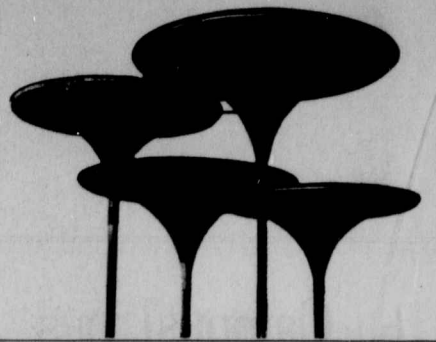


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NATIONAL NEWS

EAST MOLINE, Ill. — President Bush renewed his push Monday for expanded trade as a cure for recession, undeterred by a fainting incident that left him with a scraped cheek and bruised lip. He vowed anew to oppose, repeal or delay the tax cuts enacted last year.

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OnCampus

39 Middle Eastern students re-enroll for classes at U. Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) - Thirty-nine of the 68 Middle Eastern students who withdrew last semester from classes at the University of Arizona have re-enrolled for the spring, said university spokeswoman Sharon Kha.

The students, mostly from the United Arab Emirates, withdrew in mid-September due to fears and concerns about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, said Nasser Alnuaimi, president of the Muslim Students Association.

"Another thing is that their families do not have the same picture of things over there," he said.

Alnuaimi, a civil engineering graduate student, said many students' families overseas do not think it is safe for the students to remain in the United States.

"I dropped my classes because my wife was very afraid," said Jumaa Al-maskari, a mechanical engineering junior. "One of the reasons was anthrax. So I went home, and my family said I did not have to return."

While Al-maskari said he never experienced any hostility from the students at the University of Arizona, he did not plan on returning until Imam Omar Shahin, director of the Islamic Center of Tucson, paid his family a visit in the UAE. "(Shahin) came to my father and told him that I can go back, that it was safe to go back," Al-maskari said.

- Arizona Daily Wildcat

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High: 62; Low: 45; Sunny, slight wind from the southeast

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High: 66; Low: 40; Partly cloudy, chance of rain in the afternoon

LookingBack

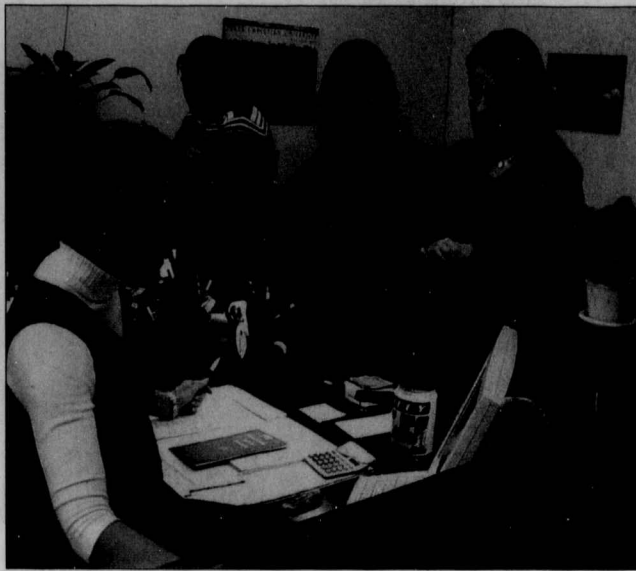
1559 — Two months after the death of Queen Mary I of England, Elizabeth Tudor is crowned Queen Elizabeth I at Westminster Abbey in London.

1870 — The Democratic donkey first appeared in Harper's Weekly. The donkey was created by illustrator Thomas Nast.

1929 — Dr. Martin Luther King is born in Atlanta, Georgia

1974 — Famous TV series *Happy Days* makes its premiere.

University enforcing payment policy



David Dana/STAFF REPORTER
Courtney Ratliff, a senior social work major; Bethanne Elliot, a senior history major and Dolly Pierson, a receptionist, go through some paperwork in the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

BY ANGIE CHANG
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Financial Services has received approximately 1,900 payments since Jan. 4 from students after it threatened to drop students from classes as a result of the enforcement of the payment policy reenacted this semester, said TCU Controller Cheryl Wilson.

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, said the policy is being enforced to prevent adding to the general cost of the university—the university's operating earnings and expenditures — when students do not pay money owed to the university. The university's general cost, which has increased over the years when the policy has not been enforced, does not affect any TCU debt, but does affect raises in tuition, she said.

"(The process) is like shoplifting," Campbell said. "The money that is not received raises total cost of the university. In order to cover

those raised costs, the university increases tuition the following year."

Campbell said the decision to enforce the policy was passed by the TCU administration late fall 2001.

"During fall term, we began enforcing holds on accounts more rigorously," Campbell said. "The process made it clear that a number of students were making payments only when holds were on accounts and that is why holds are being used this spring to encourage students to make payments."

Wilson said Financial Services has handled a large number of payments during the past weeks after several notices were put on FrogNet and sent to students that still have holds on their accounts. There are approximately 200 students that still have holds on their accounts, she said.

Wilson said payment of the minimum balance for this semester was to be made by Jan. 4, but a two-week grace period was granted until Jan.

18 since this is the first semester in many years that the policy has been enforced. Wilson said that although TCU has become lax on enforcing the payment policy over the years, she cannot remember when the policy was last fully enforced.

"TCU's goal is not to drop students from classes," Wilson said. "We just want to encourage them to be prompt with their financial obligations to the university. In the past weeks we have received numerous phone calls from people who want to work with financial services to get their bills taken care of, and the numbers of students with holds on their accounts have fallen dramatically."

John Singleton, director of international services, said the late notice of the enforcement of the payment policy given by TCU made it difficult for him to contact international students before winter break. International students have different

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Plans for parking garage on indefinite hold

BY KELLY MORRIS
STAFF REPORTER

Despite ongoing parking concerns, a 450- to 600-spot parking garage has been put on hold indefinitely, said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business.

"The parking garage was discussed at the November Board of Trustees meeting, but the Board deferred any further action on it at this time," Campbell said. "Personally, I would be surprised to see it back on the agenda again this academic year."

Campbell said one of the reasons the Board deferred the project was because of the \$5.5 million to \$7.5 million price tag of the proposed parking garage.

"The relatively high cost at a time when the endowment has lost market value was a major consideration," she said.

Campbell said the endowment was its highest during March 2000 at \$1 billion. As of Sept. 30, the most recent quarterly figures available, the endowment was about \$ 850 million, down 15 percent, she said.

Campbell said the garage would also require an annual operating cost of nearly \$1,000 a parking space or \$450,000 to \$550,000 a year.

To help pay the cost, Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said there is a possibility that the garage could be incorporated into the Berry Street Initiative, a Fort Worth restoration project of the Berry Street area.

"One of the things we hope is that we can work out some kind of arrangement (with Fort Worth), but that's quite a way's away," Mills said.

But Campbell said it was not only the garage's cost that worried the Board.

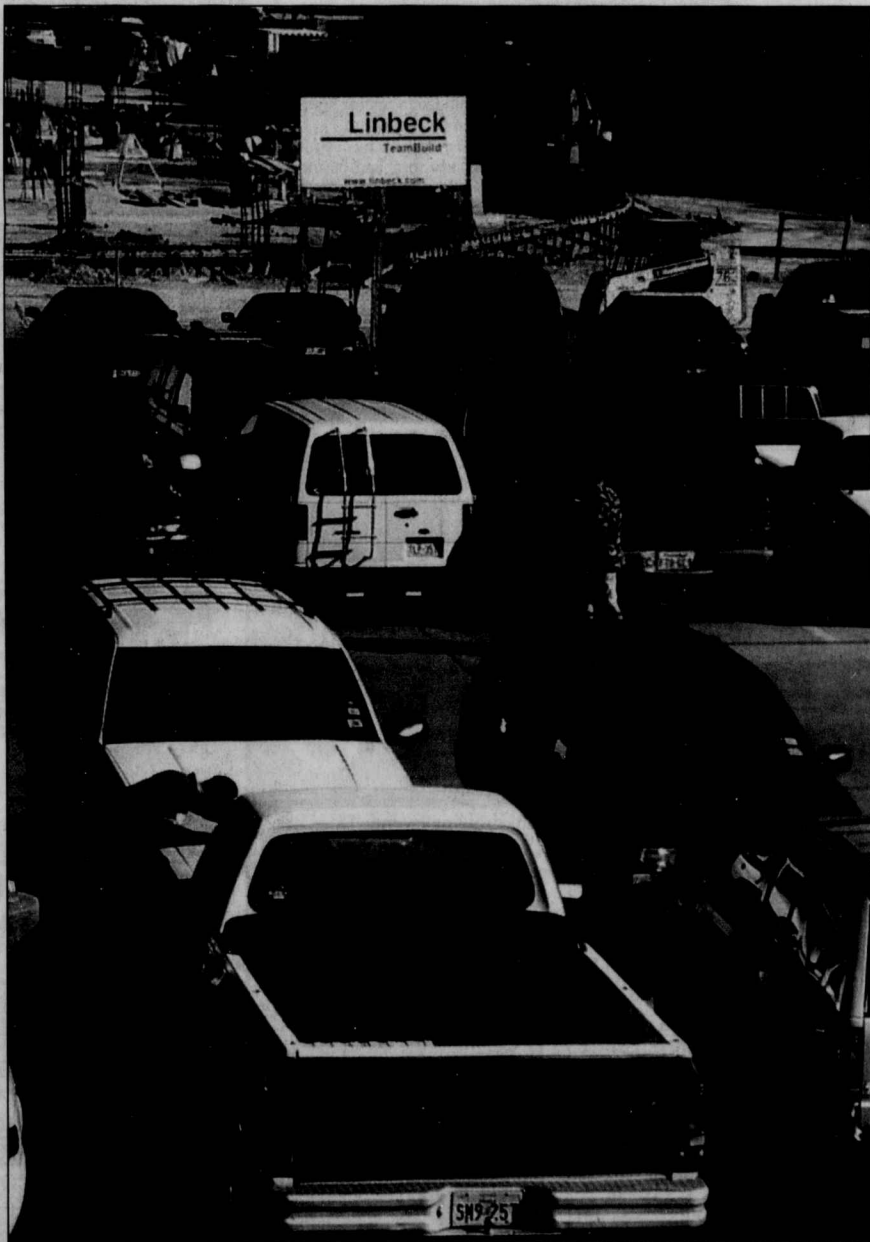
"Most of the better campuses across the country are trying to preserve green space and a pedestrian-friendly environment by locating parking on the perimeter and providing shuttle service to the center of campus," she said.

According to the TCU Parking Plan published Nov. 9, 2001 by the Facilities Department of the Physical Plant, 7,218 parking spots were available on campus.

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said 143 of those spots were lost over the holiday break as construction began on the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall just north of the M.J. Neeley School of Business building.

While additional parking will not be added this semester, McGee said students should be

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David Dana/STAFF REPORTER
Commuters will face parking problems this semester due to construction of the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall north of the M.J. Neeley School of Business. Approximately 143 spots were lost.

Tucker Center lacks funding

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
STAFF REPORTER

The William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center will not have an endowment to cover operating costs when its doors open in April if the university does not raise \$6.5 million, administrators said.

These costs will be taken up by the university's general operating budget if an endowment does not exist, placing pressure on the school's financial resources, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor of university advancement.

Davis said operating and depreciation costs of new facilities and interest on the growing debt—used to finance TCU's expansion during the 1990s—has led to "significant jumps in our budget."

"You're looking at the costs of adding electricity, new systems, more buildings, more people to clean them," said Davis.

Davis said the university's operating budget is projected to grow \$10 million to \$15 million a year over the next 10 years. The added costs of operating the Tucker Technology Center contributes to these increases, Davis said.

Larger increases in tuition and housing fees may be necessary because income from the university's endowment has decreased because of the current economic recession, Davis said.

"Tuition will probably be increased more this year than the average of the '90s," he said.

Davis said depreciation costs have grown from about \$4 million to \$19 million within the last decade. Depreciation costs occur

(More on TUCKER, page 9)

Work out facility open, not all services offered

BY KAMI LEWIS
STAFF REPORTER

Construction of the new University Recreation Center will send swimmers, racquet ball players and aerobics lovers off campus this semester.

A temporary weight room and a cardio center are now available in the old Cokesbury Bookstore at 2720 W. Berry St., said Steven Kintigh, director of recreational sports. Racquetball courts, tennis courts, aerobics classes and a pool will not be offered on campus this semester.

Marcel Maitland, a senior radio-TV-film major, said he used to play sand volleyball by the Rickel Building.

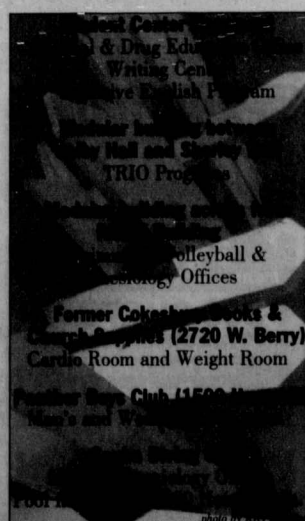
"It's about a 15-minute drive to where I play now, and it can be pretty inconvenient sometimes," he said.

However, a temporary space for indoor volleyball and basketball enthusiasts may come from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"Hopefully we'll be able to begin offering court time by the second week of school," Kintigh said. "It really depends on the flexibility of the athletic teams and their practice schedules."

The temporary weight room will offer the full range of weight machines and cardio equipment the Rickel Building did, Kintigh said. Students

(More on RICKEL, page 5)



Rickel Bldg. construction displaces tenants, offices

BY COLLEEN CASEY
STAFF REPORTER

After unpacking in the dark, the recreational sports administrative offices had the electricity turned on in their temporary offices after more than a month of working without electricity. However, Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports, said they are now ready for work as usual.

Beginning this year, Texas deregulated electric companies and no electricity was available, said Jim Weller, the Physical Plant's associate director of major projects.

"We don't mind being in the trailer," Kintigh said. "We're freezing, but we can improvise and conduct most business."

Weller said that while the Rickel Building remains closed, classes, services and offices have moved to temporary locations. All services previously held in the Rickel Building are set to move back when construction is completed in Fall 2002, he said.

For the time being, two modular buildings have been set up across the street from the Rickel Building and

(More on DISPLACE, page 5)

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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

■ **The Computer Help Desk** has moved to the new Information Commons area located in the Mary Coats Burnett Library. The phone number and e-mail address are the same. For more information call (817) 257-6855.

■ **TCU Theatre** will present "Enigma," 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Studio Theatre in Ed Landreth Hall. The original one-man show was created by TCU theatre students. Admission is free, but seating is limited. For reservations call (817) 923-3012.

■ **Programming Council** will sponsor a Welcome Back Party 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Center. Free food will be provided plus a performance by the band Naked Blue along with various activities.

■ **A free lecture and discussion on Islam** will be led by Yushau Sodiq, associate professor of religion, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Barnes and Noble, 1612 S. University Drive. For more information contact the office of extended education at (817) 257-7130.

■ **A Brite Divinity School Community Conversation** will be held 11 a.m. Thursday in Weatherly Hall. Joseph L. Price, professor of religious studies at Whittier College will speak on "The Super Bowl as the Center of the American Pilgrimage." For more information call (817) 257-7575.

■ **The West Point Band** will perform a guest clarinet recital 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23, in PepsiCo Recital Hall in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts. For information call (817) 257-7602.

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National/State Roundup

NJ troopers plea less to avoid racial profiling in shooting

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Two white state troopers avoided jail Monday by pleading guilty to lesser charges in a turnpike shooting that forced New Jersey and the nation to confront the issue of racial profiling.

The men said they had been trained and encouraged by their superiors to target minorities.

James Kenna and John Hogan fired 11 shots at a van they had pulled over for speeding on the New Jersey Turnpike in 1998. The two have said they thought the driver was trying to run them over and they feared for their lives. Three of the four young men — three blacks and one Hispanic — in the van were wounded.

Under a plea bargain, James Kenna and John Hogan pleaded guilty to official misconduct and providing false information. Kenna had been charged with attempted murder, and both had been charged with aggravated assault.

Kenna and Hogan were fined \$155 each for official misconduct and \$125 each for giving false information, and were barred from ever holding jobs as police officers in New Jersey.

The plea agreement also avoids federal civil rights charges.

The turnpike shooting stirred accusations that New Jersey state police targeted minority motorists for searches along the busy highway.

Egyptian man put on trial for pilot disguise at Kennedy

NEW YORK (AP) — An Egyptian man who arrived at Kennedy Airport a week after the terrorist attacks with a fake pilot's uniform and license and a forged flight-school certificate went on trial Monday on charges of lying to authorities.

Prosecutors have acknowledged they have no evidence that Wael Abdel Rahman Kishk, 21, was part of a potential "second wave" of attacks following Sept. 11, but said he acted enough like a suicide hijacker to arouse suspicion.

Kishk lied to federal agents by claiming he was in the country to attend business school when he really intended to take flying lessons, prosecutor Dwight Holton said in opening statements.

Defense attorney Michael Schneider said Kishk, who held a legitimate U.S. visa, meant no harm. He described the pilot's document as "the crudest kind of fake" — the work of a young man who wanted to impress a girlfriend.

If convicted of charges he lied to a terrorist task force detective to conceal his plans to study aviation, Kishk could get five years in prison.



President George W. Bush, right, meets with his economic advisors, including Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, left, in the Oval Office Thursday, Jan. 10.

Kishk was stopped Sept. 19 by Immigration and Naturalization Service agents for a luggage search after arriving from Spain on a flight that originated in Cairo, Egypt.

Military looks to scale back funds, patrols on homefront

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military has flown more than 13,000 fighter-jet patrols over American cities since Sept. 11 at a cost exceeding \$324 million. Now it wants to cut back.

The round-the-clock patrols designed to deter terrorists may be straining planes and personnel, the Pentagon said Monday.

Four months after the airliner attacks, any decision on ending or changing the patrols may come down to a calculation of how safe Americans would feel with the change, some officials say.

Part of the homeland defense efforts called Operation Noble Eagle, the flights began after terrorist hijackers crashed jetliners into the Pentagon and World Trade Center. U.S. fighters have been flying over New York and Washington since then.

Other patrols fly from time to time over other major metropolitan areas and key sites, and jets are on alert at 30 bases to scramble if

called. The combat air patrols are the first of their kind over the United States since the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

The operation uses 11,000 people and 250 aircraft, another official said. Those figures include maintenance crews, pilots for 100 F-15 and F-16 fighter jets, crews for tankers needed for midair refueling and crews for AWACS — Airborne Warning and Control System — planes to provide radar information.

From Sept. 11 to Dec. 10, the operation flew 13,000 sorties. The cost was \$324 million, Defense Department spokeswoman Susan Hansen said.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, which runs the operation, says that through Dec. 10, its jets responded 207 times to problems such as unidentified aircraft, planes violating restricted air space and in-flight emergencies.

Not included in the figure is the case in which two jets escorted a Paris-to-Miami flight to Boston later last month after a passenger tried to ignite what authorities said was an explosive hidden in his shoes.

In 92 of the cases, jets on alert on the ground were scrambled to respond. In the other 115 cases, NORAD diverted jets that already were in the air on patrol.

Anthrax hoax closes Supreme Court Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was closed briefly Monday after discovery of an envelope containing white powder. The powder was not anthrax, a court spokeswoman said.

The powder was found about 4:20 p.m. by workers in the clerk's office, spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said. The building was closed about 40 minutes until tests came back negative.

Arberg said the powder was in an envelope that appeared to be court correspondence. It was turned over to the FBI, which will decide whether to investigate further, Arberg said.

Last week, a U.S. Capitol Police officer was indicted in an anthrax hoax at the Capitol. James Pickett is accused of leaving white powder at a police security station in November with an anonymous note.

All mail bound for the Capitol and the court building has been intercepted and irradiated off-site since shortly after an anthrax-laced letter was opened in October in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

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Students should accept responsibilities

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Through simple research administrators determined that many students waited to make tuition payments until there were holds on their accounts that kept them from registering for classes.

You know it. We know it. At some point either we or our parents have used this precise method to delay making tuition payments as long as possible.

And whether we like it or not, administrators are only doing what is best for the "business" by enforcing the holds and trying to maximize their profits.

Students can complain about tuition increases all they want, but it really just isn't a part of the issue. If students aren't paying their tuition, then they really shouldn't expect to be able to attend class and just pay it off whenever it suits them best.

Be thankful that colleges don't use the holds like our favorite credit cards. Then college students with poor credit end up being charged with a ridiculous 18.9 annual percentage rate.

Nearly 1,900 payments have been made since holds started being enforced and only approximately 200 students have yet to pay before the Jan. 18 deadline when they will be removed from the university.

Admittedly, expulsion is a harsh punishment for many and it's a reality of life that many students will always struggle to meet their tuition payments as each one arrives.

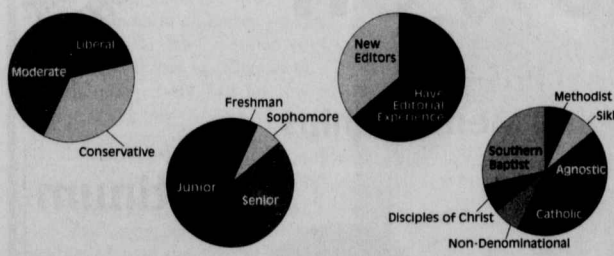
However, when students have been warned repeatedly of the potential punishments, you really can't blame administrators for following through with what they've been threatening.

In order for TCU to grow and gain greater prestige, the university can't afford to lose drastic amounts of money. When a quarter of the student body or more is making tuition payments late or whenever it's most convenient for them then TCU ends up losing substantial amounts of money.

As the cliché goes, the end justifies the means.

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- Classification:** Five seniors, seven juniors, one sophomore and one freshman
- Political Affiliation:** Six moderates, five conservatives and three liberals
- Religious Preference:** Four Southern Baptists, three Agnostics, three Catholics, one Disciples of Christ, one Methodist, one Sikh, and one Non-Denominational
- Major:** Five broadcast journalism, four news-editorial journalism, two news-editorial journalism and sociology, one news-editorial journalism and political science, one advertising/public relations and one speech communication
- Housing:** Eight off and six on
- Greek:** Thirteen independent and one Kappa Alpha Theta
- Home State:** Ten Texas, one Kansas, one Arizona, one Louisiana and one Georgia
- Editorial Experience:** Nine previous editors and five new editors
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Editor hopes to educate, accurately inform readers

One of the things that has always intrigued me about the media is how they appear to be the gatekeepers of the news.

When I was younger I used to think that journalists would sit around a table and discuss what information they would allow the public to read each day. They controlled the order of the story and how much of that story would be presented to the public.

While this belief is not entirely correct, there is some truth to this idea. It's a fact that journalists do have knowledge of more than just what runs on television and in newspapers, but because there is only so much room in the newspaper and so many minutes on television, not every story can be told. However, deciding what does run needs to be carefully reviewed.

As the editor, I have final approval of what stories, pictures and art are published in the TCU Daily Skiff and what is held for further reporting or

research. To set the record straight, I have no problem pulling the plug on a story that's not deemed suitable for print. But at the same time I have no problem publishing something that will rile emotion and, in turn, result in varying thought or even evoke change on a particular subject.

I asked my editors the other day not to be afraid to look at somebody dead in the eye and simply ask the question "Why?" — and be ready to ask follow-up questions.

"What would Helen Thomas be asking?" is my approach. I ask this because the job of the press is the never-ending search for truth. Ms. Thomas, a veteran journalist and dean of The White House press corps, is the queen of follow-up questions. She will not let anyone slide past her. We won't either.

By asking questions, we are able to educate and inform our audience of the daily events occurring on this campus, community and the world around us. But we have to do this responsibly.

That is our aim.

If Sept. 11 taught us one thing, it's not just that the future is difficult to predict, but that journalists play a vital role in war. Without journalists people would easily be opening every letter laced with white powder or ignoring the tick-tick of the unoccupied backpack sitting at the adjacent lunch table.

This newspaper's role is no different than *The Washington Post's* or *The New York Times'*. While we will be covering

issues like the changing face of this campus in regard to finances, construction, parking and other staple items like fundraisers and campus events, we cannot ignore this war. Nor can we ignore what it means to be living through it. The umbrella of issues is fascinating.

We cannot ignore it. We will ask questions.

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Melissa DeLoach

"By asking questions, we are able to educate and inform our audience of the daily events occurring on this campus, community and the world around us."

— Melissa DeLoach

Monster Rap "All I need to know"

In 1989, Robert Fulghum published a collection of several short essays, including "All I Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten," to the delight of gaudily embroidered sweatshirt-donning soccer moms everywhere. Unsure of the subject matter, I began reading it under the assumption that the essay would rail against the uselessness of post-Play-Doh education. Instead, I found a sappy list of life guidelines supposedly learned in the first year of school. Although I appreciate the notion that all the knowledge one needs to live a full and healthy life can be ascertained in one place, for me, that place was not kindergarten.

No, all I need to know I learned from Monsters of Rap.

If only I had Razor and Tie's compilation of late 1980s/early 1990s rap earlier in my life, I could have bypassed years of social ineptitude, self-loathing and time wasted in school. You've probably seen the commercials late at night between ads for "Girls Gone Wild" and "Girls Gone Absolutely Pathetic For Plastic Beads at Mardi Gras."

You might think the Monsters of Rap CD only serves the purpose of getting your friends' butts to wiggle a little bit at the party you're hosting or filling up space in the bargain bin next to Joey Lawrence and Color Me Badd, but you'd be missing the subtle beauty of these songs. Every track and every artist has an important lesson to share.

For example, Sir Mix-a-Lot's track "Baby Got Back" teaches us a lesson in honesty. He begins by taking an unpopular stance and proclaiming, "[he] like[s] big butts and [he] cannot lie." Sir Mix-a-Lot shows that it's important to stand by your convictions

even if others may not agree. He continues by promoting self-esteem and emphatically denouncing the unrealistic images fashion magazines depict, declaring "So Cosmo says you're fat/Well I ain't down with that!" Sir Mix-A-Lot tells us to love others how they are, and as a result, the love we have for ourselves can grow as big as the posteriors he prefers.

Monsters of Rap also offers us valuable information about females. Yo-Yo's song "You Can't Play With My Yo-Yo" teaches us that although women are beautiful creatures, we should be respectful toward them and their bodies. She breaks it down when she announces, "check the booty, yo it's kinda soft, but if you touch, you livin' in a coffin (word to your mother)." Thanks to Yo-Yo, I now know that just because a girl is attractive and dresses provocatively, I do not necessarily have an invitation to grope her. I'm sure the ladies who frequent the Cantina would appreciate it if more men heeded Yo-Yo's valuable lesson.

Young MC provides inspiration on his track "Bust A Move" by teaching us a lesson in perseverance and informing us that there's a mate out there for everyone. This lesson is especially dear to me, as I haven't gotten any girlie action since Michael Jackson's heyday. I often find myself "wishin' someone could cure [my] lonely condition," but whenever I worry that I'll be more alone than "Stone Cold" Steve Austin at a Mensa convention for the rest of my life, I remember Young MC's words. When it comes to drought in one's love life, Young MC reminds us

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— Jeff Reguilon

is no wonder MC Hammer is a tele-evangelist now. "And that's word because you know..."

The lessons learned from Monsters of Rap are far more valuable than anything I could have learned in the year I spent in kindergarten urinating in my overalls and making fun of the kids who didn't know how to read yet. Perhaps my time spent there might have been more valuable had my teacher spent less time worrying about my paste-eating habits and more time teaching us the messages of Tone Loc, Onyx and Vanilla Ice.

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I've been working on this column for three days, and I still have nothing.

Every time I sit down to write, it happens. "Jonathan, come show me how to use NewsEditPro." "Jonathan, how do you crop this picture?" "Jonathan, what is a news article?"

"Jonathan, I quit!"

I think I'm going to change my name and not tell anyone.

That way, when they call for Jonathan, I can just keep writing. No more interruptions or diversions. Ever.

But the truth is, even through all the distractions, I'm loving every minute of it.

Even though it's tiring, even though we've been working 10 or 12-hour days, even though I still haven't had a chance to buy some Christmas presents (yes, Christmas presents), it's worth it.

No one here does it for the money, trust me.

I'm doing this because I care about the people and care about the paper. I'm doing this because I want to be a part of something that impacts people. I'm doing this because I learn more about myself and others every time I step into the newsroom.

"I honestly don't know what this semester will hold, but I know I speak for the rest of the staff when I say we want this paper to be something that impacts you."

— Jonathan Sampson

Every semester the editors write columns about the paper and our expectations, but every year things happen and expectations change. Sometimes those promises aren't kept.

I honestly don't know what this semester will hold, but I know I speak for the rest of the staff when I say we want this paper to be something that impacts you.

There's an excitement in the newsroom I haven't seen before. With our new editors, new reporters, new design and new technology (one of the most technologically advanced newsrooms you'd find anywhere), we're ready to move forward and try something different.

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From the way we design the paper to the way we work with and support our reporters, we're trying something new.

I invite you to do the same. Let us start with a clean slate and build up a new trust through accurate, concise reporting and good editorial decisions. We're going to work hard for you, and it's going to be a busy time for us.

But through the late nights and constant interruptions, something else emerges: a group that enjoys being together.

I hope this semester brings our staff a chance to learn, grow and have fun. I hope we can get back to the basics of journalism and report based on the needs of our audience, not the thoughts and opinions of the news staff. And most importantly, I hope I can get my name change processed by next week.

Just between you and me, I think I'll choose Mark.

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International Roundup

Palestinian leader killed in West Bank bomb Monday

TULKAREM, West Bank (AP) — A Palestinian militia leader who boasted of shooting Israelis was killed when a bomb exploded as he emerged from his West Bank hide-out and walked along a quiet street Monday. Hours later and close by, Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli and wounded another in a roadside ambush, security sources said.

No one claimed responsibility for either attack, which pointed to a renewed cycle of retaliatory violence that has marked the conflict in and around Tulkarem since the Palestinian uprising began nearly 16 months ago.

Monday's violence further undermined U.S. truce efforts, and it was not clear whether U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni would return to the region this week as planned.

Palestinians accused Israel of planting the bomb that went off exactly as militia leader, Raed Karmi, 27, strode past on a residential street that bordered a cemetery. The bomb sprayed Karmi with shrapnel, leaving a cavity on the roadside and a pool of blood on the blacktop where Karmi died.

Without confirming or denying involvement, Israel issued a statement shortly after the explosion saying Karmi was responsible for the shooting deaths of nine Israelis.

Royal Family Making News for Drug and Alcohol Use

LONDON (AP) — After a week-end of embarrassing tabloid headlines about her 17-year-old grandson's experimentation with alcohol and marijuana, Queen Elizabeth II said Monday that she was pleased with the way Prince Charles had handled his son's scrape.

"The queen shares the Prince of

Wales's views on the seriousness of Prince Harry's behavior and supports the action which has been taken," Buckingham Palace said in a statement. "She hopes the matter can now be considered as closed."

Charles sent his younger son to a south London rehabilitation clinic for a day so he could talk to recovering addicts and see the dangers of drug use. Harry, then 16, admitted last summer that he'd drunk with friends at a pub near his father's Highgrove country estate and smoked marijuana with friends, according to press reports confirmed by a royal source.

Marijuana is illegal in Britain and the drinking age is 18.

Harry returned to the prestigious Eton school Monday after spending Sunday at his father's Highgrove estate. But the story of his smoking and drinking remained on front pages and at the top of news broadcasts.

Adding to his headaches, police refused to rule out legal action.

Pakistan Gov't Questioning More Terrorists Members

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani police brought in hundreds more Islamic militants for questioning Monday as part of a crackdown that included anti-India extremists. But India was not impressed, and both nations refused to withdraw hundreds of thousands of troops massed along their border.

Hopes that the standoff could be resolved had risen after a speech Saturday by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf banning five militant Muslim organizations, including two accused of terrorism in Indian-controlled Kashmir, and placing other curbs on Islamic extremists.

The speech was coupled with a nationwide police sweep that by

Monday had led to the detention of nearly 1,500 extremists, the Interior Ministry said.

Most were expected to be released after questioning.

Indian officials welcomed Musharraf's promise to stamp out terrorism but were waiting for tangible signs. On Monday, Indian Defense Minister George Fernandes said his government would not withdraw its troops from the frontier with Pakistan until cross-border terrorism stops.

The confrontation between the two nuclear powers was expected to be high on the agenda both for Secretary of State Colin Powell, scheduled to arrive to Islamabad on Wednesday, and Fernandes, the Indian defense minister, who departs for Washington on Tuesday.

Indian and Pakistani troops moved to the border after a deadly Dec. 13 attack on India's Parliament.

The crackdown on extremists began Saturday. Quereshi said Monday that the operation was close to finished, but police sources said it could continue for several more days.

Jordanian Cabinet Restructured For Elections

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's King Abdullah II reshuffled his Cabinet on Monday, replacing the foreign and interior ministers, and ordering the new lineup to prepare parliamentary elections expected this year.

It was the third shakeup since Prime Minister Ali Abul-Ragheb took office in June 2000.

Abul-Ragheb remained in his post in the new Cabinet, which Abdullah swore in Monday.

Marwan Muasher — the ambassador to the United States and Jordan's first ambassador to Israel

Colorado bill would reveal sex offenders on university campuses

Convicted offenders would be required to identify themselves at schools, database would be established at state level

BY MICHAEL A. DE YOANNA
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BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE) — Convicted sex offenders could be required to disclose whether they attend classes, work or volunteer at university campuses according to a bill that would dramatically change how the state of Colorado tracks such offenders.

The proposed legislation in the Colorado Legislature would also create a centralized sex offender database that would be maintained by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, a change from the current system in which local law enforcement agencies are charged with the responsibility.

University of Colorado police Lt. Tim McGraw, who helped craft the bill, said it would have sweeping implications for identifying sex offenders.

"This would change the way business is done in Colorado as far as sex offender registration is carried out," McGraw said.

It wouldn't be just students, faculty and other campus employees that would be required to disclose if they have ever been convicted of a sex offense. The law would include anyone coming to a public or private higher education campus to work.

"We're talking bus drivers, pizza delivery drivers, taxi drivers -- just about anyone who comes to work at the campus," McGraw said.

Under current law, convicted sex offenders are required to disclose

only their name, address and place of employment to their local law enforcement agencies.

That causes problems when it comes to identifying sex offenders on campuses, McGraw said.

"We have people who come to this campus spread out through 20 to 30 counties," McGraw said. "It's hard to track down the information. You would have to go to each local agency to get it."

Campuses would not be required to collect the information, but would be required to tell people where it is located. Campuses could also post the information publicly if they choose to do so, according to

Sen. Bob Hagedorn, D-Arapahoe, a sponsor of the bill introduced in the House by Rep. Joe Stengel, R-Arapahoe. Hagedorn, a graduate of CU, said he supports the legislation because it would make campus communities safer.

"I remember when it became an issue at CU in the '70s and '80s," Hagedorn said. "Then people began to raise awareness about sex assaults on campus. There are concerns that predators have found jobs on university campuses just to prey on young women."

Recent federal amendments to the 1990 Campus Crime Statistics Act prevents federal funds from going to states that do fail to require sex offenders to state whether they have an affiliation with a university or college.

The so-called Clery Act requires universities and colleges to disclose information about crime on and

around their campuses. The law is named in memory of Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old Lehigh University freshman who was raped and murdered in her residence hall at the Pennsylvania college in 1986.

"This is the typical blackmailing the federal government does," Hagedorn said, adding that several other pieces of legislation this session try to mop up federal issues. "We tend to run more state's rights here in Colorado."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado is aware of the bill, but has not yet had the time to read it.

Hagedorn conceded he has some concerns for the rights of offenders. He added that he would watch the bill closely as debate on it begins, perhaps as early as next week.

"There is a delicate balance between informing the public and maintaining a certain level of protection for offenders," Hagedorn said. "We don't want to deny offenders who are trying to change their lives the right to a job, or the right to advance through attendance of universities."

Should the bill become law, the number of sex offenders who are affiliated with campuses statewide could easily be gathered.

McGraw declined to estimate how many such offenders might be revealed on or near the Boulder campus.

"I just can't fathom it," McGraw said. "It is intriguing as to what this legislation is going to represent."

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PAYMENT

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requirements and cannot afford to come back from winter break to find out that they have been dropped from classes because they didn't make a payment, Singleton said.

"In order to not be in violation of their student visas, they must be enrolled in school as a full-time student," Singleton said. "They cannot take a semester off to work because that could result in them losing their visa. They would then have to reapply for a new one which almost never gets approved."

She said holds on the accounts will not affect the use of student IDs for on-campus dining but will prevent students from using their ID card for bookstore purchases, on-campus vending and access to laundry machines. If payment is not received by Financial Services by Jan. 18, students who still have

holds on their accounts will be dropped from their classes and will be entitled to a full refund of their tuition for the semester, Wilson said.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial assistance, said many people have contacted the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid to take out loans and pay their balances. The enforcement of the policy is beneficial for both the students and the university, Scott said.

"In the past TCU has been too nice by allowing balances to carry," Scott said. "As a result of that, students find themselves in huge debt accumulation that they can't pay off and end up either not being able to obtain their transcript or graduate. TCU does not do themselves or the students any favors by letting the students accumulate this debt."

Mandi McReynolds, a junior religion major, said she has a hold on

her account but her mother has already mailed in a payment. She said she has received notices from TCU about her outstanding bill, however she said they were sent to the wrong place.

"My mother is responsible for paying the bill," McReynolds said. "They send the bill to her but they send the notices to me. My mother was unaware that I was in danger of being dropped from my classes because she did not get any notices and because they did not enforce it in past years."

McReynolds said she has also found the hold on her account to be bothersome because it prevents her from buying her books.

"TCU should use another preventive measure other than freezing the accounts," she said. "Not allowing me to buy my books will cause me to fall behind in classes and will affect how I do in school."

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A worker in the old Cookesbury Bookstore, the temporary replacement for the Rickel, sets up equipment for the weightroom.

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will find it nearly equal to the facilities in the Rickel Building, he said.

"The biggest differences are that we won't offer showers, overnight lockers or walk-in student guests due to limited space availability," Kintigh said. "But students should find everything else as accessible as the Rickel."

Kintigh said intramural sports will focus on more outdoor programming this semester and off-campus sand volleyball may be offered.

While the temporary facility is not open to alumni and community members, Kintigh said Recreational Sports is eager to work with student's needs.

"If a student walked in tomorrow and said, 'I know where there's a place for aerobics classes,' we would work as hard as possible to make that happen," Kintigh said. "There's really no reason for a student to have to go off campus to exercise, with the exception of just a few sports."

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and will facilitate the swimming and volleyball offices, Weller said.

He also said another modular building between Colby Hall and Sherley Hall will accommodate the School of Education's TRIO Programs.

Swimmers and scuba diving students have also made a move.

Don Reece, scuba diving instructor, since there is an alternate pool available, the displacement of scuba diving classes previously held in the Rickel Building hasn't become an inconvenience. Classes have been relocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth Panther Branch pool at 1500 Hemphill St.

Other services relocated are also finding the move tolerable, said Jeanette Harris, director of the Writing Center. The Writing Center, along with the Intensive English Program offices and Alcohol and Drug Education Center are temporarily located in

the Student Center basement.

Harris said that although the move itself was a little bit of a hassle, she appreciates the arrangement.

"We have a very nice space and we're still able to function the same," Harris said. "We are ready for business."

Sparkle Greenhaw, programs specialist for the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said she knows the move is beneficial.

"The new building will definitely give us more room to expand programming," Greenhaw said. "We hope that while we're in a more centralized location we'll attract more students."

Greenhaw said the services the center offers to students are still available while in the temporary location and they are doing their best to maintain confidentiality by installing private offices for counseling.

"We're just being flexible," Greenhaw said. "It will pay off in the long run."

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PARKING

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aware of the 143 additional commuter parking spots that were added last winter behind Beasley Hall.

"We actually had already added that parking last Christmas," McGee said. "Really, it was an even trade."

McGee said the graduation of 474 students at the December Commencement will free up commuter parking this semester.

Despite all the university's efforts to better parking, Fester Prose, a senior religion major, is still not satisfied.

"I'd like to see some of the people

making decisions at TCU try to find a parking spot for a 10 o'clock class," Prose said. "When I first started commuting in the fall of 1998, I could get to campus 15 minutes early and still find a spot. Last semester, I feel I couldn't find a spot for anything."

McGee said no matter what semester it is, parking will always remain a problem.

"Every year I've been here we always have people who are not happy with parking because we do not have enough close up spaces next to the buildings," he said. "We have added hundreds of spaces since I have been here."

McGee said he is encouraging stu-

dents to use the two commuter lots, which contain over 120 spots on Merida Street located immediately behind the TCU police station.

"I have literally found that a quarter to nine, you'll see people three deep waiting in line for (the lot behind the Moudy building), then you walk over here to (the lot behind the police station), and it will be empty," McGee said.

"They are waiting on someone to leave instead of parking (behind the police station) and could have been in their class drinking a cup of coffee 15 minutes before class started."

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President Bush urges trade expansion to combat recession

BY SCOTT LINDLAU

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EAST MOLINE, Ill. — President Bush renewed his push Monday for expanded trade as a cure for recession, undeterred by a fainting incident that left him with a scraped cheek and bruised lip. He vowed anew to oppose, repeal or delay the tax cuts enacted last year.

Bush opened the two-day, three-state push with a series of jokes about the fainting spell he suffered Sunday after a pretzel went down the wrong way while he was watching television in the White House. He told 1,500 workers and supporters at a John Deere plant that he expected to receive a pretzel from union workers — "those kind that are easy to chew."

The president, who seeks broader powers to negotiate trade pacts, said, "I'm confident we need to open up markets, not close them down."

"What this nation needs is to level the playing field and have trade that'll create jobs all across America," he said.

In Springfield, Mo., Bush told a crowd in an airplane hangar that expanded trade is essential.

"Let us compete and when we can compete in a fair way, we whip anybody when it comes to selling food."

Bush renewed his call for lower taxes to create jobs.

"It's economics 101, except sometimes people in Washington haven't taken the course," Bush said.

Congress last year passed Bush's long-term tax cut but some Democrats now say that in the face of budget deficits, some of those cuts should be deferred.

Monday, Bush pledged to fight any such effort.

"If you have more money in your pocket, you buy more things, which encourages more production," he said. "I've made up my mind — the tax relief plan we passed, which you're now beginning to feel the effects of, is going to be permanent."

Bush left the White House with a bruised lip and a half-dollar-sized abrasion on his cheek after his fainting spell.

During the flight from Washington, Bush made light of his fainting spell by sending a large bag of pretzels to the press cabin with a scribbled warning to "chew slowly." Later, touring a John Deere plant here, Bush said of a welder's mask, "I need this all the time around the press corps."

"I feel great," Bush told reporters as he left the White House. Spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president, fighting a head cold, reported having a runny nose but was otherwise fine.

During the flight, Bush called Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and President Bashar Assad of

Syria to talk about peace efforts in the Middle East and the anti-terrorism campaign.

The president's itinerary had him tracing the flow of farm goods south through the Midwest en route to overseas markets. On Tuesday, he will visit the port of New Orleans, the last stop for many agricultural goods destined for export markets.

The president badly wants authority to negotiate "fast-track" trade agreements, which Congress could reject but not change.

The Republican-controlled House passed such trade promotion authority by a deeply partisan 215-214 vote last month after the White House and Republican leaders persuaded GOP holdouts to change sides. The Democratic-controlled Senate is due to vote

early this year.

On agricultural business, the Senate was unable to agree on a Democratic plan to reauthorize farm programs through 2006. Most of the money in that bill would continue to go to grain, cotton and soybean farms but also offer new subsidies for a variety of additional commodities, including milk, honey and lentils. It also would double spending on conservation.

The administration criticized both that bill and one passed by the House in October and urged Congress to delay finishing work on them until this year. It said both measures risk exceeding levels set in an international trade agreement and provide too much money to big farms that least need the assistance.

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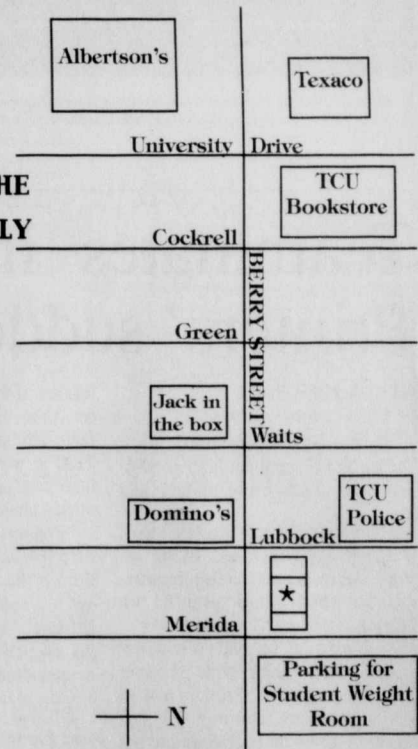
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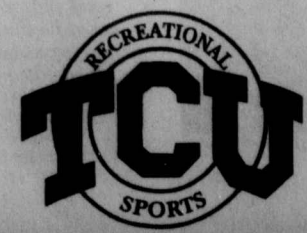
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Printers' loss leaves TCU in search of starting QB Stilley is front-runner for starting spot, but final decision to be made in spring workouts

BY RAM LUTHRA
SPORTS EDITOR

The football team will have to wait until spring workouts in March to find out who will be the starting quarterback for TCU next season. The void is left by junior Casey

Printers' abrupt decision to leave the team to attend a Division I-AA school. Printers said he wants to go to a school that has a passing-oriented offense. With a pro-form-type offense, Printers said he will be better suited as an NFL quarterback.

Head coach Gary Patterson said Printers' departure will mainly be felt with a loss of experience on the team. Printers started 32 games in his three-year career at TCU.

"This team is more than just one player," Patterson said. "This team

has other leaders like LaTarence Dunbar, Adrian Madise, Chad Pugh and Corey Connally. But with Casey gone we will have to make up his experience.

"This is not the first time a player has left a team. We have people who graduate and young players step in their positions all the time and this is no different," Patterson said.

TCU has four quarterbacks that will be vying for the starting position and the subsequent back-up and third string position.

Junior quarterback Sean Stilley is the front-runner for the starting job, Patterson said. But the final decision won't be made until spring practices. Stilley saw action in five games this season after Printers went down with a shoulder injury. Stilley ended up throwing 48 of 76 of his passes for 545 yards and throwing three touchdowns. He suffered an ankle injury during the East Carolina game in October.

Patterson said Stilley has recovered from that injury and should be ready for spring workouts.

Redshirt freshman Zach Moore, Tye Gunn and Brandon Hassell are going to be fighting for the No. 2 and No. 3 spots in the quarterback rotation. Hassell, more of a traditional passer, earned all-state honors as he threw for 2,522 yards and 22 touchdowns his senior year at Sam Houston High School in Arlington.

Moore will fit more into the TCU option-based system. He threw for 600 yards and rushed for 1,113 yards his senior year at Weatherford High School.

Gunn, a redshirt freshman from LaGrange High School, was heavily recruited by Arizona,

Purdue and Texas Tech. Gunn accounted for over 9,100 yards and 127 touchdowns in his high school career. He earned all-state honors by both the Texas High School Coaches Association and the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Patterson said all three will have the same opportunity for a spot. "Their positions will all be determined in spring workouts," Patterson said. "All of them have not played a single down of college football."

Patterson said Printers did not have any problems with the coaching staff or other players.

"His (Printers) decision to leave was solely based on that he wanted to have an opportunity to throw the ball more," Patterson said.

Printers asked Patterson about the pros and cons of his decision to leave.

"Casey had a lot going for him if he came back his senior year," Patterson said. "This would have been the first time he could have the same quarterback coach for two years in a row."

Printers will leave TCU as one of the all-time leaders in several statistical categories. He finished third in career passing yards (4,621), third in career passing touchdowns (37), fourth in career completions (324), and eighth in career passing attempts (578).

Printers has one year of eligibility left to play football. According to published reports, he is likely to go to Florida A&M, Southern University, Grambling State or Alabama State.

TCU does not allow its athletes to transfer to a school that is in Conference USA, the Western Athletic Conference or the Big 12 Conference. Also, Printers would not have been allowed to transfer to Alabama where former TCU head coach Dennis Franchione, who recruited Printers, is employed. TCU does not allow athletes to transfer to a coach that has been formerly employed at TCU within the past six years.

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Printers' decision unjust

When Casey Printers was recruited by TCU, then-head coach Dennis Franchione wrote many letters to Printers that emphasized the importance of being a student-athlete.

COMMENTARY



Ram Luthra

One letter stated that at TCU "you will be a scholar-athlete who has the unique chance to mature academically, athletically, socially and spiritually in a family-type setting unlike many others."

Obviously, Printers did not read that letter or forgot about being a student-athlete.

Two days after throwing four interceptions in the 28-9 loss to Texas A&M University at the galleryfurniture.com Bowl, Printers sent out a statement to local media outlets showing his interest of leaving TCU. He officially requested his release from the university the following day from head coach Gary Patterson. His release was eventually granted Jan. 5.

Printers' decision to leave put him in the same category as other athletes who decide to go pro after their freshman year or those athletes that simply forgo college all together to go to the NBA straight from high school. Printers is searching for a school that allows him to pass the ball more in order for him to be a better NFL prospect. That shows his lack of desire to obtain a college degree.

His decision to leave reveals that Printers wanted more than anything to be a professional quarterback, even at the expense of his own education. When coming to TCU, Printers and other athletes made a commitment to themselves to complete their education and then to be an athlete. Printers took another route. He decided that his education was less important than throwing a football.

It is beside the fact that Printers' decision was based on his own personal self-interest. His decision ignored the commitment he made to the TCU coaching staff and his teammates. His decision was more than a slap in the face to the fans and alumni who bought tickets week in and week out to watch him. His decision was selfish and only benefited one person: Casey Printers.

If he stayed for one more year, Casey could have made strides both on the field and in the class. He was ranked in the top three in many statistical categories. If he played his final year he could have overtaken the likes of Max Knake and Sammy Baugh as the all-time leaders in touchdowns thrown. But that won't be the case.

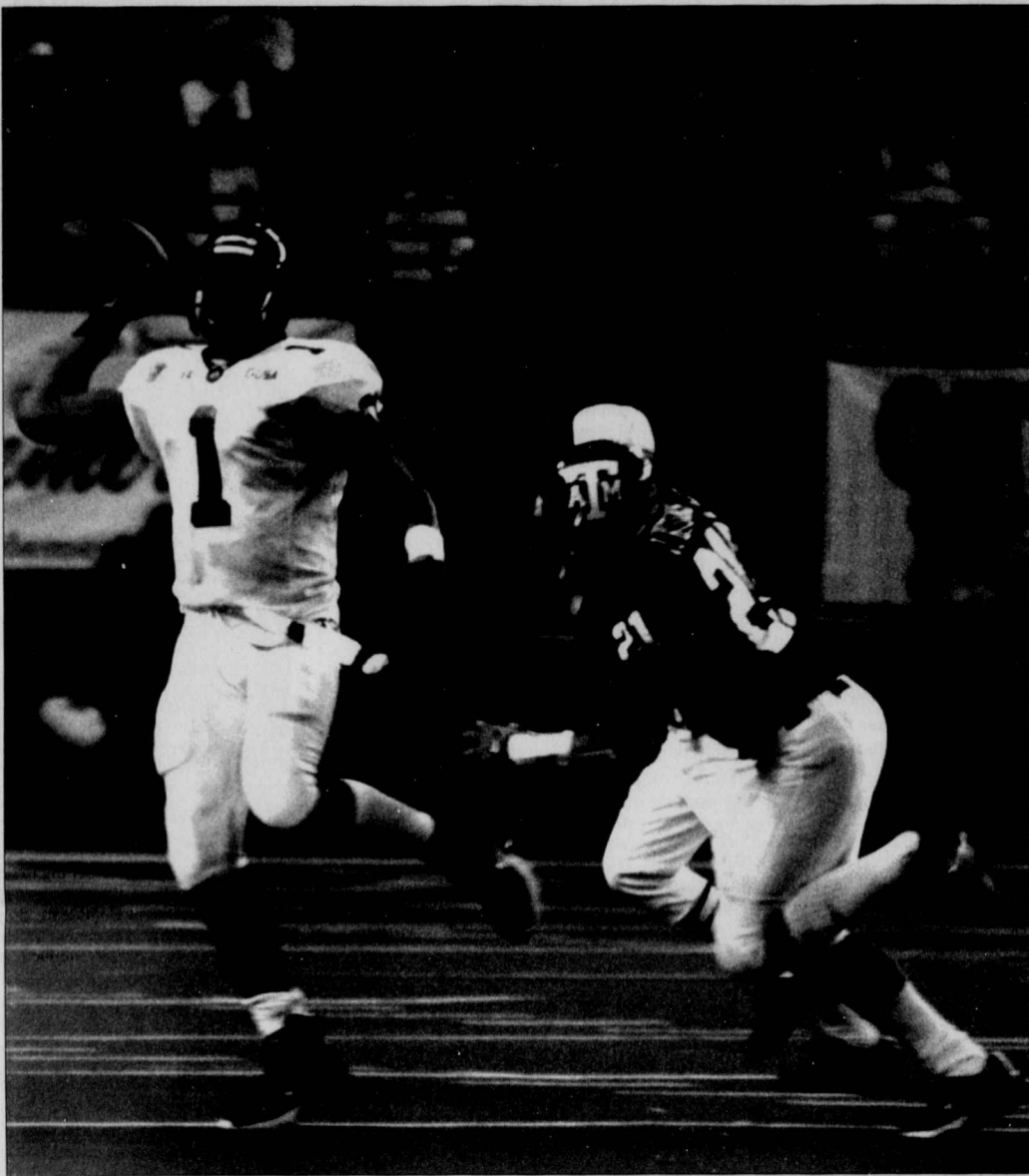
Printers ended the fall semester with a 2.5 GPA as he worked on his communication degree, Patterson said. But he can throw that all away, probably better than he can throw the football. That GPA won't matter when some of his courses don't transfer over to his new school.

Both Printers and Patterson have said that there are not any harsh feeling between both parties. But some members on the team have openly taken shots at Printers, both as a player and as a person.

Patterson & Company will have their hands full for the next couple of months. With the annual anxiety and excitement of high school recruiting, the coaching staff now has to calm the storm left by Printers' departure. The older players must come together and fill the void. At the end of every year, some players leave as expected because of graduation, but the loss of Printers was not expected. His loss will be a test for the team to step up and prove themselves.

As other athletes, who are serious about their education and their role as students, flip through their textbooks in preparation for an upcoming test, Printers will be running his fingers through a book of his own: "A Dummies Guide to Getting in the NFL."

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Former quarterback Casey Printers scrambles from a Texas A&M defender Dec. 28 in the galleryfurniture.com Bowl game at Houston. Printers, who threw four interceptions against the Aggies, was given his release to transfer to another school earlier this month.

Teammates indifferent toward Printers' sudden departure

NATHAN LOEWEN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Football is a team sport. When the leader of a team quits to go elsewhere it affects every player, said so

phomore tight-end Stanley Moss. Casey Printers asked to be released from his scholarship requirements, which TCU granted on January 4.

"I don't think he made a wise decision," said junior wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar. "Printers had all of the receivers returning. He just needs to throw the ball to us and not the other team."

Dunbar said it came not only as a surprise to him but to the rest of the team as well.

Junior wide receiver Adrian Madise said he feels Printers did what he needed to do.

"Printers did what he thought was best for him," Madise said. "I have no bad blood toward him."

Madise said he doesn't know if Printers would have stayed his sen-

ior year if the Frogs had a better season than they did. Madise said he feels Printers had a problem with TCU's offensive scheme, which does not pass the ball as much as other schools.

"Printers wants to be a more prolific passer and repetition is the only way to get better," said Madise. "He wants to go somewhere where he can do that."

Dunbar said when you get to your senior season it is hard for it not to be about you.

"It is about yourself to see if you can go on to the next level," Dunbar said. "Printers thought he would be better off elsewhere."

Madise said Printers did what anyone would have done.

"He set goals and he is doing whatever (is) necessary to achieve those goals," Madise said.

Madise said that TCU is losing a good player.

"Anytime you lose a Casey Printers, you lose a good player," Madise said. Dunbar said the team lost more than their starting quarterback.

"When you have your leader quit and someone else step in, you lose team chemistry," he said.

Moss said that Printers was a large part of the offense.

Moss said he feels that the team will come closer together.

Though they lost Printers, Dunbar said the Frogs are in the same position as if he blew his knee out in spring practice.

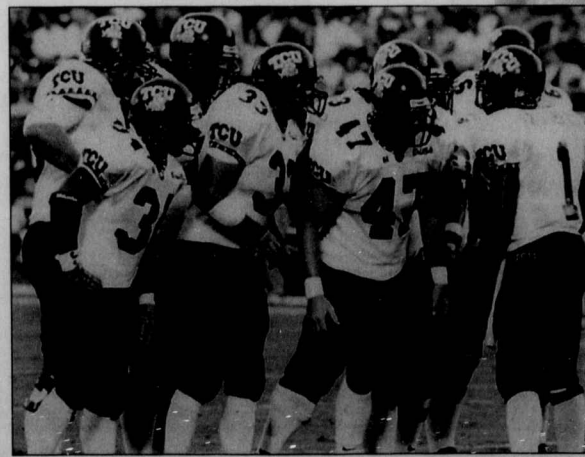
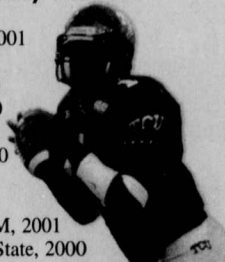
Both Dunbar and Madise said they do not know if TCU will have a better season next year.

Dunbar said it will be hard to tell until practice resumes.

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► Career Game Highs for Casey Printers

- Attempts: 50, vs. East Carolina, 2001
- Completions: 24, vs. East Carolina, 2001
- Yards: 319, vs. East Carolina, 2001
- Completion Pct: 82.4, vs. Navy, 2000
- Touchdown Passes: 4, vs. SMU, 2000
- Long Pass: 80, vs. Louisville, 2001
- Rushing Attempts: 14, vs. Tulsa, 2000
- Rushing Yards: 90, vs. SMU, 2000
- Longest Rush: 36, vs. SMU, 2000
- Most Interceptions: 4, vs. Texas A&M, 2001
- Rushing Touchdowns: 2, vs. Fresno State, 2000



Casey Printers' departure from the team raised many eyebrows from other teammates. Printers hopes to go to a Division I-AA school that has a more pass-oriented offense.

Team's Reactions

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LaTarence Dunbar

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Adrian Madise

"This team is more than just one player. This team has other leaders like LaTarence Dunbar, Adrian Madise, Chad Pugh and Corey Connally. But with Casey gone we will have to make up his experience."



Gary Patterson

"Losing Casey is big. Now the other guys have a chance to prove that they can lead the team too."



Stanley Moss

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The Sideline

Springfield to skip senior season for try at NFL

Cornerback Bo Springfield will forgo his senior season to enter his name in the NFL draft.

Springfield, who turns 26 later this month, said he wants to try to play professionally while he physically is able to.

Despite an ankle injury, he started the final four games and the gallery-furniture.com Bowl game. Springfield recorded 12 tackles and forced one fumble this year.

Springfield spent four years in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm club before joining the Horned Frogs.

Spurrier inks 5-year, \$25 million deal as 'Skins head coach

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Steve Spurrier made his mark on the NFL even before coaching his first game or running a practice.

He became the highest-paid coach in league history Monday, hired by the Washington Redskins a day after they fired Marty Schottenheimer.

The national championship-winning coach at Florida signed a five-year deal worth \$25 million.

The deal, confirmed by a team source speaking on condition of anonymity, surpasses the previous NFL high of \$4 million a year Mike Holmgren makes as Seattle's coach and general manager.

Spurrier, who abruptly left Florida on Jan. 4 after a 12-year run that also included six Southeastern Conference titles, will be introduced Tuesday at a news conference at Redskins Park.

While Snyder thought Schottenheimer's job as coach was acceptable, the owner was unhappy with personnel moves involving Larry Centers, Jeff George and others.

Schottenheimer will receive the \$7.5 million remaining on the four-year, \$10 million contract he signed a year ago, with the Redskins picking up the difference in deals if Schottenheimer signs with another team.

The next step for Washington is to hire a general manager, with Bruce Allen, Vinny Cerrato, Bobby Beathard and Ron Wolf among the top candidates.

Old Mile High Stadium to be demolished for new stadium

DENVER (AP) — After months of preparation, wrecking crews are scheduled to begin tearing down Mile High Stadium this week.

The crews will begin demolishing the south stands and move clockwise around the former home of the Denver Broncos, Metropolitan Football Stadium District spokesman Matt Sugar said Monday.

It will take up to four months to remove the rubble once the demolition is complete, he said.

The preparatory work for demolition began several months ago. Crews have removed such things as asbestos and lead-based paint, Sugar said.

The Mile High site eventually will become a parking lot for the new stadium, creating about 1,800 parking spaces.

NBA suspends O'Neal for 3 games for throwing punch

NEW YORK (AP) — For once, Shaquille O'Neal can be thankful for his poor aim.

The Los Angeles Lakers star drew a three-game suspension Monday from the NBA for throwing a punch and fighting with Chicago center Brad Miller.

O'Neal actually threw at least two punches, the first of which barely missed the side of Miller's head. Had the roundhouse right from the 340-pound, 7-foot center connected with full force, it's safe to assume that Miller would have been injured and O'Neal would have been facing a much longer suspension.

NBA vice president Stu Jackson, who issued the suspension and a \$15,000 fine, would not comment.

Aikman declines interest of signing with Miami Dolphins

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Jay Fiedler, who has played for two years in the shadow of Dan Marino's legacy, now must endure comparisons with another likely Hall of Famer: Troy Aikman.

Coach Dave Wannstedt said he wants Fiedler back and denied that the Dolphins have talked to Aikman. But Wannstedt, who was defensive coordinator in Dallas during Aikman's prime, declined to say whether Miami would be interested in him if he wants to play next season.

Aikman, 35, led the Dallas Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles in a 12 seasons before retiring last April. Ten concussions and problems with his back contributed to his decision, and on Jan. 6 he said it was "extremely doubtful" he would play next season.

Men's basketball team optimistic despite early conference woes

BY RAM LUTHRA
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team is frustrated after seeing itself open Conference USA play with three straight losses, but head coach Billy Tubbs said that is part of the learning process for this team.

The Frogs will continue that learning process Tuesday night as TCU (10-7, 0-3 C-USA) faces Houston (7-7, 1-2 C-USA) at Hofheinz Pavilion.

"At 0-3 in conference play, we as a team are frustrated and are down on ourselves," Tubbs said. "But this team is not down and out yet. We will take each game one at a time."

"We need to keep our composure and be patient starting with the Houston game," Tubbs said.

Junior forward Bingo Merriex said it is going to be tough to overcome the slow start.

"We basically have dug ourselves in a hole," Merriex said. "Now we are beginning to climb uphill to get ourselves out of that hole. But just wait and see."

The Frogs defense has been one of concerns and causes for the losses, Tubbs said. TCU has given up more than 90 points in the past

three games. TCU surrendered 117 points against South Florida, 98 points versus Memphis, and 93 points against Louisville.

"Our defense is not where we need it to be," Tubbs said. "But we are making strides and getting better to play the style of defense that we are capable of."

With the slow start in conference play, junior-transfer Junior Blount said he feels that will be an advantage for the team.

"Seeing ourselves winless in conference play gives us motivation to get better and get that egg out of the standings," Blount said. "Lately in practice our intensity level is higher than normal. We are seeing ourselves hustling more for rebounds and diving on the floor for loose balls."

That hustle was absent in the Frogs losses to top-10 ranked Memphis and Louisville.

"At times we looked around instead of going for the basketball," Tubbs said. "Even with that we still had a good chance to win each game."

The Cougars have played some top-notch schools in the nation with the likes of UCLA, Kansas and North Car-

olina State. Houston is averaging 71.9 points a game, compared to the 90.9 points TCU scores per game. But Houston is giving up more than 100 points against C-USA teams.

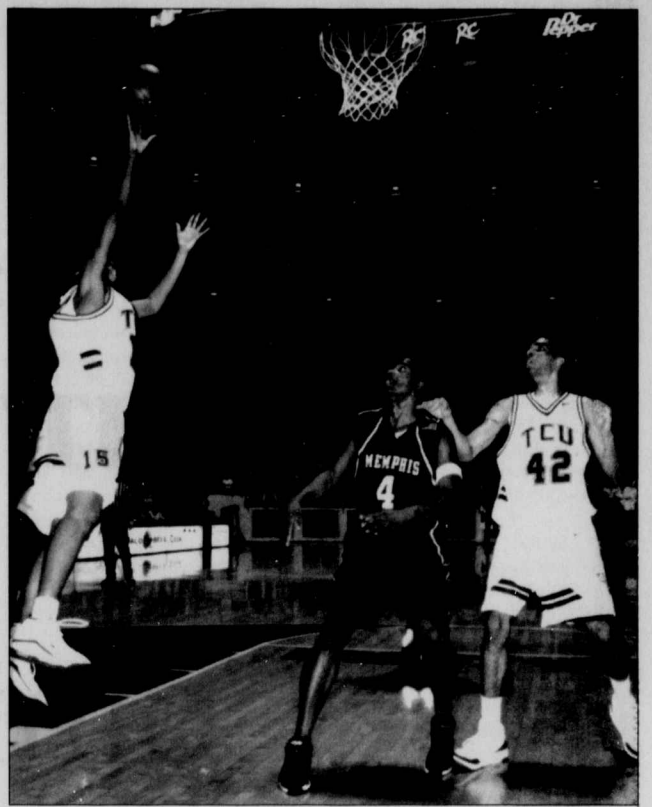
"If we get them to play a run and gun style of basketball we will be all right," Blount said. "Cincinnati got them to play that style and Houston could not get much done. So we hope we can do the same thing."

Tubbs said the unfamiliarity of C-USA opponents has been another cause for the slow conference start.

"We can watch all the film in the world against these teams," Tubbs said. "Until we play them, we really won't have a good idea of what we are matched up against. Because of our lack knowledge of the opponents we are learning as we go. If this was the (Western Athletic Conference), we would be one of the top three schools."

Tubbs feels the team needs to play its best basketball for the remainder of the conference schedule to be contenders.

"Being overachievers is the key," Tubbs said. "We're in trouble if we play to our maximum. We must play every game over our maximum ability."



Junior-transfer Junior Blount shoots over a Memphis defender as senior Marlon Dumont fights for position for the rebound. The Frogs have been outrebounded 149-117 in their past three games.

Lady Frogs alter gameplan in win against Houston

BY KELLY MORRIS
STAFF REPORTER

Before the TCU women's basketball team played against Houston for the second-straight time Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, head coach Jeff Mittie said the Frogs would probably have to play a little different type of game than it had played a week earlier in Houston.

"(Houston) came into this game saying take the post (position) out of it," Mittie said. "We talked about that during the week that they might make that adjustment, and we would have more perimeter shots available."

Houston did just that Sunday, but TCU (12-3, 2-0) was well prepared, winning the game, 78-53.

Senior guard Ashanti Nix, who had a career high seven steals in Sunday's game, noticed the change right from the start of the game.

"From the very beginning they started doubling our post, so from there, we knew the outside was open," Nix said. "In Houston they were worried about three-point shooting and tried to take that away, so today they tried to take away the post play."

The Frogs beat the Cougars 61-49 Jan. 26 on the road, and senior forward Kati Safaritova erupted for a team-high 26 points.

TCU managed to hit 7-of-15 from the perimeter Sunday in the first half. For the game, the Frogs shot 45.8 percent from three-point range compared to the Cougars' 22.2 percent.

Houston took its first lead of the

game at 12-11 with 11:10 remaining in the first half, but it didn't last long. The Frogs went on a 10-3 run, which opened up a 23-15 TCU edge.

In the first half, freshman guard Ashley Browning made her first four three-pointers and finished 4-of-5 in the half in just eight minutes of play. The Frogs then took a 40-27 lead into the locker room.

"(Browning) shot the ball excellent," Nix said. "She is probably our best pure shooter other than (Safaritova). We just had to find her. She was wide open."

But Mittie was still not comfortable. "When you have a Chandii Jones, you always feel they can come back and are dangerous," he said.

Jones led the Cougars in scoring with 25 points and was the only Houston player to reach double figures.

Three players reached double figures in scoring for the Frogs. After scoring just one point in the first 20 minutes of the game, freshman forward Sandora Irvin tallied 13 points in the second half to lead the Frogs in scoring for the game. In just her 15th game at TCU, Irvin also broke the single season block record with 42 blocks.

"I didn't know I got it, but it's pretty exciting for me, only playing 15 games,"

Irvin said. "I want to break a lot of records, and it was exciting to get that record (all-time leader in blocks shots). Hopefully I can keep it."

— Sandora Irvin

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The Frogs' bench also outscored the Cougars' bench 30-5 in the game. Mittie said the Frogs' bench has been a huge part of their success this season.

"We feel like we can replace a scorer with a scorer," Mittie said. "You never know who it's going to be. In the first half it was Ashley Browning. I thought Gantt gave us a big lift from the perimeter in the game. Those two players stepped up big when we needed them to."

The Frogs will face off against Cincinnati 7 p.m. Friday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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HOLIDAY BREAKDOWN

The football team ended the regular season the same way it began with a loss to a Big 12 team. Quarterback Casey Printers threw four interceptions in the gallery-furniture.com Bowl on

Dec. 28 losing to Texas A & M 28-9.

A & M freshman Byron Jones tabulated three picks against the Frogs in his first career start.

The Frogs' defense outscored its offense 9-0, which included an 89-yard fumble recovery by safety Charlie Owens.

TCU rushed for a negative 26 yards while Printers went 15-30 for 144 yards with his four picks.

The men's basketball team ended the holidays with a (10-7, 0-3 C-USA).

After struggling in the first half Saturday against Louisville, TCU made a valiant comeback which fell short.

TCU missed clutch free throw shots down the stretch in the 93-85 loss to the Cardinals. TCU was led by junior-transfer Junior Blount who scored 28 points and dished out four assists. In a national televised game the Horned Frogs played tough against a ranked Memphis team. TCU made a strong comeback after being down by as many as 10 points. The Frogs cut the deficit to two after junior Bingo Merriex nailed a clutch three-pointer with less than a minute remaining in the game. Despite the effort, the Tigers led by coach John Calipari

Safety Marvin Godbolt was named to the freshman All-American team by the Football Writers Association of America. Godbolt totaled 58 tackles with 13 for a loss of 79 yards.

Wide receiver Adrian Madise was the surprise of the season. Madise had 50 receptions for 819 yards and five touchdowns.

Kicker Nick Browne led the team in points scored with 72. Browne made 14 field goals of the 20 he attempted and made 30 of 31 points after touchdown.

The Frogs were the most penalized team in Conference USA. TCU was penalized 112 times for a total of 942 yards.

Linebacker LaMarcus McDonald led the TCU defense with 84 tackles and seven sacks while Jason Goss defended the most passes 23.

hung on for a 98-93 win. Memphis freshman Dajuan Wagner entertained the 15 NBA scouts in attendance at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum by notching a double-double (21 points and 10 assists).

True freshman Corey Santee garnered C-USA player of the week honors after his 32-point, 10-assist performance against the Baylor Bears Dec. 29 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Santee anchored the Frogs past their former Southwest Conference rival 92-81. Head coach Billy Tubbs had a bit of holiday spirit as he opened the contest with an unusual starting lineup which featured seldom used players J.R. Jones, Colin Boddicker, Marcus Sloan, James Davis and Rebel Paulk. The game marked the first time the two teams have played since 1997.

C-USA had four teams in bowl games this year, Louisville, East Carolina, Cincinnati and TCU. C-USA went 1-4 in bowl games.

Louisville won the AXA Liberty Bowl against Brigham Young 28-10. Junior Dave Ragona was named Most Valuable Player completing 18 of 29 passes for 228 yards and three touchdowns.

Cincinnati lost the Motor City Bowl to the Mid-America Conference Champion Toledo 23-16. Freshman quarterback Gino Guidugli of Cincinnati completed 29 of 46 passes for 283 yards and one touchdown.

East Carolina lost to Marshall in the GMAC Bowl 64-61 in two overtimes. The 125 total points set a new NCAA record for the most combined points in a bowl game.

The women's tennis squad are slated as the No. 22 ranked team in the nation according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association preseason polls. In the individual polls, two Frogs are ranked in the singles polls.

Senior Katrin Gaber, who leap frogged 12 spots from her preseason ranking, enters the season ranked No. 60. Sophomore Paty Aburto is ranked No. 98. Gaber won

the top flight of the Conference USA Individual Tournament in November. In doubles, the tandem of junior Rosa Perez and Aburto are ranked No. 46 after not being ranked in the fall season.

The Lady Frogs open the dual match season hosting the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The TCU Horned Frog swim teams set eight pool records as both the men's and women's teams rolled to victory yesterday in Cleveland, Miss. The men's team defeated Delta State 65-47 and won 79-23 over Louisiana-Monroe to improve their record to 7-2 cq on the year. Freshman Andy

Donovan completed the 1000 meter freestyle in a time of 9:38.61 to claim victory.

The women's team broke five of the eight pool records. Senior Jamie MacCurdy set the pool record in the 200 meter backstroke with a time of 2:05.65 and anchored the record-setting 200 meter freestyle relay.

preseason polls.

The Frogs have two players ranked in the singles polls. Junior Toni Gordon will open the season No. 69 and senior Daniel Wajnberg is ranked No. 82.

The team ended last season ranked No. 5. The Frogs open the dual match season hosting former Western Athletic foe and No. 30-ranked SMU Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.



Charlie Owens



Junior Blount



Corey Santee



fall contributed to the men's tennis team No. 19 ranking in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association



Sophomore forward Tiffany Evans goes for a layup against the Houston Cougars Saturday. TCU opens conference play with a 2-0 mark, both wins coming against Houston.



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when the university sets aside money for buildings every year in a fund to make repairs and replace furniture, as needed, Davis said. When new facilities are added, the university has to set aside more money, he said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said a strain on the budget from the opening of the Tucker Technology Center would only be minor.

"We will provide adequate support for staffing and utilities in the 2003 budget," Ferrari said. "There is no (financial) setback."

The slowing economy and an increase in the expense of the facility caused the university to raise only \$18.5 million of the building's \$25 million cost, 20 percent of which is dedicated to its endowment, Davis said. The building's endowment covers operating costs, such as utilities and maintenance, over the lifetime of the facility, Davis said.

"What has happened here is that we funded the construction in fund-raising, but we haven't funded the endowment," Davis said.

Ferrari said he is optimistic the facility will eventually have an endowment.

"(Fund raising) for the project is on-going," Ferrari said. "I have every reason to believe that we will raise the full amount for the construction and total project costs, (including the endowment)."

The facility, which will house the departments of engineering, computer science and mathematics, was originally projected to cost \$17 million, officials said.

Ferrari said original estimates did not account for needed technology and enrollment growth, and the total was raised to \$25 million.

"We probably began fund-raising before we were ready," Davis said.

Davis also attributed fund-raising shortcomings to the economy.

Two private donors withdrew a total of \$2.5 million from the project and the loss of naming rights, which would have contributed half of the project's cost, both added to the shortcomings.

Davis said money from a \$30 million bond issued December 2001 for a variety of projects will cover remaining construction expenses if needed. Since donation pledges are usually spread out over a number of years, funds are not available all at once for construction, meaning some bond money would have been used for an interim period regardless if enough funds were raised, Davis said.

As of last week, the university had not spent any bond money on the facility but "probably will," said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business.

Davis said the price tag of the Tucker Technology Center, which required the largest single fund-raising project in TCU history for one facility, was too much for the university to raise.

But, Ferrari said the facility is not overly ambitious.

"We are talking about a science building that will serve students and faculty for the next few decades," Ferrari said. "Had the project been delayed a few years



A construction worker smooths a sidewalk in front of the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center. The sidewalk was ready Monday for the flow of students returning to campus.

ago, we would now be looking at construction costs of several million more dollars for a new engineering and science building."

Davis said the university is currently asking technology firms for donations, but the poor economy makes the prospects of large donations unlikely. He estimated that only five of the 15 to 20 companies TCU will ask for donations are "healthy."

Construction for the Tucker Technology Center is on schedule and will open April 19, said Jim Weller, associate director of major projects. Students will begin using the building fall 2002. The building is named in honor of former Chancellor William E. Tucker.

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US continues raids on suspected hide-outs

BY KATHY GANNON
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KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. warplanes intensified bombing raids on terrorist hide-outs in eastern Afghanistan on Monday in hopes of striking Osama bin Laden's die-hard supporters, and the United Nations called on donor nations to step up aid to rebuild the country.

The Zawar region along the border with Pakistan, where al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts are believed to have taken refuge in a complex of mountain caves, has been under air assault for nearly two weeks. The attacks are the heaviest since the campaign against the Tora Bora cave complex ended last month.

The tempo of the bombing in Zawar picked up with daylight raids Sunday and continued Monday. The bombing was so intense that it rattled windows in Khost, a town about 20 miles away. Civilians living near the bombing zone were fleeing and said that many people had been killed and wounded by bombs.

U.S. F/A-18 and F-14 fighter jets from the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Arabian Sea resumed sorties over Afghanistan after a two-day break, but dropped no bombs, according to ship spokesman Lt. John Oliveira.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Rear

Adm. John Stufflebeem said bombing in recent days had destroyed about 60 buildings and closed off 50 caves at Zawar. He said military planners were ending their focus on the area in the hunt for intelligence on al-Qaida and bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks. "It's now time to go look elsewhere," he said.

In the capital, Kabul, where fighting ended in November after the Taliban militia fled, the spokesman for U.N. Afghanistan envoy Lakhdar Brahimi beseeched nations who have pledged aid money to Afghanistan to come through "immediately, not next year."

"It is time for the international community to stop talking and start delivering help," Ahmed Fawzi said. "This country needs millions of dollars tomorrow. Otherwise, there will be no country when the billions are ready."

He said donor nations have agreed to contribute \$20 million, but as of Dec. 31 only \$2 million had been handed over. Some 210,000 civil servants and 25,000 police officers have not been paid in months, he said.

Pakistan on Monday pledged to contribute \$100 million to the reconstruction of its war-ravaged neighbor and reopened its embassy in Kabul, moves praised by the United Nations.

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Obstruction of justice possible in Enron Corp. collapse

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
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WASHINGTON — The timing of an accounting firm's memo directing the destruction of documents raises the serious possibility of obstruction of justice, says the chairman of a Senate committee investigating Enron Corp.'s collapse.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said Sunday he was troubled that a lawyer at Arthur Andersen & Co., Enron's accounting firm, directed the destruction of Enron documents. The memo from a lawyer was dated Oct. 12, 2001, when Andersen and executives of the energy giant "knew that Enron was in real trouble and the roof was about to collapse on them," Lieberman said.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, senior Democrat on the House Commerce Committee, said Monday that the panel's investigation will focus on allegations of insider trading, "payoffs for the company executives who were permitted to sell" their Enron stock

and "most importantly, the fact that papers were destroyed and there were instructions to do so."

"There's pretty strong evidence of insider trading, there's clear evidence of failure to file honest and correct reports," Dingell said on CBS' "The Early Show." "False accounting appears to be a very major problem."

Two Cabinet members, meanwhile, said they had seen no need to inform President Bush of telephone conversations they had with Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay in late October and November as Enron was struggling to maintain its credit rating.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans said Sunday he discussed the calls with Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who also had been contacted by Lay, and later told Andrew Card, White House chief of staff, but that Card never informed the president.

Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said the White House was not determining whether any other Bush aides had been contacted

about the Enron situation.

"The White House will continue to be helpful to people with real and specific questions. But if people want to know every contact with anybody about anything, that is a fishing expedition," Fleischer said.

Lay called Evans Oct. 29 to see what the administration might do to help Enron with its credit problems, said Evans, but he offered no assistance. O'Neill, who described his call as "a heads up" from Lay on Enron's financial situation, also said he offered no assistance.

The memo from an Andersen lawyer was uncovered by congressional investigators and first reported by Time magazine.

Andersen, one of the nation's biggest and most influential accounting firms, disclosed last week that some documents related to Houston-based Enron had been destroyed, but the company gave no additional details.

On Sunday, after the memo became a subject on the television talk shows,

Andersen released a statement acknowledging "there were internal communications that raise questions" in connection with the Enron documents.

"Andersen is committed to getting the facts and taking appropriate actions in the Enron matter," the statement said, adding that "it would be inappropriate to comment further."

Lieberman, whose Governmental Affairs Committee plans the first Senate hearings into the Enron matter Jan. 24, said that at the time of the Andersen memo, executives of both companies knew a corporate scandal was brewing.

"So this kind of memo raises very serious questions about whether obstruction of justice occurred," Lieberman said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Four days after the memo, Enron disclosed a third-quarter loss of \$618 million and a week later the Securities and Exchange Commission began an investigation into Enron's use of partnerships to mask losses.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Governmental Affairs investiga-

tions subcommittee, said his panel has issued 51 subpoenas and plans to focus on the "deceptive practices" of Enron, and the failure of its auditors to raise flags about the energy company's business practices and of its directors as corporate watchdog.

"Managers (at Enron) lined their pockets with hundreds of millions of dollars of stock sales at the same time a corporation was going under, and the stockholders and employees were holding the bag," Levin said on ABC's "This Week."

Enron filed for bankruptcy Dec. 2. By then its stock had plummeted from about \$83 a share a year earlier to less than \$1 a share. In recent years many Enron executives sold their stock, though some continued to hold large amounts, worth about \$1.1 billion. Other Enron employees were barred from selling stock in their 401(k) retirement fund as the company's problems became more serious.

Both Evans and O'Neill said Sun-

day that they learned nothing in their conversations with Lay that was not generally known from news reports and did not view the matter seriously enough to inform the president.

Evans said that in a telephone call on Oct. 29, Lay "reached out to me" in search of ways the government might help Enron head off a possible downgrading of its credit rating. "I considered it and said, 'Thank you for the call,'" Evans said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The next day Enron's credit rating, in fact, was downgraded.

O'Neill also said Lay called him about the same time, on Oct. 28, but "asked for nothing" and was offered no help, nor was word of the calls passed on to Bush. "I don't ... tell the president every time somebody calls me," said O'Neill on "Fox News Sunday."

Lieberman said that so far there is no evidence that the Bush administration "was somehow involved in wrongdoing in the collapse of Enron."

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Driver's licenses may be tougher to obtain

Measures aimed at curbing easy ID access

BY TED BRIDIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Lines at state offices for driver's licenses may soon get a lot longer because of new security recommendations, and an applicant may need to make more than a single visit.

A trade group for top licensing officials in the United States and Canada, the American Association for Motor Vehicle Administrators, urged states Monday to crack down on procedures for obtaining licenses and identity cards.

Worried that licenses are too easily obtained by terrorists, criminals and illegal immigrants, the group endorsed a uniform licensing process for handing out licenses in every state. It also wants to link the nation's computer databases on motorists, which some privacy experts warn could be a step toward a de facto national identity-card system.

"Each state does it differently," said Betty Serian, the chairwoman for the group's task force on ID security. "How can a bank teller in Maine be expected to know what a California license really looks like?"

The association, based in Arlington, Va., said Monday that state officials should scrutinize each prospective licensee's documents more closely and in some cases demand extra proof of identity. It also urged prosecutors to throw the book at applicants and officials caught cheating.

Some hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks against New York and Washington obtained driver's licenses and state identification cards in Northern Virginia by lying about their residency statuses.

While the changes were aimed at tightening the nation's security, officials acknowledged they could lead to new inconveniences within state bureaucracies already tarnished by stereotypes of inefficiency.

"If you're applying for your first license, you should not be expect-

ing to walk out the door with a license in hand," said the group's president, Linda Lewis. "New checks may require additional verification. As we seek to improve the licensing process, you may expect closer scrutiny of the documents you provide."

The group did not recommend that states adopt any specific anti-forgery technologies, such as adding digital fingerprints on licenses. Lewis said the association is reviewing "everything, every option available to us" and may

publish recommendations on security features by year's end.

Privacy experts worry that a broadly adopted new standard, especially one that would allow

machines to check state ID cards, could let authorities easily track people nationwide using state licenses people already are accustomed to carrying. A top official with the American Civil Liberties Union, Barry Steinhardt, said Monday that Americans don't trust state licensing officials "to keep many of the most intimate details of their lives safe, secure and free of error."

The trade association on Monday described privacy concerns as "misinformation... about this huge database in the sky."

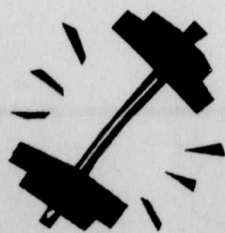
"We're trying to reach some of the privacy groups to try to clear up some of the misunderstandings about what this database really is, what it can do," Lewis said.

The Transportation Department is under instructions from Congress to develop rules for states to encode data onto driver's licenses to prevent criminals from using them as false identification.

In a report accompanying spending legislation, Congress told the department it would "strongly encourage" officials there to develop guidelines quickly to store electronically information on state licenses.

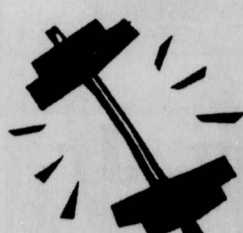
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- Popcorn chicken

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- Stuffed shells
- Baked stuffed chicken Florentine
- Smoked beef ribs
- Fried chicken wings
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Chef choice salad

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- Pizza
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- Cyberwraps

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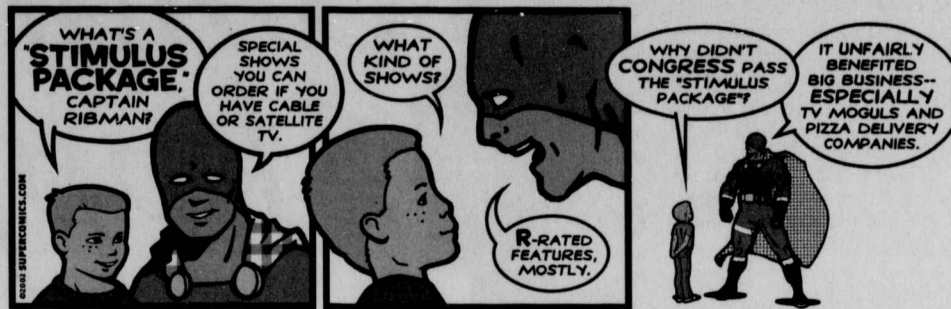
- Ziti and pasta
- Manicotti casserette
- Meatloaf
- Grilled chicken strips
- Roast turkey with gravy

DINNER

- Chili bar
- Texas barbeque burrito
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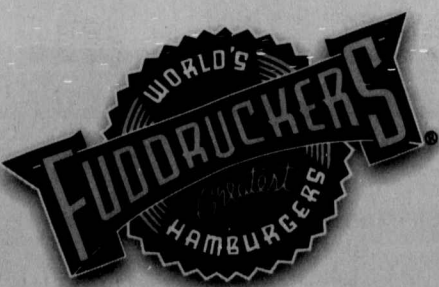
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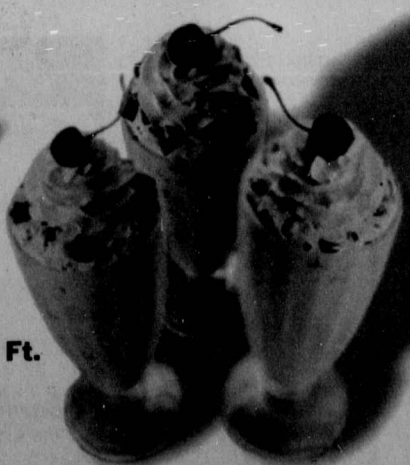
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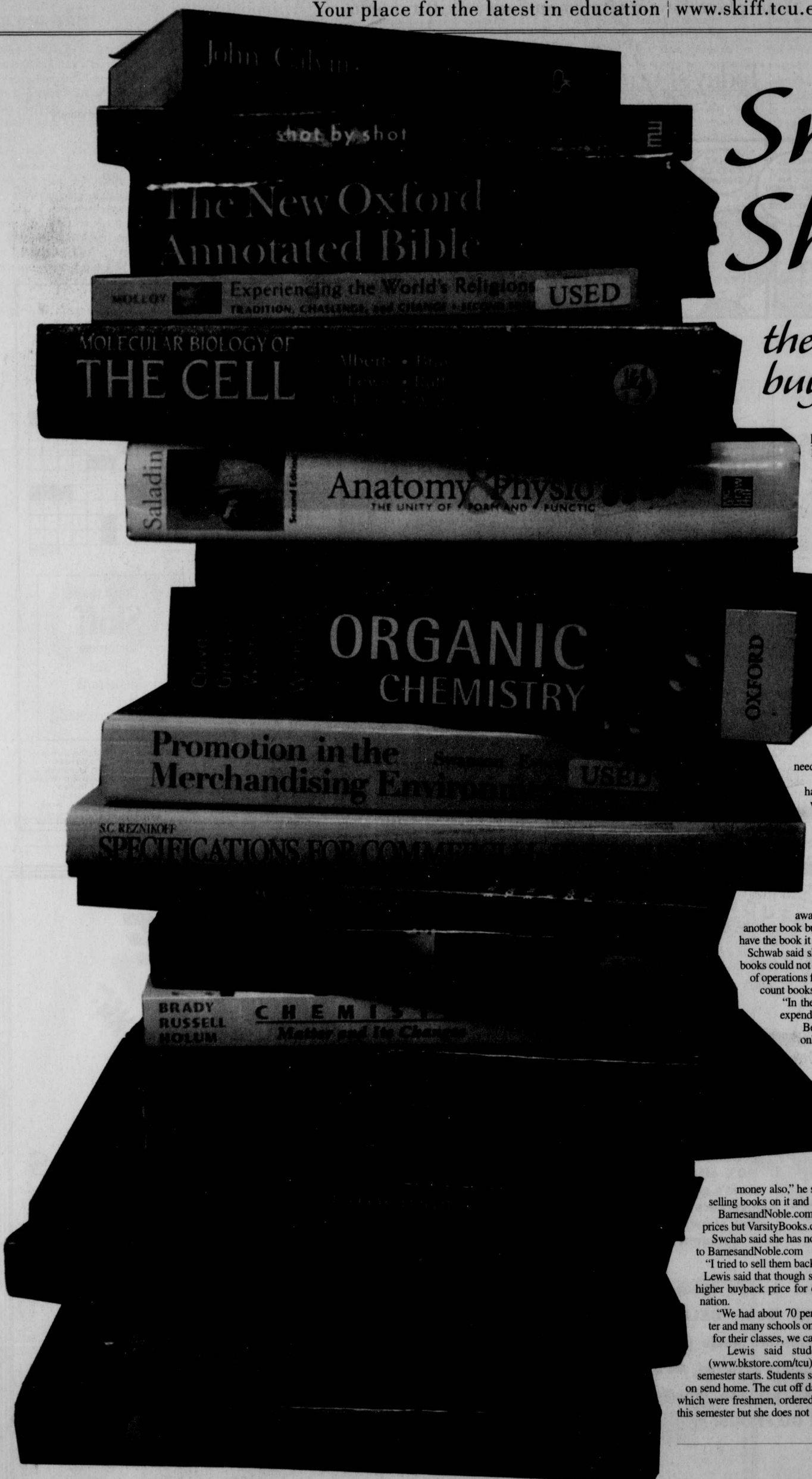
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Smart Shopping

the pros and cons of buying textbooks online

BY ERIN LAMOURIE
Features Editor

Ashley Schwab spent an hour in the TCU Bookstore looking for her classes' textbooks and left empty handed. The search for the best deal on her textbooks was just beginning.

Schwab, a senior history major, compared prices and decided to purchase her textbooks online.

She said she used to spend an average of \$600 on books each semester but saved about \$100 when she bought them online in the fall 2001. She said she heard it was cheaper to buy textbooks online, so she compared prices on eCampus.com, VarsityBooks.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Lisa Lewis, TCU Bookstore general manager, said the average student taking 12 to 15 hours should expect to spend about \$350 to \$400 on books.

She said the prices of new textbooks are set by publishers, but online companies save money because they do not have personnel or a store to maintain. Online bookstores will sell a few books for a cheaper rate but then many other books for higher prices, she said.

Lewis said when VarsityBooks.com advertised at TCU in the past many students bought books online, though she could not provide any exact figures.

"People actually got hurt because when they got the wrong book they couldn't return it in time to get it for class," she said. "If you can't walk in and return and get the right one you can't get your money."

Schwab said buying her textbooks online required some work because she needed to go to the bookstore and write the names of all the textbooks she needed for classes.

"I think (it is worth it) because I saved so much money," she said. "If I didn't have as many books or found it wasn't saving me much money I don't know if it would be worth all the trouble."

She said she found not all the books were cheaper online because of shipping cost, but BarnesandNoble.com had free shipping for two or more books.

"I still bought some (books) at the bookstore because they were cheaper or the same price," she said. "It was easier to buy (those books) at the TCU Bookstore."

Schwab said the books were shipped within a week of her order and she did not have any major problems.

"A couple of textbooks took longer to get but I didn't need them right away anyway," she said. "One (book) was wrong because it had the same name as another book but the bookstore did not have the book in to compare. If the bookstore doesn't have the book it is harder to find it online. You can't know if you have the right version."

Schwab said she could return the book at any Barnes and Noble. However, Lewis said those books could not be returned to TCU's Barnes and Noble bookstore. Jack Benson, vice president of operations for VarsityBooks.com, said VarsityBooks.com no longer focuses on offering discount books to students but instead serves as a bookstore for small colleges.

"In the past we sent people to campuses marketing the company but we no longer extend those areas," he said.

Benson said though he is not sure of the number, many students still buy textbooks online because of the convenience of online shopping.

"Students have found the site easy to use and convenient," he said. "Over the years students have associated our site with convenience and reliability and we hope that they will continue too."

Brett Wilson, a freshman education major, said he thinks buying books online would be inconvenient because of the shipping time.

"I would want to be sure of the quality the book was in and would be afraid it wouldn't get their on time," Wilson said. "But I would be willing to try it if it was saving me money."

Wilson said he spent about \$200 on textbooks last semester and to save money he decided to sell a textbook on TCU Announce.

"I thought that I could get more money from a student and save them selling books on it and said he ended up saving about \$17.

BarnesandNoble.com and eCampus.com both offer buyback for textbooks and will sell them at used prices but VarsityBooks.com does not offer either service.

Schwab said she has not sold her textbooks from last semester yet, but is considering selling them back to BarnesandNoble.com

"I tried to sell them back to the (TCU) Bookstore but I would have gotten only \$8," she said.

Lewis said that though students may think they are not getting much money for buybacks, TCU has a higher buyback price for each student than any of the 480 Barnes and Noble college bookstores in the nation.

"We had about 70 percent of (professors') book orders for the TCU campus at the end of the semester and many schools only have about 30 percent," Lewis said. "If we don't know what (professors) want for their classes, we cannot buy the books back."

Lewis said students can order books online from the TCU Bookstore Web site (www.bkstore.com/tcu) and pick up a box from the bookstore with all the necessary books when the semester starts. Students submit class schedules and choose new or used books charged to a credit card or on send home. The cut off date for this semester was Jan. 1. Last fall semester, about 1,500 students, 900 of which were freshmen, ordered from the bookstore online, she said. Lewis said that only 110 ordered online this semester but she does not know if they were repeat customers.

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