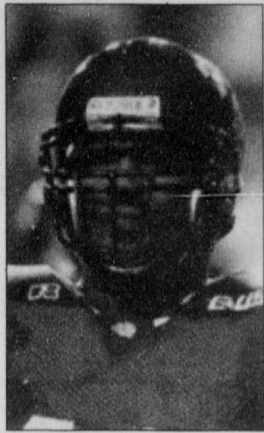


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Campus groups push for support

The Young Democrats and College Republicans are working to increase voter participation and awareness on campus.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Staff Reporter

As candidates move across the state to spread their political messages, student organizations are doing the same on campus before today's general election.

Fighting for the Senate in tight races from Colorado to New England, Republicans are counting on voters worried about the nation's security while Democrats are seeking support from people concerned by a faltering economy.

While candidates are discussing political issues, the organizations — the Young Democrats and the College Republicans — coordinated efforts with a representative from MTV's Rock the Vote setting up tables in the Student Center to distribute voting information.

Michael Farris, president of the Young Democrats, said the organization sponsored a voting drive with gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez's daughter, Anna Lee Sanchez, and now is encouraging students to do their part and vote.

"Voting is one of the most important rights someone can have," said Farris, a senior speech communication major. "Someone's vote goes a long way to change the government."

Jenny Stutheit, president of the College Republicans, said the organization has had a table set up for a week, actively trying to increase student participation on campus.

Stutheit, a junior education major, said the College Republicans presence in the Student Center reminds students the importance of casting their vote.

"Since we will be the ones leading in the future, we need to let our voice be heard now through voting," she said. "It is easy to get distracted and forget about the issues happen-



President George W. Bush, right, waves to the crowd at a rally with U.S. Senate candidate Jim Talent Monday, Nov. 4 in St. Charles, Mo.

ing outside of campus."

The College Republicans are scheduling speakers for their meetings and plan to ask victory representatives to be involved, she said.

Despite the two parties' efforts, there appears to be no national issue in Tuesday's election that will decide control of a Senate now evenly split.

Sunday, a poll in *The Dallas Morning News* showed Republican John Cornyn with a nine-point lead. The poll that had a three-point margin of error, meaning Cornyn's lead over Democrat Ron Kirk could be as large as 12 points or as small as six. The *Houston Chronicle* reported that Cornyn was up by six points with nearly a four-point margin of error.

Both candidates concentrated on

the eastern half of the state Monday. Austin, Dallas, Houston, Nacogdoches, San Antonio, Texarkana,

Midterm election coverage planned by the television networks Tuesday night

- ABC — 9 to 10 p.m. Hourly updates at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Special "Nightline" election report at 10:35 p.m.
- NBC — 9 to 10 p.m. Hourly updates at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- CBS — 9 to 10 p.m. Hourly updates at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- CNN — 2 p.m. to conclusion.
- Fox News Channel — 5 p.m. to conclusion.
- MSNBC — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.

— The Associated Press

Tyler and Waco were on Kirk's itinerary, while Cornyn's schedule included Houston, San Antonio, Temple and the Austin suburb of Cedar Park.

Cornyn appeared with Gov. Rick Perry and lieutenant governor hopeful David Dewhurst Monday morning at a GOP rally in a Cedar Park warehouse. With wife Sandra by his side, Cornyn appealed to about 150 Republican supporters to choose him to end what he called dysfunctional leadership in the Senate.

"We need to change things in the U.S. Senate, and if you send me there, we will," he said to cheering supporters.

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This report contains material from The Associated Press.

Officer candidates begin campaigns

Candidates are speaking to different organizations on campus to promote their ideas and platforms before the election on Nov. 12 — even the ones who are running unopposed.

BY EMILY TURNER
Staff Reporter

Even though Brad Thompson is running unopposed to become the president of Student Government Association, he said he still plans on using this week to campaign. Thompson said that he has created a Web site where his campaign platform is presented and voters can be informed about issues that he hopes to address.

Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major, said the Web site (www.bradthompson4prez.com) is an ideal way of conveying his thoughts and ideas to students.

"I have so many goals," Thomp-

son said. "There is no way I could tell students everything in a five minute speech."

Chris Mattingly, the elections and regulation chairman, said students had two weeks to submit an application to participate in the campaign. The deadline for applications was Nov. 2. Candidates have until the Nov. 12 election to campaign.

Mattingly, a junior international finance and accounting major, said although Thompson is unopposed, write-in votes are one way other candidates can take part in the election.

"Just because Brad is running unopposed does not guarantee a win," Mattingly said. "However, it would take about 400 people to actually log in and type in someone else's name to really make a difference."

Thompson said he was surprised when he heard that no one else was

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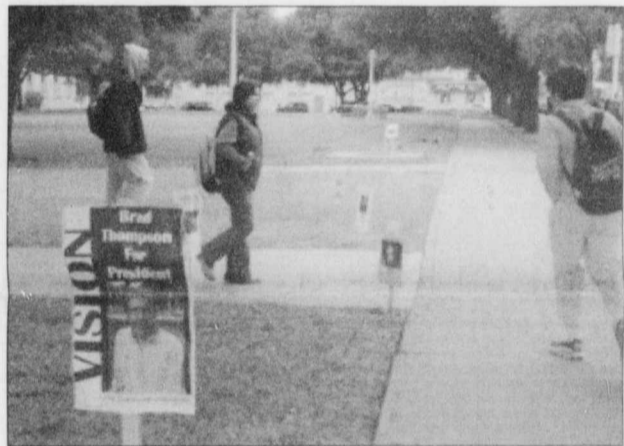


Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

Signs were placed all over campus Monday to begin the campaigning for the Tuesday Student Government Elections.

Police receive few noise complaints on Halloween

Even though the Fort Worth police expected noise complaints from neighbors to rise on Halloween, only three were made.

BY JILL MENINGER
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth police said Monday they did not see the rise in noise complaints they expected this Halloween.

Jamie Johnson, a Fort Worth police officer, said there were only three complaints made during the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift on Oct. 31. He said the number may be low in part because of the football game the night before.

"We had an eventful day at the game," Johnson said.

At the game, Johnson said there were a few alcohol incidents, including fights that may have been alcohol-related. He said the small number of complaints may also be because students go to Halloween parties off-campus.

Johnson said the police department typically receives more complaints when students have a reason to celebrate. But this year's Halloween was not very different than

2000 and 2001, when the department only received one complaint both years, according to police records.

Johnson said he was pleased there were not repeat calls to any particular house on Halloween.

"I would have guessed that on Halloween there would have been complaints earlier in the night," Johnson said.

Neighbors like Laverne Henry may have had something to do with the low number of complaints. A resident of the 3600 block of Jeanette Drive, Henry wrote a letter in August signed by 10 others asking a neighbor to curb their social activities late at night.

Henry said after school started her neighbors had parties until 4 a.m. and the street was trashed the next day. She said after the letter was sent, there have not been any noise problems. "I think the guys decided if they are going to live in the neighborhood, they will have to do what we want," Henry said. "They know the neighborhood is not going to put up with it."

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Senate, House candidates make final campaign push

President Bush traveled through several states Monday in an effort to keep the upper-hand in the Republican's lot in today's election.

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

President Bush barnstormed through four battleground states on Monday in a final appeal for Republicans in Congress who will vote to make tax cuts permanent and confirm conservative judges. Democrats worked for a strong voter turnout to tilt key races their way.

"We'll see what the voters and the Good Lord has in store (today)," said Republican gubernatorial candidate Mark Sanford in South Carolina, summing up the hopes — and anxiety — of candidates everywhere.

While Bush and the Democrats focused their energies on dozens of races, Minnesota Senate rivals Walter F. Mondale and Norm Coleman staged the final debate of the campaign season. They were partially upstaged by the governor's appoint-

ment of an interim replacement for the late Sen. Paul Wellstone.

In the House, where all 435 seats are at stake today, Democrats need a gain of seven to win control. But it was the Republicans who sounded upbeat — suggesting they could even defy historical trends and pick up a seat or two at Bush's midterm. "To be on the edge of breaking that historical trend is a significant accomplishment," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

The Senate is divided 49-49, with two independents, and the battle for control hinged on six or eight races judged as tossups or nearly so in the late polls.

South Dakota was home to one, pitting Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson against GOP Rep John Thune. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, the state's other senator, worked to preserve Johnson's Senate tenure — and his own grip on power as leader of the Democratic majority.

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Joe Oden/ST. PAUL PIONEER

Democratic Senate candidate Walter Mondale makes a statement while debating his opponent, Republican Norm Coleman, Monday in St. Paul, Minn.

The Weather

WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
High: 66; Low: 50; Partly Cloudy

Looking Back

1911 — Roy Rogers, star of The Roy Rogers Show, was born Leonard Slye in Cincinnati.

1912 — Woodrow Wilson became president in a landslide victory against William Howard Taft.

1930 — American author Sinclair Lewis won the Nobel Prize for literature.

1971 — "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves", recorded by Cher, topped the music charts.

Watch For

Read Wednesday's *Skiff* for complete coverage of today's election results and what it means to you.

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■ **The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization** will host Phil Romano at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 234. Romano is the founder of Fuddrucker's, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Spageddies, Cozymel's, Rudy's Country Store and BBQ and eatZi's Market & Bakery.

■ **The deadline for the annual Creative Writing Contests** is Nov. 15. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available from the English department in Reed Hall, Room 314 or from the Writing Center, Student Center Basement, Room 11A.

■ **The deadline for applications for the Truman Scholarship** is Dec. 2. The scholarship provides up to \$30,000 to help fund graduate study for those seeking to enter public service. Applications are available at (www.truman.gov). Applications and questions should be directed to Ralph Carter in the political science department, Sadler Hall, Room 205.

■ **Flu shots** are available at the Health Center for students only. The hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and mornings only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$15.

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Candidates for governor spend day with supporters

Sanchez and Perry, the two candidates for Texas governor, spent Monday campaigning in different parts of Texas.

BY T.A. BADGER
Associated Press

LAREDO — After 14 months and hundreds of public appearances across Texas, Democrat Tony Sanchez on Monday spent his last full day of campaigning for governor in the friendly confines of his hometown.

Former Gov. Ann Richards was with Sanchez, who recent polls showed to be trailing Gov. Rick Perry in the final days before today's election.

"So this must be Tony Sanchez country," Richards said to hearty cheers from several hundred Laredoans. "Today we're going to make history in Texas."

In Cedar Park, north of Austin, a morning Republican rally seemed more like an early victory party.

Perry, relaxed and looking rested, spent most of his speaking time to promote fellow Republicans John Cornyn, running for the U.S. Senate, and lieutenant governor hopeful David Dewhurst.

"I want you to act like the future of the state of Texas is at stake, because my friends, it is," Perry said.

The Sanchez rally was supposed to be outdoors at San Agustin Plaza in downtown Laredo, the same place that the Democrat an-

nounced his candidacy in September 2001.

Rain and cool temperatures drove the gathering indoors, where Sanchez reminded his listeners of the importance that they do whatever they can to get out the largest possible vote today.

"The time for campaigning is over," he said. "The mantle of responsibility has been passed on to you all."

Richards said that she had watched Sanchez grow as a candidate during the race, saying that he had worked

hard to overcome his naturally reserved persona.

"It hasn't been easy for him, but Tony Sanchez has done it because he believes in the future of this state," Richards said.

Sanchez touched on his usual stump topics of the need for economic development and health care and education reform, and he repeated his oft-made charge that Perry's campaign attacks on Sanchez have stripped the governor's office of its dignity.

But he also seemed more unguarded about his race than usual, perhaps because the end was near or because he was surrounded by so many familiar faces.

"I think I've been tested now for more than two years to see if I'm worthy," said Sanchez, who began thinking about running for office in 2000.

"I want you to act like the future of the state of Texas is at stake, because my friends, it is."

— Rick Perry

Texas governor

Candidates fear low turnout due to weather

Senate candidates hope early voting and voter enthusiasm will counteract low turnouts due to storms on election night.

BY MARK BABINECK
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Saying he was feeling good physically and politically, Democratic Senate hopeful Ron Kirk closed out his campaign with eight stops Monday across rainy Texas, declaring he was in position to beat Republican rival John Cornyn.

Cornyn, the sitting state attorney

general who enjoyed a lead in the most recent polls conducted by the state's two largest newspapers, also toured Texas. Both men made one last stop in Houston, the state's largest city.

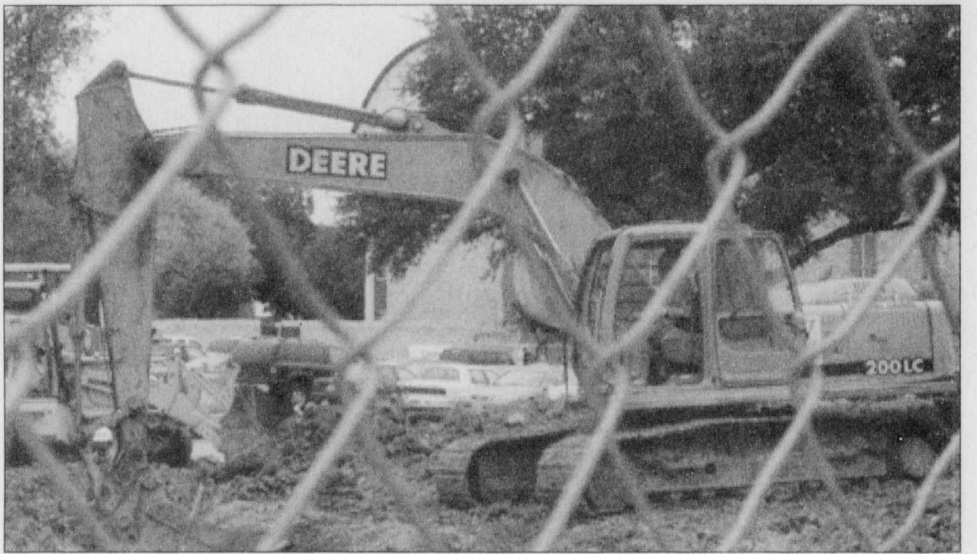
Kirk insisted the race was closer as he met with a crowd of supporters who packed a private air terminal near Hobby Airport for a midday rally before eventually heading home to Dallas to spend Tuesday watching and waiting.

"We're going to literally last 36 hours (be) in a dead heat,

which really, really, really weighs heavily in our favor," said Kirk, who indicated he was fully recovered from an illness that hampered him last week. "This was an election we were always going to win on Election Day, and I think we're there."

Kirk said he was counting on voter enthusiasm and early ballots to make up for the possibility of low turnout Tuesday as the National Weather Service forecast torrential rains and possible flooding for the heavily Democratic portions of South Texas.

Drain digging



Linbeck Construction, the company building the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurial Hall, is working on another storm drain line in front of the William and Jean Tucker Technology Center to prevent flooding in that area.

Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

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In Minnesota, Mondale and Coleman vied for Wellstone's seat in their only debate of a one-week campaign.

Mondale, 74, took the offensive early. "You have a campaign here that is a poster child for what is wrong in politics," he said to Coleman, seated a few feet away. "You've taken not thousands, but millions of dollars from the special interests, from the Enrons."

"Mr. Vice President, let me say very, very, very respectfully, when we talk about special interest and support from corporate America, that's been your world," Coleman rebutted. "That's the world in which you've lived, serving on boards of Cargill" and other firms, he said.

The two men debated as Gov. Jesse Ventura was announcing his selection of Dean Barkley, an inde-

pendent, as interim replacement for Wellstone. Wellstone died late month in the crash of a small plane.

Bush, his approval ratings over 60 percent, worked his way from Iowa to Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, the end of an intense effort to elect Republican governors and members of the House and Senate.

"I'll be voting in Crawford, Texas, (this) morning," the president said in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. "I'm not undecided."

As he has at dozens of rallies, he stressed the importance of the war on terrorism, criticized Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and renewed his call for a Department of Homeland Security built to his specifications.

Turning to domestic issues, he said, "The best way to encourage job growth is to let you keep your own money. And therefore I need people in the Senate and the House of Representatives who will make the tax cuts permanent."

"The best way to encourage job growth is to let you keep your own money"

— George W. Bush

U.S. President

SGA

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campaigning against him. This week remains a vital time to receive student input and express concerns regarding the university, he said.

Thompson's Web site provides his phone numbers and a link to his e-mail where students can contact him with feedback.

"I am giving people access to myself," Thompson said. "If they need to talk about any issues, I am willing to meet up with them, grab a bite to eat and answer any questions."

SGA advisor Larry Markley said he does not remember the last time the presidential campaign was an unopposed race. Last year, three candidates campaigned for president.

Mattingly, who is running for treasurer, resigned as elections and regulations chairperson because of his candidacy. A new chairperson will be appointed at the SGA meeting tonight.

Markley said it is unusual that only one person is running for president because typically vice presi-

dent of Programming Council is the position that goes unopposed.

Candidates are currently speaking at organization meetings. Students can vote for candidates on Nov. 12 at (www.vote.tcu.edu).

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Bill Morrison
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- Secretary
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Felecia Benton
- Treasurer
Chris Mattingly
Katrina Shutt

NewsBriefs

Meridith named Brite vice president of advancement

Marwood B. "Woody" Meridith was named Brite Divinity School's first vice president for advancement Monday.

Duane Cummins, Brite's interim president, said the search committee chose Meridith for his past success in fund raising and developing an annual fund to develop strong support staff at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Meridith had been the vice president for development at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary since 1998. He said that he was not looking for a new job when the position was offered, but it felt like the right time to make a change.

"A combination of the dream that (Brite) laid out before me and what I call my gifts made this a good match," Meridith said.

Bronson Davis, TCU's vice chancellor for university advancement, said the new position was the end result of an analysis of Brite's advancement goals conducted by a consulting firm last summer.

— Joi Harris

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The Skiff View

CHOICES

More candidates will spur changes

It is disappointing only one student is running for president of the Student Government Association at a university with a student body of about 8,000.

SGA advisor Larry Markley said he can't remember the last time a candidate for president ran unopposed.

Student apathy towards elections and university affairs seems to be as far reaching as to affect those running for office. This lack of involvement and indifference to university affairs screams of student disinterest and unwillingness to initiate change that could better TCU.

SGA has the largest budget of any on-campus organization and has much sway in effecting changes at our university. It is hard to believe that there is only one person on this campus willing to take on the responsibility of such a position in order to make our community better.

Competition for elected positions helps drive candidates to set goals that will spur change. This drives candidates to be better than each other and consequently be better presidents. Without this competition, students may settle for a candidate that has less pressure to fulfill the needs of the TCU body.

Although, Brad Thompson, the SGA presidential candidate for this year, seems a worthy and qualified candidate, how can we make an informed decision without another candidate to compare him to? With no other options, it seems that one candidate is as good as another.

Would the student body accept only one candidate for the U.S. president or the Texas governor? The response is an overwhelming no. The fact that we are willing to accept one candidate for a position that is very influential in university decisions speaks volumes of the TCU student body. Next year, let's try harder to become more active participants in the future of TCU.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

To vote or not to vote, that is no longer the question. The students of today's generation are no longer concerned with politics, which is reflected in low voter turnout.

According to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's publication, The Daily Egyptian, only 43 percent of college students voted in the last presidential elections compared to the 75 percent of Americans in the 45-65 year age group. In fact, the statistics indicate the number of student voters has been steadily declining. The Daily Egyptian further reported that in the 2000 presidential elections only 33 percent of college students voted out of 39 percent who were registered.

What is the problem with our generation? Do we no longer care about the issues which result in our absence at the polls? The hot topics on most politicians' platforms generally include social security or education. Consequently, these issues may neither affect the many college students who are childless nor the students who will be unable to benefit from social security when they are of age.

The campaigning/student-voter turnout is a vicious cycle. The politicians don't campaign to college students because they automatically assume they will not vote. Furthermore, the politicians are supposed to represent the views

of the people. Unfortunately, many politicians represent the people in power or the people who pay them. Unsurprisingly, college students don't rank high on either list.

For instance, we may be facing another war against Iraq. Yet few, if any, discussion groups, open forums, panels with experts or rallies have been held on campus. Must we wait for another tragedy such as the World Trade Center and The Pentagon attacks for change to occur? The paradigm shift we are currently experiencing is having a noticeable effect toward our views on voting.

Of course, everyone can complain about the candidates once they have been elected to office, but how many of the complainers actually took the time to vote?

However, voting could be made so much easier if a voting station was located on campus. The college community is a valuable resource that has gone untapped by the two major parties. Unlike their larger counterparts, the Libertarians and Green Party are taking advantage of the prospective college members.

With so many students on this campus effective change can be made.

This is a staff editorial from the University Times at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.

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Votes should be based on the person, not the party

Voters should not question personal partisan membership, but rather choose individual candidates, based on the issues.

As this year's election season comes upon us, it got me considering the all-important question, "What am I?"

Besides the obvious answer of white boy, I ponder where I fit politically. Do I belong to the liberal Democrats, conservative Republicans or crazy Green Party?

Going to a very conservative church yet working and serving in an overall liberal denomination, I find myself stuck in the middle. Each side hates the other — not giving each other a chance, not seeing anything good that can come out of the other.

I see the complete opposite: The more and more differentiating opinions, the greater the pool of ideas available to the community.

COMMENTARY
Chip Hanna

There is nothing wrong with disagreeing with a person that has a different opinion. The problems come when people completely shut down just because of a person's party affiliation. I have seen this come true in liberal groups where they think that anything President Bush does is flawed simply because he is not a Democrat.

So, here I stand, with my conservative common-sense values in one hand and my liberal human-rights beliefs in the other. Where do I fit? The simple answer is I do not fit in the traditional two-party system, especially if both fight and disagree with each other to the extent to which they are now.

I cannot understand how each party can constantly contradict each other in their views. How can

the Democrats criticize the White House when it falls short on preventing Sept. 11, yet not support the administration in continuing the War on Terrorism? There are many contradictions that go vice versa that make it hard to convincingly back just one, and only one party consistently.

I am a middle-of-the-road straight shooter with a compassion for human rights. I know I am not the only one of these, but some people feel the need to conform to one of the two parties come this

election season. You don't have to be blinded by political affiliation, you can be an individual and vote for the person, not the party.

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Listeners would enjoy radio much more if stations followed these 5 tips

Tips for radio stations concerning songs played, commercials, and general radio conduct, as related to KTCU.

A good friend of mine is working as a disc jockey at the university's radio station, KTCU, this semester. Consequently, twice a week I am forced to tune in my radio to the aforementioned station.

I find it quite fascinating that I know the voice on the radio.

As I have been listening to my friend this semester and all the other stations I listen to, I have decided that I could run a radio station much better than they do. So I am going to do all those who run radio stations a favor today and give them a few pointers on how a radio station should be run.

Tip number one: Spend less time promoting yourself and more time playing music. Most radio stations seem to spend half their energy convincing people to listen to their station. KTCU is especially bad at this. News flash: If we are hearing your silly self-promotions, we are already listening to your station. I don't know about you, but when I tune into a radio station, I want to hear the music or talk radio the sta-

tion is there for. Ridiculous commercials telling me they have the "best mix in the Metroplex" or a bunch of random people talking about how much they love the station makes me want to listen to something else.

Tip number two: Stick to one language. I am all for people who speak other languages having a radio station to listen to, but if none of your songs are in Spanish and none of your DJ's speak Spanish, why would you advertise as if your station is bilingual?

Tip number three: Tell the truth. Throughout October, ESPN radio billed itself as "the home of the 2002 baseball postseason." However, several times I would tune into that station to listen to a game in the car and they would be playing some Mavericks pre-season game. One time I heard in the morning that the game would be on in the evening and they played the Mavericks game instead. Needless to say, I was quite angry. If you are not going to air something, don't tell people you are. That hacks them off.

"I don't care if a song is supposedly the number one song in America or not, when you hear it twenty times a day you get worn out."

Tip number four: Play the Bannigan's commercial where the guy finds the \$10 in his jeans at least once a commercial break. This is the best radio commercial of all time, just in front of the Boot Town commercial where the guy owns a ranch in downtown Houston and chases women in his Cadillac. Actually, the fewer commercials you play, the better. Unfortunately though, they are a necessary evil.

Final tip of the day: Don't play the same song over and over again. People get tired of songs. I don't care if a song is supposedly the number one song in America or not, when you hear it twenty times a day you get worn out.

Oldies stations are especially bad at this. The '80s station in Houston is constantly going to the love shack and KCTU is always walking on broken glass.

Well that's it. If a radio station sticks to those five principles, they will be on the right track.

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Christians, don't allow Falwell to continue

The Rev. Jerry Falwell's cruel accusation towards Muslims shows the inconsistency of Christianity faith and the increasing hypocrisy some Christians harbor.

Looks like that purple Teletubby, Tinky-Winky, is finally off the hook. In an interview on "60 Minutes," the Rev. Jerry Falwell indicated that his attention was no longer on closet homosexual aliens, nor the various liberal groups he tried to blame for the Sept. 11 attacks, when he announced that Muhammad, the founder of the Islamic faith, was "a terrorist."

A terrorist? I had certainly never heard the spiritual and political leader referred to by such a term, so I asked a Muslim friend, Zainab Cheema, about the life of the prophet. What did I learn? Muhammad believed strongly in the importance of treating every race equally, and he felt it was important to know and appreciate our differences. He called for the right of self-determination within his territories, allowing people of other religions to practice in peace. Perhaps most striking were Muhammad's laws for warfare. His soldiers were told not to harm civilians, livestock, crops or trees and to protect women and children. Does this sound like a terrorist to you?

In fact, on Falwell's own Web site (www.falwell.com), the only charges he appears to make against Muhammad pertain to his sexual behavior. Some of the Bible's most prominent men were practicing polygamists — does Falwell think they were terrorists, too?

What's more, his false implication, which has been echoed by other vocal fundamentalists like Pat Robertson and Franklin Graham, will only help to incite radical Muslims against the United States. Already, Islamic fundamentalists have broadcast Falwell's statement and others like it throughout the Muslim world. It may ultimately bring more moderate Muslims toward fundamentalist doctrine, as an attack on the prophet is tantamount to an attack on Muslims worldwide.

It is not the blatant inaccuracy of Falwell's statement that bothers me so much as the general lack of response by the more tolerant majority of Christians. I've always sympathized with the moderate Muslims, who have struggled to dissociate themselves from the fundamentalist minority. As a Christian, however, I never expected that I would be faced with a similar challenge.

It is vitally important that members of the various Christian denominations respond publicly and unconditionally to Falwell's hate speech. Surely Christian leaders do not believe God was speaking when Falwell tried to blame the events of Sept. 11 on "the pagans and the abortionists and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians." While Christians may not agree with Muhammad's religious beliefs, certainly they can agree that he — along with the vast majority of Muslims today — was not a terrorist. Failure to contradict the radical fundamentalists is the equivalent of tacit acceptance of their opinions. So often the non-Christian world sees violent Christian extremists bombing abortion clinics, assaulting homosexuals and making grossly inappropriate and unsubstantiated attacks on other religions and non-believers. Couple this with recently publicized corruption within the church, particularly the molestation of young boys by Catholic priests, and it's a wonder the word "Christian" hasn't become a derogatory term.

It is time to challenge the haters who claim to be advocating the Christian faith and to, with extreme love, reclaim Christianity for the majority of true believers. Falwell's assertion dealt a serious blow not only to interfaith relations, but also to public perception of the tenants of the Christian faith. Christian leaders must break the silence before the damage becomes irreparable.

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National/International Roundup

'Calmative weapons' should be armed services main focus

WASHINGTON—Development of nonlethal weapons such as bad-smelling chemicals to control crowds or psychological methods to calm them, energy beams to stop vehicles and underwater barrier systems should be given a high priority by the Navy and Marine Corps, the National Research Council recommended Monday.

"In particular, nonlethal weapons are an additional way to provide greater security for military bases and protect our security," said Miriam E. John of Sandia National Laboratories, chair of the committee that prepared the report.

The recommendation comes just over a week after about 120 captives died when Russian forces pumped incapacitating gas into a theater where about 40 Chechen separatists had taken more than 750 people hostage. Russian officials said the gas was not supposed to cause deaths.

The goal of nonlethal weapons is to incapacitate people or equipment while minimizing unintended fatalities and damage, the Research Council said.

"What we're saying is that we're putting our soldiers in harm's way, doing humanitarian and peacekeeping missions, without the tools to deal with these large crowds that can turn on them in a minute," John said in a telephone interview.

She said calming methods that would have a psychological impact on people — perhaps using music or speaking to crowds appropriately in their language — have not been well studied.

As for using chemicals to calm crowds, she said international treaties are complicated. "The lawyers have got to get together on

this. There is so much latitude for interpretation, it needs a very, very careful look."

The report noted that while chemicals that have a physical effect, such as putting people to sleep, may be banned under treaties, materials that have a psychological impact, calming people down, may be legal.

The armed services have operated a joint nonlethal research program since 1996 and the committee urged that it be speeded up.

The study was done in the aftermath of the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, although it was requested before then, John said. Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed when a dinghy loaded with explosives rammed the destroyer as it was refueling in Aden.

Taking that into account, the report stressed the need for accelerated research into barrier and entanglement systems that could be deployed to stop vessel movement.

Other possibilities suggested were solid-state lasers, chemicals that stop engines and calmatives to stop such attackers.

The report recommended that: —The Defense Department's Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate focus on stimulating and exploring new ideas and improving the ability to study such weapons' effectiveness.

—The directorate should establish special centers to study the effects of nonlethal weapons on people and equipment and establish a "seal of approval" process.

—Working with the directorate, the Office of Naval Research should increase nonlethal weapons research and development.

—The Navy and Marine Corps should establish a senior-level working group to actively oversee nonlethal weapons development and its blending into naval warfare.

Among the nonlethal weapons already being investigated by the U.S. military are the possible use of drugs such as Valium in a spray form to calm rioting crowds.

Researchers at a Pentagon-funded institute at Pennsylvania State University prepared a 50-page report in 2000 saying that developing calmative weapons "is achievable and desirable" and suggesting drugs like Valium for further research.

Car explosion kills al Qaeda suspects, cause unknown

SANA'A, Yemen—Six al Qaeda suspects were killed, including a top operative of Osama bin Laden, when their car exploded in northwest Yemen, the official Yemen news agency SABA said Monday.

Tribesmen told The Associated Press they saw a military helicopter hovering overhead shortly before the car exploded, suggesting it may have been attacked from the air.

An official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the blast happened at dawn Monday in the northern province of Marib, about 100 miles east of the capital San'a. Tribesmen in the area said the blast happened Sunday afternoon.

It was unclear how the blast happened. Officials first theorized the car blew up because the men were carrying explosives which may have been detonated accidentally.

A tribesman said he saw a helicopter hovering overhead "and I heard an explosion," said the man, who refused to give his name. "The car was on fire and the area around it was covered in smoke."

Iraq won't cooperate until weapons resolution drafted

BAGHDAD, Iraq — President Saddam Hussein said Monday that Iraq will decide about cooperating

with U.N. inspectors once a new resolution is approved, Iraqi TV reported.

"Iraq will look into whether it will deal with a resolution after it is issued by the Security Council," state-run television quoted Saddam as saying during a meeting with Austrian far-right politician Joerg Haider.

On Sunday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri suggested Baghdad would reject a draft U.S. resolution on U.N. weapons inspections, calling it "an evil American resolution," and that Iraq would not be alone in doing so.

"This resolution is rejected by the international community, and it will never be accepted by anybody,"

he said.

The proposed U.S. resolution would strengthen U.N. weapons inspections, declare Iraq in "material breach" of its obligations to destroy weapons of mass destruction and threaten "serious consequences," presumably military action, if Baghdad fails to cooperate with inspectors.

Alaskan earthquake one of strongest measured in U.S.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A violent earthquake slammed a remote area of Alaska's interior, shutting down the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, opening 6-foot-wide cracks in high-

ways and making lakes slosh as far away as Louisiana. The magnitude 7.9 quake was one of the strongest ever recorded in the United States.

The quake, centered on the Denali Fault 90 miles south of Fairbanks, struck Sunday at 1:13 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (5:13 p.m. EST) — its effects strongly felt in Anchorage about 270 miles to the south. It lasted at least 30 seconds.

A series of aftershocks rattled the region Sunday and early Monday, and seismologists said more could be expected for the next several days. The largest aftershock measured magnitude 5.1, and one of 4.5 hit early Monday.

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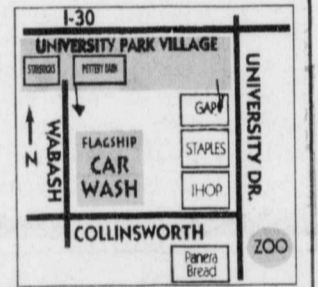
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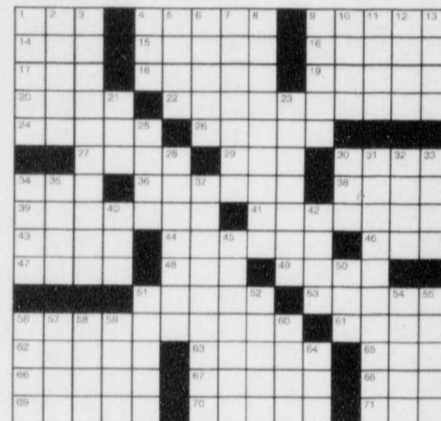
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 - Stage scenery
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 - Mates of 1D
 - Flax product
 - Sun follower
 - Elite social category
 - To the extreme
 - Church recess
 - Living in
 - Word with engine or iron
 - Fix solidly
 - Short exam
 - du Diabie
 - Correct text
 - Gambler's marker
 - To the extreme
 - Went on horseback
 - Bridge support
 - Curtain
 - Skin problem
 - Soapy foam
 - Make lace
 - Tardy
 - Chill
 - Uncommon
 - Wayne and
 - Garfield
 - Bursered
 - Pakistan's country
 - Otherwise
 - Islander's farewell
 - Stranger
 - about time!
 - Foreigner
 - Skin cream
 - Bottom line
 - Starlinglike mimics
 - Trap
 - Double curve



Friday's Solutions

- Disputed Asian territory
- Found
- Smooth and effortless
- Pleasant pitch variation
- In opposition
- Relative of a gull
- Obstacle
- de cologne
- Harmet Stowe
- Aromatic herb
- Extremely large number
- Blow it
- What to sign on
- Notion
- Hiker's housing abox
- Slanted type
- Mates of 15A
- Vote to accept
- Following as a result
- Health resort
- African republic
- Express a view
- Killer whale
- Oolong shipping containers
- Understand
- Spoken
- Emotional stress
- "Norma"
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SideLine

Beckstrom named C-USA Co-Golfer of the Month

TCU true freshman golfer Colby Beckstrom, currently rated No. 42 individually in the NCAA, was honored on Monday for his play in October as the Conference USA Co-Golfer of the Month. Beckstrom shared the honor with Jonathan Hill of East Carolina.

Beckstrom started the month by tying for sixth at the NCAA Preview, an event featuring 15 of the nation's top teams.

In his other October appearance, he tied for 17th at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate after a two-round score of 141 (-1). He logged a four-under-par 67 in the opening round, which matched the lowest round by a TCU player during the month.

For the month, his stroke average was 72.00, the best on the Frog squad.

— Danny Gillham

Browne semi-finalist for Lou Groza Award

TCU placekicker Nick Browne has been selected as one of 20 semifinalists for the 2002 Lou Groza Collegiate Placekicker Award. The award, which is presented by the FedEx Orange Bowl, will be given out Tuesday, Dec. 10 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Browne has hit 19-of-21 field goals this season and has converted all 29 of his extra point attempts. He ranks sixth in the nation in scoring, averaging 10.75 points per game.

The voters for the Lou Groza Award are comprised of all Division I head coaches, sports writers and sportscasters from across the country, conference officials, various NFL kickers, and all previous Lou Groza Award finalists. The three finalists for the Lou Groza Award will be announced on November 18.

The award is named for NFL Hall-of-Fame kicker Lou Groza, who played 21 seasons with the Cleveland Browns.

— Danny Gillham

Volleyball splits two; one win from postseason play

The TCU volleyball team (11-14, 3-6 Conference USA), split a pair of matches on the road this weekend.

The team fell to Marquette Friday in three games (31-29, 32-30 and 30-20), and defeated DePaul Saturday (30-25, 19-30, 26-30, 30-20 and 15-12).

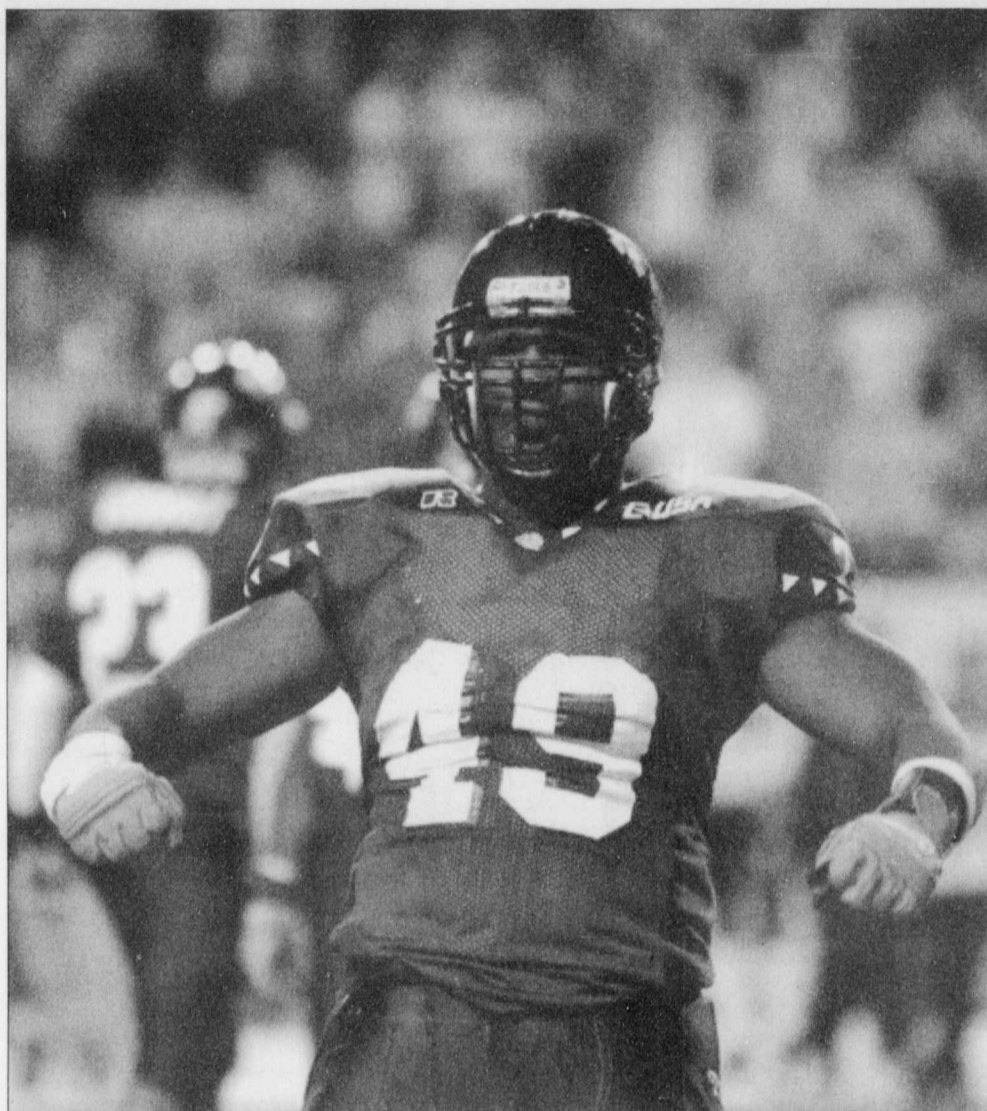
With the split, the team moved up to ninth place in the conference standing, and needs one more victory to clinch a spot in the C-USA Tournament.

The team plays Cincinnati on Friday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Bearcats are last year's regular season conference champions. TCU then faces Louisville on Saturday.

The pair of matches are the Frogs' last at home this season, and the team's two seniors, Stephanie Watson and Jenn Cuca, will be honored at Saturday night's match.

— Jay Armstrong

Frogs ignoring poll snubs, focus on other goals



While senior defensive tackle John Turntine and the Frogs flexed their muscle on national television against Southern Miss, it wasn't enough to garner the team a top-25 spot in either of the two polls.

Photographer/Simon Lopez

The football team continues to get noticed nationally and although it's not enough to crack the polls, the team's main focus is not being rated in the top-25 but winning all upcoming games.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

When senior quarterback Sean Stillely was asked last Wednesday if he felt TCU should be ranked in the top-25, following its 37-7 victory over Southern Miss on national television, he did not hesitate.

"For sure," he said quickly without pausing.

And while players and fans alike shared Stillely's sentiments, it would not happen.

At least not this week.

The Frogs (7-1, 4-1 Conference USA) continued to gain more votes in their quest to crack the top-25 in either of the two major polls, but came up short.

In the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll the Frogs garnered 70 votes and received 68 votes in *The Associated Press* poll. The team is 68 and 87 votes out of the No. 25 spot in each poll respectively.

The team has not been ranked since they finished in the coaches and AP polls No. 18 and No. 21 respectively at the end of the 2000-01 season.

While the question of the team belonging there is debatable, the Frogs still have to play their three final games and win them all to give themselves the best shot at the C-USA championship.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the team is not worried about the fact that it was not welcomed to the top-25, because the three

games remaining are the team's main focus.

"If we get beat in any of the next three ballgames, that basically takes us out of any of those kind of things," Patterson said. "Really all our focus has been on is (taking) it one game (at a time). It's nice that we're starting to get noticed for different things, but I think the biggest key for us is to keep focused on the task at hand."

While the team isn't keeping focused on the polls, it's an issue the Frogs do address.

In the John Justin Athletic Center, the team has a pyramid of goals that it has put on a large poster for the players to see whenever they walk by. One of those goals is to finish the season ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation.

"It's one of the goals on our goalboard, and if that becomes the case, that will be great," Patterson said. "All we've talked about is it doesn't matter where you are when you start the season, it where you are (at the end)."

The last few weeks has seen the team climb closer to the club of 25, and senior LaMarcus McDonald said after the Southern Miss game that if the team continues to win, it will eventually have to get noticed.

"I hope they put us up there in the top 25, but if not, it's a week to week thing," McDonald said. "We just got to come back next week and prove ourselves again. Soon enough someone's going to hear you knocking, they got to come to the door."

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Women sweep, men split in conference meet Saturday

The Frogs made waves in the pool this weekend, losing just two of eight meets against conference opponents.

BY CHAD MURRAY
Skill Staff

The men's and women's swimming and diving team completed their first meets against conference opponents this weekend, and were victorious in six of the eight meets against Louisville and Cincinnati.

Following a successful meet against the Cardinals on Friday, at which both the men's and women's team claimed their first victories of the season, the squads then faced both Louisville and Cincinnati on Saturday.

In both the morning and afternoon sessions, the men's squad defeated Louisville but fell to Cincinnati.

The Lady Frogs swept their morning and afternoon meets, posting a 4-0 record for the day, including two victories over defending the Conference USA champion Bearcats.

"Today was a great day for our team, especially on the women's side," TCU head coach Richard Sybesma said in a press release.

"Beating the defending conference champs makes a statement for our women, while the men rebounded from a tough morning to take a very determined and talented Cincinnati squad right down to the wire."

The afternoon session was also notable for the diving of freshman Kelly McCain. McCain won the one meter dive and qualified for the NCAA Zone D meet. McCain was pleased with how he performed at his first collegiate meet.

"I was happy with (my performance)," McCain said. "Two dives could have been better, overall it was one of my better meets in a long time."

The meet this weekend just missed out on being a family affair for McCain. His brother, Cory, is a senior diver for Cincinnati, but did not compete this weekend because of wisdom tooth surgery.

Next up for the teams are separate meets. The women facing North Texas in Denton on Nov. 2, and the men's team hosts Air Force on Nov. 9, at Wilkerson Greines Pool in Fort Worth.

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While finishing season, soon-to-be released coach says time frame for rebuilding too small

Associated Press

WACO — Fired Baylor coach Kevin Steele said the shrinking time frame he was given to turn around the program made his job virtually impossible to complete.

"To turn around a program and build a program pretty much from the depths in 3 1/2 years is difficult to do," Steele said Monday, a day after he was fired. "I was very disappointed in the demands and the allotted time frame."

Steele is 9-33 overall and the Bears have won just one of his 29 Big 12 games. Steele reportedly has at least two seasons left on his contract, but the only private school in the conference refuses to release or confirm contract details.

"It's tough. It's a process, and it takes time," Steele said during the

weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference, his first public comments since the firing. "I'm very proud that we are leaving it better than we got it."

The pressure has been mounting on Athletic Director Tom Stanton and other school administrators since a season-opening 70-22 loss at California. Disgruntled alumni paid to have a plane fly a banner over the stadium during a home game with anti-Steele sentiments, and followed that with newspaper ads.

Still, Stanton, school president Robert B. Sloan Jr., and the school's Board of Regents had indicated that Steele's status wouldn't be addressed until after the season.

But Stanton didn't wait any longer after a 62-11 loss Saturday at Texas Tech. That was the fourth

straight loss for the Bears — a stretch in which they were outscored 181-21 — since breaking their 29-game Big 12 losing streak with a 35-32 win over Kansas on Oct. 5.

Players contacted on the Waco campus Monday expressed shock and disappointment, but none would comment publicly.

Stanton said Steele had made significant improvements in areas such as discipline, academics, organization and relationships with Texas high school coaches.

"There are few people with the character, integrity and faith that Kevin has," Stanton said in a prepared statement Sunday. "However, the need for on-the-field success is always a focal point in the athletic arena."

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