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**Groups look to raise university's minority enrollment**

Groups formed to increase minority enrollment and improve marketing strategies.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA  
Staff Reporter

Two groups of administration officials were formed this semester by Chancellor Michael Ferrari to focus on attracting more minority students to the university.

A marketing task force will brainstorm ideas on various ways to portray the university while another

group will look at the incoming students and evaluate strategies to target future students, Ferrari said.

"This year there was an increase of applications from Hispanic students, yet the enrollment did not increase," Ferrari said. "The groups will evaluate why this happened and establish better ways to increase all enrollment."

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he established a working group that includes officials in the academic,

admissions, financial aid and housing departments. The group will monitor the demographics of incoming students, application flow and financial aid distribution, Koehler said.

"The group is a management tool to improve recruitment efforts," Koehler said. "It will com-

pare data from last year to this year to meet students' needs more effectively."

Koehler said the group task force includes Patrick Miller, director of enrollment management; Ray Brown, dean of admissions; Michael Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid; Leo

Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support; Thomas Oliver, director of freshman admission and Roger Fisher, director of residential services.

Brown said the group is actively pursuing minority students to improve the value of a student's education.

"Minority enrollment for incoming students is the lowest it has been in five years at an estimate of 14 percent," he said. "It

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— Ray Brown

Dean of Admissions

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**Curriculum committee on track to meet its deadline**

The committee is drafting a proposal that incorporates three curriculums. Summary minutes of the meetings will soon be available on the Faculty Senate Web page.

BY AMY JOHNSON  
Staff Reporter

In a presentation to the Faculty Senate Thursday, Nowell Donovan said the core curriculum committee is on track to complete the core revision by Nov. 20 although no definite draft has been made.

Donovan, a geology professor, said committee members have met twice and will continue to meet every Monday to discuss drafting a proposal that incorporates three curriculums based on the university's mission, vision and value statements; human endeavors and experiences; and skills.

"If we see that insufficient progress is being made, we may add more meetings to the schedule," said Shannon Shipp, an associate professor of marketing.

The mission, vision and values curriculum incorporates areas such as ethics, religion and leadership into the core, Donovan said. The guiding principle of the human endeavors and experiences curriculum is to provide a balanced framework of knowledge and ideas for the development of educated individuals, he said. The skills curriculum is concerned with the skills required for successful conclusion of university education, he said.

The committee is soliciting input from a variety of faculty, students and outside constituents to ensure inclusiveness, Shipp said.

"Hopefully this process will en-

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**Hurricane downgraded to tropical storm**

Hurricane Lili's high winds and storms caused damages in many areas of Louisiana yesterday. Hurricane Lili was decreased to tropical storm status after hitting land.

BY ALLEN G. BREED  
Associated Press

MONTEGUT, La. — Hurricane Lili gave Louisiana's coast a 100 mph battering Thursday that swamped streets, knocked out power and snapped trees. But Lili dwindled to tropical storm strength as it moved inland, leaving residents thankful it was not the monster they were expecting.

"It looks like we were lucky," Gov. Mike Foster said.

More than a million people in Texas and Louisiana had been told to clear out as the hurricane closed in with terrifying intensity. But in an overnight transformation even forecasters could not fully explain, Lili weakened from a 145-mph, Category 4 hurricane to a Category 2.

And after its center crossed land at Marsh Island, the storm's winds dropped again, falling by midday to 75 mph, barely a hurricane. By evening, Lili was a tropical storm with winds of 50 mph, and instead of a potentially catastrophic 25-foot storm surge, more manageable surges of 6 to 10 feet blew in.

No deaths were reported along the U.S. Gulf Coast. Injuries included three people hurt in Louisiana — two in a roof collapse and a deputy whose cruiser was hit by a falling tree. Earlier this week, Lili killed eight people in the Caribbean.

Foster requested and received a disaster declaration from President Bush. The president did not specify which areas of the state would be eligible for federal aid.

Residents of the region, meanwhile, waited out the weakened



Thousands fled north from the Louisiana coastline along I-49 near Opelousas, La., this week.

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storm in shelters.

"Better to make a blank trip than get caught in a hurricane and have a massive loss of life," said Harvey Hart of Port Arthur, Texas, who spent the night with his family in a high school cafeteria shelter.

Despite its dropoff, Lili was a powerful storm, with gusts as high as 92 mph in New Iberia hurling pieces of metal through the air, felling tree limbs and blowing down a 50-foot-high sign at the Holiday

Inn.

It tore roofs from homes and buildings, snapped trees and knocked out power to an estimated 448,000 customers statewide. About 1,300 homes and businesses in Lafayette and New Orleans lost phone service.

It also flooded much of Montegut, about 40 miles southwest of New Orleans.

"I'd say right now at least 75 percent of the town got water in it," said

Spencer Rhodes, fire chief in the town of 4,000, where water cascaded through at least three breaks in a hurricane protection levee.

Rescue crews in big National Guard trucks evacuated 500 to 600 Montegut residents who had failed to heed calls for evacuation.

"The water just kept piling up and piling up," said Sam LeBouef, as he dragged an aluminum boat down the middle of a flooded street. "I just had to go."

He said his house had never flooded and he had never had reason to evacuate. But this time he had water in his carport up to his knees.

It was even worse in Grand Isle, the vulnerable barrier island community south of New Orleans that was swamped by Tropical Storm Isidore last week. "Most of the island is under water," Police Chief Edward Bradberry said.

All in all, though, Lili was not as bad as forecasters feared.

**Student involvement in school activities decreases annually**

Low senior attendance in campus programs has prompted university officials to find ways to increase campus involvement for all classifications.

BY JOI HARRIS  
Staff Reporter

University officials are searching for ways to increase student involvement in university programs and organizations because of a drastic difference in freshman and senior program attendance.

Carrie Zimmerman, director of the first year for Student Development Services, said that the university does a good job of getting students involved early, but it needs to have a stronger commitment to keeping involved throughout their college ca-

reers. By trying to increase program awareness and heightening marketing efforts, staff members say they hope to increase student involvement in available programs and make the college experience more seamless.

This fall, Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, gave six "strategic action" committees the task of researching and improving several aspects of student development including student transition and involvement.

Marcy Paul, director of the Women's Resource Center and member of the student involvement committee, said the committees are still in early development with the research process of finding solutions underway. The committee has just completed a student survey, which questioned students on a variety of top-

ics ranging from on- and off-campus involvement to marital status, she said.

The survey was intended to help the committee determine whether students are getting too many or too few programs offered in different areas of student life and to find ways to structure services around their needs, she said.

"By getting a holistic view of student life, we can then determine ways to shape programs that will pull in a larger number of students," Paul said.

An additional committee in charge of high school transition is researching programs offered by other college campuses to see if similar ones can be implemented here, said Eisenman.

Kate Carrico, a senior sociology major, said students do not get involved because they do not see the implications of learning about life after college.

Involvement has to be a personal decision in which students say, "Yes, I want to make myself as marketable as possible," she said.

New student orientation, Frog Camp and the Connections program are the three main resources the university offers to all new students, Zimmerman said.

Of the three programs, only attendance at orientation is mandatory, she said. However, she said 814 students, or about 56 percent of the incoming class, attended Frog Camp last summer. In contrast, only 8 percent of last year's 1,921-member senior class attended Senior Conference, the principal senior program offered by University Career Services, said Marjory Eisenman, assistant director of University Career Services.

Zimmerman said student extracur-

ricular involvement tends to decrease during the second year in college.

"We tend to lose a lot of people during their sophomore year because the newness has already worn off and they can't yet see the light at the end of the tunnel," Zimmerman said.

John Harvey, an economics professor, said that with the economy being as unstable as it is, anything a student can do to differentiate themselves is important.

There are potentially hundreds of people vying for one job, he said, it is important to make resumes as impressive as possible.

"Employers are looking for a reason to throw out a resume," Harvey said.

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**The Weather**

**SATURDAY**

High: 87; Low: 60; Mostly Sunny

**SUNDAY**

High: 78; Low: 52; Thunderstorms

**MONDAY**

High: 79; Low: 58; Partly cloudy

**Looking Back**

1535 — The first complete translation of the Bible was printed in Zurich, Switzerland.

1824 — Mexico became a republic.

1957 — The first earth satellite, Sputnik I, was launched into space by the Soviet Union.

1970 — Rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, died from a drug overdose.

**Watch For**

Check in with Tuesday's edition of the Skiff for coverage of the TCU/Houston game. We'll have grades, analysis and we'll go inside the numbers to break down the Homecoming game against the Cougars.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The TCU Theatre** will present "Ah, Wilderness!" today 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.

• **The Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally** will start at 7 p.m. today along W. Cantey and S. University Drive. The parade will end at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center parking lot with a pep rally. Random Axiz will play from 9 to 11 p.m., followed by a fireworks display.

• **The TCU Symphony Orchestra, Choral Ensembles and guest alumni** will present "Requiem by Gabriel Faure" at 3 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

• **The TCU Ad Club** will be meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Moody 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).

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

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## Gunman opens fire near U.N. headquarters

Although no one was injured when a man opened fire on two upper floors of U.N. headquarters

Thursday, officials still do not know if the unidentified gunman was a U.N. employee.

BY DAFNA LINZER  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — A man jumped the fence surrounding U.N. headquarters Thursday, fired several shots into the air, threw leaflets on the ground and was quickly tackled by security officers. There were no injuries, but shots hit at least two upper floors

of the U.N. building.

The gunman was not immediately identified.

Shots from the pistol hit the 18th and 20th floors of the U.N. building, including the women's restroom on the 18th floor, according to the office of the U.N. spokesman.

U.N. Security and Safety Chief Michael McCann said seven shots were fired and some of the bullets narrowly missed U.N. employees inside the Secretariat building.

The shooting took place at 1:10 p.m. while the Security Council was holding discussions on Iraq, but there was no immediate indica-

tion of any connection.

Papers found by reporters near the scene were handwritten in English with many misspellings and were addressed to "all people who love freedom and justice."

"In a shining and civilized 21st century, most people in the world are enjoying peace and freedom. North Korea however is groaning under the weight of starvation and dictatorial suppression. They don't have even the most basic of human rights since all things body and spirit, plants and plows belong to one named greatest general Kim Jong Il," it said.

## FACULTY

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sure that the final proposal that is put forth by the committee will have been tested adequately along the way so as to minimize opposition," he said.

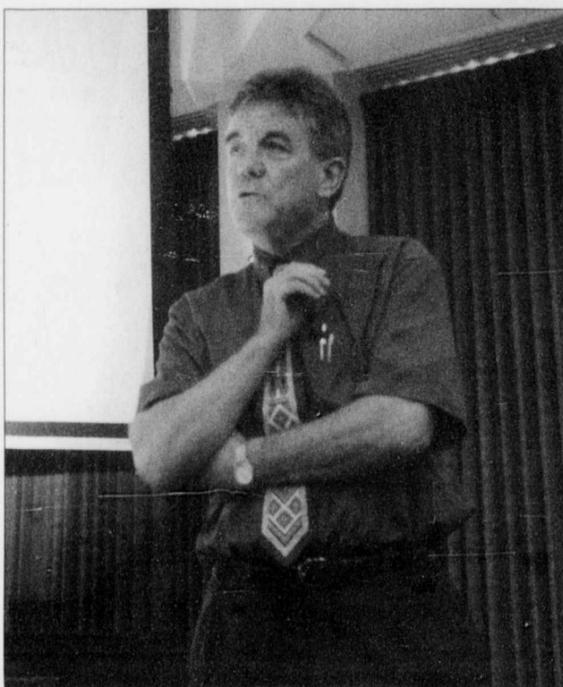
Peggy Watson, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate, said in an effort to promote open communication, summary minutes of the meetings will soon be available on the Faculty Senate Web page at ([www.fsn.tcu.edu](http://www.fsn.tcu.edu)).

"The Senate hopes to keep the revision process as open as possible, based on the belief that the greatest input will result in the finest product: a truly excellent core academic experience for all TCU undergraduate students," she said.

The committee is the seventh body in two years to attempt a revision of the core. Donovan said past committees were not successful.

"The previous committees did not fail," he said. "All of their various works are valuable and they represent some of the best and most creative energies of dedicated faculty."

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Geology professor Nowell Donovan discussed a report from the Core Curriculum Committee at the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday.

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The "Learning to Share," billboards, found throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area, are part of TCU's marketing strategy.

Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

## MARKETING

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will benefit students in the future to be exposed to a variety of ideas, faiths and traditions from minorities."

Larry Lauer, vice chancellor for marketing and the chairman of the marketing task force, said they will review the effect advertisements and publications have on enrollment.

He said 15 to 20 members will be chosen during the next two weeks and will include representatives from admissions, extended education, athletics, schools and colleges, students, faculty and staff.

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## Shelter was scarce as Hurricane Lili approached Texas

As Hurricane Lili hit the Texas coast, Lufkin high school was turned into a storm shelter. Most of the 630 people housed there began leaving Thursday morning.

BY ANITA CHANG  
Associated Press

LUFKIN — The announcement Thursday morning over the public address system at Lufkin High School brought a round of cheers.

The roads heading back to Jefferson and Orange counties were clear and it was OK for most folks who fled Hurricane Lili the previous day to return home after a night at the school, which became a Red Cross shelter.

"Everything was fantastic," Adeline Sampson, of Port Arthur, said of her brief stay. "The hospitality was real nice. Everyone was wonderful. They made our stay real comfortable. If we have to do it again, and ideally we wouldn't, this would be a nice place to come back to again."

More than 100 miles from home, most of the 630 people housed at the school quickly began leaving Thursday morning. A few stragglers, primarily from hard-hit Louisiana, were being moved to a nearby church so the school could prepare for classes Friday.

"We want to get back into the routine and we want the kids to get back into the school routine," Principal Roy Knight said. "What we wound up with was an unscheduled fall break."

The school cafeteria served as a combination sleeping, dining and activity area. Some snacked on popcorn, the only food that was served Wednesday night. Others set up pallets on the cafeteria floor. A group of children watched the Lion King on a television in the middle of the room.

The cafeteria and hallways were

filled with ice chests, blankets, clothing, grocery bags — and people. Red Cross officials in Lufkin estimated that by early Thursday at least 3,000 evacuees were in the city.

Lufkin High School was one of 16 shelters in the Lufkin and Nacogdoches areas that were filled Wednesday night. In Angelina County, shelters were meeting capacity within an hour of opening, said Glenna Harkness of the Red Cross chapter in Lufkin.

"We just got food, clothes, diapers for the baby and that's it," said Marisol Gallardo of Port Arthur as she held her 14-month-old daughter while sitting on her car at a church parking lot in Lufkin. "We left. I hope my house is standing in the same place. You never know what happens."

Gallardo made the trip to Lufkin with 60 of her friends and family. They ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the grass by the playground at the Denman Avenue Baptist Church, which served as a staging area where evacuees signed up and then were redirected to shelters.

"I'm tired of driving," said Debbie Tran of Beaumont, who made the trip with 22 family members in four pickup trucks. "I'm by myself with the kids so I'm staying in Lufkin somewhere."

Many evacuees tried to avoid staying in shelters by getting hotel rooms, but pickings were slim as far north as Texarkana, according to Lufkin Assistant Fire Chief Murray Brown.

"It's been so hectic here," said Wendy Walker, the front desk clerk at the sold-out 39-room Days Inn in Nacogdoches, 15 miles north of Lufkin. "Any time the vacancy sign came on today, I had five or six cars blocking the road so no one else could get in."

## 7 dinosaur skulls found in Alaska

BY DAN JOLING  
Associated Press

COLVILLE RIVER, Alaska — Dinosaur hunter Tony Fiorillo returned to Alaska's North Slope in July, intent on extracting the skull of a pachyrhinosaur spotted a year before north of America's northernmost mountains.

The plant-eating dinosaur was a cousin to triceratops. It grew up to 7 feet high and 18 feet long. Its head had a bony nasal protuberance that may have supported a horn, and a prominent frill at the back with two distinct horns.

Fiorillo never did extract the skull. As he and other dinosaur hunters began work, they found seven more pachyrhinosaur skulls in an area of about 13 feet by 13 feet.

"We never would have predicted finding that much," said Fiorillo, a curator at the Dallas Museum of Natural History. They ended up covering parts of three skulls with a burlap and plaster cast and hauling them out.

Only a few decades ago, most paleontologists imagined dinosaurs as tropic and subtropical animals with reptile physiology, and that Alaska was too far north to yield remains.

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## The Skiff View REGISTER

### It's not too late to make your vote count

It's as easy as signing your name, yet so few of us do it. Vote.

Every election year, a minority of our population elects our representatives. The reasons for such low voter turnout vary from disinterest to disenchantment. But such excuses undermine the credibility of our democracy.

Monday is the deadline for Texas residents to register to vote. If you aren't registered, you should pick up an application today.

Texas voter registration cards are available at a table near the Information Desk in the Student Center. Applications are also available at public libraries, post offices, city halls and sub-courthouses.

They are easy to pick up, and even easier to fill out.

If you mail the application by Monday, it's not too late to vote come November. If you are a resident of Tarrant County, you can mail the application to P.O. Box 961011, Fort Worth, Texas 76161. If you have any questions, call (817) 884-1115 or visit (www.sos.state.tx.us).

There's no good reason not to vote this year. The federal government is once again facing bloated deficits. Some estimates project more than \$150 billion worth of red ink.

The congress is likely to decide next session whether to make permanent — or repeal — the Bush tax cut. The importance of that vote cannot be exaggerated; it will greatly affect our country's fiscal policy for the next generation.

And of course, our country is on the brink of war. Lives, literally, are at stake.

Voting is not laborious and involves nothing more than mailing an absentee ballot or driving down to your precinct's voting booth.

But first, you have to register.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

In a nation that tries so hard to be colorblind, some feel that the American mindset may push too hard to rub out the lines — and in doing so, boost people to positions they do not deserve.

Two would-be college students have asked the Supreme Court to review whether they were unconstitutionally denied admission to the University of Michigan because of their race, according to a statement made last week by their lawyer. The two individuals — one male and one female, both white — claim that the school's affirmative action policy unfairly denied them admission. While no mention is made of their academic prowess prior to their applications, one must wonder why they questioned the decision in the first place. Certainly, many other white students were granted admission to the university, most likely based on achievement and future promise.

Did they deserve to be admitted, or did they do poorly in school and then try to push the law at the school? Anyone applying to any school should know, understand and accept the school's regulations regarding affirmative action and its admissions policies at large. Whether or

not you personally like Rutgers' policies on accepting students, you deal with them and move on. Sitting and crying over a denied application regardless of reason is going to get you nowhere.

The question begs to be asked — how far can one go to shift blame? If you fail a test in school and a student of a different ethnic background does better than you on it, you'd be laughed out of the room if you attempted to say that your race had prevented you from doing well.

To say that race prevented the students from getting into the school is a baseless claim. Unless the students can prove that their record is superior to other admitted students, there is nothing to be done. If the admission policies of the university do not match your own personal choices and you cannot come to terms with this, don't apply.

Accomplishments, transcripts and grades speak for themselves. Let the best men and women win — black, white, red, yellow or purple.

*This is a staff editorial for the Daily Targum at Rutgers University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.*

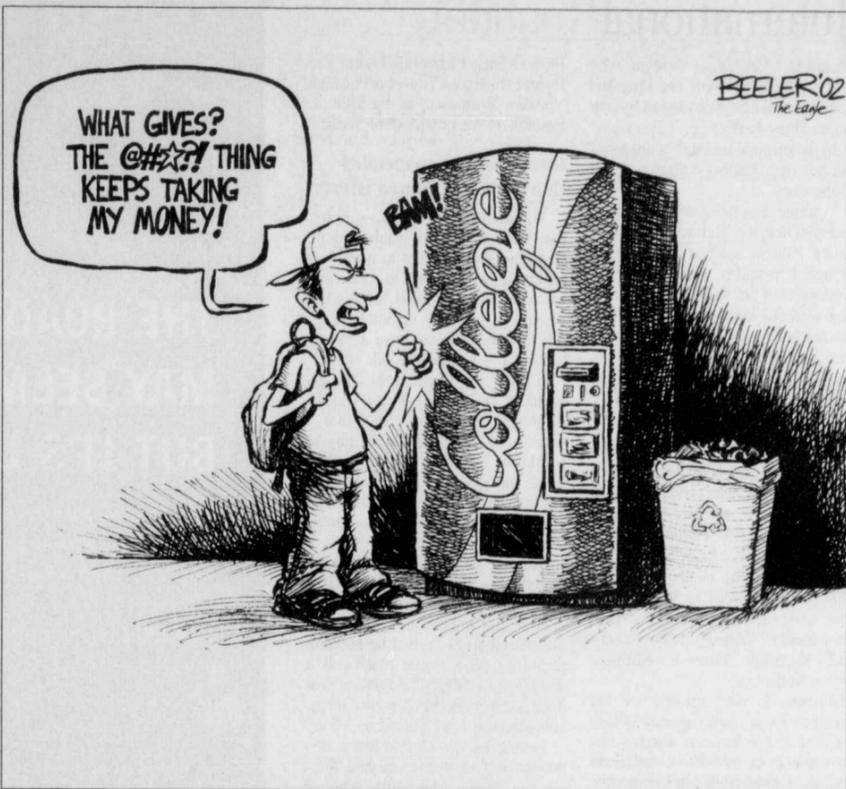
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## 'Christian' should be removed from TCU name

The "C" in TCU gives off wrong connotations of an ultra right-wing university climate.

Texas Christian University should change its name. "University" is fine. "Texas" is even acceptable. The problem lies with "Christian." Not in being one, but in the label.

My first reason is that the term Christian does not represent the diversity of this campus accurately to the world. The core of Christianity is that one believes Jesus is the son of God and accepts him as savior. A Christian may believe in the Trinity, or not. A Christian may believe in the virgin birth, or not. A Christian does not have to take the Bible literally. A Christian does not have to be pro-life. A Christian does not have to think evolution is false, pray to saints or worship on a Sunday. Christians do not have to be fanatics.

Somehow the religious right has hijacked the term, though, and when someone says "Christian," reasonable people assume many of those attributes I just listed. Many come very close to mentally substituting "fundamentalist."

To use a personal example, high

school friends of mine I got in touch with over the summer were amazed that at a "Christian school" they could visit the opposite sex's residence halls, that it wasn't mandatory to go to religious services, that the Internet wasn't filtered to keep out the "bad" sites and that alcohol was permitted if you were 21.

Talking with others on campus leads me to believe that perceptions like that aren't limited to just my friends. I don't think that those who gave our school its present name intended to evoke the right-wing mental imagery that it does.

My second reason is that I have too often heard people try to use the C in TCU as a rallying point to expel all but the most conservative elements here. I appreciate the conservative viewpoint, and strongly support continued ties to the Christian Church Disciples of Christ no matter what we call ourselves, but I strongly believe that a diverse learning environment is es-

sential to a solid education.

As an institution of higher learning, we would be better off if prospective, liberal students were not turned off by our name.

Changing it would give one less weapon that the more conservative students could use in an attempt to create an environment where everyone believes the exact same things they do.

Another option would be to strip the term of its extremist

connotations within our culture. I am all for that, but that effort will take a long time. Changing the name of the university now will alter the assumptions made about us much more quickly. As for what the new name should be, I am far less certain. Perhaps we should pick a name so that we can refer to our school with one word, like "Princeton" or "Stanford." All I assert is that our university remains Christian, but not have "Christian" in the name.

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## Just as much as freshmen need a welcome to college, seniors deserve a farewell to their student experiences

A senior recalls her cherished Frog Camp memories as a freshman and suggests that all seniors create a similar experience for themselves for closure of their college life.

Frog Camp holds some special memories for many students that attend. As a matter of fact, the entire first-year experience can be quite special. I remember, as a freshman, being overwhelmed by the multitude of opportunities to get involved.

Everywhere I turned, there was a great event happening where I could meet other freshmen. TCU does a stellar job when it comes to welcoming freshmen, but what about saying goodbye to seniors? There needs to be a senior celebration at the end of the year to conclude the college experience. Some might say that seniors have outgrown all those fun and bond-

ing activities, but I have to say that many seniors (including this one) are still kids at heart. Imagine a celebration that helps our TCU experiences come full circle. Seniors need opportunities to reminisce about their college days before they finally walk across the stage on graduation day.

Seniors have earned their upperclassmen status and deserve to be honored for their achievements, and a senior celebration is a great way for TCU to say thank you. So many seniors have given so much to TCU. Some seniors have given their heart and soul to TCU through academic research, leadership, athletics, performing arts, the school newspaper and countless other ways. A final hooray for seniors is a way to show appreciation for all the long hours invested into this university.

Seniors also need to stop and enjoy how far they have come. A

celebration would be a great introduction into the Alumni Association.

Seniors need something to be excited about amidst the fear and anxiety of an unforeseeable future. It is ironic — we come into

TCU both scared and excited about our college experiences, and we leave in much the same state of mind about our open-ended futures.

A group has formed to brainstorm ways to improve the senior experience, and I commend them for it. TCU does a great job in welcoming new students, and maybe in due time, each year at TCU will be celebrated with programs to help make our college experiences more fulfilling.

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## Phone in now to vote for president

FX's plans for "American Candidate" will turn the next presidential election into a political "American Idol." They have my vote.

The FX network, Fox TV's red-headed stepchild, has plans for a 2004 television series called "American Candidate," which will allow viewers to phone in their votes as 100 regular people (two from each state) compete for the presidency of the United States.

No, really. Actually, I'm starting to think it might be a good idea; in fact, I may even end up voting for the TV winner. God knows that, albeit commercial, this system has at least as much merit as our current one which, although it is known as "democracy," more resembles the aristocracy of royalty.

Think about it. George W. Bush is the son of a former president who was the vice president of yet another president. That's Reagan, for those of you keeping track (and who would, anymore?), which means our current president is part of a royal family that began its reign in 1980.

Sure, there was a Democrat somewhere in there, but that's a whole different bloodline. After Clinton-Gore, there was almost Gore, and now another Clinton is likely licking her chops in anticipation of the throne. If she indeed is elected, we could be in the middle of a 36-year stretch that really only includes two administrations.

So what is the result of our royalty? We have a president (who was appointed not by the Supreme Court, but by breeding) on the warpath, apparently subscribing to Göring's theory of propaganda, with no real choice for someone better in 2004.

Let's examine the knights and bishops in our little political chess game:

Al Gore — There's a pretty good shot that this guy will run again, and here's why: He really, really, really wants to be president. So much so that he's stayed out of the public eye for two years to keep his options open, coming out of his cave only occasionally to rip apart Bush's policies.

There's a problem, though: Gore doesn't care about the policies he's ripping apart, and he's just as much an empty heir to a throne as Bush was (see Gore's non-presence as vice president and the fact that his father, too, was a major politician). If Gore actually wanted to initiate any positive change, he would have used his political downtime to promote activism rather than teaching journalism and making a few strategic public appearances.

Tom Daschle — OK, this guy probably isn't even going to run, but he may have a dark-horse following after his little outburst last week. Daschle's tirade was in response to Bush's accusation that Senate Democrats don't care about national security. Frankly, Bush was right, but (big surprise) for all the wrong reasons: Senate Democrats don't care about national security — at least not as much as they do the midterm elections.

Hillary Rodham Clinton — The better half of the creepiest power couple since the Kennedys won't run in 2004, and here's why: She's smarter than Gore. She knows that her best shot is to wait until 2008, when she won't have to run against an incumbent president. What this means, though, is that she'll likely be rooting for Bush in 2004 (because if he loses, she'll be facing an incumbent from her own party in 2008).

In 2004, we may be faced with the choice of voting for a career aristocrat or someone chosen by the American public on national TV. If that is the case, I may just find myself putting my check mark next to this name: "Kelly Clarkson."

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# NEWS DIGEST

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## National/International Roundup

### Bruce Paltrow, famous producer, director, dies

ROME (AP) — Bruce Paltrow, producer and director of "St. Elsewhere" and patriarch of a show business family that includes Oscar-winning daughter Gwyneth Paltrow, has died in Italy. He was 58.

Bruce Paltrow, who had been battling throat cancer, was traveling in recent days with his daughter, who recently celebrated her 30th birthday. He died from complications of pneumonia and a recurrence of the cancer, his daughter's publicist, Steven Huvane, said Thursday.

Paltrow, whose wife was actress Blythe Danner, was perhaps best known for producing and directing episodes of the 1980s TV show "St. Elsewhere," a hospital story with odd, frustrated characters and stories that blended comedy and tragedy.

"He had a tremendous wit. He worked fast and talked fast. He was a terribly bright man," said William Daniels, who won an Emmy for playing perfectionist surgeon Dr. Mark Craig on "St."

Dand that Paltrow shut down "St. Elsewhere" in its early stages of production and overhauled it with new cast members, set designs and cinematographers. Before that, many shows about doctors featured clean-cut medics in brightly lit hospitals.

"(Paltrow) wanted a darker more realistic look, a grittier look," Daniels said.

A U.S. diplomatic official said on condition of anonymity that Paltrow died in Rome, and that American officials in Italy were informed of the death Thursday. When Paltrow died was not immediately made public.

Paltrow had made several public appearances in Italy in the last week, including at the Italian premiere of the film "Minority Report," starring Tom Cruise.

His most recent work was writing and directing the quirky karaoke road movie "Duets" in 2000. The film had multiple, intersecting storylines and an ensemble cast that included his daughter.

In "Duets," Gwyneth Paltrow co-

starred as a Las Vegas showgirl who hits the highway with her long-lost dad, a karaoke hustler played by pop singer Huey Lewis.

In the original script, her character did not sing, but her father added it to the story.

"I wrote it in because I felt it was essential for the character to sing," Bruce Paltrow said at the time. "I thought it would be a way for her to connect with her father. And I knew how well Gwyneth could sing. When she and her mother sing together, you just can't believe it."

### U.S. forgives Yugoslavia of \$350 million debt

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The United States forgave two-thirds of Yugoslavia's debt on Thursday in a sign of improving relations with the country's reformist leadership.

The agreement erases \$353.7 million, or 66 percent, of the Belgrade's \$589.4 million debt to Washington. The write-off was signed by U.S. Ambassador William Montgomery and Yugoslav Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic.

Svilanovic was quoted by the state-run Tanjug news agency as saying Yugoslavia expects further improvement in economic relations with the United States in the months to come. He said the agreement Thursday was the result of "long and exhausting" work.

Montgomery said the U.S. move was a sign of support for economic reforms undertaken after the current pro-Western leadership ousted former President Slobodan Milosevic, Tanjug reported.

Yugoslavia faced international sanctions during the Milosevic era as a punishment for the country's role in more than a decade of Balkan bloodshed. The United States has been cautious restoring economic ties with Yugoslavia and has so far refused to release frozen assets. Svilanovic said the issue was under discussion and should be resolved in the months to come.

The U.S.-Yugoslav agreement is likely to boost the position of Deputy

Prime Minister Miroslav Labus, a reformer who faces Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, in an Oct. 13 runoff vote for president of Serbia.

### Gene therapy suspended due to unanticipated effects

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have suspended studies of the first gene therapy ever to work — a treatment that appears to cure a rare immune disorder called "bubble boy disease" — as they scramble to tell whether the therapy gave a French toddler a leukemia-like side effect.

It's unclear if the gene therapy actually caused the boy's illness, although there are clues that a virus used in the treatment may be to blame. No other children given gene therapy for the disease — severe combined immunodeficiency, or SCID — have shown such a side effect.

The French boy's gene therapy, performed in October 1999, was successful, giving him a strong immune system. But in late summer, doctors discovered his body had far overproduced a type of white blood cell, a disorder they call leukemia-like. Now 3, he is responding well to chemotherapy, scientists said Thursday.

France and the United States suspended further studies of gene therapy for SCID while they evaluate what happened and notify parents of previous gene therapy recipients of the possible risk.

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration will consult with French scientists and meet next Thursday to debate what steps are needed before the U.S. studies could resume, said Dr. Phil Noguchi, FDA's director of gene therapy.

The highly publicized moves were unusual — in studies of regular drugs, many people typically become ill before research is put on hold or generates public debate. But gene therapy has been a publicly charged topic since the 1999 death of 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger, who was given a different type of gene therapy for another disease. Many scientists now believe that openly discussing potential risks as they're discovered is important to educate people about the

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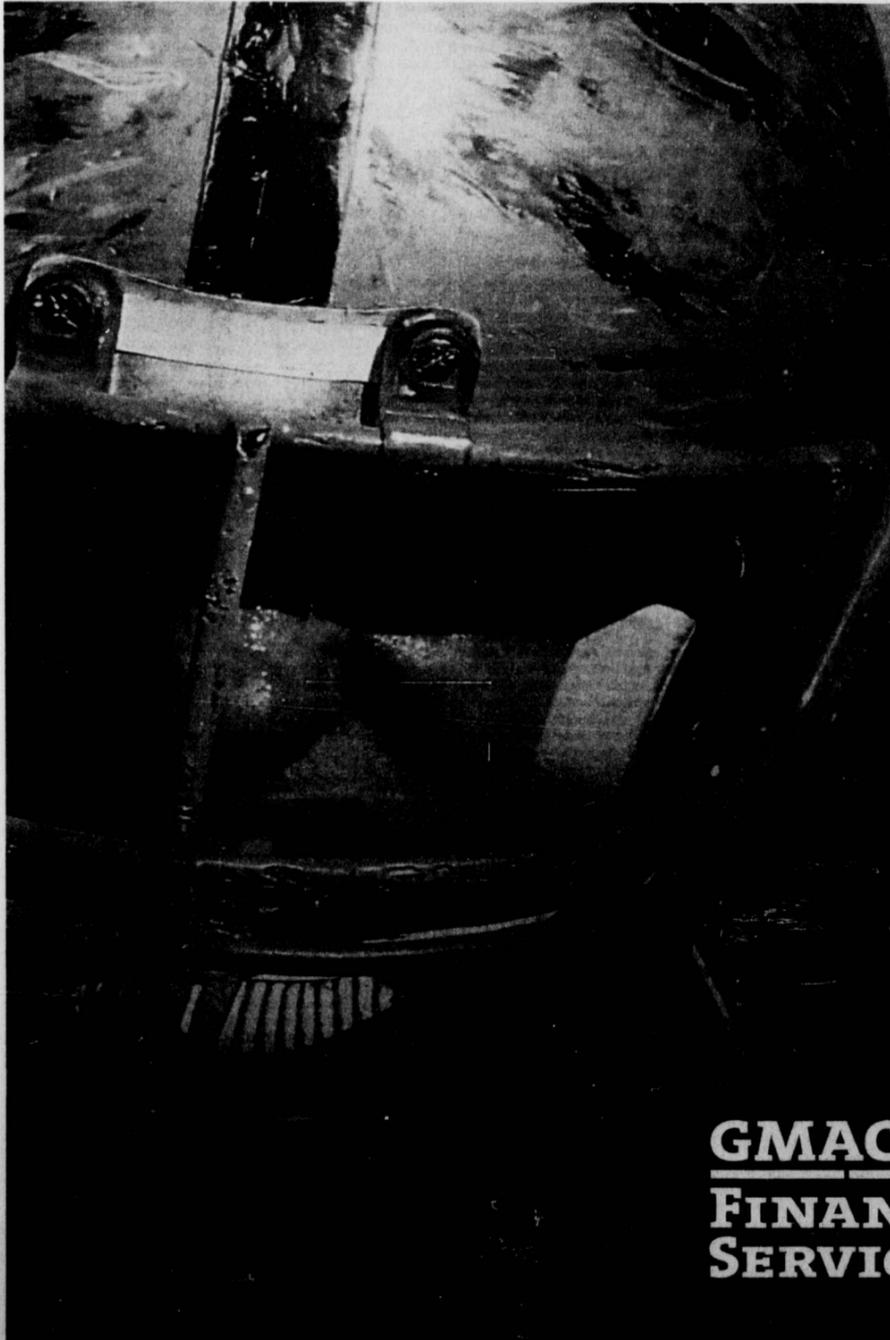
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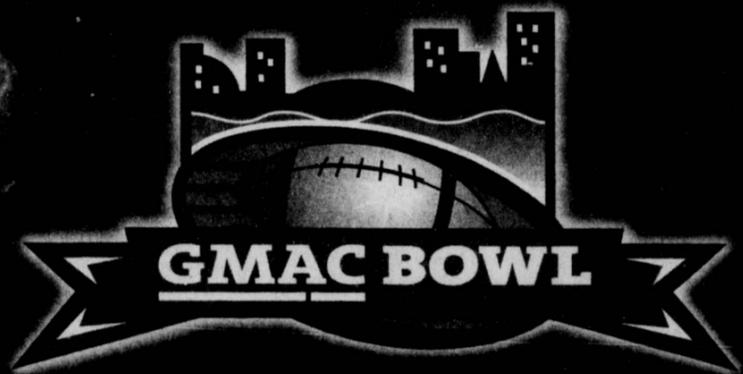
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## Fantasy card game becomes a way of life

Young man's skill at Dragon Ball Z helped him get a dream job

BY NANCY CHURNIN  
The Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON — It took a lot of anger for Aik Tongtharadol to win the Dragon Ball Z Championship of the World last year.

Anger cards, that is. Dragon Ball Z decks can include anger, dragon ball, energy, hybrid, ally and physical beat-down cards. Players choose cards to build one of these types of decks along with cards that defend against various decks. Aik's gamble, which paid off, was that the other players wouldn't have many anti-anger cards that year.

"You have to take the environment into account when you plan your deck," said the 21-year-old fantasy card whiz. "The Dragon Ball decks were pretty popular that year, so I went for an anger deck," he explains. "It was a strategy that worked."

Aik won \$5,000, a booster box of every Dragon Ball Z card produced at that time (766 cards) and a "foiled" version of the deck he used to win. Foiled cards are rare, shiny versions of regular Dragon Ball Z cards.

Less than a year later, he landed a dream job, advising the Arlington, Texas-based Dragon Ball Z card maker, Score Entertainment, on product development. He advises Score on the design of new cards and tests how they work in game situations. He also answers questions about the games on the company's Web site.

It requires analytical skills and it's fun. But it's sure a long way from the University of Central Florida, where he was a junior majoring in molecular biology when he left to take the job at Score.

Aik, who was born in Thailand and raised in Florida, began playing fantasy card games eight years ago. He liked the "Dragon Ball Z" TV show and became interested in the card game at 18. Soon he started

looking up tournaments on the Dragon Ball Z site ([www.dbz-cardgame.com](http://www.dbz-cardgame.com)). Then he heard about the world championship last August in Milwaukee.

"My parents said, 'You're going to Milwaukee to play a card game?' They didn't understand it. But now they're really happy."

One of his few frustrations with his job is that he can't compete in the game anymore. But that doesn't keep him from reliving the fun through other players as a judge for the world championship and smaller tournaments.

At the recent Dragon Ball Z tournament at Lone Star Comics in Arlington, where he was judging, he pointed out a match between Tommy Brachey, 13, and Travis Cox, 15. The boys liked the game so

much they were playing for fun between official rounds.

"He's going to use a physical attack deck," Aik said, pointing at the two cards Tommy had turned over.

"Shhh!" said Tommy, pointing to Travis.

"Now I'm not so sure about him," he added, pointing to Travis. "His cards could work for a few different decks."

"I'm deliberately mysterious," Travis said proudly.

"Do your worst!" Tommy told him.

And Travis did. He won. Tommy shrugged, smiled and gathered his cards for the next round in search of another game.

Finding other fans is one of the best parts of the experience, Aik said. "You can relate to the people who like to play these games," he said, gestur-

ing to the 28 players in the room.

At one table, a couple, Rebecca and Michael Storms of Tyler, ages 24 and 26, described how they courted and married over fantasy card games.

Now they have a 1-year-old daughter, Bayla, who will dress up as a Dragon Ball Z character, Cell, for Halloween this year.

"We share information, but we have our own secret decks," Michael Storms said.

His wife nodded. "I'm very competitive," she said.

For Aik, another cool part has been the way you can select cards that express feelings of power — or anger — that you would normally keep to yourself.

"It's a way to express yourself without getting in trouble."



After winning the 2001 "Dragon Ball Z" world championship, Aik Tongtharadol got a job with the game's creator, advising Score Entertainment on new products.

## October: more work, baseball, Halloween

People should forget about Halloween and focus on baseball. Professors and fans should remember the playoffs and focus on the Yankees' victory.

It's October and that means certain events are on the horizon. Bills are ready to be paid and professors are ready to dramatically raise the workload for all of us. However, the two most dominant events in October are, without a doubt, Halloween and the baseball post-season.

Actually, one of these events has overstepped its boundaries. Has anyone else noticed how the Halloween "season" now encompasses two entire months? The Halloween Kid Cuisine commercial has been airing for several weeks now and candy has also been on sale for a couple weeks. Would someone please tell me who would buy Halloween candy in September?

Decorations have been up for a while too. There is a family in my neighborhood back home who puts up their Halloween decorations Labor Day weekend. They don't just put a paper ghost in their tree and some pumpkin lights around their door either. They drape their entire yard in cobwebs with spiders and bats hanging from the trees. They even set up a graveyard with tombstones for each member of the family on the front lawn. TOMBSTONES! Why anyone would want to surround themselves with death for two months I will never know. If we must decorate our houses in this time of the year, why don't we put small replicas of the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria in our lawns for half the month?

Enough Halloween, let's get to what is good about October and that is baseball. Yes, October is when all but eight teams in Major

League Baseball are eliminated. The teams then battle each other until a winner emerges and there are usually no spiders or witches in sight. Every year, we watch as the teams we root for lose round after round until the New York Yankees are crowned champions.

Or at least that is way it seems since the Houston Astros can't seem to win a game and the Kansas City Royals have not even been to the post-season since they won the World Series in 1985. But it doesn't matter that our teams don't win because losing creates character and makes one appreciate the good times.

Fans in New York and Atlanta are missing out on a fundamental part of October and that is getting upset at your team for playing like a bunch of Frankenstein monsters. It is actually almost as much fun getting mad at your team and being disappointed in their performance as it is watching them succeed. Since I can count on one hand the number of World Champions that I rooted for since 1990, I know a little about the subject. As a matter of fact, I usually find myself pulling for the team I know is going to lose. Maybe I have some sort of psychological disease that makes me yearn for disappointment, or maybe I just don't like winners. Maybe it's simply because I am a Royals fan.

But whether our teams win this year or wander off to that graveyard in front of the house, we will perform our American duty and watch, hoping that this will be one of those few years our teams actually pull out the victory. Now if only our professors will suspend all our work for a month we'd be set.

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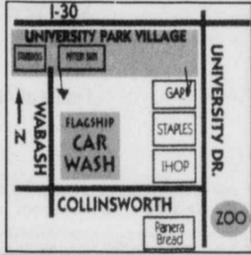
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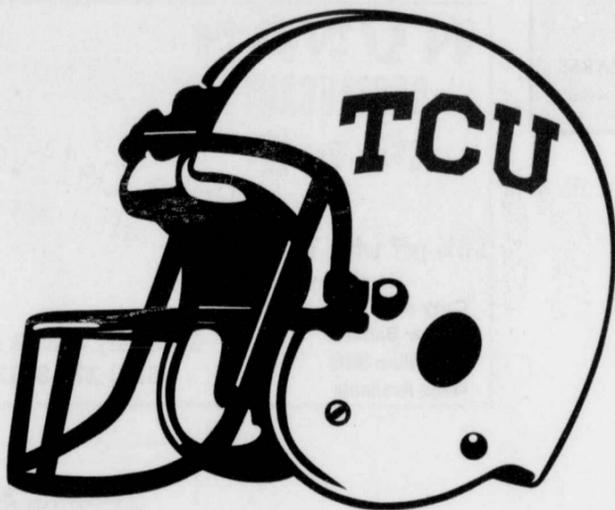
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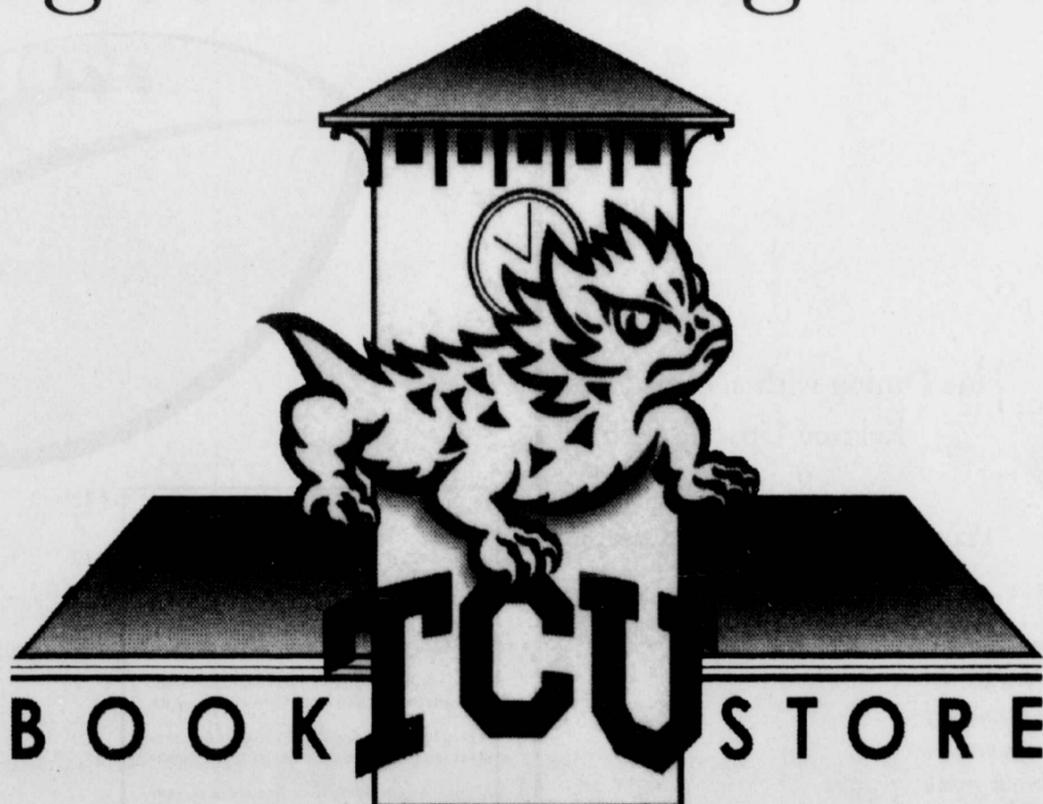
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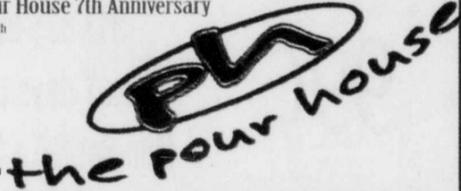
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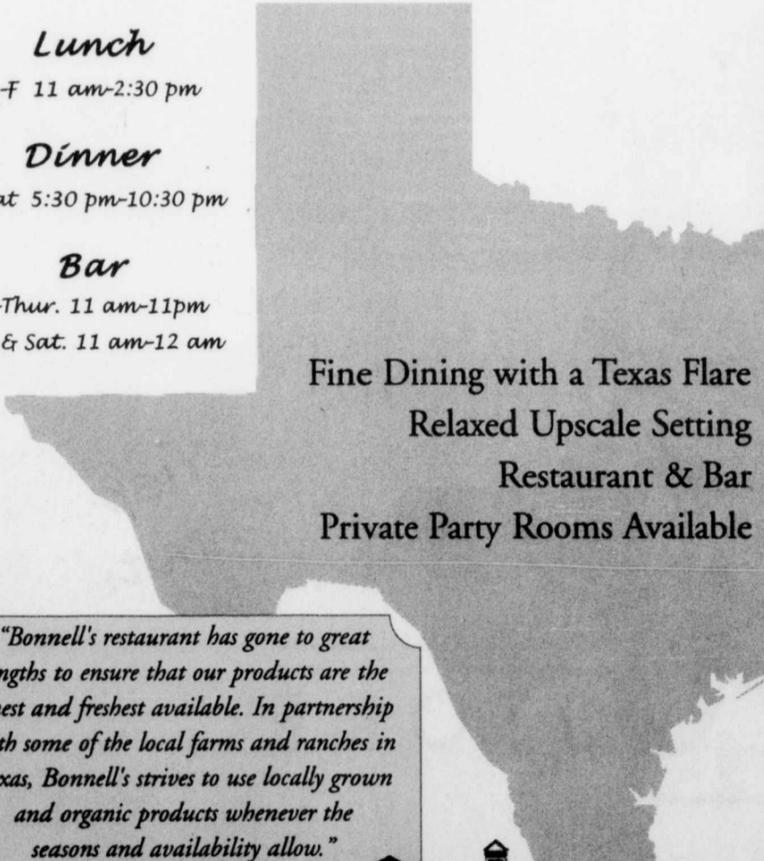
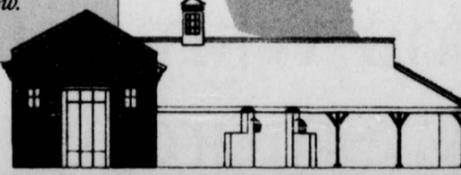
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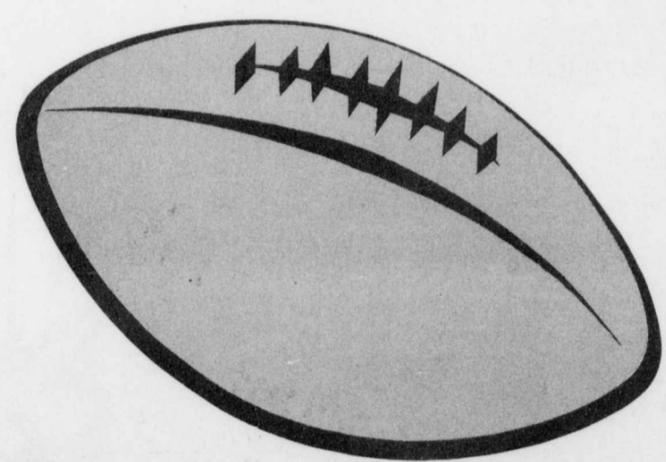
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## New map technology helps visually impaired navigate public places

New tactile maps with raised features labeled in Braille have been used in a Pennsylvania amusement park, and could be used in neighborhoods and malls.

BY BILL BERGSTRÖM  
Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Blind or visually impaired visitors to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom are getting help from a tactile map they can carry to locate the roller coasters, hot dog stands or restrooms.

Summer visitors to the amusement and water park were the first to try out the relatively new technology.

The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired developed the maps. John Ford, the group's orientation and mobility specialist, scanned maps into a computer, then imprinted them on thermosensitive paper that swells up in areas where ink is applied. Users can feel the raised areas that correspond to features on the map and are labeled in Braille.

Diane Michaels, a rehabilitation teacher for the association, used a map during a recent visit to the park and had high praise for the technology. She said the map would have helped her when she got turned around on a previous visit.

"It's a forward step for us," she said.

Michaels, who is legally blind but can read large print and make out nearby objects with a small hand telescope, took several minutes to locate some rides and park objects at Dorney. She wasn't able to locate everything on the map, but said that would improve after more visits.

"It's not the easiest thing in the world," Michaels said. An added difficulty was that the park was closed the day she tried the map. She said the sounds of operating rides, smells of hot dog and pop-

corn stands, and passers-by to talk to would speed familiarization. "I'd hear people and I'd ask."

Michaels said tactile maps also could be a help in places like malls, possibly shortening the four hours or so she now spends touring such a location with a friend to become familiar enough to find her way around on her own.

Other parks have different aids for the blind or visually impaired. Disney World and Disneyland offer Braille guidebooks to visitors, Braille maps posted throughout the parks and portable cassette players blind visitors can carry with them.

"It guides you through the park. If you come out of City Hall it gives directions to the train station, then it gives instructions to turn it off until after you've been on the ride," Disney spokeswoman Rene Callahan said.

Dorney Park's parent company may expand the use of tactile maps to parks in Ohio, California, Minneapolis, Missouri and Michigan, spokesman Chris Ozimek said.

Ford was also producing a tactile map for a local employment fair for blind and visually impaired jobseekers. The map would include ridges showing the cubicles of each employer's booth and where they are located on the floor plan.

The blind and visually impaired also would benefit from tactile neighborhood maps, Michaels said, noting the feats of memorization now required even for an outing close to home.

"I've memorized all the streets in the area I walk around in — Hamilton, Linden, Turner, Chew, Gordon, Liberty, Allen, Tilghman, Cedar, Washington, and below Hamilton, Union, Fairview, Elm and then the 15th Street Bridge.

"You have to have it all in your mind," she said. "To have a map would be nice."

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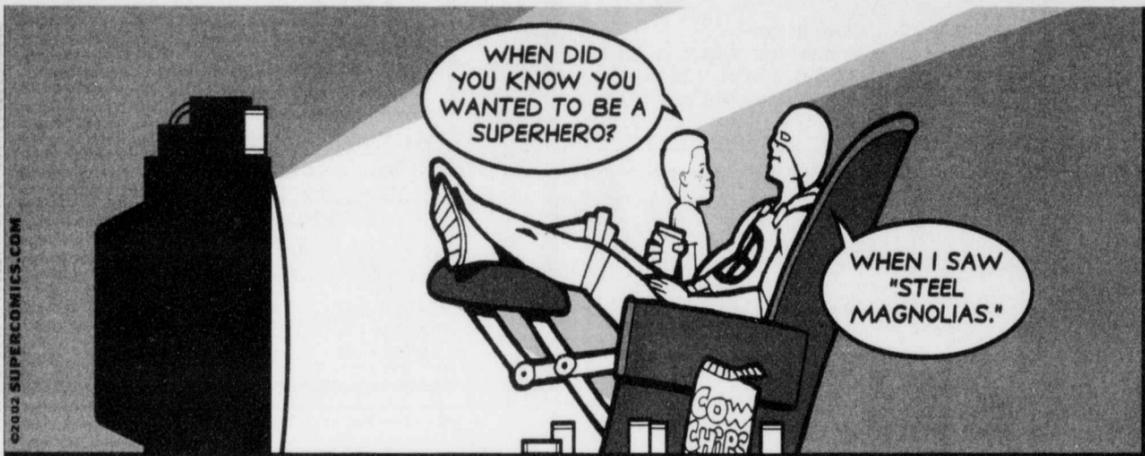
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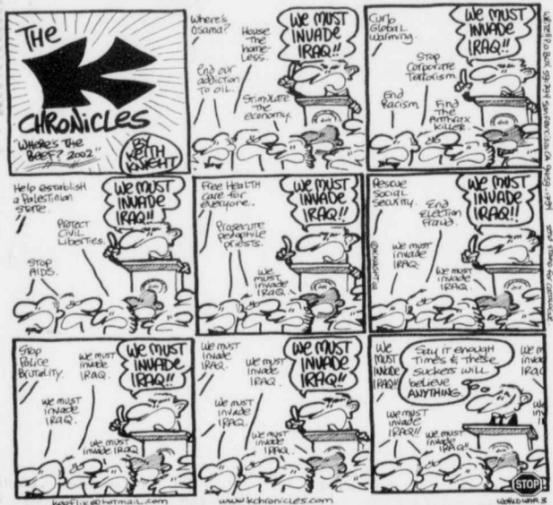
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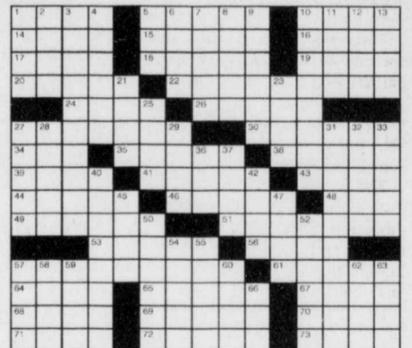
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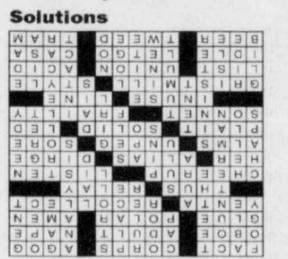
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- Undefiable truth
  - Peace
  - Highly excited
  - Clarinet's cousin
  - Grown-up
  - Scruff
  - Sticky stuff
  - Like the Arctic
  - Last word
  - Jewish gossip
  - As a result
  - Group race
  - Become happier
  - Play attention
  - "I Saw Again Last Night"
  - False name
  - Mourful song
  - Gifts to the poor
  - Dismantle mortise joints
  - Tender
  - Braid
  - Unshakeable
  - Conducted
  - Shakespearean poem
  - Weakness
  - Occupied
  - Queue
  - Place for grinding grain
  - Mode
  - Itemize
  - Marriage
  - Corrosive stuff
  - Run without moving
  - Stop gripping
  - Jose's home
  - Boilermaker ingredient
  - Twill weave
  - Old-time streetcar
- DOWN
- Stodgy one
  - Up to the job
  - Cafeteria employee
  - Sprout a molar
  - Maximum limit
  - Bouquet
  - Monarch
  - Location
  - Casual walk
  - Thorough examination
  - Recess activity
  - Oil org.
  - Lady's beau
  - Mystique
  - "The best of friends"
  - Captain Kirk's helmsman
  - Fellows
  - Dolly's greeting?
  - Bowler's targets
  - Urban transportation
  - White heron
  - Poverty-stricken
  - Mil. address
  - Inner being
  - Ominous
  - Lass
  - Hiker's quarters
  - Podium
  - Ruckus
  - Not broken
  - Tendon
  - Cream of the crop
  - Silver-tongued
  - Take a cable car
  - Small landmass
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## Cowboys, Giants look to get offenses moving Sunday

The Giants and Cowboys play at Texas Stadium on Sunday, and both teams are hoping to cure their offensive woes.

BY JAIME ARON  
Associated Press

Forget actually carrying the football onto those wide, 10-yard patches of turf with the yellow poles looming over them. For the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, just getting close to the end zone is an accomplishment.

The Dallas offense has scored just four touchdowns in four games this season. Sound bad? Not to the Giants, who have only three. Woe-filled Cincinnati is the only team that's done worse.

So when the Cowboys and Giants play Sunday, the winner could be the team that gets to the 10-yard line first.

Thanks mostly to their defenses, the Cowboys and Giants are 2-2 and tied for second place in the NFC East. Both have beaten winless St. Louis; their other victories have been against 1-3 teams.

Judging the offenses by the low standards they've set, New York has been more effective.

The Giants have more first downs and more yards, which translates into holding the ball longer. That in turn keeps their defense on the sideline more, making them more effective.

"They've kept us fresh for three games," defensive end Michael Strahan said. "We can't be upset as long as they're putting in the effort."

New York's trouble is finishing drives. They've had to settle for nine field goals, with only one longer than 34 yards. That means eight drives have stalled inside the 20-yard line.

"That's what's dangerous about them," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "Once you get into that range, you can put points on the board."

The Cowboys have only broken the 20 five times, kicking three field goals and throwing two 17-yard touchdown passes. Their other two TD's came from long range: a 46-yard run by Michael Wiley and a 38-yard pass to Joey Galloway.

The problem for both teams starts with the offensive line.

Dallas' has been hurt, ruining the development of a new scheme and slowing Emmitt Smith's chase of the NFL career rushing record.

"It's just a matter of time until the running game finds its niche," said Smith, who is 304 yards from passing Walter Payton's mark. "Do I have room for improvement? Yes. Everyone on the offense does."

Perennial All-Pro guard Larry Allen has switched positions and is fighting an ankle injury. If he plays Sunday, it'll be at right tackle against Strahan.

New York also has reshuffled its line. Left tackle Luke Petitgout is the only player in the same position as last season.

The result is 307 yards rushing, on pace for easily the worst in team history. Nine players in the NFL have run for more yards, and the Giants' 2.7 yards per carry is the league's worst by nearly a half-yard.

"We are by no means in dire straits," said running back Tiki Barber, who has somewhat offset his poor run totals with a team-best 24 catches. "It's early. If we keep improving, we'll be OK."

Giants quarterback Kerry Collins has thrown six interceptions and just one touchdown. Although he leads the NFC in yards passing, his quarterback rating is lower than Dallas' Quincy Carter.

The much-maligned Carter held off his critics for at least a week with a last-minute drive against the Rams that led to the game-winning field goal.

Now he returns to Texas Stadium, where he's won three straight starting with a strong game against the Giants in December. Another win would put the Cowboys over .500 for the first time since December 1999.

## Sisters hit mark with relationship, rifle skills

Jessica and Celeste Green have already broken some of TCU's top records, but they are still looking for more.

BY JOI HARRIS  
Staff Reporter

Jessica and Celeste Green have brought the gun world's version of Venus and Serena Williams to the TCU rifle team.

They're on the same team for the first time and although Celeste has surpassed her older sister in the sport, their relationship is still strong and uncompetitive.

Jessica established herself as one of the best shooters in TCU history last year when she set the individual school record for both the air rifle and smallbore (.22-caliber rifle) events. However, Celeste set new records this year in her first match.

Celeste said the two have not even really discussed the record because it was assumed even last year that if she came here, she would break the record during the first match.

However, Jessica said she is not jealous because Celeste is a good shooter and she knows it. Because she helped get Celeste into the sport, Jessica said, she feels she can take some credit in her success.

"It actually makes me happy," Jessica said. "Seeing her succeed is the next best thing to succeeding myself."

The sisters have managed not to let the sport come between them. Jessica, a senior nursing major, said she uses her scholarship more as a vehicle for educational purposes, while Celeste, a freshman political science major, said she has long-term competitive goals. However, Celeste said that Jessica is a fierce competitor when provoked. When they two were younger Celeste had made fun of Jessica's shooting shoes during a match. Although Celeste had beat her sister several of the previous matches, Jessica won that day.

"I've learned to be careful what I say to her now, because if Jessica wanted to be beat me, she could and everyone knows it," Celeste said.

The Greens got involved with shooting because of their father's influence. Both their father and grandfather are gun dealers and they said their family has always been into the outdoors and shooting. They even have a shooting range in their basement.

Jessica was the first to pick up the sport when she was 14.

Celeste said she had to do everything her sister did, she decided she

wanted to start shooting, too.

"After my first practice session, I decided I wanted to go to the Olympics and send all the little Belgium girls home crying," Celeste said.

Before she starting shooting, Celeste said, she thought she had no athletic ability at all.

"I was just a wimpy little girl and uncoordinated in all other sports," Celeste said. "Although I wasn't a prodigy I felt this was something I could get good at and nobody could stop me."

Celeste, who is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation, was one of the most highly recruited shooters out of high school. She is well known internationally as well, representing the United States on several national teams. She may even have the opportunity to participate in the Olympics.

Although Jessica said that Celeste's decision came down to which school she felt would benefit her most both academically and athletically, Celeste said she definitely would not be at TCU if her sister was not here.

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Sisters Celeste (left) and Jessica Green have been shooting together for years. Now they shoot together as teammates on the Frog rifle team.

## Volleyball team looks forward to conference play

BY JAY ARMSTRONG  
Skiff Staff

The volleyball team begins conference play this weekend at home with a match against Southern Mississippi on Friday and another against Tulane on Saturday.

The games begin to count for more now, and conference play is something the Frogs say they have been waiting for.

"We're excited to start conference and our team is ready to play," head coach Prentice Lewis said.

Both Tulane and Southern Miss were ranked ahead of the Frogs in pre-season Conference USA polls. However, the team downplays this fact.

"Rankings are not consistent and

precise," Lewis said.

Players say the non-conference schedule has taught them valuable lessons.

"We pick more stuff up now and we fight harder as the season goes on," freshman outside hitter Erin Estep said.

The Frogs hope to apply those lessons as they head into the toughest part of their schedule which includes showdowns at home against Louisville and Cincinnati, last season's Conference USA champion and runner-up, respectively.

Both teams come to town this weekend holding similar records but are not currently ranked in the conference's top four according to ConferenceUSA.com.

But, so far only the 1997 and 2000 Frogs have better records than TCU's 8-8 mark after sixteen matches.

Now, the team says the bar has been raised.

"I think now that we've played sixteen matches, we know our potential," freshman setter Jackie Choi said.

Whether the Frogs realize their potential or not will be determined by the next thirteen matches.

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### Volleyball Weekend Schedule

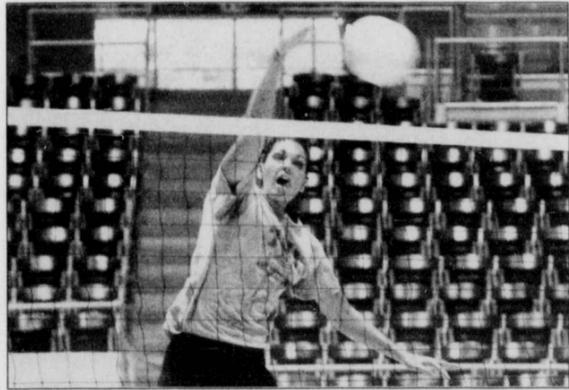
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Freshman middle blocker Erin Estep (above) and the volleyball team open their conference schedule at home this weekend, against Southern Miss and Tulane.

## Conference contender



Senior Midfielder Nick Browne (middle) heads a ball in last Sunday's contest with College of Charleston. After recording their first conference win against Cincinnati last Friday, Browne and the Frogs head to Milwaukee for a matchup conference foe Marquette Saturday.

## Cross country freshman might bring success in Saturday's competition

Cross country runs at the Cowboy Jamboree Saturday, the oldest consecutive cross country race in America.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Sports Editor

The cross country team heads north this weekend to Stillwater, Okla. to run in the Cowboy Jamboree at Oklahoma State University.

The Frog squad is loaded with youth. Of the 15 runners on the men's and women's teams, seven are freshman. However the team has had success. So far two of their runners (sophomore Jackson Langat and freshman Alayne Thompson) have earned Conference USA Cross Country Athlete of the Week this season.

"The new people we brought in are running very well," head coach Derek Koonts said. "We just don't have a lot of numbers. I think that will be the one weakness this year, and there is nothing we can do about it. All we can do is bring in quality people each year, and eventually the numbers will get to where we

need them to be."

This is the 66th annual Jamboree, the oldest cross country race run consecutively in the United States.

"It's very prestigious with great competition," Koonts said, "and the cream will rise to the top."

To add to the stiff competition, the course is no flat track. The course has seven hills, with six of the seven between 50 and 80 meters high.

One runner who looks to take advantage of the course is Thompson. A native of Jenks, Okla., Thompson said she'll have extra motivation when she runs on Saturday.

"Being from Oklahoma, a lot my friends and family are going to be there," Thompson said, "I'm looking forward to it."

The race is slated to have 25 different schools, with 378 total runners.

Koonts has high expectations for the team.

"I think Jackson should be in the top three," Koonts said, "and we should have three girls in the top 20."

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## Rangers pitch Rocker a curve; controversial reliever released

John Rocker was released by the Texas Rangers Thursday, after he was sent to the minor leagues and failed to recover from a shoulder injury.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Rocker is looking for a job. The Texas Rangers placed the one-time star closer on waivers Thursday for the purpose of his unconditional release.

Rocker is 13-22 with 88 saves in 278 major league appearances with Atlanta, Cleveland and Texas.

In 1999, Rocker's first full major league season, he had 38 saves, when Atlanta went to the World Series. The Braves went to the playoffs again in 2000, when Rocker had 24 saves.

But Rocker hasn't been a dominating pitcher since a Sports Illustrated article before the 2000 season in which he made disparaging remarks about gays, minorities and others.

The Braves traded Rocker to Cleveland during the 2001 season, and he went 3-7 with four saves and a 5.45 ERA in 38 games.

After John Hart quit as Cleveland's general manager and be-

came GM of the Rangers, he acquired the hard-throwing lefty in a trade last Dec. 18.

Rocker was 2-3 with a 6.66 ERA and one save in 30 appearances with the Rangers this season. He also was 1-0 in six games at Triple-A Oklahoma franchise from May 21-June 9 and 0-1 with a 13.50 ERA in three rehab outings with Double-A Tulsa from Aug. 8-12.

Rocker was placed on the 15-day disabled list on July 11, retroactive to July 4, with left shoulder and neck pain. He reported recurring pain following his rehab assignment at Tulsa and did not pitch again.

Texas also declined an \$800,000 option for 2003 on catcher Bill Haselman, electing to pay a \$150,000 buyout, and hired Ron Hopkins as coordinator of scouting.

Haselman, who is eligible for free agency, hit .246 with three homers and 18 RBIs in 69 games as the Rangers' backup catcher.

Hopkins, 54, had spent the past eight seasons with the Oakland Athletics, where Grady Fuson was scouting director before coming to the Rangers in November as assistant general manager.

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## TheEdge

### Passing offense

#### TCU

Redshirt freshman Tye Gunn will start in place of the injured Sean Stilley. Gunn has more mobility and a keen ability to throw on the run, albeit less experience than Stilley. Seniors LaTarence Dunbar and Adrian Madise are arguably the best receiving duo in Conference USA and could take the pressure off Gunn in his first career start.

#### Houston

Junior Nick Eddy, starting in place of the injured Barrick Nealy, has not been the second coming of either David Klingler or Andre Ware. He is 10 for 24 with an interception for the season. Senior KeyKowa Bell leads the team in receptions, with 12 for 135 yards.

Edge: even

### Rushing offense

#### TCU

Junior Kenny Hayter is out with a separated shoulder. The Frogs will likely employ a running back-by-committee approach. True freshman Lonta Hobbs could see some carries.

#### Houston

Senior Jeffrey Reynolds has three 100-yard rushing games. He also averages a robust 5.2 yards a carry.

Edge: Houston

### Rushing defense

#### TCU

The Frog D has held opponents to a minuscule 2.4 yards a carry. An injury-riddled TCU defense limited North Texas to 34 yards on the ground two weeks ago. Now that the defense has received an extra week to rest their injuries, expect a repeat performance.

#### Houston

Houston will start two true freshmen tackles, Matthew Bentley and Kade Lane. Senior safety Hanik Milligan has 53 tackles on the season, many of them on opposing runners. They will have to improve from their last performance against Texas, where they allowed 52 rushes for 233 yards.

Edge: TCU

### Passing defense

#### TCU

Disregarding the fourth quarter versus North Texas, TCU's secondary has been stout since the loss against Cincinnati. Senior John Turntine has dominated opposing lines, amassing three sacks and recovering two fumbles.

#### Houston

The Cougars allow 205 passing yards a game. They have just three interceptions on the season. Milligan paces the pass defense as well.

Edge: TCU

### Special Teams

#### TCU

Junior Nick Browne has not missed a field goal or an extra point all year. Senior Joey Biasatti averages 41.9 yards a punt and has placed 11 punts inside the 20-yard line.

#### Houston

Sophomore Dustin Bell has connected on all seven field goal attempts. Junior punter Jimmy McClary averages just 37 yards a punt in his two years with Houston. Middleton averages 18.7 a kick return.

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### Intangibles

#### TCU

The Frogs had two weeks to prepare for Houston and recover from four games in three weeks. The players should find motivation since this is a conference game, and Homecoming against another school from Texas.

#### Houston

Houston would love to spoil TCU's Homecoming game. Houston coach Dana Dimel has not won a C-USA game since 2000 and Cougar fans are becoming restless with the coach they sometimes refer to as "Dana Dimwit."

Prediction TCU 23, Houston 10  
— Jay Zuckerman

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## Rested and ready

### Off-week revives Frogs for Homecoming

The Frogs play Homecoming against Houston Saturday, after a much needed off week allowed the team to rejuvenate.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Sports Editor

Unlike last season, being idle last week was a welcome sight to the football team.

In 2001, the Frogs had five open weeks where they did not play, and the team never really found a rhythm.

However, this wasn't the case last week. After playing four games in a three-week span, the team was worn down and needed a break.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the off-week really helped the with their injuries.

"If you look out there, the people that stay the healthiest are the ones that have a chance at winning ballgames later in the season," Patterson said. "Two years ago, Southern Miss started off 6-0, got banged up and ended up barely going 6-5 or 7-4. It's tough when you lose people. You have to find ways to keep people healthy and you have to be able to call ballgames that way too — understanding that you have to keep them as short as you can and try to score one more point than the other team does."

One group who received benefit from the off-week was the offensive line. The group welcomes back sophomore Chase Johnson, who went down with an ankle injury against Southern Methodist. Also returning is a senior Brady Barrick, who is finally at full strength.

Senior Jamal Powell, who has played both center and right tackle this season, said the group looks to do some damage now that they are full strength.

"It's real good," Powell said. "We don't have to move people around. We've basically got a good eight-man rotation that can play in the whole game. Hopefully it will show on the field Saturday, and we wear out the defensive line."

The team is hoping the health of the

offensive line translates into a successful game running the football. The Frogs haven't ran the ball effectively the last two games, and the team is still looking for its first individual 100-yard rushing performance.

Against Houston last season, junior Corey Connally ran for 199 yards on 30 carries. Connally, along with junior Ricky Madison and true freshman Lonta Hobbs, looks to get into the secondary on a defense which offensive coordinator Mike Schultz said runs a similar scheme to the one the offense practices against every day.

"There the same defense we run here, and eight-man front," Schultz said. "They are very active and move around a lot, showing different formations and coverages. They are a very solid, sound defense."

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#### Three Keys to Victory

##### 1. Run the football

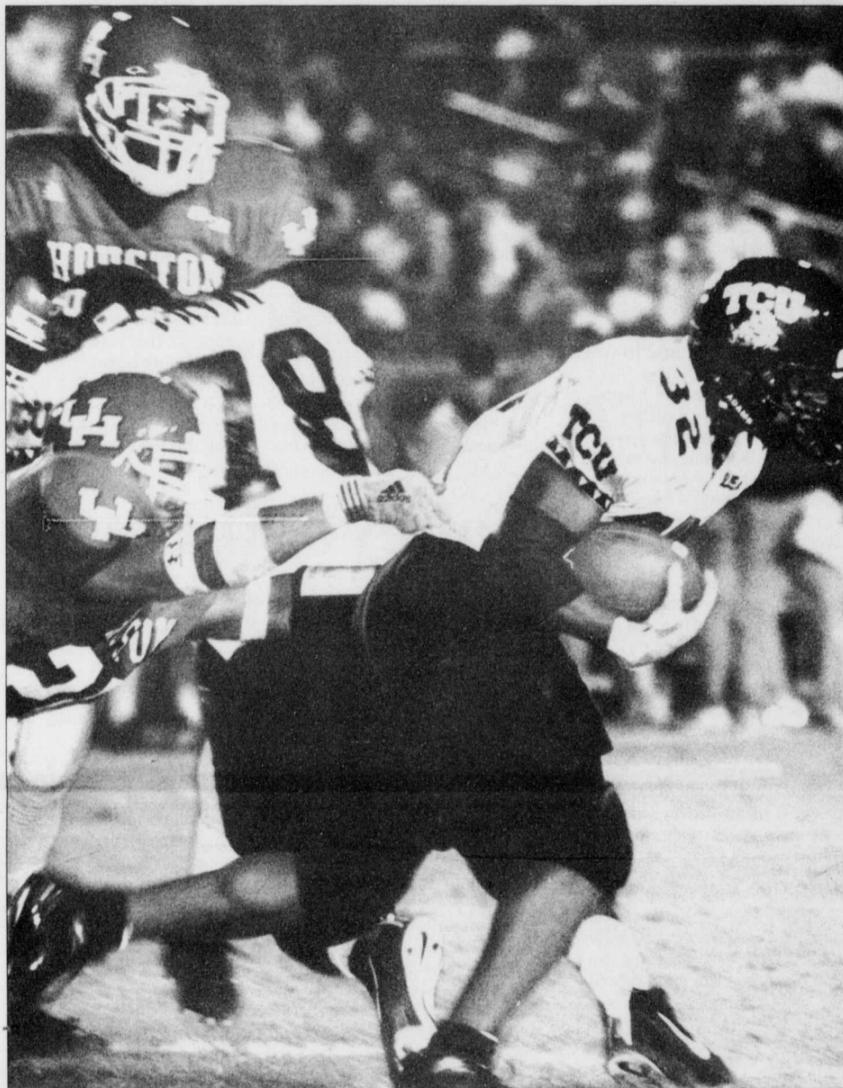
The Frogs have still not been able to get their running game going, but playing against Houston should help, as the least amount of yards Houston has allowed on the ground is 188.

##### 2. Get a quick start

The Frogs haven't had any first half points in the last two games. By putting points on the ball early, the team puts more pressure on Houston, and less on redshirt freshman quarterback Tye Gunn.

##### 3. Finish on defense

In the fourth quarter, TCU has allowed 35 points, easily the most of any quarter. The Frogs have been lucky in the last two games, but it becomes more important with the rest of games being in C-USA.



Junior tailback Corey Connally and the Frogs look to get their first conference win against Houston at the Homecoming game. *File Photo*

## With Stilley out, redshirt Gunn ready for his turn at starting quarterback

It's Tye Gunn's job at quarterback for the time being, and his coaches and teammates all have faith in him.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
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All season head coach Gary Patterson wanted to get redshirt freshman Tye Gunn experience in games so he would be ready in case senior Sean Stilley was unable to go.

That time is now.

A separated shoulder has forced Stilley to the sidelines and Gunn into the huddle. Now, after just 12 attempted passes and 49 rushing yards in his collegiate career, Gunn is the man all his coaches and teammates are looking to at quarterback.

Gunn said that with last week's bye preparing for the role was less of a burden.

"(The off week) helped a lot," Gunn said. "You get to see (Houston) on film and scout them better. It also lets me get more reps against our defense, which really helps me out a lot."

The change in the lineup couldn't have come at a more critical time, since the remainder of the team's games are against conference opponents.

However, Gunn is no stranger to pressure situations. In high school the quarterback led LaGrange to two Texas Class 3A Division II State Championships.

Patterson said Gunn is not lacking confidence.

"It's his time," Patterson said. "I really haven't seen him act any different. He's a kid that from the very beginning if you ask him, he'd say 'I'm just waiting for my chance.' Maybe inside he's more excited, but at least on the outside watching him, he hasn't acted any different."

Patterson said Gunn showed poise for a freshman.

"In the North Texas game, he knew coming in how they were playing defense," Patterson said. "He talked to Coach (Dick) Winder and he said, 'I'm not going to do anything stupid.' You're talking about a freshman that hasn't played any ballgames. He's smart enough to know how the game was going, and knew when it was his chance to make plays."

The Frogs are a team with experience. Senior defensive tackle John Turntine said it's their responsibility to help pick up the slack to help Gunn out.

"When you got a leader like Stilley on and off the field, you hate to see something like that," Turntine said. "On the defense, what we have to do is try to give our offense an advantage by giving them a short field, so we don't have to keep Tye thinking that much."

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## Key Matchup

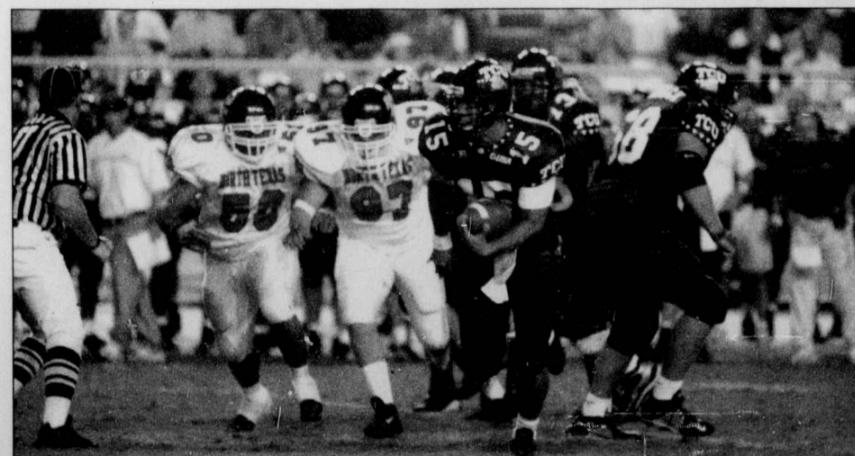
### Tye Gunn, QB vs. Hanik Milligan, FS



**Matchup:** Redshirt freshman Tye Gunn will make his first career start in relief of the injured Sean Stilley. His receivers will be pressured by senior free safety Hanik Milligan, a 6-3 physical specimen who should own every Houston career defensive record by the end of this season. Milligan made 22 tackles and added an interception for good measure when Houston played TCU in 2001.

**Effect on the game:** Gunn must keep his poise in the pocket when Milligan is blanketing either LaTarence Dunbar or Adrian Madise in pass coverage. Since Milligan will not give up a deep ball unless he decides to take a nap in the warm October Texas sun, Gunn must spread the ball out to players out of the backfield and his second and third receiving options.

— Jay Zuckerman



The reigns of quarterback have been handed to redshirt freshman Tye Gunn (No. 15), who replaces injured senior Sean Stilley. *Photographer/Simon Lopez*