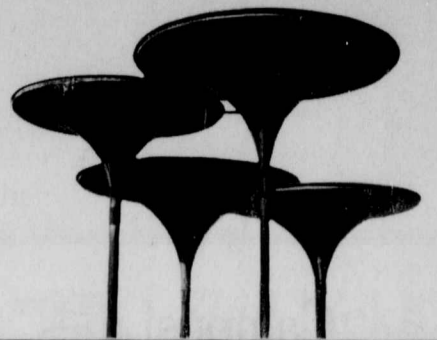


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## Today's News

### CAMPUS NEWS

The TCU Office of Admissions has seen an increase this year in minority applications and in the number of minorities admitted, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

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TCU student and Marine reservist Lane Smutz was deployed this week along with approximately 60 other Marines and two Marine tanker aircraft from the Fort Worth joint reserve base to join Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Spring break is almost here and a group of TCU students won't be on the beach taking in the sun. Instead they are taking the opportunity to do a leadership study abroad program in Scotland, said Penny Woodcock, director of the TCU Leadership Center.

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## On Campus

### Harvard study cites grade inflation is on the rise

MILWAUKEE (U-WIRE)-Students' grade-point averages are much higher than those of their parents, according to a study released this month by Harvard University.

Harvard professor Henry Rosovsky found that 91 percent of the Harvard's students graduated with honors and that half of the school's grades awarded last semester were A's. The trend is increasing nationally as well, with professors and even high school teachers hearing accusations of grade inflation.

Grade inflation is defined as an upward swing in grade-point averages without a corresponding increase in student achievement— simply put, instructors seem to be giving out more A's than usual without the quality of work improving.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an honorary society based in Cambridge, Mass., reported some primary reasons for the grade inflation at the university level.

In response to the Vietnam War, professors gave better grades to keep men in college and out of the draft, but they never went back to stricter grading after the war, the academy said.

Then, in the 1980s, many universities began acting like businesses. They treated students as the clients they wanted to keep content, the academy argues.

Also, more part-time professors are teaching courses, creating watered-down course content. Lastly, students now evaluate their professors, which put extra pressure on tenured instructors.

—The Marquette Tribune

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## the Weather

### SATURDAY

High: 39; Low: 16; Snow shower

### SUNDAY

High: 33; Low: 16; Cloudy

## Looking Back

1969 — Mickey Mantle announced his retirement from baseball.

1999 — Some 130 nations agreed to a United Nations Treaty banning land mines which went into effect this day. The United States, Russia and China did not sign the treaty.

## Visits increase at Health Center

BY KAMI LEWIS

Staff Reporter

There is a 36 percent increase in the number of daily visits to the Brown-Lupton Health Center from last fall, said Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of health services.

Average visits were 110 per day in the fall, but over the past few weeks, the Health Center averages 150 visits per day, she said.

Hallam said one reason for the increase is the result of widespread upper respiratory problems among students and staff including bronchitis, sarsinitis and sinusitis. There was a 23 percent increase in daily visits that involved a physician or physician's assistant, Hallam said.

"This time of year is particularly bad for respiratory problems, especially in close environments like dorms and classrooms," she said.

Tarrant County Epidemiologist Bobby Jones said there are two reasons for increased rates of upper respiratory illnesses in late winter.

"First of all, you have people spending more time inside because of the cold weather, so you have a greater exposure potential as germs accumulate in small areas," he said. "Additionally, with the humidity so low, it dries out the mucus membranes in the throat and lungs so the affects of an infection are

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Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF  
Joe Blosser, a senior economics and religion major, enters the Brown-Lupton Health Center.

## Morales and Sanchez to debate in Spanish

BY KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press

AUSTIN — On the eve of a historic Spanish-language debate, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dan Morales claimed Thursday that rival Tony Sanchez is dividing voters by race, ethnicity and language.

Morales, who wanted more than the one debate in English that he's getting, said that in the televised Spanish debate Friday he will answer questions in Spanish and then translate his answers into English.

He urged all Texans, regardless of their language, to tune in.

"The fact of the matter is that the vast majority of the citizens of our state speak English," Morales said. "That also applies to a significant number of Hispanic Texans."

Sanchez responded by saying he is proud to be bilingual and bicultural and that diversity makes Texas great. He accused Morales of trying to change the debate rules.

"We have an opportunity to make history tomorrow night, and for Mr. Morales to go back on his promise is an affront to Texans of every background," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said he still intends to take part in the debates.

KERA television, one of the co-sponsors of the debate, issued a statement Thursday saying that while the debate rules don't stipulate a candidate cannot answer in both languages, the sponsors intended for the debate to be entirely in Spanish. Agreed-upon time limits will be strictly enforced, said Rick Thompson, executive producer.

After weeks of bickering, the two Mexican-American candidates agreed to a one-hour English debate in Dallas on Friday and a one-hour Spanish debate later in the evening.

It is the first time candidates for governor of any state will a debate in Spanish, according to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Morales favored one Spanish debate and several in English. He said a Spanish debate is important, but that there should be more in English.

"Mr. Sanchez's insistence that we basically elevate Spanish to an equal status with the English language in this race for governor of Texas is ill-advised," said Morales.

Sanchez, by also supporting "race-based" college admissions criteria, is running a "race-based campaign," Morales said.

"I fear that the effect of his campaign has been and will continue to be to divide Texans by race, by ethnicity and now by language," Morales said. He called Sanchez's approach "shameful pandering."

Sanchez, a wealthy Laredo businessman and University of Texas System regent, has assailed Morales for his 1997 opinion as attorney general to expand a federal court order banning the University of Texas law school from using racial preferences in admissions.



MORALES



SANCHEZ

## TCU works to build foreign connections



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER  
William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, greets Huba Brückner, executive director of the Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange Thursday. Brückner visited TCU along with a delegation from ELTE, Hungary's largest university this week.

### Delegation from Hungarian school visits campus

BY DAVID DUNAI

Staff Reporter

Establishing strategic ties with one of the old, prestigious universities of Europe will make TCU stronger, said Larry Adams, associate provost for academic affairs, Tuesday after he met with a delegation from Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE).

The delegation, from Hungary's largest university founded in 1635, visited campus this week to discuss the possibilities of a future relationship between the two institutions, said István Klinghammer, rector of ELTE.

The meetings focused on three major areas of cooperation such as post-graduate education, research projects and summer courses offered in Budapest, Hungary, Klinghammer said.

He said the delegation was impressed by the high quality of infrastructure provided for research at TCU and the marketing strategies TCU uses to promote the university.

ELTE will provide the classroom facilities for the TCU in Budapest summer program this year and will contribute to expand the variety of courses offered in the following years, Klinghammer said.

Huba Brückner, who represents the Fulbright Program as the executive director of the Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange, said the Fulbright Program will join and support the collaboration between TCU and ELTE.

The Fulbright Program, which currently operates in 150 countries, is a U.S. foundation that aims to promote and support international education and cultural exchange programs, Brückner said.

He said since the Fulbright

(More on HUNGARY, page 6)

### ELTE Facts

- The Eötvös Loránd University was founded in 1635.
- ELTE is Hungary's largest and oldest continuously operating university.
- ELTE is funded by the state.
- ELTE is located at several sites in the country's capital, Budapest.
- The current student population is 29,600.
- The current number of full-time faculty is 1,629.
- Academic structure of ELTE: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Special Education, Faculty of Teacher Training, Faculty of Elementary and Nursery School Teachers' Training.
- ELTE has international relations with 39 universities, which are mainly from Europe but also from Japan, China and the United States.



## Lack of updated core will not affect SACS

BY LAURA MCFARLAND

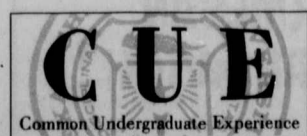
Staff Reporter

The lack of an updated core curriculum will probably not prevent TCU from receiving re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

However, it may displease the SACS committee that a core revision recommended in 1992 has still not been met, he said.

"At the last SACS review of TCU, they basically said that the university was not assessing its university curriculum requirements and that it needed to do so," Koehler said.

Koehler said it is unlikely that TCU will be penalized for not having a new core curriculum implemented in time for the SACS committee visit in



spring 2003. But adopting a new curriculum by that time would demonstrate that the university is dedicated to the students' overall educational experiences, he said.

"I'm hoping SACS will under-

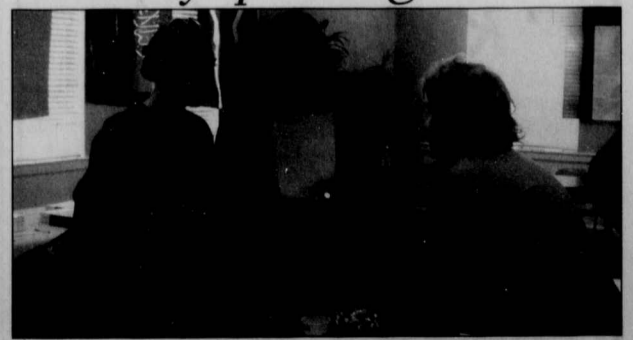
stand that in fact we have adopted the principles, the concept of outcomes and assessment, and that those are intrinsic in our proposed core curriculum," Koehler said.

Koehler said depending on both TCU's report to SACS and the visiting committee, the team could find that TCU is deficient in core curriculum assessment. He said that if that happens, they may tell TCU to write a report detailing what the university will do to correct this.

"If that comes about, then our follow-up report will be that we've adopted a new curriculum, which is

(More on CUE, page 6)

## Globally speaking



Maria Adamczyk/PHOTO EDITOR  
Shannon Lukowiak, a junior ballet and English major, Tara McGee, a junior ballet major, and Brooke Spittler, a junior ballet and psychology major, look at information provided by Barbara Herman, associate vice chancellor for student affairs at the Study Abroad Fair. The event was in the Student Center and had various vendors representing their agencies.

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• **RTVF soap opera "Studio 13"** is now Showing on the Burly Bear Network (TCU Channel 50). For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **TCU Opera Theatre with TCU Symphony Orchestra** will present "Suor Angelica" 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The opera, which is by Giacomo Puccini, will be performed in Italian with English subtitles. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

• **TCU Green Honors Chair professor** Mary Ellen Nevins will speak about child cochlear implantation 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, Cox Room C. Nevins is professor of special education at Kean University. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information call (817) 257-7620.

• **An Art History Lecture** will be 6 p.m. Monday in Moudy Building South, Room 134. Janet Headley of Loyola College, Maryland, will speak on "American Women Sculptors of the 19th Century." For more information call (817) 257-7643.

• **KinoMonda film series** will present the French film "The Dream Life of Angels" 7 p.m. Wednesday in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **RTVF film series** will present "Destination Tokyo" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The 1943 film stars Cary Grant, John Garfield and Alan Hale. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **The Neeley Student Resource Center** is advising for summer and fall classes. To make an appointment call (817) 257-6772 or come during walk-in times, 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

• **The Family Weekend Team** is forming now. Meetings are 9 p.m. every Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 202. Come help plan the weekend, which will be Sept. 20-22. For more information, call (817) 257-5233.

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## Campus/State Roundup

### Sorority hosts event to raise money for violence awareness

Alpha Chi Omega will host a fashion show to raise money for domestic violence awareness 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Will Rogers Memorial Center Round-Up Inn.

This is the 10th consecutive year for the show and proceeds will benefit the Women's Center of Tarrant County. Alpha Chi Omega has raised more than \$73,000 over the past 10 years.

The cost of attendance is \$20 for students and \$30 for guests. Complimentary dessert and tea will be served during the show.

For more information or ticket purchase call (817) 257-4101.

— David Dunai

### Registered sex offenders can take down yard signs

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Registered sex offenders can take down the yard signs that say "sex offender lives here," a state appeals court ruled Thursday.

The ruling overturns orders by Judge J. Manuel Banales, a maverick who drew nationwide attention in May when he told about a dozen offenders they must post the signs in their back yards and affix bumper stickers to their cars with a similar message.

Critics of the yard sign order include attorney Gerald Rogen, who was quoted in Thursday's online edition of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* as saying it was reminiscent of "the days of the scarlet letter."

### Mother of convicted killer aids escape attempt

WAURIKA, Okla. (AP) — The mother of a convicted killer who escaped last month from a Texas jail was arrested for allegedly giving her son hacksaw blades for another escape attempt.

Officers took Chere Smith into custody late Wednesday in Jefferson County in southern Oklahoma.

The Jefferson County district attorney said the arrest was made following a probe that included several agencies, including the FBI and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

An initial court appearance was scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Chere Smith, also known as

Chere Bagwell, is the mother of Joshua Bagwell, one of four people who escaped the Montague County Jail on Jan. 28 after overpowering a jailer. The four were caught 10 days later in Carter County.

### Texas couple arraigned for death of homeless man

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A transient Texas couple apparently annoyed by the proximity of a homeless man's riverside campsite choked the man with a bicycle chain then beat him to death with a 32-pound cinder block, authorities said.

Tia Lauren Hitt, 20, and James Landrum Jones, 22, both of Fort Worth, were arraigned Tuesday. They didn't enter a plea to charges they killed Michael Todd Blanton, 52, Feb. 10 at the Camp Paradise homeless camping area.

Deputy District Attorney Christine McGuire said Hitt and Jones apparently killed Blanton on the bank of the San Lorenzo River after they got into an argument because Blanton's campsite was too close to theirs.

### Cunningham drops out of Democratic Senate race

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin lawyer and sports agent Ed Cunningham on Thursday dropped out of the Democratic race for U.S. Senate and endorsed former rival Ron Kirk.

"It's been fun, but really what this is about is Ron Kirk," Cunningham said at a Capitol news conference with Kirk by his side. "I know he does things for the right reasons."

Cunningham, a former University of Texas football star, said he decided on his own to pull out of the race after realizing he would not win. He said he backed Kirk because of the former Dallas mayor's ability to work for all Texans.

"I can't begin to tell you how humbled and honored I am that Ed Cunningham would give up his own dream," Kirk said.

Schoolteacher Victor Morales, U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston, and perennial candidate Gene Kelly of Universal City are the Democrats left in the tight race for a chance to fill retiring Sen. Phil Gramm's seat. On the Republican side, Attorney

General John Cornyn faces four lesser-known opponents for the Senate bid. Primaries are March 12.

### Dead newborn found in family's garage

MIDLAND (AP) — Police on Thursday were investigating the discovery of a dead newborn found among household possessions while family members were unpacking in the garage of their house.

The full-term infant girl was found about 7 p.m. Wednesday in a plastic shopping bag, Midland police spokeswoman Tina Jauz told the Midland Reporter-Telegram on Thursday's editions.

The family, which moved into the house about a week ago, is not suspected of foul play, Jauz said.

The infant's body has been sent to Dallas for an autopsy, the newspaper reported.

### Appeals court lifts execution hold of mentally ill man

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A federal appeals court Thursday lifted a lower court's order that had stopped the execution of convicted killer Monty Delk, scheduled for later in the day.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a ruling about four hours before Delk could die, agreed with the Texas attorney general's office and vacated a reprieve Delk's attorney won late Wednesday from U.S. District Court Judge Richard Schell of Beaumont.

Delk's lawyer, John Wright of Huntsville, contended Delk, who turned 35 on Sunday, was too mentally ill to assist in his own defense and was incompetent to be executed.

Wright said earlier he was prepared to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, but it was not certain if he took that action.

Delk was condemned for killing an East Texas man more than 15 years ago. His execution, set for after 6 p.m., would be the fifth this year in Texas.

### Beta Theta Pi chapter reestablished at Auburn

AUBURN, Ala. (U-WIRE) - Reversing the Nov. 11 decision to disband its Auburn University chapter, Beta Theta Pi's board of trustees reestablished the local chapter. The

scarcely publicized decision has drawn candid criticism from Auburn's student leader.

Student government President Brandon Riddick-Seals said although Auburn continues to withhold recognition of Beta because of the fraternity's participation in a racially offensive Halloween party, the school has avoided taking decisive actions and is "in a funny position."

With Beta's national office having a sudden change of heart, Auburn is facing Riddick-Seals' question, and many parties involved believe Auburn's answer is near.

About 20 members of the Auburn Beta chapter -- both current and alumni -- traveled to Denver last month to petition the national fraternity's board of trustees for reinstatement.

At an Oct. 25 Halloween party at the fraternity house, Beta members wore racially offensive costumes, including blackface paint and the apparel of Omega Psi Phi, a black fraternity.

When photographs of Beta's party -- along with pictures of another white fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, also wearing racist costumes -- surfaced on the Internet, outrage spread across campus, and national media focused on Auburn.

### University of Connecticut's ranking in jeopardy

STORRS, Conn. (U-WIRE) - The University of Connecticut currently is ranked as the top public university in New England, but competition from schools outside the region and from private colleges and universities all over the country could put its position in jeopardy.

According to an article published recently in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, schools in New England, which used to be the most popular in the country, are getting a run for their money -- literally -- from schools in the South and the West.

The article, titled "New England Loses Its Edge," by Jeffery Selingo, cites New England as the "beacon of higher education," where students study at some of the most prestigious public and private universities in the country.

Location and climate, high tuition costs and a decrease in the college-age population are all reasons the article cites as potential factors in the decrease in the popularity of New England-area schools.

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## The Skiff View GLOBAL

### Alliance with ELTE the right step

This week TCU established strategic ties with one of the most prestigious universities in Europe, Hungary's Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE).

The relationship will provide classroom facilities for TCU in Budapest and will expand the variety of courses offered in the coming years including possible post-graduate and research opportunities.

Located in the heart of Europe, the relationship with ELTE will provide access not only to their university but also to a number of other universities ELTE has ties with.

With this partnership, TCU is well on its way to aligning itself with the university's mission statement to educate students to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community.

This alliance is strong and worthwhile and extends the international reach of the university. Along with TCU's sister schools in Japan and Mexico, the addition of Hungary will make an axis that is clearly global.

Students at TCU will now have even more Study Abroad opportunities available to them. Hungary is another addition to the already long list of countries where students can study, and by broadening the cultures students are exposed to, the university takes education beyond the textbook. Students learn lessons more important than anything taught in a classroom. These are lessons that will shape students and last long after memorized facts have faded.

The partnership with ELTE will also help spread TCU's name across the globe. Building the university's recognition is a worthwhile endeavor that will increase the value of a TCU diploma. The prestige of the university will only benefit by this alliance.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The study of black history shouldn't end with the month that celebrates it. It is commonplace for Americans to remind each other of that around Feb. 28, and in many ways Americans of every race already do acknowledge that truth. While VH1 may focus on black musicians in February, it doesn't ignore them the rest of the year.

Schools may spend extra time studying the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during this month, but they also note its importance in American history in other months as well. That is part of the success of Black History Month. Each year, Americans continue to leave Black History Month with a better understanding that black history is American history.

A further, and necessary, step is for Americans of all racial backgrounds to recognize that black issues are American issues. In 2002, racial injustice persists in America.

While this statement cannot be entirely illustrated with mere numbers, the available statistics stand solidly behind it. Nearly twice as many blacks as whites were victims of violent crimes in 2000. Though blacks made up 12.3 percent of the U.S. population in the 2000 census, in 1999 they accounted for 33 percent of the children living in poverty. Blacks

represent a disproportionately high number of America's death row prisoners and a disproportionately low number of America's wealthy.

Despite these facts, issues of equality among the races rarely receive public attention, except for those instances in which white plaintiffs successfully force the end of an affirmative action program. Public opinion polls often ask voters to rate the importance of education, national security and many other issues, but rarely will the moral question of racial inequality appear on a pollster's question list. Public opinion silently validates the view that black issues are not American issues, just as history textbooks that were blind to the achievements of black Americans once validated the view that black history was not American history.

The problems blacks face are the problems the United States faces. Failure to realize this will mean that Black History Month has failed in its mission. It means little to recognize the accomplishments of a group of people if doing so lets a nation off the hook for helping remedy its present injustices.

This editorial comes from *The Daily Cardinal at the University of Wisconsin*. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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## U.S. government commits terrorist acts, uses violence

Since the Great Depression, that point when the people of America stopped believing in capitalism, the government started spending billions of our dollars on a war machine, which must be used to recoup any value.

I believe it was Dwight D. Eisenhower who warned about the growth of the military industrial complex, and its eventual domination. Now we see that what he warned about in the last half of the 20th century as we now spend over a third of a trillion dollars a year on "death machines." These arms companies depend on our tax money to survive (that's some free-market capitalism under which we pretend to live).

Despite not one attack from a state on our mainland in that time, our Department of Defense, the CIA and the FBI have launched attacks against Korea, Iran, South and North Vietnam, Guatemala, Cuba, Laos, Panama, Indonesia, Cambodia, the Lakota Sioux, the Black Panthers and Chile. Then starting at the time of Ronald Reagan they attacked Angola, Libya, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Lebanon, Grenada, Bolivia, Panama, Iraq, Somalia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Sudan and Afghanistan.

In the 1980s, under the threat of international communism, our policy towards Central America essentially centered on mass murder. "The Great Communicator," Reagan banged his fists for TV and the first George Bush, with the help of Dick Cheney, Oliver North, Elliot Abrams, John Negro-

ponte and Manuel Noriega, created a mercenary army with no ideology, the Contras. The only goal was the overthrow of the democratically elected regime, while resorting to whole scale destruction and the targeting of civilians.

These crazy Sandinistas, the elected government of Nicaragua, kept spending money on education, health clinics for the poor and citizen participation in elections. Why did our government fear the Sandinistas? The Sandinistas provided a reasonable method by which a poor Third World country could develop and it was by using the resources of that country to benefit the people of that country.

Surprise, now every one of these people except Reagan and Noriega are back in the current administration, except this time Dubya is a feeble communicator and Cheney runs the show. Elliot Abrams was convicted of lying to Congress, and now gets the chance to do it again as a director with the National Security Council.

Why is it necessary to enter a war whenever there's a Republican administration and economic trouble on the home front? Dubya comes across as an idiot speaking about education ("Is our kids learning?"), environmental policy, welfare or economics. But give this man permission to speak of nebulous enemies, infidels, threats to civilization and evil doers, and all of a sudden he doesn't sound stupid, just crazy. He calls America a land of freedom, yet we produce

over three quarters of the world's weapons. I know I never feel so free as when I can point a gun at some brown-skinned Third World refugee, just hoping to find food to live another day. I wonder if those people at the other end of the barrel feel as free as we do?

George W. Bush has learned from his father and is not limiting his war to one country or act. We aren't at war with Afghanistan or Iraq but both of them because they help al Qaeda. Al Qaeda though is just one of the international terrorist groups with a global reach, one standard set by Bush for his war on terrorism.

The problem though is that our government is completely incapable of expressing the fact we commit acts of terror. When our government creates mercenary armies to effect politics in other countries, our government is a terrorist. When the CIA and FBI infiltrate and attempt to destroy minority empowerment

groups they are being terrorists. When we bomb countries killing innocent civilians, no matter how noble our goals, our government acts as a terrorist. Whether a bomb is dropped from a plane or carried under a jacket, the act is designed to inspire terror, making those responsible "terrorists." We must realize our government is a terrorist, the biggest bully on the block, and they are no more capable of using violence to solve their problems than we can in our own lives.

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### COMMENTARY



Chris Dobson

*"Why is it necessary to enter a war whenever there's a Republican administration and economic trouble on the home front?"*

## Student remembers why he never goes to fraternity parties after hosting one

I came home on Friday night to find a horde of tanned girls pushing their way into my house like a rebel army storming the palace gates. The bass rattled the windows of the house across the street, and through the windows I saw a throng of people under an eerie red light gyrating like souls in some forgotten circle of Dante's hell.

In the interest of promoting campus life and collecting a \$500 security deposit, we had agreed to host a frat party.

I am not a connoisseur of frat parties, and the arrival of one in my home reminded me why. First of all, of the approximately 2,300 people present, I did not recognize a single face. I think most of them were rented from a party supply company as extras to make the party, and the frat hosting it, appear happening. The rest were high school kids, some of whom prepared for the big night by shaving for the first time.

Once I pushed my way upstairs, I went to the bathroom to get ready for bed. On the way I passed a girl frantically jiggling the door

handle of the room that has the women's bathroom sign on it, which of course is not actually the women's bathroom.

The real women's bathroom is behind a door with two guys' names on it. Their room is behind the door with the women's bathroom sign. Somebody switched the two signs weeks ago to be funny.

But these two guys are still living behind the women's bathroom sign in the desperate hope that it will lure girls to their room. This would be a great plan, except that any girls who do fall for it are either about to vomit or pee.

Inside the bathroom, a girl, who possibly may have consumed some alcoholic beverages earlier, was standing in front of the mirror in a zebra-striped blouse, waving her arms and saying in a voice not unlike nails on a blackboard, "Look! I'm like a bird! I'm flying! I'm so totally like a bird! Look!"

It is a miracle that this girl's friends have allowed her to live this long.

Women use the bathroom for four things during a party — going to the bathroom, applying makeup/adjusting undergarments, gossiping, and leaning over a toilet

while a friend holds their ponytail out of the way, crying, "Oh [insert name of friend], I'm so sorry (blech), you're the best, I (blech) loooooove you."

There has to be some biological basis for the difference between men and women's reactions to a nauseous person. Women will trip over themselves to get water, rub your back and create a supportive, nurturing environment conducive to spewing.

Guys can also be considerate, but in a different way. When I would travel as a kid with my boy cousins and one of us got carsick, my cousins would lean over, place a concerned hand on your arm, and say reassuringly, "Whatever you do, don't think about warm mayonnaise."

Anyway, the party eventually wound to a close, leaving behind the warm glow of memories and minor property damage. From what I could tell, it seemed like people had a pretty good time. For some, it might have been the best night of their lives. At least until prom.

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## Skiff lacks student response, controversy

I am a copy editor for the TCU Daily Skiff. It almost sounds like an important position. I get a lot of, "Oh you're an editor!" from my friends.

### COMMENTARY

Well, my title *Jeff Dennis* may say editor, but it's pretty clear that the only thing I am editor of is the newsprint itself. It's unbelievably exciting. I get to watch for misspelled words and try to keep commas where they belong. So when you complain about how the Skiff didn't spell something right, you could probably blame that on one of the copy editors, such as myself. But stop to think about how many misspellings and punctuation errors we already cleaned up out of the story. We make mistakes too.

I have read more Skiff stories this year than probably 99 percent of the student body, and to be honest, most of them are just plain boring. Not to be critical of anyone's opinions, but how many columns have you read that actually have something new to say about the parking situation? Through the dozens of parking stories this year, I have learned basically two things for sure about parking.

One, it's probably not going to get any better any time soon. Two, you might as well leave early and wear some walking shoes.

Now this may be sounding like the bitter guy who sits behind a computer and reads stories thinking he could write one so much better, but all I'm asking for is for someone to start some controversy or write about something new and innovative.

Earlier this week, we actually had two columnists hashing it out over Constitutional matters, and even though I wasn't terribly interested in their references to specific Supreme Court cases, I was ecstatic to see they were actually discussing something out of the ordinary, and in a relatively dignified manner at that.

The Skiff has gotten even fewer letters this semester than I've ever noticed in the past. The funny thing is, almost everyone has an opinion about some issue in the Skiff over the course of a week. Why not write and let them know what you think? Start up an argument, or even an all-out brawl if you prefer.

Do you think the Skiff is anti-Greek or anti-Student Government Association? Write a column or article that talks about your organization or what it is doing right now that is noteworthy. I can't guarantee it will get printed, but many of the editors would most likely be more than glad to have an influx of articles coming in. The worst they can do is tell you they can't or won't print it, and then you can feel free to say the Skiff is anti-your organization.

The editors and reporters who work at the Skiff are incredibly busy. They spend more hours working on stories and the design of the paper than anyone cares to know. Maybe if we had some controversies on campus with people speaking out about them, their jobs would be a little more interesting.

They wouldn't have to scrounge up stories about how SuperFrog had a freckle added to the left arm of his suit or how The Main will now be offering both creamy and home-style ranch dressing.

The Skiff is TCU's newspaper. That makes it partly yours, so use the opportunity and be a part of the action every now and then.

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## National/International Roundup

### Unplugged metal detector delays flights in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The discovery of an unplugged metal detector forced the evacuation of five terminals at Los Angeles International Airport early Thursday and delayed more than 300 flights, authorities said.

Hundreds of passengers from terminals No. 4 through 8 had to be rescreened at security checkpoints after authorities discovered at 6:30 a.m. that a metal detector was not working at Terminal 4, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jerry Snyder.

Passengers jammed the sidewalks outside the terminals and began the rescreening at about 8:20 a.m., LAX spokesman Harold Johnson said.

About 325 departing flights from several major airlines, including American, Delta, United and Continental were delayed, he said.

### Pipe bursts in St. Louis municipal court

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A pipe burst in a storage room of the St. Louis municipal court building, spraying hot water onto evidence and possibly damaging hundreds of cases, authorities said.

Most of the material involved suspects already convicted, but the damage could be a problem in appeals, said St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce.

Wednesday's water and steam damage also could hurt plans to review convictions made before DNA testing became readily available in the 1990s, she said.

Among the items are bed sheets and clothing containing blood, semen or other dried liquid evidence.

Joyce didn't yet know how many cases were affected of how much evidence was ruined.

The pipe may have leaked for as long as six hours before it was fixed, authorities said.

### Pledge of Allegiance sees revival in public schools

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Responding to the post-Sept. 11

burst of patriotism, state lawmakers around the country want to put the Pledge of Allegiance into more public schools.

Half the states now require the pledge as part of the school day, and half a dozen more recommend it, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. This year, bills to make the oath mandatory have been brought up in Connecticut, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Colorado, Mississippi and Indiana.

A similar movement is under way to post the motto "In God We Trust" in schools. Michigan passed a law in December that makes it clear that the motto can be hung in schools. Florida, Utah, Arizona, Virginia, Louisiana and New Jersey are considering similar legislation.

### 500 hours of Nixon tapes released, available to public

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — A few weeks before ordering an escalation of the Vietnam War, President Nixon matter-of-factly raised the idea of using a nuclear bomb. The notion was quickly shot down by national security adviser Henry Kissinger.

Nixon's abrupt suggestion, buried in 500 hours of tapes released Thursday at the National Archives, came after Kissinger laid out a variety of options for stepping up the war effort, such as attacking power plants and docks, in an April 25, 1972, conversation in the Executive Office Building.

The conversations were in the archives' largest-ever release of Nixon tapes. The material covers mostly the first six months of 1972, including everything from Nixon's groundbreaking trip to China to the early days after the Watergate break-in.

With this release, historians and researchers for the first time are being allowed to use their own recording equipment to copy the Nixon tapes.

The public now can hear what was said before and after the infamous 18 1/2-minute gap in the Wa-

tergate tapes three days after the break-in, and hear the full context of the "smoking gun" snippet, which revealed that the president was interested in using the CIA to derail the FBI's investigation of the break-in.

### Cuban emigrants crash bus into Mexican embassy

HAVANA (AP) — About 20 Cubans hoping to emigrate crashed a bus into the Mexican Embassy's gates and rushed into the building. Later, more than a dozen people shouting anti-Castro slogans stood on the roof and threatened to jump if police tried to get them.

The group, which remained in the embassy Thursday, hijacked the bus before storming the building the night before, Fidel Castro's government said.

The government accused the U.S. government's Radio Marti early Thursday of provoking the embassy occupation by repeatedly broadcasting statements by Mexican Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda.

In Mexico, Castaneda said his words had been twisted by "radicals" in Miami who "without doubt wanted to use, to distort, my declarations about the Mexican Cultural Institute" in that city.

### Car bomb kills two, may be related to support of U.S.

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A bomb blew up the car of the wife of a senior anti-terrorism official on Thursday, killing two passers-by.

The bombing apparently was meant to send a message to the Jordanian security leadership at a time when the government is supporting the U.S.-led campaign against international terrorism, a senior security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Mohammad Ali Abdul-Kader Shihadeh, 26, an Egyptian, and Badr Khader, 19, an Iraqi, were walking past the car at about 7:30 a.m. when it exploded, police said. Both men were killed instantly.

## Changes proposed for FBI

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two senators called for sweeping changes in the FBI Thursday, including mandated detector tests of people working with sensitive information, letting Justice Department investigators independently look at the agency and protecting whistle-blowers.

"We hope to have a better FBI as a result," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A bill by Leahy, D-Vt., and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, includes proposals to make clear that the Justice Department's inspector general has jurisdiction over the FBI, inclusion of FBI employees under the Federal Whistleblower Act, creation

of an FBI internal security division and additional reporting requirements to Congress.

"This bill and continued oversight work are about restoring law and order inside the FBI so that public confidence and public safety and security can be restored on the outside," Grassley said.

Under the senators' proposals, FBI employees working with sensitive information would be required to take periodic polygraph tests as they began doing last summer. Leahy said lie detector tests aren't perfect, but one might have caught FBI spy Robert Hanssen.

"When you don't have them at all, that's a major mistake," he said.

The FBI already has implemented some of the changes. Justice's in-

pector general was given permission in July to start investigations of the bureau without needing the previously required permission of the attorney general, and a program was set up to administer periodic polygraphs to agents with access to sensitive information.

"We are working with the committee. The FBI is a changing institution and this bill recognizes many of our new needs given recent events," the FBI said Thursday.

Leahy and Grassley also want to increase FBI security by starting career internal security officers, providing statutory authorization for the FBI's police force and authorizing the Justice Department's inspector general to independently investigate the FBI.

## Guantanamo inmates refuse to eat after guards remove man's turban

BY ANDRES LEIGHTON  
Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — More than a third of the detainees at this remote U.S. military outpost refused to eat breakfast Thursday after two guards stripped an inmate of his turban during prayer.

A small number of inmates protested by refusing both lunch and dinner Wednesday. On Thursday, about 100 detainees — a third of the prisoners brought here from Afghanistan — declined breakfast, said Marine Maj. Stephen Cox, a spokesman for the detention mission at Guantanamo.

"The detainees informed the duty officer that the refusal to eat is in response to an incident that took place

regarding a detainee two days ago on Tuesday," Cox said Thursday.

The detainee had fashioned a turban out of a sheet and was wearing it on his head during prayer. Two military guards ordered the inmate to remove the turban, but the inmate ignored the order, Cox said. When a translator made the same order, the inmate still refused.

The two guards shackled the man and stripped him of his turban, Cox said.

"The two guards followed the proper procedures," he said.

It wasn't immediately clear why the guards decided the turban had to come off; detainees often have been seen wearing their white towels on their heads. Some Muslim men

cover their heads to model their appearance after the Prophet Muhammad and his contemporaries.

The military says the 300 prisoners being held here are fighters of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terrorist network and the deposed Afghan Taliban regime that harbored it.

Since the prisoners arrived at this U.S. naval base in southeastern Cuba last month, officials have said the men pose a danger not only to the troops but also to themselves.

Some Islamic groups preach that dying in a holy war guarantees a place in heaven — the mantra of suicide bombers in Israel and that of the hijackers who flew passenger jets into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11.



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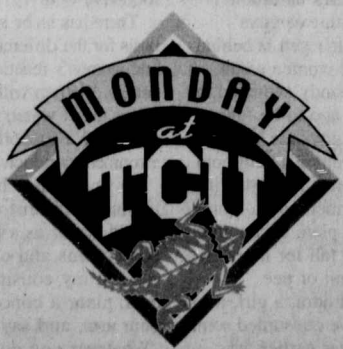
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## Searching for Chris Klein

"Cindy Guagenti's office can I help you?" I hear that name for the third time this week.

Three weeks ago I didn't even know there was a person named Cindy Guagenti. That was before I started my quest. It wasn't a quest for the Holy Grail. Instead, it was the quest to find a person. The person I was trying to find should be easier than searching for Bobby Fisher, but at points, it seemed pretty difficult.

I have poured hours into getting to the bottom of a TCU legend as I took on the search for actor and former TCU student, Chris Klein.

By the time I came to college in the fall of 1999, Klein had appeared with large supporting roles in "Election" opposite Reese Witherspoon, and in the gross-out comedy "American Pie."

Coming into the dorms my freshman year, I had never heard of Chris Klein, yet I received a brochure about being involved in the Chancellor's Leadership Program, and I can't remember the brochure very well, but I do remember a picture of Klein and a quote about the benefits of the program.

It hasn't made a large impact on my college life, but there have been those moments in the Student Center, or in The Main when people talk about their Chris Klein sightings.

"Once I was driving and saw Chris Klein walking near the science building," or "I saw Chris Klein at a party a couple of times."

Everyone seemed to have a sighting story. Yet, the biggest news I heard was the time that Chris Klein brought his celebrity girlfriend, Katie Holmes to a football game and to a Lambda Chi party. The flames of gossip were rekindled.

So, as Chris Klein found high celebrity billing this spring movie season with the movie "Rollerball" and now in the big-budget celebrity filled film "We Were Soldiers," I attempted to track him down.

Now, we've got to be thankful for the Internet and all the information that hides in the dark shadows and corners. It certainly helped me begin my trek. I discovered that the William Morris Agency represents Klein. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that this agency is in the top tier of talent agencies, with the most agents, and racking up comparable profits to the other large company, Creative Artist Agency.

The Beverly Hills Public Relations firm, BWR PR, also supports Klein. Yet, neither the William Morris Agency nor BWR PR seemed to provide many outlets to find the information needed. So, I searched rabidly for e-mail addresses that might aid me in my quest.

Sending out a multitude of e-mails to random employees at this company opened some doors and contacts to be investigated. The greatest leads I received led me to find a medium for getting in touch with Klein's publicist at BWR, as well as a phone number for the Screen Actors Guild whose purpose was to provide people with various actors' talent agents.

I hurried to get in touch with Klein's publicist, a lady by the name of Guagenti. The secretary urged me to send a fax to Guagenti so an interview could be arranged and the request could be processed. It was a great success for my mission. I would have the interview before I knew it.

In the meantime, I got my questions ready to ask and waited for response from Klein's publicist. I waited, and waited, and waited. I made a phone call, and was told the request was still being processed.

Sure, Guagenti is busy. She had been responsible for taking care of such big public relations events as the entire Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt ordeal, but was my request really so difficult?

Without many results, I tried other outlets. I tried to get a contact phone number from members of Lambda Chi and others around campus who might have inside information. Yet, I embarked on no such luck.

I also went on a search for his family at home in Omaha, Neb. After a great deal of searching, I finally found a viable telephone number and address, but to no avail; the number was disconnected.

I contacted a few people in Nebraska and Illinois who I thought might have a relationship with him, but did not have much success. I even tried to find Nathan Willis, a high school friend of his that a news-magazine mentioned.

Strike one, strike two, strike three. You're out! I called back Guagenti again, but they were still processing the request.

Then I remembered, wait, I had that number from the Screen Actors Guild. I called the number and they gave me a business contact. I had no idea where this number would lead me, so I called, told them my situation, and I got a phone number for his agent at William Morris, Joanne Wiles.

I gave Wiles a phone call. I thought she might be the answer. Yet, her only solution for me was short and simple. She said, "Let me give you the phone number for his publicist, her name is Cindy Guagenti."

I had come full circle. Still, I had no interview. Who knows, I may get a telephone call today from Klein's publicist; currently, I am told that the information has been passed off to his manager. What does that mean? I am uncertain.

I still hope to interview Klein someday. But, for the time being I will discontinue my quest, as I feel like I've done no more than run around in circles like a dog chasing its tail, trying to get in touch with little more than a former TCU student who made it big.

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COMMENTARY



Ryan Eloë

## WE WERE SOLDIERS

### Movie tells little-known part of Vietnam War

Like just about every war movie ever made, "We Were Soldiers" has something to say about honor, duty, valor, sacrifice and courage under fire.

It doesn't add much to our body of knowledge about the price paid by the families of those who serve, or of the capacity of military brass to make idiotic, ill-informed decisions which cost young men their lives.

All the clichés and stock characters are present and accounted for, sir. The compassionate commander (Mel Gibson as then-Lt. Col. Moore). The gruff sarge (Sam Elliott). The new dad (Chris Klein). The cocky pilot (Greg Kinnear). The gutsy reporter (Barry Pepper). The window-dressing wives (Madeleine Stowe, Keri Russell).

But once Lt. Col. Moore and his boys of the First Battalion of the Seventh Cavalry - the same regiment as Custer - touch down at Landing Zone X-Ray in the La Drang Valley, "We Were Soldiers" explodes into gut-wrenching action.

The film breaks ranks with other war movies on several fronts. First and foremost, it shines light on an important but little-known chapter of the U.S.-Vietnam saga. At La Drang a dozen or so

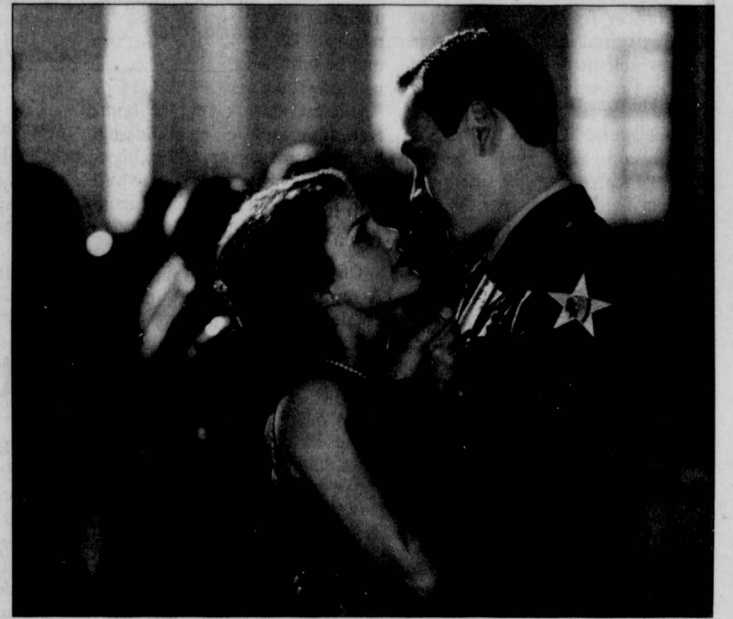
years earlier, North Vietnamese troops ambushed and slaughtered a French platoon.

To Moore fell the task of protecting his roughly 400 wet-behind-the-ears troops from meeting the same fate (to say nothing of Custer's).

The film expertly lays out the various stages of the battle - the landing of the troops, the attacks and counter-attacks, the artillery, the napalm, the Huey gunships without whose timely assistance Moore and co-author Joe Galloway (a reporter who fought beside him) wouldn't have lived to tell the tale. Mercifully (considering it was directed by heavy-handed Randall Wallace, who scripted "Braveheart") "Soldiers" doesn't become "The Green Berets II."

It doesn't glamorize Vietnam, or our government's role in it. The film refuses to demonize the enemy, and reflects Moore's enduring respect for the North Vietnamese soldiers who fought against him. It vividly illustrates that moment when our leaders won a battle that foolishly convinced them that they could win a war.

— KRT Campus



Above: Keri Russell as Barbara Geoghegan and Chris Klein as 2nd Lieutenant Jack Geoghegan in "We Were Soldiers."

Below: Mel Gibson as Lieutenant Colonel Harold G. Moore in "We Were Soldiers."



## "40 Days" relies on crude humor

The joke is yanked, inflated, stretched and strung out over the film's 93 minutes. Gags involving condoms, erections, Viagra and fruit that looks like vaginas are stuffed into those minutes. "40 Days and 40 Nights" is flip and exhaustingly hip and irreverent to the point of being sacrilegious.

And it's funny enough, in fits and starts. Just don't expect "sophisticated." Josh Hartnett, a beady-eyed twin to sensitive hunk Chris Klein, stars as Matt. He's a San Francisco Web page designer who can't quite get over the girl who dumped him, the vivacious and cruel redhead, Nicole (Vinessa Shaw). Matt is

filling his evenings with one-night stands. But the empty sex is freaking him out, making him hallucinate that he's falling into a chasm. His only consolation is telling his priest-in-training brother (Adam Trese) all his troubles. That fake-confession is where the boy has a brainstorm.

He'll give up sex for Lent. "No kissing, no touching, no fondling ..." No girls, no masturbation. Being a straight guy in San Francisco, working with and living among legions of sexily clad, sexily available sexy females, that's going to be quite a chore for our young hunk.

Matt's smart-aleck roommate (Paulo Costanzo), whose gift to humor is knowing more euphemisms for sex, sex organs and sexuality than anybody, helps set up a Web page and takes bets on whether our lad will make it through his 40 nights without. So of course, Matt meets Ms. Perfect, Erica (Shannyn Sossamon), who sorely tests his resolve, even as she contributes to a most romantic buildup in sexual tension. Michael Lehman, who has had a wildly uneven career since 1989's "Heathers," finds the obvious laughs in Rob Perez's script. However, he isn't as good at finding the heart. He reveals "the vow" to Erica too early to capitalize on the hu-

mor in having her fall for a guy who seems more sensitive and respectful than he really is.

The film doesn't give Matt anything like a learning curve. The guy says he's figured this and that out about himself as he dreams of droves of women and seas of breasts. And even though it's pitched as a movie about the unexpected joys of "abstention," "40 Days" isn't.

It has a coarseness that poisons its few attempts at tenderness and romance. Will Matt make it for 40 days, or will he "make it"? How many times can Erica bite her lip, adorably, before she injures herself?

If you want to know the answers to these questions, and gaze upon more adorable 20somethings than you can stand, in various stages of dress and undress (yes, there are full-fledged sex scenes), then this is the movie for you. But I'd suggest you give up horny 20somethings, or at least movies about them, for Lent. Surely by Easter another oversexed youth picture will come our way, one that aims just as low, titillates just as much and doesn't wear the pretense of being about something deeper.

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Vinessa Shaw and Josh Hartnett star in "40 Days and 40 Nights."

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# TCU student deployed to join Operation Enduring Freedom

BY KAMI LEWIS  
Staff Reporter

TCU student and Marine reservist Lane Smutz was deployed this week along with approximately 60 other Marines and two Marine tanker aircraft from the Fort Worth joint reserve base to join Operation Enduring Freedom.



SMUTZ

Smutz, a sophomore math major and Marine corporal, joined the reserves after finishing high school, said his mother, Treva Smutz.

Audrey Crist, the veteran's affairs officer for TCU said Smutz was registered for classes before he was activated on Jan. 26, but that his first tuition check was refunded after he contacted her. He did not attend classes this semester, she said.

"I deal with ten reservists who are students here on campus, any of whom could be called up depending on the military situation and how it changes," she said. "Lane is the

only one who has been deployed that I can verify at this time."

His mother said the TCU staff was very helpful in dealing with Smutz's needs.

"We were reimbursed immediately for the tuition, he was released from classes and we were told the academic scholarship he was on would still be available to him when he gets back," she said.

She cried when she talked about a letter from the scholarship chairwoman her son received before he left. "He wrote the nicest letter saying he hoped everything goes well on his mission, and that most importantly he hoped Lane comes back safely," she said. "TCU dealt with the whole situation wonderfully."

Smutz will remain activated for one year, but plans on returning to

TCU as soon as possible, his mother said. He is a structural mechanic and works on a C130, a four engine, propeller driven transport plane.

Tan Nguyen, a senior biology major who works in an artillery division of the Marine reservists said he is unlikely to be activated unless there is a full theater of war.

"I feel bad because it's really the luck of the draw which division you end up in," he said. "It's really interesting because you operate in two different worlds when you're on base and when you're on campus. One world you have to worry about getting shot at, and the other you have to worry about your grades."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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# Marines visit Kabul orphanage; conditions improve slightly

BY STEVEN GUTKIN  
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KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. Marines handed out teddy bears, candy, wool hats and gloves to children at Kabul's largest orphanage, where youngsters sleep two to a bed in unheated rooms but where smiles replaced tears for a few moments Thursday afternoon.

"Me! Me!" the children shouted, holding out their hands as 10 fatigue-clad Marines — taking a break from guard duty at the U.S. Embassy — doled out goodies. Wearing two or more layers of tattered clothes to keep warm, the children hugged stuffed animals and held up toys for some impromptu show and tell.

"With this I can see my way to the bathroom," said 8-year-old Ahmad Ullah, holding up a fluorescent green light shaped like a laser beam.

At the Allaiddin orphanage in a bombed-out neighborhood southwest Kabul, there are only four toilets for 500 orphans and a lack of electricity brings darkness at night. The cement walls are barren, the rooms are cold and many windows are broken.

Yet conditions have improved somewhat since an Associated Press reporter visited the orphanage shortly after the Taliban were driven from Kabul in November. International aid has been arriving, and new wool blankets cover steel framed beds that are lined up like sentries, 10 or more to a room.

Still, 8-year-olds like Ahmad Ullah look as though they are 4 or 5. Malnutrition has taken its toll, and many youngsters have sores on their skin.

"You can tell by the way they're acting that these children haven't seen a lot of the stuff we're bringing today," said 20-year-old Marine Cpl. Matthew Roberson of Floyd, Va.

The items delivered Thursday — toys, canned food, candy and clothes — were donated by an individual in Massachusetts and a school in Virginia, said Roger Kenna, spokesman for the recently reopened U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

The Marines are in Afghanistan to guard the embassy.

Many of the children at Allaiddin have lost one or both parents.

Others come from families simply too poor to care for them.

"Other countries have orphans because of traffic accidents. In our country, it's because of war," said the orphanage's director, Abdul Habib Sameem.

Laughing and smiling, the orphans jostled for the best toys as the Marines pulled gifts from plastic bags. Teachers — Afghan women who shed their head-to-toe veils inside the orphanage walls — reprimanded some of the kids for pushing.

"This is the first time we've been able to get out and interact with the people," said Cpl. Mike Mendez, 20, of Huntington Beach, Calif.

During last year's U.S.-led war to oust the Taliban, the orphanage fell into a desperate state. The well dried up, leaving it without water, and the children ate only rice for lunch and dinner.

In recent weeks, however, both aid and hope have begun to return. Teacher Fahima Jomizoda, 35, said she went months at a time last year without receiving her \$30 a month salary. Now, she says, she's been paid.

## HEALTH

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felt more severely."

Jones said there are no statistics for unclassified respiratory illnesses available, partly because so many cases go undiagnosed. But multiple influenza cases have been reported, and allergy season does not seem to be having an effect yet.

Common sense guidelines should help decrease the risk of becoming ill, Hallam said.

"Make sure you get plenty of sleep, watch your diet, don't share drinks with people you know are sick; all of these things will increase your odds for staying

healthy," she said.

Hallam said the increased traffic at the Health Center means the staff is much busier, but she said students have not had to wait much longer than usual.

Janette Stanberry, a sophomore Spanish and speech pathology major, said she woke up with a cold Wednesday morning.

"It's not bad, it is just annoying to be sick," she said. "I'm thinking it's a change in the weather, but I'm not planning on going to the Health Center."

Stanberry says she has never been to the Health Center because she prefers to go to her own doctor.

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# Students to spend break in Scotland program

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Spring break is almost here and a group of TCU students won't be on the beach taking in the sun. Instead they are taking the opportunity to do a leadership study abroad program in Scotland, said Penny Woodcock, director of the TCU Leadership Center.

The goal of the program is to teach students that they can be leaders regardless of their background, Woodcock said.

"The center's work is based on six core values: Integrity, service, perseverance, focus, awareness and creativity," Woodcock said. "It is a wonderful tie in with the mission of TCU."

The program is at a facility called the Columba 1400 Centre - Community and International Leadership Centre. TCU is a first year participant of this program, she said.

Woodcock said the center is used to help encourage young people from impoverished areas to encourage them to be leaders.

"After going through the core values program, kids learn more about their own values, re-frame their skills in positive light and are given some quiet, safe space to reflect," Woodcock said. "They are given a new sense of self-respect, (and) provided mentors for guidance and peers for support."

Amanda Grantham, a sopho-

more business major, said she is excited about the opportunity to learn more leadership skills. This program will help her re-focus and she looks forward to interacting with and learning from the kids at the center, she said.

Jason Ruth, a sophomore e-business major, said he knows he will learn many things about leadership and thinks discussing these things with people from other parts of the world will help him see other views that he is unfamiliar with.

Woodcock said the 11 students, five staff and two faculty from TCU that are going on the trip will learn more than expected.

Woodcock said the cost of the

week-long trip was \$1,600 for airfare, program materials and room and board. This was the first year the program was offered so there was no scholarship money readily available, but plans are underway to support the 2003 trip, she said.

Ruth said the price of the trip didn't bother him, but Grantham said the price was an issue for her.

"It is a little bit expensive for a week, but I think it is an opportunity that won't come around too often," Grantham said. "Some things are worth paying for."

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## HUNGARY

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Commission was established in Hungary 10 years ago, 700 American and 600 Hungarian scholars participated in the program through the Commission.

"The conscious efforts of TCU to open up to the world are great examples for preparing a university for the 21st century," Brückner said.

The Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange has worked with Fulbright scholarship recipients from TCU for the past 10 years, Brückner said.

He said that the current negotiations between TCU and ELTE will be a great opportunity for the Fulbright Program to raise the quality of partnership with both institutions.

Tamas Molnar, a representative of TCU in Hungary, said ELTE is looking for new partnerships in a global perspective as a part of its ongoing renewing process.

The delegation became familiar with the philosophy of TCU that

promotes culturally diverse education in a global scenario, Klinghammer said.

Besides establishing global ties, TCU is also interested in finding highly qualified students, which is one of the strengths of ELTE and the Hungarian educational system in general, Molnar said.

Kirk Downey, former dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said the meetings were a major step in the almost 10-year process of establishing ties between TCU and different Hungarian educational institutions.

The new ties between TCU and ELTE will also make the sister city relationship between Fort Worth and Budapest fuller and will fill it with more content, Downey said.

TCU officials will be invited to Budapest in April to further develop the cooperation between TCU and ELTE and to return the hospitality the delegation has received during its campus visit, Klinghammer said.

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## CUE

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outcomes based," Koehler said.

Koehler said he had hoped the Common Undergraduate Experience, a complete revamping of the university's curriculum that has been in progress for more than a year, would be in place by this fall. However, progress on the CUE was slowed recently amid increased faculty debate about its effectiveness.

Since the proposed curriculum is not in place and the self-study evaluates current programs, TCU's report to SACS will provide an extensive review of the current curriculum while considering that an updated version will be implemented, said Gene Smith, chairman of the Educational Programs committee.

"We address the issue that the current core is undergoing revision," Smith said. "It's almost like you put a footnote saying that this is what our current pro-

gram does, yet there are going to be changes."

Unlike the current discipline-oriented core, the new core will include an assessment mechanism that examines what characteristics, knowledge and abilities the university wants students to have when they leave TCU, Smith said.

"Currently, the core as it operates does not have any means for assessing progress of students and measuring the progress of students against one another," Smith said. "That's one of the biggest elements that the new core program needs to have."

Universities can lose accreditation if they fail to meet any of the 13 conditions of eligibility and serious problems will delay accreditation for 10 years. Without re-accreditation, a university could lose all federal aid, including student loans and permission for credit transfers to other educational institutions.

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# Minority applications, admittance increase

BY DAVID REESE  
Skiff Staff

The TCU Office of Admissions has seen an increase this year in minority applications and in the number of minorities admitted, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

Brown said minority applications have increased 10.2 percent; from 1,004 last year to 1,106 this year.

He said the increase in applications has also led to an increase in admittance of minority applicants by 12.2 percent; the increase is up from 449 last year to 504 this year.

Brown said more than half of the accepted minorities will attend the university. About 37 percent of the offers of admission are accepted for all applicants, he said.

He said a major criticism that can occur after such a large increase in minority acceptances is that the Office of Admissions is compromising quality in order to enroll more students of certain groups.

"Not true here. Our SAT is up three points and

our average class rank is improving as well," Brown said.

He said the increase can be attested to TCU's increase in their marketing within minority groups.

Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing, said there are numerous programs the Office of Admissions have implemented.

He said some of the programs include the Community Scholars program, campus visits, high school conferences and special leadership programs.

"The most important aspect of these programs is to build relationships with the students," Alexander said.

Alexander said the National Hispanic Institute joined TCU to invite prospects to the campus this past January in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. This visit allowed the prospects to learn more about the campus as well as the National Hispanic Institute, he said.

Admissions Counselor Aisha Torrey-Sawyer said the Community Scholars Program, which

was established two years ago, awards full tuition scholarships to minority students from five area high schools including North Side, Dunbar, O.D. Wyatt, Diamond Hill-Jarvis and Sam Houston.

Torrey-Sawyer said 64 high school seniors applied for the program next fall but only 12 of them will be awarded the scholarships.

Alexander said Student Development Services hosts an annual high school conference for minority students.

Brown said this summer TCU is hosting a new program called Camp College.

"The program is for students of color to give them a close-up of what the college selection process is about and what college life is about," he said.

*"The most important aspect of these programs is to build relationships with the students."*

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# Global tunes



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF  
Gerold Dudley, a freshman theatre major, sings in the Student Center lounge as part of International Week's karaoke night.

# Russell Yates testifies on wife's mental state

BY JOEL ANDERSON  
Associated Press

HOUSTON—The husband of Andrea Yates testified Thursday that she never told him she heard voices and saw visions that she later claimed led her to drown their five children.

"She kind of described it as a dark period, that she was in a dark place," Russell Yates said, referring to his wife's two suicide attempts two years before the June 20 slayings.

"At the time, I didn't think she was dangerous, none of us did," he said in a second day of testimony at his wife's capital murder trial.

Yates' 2 1/2-hour session on the witness was far less emotional than Wednesday, when he tearfully described his wife as a loving mother who was a victim of mental problems that worsened in the months before she drowned their children in a bathtub at their Houston home.

Andrea Yates, 37, has confessed to drowning the children but has

pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She is charged with killing three of the children and could face the death penalty if convicted.

The couple mouthed words of encouragement to each other on Wednesday as defense attorneys played home movies of their children watching butterflies and greeting their mother after the birth of her fifth child.

The tape was an attempt by defense attorneys to depict a nurturing mother who they say became so mentally ill that she killed her children.

"She's wonderful," Russell Yates testified through teary eyes. "She was so involved with the children. She loved them and read to them."

Prosecutors say Andrea Yates suffered from a mental illness but knew the difference between right and wrong at the time of the drownings. To prove insanity, the defense must show the Houston woman didn't know the difference.

The husband, who sometimes rocked nervously on the witness stand, recounted his wife's mental decline in the months before the killings, but insisted she posed no threat.

He said his wife attempted suicide twice in 1999, following the birth of Luke, their fourth child.

Russell Yates contradicted the testimony of a psychiatrist who treated his wife, saying Dr. Eileen Starbranch discouraged but didn't forbid the couple from having more children. He also said Starbranch took Andrea Yates off anti-psychotic medication, a contention the doctor denied.

Andrea Yates became pregnant with Mary, their fifth child, after she got back to her "old self," following the family's move into their southeast Houston home, Russell Yates said.

After Mary's birth in November 2000, the depression returned. Yates said the event that again triggered his wife's disturbing symptoms was

the death of her father last March.

"That was very traumatic for her," Russell Yates said. "She became more withdrawn and day-by-day there were more symptoms."

He testified that he took his wife to Devereux psychiatric hospital, which was closer to their home than Starbranch and a private facility.

Andrea Yates was discharged after about two weeks, he said, but her condition continued to worsen and he had her readmitted to Devereux about six weeks later.

Yates told jurors that his wife spent 10 days at Devereux before being discharged, with many of the same symptoms still apparent.

Russell Yates said he and his wife returned on June 18, but the doctor didn't place her back on the anti-psychotic drug and changed her prescription.

Two days later, Andrea Yates called her husband and told him to hurry home because something had happened to the children.

# American scientists rescued by search team

BY ANDRES CALA  
Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Two American scientists lost in a mountainous park for a week were rescued by a Dominican search team and were recuperating Thursday from exhaustion, officials said.

Patrick Martin and Olivia Duren got lost Feb. 21 in Armando Bermudez National Park, site of Pico Duarte, the highest mountain in the Caribbean at nearly 10,500 feet.

They survived by rationing two days worth of food supplies and drinking spring water until a rescue team found them Wednesday afternoon.

Martin and his assistant Duren, both from Cornell University, were researching a rare pine tree, Pino occidentalis, which grows in parts of the Dominican Republic. Fog and fatigue made them lose their trail, said Radhames Lora Salcedo, director of

the country's emergency agency.

When found, the scientists had not eaten for two days and were suffering from fatigue, diarrhea and minor scratches, Lora said.

The two were recovering at a scientific field office in Jarabacoa, 94 miles northwest of the capital, Santo Domingo. There is no phone at their quarters.

Martin, who has conducted his field work in Pico Duarte for the last three years and knows the area well, was equipped with camping gear and global positioning equipment.

"They fell into a natural trap, like a deep valley surrounded by mountains, and could not return to their path," said Lora.

Scientists from Cornell, in Ithaca, N.Y., have been researching the park since January and are expected to return in mid-March.

More than 60 people and a helicopter participated in the rescue efforts.

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- Self-serve pasta
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- Hush puppies
- Steamed green beans
- Mixed vegetables
- Fruit cobbler
- Onion rings
- Popcorn chicken
- Rotisserie chicken
- Black eyed peas
- Collard greens
- Steamed mixed vegetables
- Sweet cornbread
- Chef choice salad

#### DINNER

- Baked Cajun catfish
- Broccoli and rice casserole
- Pasta and marinara
- Glazed carrots
- Steamed mixed vegetables
- Fruit cobbler
- Barbecue chicken quarters
- Baked potato
- Onion rings
- Chef choice salad

#### Tomorrow's menu

#### LUNCH

- Breakfast bar
- Hot cobbler
- Hamburgers
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Fries
- Onion rings
- Buffalo wings

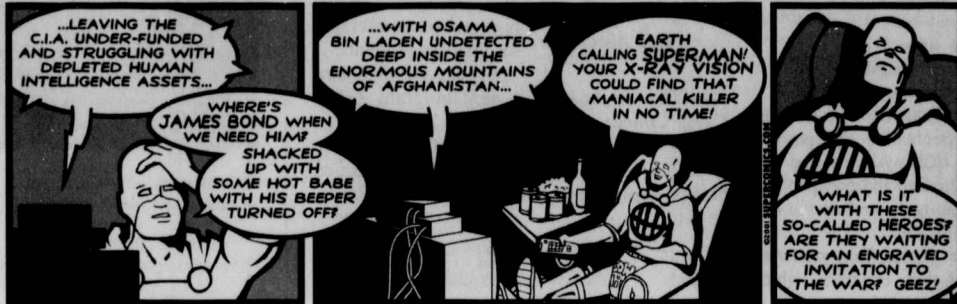
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- Hamburgers
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Fries
- Onion rings

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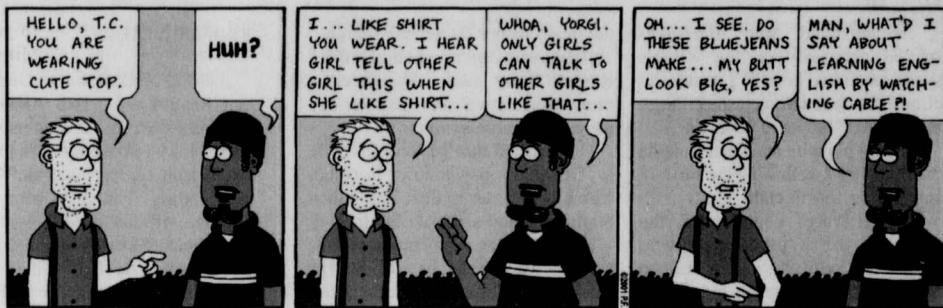
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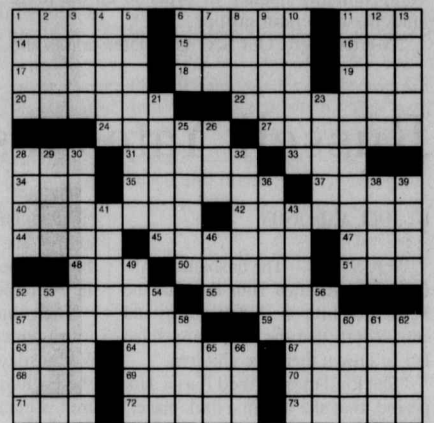
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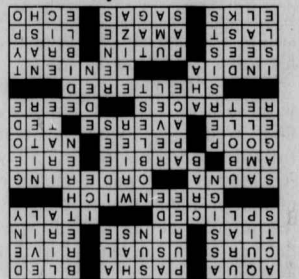
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- 15 Waikiki welcome
- 16 Caesar's hail
- 17 All confused
- 18 Highland pattern
- 19 Eye cover
- 20 Meal
- 22 Danger signal
- 24 Requirements
- 27 Catlike
- 28 Orange seed
- 31 Bermuda or Vidalia
- 33 "To be or \_\_\_ to be"
- 34 Lyric poem
- 35 Pop the cork from
- 37 Post Whitman
- 40 Stretchy
- 42 Coffemaker adjunct
- 44 Try out
- 45 Solar deity
- 47 Citrus drink
- 48 I've \_\_\_ it with you!
- 50 Grab
- 51 Babble
- 52 Impassive
- 55 Put into law
- 57 What person
- 59 Kind of bow tie
- 63 Drummer Blakey
- 64 Practice piece of music
- 67 Open-mouthed
- 68 Place to drive from
- 69 Pine product
- 70 Fresher up
- 71 "And I Love"
- 72 Prevailing tide
- 73 Upstanding



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### Thursday's Solutions



### DOWN

- 1 Wound reminder
- 2 Handy bag
- 3 Coarse file
- 4 Marine expanse
- 5 End gradually
- 6 Racer's circuit
- 7 \_\_\_ at ease
- 8 Emulate eagles
- 9 Pickpocket
- 10 Make unhappy
- 11 End one's work shift
- 12 Birdlike
- 13 One of Tiger's irons
- 21 Racket sport
- 23 \_\_\_ out of the window
- 25 Olympic event
- 26 Drunkard
- 28 Rimbaud or Verlaine
- 29 Inactive
- 30 Child's toy weapon
- 32 Noodle
- 36 Trademark antidepressant
- 38 Mother of Clytemnestra
- 39 Rough journey
- 41 Hackneyed
- 43 Gracious me!
- 46 Maiden-name

### indicator

- 49 Turn aside
- 52 Lawnmower's wake
- 53 Number of Little Pigs
- 54 Prevent

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- 66 Conclusion



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## The Sideline

### John Madden drops FOX for Monday Night Football

NEW YORK (AP) — John Madden is joining "Monday Night Football."

The gregarious announcer agreed to a four-year deal with ABC and will team with veteran play-by-play man Al Michaels to form a two-man booth. The move signals the departure of comedian Dennis Miller after two seasons and declining ratings.

"There is only one John Madden and he is now part of ABC Sports," ABC Sports president Howard Katz said Thursday.

Madden had one year at \$7.5 million remaining on his contract with Fox Sports, but that network agreed late Wednesday to free him from that deal.

He and ABC then hammered out a contract worth about \$5 million per season, an industry source told *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity. Madden could wind up making much more from the marketing opportunities that will arise thanks to his weekly prime-time appearances on ABC. He'll also work for ESPN, which like ABC is owned by The Walt Disney Co.

Fox offered Madden a three-year, \$15 million extension, another industry source said, also on condition of anonymity.

"This is something that came very quickly, I'm numb, but even through the numbness I realize how lucky I am, going from playing to coaching to broadcasting," Madden said Thursday. "Every broadcaster would love an opportunity to be part of 'Monday Night Football.'"

ABC will air the 2003 Super Bowl, Madden's ninth as a broadcaster. His ABC debut will be at the Hall of Fame preseason game between the Giants and Texans on Aug. 5.

### NBC cans Wizards game after Jordan knee injury

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC dropped two Washington Wizards games from its schedule after Michael Jordan was put on the injured list.

Washington's game against visiting Orlando on Sunday and its game against Boston on March 10 won't be aired nationally by the network, which is in the last year of its NBA contract.

Instead, NBC will show Indiana at Sacramento this Sunday, and Toronto at Orlando on March 10. Those were the games originally slated to air on NBC when the season schedule was announced, but the network added Wizards games when Jordan came out of retirement.

The 39-year-old Jordan had torn cartilage repaired in his right knee Wednesday, a procedure that typically requires 2-to-6 weeks of rehabilitation.

"Given the injury to Jordan, the Sacramento-Indiana and Toronto-Orlando games are better matchups for us," NBC Sports vice president Kevin Sullivan said Thursday.

### UT hires McWhorter as assistant football coach

AUSTIN (AP) — Mac McWhorter, Georgia Tech's interim head coach for one game after George O'Leary resigned, was hired Thursday as an assistant coach at Texas.

McWhorter will coach offensive tackles and tight ends for the Longhorns. He replaces tight ends coach Tim Brewster, who joined the San Diego Chargers as an assistant coach Monday.

McWhorter has been a college assistant coach since 1980, when he joined Georgia Tech. He remained with the Yellow Jackets until 1986, then had stops at Alabama, West Georgia, Duke, Georgia, Clemson and Memphis before returning to Georgia Tech in 2000.

He was the offensive line coach and assistant head coach at Georgia Tech when O'Leary left.

### N. Carolina quarterback to transfer for personal reasons

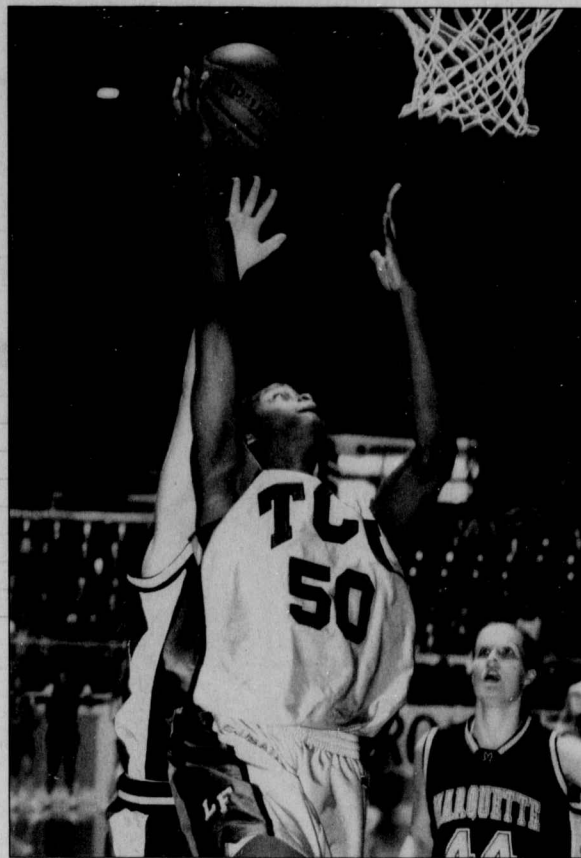
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina quarterback Darian Durant, who set single-season freshman passing records for the Tar Heels last season, said Monday he would transfer for personal reasons.

Durant, who shared time with senior Ronald Curry as North Carolina went 8-5 with a Peach Bowl victory, will transfer at the end of the spring semester.

"I pondered over this for a long time and thought hard over it," said Durant, whose stepmother died in November. "I feel like it's the best thing for me to do."

Durant did not go into details about his decision but did say it was not based on any problems with the coaching staff.

## Lady Frogs ride on wins



Freshman center Sandora Irvin goes up for a lay-up in the 72-57 win over Marquette Sunday. The Frogs have a first round bye in the Conference USA Tournament.

BY NATHAN LOEWEN  
Assistant Sports Editor

Things are different than they were a year ago for the Lady Frogs as they head into the Conference USA Tournament Saturday at DePaul.

Last season the Lady Frogs went into the conference tournament after losing the final game of the year to Southern Methodist University. This season, head coach Jeff Mittie and the Lady Frogs are heading into the conference tournament on a four-game winning streak.

"I would always rather end the season with a win," said Mittie. "And ride into the tournament with some momentum."

The Frogs are riding into the tournament scoring 70-plus points in their last three contests. Mittie said the offense has picked up in time for the tournament.

"I liked the way we moved the ball, we had good balance. When you pass the ball you get better shots and shoot a higher percentage," said Mittie. "We saw that over the weekend."

Going into the weekend the Frogs are No. 24, according to the Associated Press Poll.

Mittie said he feels that unlike last year, they do not have to win the conference tournament to get into the NCAA Tournament.

"We feel like we are in the (NCAA)

tournament regardless of what happens in (the C-USA Tournament)," said Mittie.

But despite this feeling, Mittie said there is still motivation to win among the players.

"There are a lot of teams fighting for a berth in the NCAA Tournament. They are cornered with their backs against the wall," said Mittie. "Ours is a different motivation."

Last season the Lady Frogs won both the Western Athletic Conference regular season title and tournament ti-

tle. They needed to win both to get into the NCAA Tournament, Mittie said.

"Every game counts towards seeding in the (NCAA) tournament," said Mittie. "The better position you put yourself in for the tournament, the better chance of success."

Senior guard Ashanti Nix said even though they faced the teams once in the regular season, it will not make the tournament easier.

"This is a tough conference," said Nix. "(You) never know who is going to win."

The Lady Frogs will face the winner of the Saint Louis-Marquette game at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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## TCU set for weekend showdown

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The TCU baseball team is scheduled to be in action this weekend as they play a three-game series against Texas-Arlington.

The Frogs (5-6) will play the Mavericks (6-7) at 2 p.m. on Friday at Allan Saxe Stadium on the UTA campus. The series will then shift to the TCU Diamond where games scheduled for 1:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:35 p.m. Sunday.

With a game against Oklahoma postponed due to weather this week, head coach Lance Brown said the team had a productive week of work.

"We're just looking for improvement every time out," Brown said. "Whatever phase of the game we need work on, we are trying to get better."

Brown said pitching is the main thing the Frogs hope will get better. The pitching staff, especially the bullpen, has struggled with consistency, he said.

They currently have a 5.08 ERA, and opponents have scored 54 earned runs with a .287 batting average.

With the long break between games and an important stretch of competition coming up, Brown said the pitchers had some quality work this week.

"I think it has given us a chance to work with them (the pitchers)," Brown said. "You get into a season,

and pitchers have slumps like hitters do. We have a hard time finding time to work. Hitters can hit every day, but pitchers cannot pitch for 40 minutes everyday, so this has been a good week for us to get our pitchers out there. We've spent a lot of time in the bullpen."

Brown said the best thing about the pitchers work was them being able to throw without having to save something for any games during the week. One thing going well for the team right now is defense and hitting, he said.

The defense has a .977 fielding percentage, committing 10 errors and turning 21 double plays. The Frogs are also currently batting .306 as a team, and have scored 44 runs in the last four games.

"I think it's important for us (hitting) because we did not the first five or six games," Brown said. "Players start to wonder if they are ever going to, so I think it's important for us that we are."

These positives lead this team into the series with UTA, who earlier this season beat the Frogs 5-3 in Arlington.

Brown said that the team will be more settled and energized when playing the Mavericks this time around.

"Early in the year, especially af-

ter your first series, you put so much more energy in," Brown said. "I think when we came back from playing three games, the energy level wasn't where it needed to be when we went over there."

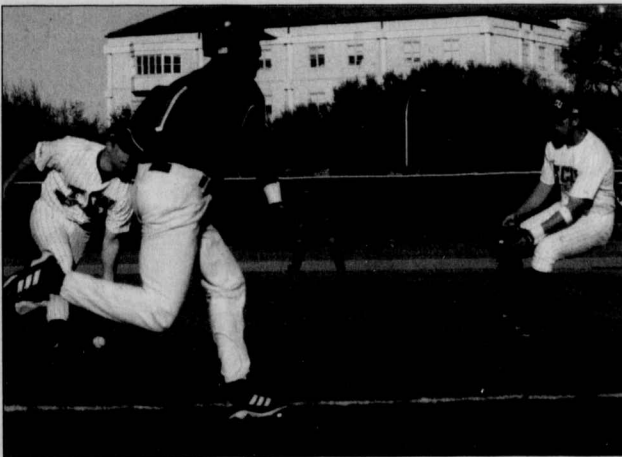
Brown said the Frogs will face a solid UTA ballclub and that the home field may have the key in the series.

"They always seem to play well in their ballpark," Brown said. "It seems like we have trouble winning at their park, and they have

trouble winning here. So hopefully we can go over there and get a win, we can come back on our own field and maybe get another couple of wins."

Brown said due to recent weather forecasts, game times may be changed or postponed. For any postponed times, check out ([www.gofrogs.com](http://www.gofrogs.com)).

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A TCU pitcher tosses the ball to junior firstbaseman Walter Olmstead in TCU's 14-13 loss Feb. 19. The Frogs will face UTA 2 p.m. Friday at Allan Saxe Stadium.

## Football team opens Spring practice Saturday

BY JORDAN BLUM  
Opinion Editor

Just two months removed from the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl, the football team is ready to start up again as spring practice begins Saturday. With just 10 seniors lost from last season, the Horned Frogs will begin practice with an experienced team with higher expectations from last season.

With the transfer of former starter Casey Printers, the quarterback battle will present the most glamorous competition between the four returnees.

Head coach Gary Patterson said Sean Stillely, who will be a senior next season, is going into practice as the starter mostly because of the experience and leadership he brings to the team.

"(Sean) Stillely is the man going into practice," Patterson said. "The others (quarterbacks) are all good, but they're all young and they just haven't taken the snaps."

Stillely said he has worked hard and earned the right to be in the starting role.

"I've waited awhile for this opportunity," Stillely said. "I'm the senior now, and I've worked hard,

and I think I've made a lot of people believe in me.

"This is my year because I've been here. This is my fourth coach (offensive coordinator), and I've learned something new from each one of them."

Stillely said it's more difficult for the other quarterbacks (Brandon Hassell, Zack Moore and Tye Gunn) to run the offense because they were all freshmen in their first or second year this past season.

"You can only practice so much as opposed to getting real game experience," Stillely said. "I was fortunate to get experience last season, but I was clueless when I was first coming out of high school."

Gunn, who will be a redshirt freshman, said Printers' absence eases a question mark at quarterback but that Stillely deserves to be the starter going into practice.

"Sean is the starter but there are three other guys there, too," Gunn said. "I want to set my goals high, and I definitely want to play next season."

"The transition out of high school was tough but I've been working

hard and learning a lot. I'm starting to come along a lot better with the offense and reading defenses."

But Patterson said building overall depth and fine-tuning the offense and defense will be the biggest goals to accomplish during the next few weeks.

Patterson said areas of concern are along the defensive line and in the secondary where there is more competition and people are still being moved around.

"We have four guys coming back in the secondary with (Marvin) Godbolt moving into (Charlie) Owens' spot at weak safety," he said. "Then Jared Smitherman can probably move in at strong safety. But, the backups are still a concern."

The defensive end spots still need to be solidified after losing two starters from last season, Patterson said.

"(Bo) Schobel is coming along slowly in his recovery (from an injury last season) and Ranorris Ray is a young guy who can step in along with a few others and possibly start," he said.

He said depth also needs to be built behind junior Chad Pugh and senior

John Turntine at starting defensive tackle spots. He also said the line will be one of the team's strengths, though, once everyone can get healthy.

Patterson said the offense looks good heading into practice as well.

"We return two experienced running backs as well as 14 of 15 from our offensive line," he said. "We lost our top two tight ends, but we've still got a lot there with Stanley Moss, Quint Ellis and a couple others."

Patterson said the team still needs to make improvements, but has the necessary tools to make a run for the Conference USA title next season.

"We need to be better playmakers and create more turnovers and not give up big plays on defense," he said. "On offense we need to run the ball better and cut down on penalties and turnovers."

Stillely said the team is really coming together.

"The seniors are taking control, and the young guys are stepping up in leadership too," he said. "This offseason was like nothing I've seen before with all the work we did."

## Final meet 'last chance' for Frogs

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Skiff Staff

The Flyin' Frogs are in action today as they compete in the Iowa State Last Chance meet, in Ames, Iowa.

For the team (No. 13 Trackwire Online), this meet's relevance is described in its name. With one week to go before the NCAA Indoor Championships, this is the last opportunity for some TCU athletes to make or to better qualifying times to compete in the championships.

Head coach Monte Stratton said there are many athletes on the edge of qualifying and that a larger amount of Frogs at the championships would show more of a presence.

"We would like to go to the national meet with as many people as possible," Stratton said. "This is looking like a year where we will be very few in number. Right now we have few and would like to have more. That's easier said than done."

There are team members that have already qualified. Senior Eluid Njubi, the Conference USA Men's Indoor Athlete of the Year, has qualified in the 800 meters, one-mile, and 300 meters. However Njubi is day to day with an injury and will probably only run the mile race, Stratton said.

Junior sprinter Demario Wesley qualified in the 60 meters, but will not run because of an injured hip flexor.

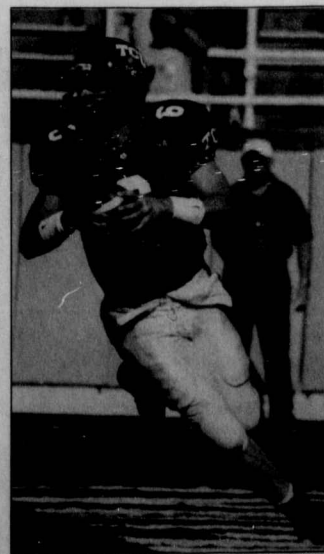
Freshman Cleavon Dillon and junior Brandal Lawrence also qualified in the long jump and triple jump respectively. Sophomore Michael Frater has a qualifying time in the 60 meters, but will be looking to improve on that.

On the women's side, junior Monica Twum is the only member of the team who has a provisional time. She has the 10th fastest time in the nation in the 60 meters.

There are a select few who are expected to be taken that Stratton said have a legitimate shot to qualify for the NCAA meet. Twum, Frater and senior Chaunte Baldwin will possibly compete in the 60 meters. Junior Jermaine Joseph and senior Steve Slowly in the 200 meters, senior Herbert Mwangi in the 3000 meters and the 4x400 relay team of Slowly, freshman Kendall Pyant and juniors Jason Morgan and Terrance McBryde might be selected to compete in the NCAAs, Stratton said.

"Usually the last chance is not much different than the other five chances," Stratton said. "But it's called that because it's exactly what it is."

"We just hope those who are close can get across or under the barrier," Stratton said. "But there are no guarantees."



Junior quarterback Sean Stillely is the starting quarterback going into spring practice for the Frogs, football head coach Gary Patterson said. Stillely was the backup in 2001.

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## Curtains close on Billyball's final act

TCU may have a shot at postseason NIT, Tubbs says

BY RAM LUTHRA  
Sports Editor

Coach Billy Tubbs is not ready to declare Saturday's contest his final home game at TCU.

Tubbs said if his team can win and keep it going into the Conference USA Tournament in Cincinnati, TCU might have a shot at earning a bid in the National Invitational Tournament.

But Tubbs said for that to happen the Frogs must win when they play East Carolina 7 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in the regular-season finale.

"In reality, a win Saturday against ECU and a couple of wins in the conference tournament might put us in another game," he said.

Tubbs said there will be distractions for players, but he encourages his team to keep focus on the game.

"The main storyline is playing East Carolina and playing for a seed," Tubbs said. "It is not about me. We need to focus on getting a

win, because the higher the seed you are the worst the teams you will play. This is an important game to determine who we will play in the first round and in the second round.

"We still have a lot to play for this season," Tubbs said. "And it is best that we keep focus. Now is not the time to reflect on this being my last game, now is the time on keep going forward."

Junior-transfer guard Junior Blount said the game, which possibly may be the final home games for Tubbs and the three seniors (J.R. Jones, Marlon Dumont and Colin Boddicker), has not been a distraction for the Frogs.

"It's a big game for both teams," he said. "I don't think this being Coach Tubbs' last game has anything to do with the way we will play. We know it is his last game, but our focus has been on ECU. We just have to play regardless if he was going to be here next year."

Blount said since this marks the first meeting between the schools there will be some unfamiliarity come Saturday.

"We have not really talked about East Carolina too much, yet," Blount said.

"We know they played (well) against Marquette, but they (are) still in (the) lower half of the standing like we are."

With the win against then No. 9-ranked Marquette Tuesday, ECU earned a bid in the C-USA Tournament and won its first ever win over a Top 10 team.

Tubbs said he was not surprised with ECU's upset over Marquette.

"It is not a real surprise," Tubbs said. "They have played well at home and have won a couple of games in a row now. Actually, you now have two teams that might be in the bottom of the division, but they are probably two of the teams that are playing as well as anyone else."

TCU is coming off a win against Tulane on Tuesday. Blount scored a career-high 42 points in the win against the Green Wave.

Tubbs wants regular season finale to be more than about him

BY RAM LUTHRA  
Sports Editor

Men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs has been in this situation before.

He has coached final home games at other schools (Southwestern University, Lamar and Oklahoma).

But, his final regular season at TCU is different.

"I coached my final games at Lamar and Oklahoma before without any problems, but when I was coaching those games I did not know at the time that they were my last games," Tubbs said. "On Saturday against ECU I know that at the time that is maybe my last game, but that doesn't change much."

Tubbs said the game will not be as sentimental for him as some people may think. The Athletics Department will present Tubbs with a commemorative plaque before the start of the game.

"It has been a great experience," he said. "There have been a lot of happy times that come with all the losses and frustration. There are a lot more good times at TCU.

But, I am not getting all sentimental and teary-eyed yet."

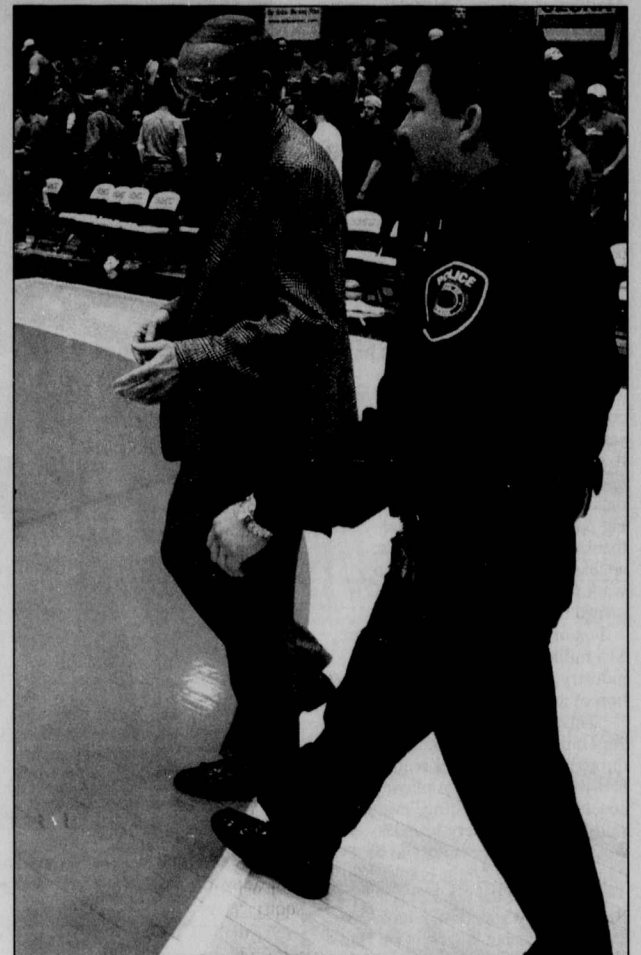
Tubbs was hired in 1994 by William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and former chancellor William Tucker. Throughout the years at TCU, Tubbs thanked Koehler for the opportunity to coach at TCU.

"I can look back and I am appreciative of the opportunities and times at TCU," Tubbs said. "But, we are not done yet for the season. Maybe in two or three weeks when the season is over and the smoke has cleared, I can look back at those times more carefully."

Tubbs said there are some things he would have wanted to change during his stint in Fort Worth.

"There are some things that I would have liked to have done better," Tubbs said. "I thought I had this program going in the right direction toward a national-caliber program. I am disappointed that I couldn't keep that."

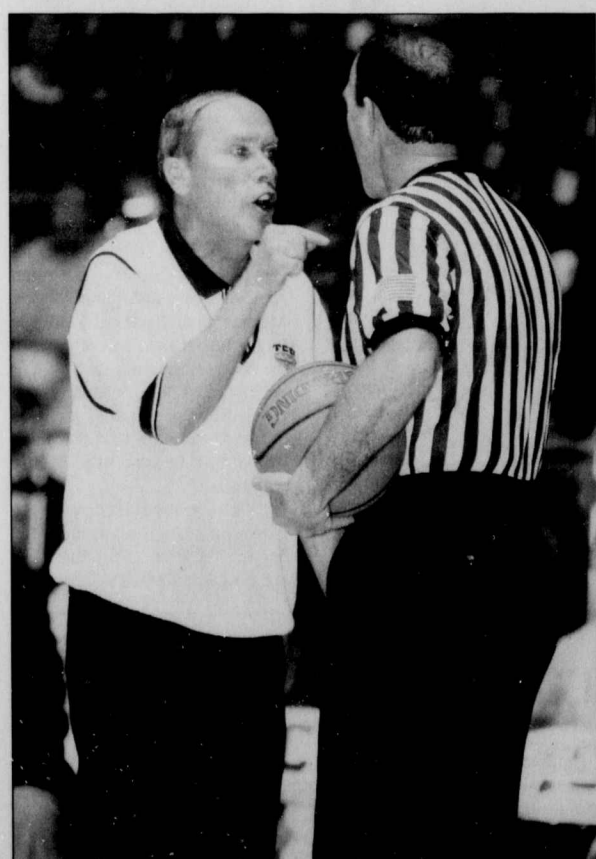
"I think I gave it a great shot," Tubbs said. "I know in my own mind that I gave it all I



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER  
Billy Tubbs is escorted by a Dallas police officer at an away game against SMU last season. Tubbs is sporting a pair of protective glasses because he was hit by coins at a previous game. Tubbs has had success against the Ponies with a 14-2 mark.

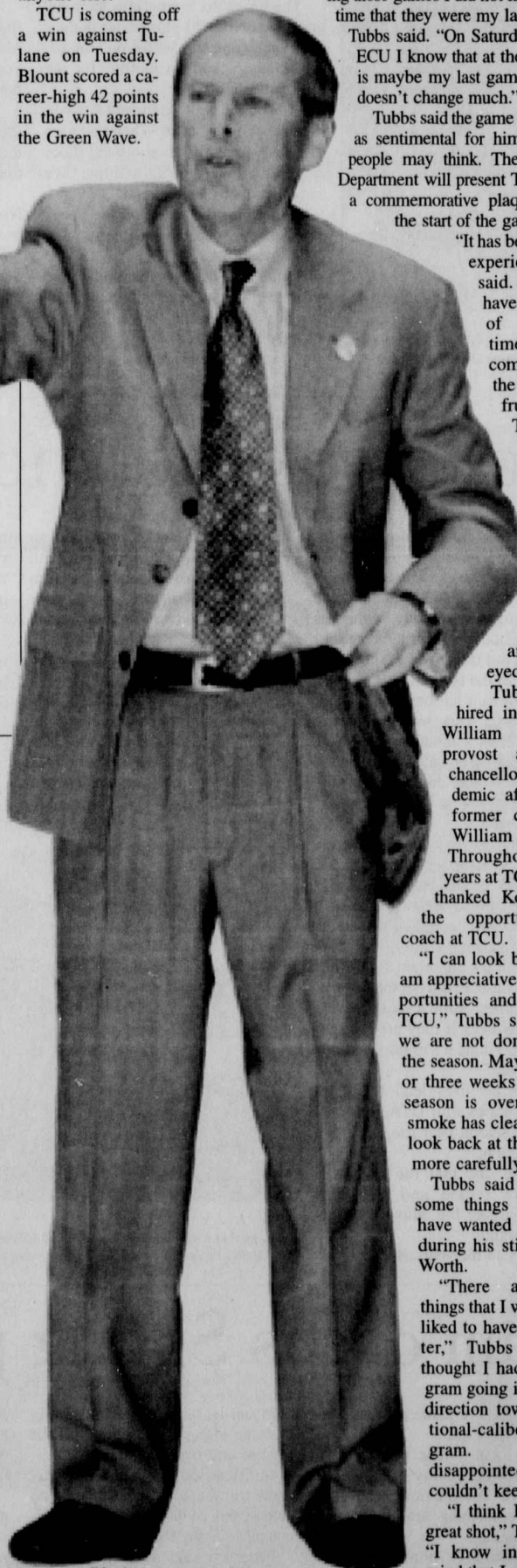
### Year-by-Year Results

94-95: 16-11	98-99: 21-11
95-96: 16-14	99-00: 18-14
96-97: 22-13	00-01: 20-11
97-98: 27-6	01-02: 15-14



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Billy Tubbs gives the referee a piece of his mind during a game earlier this season. Tubbs has provided an ear full to referees from the Southwest Conference, Western Athletic Conference and Conference USA during his eight-year career at TCU.



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## All-Billyball Team at TCU

### Guard

Prince Fowler '96-'99

Points per game: 7.3  
Assists per game: 5.3  
The only player in TCU history to produce more than 500 assists in a career.

Fowler made the whole team better in Tubbs' run-and-gun style.

### Guard

Mike Jones '96-'98

Points per game: 19.5  
Assists per game: 4.9  
Jones is the all-time TCU career leader in steals (163). He led TCU to the

NCAA tournament where they lost to Florida State in the first round.

### Forward

Ryan Carroll '97-'01

Points per game: 12.8  
Rebounds per game: 4.6  
Carroll was one of the few players Tubbs has brought along from high school.

That learning has led him to be the all-time leader in three-pointers (233).

### Forward

Lee Nailon '97-'99

Points per game: 23.9  
Rebounds per game: 9.1  
In his two-year career at TCU, he set school records for point scored in a season and in a

game (53). Nailon was the fastest player to reach the 1,500-point mark.

### Center

Kurt Thomas '91-'95

Points per game: 14.7  
Rebounds per game: 9.0  
Thomas finished the regular season as the nation's best scorer and rebounder.

He was one of only three players ever to accomplish such a feat.

### 6th Man

Marquise Gainous '99-'00

Points per game: 19.5  
Rebounds per game: 8.3  
Gainous provided a huge scoring threat for the Frogs. He was an exceptional free

throw shooter and his inside presence opened up the outside game for TCU.

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