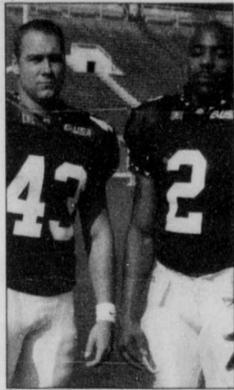


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## Despite candidate pullout, no re-vote for Mr. TCU

Programming Council voted against conducting a re-vote to replace a Mr. TCU candidate after he withdrew.

BY JILL MENINGER  
Staff Reporter

A re-vote among the four remaining candidates for Mr. TCU will not take place despite the withdrawal of Brad Thompson, Programming Council voted Wednesday.

Larry Markley, Student Government Association advisor, said the decision not to reschedule the election was made because the popular vote is only 40 percent of the selection process, which also includes the candidate's resume and interview, both accounting for 30

percent each.

Programming Council considered rescheduling an election because some students who voted for Thompson before he withdrew Oct. 1 were angered that their vote would not count, Markley said. Online voting for the 33 candidates for Mr. and Mrs. TCU was Sept. 26. Voting for the top five finalists was Tuesday.

Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major, withdrew his candidacy for Mr. TCU after he was notified of a violation Tuesday for sending an e-mail to his friend encouraging him to vote, Markley said.

"The policies of Homecoming clearly state that you can't cam-

paign," Markley said.

However, Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major, said the e-mail was an honest mistake. In an effort to remind his friend to vote, Thompson said his friend forwarded the message to several students adding his credentials as a kind gesture.

"I pride myself on being an ethical leader and it wouldn't be ethical of me to be in the race and so I withdrew," Thompson said.

Markley said Thompson is still on

the Homecoming court and he will also be in the parade.

Peter Thompson, a Mr. TCU finalist, said a possible solution would have been to send an e-mail to the students who already voted for Thompson and allow them to re-vote. He said re-voting would be possible because each voter has to enter their

ID number before they can vote. But Peter Thompson, also a senior religion and economics major, said that if a new candidate is added

to replace Thompson they are at a disadvantage because adding a new name would confuse the voters.

"I see the benefits each way," he said.

Brian Casebolt, another Mr. TCU candidate, said there should be a re-vote if the ballot was unfairly administered, but he said one would not be necessary if the candidate solicited votes on his own accord.

But Casebolt, a senior political science major, said if the Homecoming committee has already decided a candidate has won by a large amount of votes, a re-vote is not necessary.

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## Hurricane Lili winds clocked at 135 miles an hour

Many homes are being evacuated along the low lying areas of southwest Louisiana as Hurricane Lili advances with renewed strength.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA  
Staff Reporter

FORT WORTH — Packing 135 mph winds, Hurricane Lili continued to gain strength Wednesday toward the Gulf Coast as residents braced for the second major storm in a week.

According to the National Weather Service, Hurricane Lili intensified even further Wednesday afternoon and was classified as an extremely dangerous category four hurricane with increasing winds of 135 miles an hour and possible tidal surges of up to 12 feet.

Jesse Moore, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, said the last category four hurricane was Hurricane Iris, which hit Central America in 2001.

In Texas, officials advised the 250,000 residents of the Beaumont-Port Arthur area and 80,000 residents of neighboring Orange County to head inland early Wednesday. It was the area's first countywide evacuation since 1992, when Hurricane Andrew threatened the coast before slamming into Louisiana.

Several other mandated evacuations were ordered Wednesday along the low-lying areas of southwest Louisiana.

Kaysie Hermes, a senior advertising/public relations major, is from Grand Lake, La., just outside Lake Charles. Residents of Lake Charles, which is 30 minutes north of the Gulf of Mexico, were evacuating Wednesday.

This past weekend Hermes was in Lake Charles with her family water-skiing, an activity that seems ironic considering the recent weather forecast.

"It's hard to imagine going home to nothing," she said. "There is really nothing you can do living in Louisiana. People who live out there are used to this — it's routine. People are scared, but it's just something you have to expect."

Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster declared a state of emergency as coastal residents of Louisiana were scrambling for higher ground and barricading their homes and businesses, less than a week after Tropical Storm Isidore blew through the region. That storm caused an estimated \$100 million in damage.

Compared to Isidore, "Lili will have greater impact, but in a smaller area," said Max Mayfield, director of the National

(More on LILI, page 2)

### Correction

The photographer of the picture of Emily Panian, who plays Mrs. Miller in "Ah, Wilderness!" was misidentified in Wednesday's Skiff. The photo was taken by Ty Halasz.

## BALANCING ACT

Chancellor advocates meshing civic engagement into academic studies

## Ferrari hopes to include leadership in classroom

Enrollment in leadership classes continues to climb as civic engagement becomes more emphasized on campus.

BY AMY JOHNSON  
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said he is pleased that a record 850 students are enrolled in TCU Leadership Center classes this semester.

But Ferrari said he'd be happier if leadership classes were integrated into the core curriculum for credit.

Civic engagement is central to the intellectual core of the university, he said.

"If we are going to help people educate students on how to be ethical leaders in their disciplines, then we shouldn't have some artificial divide here on how it actually happens," Ferrari said.

Ferrari said he would like to see the Leadership Center work with departments to incorporate civic engagement in the classroom. The two worlds of academics and leadership can be balanced, he said, without increasing the number of

hours required for graduation.

Once faculty are finished re-writing the core curriculum, Ferrari hopes it can work on determining a way to integrate leadership and academics.

This should happen by creating dialogue between faculty, staff and students, he said.

"It takes a lot of work, but we have very creative people here, and I think if they put their heads together we could solve this," he said. Many faculty and staff agree.

The classroom can provide an experimental setting for learning and incorporating civic engagement into the curriculum focus, said Penny Woodcock, Leadership Center coordinator.

"We need to look at how we are developing societal leaders both in the classroom and out," she said. "It is our responsibility as an institution to educate students and give them the tools and values needed to interact in the world."

The primary role of the leadership center is to support the academic mission and work with it, said Cyn-

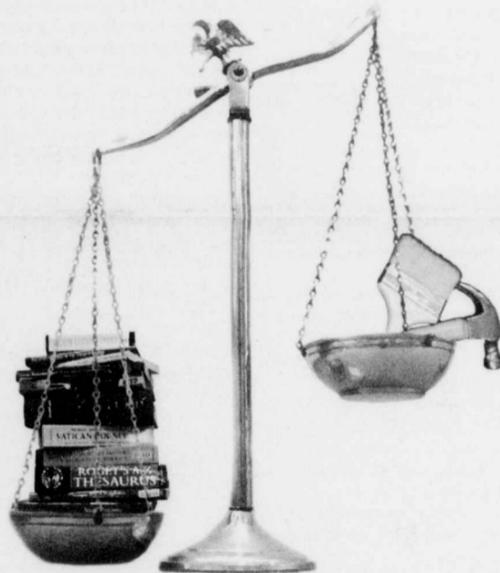
thia Walsh, acting director of the TCU Leadership Center.

"The purpose of leadership development is to give students additional opportunities to practice and apply the knowledge and skills they learn in the classroom," Walsh said. "The Leadership Center strives to provide students with activities and programs that are not only sensitive and supportive of the demands of students' academic life, but enhance students' ability to critically think about a variety of issues facing their community from a leadership standpoint."

Ferrari said no formal committee has been appointed to review the issue at this time, but that faculty and others are starting to talk and some groups are starting to share publications and ideas.

"Other faculty (members) are coming forward now," he said. "It's not only a student affairs initiative. It's starting to bubble from the bottom up."

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### Balancing Academics and Civic Engagement

Photo illustration by design editor Leslie Moeller

## Connections program brings new name, new goals to CLP

Upperclassmen and faculty mentors are helping freshmen and transfer students make a successful transition into the university.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA  
Staff Reporter

Coordinators of a university program for new students have made changes that involve less time in the classroom and increased efforts to explore the campus and community.

The Connections program for freshmen, formerly known as the Chancellor's Leadership Program, introduces students to the university, said Penny Woodcock, TCU Leadership Center coordinator. The program recognizes how critical the first semester is for new students and is designed to help

them make a successful transition from high school to college, she said.

In respect to the college experience, Connections "is all about finding students and faculty members to be mentors who will connect new students with resources and try to give them a little perspective," Woodcock said.

Woodcock said Connections also makes an effort to include transfer students in the program. She said the program coordinators realize transfer students have already had their first college experience and do not have the same anxiety as freshmen students.

Connections has created separate classes specifically for transfer students to meet their

peers and discuss the concerns they have about attending a new university, she said.

In its fourth year, the program has changed more than just its name, Woodcock said.

The program has broadened and become much more interactive with a challenge course designed to encourage teamwork. A scavenger hunt encourages students to discover the available resources on campus, such as career services and student development services.

This fall the program has 50 upperclassmen and faculty sponsors to provide guidance in time management, study skills, campus resources and community service to more than 500

(More on CONNECTIONS, page 2)



Freshmen Kara Bagley and Dani Armstrong participate in the freshman Connections class Tuesday.

Photographer/Steven Spillman

### The Weather

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#### FRIDAY

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#### SATURDAY

High: 86; Low: 63; Sunny

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1995 — At the end of a sensational trial, former football star O.J. Simpson was acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

### Watch For

Check Friday's edition of the Skiff for a preview of TCU's Homecoming matchup against conference foe Houston. Check the edge, key matchups and three keys to see who has the upper hand in Saturday's contest.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board  
for campus events

• **The Golden Key National Honor Society** will have informational tables set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center. Stop by for more information about membership.

• **The TCU Theatre** will present "Ah, Wilderness!" through Sunday in the University Theatre. The show marks the debut of director T.J. Walsh at TCU. Tickets are free to TCU students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets are \$5 for all other students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Tickets are sold from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Hays Theatre Box Office, (817) 257-5770. For more information, call (817) 257-7625.

• **December 2002 degree candidates** must file their intent to graduate forms in their dean's office immediately. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Thursday.

• **Student Teaching Applications** are due by Thursday. The applications can be picked up in the Bailey Building, Room 102. For more information, call (817) 257-7690.

• **The TCU Ad Club** will be meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Moudy Building South, Room 271. Free pizza will be provided and the meeting will focus on upcoming events. For more information, e-mail (w.v.irion@tcu.edu).

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## Frog Fan Fiesta newest event added to Homecoming

A new event called Frog Fan Fiesta was added to Homecoming this year to increase attendance while the decorating of buildings was removed.

BY JILL MENINGER  
Staff Reporter

The newest aspects of Homecoming this year, Frog Fan Fiesta and the MTV tour, with You Saw It First Concert, are scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Frog Fountain.

Homecoming Project Director Abby Crawford said Frog Fan Fiesta was added this year to draw a larger crowd. It will feature four new up-and-coming bands, athletes will meet and greet spectators and Free purple cake and ice cream will be served.

"We were trying to target daytime events so our attendance would be up," said Crawford, a junior speech communication major.

Lexie Strickling, co-homecoming

chairwoman for the Delta Delta Delta sorority, said the Frog Fan Fiesta should be packed because it focuses on Homecoming and has nothing to do with competition.

Crawford said the only other major change was the elimination of the building decorating contest. She said her main concern was that it was the beginning of school and she said she did not want to overload organizations.

The event ended up being a messy event in past years, she said. Crawford said her committee put purple ribbons around the campus for decorations.

"It has been nice because it has been spaced out," Strickling said.

The annual Homecoming parade will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and will go around the main campus, Crawford said. The pep rally will follow in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center parking lot with fireworks where the winners of the floats will be announced, she said.

Afterwards, she said, the band, Random Access, will play. Crawford said the alumni association will have a big carnival for children and families during the day in the parking lot. Students are invited to join them.

"We wanted to integrate at least one activity with alumni and students," Crawford said.

The football game will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday. During the halftime presentation, Mr. and Ms. TCU will be crowned, she said.

Vice President of Programming Council Brad Thompson said Homecoming is more inclusive now than in the past.

"I think in general this year we have had a much bigger participation with different groups," Thompson said.

Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major, said he is glad about the changes that were made to Homecoming this year because Programming Council does not



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan  
Fiji member Jim Paton hammered a post into the Homecoming float being made by Fiji and Kappa Kappa Gamma members Tuesday. The theme of the float is Frog Fountain.

want to do the same thing every year. It wants more participation and it is exciting for them to set new traditions, he said.

"Our goal is to have the best

Homecoming we can have every year," Thompson said.

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## Former Skiff editor and TCU alumnus dies at 53

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Johnny Livengood, a former Skiff editor and journalism alumnus, died Saturday of a heart attack. He was 53.

Livengood, who edited for the Skiff in the spring of 1971, was working as the night news editor of (washingtonpost.com), The Washington Post's Web site.



LIVENGOOD

During his career, Livengood was an assistant news editor at The Washington Post, news editor of the Palm Beach Post and editor of the Arlington Daily News.

Livengood also served the Dallas Times Herald in several capacities including night national desk supervisor and metro news editor.

In a letter written before his death, Livengood credited Bob

Carroll, former head of the journalism department, for pointing him toward a journalism career.

In a letter to university spokeswoman Kelli Horst, Livengood stated that he had wanted to be a pre-law major, but an appointment with Carroll inspired him to change his mind. Horst, who is also a graduate student here, is working on a history of the journalism department.

Livengood also wrote that a special project on magazine editing taught by Doug Newsom, a professor of journalism, was one of his most rewarding classes at TCU.

Newsom said Livengood was "wonderfully creative" and possessed sound news judgment even on the most hectic days.

Livengood is survived by his wife of 12 years, Michelle, and two children: Jennifer Livengood and William Daniel Livengood.

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## CONNECTIONS

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new students, Woodcock said.

Woodcock said the Connections groups only meet once a week 11 times during the semester because students already have many time constraints.

"It's a time where they can relax, let their guard down, interact and just breathe," she said.

Laura Metcalfe, a freshman interior design major from Minnesota, said Connections has been more to her than just meeting new people and getting a free T-shirt.

"I've enjoyed just finding out more

aspects of the university from a student perspective," Metcalfe said. "It means more coming from someone who has just been where we are."

Amanda Grantham, junior marketing major, is in her second year as a Connections mentor. She said the best part about her job is seeing how the students grow throughout the semester.

"It's a scary thing being in a new situation and feeling all alone," Grantham said. "This is an opportunity to get together with a group going through the exact same things. It's really comforting to them to know they're not alone."

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## LILI

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Hurricane Center, Wednesday on CBS' "Early Show." "It's not as large as Isidore, but it is much more powerful."

Moore, the Fort Worth meteorologist, said he expects Lili to make landfall Thursday near parts of Southwest Louisiana, but if the storm moves westward, it could hit parts of southeast Texas.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, the National Weather Service tracked Lili at about 325 miles south-southeast of New Orleans and expected to move northwest at 15 miles an hour.

Starlett Mitchell, a junior kinesio-

logy major, from Beaumont, said her family evacuated Wednesday afternoon. Mitchell said her parents had to drive behind a school bus that was carrying the rest of her family out of the storm's path.

Mitchell said while she is trying not to worry too much, it's still hard.

"It's scary not knowing what's going to happen, whether or not I'm going to have a home to go to next weekend for fall break," Mitchell said.

Brandon Harrison, a freshman premajor from Beaumont said he tried to contact his parents Wednesday, but could not get through. Harrison said he talked to many of his friends in Beaumont who were evacuating and heading for Houston and Waco.

"I don't know how bad this storm

is. I've been through stuff like this before, so I'm not too worried," Harrison said.

Hurricanes are relatively rare in Texas in October. The last was Jerry in 1989, which killed three people in southeast Texas. The most recent hurricane in Texas was Bret, which packed 140 mph winds Aug. 22, 1999, as it came ashore in a sparsely populated area of Kenedy County, midway between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. That storm was blamed for four highway deaths in Laredo, scattered damage and flooding along the Rio Grande.

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## The Skiff View CHOICE

### PC should have scheduled a re-vote

When people go to vote, they expect their vote to count. On Tuesday the meaning of a vote was lost.

As Programming Council members met to discuss how to tackle the withdrawal of a Mr. TCU candidate after he was told he violated elections rules, they chose instead to dismiss an opportunity for a re-vote. Their argument is that the popular vote only accounts for 40 percent of the selection process, which also includes the candidate's resume and interview, both accounting for 30 percent each.

While we recognize the popular vote does not account for much, denying the importance of those who did vote does. By deciding against a re-vote, Programming Council set a bad precedence toward student democracy and the meaning behind a vote.

When Brad Thompson withdrew his name from Mr. TCU contention Tuesday, a re-vote should have been scheduled to occur if not Wednesday than at least for today. The Programming Council did not make a decision until Wednesday — a full day after Thompson withdrew. PC should have called an emergency meeting immediately, thus giving them enough time to schedule a re-vote. The circumstance certainly merited one.

By the time PC met Wednesday, it was probably too late for the election to be rescheduled.

While we applaud Thompson's integrity for withdrawing from the election, Programming Council's decision to deny a re-vote is unmerited.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The Recording Industry Association of America is putting out ads, featuring Britney Spears, Missy Elliott and Nelly, among others.

Are these ads a chance for artists to thank you, the fans, for allowing them to live their dreams and making them filthy rich? Are these ads a chance for singers to show their gratitude to you for worshipping them beyond normal standards and following every detail of their lives? No, in these new ads, your favorite MTV artists are scolding you for downloading their music.

Yes, the industry that makes money off of selling sex, violence and profanity is trying to teach us a lesson on ethics. These artists claim that you are taking money out of their pockets and robbing them of their livings.

"Would you go into a CD store and steal a CD?" Britney Spears asks in the ad. "It's the same thing — people going into the computers and logging on and stealing our music."

The idea that downloading is the same as stealing is still debatable. Some think it is stealing, some think it is borrowing or sampling. Many argue that downloading songs has led them to buy more CDs. Many also say that they download songs they weren't planning on buying anyway. Whatever your downloading reasons are, CD sales have gone down seven percent since last year

and multi-millionaire musicians want you to feel bad for them. P. Diddy said in a post on MUSIC's Web site, "When you make an illegal copy, you're stealing from the artist. ... What if you didn't get paid for your job? Put yourself in our shoes!"

We would love to be in your shoes, P. Diddy. Yes, these artists work very hard but they make way more money than necessary for it. They make most of their money from tours and advertising. They win awards and live lives that are beyond most of our wildest dreams, and we're suppose to feel for them?

Most Americans work hard at their nine-to-five jobs and make just enough to get by. Then they are expected to spend \$17 on a CD that they will probably only like two to three songs on anyway. If artists want to increase record sales they should make better quality albums and sell them at lower prices.

They are never going to be able to stop people from downloading songs.

Trying to send their fans on a guilt trip is not the way to go. They should be thanking us. After overcharging us on everything from album sales to outrageous ticket prices, it is very hard to feel sorry for them.

*This is a staff editorial for The BG News at Bowling Green University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.*

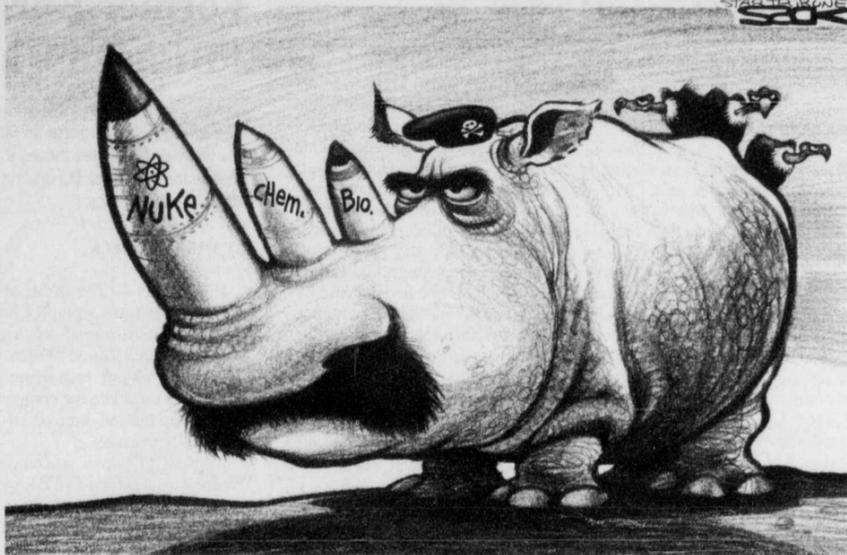
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## Students shouldn't assume stereotypes about poor

The comments made around campus of low-income residents living at the Stonegate Villas are riddled with stereotypes and assumptions. Students at a place of higher learning should be above that.

I sat recently with a group of fellow students at a restaurant, sharing nothing else in common but a mutual friend.

The dinner topic was the Fort Worth Housing Authority's purchase of the Stonegate Villas, an upscale apartment complex in the southwest part of town.



Brandon Ortiz

By Oct. 31, 58 units are to be designated for low-income residents from the downtown Ripley Arnold apartments, which are to be razed for Radio Shack's new corporate headquarters.

One student, apparently still struggling to make up her mind on the issue, said she thought it offered motivation for poor families to move up in life.

"If they move into those nice apartments, they are going to look around and say, 'I want this,' and work," I recall her saying.

"But if you just give it to them, then why should they work?" another person said, obviously annoyed.

Not surprisingly, the rest of my meal-mates overwhelmingly agreed.

I imagine there are more than a few at TCU who share false, stereotypical assumptions of the working poor.

That much is apparent by observing the recent exodus of students from the apartments and overhearing conversations around campus.

Why don't they just get jobs? ... Why do they deserve to live in such a nice place? ... Why should I pay for them to live there? ...

The underlying assumption in all these comments is that the poor are somehow lazy, and thus inferior, to hardworking, disciplined college students.

How immature. It is undeniable that some public housing residents abuse the system, just as some college students do nothing but party.

As someone who has family living in Section 8 housing, I can tell you that is not the norm.

And the cold hard numbers show it.

In a three-city study by Johns Hopkins University in October 2000, the average wage for workers who left welfare was \$7.50 an hour. That's roughly \$15,600 a year.

It may be hard for us to grasp, \$40,000 a year jobs are not abundant. (Indeed, many of you reading this probably hope to make

much more than that immediately after graduation.)

The study is relevant because many families on welfare typically qualify for housing assistance. According to nationalhomeless.org, the wage a full-time worker must earn to truly afford fair market rent is \$12.47 an hour. That's about \$26,000 a year.

A more shocking statistic, from the National Priorities Project, is that 79 percent of new jobs in 1998 in Texas did not pay a "living wage," which it defined as a subsistence budget of \$30,367 for the average family. That is 33 percent lower than the average family income, according to the study, and does not include money to go out to eat, go on vacation or save for retirement or college.

The hostility shown by students and area homeowners toward soon-to-be former Ripley Arnold residents is ill-founded.

They are folks down on their luck, struggling to get by. Some lack education; others are faced with a language barrier. Whatever their reasons for receiving housing vouchers, we should try to be more understanding of our new neighbors.

Isn't part of college learning tolerance and the ability to think outside ourselves?

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## Vegetarian clarifies commonly held myths

Even though not everybody is suited for vegetarianism, it is important for everyone to be respectful to those who have chosen this way of life.

The longest commitment I've ever made has been a five-year relationship with vegetarianism. We've had our ups and downs, of course, but I think that's typical with anything one is involved with. I am happy with the decision I made at age 16, when I sat at the Reata in downtown Fort Worth and realized that the steak I was eating could have come from the same cow whose hide I was sitting on.

The connection I made in the restaurant, that both things came from a living, breathing, animal, led me to choose vegetarianism as a way of life. My father created a standing dinner-table joke of pretending to cry when he cut his vegetables; my friends thought I was trying to be trendy.

I anticipated that I would have to face some difficult situations; what I didn't expect were the ridiculous responses that I received from others. It never ceases to faze me that those who endlessly preach about ignorance, tolerance and discrimination will mindlessly disrespect others' choices if they happen to be of a unique disposition.

Therefore, as a public service to all of the vegetarians at TCU,

and elsewhere, I would like to clear up a few common myths for you carnivores.

Ridiculous response No. 1: Okay, so, what do you eat?

Answer: While vegans avoid all animal products, many vegetarians avoid only meat (i.e. beef, ham).

Ridiculous response No. 2: Fish (or chicken or escargot) is not really meat. Why don't you eat it?

Answer: Are you joking? Yes it is. Ridiculous response No. 3: Seriously, though, hot dogs aren't really meat.

Answer: This makes me even less inclined to eat them.

Ridiculous response No. 4: Well, this is pepperoni pizza. You can just pick the pepperonis off.

Answer: I wish I could claim that I invented the following theory, but I can't. It's from a friend of a friend of mine: Substitute the word "poison" for the word "meat" in these sentences. As in, "This is poison stew, but you can pick the chunks of poison out." In other words ... no, I'm not going to eat that.

Ridiculous response No. 5: You're not getting enough protein.

Answer: Turns out, most Americans get way more protein than they need — which is not necessarily a good thing. Moreover, a veggie dog, depending on the brand, can have more protein than three ounces of sirloin steak.

Beyond the ridiculous responses, I've also identified several unique phenomena that occur with the presence of vegetarianism.

### COMMENTARY



Jenny Specht

## Dangerous working conditions ignored

Although diseases and outbreaks may be at the forefront of public concern, issues such as dangerous working conditions are a greater danger to most Americans.

On the ABC News Web site (abcnews.go.com) Monday, the prominent article displayed detailed the many

biological threats that could potentially be very harmful to the United States. Smallpox and tuberculosis were among the diseases the article stated could be used in biological warfare.



Jeff Dennis

This article seems to be evidence the media needs some potential epidemic in order to keep part of the American public living in helpless fear. Just in the recent past the media has presented us with many worries, such as shark attacks, killer bees, and disease like Hantavirus, E. Coli and, most recently, the West Nile virus.

According to the site, West Nile has claimed at least 116 deaths this year, which is certainly no laughing matter. Yet it has caused large portions of the population to live in paranoia when the threat was actually not that great.

Many of the dangers in our society are overlooked by the media, and consequently by the American public, simply because they just don't draw the attention that an exotic disease does.

For example, the Chronic Disease Prevention Web site (www.cdc.gov) presents a government study spanning the years 1980-1997, which details the occurrence of occupational deaths in the United States.

During this time span, an average of 16 American workers died every single day as a direct result of, or in connection with, their occupations.

Using this average, in just more than a week, as many people will die because of their job than have died this year because of the West Nile virus. These statistics would suggest that unsafe working conditions are a much greater epidemic in America than a foreign virus that has had a relatively high incidence of infections this year.

Unfortunately, problems such as occupational death and injury are forgotten by college students, who by virtue of their education are less likely to work in the more dangerous occupations such as mining and construction.

While the government does attempt to mandate workplace safety standards, it is quite difficult to keep a constant watch on every single dangerous workplace in the country. Blue collar workers in dangerous workplace conditions are often reluctant to complain to their employer because they know there are other people who will take the risks and perform the job if they don't want to.

Occasionally the media covers occupational stories when a large number of people are affected by unsafe working conditions, but often these stories are brought to light only because of some catastrophic event such as a fire which left workers trapped in their building. It is a disturbing thought to consider how many workplaces in the U.S. have the same dangerous conditions, but have simply not been caught.

While there may very well be no way to prevent the next viral outbreak in the U.S., there are certainly many measures which can be taken to minimize death rates in our American workplaces. But don't forget to watch out for those mosquitoes, too.

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## National/International Roundup

### Politician's guilty plea clears Serb leader of crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Abruptly reversing course at the Yugoslav tribunal Wednesday, a top Bosnian Serb wartime politician pleaded guilty to persecuting non-Serbs in the 1992-1995 Bosnian war. In exchange, prosecutors dropped genocide and all other war crimes charges against Biljana Plavsic, the only woman suspect at the court and the first Serb leader to admit responsibility for atrocities. Plavsic, one of the highest-ranking officials to come before the U.N. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, pleaded guilty to one count of crimes against humanity, an offense punishable by up to life imprisonment.

Speaking to the court by video link, the 72-year-old Plavsic looked somber and pale.

"I plead guilty," she answered plainly when asked to respond to the charge.

The U.N. judges then ruled that Plavsic could remain outside the tribunal's custody until she is summoned for sentencing in December.

Plavsic surrendered in January 2001, but was released after nine months in detention at The Hague and flew back to Belgrade to wait out her trial. She initially pleaded innocent to the eight counts of war crimes for her alleged role in widespread expulsions and executions of non-Serbs in Bosnia.

### Three men charged with murder in 33-year-old case

YORK, Pa. (AP) — In a quiet courtroom Wednesday, Russell Wantz Jr. recalled how he curiously watched a Cadillac roll up Newberry Street as the city was engulfed in riots 33 years ago.

Because of the violence, Wantz said, the only cars allowed on the street that day had been police cars. The neighborhood was a tinderbox, filled with white gangs.

Wantz said the shooting began "immediately" after one of the occupants, Lillie Belle Allen, stepped out of the car.

"The tires were shot out, the windows were shot out from the car. It was like war," Wantz said.

The testimony came at the murder trial of three white men charged with the slaying of Allen, a 27-year-old black woman, in 1969. The defendants include Charlie Robertson, a policeman at the time who went on to become the city's mayor.

Another witness, Robert Stoner, described the aftermath of the shooting: After the gun smoke cleared, he saw the outline of the white Cadillac riddled with bullets and next to it, Allen's body.

### Bush recommends national standard for Amber Alerts

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the parents of still-missing Elizabeth Smart looking on, President Bush was adding some federal muscle to the nation's patchwork of Amber Alert systems that speed information about abducted children to the public.

While headlining the White House Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children on Wednesday, Bush was to direct Justice Department officials to recommend a national standard for the rapid-response electronic notifications.

The idea is to limit the alerts to "rare instances of serious child abductions" and ensure their effectiveness is not undermined by overuse, according to a White House fact sheet distributed in advance.

The president also was announcing the establishment of an Amber Alert coordinator at Justice, tasked with increasing cooperation among state and local plans and disbursing \$10 million in federal money for training and equipment upgrades.

Activists have sought to expand the use of the alerts, developed after the 1996 kidnapping and murder of 9-year Amber Hagerman in Arlington, Texas, and now in use in more than a dozen states. The Senate approved a bill in September that would provide \$25 million to help create a national network; similar legislation is moving through the House.

Thirty-two children have been found as a result of an Amber Alert, in which law enforcement agencies distribute photos and other information about missing children and their abductors to television and radio stations via the Emergency Alert System created during the Cold War. Some states are also flashing alerts to drivers on roadside emergency signs.

### Bomb kills three, wounds 25 in al Qaeda-linked attack

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A nail-packed bomb killed an American soldier and two Filipinos on Wednesday outside a restaurant near a base in the troubled southern Philippines, where the U.S. military helped in the fight against al Qaeda-linked rebels this year.

The blast, from a bomb hidden on a motorcycle, wounded 25 people outside the restaurant, which is frequented by U.S. and Filipino soldiers, in the city of Zamboanga, officials said. Television footage showed a pool of blood and unconscious victims — some with their shirts bloodied — being loaded into ambulances.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast. Suspicion fell on Muslim extremists like the al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group and communist rebels who had threatened earlier in the day to attack police and military installations.

Security had already been tightened in advance of an Oct. 12 Christian festival in the middle of the southern islands that make up the archipelago's Muslim heartland. Amid worries over further attacks, more troops were being sent in, and checkpoints were set up on major roads and outside the city's power plant.

## Former Enron finance officer surrenders to FBI agents after being charged with fraud

Andrew Fastow is the most prominent Enron figure targeted so far. His attorney welcomes this as a chance for Fastow to tell the truth about the conspiracy.

BY MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The financial engineer behind the complex deals that helped hide Enron Corp.'s massive debt was charged Wednesday with fraud, money laundering and conspiring to inflate the company's profits and enrich himself at the company's expense.

Andrew Fastow surrendered Wednesday morning to FBI agents

in Houston and was formally charged in court. Under an agreement with Fastow's lawyers, federal prosecutors recommended he be released on \$5 million bond.

The former chief financial officer is the most prominent Enron figure targeted so far by the Justice Department. The action against Fastow raises the question of what he might say about former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling and former Chairman Kenneth Lay if Fastow began cooperating with the government.

Fastow's attorney, John Kecker, said outside the courthouse: "Now that he is charged, Andy Fastow welcomes the opportunity to prove

the truth about Enron."

The criminal complaint charges that Fastow and others created a scheme to defraud Enron and its shareholders through transactions with off-the-books partnerships that hid some \$1 billion in debt and made the company look more profitable than it was. The charges include securities, wire and mail fraud.

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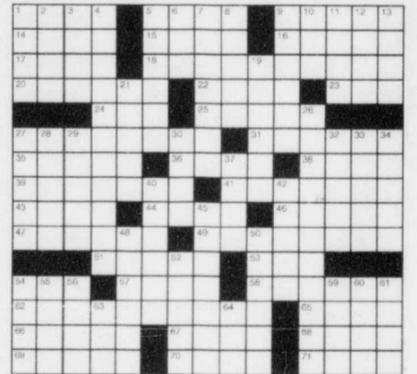
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- ACROSS  
1 Spoiled tot  
5 Anjou's cousin  
9 Went on an extended walk  
14 It can't be!  
15 General neighborhood  
46 Boredom  
17 Siamese comment  
18 Reykjavik residents  
20 Large headline  
22 Region: abor.  
23 Chinese pan  
24 Fellow  
25 Med. specialty  
27 Surfer's little brother  
31 Loan shark  
35 Senior Saarinon  
36 Major ending?  
38 Cio or Erato, e.g.  
39 Wading bird with a booming cry  
41 Creative types  
43 Birth  
44 Of the ear  
46 Something of value  
47 Medicinal herbs  
49 Fumbles for words  
51 "Aurora" fresco painter  
53 Actress Arthur  
54 Pint drink  
57 Subj. of rocks  
58 Sharp as a tack  
62 Proficient  
65 Frosts  
66 Bill attachment  
67 Nice to be?  
68 Happy bivalve?  
69 Siam lurns  
70 Deceased  
71 Identical



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- something  
8 One of Moses' scouts  
9 Inducement units  
10 Ky. neighbor  
11 Was certain of  
12 New currency  
13 Frisbee, e.g.  
19 Debate participant  
21 "Guitar Town" singer Steve  
26 Coin collecting  
27 Clifton and Karne  
28 Skirt shape  
29 Colossus  
30 Superman's alias  
32 Ballet of Monte Carlo  
33 Aromatic compound  
34 Takes five  
37 Diplomacy  
40 More promising  
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48 Boring tools  
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## Do-it-all safeties play critical role in defense

The safety position does it all at TCU, calling plays for the defense and helping on the run just as much as the pass.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Sports Editor

In football, there is a designated leader of a team that successes and failures falls on.

On offense it tends to be the quarterback, and on the Horned Frog defense, it is the safety.

Running a 4-2-5 scheme is rare, and the Frogs have it down to a science. Just two years ago, TCU led the nation in total defense and scoring defense.

The safety plays a pivotal role in the Frogs' scheme. The safeties receive defensive calls from the sidelines seconds before the snap, and then relay the call to the rest of their teammates.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the safeties do it all for the defense.

"(Weak and free safeties) are our quarterbacks on defense," Patterson said. "They basically handle all of it."

The leader of this group is senior free safety Kenneth Hilliard. A converted cornerback, Hilliard is now in his second season at the safety position. He said the quick turnover between receiving the call and the play is difficult for everyone, but especially him.

"If the (defensive) line makes a mistake, they might just gain five yards," Hilliard said. "If a safety makes a mistake, it's giving up six points. I'm the quarterback of the defense. If the defense gives up a touchdown, I'm the one to look at, and I'll take all the blame for it."

At the strong safety is fellow senior Jared Smitherman, who is in his first season as a full-time

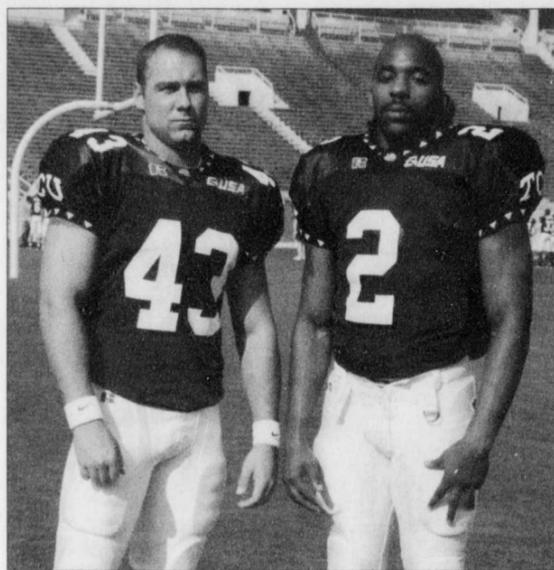


Photo editor/Sarah McClellan  
Senior safeties Jared Smitherman (left) and Kenneth Hilliard help to lead the Frog defense, which plays a unique 4-2-5 scheme.

starter. He is currently third on the team with 26 tackles, with five of them going for losses.

Patterson said it is pleasing to have the two seniors leading the secondary.

"Kenneth and Jared give us guys that have seen a lot of reps and a lot of situations," Patterson said. "They have a better chance of knowing what is coming at them."

Also the Frogs have sophomore Marvin Godbolt at weak safety. Godbolt said the five defensive backs means the safeties have to play the run more than other schemes, and it's something they take pride in.

"It basically lets us show all of

our skills, and what we can do," Godbolt said. "He puts us in the places to make plays, and it's up to us to make plays."

The do-it-all job of TCU safeties can pay dividends as well. Curtis Fuller is now in his second professional season with the Seattle Seahawks, after playing the position for the Frogs.

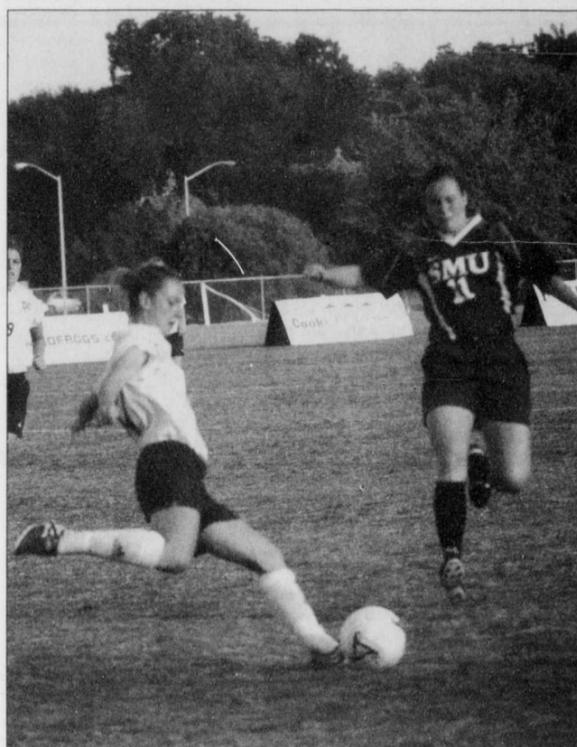
"I think that safeties have had the opportunity to go to the next level out of this system, because of all the things they are asked to do," Patterson said.

Danny Gillham  
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File photo  
Sophomore safety Marvin Godbolt tackles an SMU player in the 2001 matchup. Godbolt is one of three safeties who start for the Frogs.

## Finally a leg up



Photographer/Vichitraweer Singh  
Senior midfielder Lori Robbins (left) battles for a ball in Tuesday's home contest with Southern Methodist. TCU tied the Mustangs 1-1, as sophomore forward Laura Greenberg scored for the Frogs in the 70th minute. The tie ended TCU's 19-game losing streak to the Mustangs.

## The Sideline

### Florida State sued for death of former football player

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The parents of former Florida State University football player Devaughn Darling of Houston sued the school Wednesday, claiming that their son died during a workout despite complaining of dizziness and chest pains.

Darling collapsed and died Feb. 26, 2001, of an apparent "cardiac arrhythmia" at the age of 18. He was penciled in as a starting outside linebacker going into the 2001 spring practices.

Darling and his twin brother Devard learned they had a blood disorder, known as a sickle cell trait, after a pre-football physical before their freshman year at Florida State.

The autopsy report on Darling's death noted the sickle cell trait appears to lower resistance to a possible irregular heartbeat during intense exercise.

The suit claims Darling was deprived of water and other fluids during off-season conditioning drills Feb. 26, 2001.

It also said the school failed to provide sufficient rest periods during the workouts, did not have adequate medical personnel or equipment available, and failed to recognize that the athlete was in distress.

The state has 30 days to answer the suit before starting discovery, which could include depositions and possible settlement talks.



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