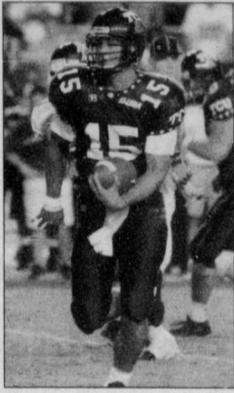


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Redshirt Freshman Tye Gunn plays well in substitute role. **Page 8**



Frog defense and special teams play big roles in 16-10 victory over North Texas. **Page 8**



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Singing solo



Senior marketing major Amy Render performed her original song, "Mystery," Friday at the Family Weekend Variety Show. Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

Montgomery indicted for capital murder

As former TCU football player was indicted Friday on charges of capital murder for the death of his 16-month-old daughter. Montgomery is currently free on \$100,000 bail. It is unknown whether prosecutors will seek the death penalty.

BY JILL MENINGER
Staff Reporter

Former TCU football player Frank Montgomery was indicted Friday on charges of capital murder, said Tarrant County District Attorney Dennis Timmons.

Montgomery, 22, is accused of

striking 16-month-old Savannah Koiner on the head with an unknown object while she was under his care July 2, he said.

Timmons said the Benbrook Police Department arrested Montgomery on July 24 for injuring a child.

He said the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office concluded the child's death was a homicide inflicted by blunt force trauma to her head.

Timmons said the district attorney's office has not decided if it will seek the death penalty. Montgomery is free on a \$100,000 bond, Tim-

mons said.

Sandy Eubanks, Benbrook police commander of field operations, said Montgomery was living with his girlfriend Roxane Koiner. Eubanks said Montgomery called the police on the evening of July 2 and told the dispatchers the child was not breathing.

Eubanks said Montgomery gave several statements to investigators and changed the details of how the child got injured each time.

Montgomery told investigators in one statement that the child had hit her head on the kitchen sink or counter, which he had failed to

mention in previous interviews, Eubanks said.

Eubanks said a burn mark was found on the child's back at Cook's Children Medical Center. He said the story from Montgomery of how the burn mark got on the child was not consistent with the size and location of the burn mark. Eubanks said the burn mark had happened a couple of days before the child died.

Montgomery was suspended from the university July 23.

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Frog Fanatics



Members of HyperFrogs cheer on the football team at Saturday's match against North Texas in front of 33,281 patrons at Amon Carter Stadium. The Horned Frogs defeated the Mean Green 16-10. See story page 8. Photographer/Simon Lopez

Preparation for urban teachers a main concern for educators

Education professors are bringing urban education concerns into the classrooms to better prepare future teachers for the field.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA
Staff Reporter

Geoffrey Au said many new teachers have an idealistic outlook about teaching in an urban setting and often get discouraged when their expectations do not match the environment they are placed in.

Au, a teaching assistant in the School of Education, said preparing teachers before they enter the classroom will aid in the transition.

"Preparing teachers puts them in a perspective that allows them to adjust easier to their environment," Au said.

And with a 50 percent retention rate among new teachers in urban settings, preparation is more important than ever, said Cecilia Silva, associate professor of education.

The Center for Urban Education may help teachers gain this preparation. The center, which opened last spring, provides the School of Education with the ability to apply for funding that allows them to devote time to urban education research.

Silva said for the past several years, many professors in the School of Education have discussed the difficulties of urban education and how future teachers need more preparation before going out into the field. "Most teach-

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News Briefs

TCU Leaps registration closes at 5 p.m. Wednesday

The registration deadline for TCU Leaps is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Students can register online at (www.studentaffairs.tcu.edu) or in the Student Center, Room 111.

More than 400 people have signed up for the community service project, said Robin Williamson, TCU LEAPS advisor.

Volunteer opportunities include visiting with senior citizens, building a playground for a Catholic charity and painting buildings for charitable organizations.

"TCU Leaps is a great opportunity to get alumni reconnected with the university," Williamson said.

T-shirts will be available to participants 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday in the Student Center, Room 111, or in front of The Main during lunch hours.

Check-in is at 8 a.m. Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

— Antoinette Vega

Gore challenges Bush's Iraq war efforts

In a recent speech, Al Gore openly criticized President Bush for hastening to use war with Iraq as a quick solution to the problems of the United States.

BY IAN STEWART
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Al Gore harshly criticized President Bush's push for war against Iraq, saying it has hurt the United States' standing and could dangerously undermine the rule of law around the world.

"After Sept. 11, we had enormous sympathy, goodwill and support around the world," Gore said Monday. "We've squandered that, and in one

year we've replaced that with fear, anxiety and uncertainty, not at what the terrorists are going to do but at what we are going to do."

In his first major speech on the Iraq situation, the once and possibly future Democratic presidential candidate accused Bush of abandoning the goal of a world where nations follow laws.

"That concept would be displaced by the notion that there is no law but the discretion of the president of the United States,"

he said.

"If other nations assert the same right, then the rule of law will quickly be replaced by the reign of fear," and any nation that perceives itself threatened would feel justified in starting wars, he said.

Gore also told an enthusiastic Commonwealth Club crowd he would decide in December whether to challenge Bush again for the presidency in 2004.

Gore always has supported

overthrowing Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and was one of the few Senate Democrats who voted in favor of the Gulf War resolution after Iraq attacked Kuwait. He said he felt betrayed by the first President Bush's "hasty withdrawal from the battlefield."

But like other leading Democrats, Gore has expressed reservations in recent months about military action against Iraq, suggesting the diplomatic costs would be extremely high.

His speech Monday was much more critical, warning of ominous and untold consequences, ranging from a short-term power vacuum that could

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KRT/Chuck Kennedy
President George W. Bush meets in the Oval Office Friday with Igor Ivanov, left, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, lower right.

The Weather

TUESDAY
High: 82; Low: 57; Sunny

WEDNESDAY
High: 85; Low: 64; Sunny

THURSDAY
High: 86; Low: 59; Partly cloudy

Looking Back

1936 — Muppet creator Jim Henson is born on this day in Greenville, Miss.

1941 — On this day in 1941, the Japanese consul in Hawaii is instructed to divide Pearl Harbor into five zones and calculate the number of battleships in each zone and report the findings back to Japan.

1953 — In a speech that is by turns confrontational and sarcastic, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declares that the United States will not "cringe or become panicky" in the face of Soviet nuclear weapons.

Watch For

Mathew Crain, a senior history major and English minor from Dallas, is a standup comedian on a mission that began when he started standup at age 18. Crain performs at an intoxicating rate of 50-60 shows a year and gains experience in the process.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The TCU London Centre** will hold information sessions at 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Center Basement, Room 8. Students interested in studying in London for a fall or spring semester should attend. For more information, call (817) 257-7473 or (817) 257-7120.

• **The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta** will present their annual high school step show from 7:13 to 10:10 p.m. Wednesday at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The cost is \$5. The show will promote staying in school.

• **The Society of Professional Journalists** will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 279. The topic will be "Our Place in the TCU Community." All are welcome to discuss how journalists and the Skiff work at TCU. For more information, call (817) 257-7428.

• **The Public Relations Student Society of America** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Moudy Building South, Room 271.

• **TCU LEAPS**, an all-campus community service day, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and will conclude by 1 p.m. For more information and to register, visit (www.studentaffairs.tcu.edu).

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Arafat, 200 others refuse to leave blockaded building

Israel and Palestine face off over terrorists Israeli officials want released to them. Palestine refuses to back down on this issue.

BY JAMIE TARABAY
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A defiant Yasser Arafat dug in at his besieged compound Monday, rejecting Israel's demand to hand over the names of all those holed up inside.

As Israeli troops settled in, criticism of the blockade — the third in 10 months — intensified in Israel. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is boosting Arafat's popularity, instead of sidelining him, the government's detractors said.

In another development, an Israeli man was killed and three of his children, ages 9, 12 and 18, were wounded in a Palestinian shooting attack in the West Bank city of Hebron. The 9-year-old was in serious condition, hospital officials said.

The assault on Arafat's office has made an already tense situation even more volatile. With Arafat and 200 aides and security guards ringed by troops and confined to a building Palestinians claim is in danger of collapse, Israel cannot guarantee the Palestinian leader's safety. Harm to Arafat, even unintentional, could ignite the region.

Arafat's isolation has already triggered mass street protests, some orchestrated and some spontaneous, in a replay of the scenes that marked the beginning of fighting two years ago.

On Monday, Palestinians rallying around Arafat observed a commercial strike and staged more protests, burning tires and pelting

soldiers with rocks — events rarely seen in recent months. About 10,000 rallied in Gaza, many of them school children bused in for the demonstration.

Late in the day, 20 Israeli tanks and two helicopters moved into the eastern edge of Gaza City near the Jewish settlement of Nahal Oz, according to witnesses and Palestinian security officials. Palestinians gunmen took up positions nearby, witnesses said.

For the first time since Israeli tanks crashed into the compound on Thursday — retaliating for a Palestinian suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed six bystanders — Israeli military officials and Palestinian leaders met Monday to begin feeling their way to a solution of the latest crisis, but no progress was reported.

Israel is demanding that all the men in Arafat's office building surrender for questioning. Israel originally said 19 terror suspects were inside the building, including Tawfik Tirawi, the Palestinian intelligence chief.

"Israel's stand is clear," Sharon said on Monday. "Those terrorists must surrender to us. We will not compromise on this."

Israeli commentators said it was not immediately clear why the government is focusing on Tirawi, saying that as recently as half a year ago, he had participated in security talks with Israeli officials, including Shin Bet security services chief Avi Dichter.

During Israel's 34-day siege of Arafat's compound in April, Tirawi was with the Palestinian leader, but Israel did not ask for him to be handed over then. Dore Gold, an Israeli government spokesman, said that Israel subsequently uncovered

information linking Tirawi to several attacks on Israelis.

Arafat flatly rejected the Israeli demand for a list of names of all the men in the compound, said Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat, who met Israeli military officials at the Beit El military base, an Israeli outpost next to Ramallah.

"We told (the Israelis) that this is none of their business, and we called for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal from President Arafat's office, and an end to the siege," Erekat told the Associated Press. It was the first face-to-face encounter since the siege began.

Erekat said the building where Arafat is staying is in danger of collapse. Arafat and aides were crammed into four rooms on the second floor of one wing after a tank shell destroyed the stairs to the third floor. It's the only one left intact after Israeli bulldozers and bombs flattened most of the others. On Monday, tanks maintained a tight siege. Israeli troops briefly planted an Israeli flag on the compound, but it was removed over the weekend.

Last week, Israel's Cabinet voted down a proposal, backed by Sharon, to expel Arafat. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is among those who oppose expulsion, but said Monday that Arafat is either incapable or unwilling to stop attacks on Israel. The Palestinian leadership should "prove its capability to rule, or it should appoint those who can rule," Peres told Israel TV.

Israel moved into Arafat's compound after back-to-back suicide attacks last week killed the two bombers and seven other people.

TSA ready to eliminate random gate screening

Better-paid and better-trained federal workers eliminate the need for an additional layer of security at the gate, some say.

BY LESLIE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Random screening of people about to board planes could be phased out next year as Transportation Security Administration chief James Loy tries to make air travel less burdensome.

As better-paid, better-trained federal workers take over at airport security checkpoints, there is less need for an additional layer of security at the gate, TSA officials say. The deadline for all commercial airports to have federal screeners is Nov. 19.

Once all the federal screeners are in place, Loy wants to start phasing out the random searches on an airport-by-airport basis, TSA spokesman Robert Johnson said Monday.

Paul Hudson, executive director of the advocacy group Aviation Consumer Action Project, said he's alarmed by what Loy is proposing.

"The best security involves multiple layers, where you have backups and backups to backups," Hudson said. If the random gate screening is eliminated, "you're saying there's only one check and that's at the main security gate."

A spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines, said the random checks are unnecessary.

"Random gate screening doesn't really add any additional

measure of security," said Michael Wascom, of the Air Transport Association. Rather more sophisticated passenger and baggage screening makes random gate screening unnecessary, he said.

Loy, who became head of the TSA after his predecessor was accused of ignoring passenger convenience, said he wants to balance security with customer service. He has already gotten rid of the requirement that passengers be asked questions about whether they have kept a close eye on their baggage. He has also decided to allow passengers to carry drinks through security checkpoints. He calls the random gate screenings "hassle checks."

The TSA won't say how passengers are singled out for the random checks, citing security concerns. Hudson, a member of the Federal Aviation Administration's Aviation Security Advisory Committee, said 5 percent to 10 percent of an aircraft's passengers are screened through profiling and random checks.

Prior to Sept. 11, airlines paid for security. After the attacks, the government took responsibility and airlines agreed to reimburse the cost, which they originally estimated at \$1 billion a year.

The airlines recently told the TSA that they only spent \$300 million on security, a claim the Department of Transportation's inspector general is challenging.

Wascom said the \$1 billion figure was only a rough estimate, and that it's difficult to tell how much is spent on security.

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increase the danger of chemical and biological attacks, to the creation of legions of enemies angry and fearful about U.S. domination.

"If we end the war in Iraq the way we ended the war in Afghanistan, we could easily be worse off than we are today," Gore said.

Gore described his speech as an effort to lay out an alternative to the course of action pursued by the Bush administration.

Even before securing United Nations support for a multinational war against Iraq, Bush asked Congress to approve the use of "all means that he determines to be appropriate, including force," in a unilateral effort to topple Saddam Hussein.

Gore urged Congress not to give the president such a broad mandate.

"It needs to be narrowed," said Gore, adding that Congress should urge Bush to go back to the U.N. Security Council and secure the "broadest possible international support" for a regime change in Iraq.

Meanwhile, Gore said, "Bush should not allow anything to distract us from the mission of avenging the murder of 3,000 Americans."

Also Monday, former President Carter criticized Bush's stance on Iraq, saying military action without the blessing of the United Nations would be a grave mistake that would put America in danger.

"I'm quite concerned" about the White House's pursuit of Saddam Hussein without the support of many of its allies from the Persian Gulf War, Carter said after a speech at the University of Virginia.

"It is a radical departure from traditions that have shaped our nation's policy by Democratic and Republican presidents for more than 50 years," Carter told reporters.

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ers will get jobs in urban settings," Silva said. "We'll lose those teachers if they're not prepared."

Mike Sacken, professor of education, said the educational programs at the center help prepare students to teach in urban areas and to continue collaboration with schools in the community.

"It's hard to know what's going to come of this (center)," Sacken said. "We're organized, but still looking for time, space and resources."

Silva said several partnerships with the Fort Worth Independent School District have provided university students the opportunity to have real-life experiences

with real kids. Not only are the education students benefiting, but the schools are discovering their true needs while receiving extra support, she said.

As the center continues to write grant requests for initial funding, Silva said they are looking to particular businesses that have an interest in contributing to urban education needs.

"It's much more attractive for a foundation to look at what we do collectively and as a cohesive group," Silva said.

Silva, who has a background in bilingual education, said one of the principal concerns of urban education is how to meet the needs of students with language and cultural differences.

"It's important that teachers look at these things as differences, not

deficits," Silva said.

Kay Stevens, visiting lecturer for the education department, said she has made time to support the center by discussing urban education in her class. She said her students look at how poverty and race can determine academic performance and how to target specific learning needs.

In addition to the search for funding, the center is recruiting high school students and encouraging them to become teachers.

"It takes passion and commitment to be an excellent teacher," Silva said. "And committed teachers with the right preparation give children a better chance academically and socially."

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TCU LEAPS offers opportunity

For two hours Saturday, TCU LEAPS will send students to volunteer for 35 agencies by landscaping, walking dogs, visiting nursing home residents and performing other community services.

Two hours may not seem like very long, but TCU LEAPS, Leaders Encouraging All People to Serve, is expecting around 700 students to volunteer.

That's 1,400 community service hours.

About 400 people have registered for TCU LEAPS, said Robin Williamson, the organization's advisor. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. Wednesday. You should sign up — on time — for a good cause.

Service activities planned by TCU LEAPS include sorting food donations at the Tarrant County area food bank, visiting a nursing home and painting a senior citizens' apartment for Guardianship Service, Inc., an agency that helps the elderly live on their own with a sense of independence.

Ten students have prepared since January for the event, sending more than 300 letters to agencies, drumming up publicity and designing T-shirts.

This year, in an attempt to make things run more smoothly, the organizers set a registration deadline.

Students should comply with the deadline not just so activities will stay on schedule, but because this year it is easier than ever to register for TCU LEAPS. You can either register online, (www.sa.tcu.edu/leaps.htm), or call (817) 257-7830.

It's for a good cause, and registration is simple. And you have no real excuse for not participating.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

CNN's "we make the news" attitude crucified innocents last week. The station lambasted three medical students headed to internships at Miami, Fla.'s Larkin Community Hospital. Since, Larkin has received hundreds of condemning e-mails and threats, and has withdrawn its internship offer.

The case being made is that the students, all Arab-American, were overheard planning terrorist actions in a Georgia restaurant. Eunice Stone, who was dining in the next booth, said she heard Kambiz Butt, 25, Ayman Gheith, 27 and Omer Choudhary, 23, say if Americans "were sad on 9/11, wait until 9/13." Stone also said the men were talking about bringing something down, which sounded to her like a reference to blowing something up. She also said some words were spoken in Arabic.

Like any good patriot, Stone immediately called the police and told them what she heard, including a description of the students' vehicles.

CNN broke the story as it happened. Gheith was accused of going through a toll stop without paying. Police pulled the students over, blocked off part of Hwy. I-70, or Alligator Alley, in Florida for 14-plus hours and searched the vehicles for explosives. FBI and local authorities detained the students for 17 hours, then released them when nothing was found.

For being suspected terrorists,

the police couldn't find one firecracker of evidence on them.

Videographers filmed the blocked highway. Commentators speculated on what could be in those cars and what the police were talking about. The anchors did mention that nothing had been proven yet, but only after scaring the public with unfounded speculations on why the students had said what they said. They took the words straight from Stone's mouth.

Come to find out — Gheith did pay the toll, the three really are medical students, they are all Americans and two of them don't even speak Arabic.

The constitution accepts the "innocent until proven guilty" line. Why can't the media?

Sadly, first impressions are everything. CNN broke the story without much to go on. Before the facts were found, the students were labeled as "possible terrorists." No matter what you put in front of it, you know the only word that will be remembered is "terrorist."

When dignity is stolen in a flurry of speculation and fear, earning it back is beyond their control.

The media should learn to be responsible with the stories it reports. These are people's lives we talk about everyday.

No need to end them prematurely.

This is a staff editorial from the Indiana Statesman at Indiana State University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.

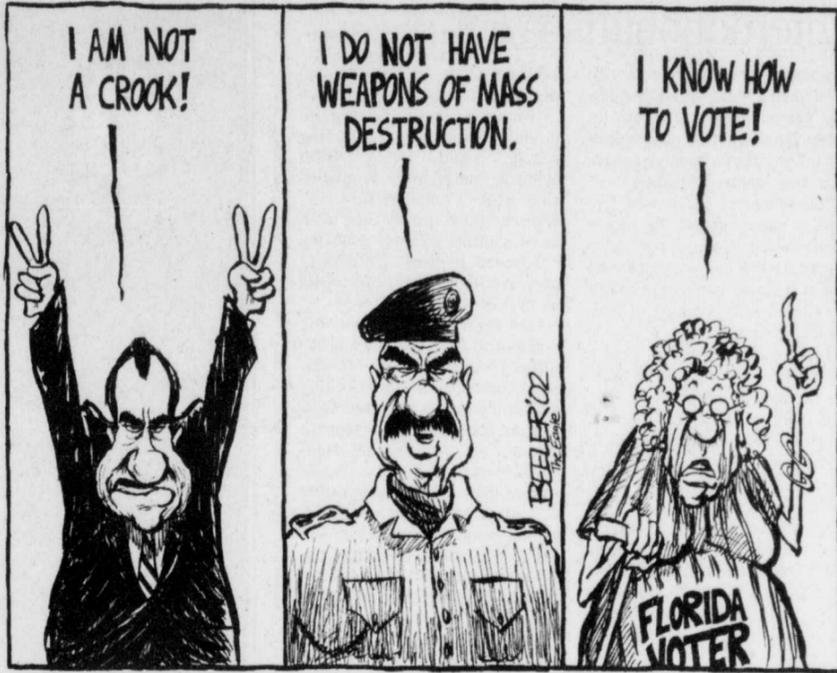
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Watch out, you may be on this list of who needs to go

North Carolina University student wants to "cleanse" America from all the "undesirables." With the government's approval, of course.

America needs some change. Therefore, I have decided to ask the government to allow me to send a manned spaceship directly into the sun. It will be a joint effort with the Department of Homeland Defense to rid the United States of all "undesirables." Call it a cleansing if you will. I have already compiled the list of those who will be seized.

Carrot-Top — Is there a more annoying person on the planet than this joke of a spokesman? He can no longer be referred to as a comedian, because nausea is not an equivalent to laughter. He must have the marketing department of 1-800-CALL-ATT bound and gagged in a broom closet somewhere, because surely they don't think this guy actually sells anything other than birth control to red heads.

Mike Tyson — Only a combination of many blows to the head, time in prison and eating mass quantities of paint chips as a child could make a man this insane. Someone needs to forcibly remove him from the sport of boxing, be-

cause until then, fight promoters will continue to think that his fights are entertaining. As Tyson bites ears, gets pummeled in the ring and threatens to eat his opponents' children, America yearns for more. Isn't it great that sports figures are such wonderful role models?

Hillary Clinton — If riding coat-tails were a sport, Hillary would be the grand master. Sure, she has some accomplishments, but were it not for her husband's high status in the country, she would most certainly not be a U.S. Senator. Using Bill's power for her own exposure, Hillary had a plan from day one. Hillary stood by Bill only because a divorce is a bad political move. Too bad she couldn't get Bill to keep his snake in his pants or she might be president herself.

Anna Nicole Smith — Those who watch her new show actually become dumber. How can America reward a gold-digging airhead with her own television show? If "The Anna Nicole Show" is reality TV, then I don't want to be real anymore. This woman couldn't spell millionaire, yet after her billionaire sugar daddy died, she probably has enough money to pay all of our tuitions combined. At least her guidance counselor knew that any job that required more than getting naked was too much for her.

Jason Giambi — a larger traitor has never existed. He was one run

away from leading the small market underdogs to an upset of the overpaid champs, and the next minute he was on the overpaid champs' roster. He left his brother, his teammates, his city and his dignity behind for a bigger contract. When a man known for his long hair and tattoos shows up at the press conference wearing a suit and a short haircut, you know he has sold his soul. Oh, another reason he left is because he couldn't handle the pressure of being a leader. Poor little baby wants daddy Steinbrenner to buy him a World Series ring like he bought Jeter and everyone else.

And finally, let me present those honorable mentions who only deserve a brief explanation.

Mathew Lesko (the guy in the question mark suit on television); **Duke University** (University of New Jersey South); **Garth Brooks** (for divorcing his wife and dating a cow named Trisha Yearwood); **The Roadrunner** (the stupid bird never gets caught by the ingenious coyote); **Lance Bass** (he wants to go to space, right?); any member of the audience of TRL (for the profuse screaming); **The Kids in the Hall** (for wasting good time on Comedy Central); and **The Loch Ness Monster** (for not existing).

Kevin McAbee is a columnist for the Technician at North Carolina University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Student surprised to find voicing opinion to university higher-ups easy

Don't make the mistake of not voicing your opinions to administrators. You might be surprised at how interested they are in what you have to say.

I hope other students at TCU don't make the mistake I have made for the past three years.

While in college, I have been fortunate enough to participate in a number of organizations including residential services, student government and the TCU Daily Skiff.

In those organizations, I have been free to share my opinions and suggestions with my peers. But I never gave my input firsthand to an administrator or a program director.

In an Aug. 30 column, I wrote about my dissatisfaction with the "TCU-En-Mexico" program this summer. I was angry because I had paid a lot of money and I felt like I had been misled about many facets of the program.

I meant for the column to be a signal to those in charge of the international education program that the Mexico program has a number of flaws.

Then came the e-mail from Tracy Williams, the international education coordinator.

Williams asked me to meet with her and the director of international education, Luis Canales.

At first, I was apprehensive, but since the column was meant to help the international education office, I felt I should stand up for what I believe.

So I went to the meeting a few Tuesdays ago to find out maybe TCU hasn't been deceitful over the past few years.

I remember as a potential student, the admissions office explained that the smaller student population along with the low faculty-student ratio of 15 to 1 helped improve the learning process.

I have had some amazing professors, but I also am a student with decent grades who has flown below the radar of most professors. I've never had a truly one-on-one experience with any of them.

So I was surprised the International Education office actually wanted my suggestions.

If no one says anything, then her office would never know there

were problems, Williams said.

I'm impressed with the International Education office now. The folks there were willing to spend an hour of their time talking to someone who hadn't been a big supporter.

Know what? It felt good that a person with authority over the program wanted to hear what I had to say about it.

Now I realize that I might have missed out on some aspects of the TCU experience by talking only to peers rather than faculty and staff members.

I only have one year left at TCU, but I plan to talk to as many people — including administrators — about topics that affect my everyday life as a student. I hope you will, too.

It may be that administrators and program directors are waiting for you to give them a different perspective.

And you may change things for the better for you and the students who follow you to TCU.

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American invasion of Iraq not unethical

Invading Iraq can not be paralleled to terrorist attacks because the government has rights and responsibilities individual citizens do not.

Last week, in one of my classes, we had a long discussion about whether or not an American invasion of Iraq would be as reprehensible as the terrorist attacks last year. The class argued going into a foreign land to overthrow a government and killing civilians in the process was just as wrong as any terrorist attack.

They were, in fact, wrong. If America went into Iraq, it would do so as an established government, whereas the terrorists carried out their deeds as individuals.

Governments do not operate under the same rules as individuals. Just as the government has the right to fine people for breaking the law and I do not, governments can do things, such as wage war, that would be immoral for any individual. Governments in the past, such as Nazi Germany and Iraq itself, have clearly participated in unethical behavior, but invading Iraq would not be one of those.

Why are you excusing the actions of America while condemning the actions of other countries, you ask. Is it because you like Bush and agree with everything he says? No, the reason I defend Bush is this: Our government must first look out for the safety of its citizens, and if there is a threat to the their safety, the government must take action.

The president and Congress have been commissioned by the American citizens and by God to look after the rights of the inhabitants of the United States of America. (I mention God because any discussion of morals without the mention of Him would be in and of itself unethical.)

It is the government's obligation to take steps to keep our country safe. People are already outraged because they think the government could have prevented last year's terrorist attacks. Could you imagine what the outcry would be if we did not try to stop Iraq from building weapons of mass destruction and they dropped a nuclear bomb on Houston? Our government must keep that kind of catastrophe from happening, to not do so would be reckless and ignorant.

But what makes American lives more important than Iraqi lives? Nothing. But it is neither the president's nor Congress's job to look out for their safety. It is Saddam Hussein who is accountable before God for the safety of the Iraqi people and ultimately the fate of his citizenry lies on his head.

Is Iraq a real threat? Should we go to war? I don't know. That is why I elect people to make that kind of decision for me.

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National/International Roundup

Justice minister denies Bush-Hitler comparison

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's justice minister on Friday said she was misquoted and denied comparing President Bush to Adolf Hitler by saying the American leader was trying to distract attention from domestic problems by threatening war on Iraq.

The remarks attributed to Justice Minister Herta Daeubler-Gmelin led to calls for her resignation just two days before national elections. The campaign has been unusual in postwar Germany for emphasizing strains in traditionally strong U.S.-German relations.

The minister said she called U.S. Ambassador Dan Coats earlier Friday to make it clear that she had not made the reported comparison. "I want to contribute to clearing away shadows, if there are any," she said.

The regional newspaper the Schwabisches Tagblatt reported Thursday that Daeubler-Gmelin, while speaking about U.S. threats toward Iraq, told a small group of labor members: "Bush wants to distract attention from his domestic problems. That's a popular method. Even Hitler did that."

The newspaper said it had cleared the quote with Daeubler-Gmelin, which is common practice in German journalism. She, however, denied that.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who has recently sparred with Washington over his outspoken opposition to war against Iraq, said Thursday he could not imagine Daeubler-Gmelin had meant to liken Bush to Hitler.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer described the reported statement as "outrageous and inexplicable."

Movement aims to stop violence against women

ROME (AP) — A movement to stop violence against women,

sparked by the off-Broadway hit "The Vagina Monologues," held its first summit Friday, bringing together Jane Fonda, Afghan women and a Kenyan campaigning to save girls from genital mutilation.

"Monologues" playwright Eve Ensler, who founded the movement called V-Day, was also among the few dozen women who met at a Rome hotel for a brainstorming session on how to realize their vision.

That vision, said Ensler, is of a world where women "will be walking the streets and parks of New York City" without fear of rape. "They will be saving their clitoris in Africa and other parts of the world," she added in a reference to ritual genital mutilation.

At a news conference, participants shared their stories. Actress and activist Fonda described how she hesitated at first to say yes a couple of years ago when she was asked to perform in "The Vagina Monologues."

"I was afraid to say the word vagina," Fonda said. "I was afraid to say the word for my most intimate, core, feminine part. I have that (fear) in common with most women."

The funds come from performances of Ensler's play. So far this year, said the playwright, the play has been put on in some 800 cities worldwide, raising \$7 million.

Judge authorizes settlement in breast implant case

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge has authorized a \$9.8 million settlement between Dow Corning and the federal government for medical expenses stemming from breast implant-related injuries.

U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood approved the settlement on Thursday. The federal government sought reimbursement on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense, Veteran Affairs, Health and Human Services, the Indian Health Service

and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"We are pleased to be closer to providing relief to suffering women," said Sybil Niden Goldrich, founder and executive director of the Command Trust Network, a group for women with breast implants. "Simply removing a damaged implant can cost as much as \$20,000, and is often paid out-of-pocket."

The agreement prevents the government from seeking any additional compensation for implant claims from Dow Corning or from claimants who had Dow Corning breast implants except in instances of criminal or fraudulent activity.

Once the world's largest maker of silicone breast implants, Dow Corning sought bankruptcy protection in 1995 after thousands of implant recipients sued. It has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since 1995.

Dow Corning spokesman Kevin Wiggins said Friday the company sees the settlement as a fair resolution to the government's effort to seek reimbursement.

Leggett receives freedom of information award

AUSTIN (AP) — Vanessa Leggett, a writer who spent five months in jail for refusing to turn over interview notes about a Houston murder, received the 2002 James Madison Award on Friday from the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

The novice crime writer was jailed last year after she refused to comply with a federal subpoena requesting all her notes and interviews related to the 1997 shooting death of Doris Angleton.

Since Leggett's release from a federal lockup in Houston on Jan. 4, federal prosecutors have charged Angleton's husband, Robert, with conspiracy to commit murder, murder for hire and a firearms charge.



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Racial murder case brought up 33 years after event occurs

Monday's jury selection for a 1969 murder trial focuses on jury members' racial beliefs and other related opinions.

BY MARC LEVY
Associated Press

YORK, Pa. — Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of the former mayor and two other white men accused of killing of a young black woman during a 1969 race riot.

The courtroom rumbled when 110 of the 111 prospective jurors, most of them white, stood up in positive response to the judge's question about whether they had heard anything about the case. When then-Mayor Charlie Robertson was arrested last year, he was led out of his office in handcuffs.

None stood when Judge John C. Uhler asked whether the race of

the defendants or the victim would prejudice their judgment.

"I hope we can stay focused on the facts and not get caught up in the racial issues that are certainly going to become a part of this," said William Costopoulos, one of Robertson's attorneys.

In individual interviews, prosecutors asked jurors whether they objected to a murder case being brought 33 years after the fact or whether they had been a supporter of Robertson's. None answered positively.

In addition to Robertson, who served as mayor for eight years and 29 years as a police officer, two former gang members are on

trial for the July 21, 1969, slaying of Lillie Belle Allen. Robert Messersmith is accused of firing the fatal shot; Greg Neff is accused of shooting at the car in which Allen and her relatives were riding when they took a wrong

turn into a white neighborhood where armed youths had gathered.

Robertson, 68, who gave up his pursuit of a third term after he was charged, is accused of inciting white gang members to violence against blacks and of handing out ammunition to at least one of the shooters.

If convicted of first-degree murder, each could be sentenced to life in prison.

"I hope we can stay focused on the facts and not get caught up in the racial issues that are certainly going to become a part of this."

— William Costopoulos

Attorney for Charlie Robertson

State officials brace for tropical storm as it may make way up coast

A state emergency coordinator plans to implement a "level one" alert while Texans scramble to protect coastal areas.

BY LYNN BREZOSKY
Associated Press

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Tropical Storm Isidore ruffled Gulf of Mexico waters as far north as Texas Monday, sending shrimp boats streaming into port and prompting a rush on window-boarding and other disaster supplies.

State officials said they were bracing for the worst possible scenario: a long, angry trek up the Texas' approximately 600-mile coastline.

"As this thing re-emerges from the Yucatan Peninsula, it's expected to escalate and go to another level," said state emergency management coordinator Jack Colley, explaining his office's

plans to implement a "level one" alert Tuesday morning. "When it gets this close to Texas, we have no choice."

By Monday, high waters from the distant storm already had crested over dunes and onto the northern end of South Padre Island's main road.

Workers piled sand into berms in an effort to prevent flooding near the island's commercial and residential areas.

Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Culver said heavy downpours — a combination of an existing front and moisture linked to Isidore — were making for poor visibility.

"I can't see 100 feet outside of my window and I have an ocean view," Culver said. "I can not see the Laguna Madre," he said of the narrow bay that separates the is-

land from the mainland.

The National Weather Service issued flooding alerts from Brownsville about 90 miles north to Baffin Bay, and coastal residents rushed to stock up on plywood to protect their windows from hurricane force winds.

"Extra sandbags, generators, it's all up front — also batteries, flashlights ...," said Linda Weston, a manager at the Harlingen Home Depot. "We've ordered extra."

National Weather Service meteorologist Richard Hagan said Isidore appeared to be heading from the Yucatan to the Gulf of Mexico, where a mass of warm water would provide ample energy to fuel its northern path.

While downgraded Monday to a tropical storm, Isidore could soon return to hurricane strength, Hagan said.

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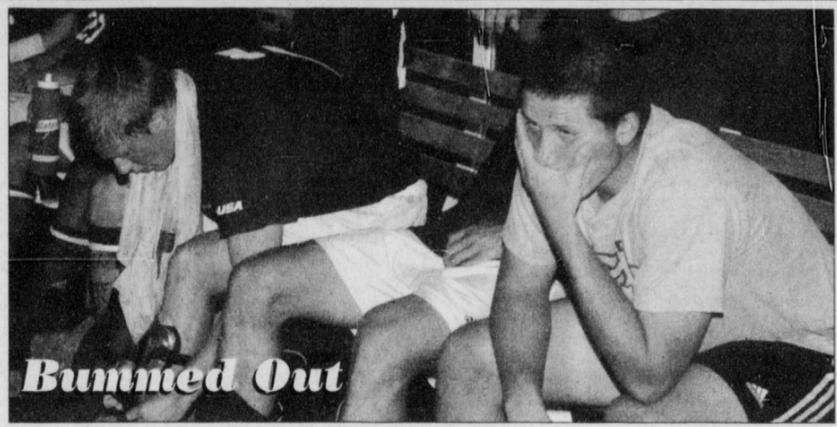
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The Sideline



Bummed Out

The men's soccer team sits in disgust after a 8-1 defeat by SMU on Friday.

Photographer/Ty Halasz

Women's soccer team fails to score big in league opener

BY OLGA BOGRAD
Skiff Staff

The women's soccer team opened its conference schedule at home this weekend, with unsuccessful results. In the two games, the Frogs (1-5-3, 0-1-1 Conference USA) took almost three times as many shots on goal as their opponents, but were only able to score once Friday against East Carolina to end the game in a draw.

The team scored again on Sunday, but were unable to prevent Charlotte from maintaining their undefeated record, capturing a 3-1 win.

Head coach Dave Rubinson said he believed his team did everything they could, but luck was not on their side.

"I thought we had plenty of chances to score goals," Rubinson said. "Until we start scoring more goals we are going to be susceptible defensively. We did so many good things and I think one of these times

luck will change because we've been very consistent in what we've done in putting ourselves with chances to score goals."

On Friday, the Horned Frogs were able to come back from a one goal deficit when forward Laura Greenberg scored in the 59th minute.

The game went into sudden death overtime but neither team capitalized on its opportunities and the score was left 1-1.

Sunday's game saw more action, with two goals being scored each half. The team took control early on and kept possession of the ball throughout the entire first half. Midfielder Elizabeth Walsh scored the first goal for the Frogs off a side cross from forward Nicole Carman.

However, it took 49ers' midfielder Leslie Canales only four minutes to score. The Frogs came back strong in the second half as they took three consecutive shots on goal, but all were wide. In the 65th

minute, the 49ers took the lead as substitute Lindsey Duncan scored and was closely followed by teammate Kim Moore, who scored a header to put away the game.

Carman said she was disappointed with the way her team played Sunday.

"We definitely had our chances to score," Carman said. "We just weren't able to put it in the back of the net today. And unfortunately that's how it goes sometimes. But we had our opportunities. We did have a lot of shots and a lot of opportunities but just couldn't put it away. When we don't take advantage of our opportunities, we allow them to play. We just dug ourselves a hole today."

The team's next opportunity to win their first conference game comes Friday when the team travels to Ohio to play the Cincinnati Bearcats.

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Men's soccer suffers 8-1 defeat to cross-town rival

The TCU men's soccer team fell to SMU 8-1 Friday at Wescott Field in Dallas.

Senior goalkeeper Michael Lahoud, who made his first start back after a groin pull sidelined him, recorded five saves in 60 minutes.

SMU scored the first goal of the evening on a high ball from freshman Duke Hashimoto. Other scorers for the Mustangs include sophomore forward Ryan Latham who scored twice and 2001 All-American Diego Walsh scored three consecutive goals (including one on a penalty kick), all in the second half. Senior defender Tom Dolan and senior defender Ryan Kenyon also scored for the Mustangs.

In the opening minute of the second half, junior midfielder Andrew Porteous scored TCU's first and only goal off an SMU deflection to take the score to 2-1.

In a head-to-head battle between Lahoud and Latham, sophomore defender Joe Fields stepped in, tripping Latham in the penalty box, earning himself a red card and an ejection from the game.

Eight minutes later, assistant coach Dewi Hardman, in a heated response to a call from the official, was also ejected from the game.

Twenty-four of TCU's 30 players saw time on the field against SMU.

With the SMU scoreboard not working, the official game time was kept on the field by the officials.

— Danny Gillham

lost all three of their matches at the Clemson Invitational.

The Frogs fell in four games to Coastal Carolina in their opening-round match.

The next day against Virginia Tech (7-6), the Frogs had to come from behind in game one to take the victory. The Hokies led by as many as five, but the Frogs battled back to win game one 30-27.

The teams battled throughout game two, and the score was tied 12 times. The Frogs' last lead came at 23-22 on a kill from sophomore outside hitter Dominika Szabo. However, Virginia Tech evened the match as they took the second game, 30-26.

TCU was unable to rally in game three after the Hokies broke a 10-10 tie. Virginia Tech controlled the pace for a 30-22 win in the third.

Game four was Virginia Tech's,

as TCU fell 30-22.

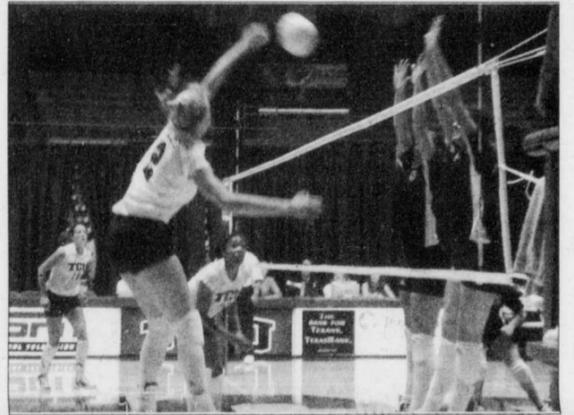
In their final match of the tournament, the Frogs stayed with Clemson (8-6), whose lead only extended beyond three points after the score reached 25-21. However, the Frogs couldn't get over the hump as the Tigers took game one, 30-21.

TCU hit better in the second game (.269 vs. .209) and kept things close throughout. However, the Tigers won round two by a 30-23 score, and went into intermission with a 2-0 lead.

The third game was tied 12 different times, with the last coming at 16 all. Clemson crept into the lead after that, but the Frogs stayed in the hunt until the very end, falling 30-26.

Szabo earned all-tournament honors for the fourth time this season.

— Danny Gillham

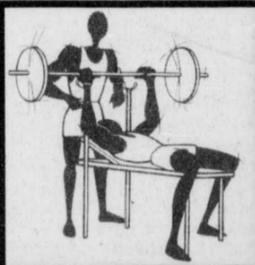


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Freshman outside hitter Carissa Mills (shown above at the TCU Invitational) and the rest of the volleyball team were unable to win a match this weekend at the Clemson Invitational.

Volleyball team unable to win match at Clemson

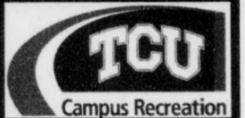
It was a disappointing weekend for the volleyball team, as the Frogs



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Passing Offense: D-

Senior Sean Stilley and redshirt freshman Tye Gunn combined for just 76 yards passing on 22 attempts. Both quarterbacks were constantly scrambling away from defenders and throwing off their back foot due to a makeshift offensive line. Senior LaTarence Dunbar also dropped two key passes to sustain drives. Senior wide receiver Adrian Madise was a lone bright spot, making five catches for 41 yards.

Rushing Offense: C-

Junior transfer Kenny Hayter ran 10 times for 46 yards on a tough North Texas defensive line. Only one of his rushes was for negative yardage. Unfortunately, he injured his shoulder in the fourth quarter and the date of his return is unknown. Gunn showed terrific speed on the option. One carry was for 29 yards, TCU's longest rush of the year.

Passing Defense: A-

Other than third-string quarterback Hiram Gonzalez's late drive in the fourth quarter to make the score 16-10, TCU's secondary played phenomenally. They held nimble redshirt freshman Andrew Smith to 10 of 30 passes for 120 yards. Senior safety Jared Smitherman racked up 11 tackles, including two for a loss of 14 yards. North Texas was two of 16 on third down conversions, in large part to the play by both the pass rush and the secondary.

Rushing Defense: A+

TCU's defense destroyed the Mean Green rushing attack, holding them to a mere 34 yards on 33 carries. They held senior Kevin Galbreath, the Sun Belt Conference's leading rusher, to just 2.1 yards a rush. North Texas' longest run was for 11 yards. Senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald again led all tacklers with 15 total tackles and three tackles for loss. Linemen Robert Pollard, John Turntine, Chad Pugh, and Brandon Johnson combined for six more tackles for a loss.

Special Teams: A

TCU's coaching staff was content to play another field position battle. Junior kicker Nick Browne and senior punter Joey Biasatti were both vital in executing the ultra-conservative gameplan. Browne hit all three of his field goals. He is currently the NCAA leader in field goal accuracy, making all 10 of his field goal attempts. Four of Biasatti's nine punts were inside UNT's own 20-yard line. He averaged 43.9 yards per punt. TCU's hands team recovered a critical onside kick with 49 seconds remaining in the game to preserve a 16-10 victory. Senior punter/returner Terran Williams scampered for a 36-yard punt return to North Texas' 11-yard line, setting up a Browne field goal to give TCU a two-possession lead.

— Jay Zuckerman

Defense, special teams play critical role in Frogs 16-10 victory on Family Weekend

While the offense continues to have its woes, the rest of the Frogs picked up the slack in a 16-10 win over North Texas.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but it was a win. The Frogs offense showed very little, but their defense and special teams stepped up to boost the team to a 16-10 victory over North Texas in front of 33,281 on Family Weekend.

The Frogs knew this was an important game in the minds of the Mean Green, and weren't about to let them pull off an upset, players said.

"We came out with a point to prove," senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald said. "It was supposed to be those guy's Super Bowl, and we wanted to take their Super Bowl away from them."

Playing their fourth game in three weeks, TCU wondered if the team could get up for this game. However, any motivation needed was provided by North Texas.

"They tried to intimidate us by walking on our Frog, and disrespecting us," senior defensive tackle John Turntine said. "The bottom line is between the whistles, that's what all counts. We won that war."

But before the victory, the Frogs struggled to find consistency on offense. The team amassed only 178 net yards, and had two turnovers that put the defense in uneasy situations.

The defense then took over.

With the Mean Green receiving the ball off the turnovers deep in Frog territory, the defense held UNT to just three points in the two drives.

"As on any team, defense wins championships and big games," senior wide receiver Adrian Madise said. "I got to take my hat off to those guys. When we have messed up a little, they were there to pick up the slack."

Head coach Gary Patterson also was pleased with the defensive performance.

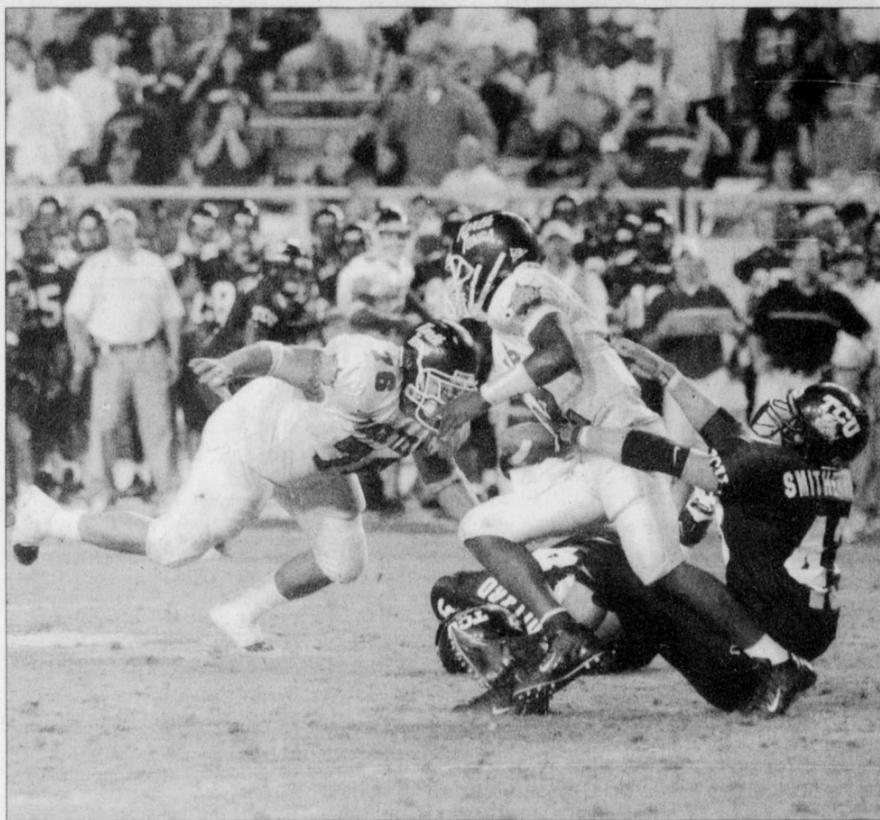
"They just beat us up front offensively," Patterson said. "We didn't take advantage of some opportunities. Fortunately for us, our defense was better than theirs tonight."

On special teams, junior Nick Browne and senior Joey Biasatti continued their stellar year, while senior return man Terran Williams' two returns set up scores for 10 of the Frogs' 16 points.

Now the Frogs head into the off-week. The conference schedule picks up on Oct. 5.

"We can't get complacent at all," Madise said. "We can't allow ourselves to think that we are better than we are, because we have some tough opponents coming up. We can't dwell on being 3-1, because it's too early in the season."

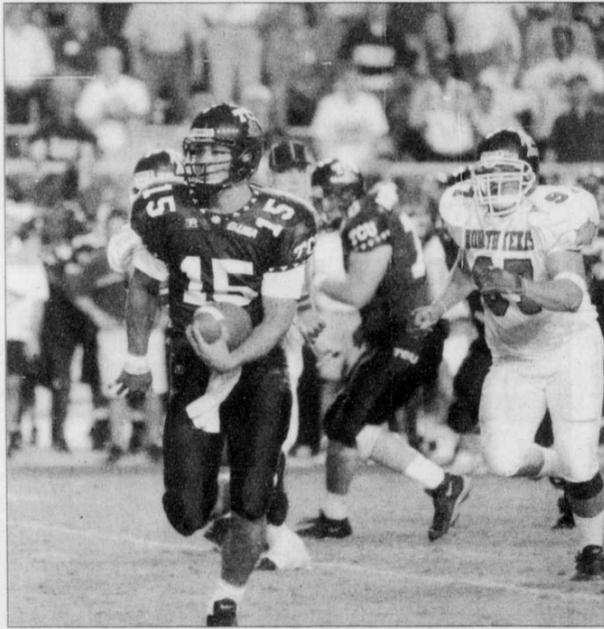
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Junior safety Jared Smitherman (above, behind) and the Frog defense harassed North Texas quarterback Andrew Smith and the Mean Green offense all game. UNT could only muster 219 total yards and one touchdown as the Horned Frogs defeated North Texas 16-10 on Family Weekend.

Photographer/Simon Lopez

Redshirt freshman Gunn enters tied game after Stilley is injured; plays safe, impressive game



Redshirt Freshman Tye Gunn scampers for a 29-yard run in Saturday's game against North Texas. Gunn came in when senior Sean Stilley separated his shoulder in the third quarter, and ran efficient, mistake-free football.

Photographer/Simon Lopez

Tye Gunn played it safe in his Amon Carter debut, displaying poise and talent — as well as inexperience.

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Tye Gunn showed all the flashes of brilliance one would expect from a former high school all-state quarterback Saturday.

But by his own admission, he also displayed a timidity not uncommon for a redshirt freshman quarterback called into action during a tied game.

"I don't think I would have played as conservatively," Gunn said after the game. "I didn't want to make a mistake."

Displaying the speed and playmaking ability that elevated him from fifth to second-string in a year, Gunn sparked the Frogs (3-1, 0-1 Conference USA) only touchdown drive in the team's 16-10 win over North Texas (1-3) Saturday. But his line in the box score didn't sparkle — 12 passing yards, 24 rushing yards on eight carries.

But more importantly, he didn't lose the game.

"I wanted him in earlier in the game, and I think you will start seeing him more in the first half," said head coach Gary Patterson Sunday. "He has a great presence for a freshman."

After only playing once in the Frogs' first three games, Gunn finally got his chance to play after senior quarterback Sean Stilley walked to the sideline clutching his separated throwing shoulder. Stilley's status for the Oct. 5 game against Houston was uncertain as of Sunday.

Gunn couldn't have entered the game at a stickier time. The Frogs were tied 3-3 in the third quarter. The offense struggled in the first half, turning the ball over as many times as earning first downs (twice). The team had more yards to this point in penalties (53) than in total offense (51).

Gunn did not fair well his first series, zipping a pass over receiver Adrian Madise and tripping on third down and 10 behind the line of scrimmage.

"It was very nerve wracking," Gunn said.

Gunn apparently rid himself of the butterflies by the next series. After the pocket collapsed, Gunn

scrambled for 29 yards — the Frogs' longest play of the game — to get the ball to the North Texas 4-yard line. Gunn eluded pass rushers again the next play to connect with tight end Cody McCarty for the first touchdown of the game.

The freshman still made mistakes — he didn't throw the ball away on one play and was sacked — but didn't throw the game away.

"Tye did great," Madise said after the game. "He was tight a little. After we joked around, we loosened him up."

Stilley watched most of the second half with his right arm in a sling. Should Stilley not be ready for the Homecoming Game, Gunn will have at least two weeks of practice to prepare.

Patterson said he would be comfortable with Gunn starting.

"I think he just has to run the offense," Patterson said. "You see what we did to a redshirt freshman, we blitzed him. I think that is what you have to do for him to be able to handle it."

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TOP FROGS

LaMarcus McDonald
Senior Linebacker



- 15 tackles
- Three tackles for losses
- One sack

McDonald was all over the field, leading the team with 15 tackles. He also had a 12-yard sack of North Texas quarterback Andrew Smith (the senior already has 50 tackles (10 TFL) for the season, and has led the team in tackles in three of the four games played.

Terran Williams
Senior Wide Receiver/Punt Returner



- Five punt returns
- 12.4 yards a return average

Williams had two key punt returns that sparked Frog scores. In the third quarter, Williams took a Brad Kadlubar punt 19 yards to the North Texas 40-yard line, setting up TCU's only touchdown. Williams then took a fourth quarter punt 36 yards, resulting in a Nick Browne field goal.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

35 — The Frogs have allowed 35 of the 76 points scored on them in the fourth quarter of their games. In Saturday's game, North Texas scored late on a touchdown to bring the team within one, after which an onside kick attempt failed.

7 — Including last December's bowl game, it has been seven games since the Frogs have had a player gain 100 yards rushing. The last time it happened was against Louisville on Nov. 23, 2001, when then sophomore Ricky Madison ran for 156 yards on 31 carries.

10 — Junior kicker Nick Browne has successfully kicked 10 of 10 field goals for the Frogs this season. Last year, Browne kicked 14 field goals for the entire season.

397 — The Frogs and North Texas together only amassed 397 net yards of total offense. Coming into the game, TCU alone had averaged 303 yards a game.

8 — In Saturday's contest, the Frogs could only total eight first downs (one off a penalty) for the entire game. That's one less than the amount of punts and penalties the team obtained.