church parking lot, Garrison said the proposed 600-space garage could provide parking for students, faculty and staff as soon as the beginning of the fall semester in 2002.

In addition to alleviating a student parking crunch, Garrison said, garage would also prove useful by providing parking for other functions on campus, like performances at Ed Landredth Hall.

"There would definitely be a lot of cramped space, with construction for the garage and (Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall) going on at the same time," Garrison said. "But there will be a lot of relief for everyone involved once it's completed."

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, also said there are no such plans to build a parking garage.

"A parking garage was considered at the last (Board of Trustees) meeting and the decision was deferred to take no action at this time and for an indefinite period of time," Campbell said.

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New facility means one less parking lot

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Students will lose all 143 parking spaces in the Dan Rogers parking lot at the beginning of next semester as construction begins on the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall, said university architect Larry Garrison.

Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, said no date has been set to begin construction for

Smith Hall due to pending permit approval, but preparation will begin shortly after Dec. 15 and construction will begin sometime between the end of finals and Jan. 15.

"We're going to be taking some parking spaces out but that's what has to be done for progress," he said.

Bivin said construction for Smith Hall will last approximately 15 to 18 months so the

building can be ready by fall semester 2003.

Garrison said many students will be cramped for parking next semester but students will have some parking relief from the 143 spaces that were opened up in the parking lot behind Beasley Hall during the summer.

Robert Edd Lusch, dean for the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said Smith Hall will create more classroom space and decrease

class size in Tandy Hall and Dan Rogers Hall.

"This facility (Smith Hall) is being built from the ground up to be a great learning environment," he said. "It will not be used to house faculty but to create high-quality learning space."

Smith Hall will house the James A. Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, the

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HANDS-ON LEARNING



Erin Mungen/PHOTO EDITOR

Charlie Jones, freshman english major, (left) and Clint Roland, freshman pre-major, learn how to assemble an M-16 Rifle Thursday in their classroom.

U.S. offers visas for aid against terror

By Karen Gullo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Seeking to gain improved cooperation, the Justice Department on Thursday offered foreigners a fast track to American citizenship if they give investigators useful information about terrorists.

"The people who have the courage to make the right choice deserve to be welcomed as guests into our country and perhaps to one day become fellow citizens," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in announcing the program.

The program will provide aliens a long-term visa that could lead to permanent residency or citizenship. Ashcroft stressed even illegal immigrants with valuable information could be aided.

Ashcroft offered the carrot while defending the administration's stick in the domestic war on terrorism — its decision to

allow the creation of secretive military courts to try accused terrorists.

Meanwhile, a federal magistrate in suburban Alexandria, Va., ordered an Indonesian man accused of document fraud held without bail because prosecutors showed he had close ties to some of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

The "responsible cooperators program" would defer deportation indefinitely for illegal aliens who qualify, and allow those with visa problems to enter the country.

Foreigners who "provide information that is reliable and useful in the apprehension of terrorists or prevention of acts of terrorism" would be eligible for the program, Ashcroft said in a memo to the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Justice Department's criminal division.

It would be up to federal prosecutors to

decide whether the information provided meets the standard, Justice Department officials said.

Ashcroft made the rounds of morning talk shows to defend the extraordinary military tribunals being added to the government's legal arsenal — a tactic some in Congress say President Bush may not have the authority to use.

The attorney general said public trials for terrorists could spill intelligence secrets, give them a propaganda tool and make the location of proceedings subject to terrorist attack.

"We're not going to hand that to the enemy," he said.

In Alexandria, Va., U.S. Magistrate Theresa Carroll Buchanan on Thursday ordered Indonesian Agus Budiman, 31, held

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Today in history

1940 — Lucille Ball and Cuban musician Desi Arnaz were married. Lucy filed for divorce the day after their final TV show in 1960.

Our views

EARN THIS

Bribery not the way to citizenship

In aftermath of Sept. 11, many Americans found themselves engulfed in a storm of anger and fear. The perpetrators of the attacks lived in the United States for years before launching the assault. Their secret well-kept.

Americans demanded increased security, and the government has responded. In continuing the war against terrorism, the United States contrived a new means of tracking terrorists.

The *Associated Press* reported Thursday that the Justice Department, hoping for improved cooperation, has started a "responsible cooperators program." The program will provide foreigners a long-term visa that could result in permanent residency or citizenship in return for useful information regarding terrorists.

"The people who have the courage to make the right choice deserve to be welcomed as guests into our country and perhaps to one day become fellow citizens," Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

This program has taken bribery to a new level.

It must not have been enough to offer monetary awards for information if the United States now feels compelled to offer something that can't be bought with money.

People who are willing to divulge information about their own people to obtain a chance at American citizenship cannot be the responsible citizens that Ashcroft claims. There are questions to consider when gauging the character of these citizens. How do they have knowledge of potential terrorists? Will they turn on the American citizens?

Terrorists live in our very midst. The All-American neighbor down the block flew an airplane into the World Trade Center. Any information, from any source, obtained in any manner, that would thwart another such attack must be welcomed. Saving American lives demands any means.

But not means of this magnitude. American citizenship, especially in times like these, is something to be cherished. Dangling it like bait to foreigners, including illegal immigrants, who happen to have information is a slap in the face to all American citizens.

The war on domestic terrorism is a tough one, but the United States cannot turn to another wrong to make a right. Citizenship must be earned and not handed out.



College does not solve all problems

My mom is going to cry. That much you can write in stone. Moms do that sort of thing. I suppose they cannot help it.

At around 3:30 p.m. two weeks from Saturday, I will become the first Stiver male in my family with a college degree on the wall (note to Rach: Remember the Kleenex).

What does that mean to the readers of this column? Not much. You probably know nothing about me, nor care to.

To those with whom I've enjoyed frosty beverages and late-night card games, stick with me. To the rest of you, stick around.

Commentary



Matt Stiver

You're in for a good read.

TCU promised me (well, rule of law may not support the argument) the opportunity to meet life-long friends while finding myself and learning life lessons.

It didn't quite happen, though university ad slicks do a credible job selling the message. (I wonder how many health plans those junk leaflets would buy?) Friends met under varying circumstances will most likely fade away, as life pulls and prods all in different directions. For those who still converse weekly with college chums, more power to you. Maybe I should have bought my friends instead.

Even this collection of words stands symbolic. For many moons, this newspaper has allowed senior staff members a final word. A last will and testament for those who bled, literally and figuratively, to practice an art everyday. To create something tangible, day in, day out. Did I spend weeks crafting this message? Days? Try hours.

Did I ever write a paper, study for a test or prepare a project ahead of time? No. Was this a waste of chances? Quite the opposite. I know the reach of my ability knows no limit.

College affords us the chance to build ourselves into something new, into a dream that began in grade school, into a vision realized at the two-decade mark.

I am a journalist, and a rather talented one at that. Yet for 20 years, I lived with a crushing disability. Or so I came to believe. Had someone told me at age 20 (after two years at TCU and three majors) the story of the past three years, I would not have believed it.

You define you. Know no limits. Heard this one before? Clichés of the sort have resounded in the language of the Bard, indeed all human tongues, for centuries. Maybe a reason exists for that. Perhaps truth resides.

To hell with boundaries and the feeble opinions of others. Become

an astronaut, if it suits you. Invent something grand. Or, if you fall for a woman halfway around the world, in Australia for example, go to her and make your happiness. World be damned.

Did TCU play any sort of role in such realizations? What opportunity did it afford? Not much, really. Have the situations and interactions forced a degree of cognitive dissonance? Perhaps. Or maybe we all need time to grow.

What does this mean? Have the last five years created as many questions as answers?

Where does the long and winding road lead? Not sure. Will future employment fall within this field? Don't know.

But I do know my mom is going to cry at 3:30 p.m., two weeks from Saturday

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Stimulus plan is actually a different form of taxation

Most Americans don't realize that a major tax hike is about to be passed through both houses of congress. While the info-babes on MSNBC and CNN refer to the coming tax hike as a "stimulus" plan, it is actually a form of taxation.

Commentary
Todd Stein

Wait a minute! No politician, not even liberals like John Kerry or Dick Gephardt, have said anything about raising your taxes, so what is going on? First, we must remember that a tax is defined as someone giving up property or economic liberty for the support of a government or businesses within the domain of that government. No elected official is dumb enough to go on "Meet the Press" and push a tax-hike, (remember Walter Mondale?) so this must mean that your economic liberty is guaranteed. *Au contraire mon ami.*

Centuries ago, when the Romans wanted to finance their vast empire, they had to resort to heavy taxation. Eventually, citizens began to demand more social spending at home and refused to pay higher taxes (sound familiar?). Power seekers knew that demanding higher taxes or lowering pending was a political death wish, so they

came up with a new idea to solve their problem — they just printed more money.

As the bubble economy of the 1990s deflates, government tax revenues will shrink in proportion. Meanwhile, politicians from both parties continue to spend our money in record amounts in order to secure votes for their re-election. The Democrats are returning to their traditional dogma of stimulating consumer demand through more government spending and the Republicans are back to preaching supply-side tax-cuts in order to create incentives for private investment. Chances are, both parties will get their way (after all, Daschle & Lott have Christmas plans) and the result will be huge deficits.

In the long run, the only way to pay off our government's debts will be to do as the Romans did — print more money. In fact, this is what we did a generation ago resulting in double-digit inflation and the sacrifice of our economic freedom and purchasing power. But we can live with deficits, right?

After all, wasn't the boom in the 1980s fueled by government and consumer debt? Hasn't there always been a national debt? The answer to all these questions is a cautious "yes." But keep in mind that we have been lucky over the last two generations.

During the Cold War, the dollar was always regarded as the world's safest currency. Many consumer goods and commodities were traded in dollars, which created an artificial demand for the greenback. But this may end soon. In the 1970s and '80s, when Japan targeted our markets with their cars and electronics, the yen rose sharply in value. Many observers predicted that Japan was going to take over the world and the yen would become the global standard. In the early 1990s, the spendthrift Japanese government ended such talk and the dollar reassumed its position as the world's leading currency.

A decade later, the dollar is teetering on the brink of collapse once again. Not only is the government about to spend its way into deficits, global investors are reexamining the safe-haven status the United States has held for the last half-century. Fortunately, there are ways to avoid this new tax on anyone who owns dollars. Take some of your savings and invest in a diversified basket of metals and foreign currencies. Also, write your congressman and tell him not to pass an inflationary stimulus plan.

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Experiences are worth keeping

Survey sparks some reflection about the last four years

As another chapter of my life comes to an end it's hard to resist the temptation of examining the impact of the last four years.

After a period of somewhat blurry reflection, I have come to this conclusion; I will leave here with everything, I will leave here with nothing.

There is no better way to describe my time here at TCU than those words.

My time here at TCU can't and shouldn't be measured in grade point average or popularity. My college experience has been so much more.

One catalyst to that reflection was a survey generated by the university and aimed at graduating seniors. Surveys like this are typical of colleges hoping to gauge the success of their programs and evaluate the overall image of the school.

Like an instructor evaluation in spring, I was breezing through the survey when I came across this one question.

"If you had it to do all over again, would you still choose TCU?"

Admittedly I sometimes won-

der if my life would be different if I had chosen another school. I wonder if the same attributes that once lead me here ultimately held me down.

As a native Texan I wanted to be close to home. I felt safe joining a community of students who, with a few exceptions, were just like me. And, being from Dallas, I enjoyed the laid back lifestyle that Fort Worth seemed offer.

I still enjoy being close to my family, sometimes, yet I feel I have missed out on the diversity so perfectly portrayed on every admissions brochure. As for the Cowtown lifestyle, anyone who has ever been asked the old Thursday night question, "Where do you want to go tonight," can answer that on their own.

But are these the types of questions an 18-year-old was really hoping a college could answer? I doubt it.

Maybe learning that takes more than just enrolling in a school and going to class to learn is part of the college experience.

I've met a lot of friends here at TCU, some I will keep in touch with, most I will not. But one thing that I have learned is the friends you will take with you are the ones who truly know you.

I don't know how many people truly know me. I suspect not many. Maybe that was my inten-

tion. It's hard to open up to people you spend most of your time trying to impress.

What TCU has taught me is that the skills you need to survive in this world don't all come in a book or as part of a lecture.

I would hope that as I turn the page on this chapter, this book, like most I've read throughout college, still has a long way to go before it's finished.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."

As I look back, I'm content with my time spent on campus. I look forward to a relationship with TCU in the future and I'm excited about the opportunities that this university has provided.

Would I choose TCU again? Probably not. But I wouldn't trade my experiences here for anything. I have learned that life is what you make of it. If you choose to be shut out, you will. If you choose to stay in the background, you will. If you choose to make a difference, you can.

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Students propose wellness center

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Members of Intercom and other campus organizations think a wellness center will help prevent emotional, health, and drug or alcohol related problems on campus, said Angie Taylor, director of the Alcohol and Drug Education center.

A wellness center, an idea brought up by Intercom, at the Nov. 8 meeting with the Student Relations committee of the Board of Trustees, would include awareness programs, peer counseling and health consulting.

"It would help prevent health problems by helping students learn how to take care of themselves," Taylor said. "It would also help teach students coping skills so they don't turn to alcohol and drugs. Then we wouldn't have to be so reactive to problems."

Kyle Engelbrecht, a member of Intercom — a group comprised of the leaders of 14 campus organizations — said the wellness center was proposed because not all areas that deal with health and wellness are being covered on campus through existing programs.

"We thought there needed to be a spot for students to address all health issues," Engelbrecht said. "We need a place that can be used as a resource for students to find out about how to live a healthier life."

Mike Russel, associate dean of campus life, said a wellness center will teach people to stay healthy throughout their lives.

"Anytime people can learn more about things that keep them healthy, it's a worthy endeavor," Russel said. "It's knowledge they can pass on to their families."

Taylor said a wellness center would also take preventative measures with issues such as sexually transmitted disease awareness, sleep deprivation, nutrition, stress relief and time management.

Heather Patriacca, a member of Intercom, said Mental Health Services had 6,150 visits last year, compared to 2,100 visits five years ago.

"A wellness center would decrease the amount of people that need counseling because they would have the resources to deal with their stress before it gets severe enough for them to go to the counseling center," Patriacca said.

Monica Kintigh, a counselor at Mental Health Services, confirmed that there has been a significant increase in the number of student visits to the counseling center.

She said the center has spaces for 30 visits a week per counselor for three full-time counselors. This is above the national average of 22 visits per counselor, per week.

No cost estimates and no formal proposals have been made for the wellness center, said Barbara Herman, associate vice chancellor and director of Student Development Services.

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Enron Corp. on the brink of bankruptcy

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HOUSTON — The slick financing that helped turn Enron Corp. into a mighty power-brokering dynamo became its Achilles' heel, leaving the energy trader teetering toward bankruptcy after a smaller rival abandoned plans to buy it.

Enron's swagger was bold when shares of the nation's largest buyer and seller of natural gas traded at about \$85 per share a year ago. That swagger became a limp Wednesday when shares melted down to less than a dollar.

"I don't think that you see such a well-thought of company falling down this quickly," Robert Christmas, a bankruptcy lawyer with Nixon Peabody LLC in New York, said of Enron's free fall over the last few weeks. "I can't think of one in recent history where it was this fast."

The collapse made bankruptcy seem inevitable for a company that just after revealing questionable partnerships and admitting it overstated profits for four years.

In quick succession Wednesday, two rating agencies dropped Enron's credit rating to junk status, forcing it to pay billions of dollars of debt it probably can't afford. Dynegy Inc. immediately backed out of an \$8.4 billion acquisition plan after several days of efforts to re-negotiate the deal.

Investors unloaded 339 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange — a record for one day —

and sent Enron stock down 85 percent to close at 61 cents.

The decline continued on Thursday as Enron shares fell 31.2 percent, or 19 cents a share, to 42 cents by mid-afternoon in heavy trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Enron also said Thursday it was evaluating whether previously declared dividends will be paid on the corporation's common and preferred stock.

Enron was valued at \$80 billion little more than a year ago and in 1999 the company agreed to spend \$100 million over 30 years to put its name on Houston's major league ballpark. By Wednesday evening, the company was worth about \$500 million — and one Enron share was worth less than one-sixth the price of a \$4 hot dog at Enron Field.

Enron also wielded political clout. The company and its employees were the largest single contributors to President Bush's Texas and national campaigns last year.

But even the company's political connections couldn't stop the slide, and analysts said Enron has no other knights in shining armor.

Enron's money-losing broadband unit and power operations in India and Brazil are up for sale. Its inability to convince investors or energy traders to stick with it has left Enron without the outward confidence the company once so boldly displayed.

"I'm not sure they have any other alternatives (to bankruptcy), unless banks are willing to siphon more

money into a black hole," said Prudential Securities analyst Carol Coale. "Investors will not buy it."

The credit rating downgrades by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service made \$3.9 billion of Enron debt due immediately. As much as \$16 billion in other debt due next year may have to be paid sooner.

Analysts blamed the company's fall on a combination of arrogance and a penchant for secrecy.

"They didn't explain things," said Morgan Stanley Dean Witter analyst Jim McAuliffe. "They are very cocky and self-assured."

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 \$500 million in debt off its books and let the executives profit from the arrangements. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating.

The company ousted its chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow, in October, and several weeks ago restated its earnings back to 1997 — eliminating more than \$580 million in reported income in that time span.

Enron tried to restore investor confidence by promising to sell its money-losing businesses to shore up its once-profitable trading business, but investors continued dumping more and more shares.

McAuliffe said that when the company's stock started to slip, he

said, Enron executives should have clearly explained what was happening and actively recruited investors.

Instead, the slide continued, prompting Dynegy to invoke an escape clause in the merger agreement to protect its interests.

"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 stopped trading with Enron, but emphasized that the dissolution of the deal does not reflect a failure of the energy trading business.

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

Enron also said it is reviewing Dynegy's decision to exercise the option and analysts are anticipating a battle over Enron's assets in bankruptcy court.

Dazed workers trickled out of Enron's downtown Houston headquarters Wednesday afternoon, across the street from the company's new \$200 million, 40-story glass tower, saying they couldn't predict Enron's future — or their own.

"I don't know that there is a landing soft," said Enron employee David Picone. "Top to bottom this is a hard landing for everybody."

Suspected anthrax hoaxer one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives

By Karen Gullo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Clayton Lee Wagner, one of the FBI's most-wanted fugitives, is a suspect in a string of anthrax hoax letters sent to abortion clinics, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Thursday.

Ashcroft said the FBI had obtained information over the Thanksgiving holiday indicating Wagner had claimed responsibility for sending more than 280 letters to clinics

across the United States.

The FBI considers Wagner "extremely dangerous. He has survival skills and may be heavily armed," Assistant FBI Director Rueben Garcia said.

Ashcroft called Wagner a "self-described anti-abortion warrior."

Scores of family-planning clinics in at least 12 states have received letters containing anthrax threats, according to officials of feminist and abortion-rights organizations.

The Feminist Majority Founda-

tion said more than 450 clinics and advocacy organizations received letters in envelopes carrying white powder and letters signed by "the Army of God."

None of the powder sent to the clinics has tested positive for anthrax.

Wagner, 44, an escaped inmate from Illinois, was placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list in September.

He escaped in February from a Clinton, Ill., jail where he was

awaiting sentencing on federal firearms and auto theft convictions. He also is being sought for a Pennsylvania bank robbery, firearms violations in Tennessee and a carjacking in Mississippi.

Police said that on Sept. 7 Wagner abandoned a car on a highway in Memphis after colliding with a tractor-trailer. A pipe bomb was found in the car, along with anti-abortion literature and weapons.

Hours later, a man believed to be Wagner committed a carjacking in

Tunica, Miss., some 40 miles southwest of Memphis, authorities said. A casino there was evacuated after a tip that he was there.

He had been arrested in September 1999 after entering Illinois with his wife and eight children in a stolen Winnebago, which had four stolen handguns under the driver's seat, authorities said.

During his trial, Wagner testified that he had watched abortion clinics for months, stocking up weapons after God asked him to

"be my warrior" and kill doctors who provide abortions.

In June, abortion clinics were warned after someone purporting to be Wagner posted an Internet message threatening to kill employees of abortion providers.

That same month, a federal grand jury charged Wagner with robbing a bank just outside Harrisburg, Pa., in May.

The FBI is offering a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to Wagner's arrest.

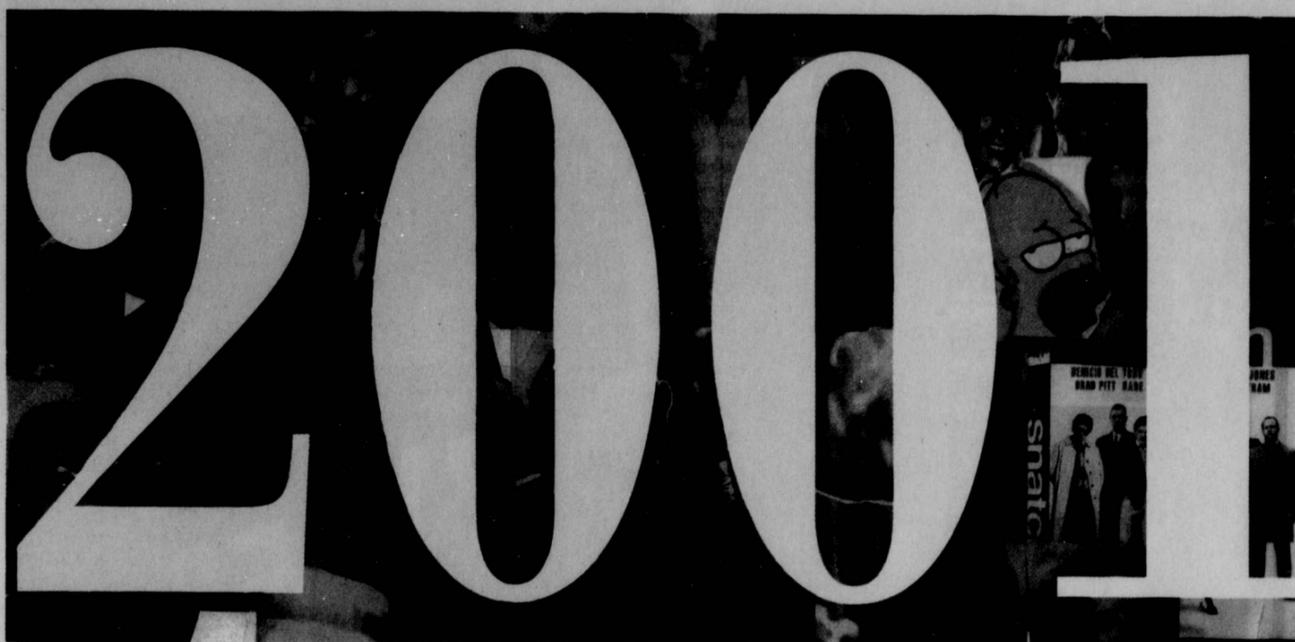
End of an Era

Rickel Building to Close for
Recreation on December 13th

After 30 years of service to the TCU community, the Rickel Building will close at 2pm on Thursday, December 13, 2001. A temporary weight room and cardio room are being developed in the former Cokesbury Bookstore at 2720 W. Berry Street. It will be ready to open at the beginning of the spring semester. There will also be some evenings available for basketball and volleyball in the Coliseum. **Please have all personal belongings removed from the building by December 13th. Any items remaining will be discarded.**

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The good, the bad and the ugly of 2001 entertainment

By David Reese
SKIFF STAFF

A look back at the past year reveals that the entertainment field of 2001 has been an example of give and take. It has been a record-setting year for movies at the expense of quality. Television experienced a dash of success with new programming and returning series, but it has also lost some shows. Pop music has been losing its stronghold at the top of the charts, making way for more rock artists. Despite the disappointments and shifts, the entertainment field has been prolific enough to release a few outstanding products here and there. Here is a look at the good, the bad and the ugly of 2001.

Stealing the record from summer 1999, this past summer's box office was the highest grossing summer of all time garnering more than \$1.3 billion. However, sales do not always indicate quality.

The most critically acclaimed films are usually saved until the end of the year so they can get a boost from the holiday box office just in time for Oscar consideration, but there are numerous movies that are already receiving buzz this holiday season. Some include Tom Cruise in "Vanilla Sky," Will Smith in "Ali," Kevin Spacey in "The Shipping News," Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind" and George Clooney and a stellar Hollywood cast including Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and Julia Roberts in "Ocean's 11."

Although the holiday season is known for the better-quality films, the year was not a total waste in the realm of motion

pictures.

A real niche was found in movies this year for animated features as it flexed its box office muscle and pulled in some cash. "Shrek" featured the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz, and is the highest grossing film of the year so far with impressive earnings of \$250 million.

As the winter holidays begin, "Monsters, Inc." featuring the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal was also a critical and public success. The film, which opened in early November, has grossed more than \$150 million so far.

But there are also many highlights from this year's movie line-up.

The independent favorite of the year was "Memento" starring Guy Pearce, who is known for his 1997 role in "L.A. Confidential." The movie proved to be a success among both critics and viewers raking in more than \$50 million.

The British comedy of the year was "Bridget Jones' Diary" which starred Renée Zellweger, a native Texan, playing the lead role of a British woman suffering through her thirties.

Perhaps the crowning achievement of this year's slate of films is Chris Columbus' film adaptation of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." The film has broken many records including the best opening weekend gross with more than \$90 million.

Movies have not been the only entertainment field to fill their pockets this past year. Record companies and music artists have also filled their piggy banks. Although album sales are down over-

all there are numerous artists who are doing fairly well.

Alicia Keys has enjoyed breakout success with her first single, "Fallin'," and her triple-platinum album, "Songs in A Minor." She seems to have a bright future in the music business and she looks to be the front-runner for the Grammy awards.

The international superstar, Jennifer Lopez, opened the year with a number one movie and album. Lopez's second album entitled "J.Lo" has gone on to sell three million copies and had a huge number one single "I'm Real" featuring Ja Rule.

In all ways, the bubble gum pop music that dominated the charts in 1999 and 2000 started to falter in 2001. 'N Sync released their third album, "Celebrity" in July, which has sold over five million albums to date. Although five million is a dream number for most artists, 'N Sync sold double that for each of their two previous albums.

More proof that demonstrates teen pop is going down the drain includes the failure of Jessica Simpson's "Irresistible," Mandy Moore's self-titled album, Willa Ford's "Willa Was Here" and the Backstreet Boys' greatest hits "The Hits — Chapter One." None of these albums have been as successful as their previous ventures.

The most famous female pop princess, Britney Spears, released a number one self-titled album along with a sold-out concert tour. Spears looks like she will be dancing into 2002 with a her first film role in "Crossroads."

Since pop music has been losing its hold the pop charts, rock musicians have been making their return into the forefront.

Linkin Park had a tremendous year with "Hybrid Theory" which has sold millions of records.

Sum 41, Alien Ant Farm and Creed have had a strong year as well. The rap and R&B genre has also dominated the year with artists such as Jay-Z, Eve, DMX and Mary J. Blige leading the way.

Earlier in the year, Janet Jackson had a surprise hit album "All for You" which sold an outstanding 600,000 copies in its first week. It beat her older brother, Michael Jackson's comeback album, "Invincible" which surprisingly did better than expected.

An artist that was a complete disappointment this year was Mariah Carey. Along with treatment for a mental breakdown, Carey also faced the failure of both her first starring role in "Glitter" and its soundtrack.

Music has had the biggest ups and downs of the year, but television shows have become the biggest success and comeback stories of the year.

Many television shows including "Frasier," "ER" and "Friends" have been invigorated by the new television season.

After a semi-disappointing season, "Friends" became a force to be reckoned with again this year with surprise twists and turns for the program's last season.

Other shows that have been doing well include "Everybody Loves Raymond" which has become a staple in CBS's Monday night programming. The show,

which stars Ray Romano and Patricia Heaton as members of a blue-collar family, has moved up in ratings over the past five years. It was not until last year that it became the huge hit that it is now.

CBS also has another highly watched series entitled "CSI." Originally, the series became a surprise hit after being placed behind last season's "Survivor: The Australian Outback." This year, it is "CSI" that is helping "Survivor: Africa." The show has become the second highest rated drama series after "ER."

Reality programming has lost a lot of steam that it once had. Series such as "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," "Survivor," "Temptation Island" and "Weakest Link" are no longer the sure-fire hits that they once were. Actually, most of them have lost a lot of viewers.

New programming has also taken a beating this season. There have been very few huge hits this year. CBS has had success with "The Guardian" and NBC is riding high on "Crossing Jordan" starring the former "Law & Order" star, Jill Hennessy.

Other shows such as "Bob Patterson," "Danny," "Citizen Baines" and "Inside Schwartz" have had a rough start and three of the four are already canceled.

In all aspects, the entertainment field has had its ups and downs in the year 2001. However, there are still a few things left to look forward to in the last month of that will hopefully help the entertainment year end on a high note.

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'Behind Enemy Lines' deemed 'feel-good' entertainment for Americans

MOVIE REVIEW

"Behind Enemy Lines" had been set for wide release on Jan. 18, but, Twentieth Century Fox says, high test screening scores convinced the studio to open it seven weeks early.

Audience reaction to the film and its trailer led Fox domestic distribution president Bruce Snyder to term it "the 'kick-ass' movie of the year" and Fox vice chairman Bob Harper

to exult that "it's 'feel-good' entertainment for Americans."

What Fox didn't point out is that the change of date beats Columbia's military actioner "Black Hawk Down," slated to open wide Jan. 18, to the box-office punch.

The studio also failed to report that it sent two of America's most watchable actors — veteran Gene Hackman and Owen Wilson — to war without a script.

In the story from the fraternal screenwriting duo of James and John Thomas ("Predator"), a Navy pilot, at odds with his C.O., is shot down over enemy territory in an

unidentified Eastern European country.

Because he strayed and documented genocide while on a reconnaissance mission, Lt. Chris Burnett (Wilson) is pursued by a secret police enforcer, a tracker and ground troops.

Back at the carrier, Admiral Reigart (Hackman) decides to set aside geopolitical rules and launch a renegade rescue mission to save the lone navigator.

Debuting director Tom Moore got the nod after producer John Davis saw his stylish adventure/chase commercial for a SEGA video game

system on the 1999 MTV Music Video Awards.

That may be why the scenes where ground-to-air missiles are tracking Wilson's and Gabriel Macht's F/A-18 Superhornet jet are so thrilling.

But it also may be why so much of the explosive action seems unreal. And since when does hunted quarry walk down the middle of open fields?

Most of the shoot took place on locations near the Slovakian capital of Bratislava. The action scenes are set against the Carpathian Mountains, but oddly, the script fails to

take much advantage of one stunning set — an ice lake with a 40-foot statue of an broken-faced angel.

In comedy, Wilson's quirky voice and wry delivery work to advantage. Witness "Shanghai Noon!" In "The Minus Man," he made a fine spooky psycho, but as a running action figure, the multi-talented Texan seems less at home.

Especially since screenwriters Zak Penn ("Inspector Gadget") and David Veloz ("Natural Born Killers") give him mostly oaths to utter, while two-Oscar-winner Hackman, surely the Navy's oldest admiral at 71, gets rank dialogue.

Exterior carrier scenes for the \$60 million movie, made with the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Defense, were filmed aboard the USS Constitution and the USS Carl Vinson. The ship's interiors were shot on stage at Bratislava's Koliba Studios.

Test screening reaction to this so-called "feel-good" war film isn't the only thing that's curious. What makes the MPAA think that a movie in which an injured American gets shot in the head at close range merits a PG-13?

—Jane Sumner
Dallas Morning News

Garth Brooks comes back to country on 'Scarecrows'

Garth Brooks is trying to reclaim an old cowboy hat.

This week, "Scarecrow," Brooks' ninth album excluding special compilations and holiday albums, sits atop the music charts. The album is Brooks' latest material since his 1999 pop music flop, "The Life of Chris Gaines." It seems Brooks has learned his lesson. Stick with what you do best: country.

Brooks, who has won every major award and sold more than 100 million albums, said the name of the album came from his three daughters, who reminded him that the scarecrow from "The Wizard of Oz" thought with his heart. The album contains 12 new songs including "When You Come Back to Me Again," the

theme from the movie, "Frequency." Brooks also duets with Trisha Yearwood and country music legend George Jones.

"Scarecrow" may sell millions because even though it does not live up to previous albums, fans will jump for new music from Brooks.

Listening to "Scarecrow" is like putting on a faded sweatshirt. It is comfortable but not flashy. It sounds similar to Brooks' early albums, but there is no standout effort destined to be another "Friends in Low Places" or "The Dance." The greatest achievement is that Brooks' voice carries the music without sounding too produced. Acoustic guitar, piano and fiddle are more than enough to accompany him.

The upbeat songs, like "Beer Run" and "Squeeze Me In," will

grab the listener's attention, but the lyrics won't linger. The ballads, "The Storm" and "Mr. Midnight," slow the pace of the album to a crawl. The exception is the ballad, "Pushing Up Daisies," which appears to be a tribute to Brooks' mother who died last year. Brooks has publicly said he will not tour to support "Scarecrow," which he also has said will be his last album. However, fans will see Brooks in the coming months as the new spokesman for Dr. Pepper and in three live CBS concerts.

All that can really be said about "Scarecrow" is that it sounds like Garth Brooks. Die-hard fans will be relieved.

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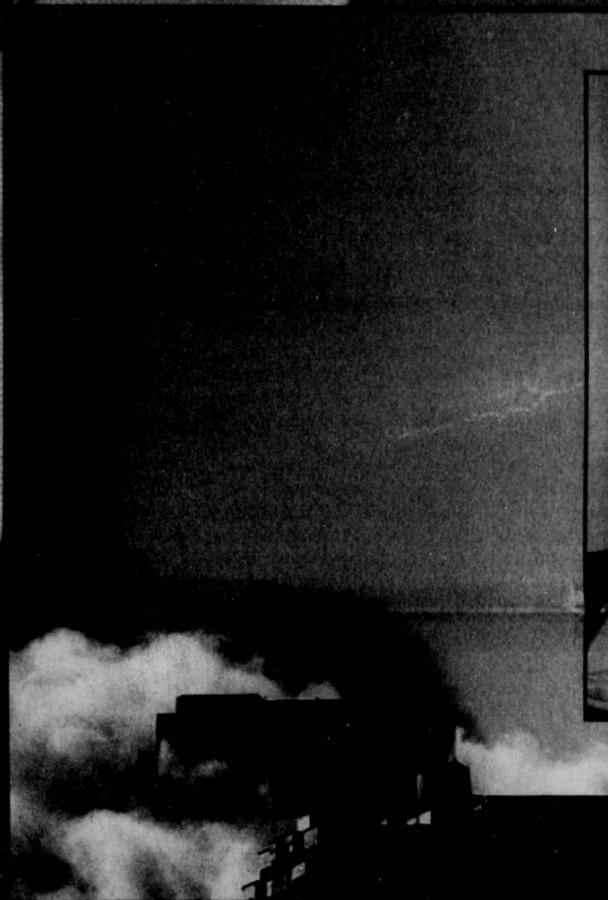
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Nontraditional find a niche

Student organization hopes to grow, provide support

By Jill Sutton
STAFF REPORTER

The newly-formed nontraditional student organization now has 25 members, but is still seeking to reach more single parents on campus, said Mary Cunningham, a TCU student and mother, who started the group last month.

"The group has been meeting online for about a month and we've been having a lot of fun," Cunningham said. "We have set up a chat room, discussion board and calendar for events."

Tim Moore, a single-father and E-business and accounting major at TCU, said the chat room is the most convenient for him.

"I have logged on to the chat room and I think it is a good way for us to communicate," Moore said. "I looked for a group like this when I first came to TCU. So, when Mary set this group up, I thought it was a great idea."

Cunningham said the group attended the TCU Fall Dance Concert last week and went to dinner and a movie together earlier in the November.

She said she has also organized a meeting for Jan. 30, 2002 at noon

in The Main which will allow interested students to meet people already in the group and find out how the group can benefit them.

The meetings were originally scheduled for Nov. 28, but were canceled due to icy weather. Cunningham said these meetings will hopefully encourage more nontraditional students to join the group by allowing them to meet other group members in person.

Cunningham said she would like to see more single parents involved with the group.

"They have the least amount of free time, but they also need the most support," Cunningham said. "Potentially, we could set up some kind of childcare system or petition TCU to provide childcare. (People) probably will not care to get involved until they know how the group could be helpful to them."

Moore agreed that time was the

biggest concern for him.

"I think that having a support group like this is a great idea," Moore said. "I just know that time is a big concern for me. I would like to see some social gatherings though."

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E-business and accounting major

Cunningham said the group has ideas for the future, including having a nontraditional student lounge with lockers,

microwaves and couches, but there are still issues, like where funding will come from, that need to be cleared up.

"In order to achieve these goals we will need to become a strong, unified body with a large membership and active involvement," Cunningham said.

Any interested students can contact Cunningham at tcu_nontrads@yahoo.com.

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Event to raise funds for Afghan

By Heather Christie
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The plight of Afghan women and children has inspired a seminar class to host a fundraiser next week.

Students in the seminar class "Women Around the Globe" developed an interest in Afghan women since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks because the media has shown that women have no rights under Taliban rule, sociology professor Jean Giles-Sims said.

The students are hosting a fundraiser Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in Moudy Building North 141 to benefit Afghan women and children who have been oppressed by the Taliban.

The event is a fundraiser for the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, said Gary Coyne, a student in the seminar class and a freshman psychology major.

Coyne said they did not set any fundraising goals for the event.

RAWA is a political and social organization for women of Afghanistan who struggle for freedom, peace, democracy and women's rights, according to its Web site. RAWA, established in Kabul, Afghanistan in 1977, is the largest group fighting for human rights and social justice for Afghan women.

Money raised through RAWA goes towards educational, health and political activities for women in Afghanistan. It has established schools with hostels for boys and girls and a hospital for refugee Afghan women and children in Quetta, Pakistan. They also conduct nursing courses, literacy courses and vocational training for women.

Giles-Sims said the RAWA group is connected with the Afghan Women's Mission in California. Money that goes to the Afghan Women's Mission goes to help RAWA, she said.

"It's a little difficult to send money to RAWA in Afghanistan at this present moment, so we are sending it to the Afghan Women's Mission," Giles-Sims said.

At the fundraiser, Coyne said they will show the video documentary, "Beneath the Veil," a documentary about a woman who secretly crossed the border of Afghanistan to chronicle the oppression of women.

"We are going to show the video and a then professors in the sociology and religion department and students from the class are going to be on a panel to answer any questions and to lead a discussion,"

Coyne said.

The documentary was done by Saira Shah, an Afghan-born woman who moved to London with her family but went back to Afghanistan to look at the conditions of women under the Taliban.

"It is just a very brave thing to do because they took pictures, underneath a veil, of what was going on, the killings of women, putting them out of schools, out of jobs, refusal to let them be on the streets alone if they were not with a man, and always having to be covered," Giles-Sims said. "It's really a dramatic picture of what Afghan women had to go through," she said.

Coyne said the public is invited to the free forum discussion and fundraiser. Tax-deductible checks can be made out to the Afghan Women's Mission.

The program is sponsored by AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Women Around the Globe seminar, the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, the Women's Studies Program and the Women's Resource Center.

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Self-study survey results to be released before the fall semester ends

By Piper Huddleston
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Information from the surveys sent out by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools re-accreditation self-study committee is currently being organized and will be ready before the end of the semester, Alan Shepard, director of the self-study, said Thursday.

The surveys, which could be done electronically or on paper, were sent out the last week in October to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni, Shepard said. The electronic surveys closed a week later, and the paper surveys sent to alumni are still coming in, he said.

The committee has the results of the survey, but has not compiled them into a report, Shepard said.

The surveys are just one kind of data

used to examine the university and make sure it is in compliance with SACS, Shepard said. He said other information comes from various interviews, focus groups, and analysis of documents and mission statements that will be worked on until 2003. There are 150 faculty, staff and students on the self study committee who are divided into different subcommittees that evaluate the information from the surveys, he said.

Shepard said a program, called the statistical package for social sciences, will code the information for easy assessment of the electronic surveys. Some of the results should be ready next week, but the paper surveys will take longer to assess, he said.

Shepard said 2,812 undergraduate and 376 graduate students responded,

about 41 to 42 percent of students. He said 249 full-time faculty members and 48 part-time faculty members completed the survey. Twenty-four faculty members did not identify their status. He said 633 staff members also responded to the survey.

"The response rates may not look very good, but they are exceptionally high," Shepard said. "For this type of survey, you are lucky to get at least a 20 percent response."

Shepard said the large response was due to the incentives offered. Students were offered credit to their TCU account while faculty and staff had a chance to win one of five free reserved parking spaces for next year, he said.

"We really wanted that (opinion) data," Shepard said. "We needed a way to get their attention (and offering

prizes was that way). To get (that amount of people) to do anything is pretty amazing."

Carol Herring, an office assistant in Wiggins Hall, said she took the survey not for a chance to win a prize, but to help the self-study.

"I think any kind of feedback is good," she said. "I think the survey covered all the basic (information)."

Meagan Neldo, a freshman advertising-public relations major who was one of the \$100 winners, also said that the reward wasn't a large reason why she took the survey.

"The reward was an incentive, but it really wasn't about that," she said. "Things (on campus) won't get changed unless students voice their opinions."

Shepard said he is not expecting

alumni responses to be as high as faculty and student response. Surveys were sent to about 2,839 alumni who graduated in 1996 and 2000, he said. Past SACS surveys received a 25 percent return rate, he said, but the committee hopes to get back 20 percent of that rate. They have received several hundred surveys from alumni so far, he said. The alumni were asked more questions about their TCU experience and how it prepared them for a career than the other groups who were asked about their current satisfaction with things on campus, he said.

"If we get 10 percent back, then that's good," he said. "With less than 10 percent, it's hard to make (clear conclusions). It's not a solid sample."

The surveys will be used to measure opinions on such things as campus

safety, campus involvement opportunities and the type of education received, he said.

"It's one piece of a larger picture," Shepard said. "It's a survey of opinion. It tells you what's working really well and what needs further attention."

Shepard said the information will show what someone thinks of a certain area, and how important that area is to them.

"If you said security on campus after dark is not satisfactory, but it is important, then that is something to look into," Shepard said.

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without bail after an FBI agent testified Budiman knew some of the hijackers, including suspected ringleader Mohammed Atta.

"I cannot ignore the defendant's close ties to the hijackers of Sept. 11," Buchanan said, adding the ties "lift the events out of the realm of the ordinary" fraud case.

FBI agent Jesus Gomez testified Budiman knew several of the hijackers from their time in Hamburg, Germany, and that he confided to investigators that Atta blamed the United States

for the wars of the world. Gomez testified hijacker Ziad Samir Jarrah used Budiman's name to get into the United States, and Ramsi Binalshibh, a Muslim cleric from Hamburg, also twice used Budiman's name to unsuccessfully get into the country. The FBI believes Binalshibh was supposed to be the 20th hijacker on Sept. 11.

"The ties are very extensive. They're suspicious and they're troubling," Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Mellin said in arguing that Budiman be held. But Mellin conceded, "We don't know what is the reason behind those ties."

Budiman's attorney, Mark Thrash, dismissed the govern-

ment's case as "smoke and mirrors" and said that "the only thing Mr. Budiman did wrong is put this (fake) address on a form."

Budiman is charged with helping another man, Mohammad Bin Nasser Belfas, obtain a false Virginia driver's license.

Regarding the agent's testimony about Atta's hatred for the United States, Thrash said, "There was never any testimony that Mr. Budiman agreed with that."

On Wednesday, senators told the government's top terrorism prosecutor that they should have been consulted before the Bush administration decided to allow the Pentagon to create the

military courts. But Michael Chertoff, the assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division, said Bush has the authority to create the tribunals without Congress' approval. And he defended get-tough tactics as necessary to stop "sleeper" terrorists secretly waiting to strike Americans.

"We face an extraordinary threat to our national security and physical safety of the American people of a character that, at least in my lifetime, we have never faced," Chertoff told a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday.

Republican and Democratic

committee members insisted they should not have been left out of the loop about the tribunals, which could afford less protections for defendants than civilian courts.

Chertoff also faced pressure on other tactics, such as the secret detentions of hundreds of suspects and the monitoring of jailhouse conversations between lawyers and clients. He said officials feared quiet terrorist cells may still be in operation.

The committee's Democratic chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said he was concerned some measures may infringe on civil liberties or undercut American justice.

PARKING

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James A. Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, the Charles Tandy American Enterprise Center, 12 or 13 classrooms, a cafe, 18 study rooms, an MBA lounge, a few staff offices and a conference room that can hold up to 140 people for special meetings, Lusch said.

William Moncrief, senior associate dean for the Neeley school, said Smith Hall will not have any faculty offices and will focus on being student-friendly with the cafe, lounges and study rooms.

David Minor, director for the Ryffel Center, said moving the entrepreneurial program into Smith Hall will help recruit more students into the entrepreneurial major and provide the Neeley school with greater prestige.

"There's only three or four other schools in the country with buildings dedicated to entrepreneurship," Minor said. "This new building will really help put us on the map. We've fast become one of the premier entrepreneurial programs in the country and the word is getting out and we're receiving recognition."

"This major is perceived as fast becoming one of the flagship programs of the business school."

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fees for incoming students, he said.

Wood said having 105 students decide whether incoming students would have to pay an additional \$5 is unfair, and said he hopes SGA will consider the bill again next semester.

Junior advertising/public relations major Jessica Ridings said she did not vote and the turnout was poor because no one heard about it.

"If there had been more awareness through publicity, there would have been a better turnout, more representative of the student body," Ridings said.

Wood said SGA promoted the

referendum by setting up tables, hanging fliers and having the House members alert their constituents.

"It is the end of the semester and this is such a busy time for everyone," Wood said. "Everyone is feverishly trying to get things done so the referendum was lost in the process."

Freshman pre-major Amanda Clayton said an e-mail would have been beneficial to create awareness about the referendum.

Wood said SGA attempted to send out a campus e-mail, but they were not allowed to because administration said e-mail becomes less effective when students are e-mailed too frequently.

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LIGHTING

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even entered people's minds."

Order of Omega Vice President of Philanthropy Ashley Cannaday said 507 wish cards with gift ideas for needy children had been given out but wasn't sure of the exact number of presents that ended up under the tree.

Ferrari said that the tree was an important symbol of peace in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States by the Taliban regime.

"In lighting this beautiful Christmas tree, we express our belief in the essential goodness, the frailty, the hope and the needs of humanity," Ferrari said. "This year in particular, we reaffirm our commitment to building a world free of hatred and violence."

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries (March 21-April 19) - There's too much on your agenda. How are you going to do it all? If you find yourself double-booked, get a friend to represent you at the events you can't make.

♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The money is finally headed your way. Wrap up the deal you've been negotiating. You can take the pressure and hand some out. Never falter, never fail.

♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21) - If you have a strong partner on your side, you can talk anybody into anything. If you and your mate disagree, the fur will fly. Things will get very interesting either way. Yes, there is a happy ending.

♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Take time to do your calculations carefully. No need to hurry. Make sure you avoid mistakes, because there may be a bit of confusion. Stay cool and help others do the same.

♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You don't have to do everything now. You can relax and let some of your friends take over. They've got some good ideas and should be quite effective. So what will you do? You're the coach!

♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - It's time to make your report on recent activities. Management wants to know what's going on. They'll be asking lots of questions. Luckily, you've got a good memory. Give them the facts and get your next assignment.

♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Think you could get off work early? There are places to go and people to see. If you get to do that as part of your job, even better! If possible, take your sweetheart along. If not today, tomorrow.

♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - If the game were easy, you'd be bored. And this game sure isn't boring. You have a whole bunch of choices to make involving your money and the money of others. Ask your roommate or mother for advice.

♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Don't argue with a person who's trying to set you straight. Accept the coaching and become more effective. Divvy up tasks in order to accomplish more.

♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You could make a hefty profit now by finishing up your own lists. Get to work on all the stuff you've jotted down, from good ideas to obligations. Do the obligations first. It'll clear your head.

♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're vindicated. You didn't need to know everything. The situation's back to normal - or close enough - and you can finally relax. Schedule an evening full of your favorite people and favorite things.

♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - More changes are under way, both in your career and at home. This causes confusion, but you can find your way through it. You might also find something better than you had before. Follow the light.

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 1 Wild party
 5 Minstrel's instrument
 9 Part of BLT
 14 Italian wine center
 15 Climax
 16 Maui bye-bye
 17 Pierce
 18 Stimulate
 19 Cowing cow?
 20 Forum wear
 21 Anticlimactic occurrence
 23 Build
 25 Sumerian instrument
 26 Stare in awe
 29 Flock
 31 Lodging house
 33 Auto gear
 34 Feast's opposite
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 48 Veteran's abbr.
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 64 Slightly open
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 3 Period in a process
 4 Japanese-style grill
 5 Grassy expanse
 6 Support
 7 Itsy-bitsy
 8 Outside
 9 Pig in the movies
 10 Beside
 11 Panama neighbor
 12 Exclamations of surprise
 13 One way to vote
 22 Undertaking
 24 Gentle
 27 Foot control
 28 Escape by circumlocution
 30 Vote in an incumbent
 32 That is to say
 34 Reeking
 35 Child's playing marble
 36 Dots and dashes
 37 Charged atom
 41 Eye problem
 46 Make happy
 49 Ten years
 51 One who gives his heart?
 53 Military officer
 55 Unrefined
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 57 Infamous political boss
 59 Hatching place
 60 Server
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Q: Do you think Purple Poll should continue?

A: Yes 100 No 0

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Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council would like to congratulate the IFC fraternity members and NPC sorority members that made a 4.0 during the spring semester. We wish you the best of luck to achieve this high honor again this semester.

Good luck to everyone as you prepare for finals! We wish you the very best!

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Frogs look to avenge Mobile Alabama Bowl loss

By Brandon Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

Chad Bayer had the pleasure of meeting Southern Miss quarterback Jeff Kelly at the Conference USA Football Media Day before the season.

Nice guy, Bayer said. Humble. Didn't rub his game winning 28-yard touchdown pass with eight seconds left in the 2000 GMAC Mobile Bowl into Bayer's face.

But Bayer still hopes the old saying, "nice guys finish last," proves true, at least this time around.

"Hell no, I don't care how nice he is, I want to win," Bayer said. "I don't care if it is your brother, you still want to win."

The Frogs (5-5, 3-3 Conference USA) hope to do just that against Southern Miss on Dec. 7 in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Bayer said the Frogs will need the pass rush to be as bruising as it was against Louisville, when it sacked quarterback Dave Ragone nine times.

"If you get the quarterback rattled, you stop the offense," Bayer said.

Junior quarterback Casey Printers wants to rattle the Golden Eagles' secondary. Trash-talk he read on the Internet, along with keeping TCU's bowl eligibility alive, is all the motivation he needs.

"They have been talking a little smack, saying I choked last year," said Printers, who completed only 10-of-22 passes for 115 yards and two interceptions. "You know, I may not have played my best game, I but I feel like I have something to prove."

"Any quarterback with any pride would

take that challenge."

Coach Printers?

Offensive coordinator Mike Schultz asked Printers to help script the first 10 plays last week, and it paid dividends when the quarterback suggested the play that led to an 80-yard touchdown the first play of the game.

Schultz plans to ask for Printers input again.

"I am going to bring him in this week," Schultz said. "I am a little superstitious. I will start joking with him early in the week and start saying, 'Let's start thinking about the first play again.'"

Printers, who was eager to help out last week, said he would jump at the chance to do it again.

"I think I am going to do it again," Printers said. "Anytime a coach asks for

a quarterbacks input, he wants to help."

Schultz said he asked Printers to help last week so he could see what the third year starter was comfortable with.

"He has a great awareness of our offense," Schultz said. "I talk to Casey during the game constantly. Even during the games, I always ask him 'What are you seeing? What do you feel is good?' I'll ask him what he feels comfortable with."

"You sure don't want to put him in a situation that he doesn't feel comfortable with something."

Channel surfing

The odds are the Horned Frogs were watching Thursday night's Southern Miss-Alabama game.

"I might flip through the channels a little bit," Bayer said.



Senior strong safety Charlie Owens tackles a Louisville receiver Friday, Nov. 23 at Amon Carter Stadium.

Lady Frogs struggle to get shooting touch back

By Brandon Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

Four games into the season, head coach Jeff Mittie doesn't think the women's basketball team has played up to its potential.

"I think we are all a bit disappointed in the way we have played," Mittie said. "Our execution has not been that good."

The Frogs (2-2) will try to get back on track against Prairie View A&M (2-0) in the first game of The Cook Children's Classic at 7 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

After back-to-back losses to Oregon and Oklahoma in which the Frogs shot only 35 percent, TCU enters tonight game shooting 41.8 percent for the season and 27.8 beyond the three-point arc.

Mittie is discouraged by his team's production. "We have offensive fire power, we have scorers," Mittie said. "(But) I'm a little surprised we haven't shot the ball better. We are out of sync."

Junior forward Grace Gantt said some of the new players are having trouble adapting to the offense.

"Sometimes we are not ready to shoot," Gantt said. "When we do have the open shot, we aren't making them."

Mittie said he is not concerned, as the team "gets more practice" and learns the offense.

"(Learning) is always a factor," Mittie said. "We are trying to blend a few new players with returners."

Mittie said he wants to get the ball more to

sophomore forward Tiffany Evans inside and Gantt outside, who has a 55.6 shooting percentage. Gantt will take Evans' spot in the line-up tonight at small forward.

Senior Ashanti Nix will get her third straight start at point guard in place of junior Candace Baldwin. Baldwin is shooting just 16.7 percent on the season.

"I think Candace has struggled at times," Mittie said. "Ashanti has been here a year longer. Both will get minutes. Like I said earlier in the year, it might not matter who starts."

Mittie said he does not anticipate making any other changes.

Prairie View, which plays in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, will be pumped up to play TCU, he said.

"We are having to deal with teams getting up for us more," Mittie said. "That is a good problem. At Oregon and Oklahoma, the newspapers were talking about them playing a team that played in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. We are not sneaking up on anyone anymore."

But Mittie isn't worried about how Prairie View will play. He said the team needs to concentrate on improving its play.

"Sometimes you can get caught up in who you play," Mittie said. "The focus is on us."

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Gantt steps into starting lineup

By Sarah McClellan
STAFF REPORTER

Grace Gantt enjoyed being "the sixth man" for the beginning of the season.

But tonight, the junior forward will be in the starting lineup for the first time at TCU against Prairie View A&M.

"I felt good about coming off the bench and bringing a spark to the team and getting them hyped up during the game," said Gantt, who transferred from Howard College in Big Spring. "I hope I can keep that spark in the game being a starter."

Assistant coach Larry Tidwell said Gantt has not started until now because she will still adjusting to the Frogs defensive scheme.

"She's having a hard time with the new defense," Tidwell said. "As you bring recruits to the Division I level you have to convince them that defense is more important than offense."

Gantt said she has to play harder at TCU than at Howard College.

"The game is a lot quicker," Gantt said. "I have to work harder."

Gantt has made 54.3 percent of her field goals and 55.6 percent from three-point land.

Tidwell said he recruited Gantt because "she's an instant offensive threat from either the inside or the outside."

Head coach Jeff Mittie said Gantt was recruited for her scoring ability.

Mittie said she has improved since she came to TCU this year.

"There's no doubt she's becoming a better defensive player than when she got here," Mittie said. "She's worked very hard at it."

Gantt has been the team's highest scorer for two of its four games this season. Tidwell said Gantt can beat defenders in a variety of ways.

"She can take you off the dribble, she can post you up and score, or she can bury a three-pointer on you," Tidwell said. "One of the reasons to go to a junior college before being recruited by a Division I school is to learn how to change positions."

Gantt is getting more comfortable with the new game she has had to learn, Tidwell said.

"She's started reacting by instinct instead of by thinking," Tidwell said.

Candace Baldwin, a junior guard, said Gantt can play many positions well.

In addition to her playing skills, Gantt is a good teammate to have because she has a good attitude, Baldwin said.

"She encourages people on and off the court," Baldwin said. "She always gives 100 percent."

Gantt said the reason she chose TCU over the dozen or so other schools that

tried to recruit her is she felt more comfortable here.

"TCU felt like home," Gantt said. "When I visited other schools I felt out of place, like I didn't fit in."

Mittie said he thinks Gantt chose TCU in part because she saw promise in the women's basketball program.

"I think she felt like she could come in and make a difference," Mittie said. "She felt like the program is on an upswing."

Gantt is majoring in kinesiology and wants to be a high school basketball coach when she graduates.

"I think I can change a program that isn't that good," she said. "I can help the players get further along because I know a lot about basketball."

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Senior Ashanti Nix will get her third straight start tonight against Prairie View A&M. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Swimming team rides hot streak into University of Texas Invitational meet

By Quinten Boyd
SKIFF STAFF

This holiday season, the TCU swimming team has a lot to be thankful for.

The men's team currently has a record of 5-2, with five consecutive victories. The women's team is 6-1, with six consecutive wins. Head coach Richard Sybesma said the team gets better and better with every performance.

The Frogs will get a chance to prove their strength on a grand stage at the University of Texas Invitational meet. The meet starts today and lasts until Sunday afternoon.

"This meet is a great preparation for the conference championships, even if they are two-and-a-half months away," Sybesma said. "Nine schools out of the top 25 in the nation will be there, and we get to see where we stand so far this year."

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Richard Sybesma, swimming head coach

America swimming polls.

"Those four teams are some of the strongest that we'll face," Sybesma said. "This will make us stronger as the season progresses."

Other competitors in the meet include California, Southern California, Arizona State, and Southern Methodist, four schools that are also ranked in the top 25 on both the men's and women's polls.

After having nearly a two-week break for the Thanksgiving holiday, Sybesma is sure that his teams will perform well against the strong competition.

"I don't see a decrease in performance (due to the break)," Sybesma said. "We'll be able to give a strong performance. We'll race well individually and we'll see what happens in the team scores."

After this weekend's meet, the Frogs will not swim again until Jan. 12, when they travel to Cleveland, Mississippi to take on Delta State and Louisiana-Monroe.

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Coaching duel on back burner

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

Ronald Hobbs left Texas Tech in the spring of 2001 for several reasons. The death of his father made him want to be closer to home in Everman, closer to his mother and family. A new resident in Lubbock also influenced his decision.

Hobbs, now a junior on the TCU men's basketball team, said Texas Tech's hiring of Bob Knight as head coach drove him away.

"I could never play for him," Hobbs said. "He has a persona to trip and go crazy on people, especially his players."

Although Hobbs said TCU's more open style of offense also helped draw him back home, his opinion of Knight resonated among his new TCU teammates.

Freshman Corey Santee shook his head.

"It's his attitude toward his players," Santee said. "(TCU head coach Billy Tubbs) lets me play

my game."

Junior Bingo Merriex smiled.

"I'm sure he's a great coach on the court, but we couldn't make it off the court," Merriex said.

The contrast between Tubbs and Knight will be on display for a national ESPN audience Saturday from the United Spirit Arena. Differences exist not only in the coaching personalities but in the playing styles of the two teams.

The Red Raiders have found themselves in the national spotlight since hiring Knight on March 23. The Frogs will step into that hurricane at 4 p.m. Saturday when they face Texas Tech in Lubbock. Both players and coaches said the emphasis will be on the Red Raiders, not the coach on the sidelines.

"I'm not going to grab rebounds, score points or get steals," Tubbs said. "And neither will (Knight). Playing this game will help us become a better team. It is

a big game either way."

The Frogs will also find a different Tech team than the one they drilled 92-78 last year. Under then-coach James Dickey, the Red Raiders played an up-tempo game lax on defense. Knight promptly removed the former. And the latter.

In six games, the Red Raiders have allowed an average of 67 points.

Texas Tech, which relies on ball screens and picks, plays the same style as several Conference USA opponents, including Marquette and South Florida.

"We expect them to grind things out," Tubbs said.

Players are remaining focused on the game as well.

"It will be exciting," Merriex said. "We can open a lot of eyes if we play the way we're capable of playing."

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