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DECISION 2002

Professors surprised by magnitude of GOP win

The Texas Republican Party continued its electoral dominance Tuesday by leading every race for statewide office. Victory was expected despite ballot counting problems in Tarrant County.

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Editor in Chief

FORT WORTH — As Republicans were on the verge of winning every statewide office and reclaiming the legislature for the first time since Reconstruction Tuesday, some political science professors were surprised by the GOP's margin of victory.

Gov. Rick Perry defeated challenger Tony Sanchez in a landslide, while Republican David Dewhurst won the lieutenant governor's race against former Comptroller John Sharp, whom polls showed as the Democrats' lone hope to reclaim a statewide office. Former Dallas mayor Ron Kirk was barely leading in Dallas in his U.S. Senate bid against Republican John Cornyn.

"If he can't carry his own county, it is not encouraging," political science professor Donald Jackson said Tuesday before the votes were counted. "There is nothing in the current data encouraging for the Democrats. If Tony Sanchez can't carry the ticket, I don't know who can."

A jubilant Perry, who moved up to the governor's office after George W. Bush resigned to become president, declared victory before a crowd of supporters at the Austin Convention Center. The songs "Celebration" and "God Bless Texas" rang out.

"The victory is not in the electing of a governor," Perry said. "It's the Texas dream of opportunity, prosperity that knows no geographic boundaries and includes every Texan."

Sanchez, Kirk and Sharp, a Hispanic, black and Caucasian, respectively, were part of a "Dream Team" Democrats hoped would lead the ticket to victory by energizing minority voters.

But the GOP continued its statewide dominance that stretches back to 1994.

■ Perry had 58 percent, or 2,113,295 votes, and Sanchez had 40 percent, or 1,458,189 votes, with 78 percent of the estimated total vote counted. Perry was leading in every region of the state except South Texas.

■ With 78 percent of the total estimated vote tabulated, Cornyn had 55 percent, or 1,995,303 votes and Kirk had 43 percent, or 1,572,964 votes. Minor candidates combined for 2 percent.

■ With more than half of the estimated votes counted, Dewhurst had 1,444,998 votes, or 52 percent, to Democrat John Sharp's 1,282,288 votes, or 46 percent. Two minor party candidates each had 1 percent.

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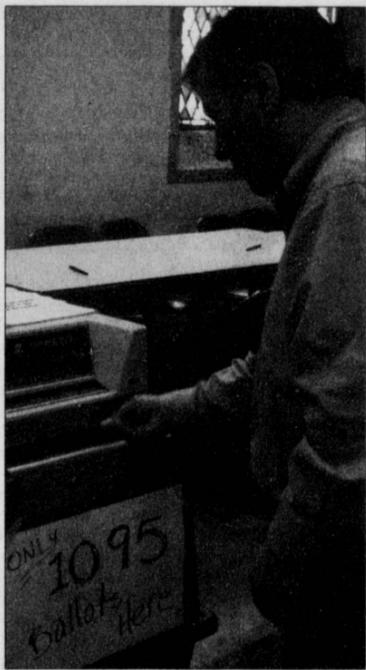
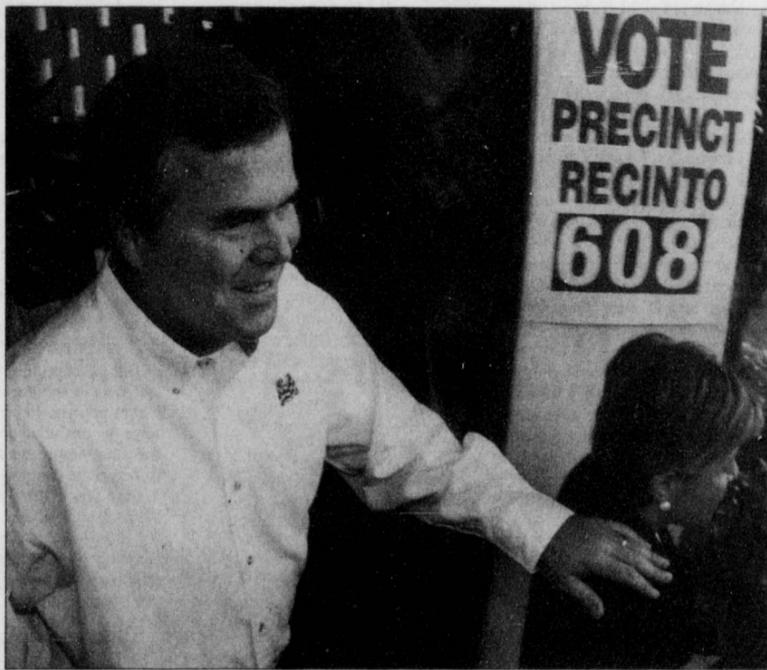


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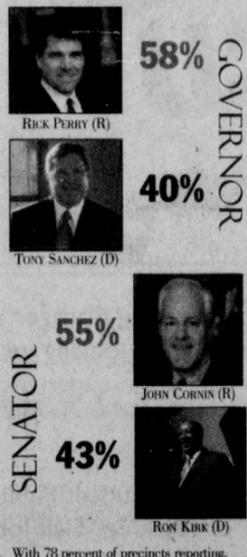
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Clockwise from top left: 1. John Northern, resident of precinct 1095, cast his general election ballot Tuesday at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church at 2600 Merida. 2. Republican Gov. Jeb Bush leaves his polling place, precinct 608 in Miami, Fla., with wife Columba, after casting his ballot Tuesday. 3. Republican Senate candidate and winner Elizabeth Dole casts her vote Tuesday morning. 4. Before voting, losing-North Carolina Democratic Senate candidate Erskine Bowles held an impromptu press conference.

RESULTS



Republicans gain control of Senate, hold on to House

As ballots were still being counted, Republicans guaranteed control in the Senate with a win in Missouri and were holding the House. Democrats picked up governorships in four Midwestern states.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With three Senate races yet to be settled, Republicans had 50 seats, enough to guarantee control on the basis of Vice President Dick Cheney's tie-breaking vote.

The GOP seized one Senate seat in Georgia, where Rep. Saxby Chambliss defeated Max Cleland, and another in Missouri, where former Rep. Jim Talent ousted Jean Carnahan.

And the Republicans successfully defended open seats in New Hampshire, where Rep. John Sununu triumphed, and in a string of Southern states, the president's home state of Texas among them.

Republicans easily turned back a Democratic challenge in the House, fashioning a majority for a fifth straight election. The trend pointed toward single-digit GOP gains — and a possible turnover in Democratic leadership.

Democratic officials said Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri would

decide within a day or two whether to seek a new term as leader.

In a marquee governor's race, the president's brother, Jeb, coasted to a new term in Florida.

Democrats won governorships in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, a string of Midwestern states long in GOP hands. But Rep. Robert Ehrlich became the first Republican elected governor of Maryland in more than three decades, and Democratic incumbents fell in

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Staff Assembly group advises raising pay of hourly workers

The group wants to ensure that all university employees receive a living wage. However, economic conditions may make it difficult to implement its recommendation.

BY AMY JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

Staff Assembly members called on the executive committee Tuesday to push for higher pay despite Chancellor Michael Ferrari's remarks that new funding is not likely due to rough economic times.

Karen Baker, chairwoman of the Staff Assembly, said the executive committee will meet on Friday to consider the proposals and feedback from the meeting. Then, the committee will develop a letter to the chancellor with recommendations concerning salary and benefit adjustments, she said. Baker said she hopes the proposal will reach Ferrari by mid-November.

"It is neither ethical nor responsible to pay wages that keep people working in poverty."

— Tara Pope

Staff Assembly Secretary

Ferrari said although new funding is not likely, it's still important to do financial studies in an effort to continue moving forward as a university. But as promised, he said, the university will increase retirement contributions for hourly employees from 10.5 to 11.5 percent, which will make retirement contributions equal for all staff beginning next year.

Tara Pope, Staff Assembly secretary, said her proposal calls for an increase in entry-level wages from \$8 an hour to \$9 an hour with a minimum \$1 raise for older employees whose wages were not raised at the same time as entry level workers. Despite limited available funds, some staff are still concerned that many TCU employees aren't being paid enough to live above poverty levels.

According to a study conducted by the national Universal Living Wage organization, the estimated living wage in the Fort Worth/Arlington area is \$10.50 an hour based on renting a one-bedroom apartment.

Pope said many employees do not receive a living wage. The starting salary for housekeepers and groundskeepers is \$8 an hour, she said.

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Photographer/Stephen Spillman Vice Chancellor for Finance Carol Campbell spoke about the endowment Tuesday at the Staff Assembly meeting.

The Weather

WEDNESDAY
High: 59; Low: 41; Sunny

THURSDAY
High: 61; Low: 47; Sunny

FRIDAY
High: 62; Low: 50; Partly Cloudy

Looking Back

1860 — Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th president of the United States.

1917 — Led by Bolshevik Party leader Vladimir Lenin, leftist revolutionaries launched a coup d'etat against Russia's ineffectual Provisional Government. The Bolsheviks and their allies occupied government buildings and within two days had formed a new government with Lenin as its head.

Watch For

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Check out the Skiff Friday for a voter's guide of the upcoming SGA elections. We will publish candidate's answers to questions facing the campus, and endorse each position.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **The Eta Psi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha** is sponsoring the first Feed the Need Food Drive Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall. This will be TCU's first stepshow that will include high school and college teams with other performances. Admission is three canned goods. All proceeds will be donated to area homeless shelters and other groups. All proceeds will be donated to area homeless shelters and other groups. For more information contact T.J. Ammons at (817) 921-0196.

■ **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.

■ **eQ Alliance and Programming Council** present "Gay, Greek and Proud" at 1 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Student Center Lounge. In his multimedia presentation, Leif Mitchell draws on his experience and knowledge of gay and lesbian issues as they relate to students to provide concrete ways to make fraternities and sororities more inclusive of gay, lesbian and bisexual people.

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TEXAS GOP

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■ Republicans were leading races for comptroller and agriculture, land and railroad commissioners.

■ In legislative races, Republicans were close to taking control of the state House of Representatives for the first time in 130 years.

Returns were still not in from some major metropolitan areas, including Harris and Bexar counties. Tarrant and Bexar county officials expected their results to be delayed, possibly until this morning.

About 230,000 Tarrant ballots would have to be recounted after a tabulating machines failed to count straight party ticket votes because of a programming error. County elections administrator Robert Parten said officials discovered a glitch early Tuesday that was causing ballots cast for a straight party vote to go untabulated. That means no candidate received a vote on that ballot.

Perry's victory Tuesday marked the end of a bitter campaign that included attacks over drug money and murder.

"It has been quite a bit more negative," than past elections, political science professor Jim Riddlesperger said Tuesday afternoon. "There has been much more media advertising. It has been a while since we had a competitive race."

Riddlesperger compared the

election to the 1990 gubernatorial contest between Republican Clayton Williams and Democrat Ann Richards. The two candidates spent \$53.4 million in a race noted for its mudslinging. Williams, a wealthy oilman, was hindered by frequent snafus, such as refusing to shake Richards' hand and making a joke about rape in front of reporters.

Though Sanchez did not make mistakes to such a degree, Riddlesperger said the Laredo banker was a similarly poor candidate.

"He is clearly not a professional campaigner and he made the same kind of mistakes," Riddlesperger said.

The governor's race made Texas history for the amount of money spent — at least \$87 million from the two candidates combined.

Sanchez, who spent at least \$59 million of his own money on the race, sought to become the state's first Hispanic governor. Perry was vying to get elected to the office he inherited in December 2000 after Bush resigned.

The money was spent on a glut of advertising that Jackson said was substanceless.

"The tone is insulting in both parties," he said. "From no policy content and nonsense in ads — and it was bipartisan — it was insulting."

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

ELECTION

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Georgia and South Carolina.

"Wow, what a night," exulted Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, one of a half-dozen newly elected Republican senators.

Democratic chairman Terry McAuliffe, no fan of the president, said the overall trend was due in large measure to Bush's standing. "I think I pin a lot of it on that this is a president who has had very high approval ratings. He's had the longest sustained approval ratings of any president in modern history," McAuliffe said.

The night was not without GOP campaign casualties, though, as Arkansas Attorney General Mark Pryor defeated GOP Sen. Tim Hutchinson.

Democrats needed to gain seven seats to win control of the House. Instead, the trend pointed toward a possible gain for the GOP.

Democratic Rep. Karen Thurman fell in Florida, while GOP Reps. Nancy Johnson in Connecticut and Charles Pickering in Mississippi dispatched Democratic incumbents in head-to-head contests.

NewsBriefs

Upcoming 'Awakening Retreat' supported by SGA

The Student Government Association passed a bill Tuesday night at its meeting to help fund a retreat hosted by Catholic Community.

The House decided in a voice vote to give the group \$1,250 to allow students to attend the "Awakening Retreat" in Granbury at Glenn Lake Retreat Center. Catholic Community representatives said they usually receive funding from the Fort Worth Diocese, but when they created the budget with the diocese they were unaware about this retreat. With SGA's assistance, the cost for each person is now \$25, as opposed to \$65.

Brooks Zitzmann, a senior nursing major and Catholic Community representative, said there are 80 spots available for students wanting to attend the retreat.

"We want to provide an environment for individuals to develop personal faith," Zitzmann said.

The retreat will be Nov. 22 to 24 and applications are available to all students in Student Ministries.

— Emily Turner

Academic coach of year awarded to Drenner at reception Tuesday

BY BILL MORRISON
Staff Reporter

Biology professor Ray Drenner was the first-ever academic coach of the year awarded at the Faculty Appreciation reception Tuesday.

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association honored Drenner and three other faculty members for their commitment and dedication to teaching.

Lisa Montgomery, a senior graphic design major, said most fraternities and sororities have had faculty as academic coaches and members felt it was time to recognize the professors for the work they do.

Drenner, the academic coach for the Pi Beta Phi sorority, said he is impressed by the sorority's commitment to scholastic achievement.

"I think it is important to interact

with students from the Greek," Drenner said. "I like how they try to enhance scholarship."

This was the first year the Pi Phi's have had an academic coach, said Mariam Naizer, a senior advertising and public relations major and Pi Phi president. She said they decided to get a coach, because there is always room for improvement in grades.

Naizer said all of their members who had a class with Drenner enjoyed his style of teaching. She said he helps advise students on problems they have with classes or teachers.

"They really enjoy him," Naizer said. "He gives extra support and is

someone to turn to for help."

Candidates were nominated by each fraternity and sorority and then the winners were chosen by a joint IFC and Panhellenic committee, Montgomery said. She said the committee took into account the number of times a faculty member was nominated and their achievements.

The other awards given out were: most charismatic, geology professor

Nowell Donovan; most outstanding, religion professor

Darren Middleton and most inspiring, social work professor Gail Wallace.

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The concept of a living wage is that people who work should not live in poverty, Pope said. A living wage is distinguished from a national minimum wage because it's based on the cost of living in a particular city and varies throughout the country, she said.

"If you work full time, whatever your job is, it's essential that you should be able to support you and your family on one income," she said. "It's neither ethical nor responsible to pay wages that keep people working in poverty."

The wage for hourly entry-level workers was increased from \$5.73 to

\$7.25 an hour in 2000, and from \$7.25 to \$8 an hour in June this year.

"We are a university with a mission statement that says our mission is to educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community,"

Pope said. "We need to realize that community starts at home. It starts right here." Mary Lane, assistant to the dean in the School of Education, said the salaries of administrative assistants have been compressed, and need to be compensated by the university. Salary compression occurs when the salaries of entry-level workers are raised and near or exceed those of older employees.

"Given a perfect world with unlimited funds available, I would agree with the living wage concept," she

said. "The reality is that this is a tight money year and tough choices must be made. I recommend the Staff Assembly set as a priority compensating administrative assistants by a one-time adjustment with university funds."

Lane said in the past open positions in the field have been difficult to fill because administrative assistants are not paid according to their skills.

"As the economy improves, TCU must be in a position to hire high-quality, qualified administrative assistants," she said. "Hiring and retaining smart, savvy administrative support staff is absolutely a necessity for the smooth and efficient operation of the university."

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The Skiff View

TURNOUT

Possible voter increase is a good sight

Both Democrats and Republicans each held 49 Senate seats before Tuesday. A great amount of responsibility was posed on the voter that day.

The voter's decision determined the control of the Senate, and all that comes with it.

In Texas, both state and U.S. Senate and House representatives, governor and lieutenant governor seats were up for consideration. About 360,000 people were expected to vote in Tarrant County.

Republicans won several races in Texas, and voter turnout levels seemed to have improved, although there was still room for improvement.

It might take a little longer to tally up the votes in Tarrant County, as a programming error delayed results because the tallying machines couldn't detect straight party votes. But county election workers counted ballots tirelessly throughout the night.

They too knew the value of just one vote.

Poor weather conditions, which usually deter voter turnout, weren't a factor Tuesday. The sun came out for the first time in weeks in Fort Worth, and the polling results should prove that.

Also, voter turnout was reported higher than normal in many states, perhaps because of the many close races and the quest for control in the Senate.

We hope the efforts from on-campus political organizations and Project Vote Smart were effective. Students even volunteered at polling places, asked their friends who they were voting for and discussed the issues in their classes. Perhaps peer-encouragement was finally able to reach TCU students.

College students should care more about these elections. Throughout history, our age-group has had some of the most passionate political viewpoints.

It's good we don't let that tradition falter.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The United States Olympic Committee has chosen New York City over San Francisco as the country's candidate for the 2012 Olympic Games. Although it is an occasion that would be cause for jovial celebration in other cities, New Yorkers are barely raising their eyebrows. For that reason alone, one must wonder whether the Games coming to the Big Apple would be as glorious as NYC2012, the city's bid committee, is building it up to be.

Surely, the Olympics would raise New York to even greater heights of fame and truly cement its self-proclaimed status as the capital of the world. The event would even expose New Jersey to the world. Soccer games could be held at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford and at Rutgers Stadium. New York, already has more than enough glitz to outshine any other city on earth and also holds a sympathy card from its Sept. 11 wounds.

Nonetheless, there are reservations to bringing an international sports event to a compact metropolis that lacks such a tradition. The foremost of these concerns is

the financial burden it would impose on a region already reeling from budget shortfalls. It is also doubtful that the necessary infrastructure can be built to efficiently accommodate transportation circumstances of the event, given that perpetual nuisances already exist.

With over 10,000 athletes and millions of spectators flooding into the city in a short period of two weeks, the task is extremely daunting. Moreover, local opposition to the construction of an 86,000-seat Olympic Stadium over rail yards on the West Side of Manhattan persists.

NYC2012 will face a difficult challenge in the years ahead. Not only does it have to compete with reputable cities like Paris, Madrid, Moscow and Budapest, it must gain the favor of a world already unfriendly to an America exhibiting its hard power. Most importantly, it must garner support from New Yorkers themselves who already are convinced that their city does not need the Olympics to be eternal.

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

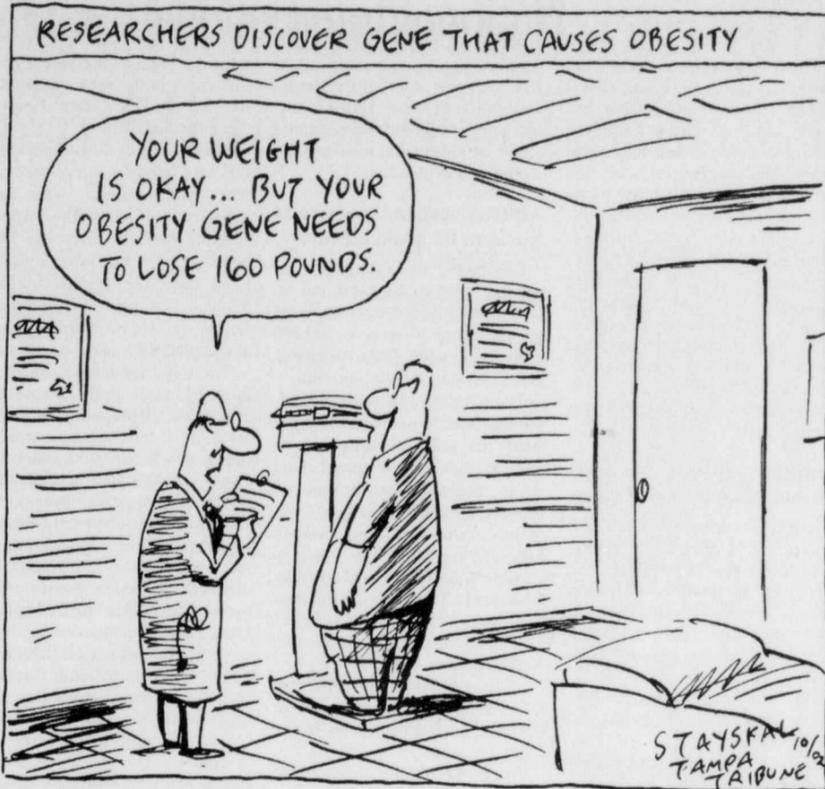
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Glut of holidays adding to waistline

Christmas, Thanksgiving and Halloween are a few of the holidays in which Americans gorge on food and candy. But they are also making bellies bigger.

Americans wonder why we're all getting fat. Granted, our general laziness and propensity for grease-coated takeout are partially to blame, but society doesn't exactly help, specifically on holidays.

Halloween was a prime example, with little children (and the less inhibited bigger children) running around in search of candy while donning costumes.

Halloween has gone from a religious holiday to a night of fun-filled, prank-laden mayhem to its current incarnation, a capitalistic orgy only rivaling Christmas as far as finances are concerned.

Wal-Mart started putting up Halloween items in mid-September, and candy sales were probably booming there and just about everywhere else. Some stores are only open during September and October to cater to people's costuming wants and desires.

Halloween is not the only holiday that encourages people to binge, though.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, a day often celebrated by stuffing one's self silly, then dozing off in front of the television. Ditto for Christmas, except with presents, cheesier television specials and a higher suicide rate.

One week later, we ring in the new year with snack food buffets and all the bubbly you can drink. Valentine's Day? Chocolate, more bubbly and fancy dinners, just to say, "I want you." Christmas comes in March for alcoholics in the form of St. Patrick's Day. Easter has gone the way of Christmas, morphing from a primarily religious holiday to a spring capitalist bonanza, complete with obscene amounts of candy and goofy stuffed toys.

Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day are all traditionally celebrated with barbecues and getting loaded.

I'm not bitter. Rather, I'm disturbed at our passion for taking once meaningful holidays and turning them into excuses for eating disgusting amounts of food and buying useless crap.

Valentine's Day used to be a pagan fertility ritual. It has now been reduced to a horde of red and pink paper goods and 24 hours of stuffing yourself with solace chocolates if you're single, or eating "romantic dinners" for two if you're not.

Memorial Day, originally set aside in observance of our veterans, is now an excuse to chow down on hotdogs and see who can finish a 24-pack first. I shudder to think what holiday will be the next Easter or Labor Day.

Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an end to this trend in the near future, with Americans' ongoing love affair with food.

Many simply wouldn't be able to think of Thanksgiving or Christmas without the accompanying feast. Most little children only know Halloween as a night to run around with bags and get free candy; the meaning of the concept "trick or treat" is completely foreign to them, as is the reason for wearing costumes.

These little guys are fairly clueless to the meaning of the little punch-out Valentines and heart-shaped suckers they give their classmates annually.

So, for those readers who weren't too busy pumping to go out and perpetrate random acts of mayhem, costume status notwithstanding, good for you. Go carry on some aspect of what Halloween used to mean.

Those of you who went out just for the candy, I hope you're at least sharing it, as we're all considered overweight as it is. Might as well level the playing field.

Lenzy Krebbiel is a columnist for the Daily O'Collegian at Oklahoma State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Applying to graduate school time-consuming

Those who plan to enroll into a graduate school need to start their paperwork before they get into their senior year.

A word of warning for the seniors graduating in May or before: if you are planning on going straight into graduate school and you haven't begun the quest, start now! I've been working on grad school for more than two months now, and I feel more behind than ever before.

I had no idea that so much information was requested and how long the application process is actually taking me. I have found that when I'm not studying, my hours are filled with forms, printouts, and essays concerning why I'm the best student to attend various graduate schools.

Also, I've been surprised to see how many of these schools require you to fill out a list of professors that you would like to work under. I had never considered that I would

need to talk to professors I've never seen or from which I've never taken a class. Yet I am supposed to rank these professors in the order of which I think they would be most beneficial to my studies.

I don't mean to complain about the process, but I simply wish that these schools could look at a student and say, "yes. She graduated with a double major in four years and she has a great GPA," instead of "if you don't have a 600 on each of the GRE sections, don't even bother to apply."

Granted, I have yet to take the GRE, and I know I'm a little behind in that area, but I never even contemplated having to take another version of the SAT during my senior year of college. Not only that, but I'm going to be held responsible for knowing algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. I haven't had one of those classes since my sophomore year of high school. I can remember doing it, and doing it well, but looking at problems now is a little frightening.

I even bought a book to help me prepare for the GRE. All it has done thus far is show me how

much I've forgotten in the past four years. I have been more focused on my specific areas of study and not even remotely concerned with those subjects we left behind in high school. Yet, they are almost one-half of the test that will determine which grad school I will attend. If I can get in.

Unfortunately for me, I cannot make up what I will be lacking in math with a GRE Subject Test. I have a feeling I would do even worse if I attempted physics, and it has nothing to do with my areas of interest anyway.

Basically, I just want to let everyone know that applying to graduate school is a serious business, and it should be started before your senior year. Look at those schools that you have even small interest in, and request information. Don't wait until you begin your senior year of college. Trust me. The last thing you want to do is spend your free time filling out scads of forms. And for those of you who have yet to begin, good luck!

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Freshmen have the hardest task of registering as seniors get to go first

Don't sweat it if you're a freshman and you can't get into the classes you need - you could always get on the seven-year degree plan if all else fails.

Isn't registering for classes so much fun? Well, probably not if you're a freshman or sophomore, but for (hopefully) graduating seniors such as myself, it's not all that bad.

We can sit back and think about how we've paid our dues. Those freshmen deserve to have to sweat out the minutes leading up to their registration time. Watching as each and every class they intended to take fills up. Two spots left...now one...it's full...wait list maybe?...great, now that's filling up. Most of you have probably been there at one point or another, and if not, your time is still coming.

Besides sitting back and basking in our superior quantities of coursework hours, most seniors are very intent on enrolling in the classes they know freshmen are going to try and take. To tell the truth, it's almost

a form of initiation, maybe even psychological hazing. We like to force freshmen to rearrange their schedule 40 times because all the classes they want keep filling up.

Honestly though, what most seniors are really thinking about is trying to find the easiest classes possible to fulfill certain UCRs that we've neglected the last three and a half years. We're not really out to ruin freshmen's lives, but hey, when it comes down to snatching up an easy nutrition class, we're not going to hesitate about being a little selfish. By the time you're all seniors, you'll know how to utilize networking before registration by calling up a few friends to find out which geology professor is the easiest, or which professors don't take attendance.

For the poor freshmen though, registration is no doubt a somewhat stressful time. Especially if you were like me and didn't come to college already having a bunch of hours through AP courses. Why should those people get to register first? They've already got 62 hours after one semester at school; they don't need to register as badly as me.

Why do they get to register with the juniors on the third day of registration when I'm not al-

lowed to register for the spring semester until April? These are questions you can hear every year if you spend a little time in the computer lab during registration.

Don't lose hope though, because you'll probably get plenty of classes, and there will also be ample time to fulfill your UCRs (or whatever they're called by the time you graduate) over the course of the next few years.

Even if you don't get the classes you really need, it's not that big of a deal to put yourself on the seven-year degree plan. Hey, the first three years are just there so you can get on your feet, right? No reason to get in a big hurry to get out of school, because then it's back to the bottom of the totem pole in the "real world."

There's a nasty rumor going around campus that seniors are supposed to get a real job after graduation. Some of my professors, as well as my parents, are even asserting this rumor is actually true.

I'd better get over to the dean's office and switch over to the seven-year plan.

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National/International Roundup

Upcoming 'Awakening Retreat' supported by SGA

The Student Government Association passed a bill Tuesday night at its meeting to help fund a retreat hosted by Catholic Community

The House decided in a voice vote to give the group \$1,250 to allow students to attend the "Awakening Retreat" in Granbury at Glenn Lake Retreat Center.

Catholic Community representatives said they usually receive funding from the Fort Worth Diocese, but when they created the budget with the diocese they were unaware about this retreat. With SGA's assistance, the cost for each person is now \$25, as opposed to \$65.

Brooks Zitzmann, a senior nursing major and Catholic Community representative, said there are 80 spots available for students wanting to attend the retreat.

"We want to provide an environment for individuals to develop personal faith," Zitzmann said.

The retreat will be Nov. 22 to 24 and applications are available to all students in Student Ministries.

—Emily Turner

Postal Service not expecting postage increase until 2006

WASHINGTON— The Postal Service does not anticipate an other postage rate hike until 2006, two years later than previously predicted, because of extra money from a retirement fund.

A new financial review revealed that the Postal Service had been paying too much into the Civil Service Retirement System fund, which provides benefits for employees who joined the service by 1983. Postal workers who joined after that year were enrolled in another retirement system.

The review examined retirement payments since 1971 and determined that the post office has nearly paid off what it owes the fund for current and future retirees. The analysis revealed that the Postal Service's liability to the retirement account is about \$5 billion, rather than the \$32 billion it believed it owed.

In addition to help to keeping postage rates stable, the extra money will reduce Postal Service debt. The post office now has about \$3 billion for debt reduction, rather than \$800 million.

Congress must approve the money transfer.

Ukraine may have sold \$100 million radar system to Iraq

KIEV, Ukraine — U.S. and British officials on Tuesday handed Ukraine's government a report by weapons proliferation experts who investigated whether the country sold a radar system to Iraq, but the results have not been made public.

The Ukrainian government refrained from comment on the experts' findings.

A team of 13 U.S. and British experts spent a week in Ukraine last month investigating whether the country sent any Kolchuga radar systems to Baghdad in violation of U.N. sanctions.

The investigation came after the State Department said it had verified the authenticity of a July 2000 recording in which President Leonid Kuchma is allegedly heard approving the sale of a Kolchuga system to Iraq for \$100 million.

The issue has badly harmed U.S. relations with the Ukrainian government.

U.S. and British pilots patrol "no-fly" zones over Iraq, and the radar systems can detect aircraft

without tipping off their pilots. U.S. officials said before the investigation that they had information suggesting the radar systems might be in Iraq, but have not disclosed any evidence.

Amtrak suspends service as workers fix grain elevator

CHENOA, Ill.— Amtrak train service between Chicago and St. Louis was suspended while workers attempted to remove 200,000 bushels of corn from a leaning grain elevator, authorities said.

The tracks were closed temporarily Monday after workers noticed the grain elevator was in poor condition and leaning toward the tracks, Union Pacific Railroad spokesman Mark Davis said.

Because of the closing, Amtrak officials canceled one Monday evening train from Chicago to St. Louis and a Tuesday morning train that runs from St. Louis to Chicago, company spokeswoman Kathleen Cantillon said.

Passengers who were already on trains before the cancellation were detoured around the site on buses, Cantillon said.

Freight train traffic between the two cities was not disrupted, Davis said. About seven trains, including Amtrak's passenger trains, use that track each day.

Repairs on the bin could take about 24 hours, Davis said.

Court denied claims that race was factor in decision

ST. LOUIS — A federal appeals court denounced a judge's claim that race had played a part in the higher court's decision to overturn his decision in a police-beating case.

U.S. District Judge Charles Shaw's comments were "calcu-

lated to impugn the integrity of this court in the eyes of the public," the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday.

Shaw, who is black, had dismissed a lawsuit from a white former police officer who sued department officials for allegedly singling him out after the 1997 beating of a mentally retarded black man. The appeals court ordered a new trial in July, citing Shaw's refusal to remove himself at the plaintiff's request.

The following month, Shaw removed himself from the case and concluded "with absolutely no basis at all" that the appellate court's ruling was based on the fact that Shaw is black and the plaintiff white, the court said Monday.

The court also rejected Shaw's assertion that the majority's opinion would have been "significantly different" if Shaw had been white or retired police Sgt. Thomas Moran had been black.

"It has often been said that justice is blind but the (8th Circuit's majority opinion) appears to embrace willful blindness with respect to issues of race," Shaw wrote.

Euro rises to highest level above dollar in 3 months

FRANKFURT, Germany— The euro rose above a dollar Tuesday and hit its highest level against the U.S. currency in more than three months amid fears that the U.S. economic recovery may be faltering.

The euro, trading early Tuesday around 99.7 cents, spiked up to \$1.0038 in morning trading in Europe and held most of its gains by late afternoon, when it stood at \$1.0022.

The shift was due to dollar weakness instead of any new-

found enthusiasm for the euro and the economies of the 12 countries that share it, said Michael Schubert, an economist at Commerzbank in Frankfurt.

He cited worries about growth for the U.S. economy in the current quarter, and drops in consumer and business sentiment surveys. The economy rebounded from 1.3 percent growth in the spring to 3.1 percent in the summer, but many forecasters fear it will slump again in the current quarter.

Diminished growth expectations push the dollar lower because investors who want to unload U.S. holdings must sell dollars to move investments to other countries.

A stronger euro also helps bring about lower inflation in Europe, since dollar-priced imports become cheaper.

Human rights group says warlords violating rights

KABUL, Afghanistan— International peacekeepers confined to Kabul should be deployed across Afghanistan to restrain warlords including a U.S.-backed governor whose forces are guilty of human rights abuses, a human rights group said Tuesday.

Human Rights Watch alleges that the governor of Herat, Ismail Khan, ordered politically motivated arrests and beatings throughout 2002. The report details lashings with thorny branches, sticks, cables and rifle butts.

In the most serious cases, prisoners were hung upside down, whipped or tortured with electric shocks, the 51-page report said.

"The international community says it wants to reduce the power of the warlords and bring law and order back to Afghanistan," said

John Sifton, who co-authored the report. "But in Herat, it has done exactly the opposite. The friend of the international community in western Afghanistan is an enemy of human rights."

Human Rights Watch said the absence of peacekeepers in places like Herat had allowed human rights conditions to deteriorate.

Man pleads guilty to three counts of sexual assault

WACO— A former elementary teacher pleaded guilty to having sex with a Waco teenager he met in an Internet chatroom.

Jesus Pizarro, 34, of Arlington, faces a possible prison term of 45 years after pleading guilty to three counts of sexual assault. He was a second-grade bilingual education teacher and had worked in Grand Prairie since 1999.

In the plea agreement Monday, Pizarro will be sentenced to 15 years in prison on each count, with the possibility that state District Judge George Allen could order Pizarro to serve the sentences consecutively.

When Pizarro went to meet what he thought was a 14-year-old girl he had met on the Internet, undercover officers met him at the Austin motel.

After his arrest, Pizarro confessed to arranging to meet a Waco girl in Austin and to having sex with her at a Waco hotel the month before, Toben said.

The girl had accessed the Internet chatroom by using a Waco library computer, Toben said.

His attorney, Phil Martinez, said Monday that Pizarro was remorseful and hoped the judge would consider his medical condition, a 1999 kidney transplant, at sentencing Jan. 7.

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O.A.R.'s latest album offers sampling of revolutionary sound

O.A.R.'s fall 2002 touring schedule

- **Monday**
Big Easy in Boise, Idaho
- **Tuesday**
Zephyr in Salt Lake City
- **Wednesday**
The Fillmore in Denver
- **Nov. 15**
Royal Grove in Lincoln, Neb.
- **Nov. 15**
Homer's in Lincoln, Neb.
- **Nov. 16**
Uptown Theatre in Kansas City, Mo.
- **Nov. 18**
Quest in Minneapolis
- **Nov. 19**
University of Iowa Main Lounge in Iowa City, Iowa
- **Nov. 20**
The Pageant in St. Louis
- **Nov. 20**
Vintage Vinyl in St. Louis
- **Nov. 22**
Electric Factory in Philadelphia
- **Nov. 23**
Orpheum Theatre in Boston
- **Nov. 24**
Toad's Place in New Haven, Conn.
- **Nov. 26-27**
Club in Washington, D.C.
- **Nov. 29-30**
Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City

O.A.R. (Of a Revolution) isn't a well-known band, but their "island vibe roots rock" sound is a great addition to any CD collection.

BY CAROLINE CLAYTON
Skiff Staff

Warning: A revolution has begun in your CD player.

Not only that, but you might find yourself guilty of incessant drumming and annoying your friends by singing the songs off O.A.R.'s — that's O—A—R (as in Of a Revolution), not a rowing implement — fourth and latest album, "Any Time Now." O.A.R.'s new album is a great addition to any CD collection.

As for style, the band offers an appealing combination of reggae, rock and ska to create what they call "Island Vibe Roots Rock." It may sound like a strange description, but it's about as accurate as one can get with this unique sound.

O.A.R. originally hails from Maryland where Marc Roberge (vocals/rhythm guitar) and Chris Culos (drums) met. The duo added Richard On (lead guitar) and Benj Gershman (bass) and headed for Ohio in 1997. Saxophonist Jerry DePizzo came aboard in 1998.

Since then, the band has sold more than 220,000 albums, a pretty impressive feat considering they

have no record label and receive no radio airtime. Their success is the result of impressive live shows and devoted fans.

"Any Time Now" is a pleasing compilation of O.A.R.'s first three albums and offers something for old and new fans alike. Recorded in fall 2001 at Washington D.C.'s 9:30 Club over a two-night stint, the live album showcases the band's most popular songs in classic O.A.R. style — jammin', jammin', jammin'.

For "revolutionaries," the dedicated O.A.R. fans, this is basically the next best thing to seeing them live. Yes, it's the live show that distinguishes the band, but take it where you can get it. The sing-along crowd will make you want to be there and the band's infectious excitement will have you singing along, too.

The CD is packed with extended versions of their classics and is a great example of the improvisational style for which the band is known. Roberge's vocals are a little grunty, but persuasive nonetheless.

For the O.A.R. virgins, "Any Time Now" will give you a good taste of what the band is about. Don't expect to become instantly addicted, though. Some of the songs (the longest running at 12 minutes, 52 seconds) will seem too long for the new fan. The improvisational style can become old

for those that haven't experienced the show first hand.

To truly appreciate the CD, it helps to have seen the band live. Still, the album is good fun and enough to whet anyone's appetite for more.

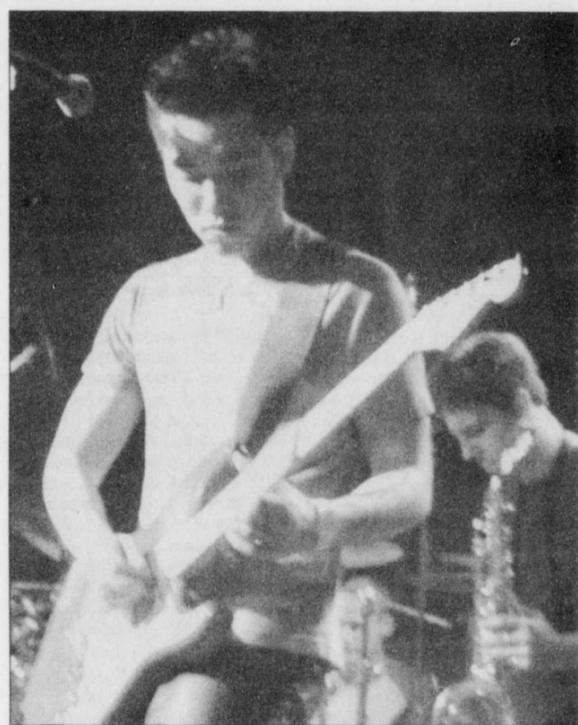
Anyone can appreciate the passion and talent of this group. Their jam sessions don't seem calculated, but they are never messy either. Culos' percussion is wonderful and the band achieves the difficult task of sounding great individually and as a whole.

The rhythms are addictive, combining a guitar grass-roots sound with an island sound that makes one want to fly to either Virginia or the Caribbean. How many bands can conjure up such a mixture?

Critics often compare the band to the Dave Matthews Band. The resemblance might be there, but O.A.R. is reminiscent of days when DMB was still fresh and made its name by its live shows.

Catch them if you can while they are on tour this year. Their energy comes across on "Any Time Now," but not as effectively as it does when you see the quintet live. And if you can't make it to a show, it's worth the money to bring the show home to you.

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Lead guitarist Richard On of O.A.R.

Special to the Skiff

'Justified' leaves 'N Sync fans wanting much more

'N Sync's Justin Timberlake's solo album is OK, but doesn't live up to its high expectations.

BY CHIP HANNA
Skiff Staff

Justin Timberlake's new album, "Justified," has been called many things: "The most anticipated of the year," "the record (Michael) Jackson should have made" and "a make or break record." One thing missing from this list is "doesn't live up to the hype."

I must admit, I was really looking forward to this album, but when I heard the first couple of tracks, I found myself looking for something that didn't exist.

This album could have easily been a compilation CD of Michael Jackson, Bryan McKnight and The Neptunes. This is not at all surprising considering Timberlake worked with them and labels those artists as major influences in his propulsion to stardom.

If the listener loves the first single off the album, "Like I Love You," (as I did immensely), he or she probably will not like the rest of the album.

"Like I Love You," is a fresh, upbeat track that has a completely original sound — something that

can't be said of the rest of "Justified." Unfortunately for the album, the tempo never surpasses the first single.

His next single, "Cry Me a River," due out Nov. 11, is a haunting song that some will try to equate with Timberlake's well-publicized break-up with pop superstar, Britney Spears. It interlaces a ballad with some catchy hip-hop beats that shows no remorse for whomever this song is about, be fictional or not. This single is a no-doubt chart topper.

Another must-hear track is "Senorita," the story of a young, attractive girl (of course) that doesn't have to put up with her boyfriend's antics and should ditch him for the gentleman Timberlake. It's the second-most original sounding song, and is enough to get the head bobbing in the car.

Timberlake's new persona is many things: cockier, more sexual, less shy and above all, Michael Jackson-ish. His attire and nose-driven falsettos come directly from the Jackson handbook. His new

look, even down to the dance moves, mirror Jackson in every shape and form. This is not necessarily a bad thing, just a drum that has already been played before. Personally, one Jackson is enough for me.

"Justified" is a far-fetch from the bubble gum pop of 'N Sync, in which Timberlake turns up the sexual innuendo. Lyrics include "Baby tell me whatcha doing later on, 'cause I'm thinking me and you can get it on." This is not the 'N Sync 6-year-olds listen to.

Many people, including myself, were expecting this album to be innovative.

With producers like The Neptunes and Timberlake behind almost all the cuts, I was even more surprised by the album's blandness. Tracks produced by Timberlake sound like ones done in the past (especially those previously with the now-deceased Aaliyah), and almost everything else sounds like Jackson or McKnight.

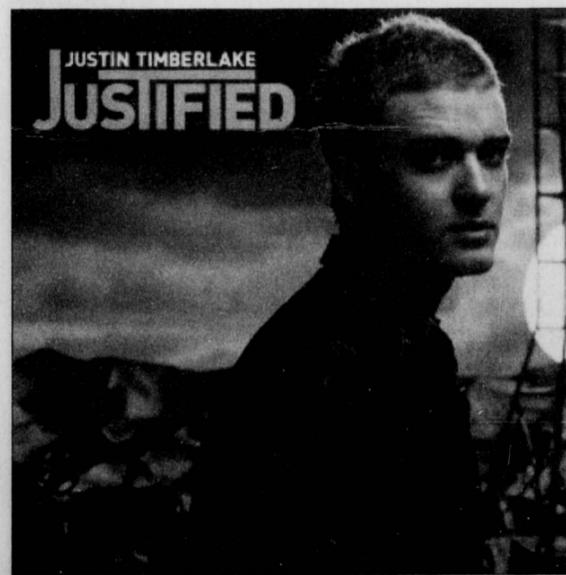
This album drops at almost the same time of fellow teen boy-band member Nick Carter's debut solo release. Both take very different tracks musically, with Carter taking a pop-rock sound over Timberlake's hip-hop pop. While it is curious to see how both albums do, Carter's will undoubtedly flop. It sounds like he took many good ideas and threw them in a blender. The product is the worst thing you have ever heard. Luckily for Timberlake, all of his tracks are clean, sharp and well-produced.

There is no doubt that Timberlake is a talented singer, writer and performer. He rose out of 'N Sync as a natural leader and lead singer. This album is the natural progression of that act, and he deserves it. But there is just so much that will leave his fans saying, "That's all!"

This is not to say that listening to his CD is not enjoyable. A couple of tracks are decent, but it simply does not live up to the hype.

Grade: B-

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Special to the Skiff

'Mama Ruth' gives advice to the students she serves

Ruth Johnson, a food server in The Main, provides breakfast with a smile. Johnson's ability to listen to students and remember their favorites sets her apart from other food servers, some students say.

BY KATIE SWETALA
Skiff Staff

Ruth Johnson, a food server in The Main, says she loves the students she serves.

While most students are still sleeping, Johnson wakes up early to make it to work by 6 a.m. to start her day preparing for the morning rush of hungry students. She sets up the food at her breakfast station. She puts out the biscuits, pancakes, hash browns, eggs and meats. She starts up the coffee machines and soda stations. She fires up the skillets for her signature omelets.

And then she waits with a smile ready to serve her students breakfast.

"If I miss work then I miss my students filling me in on what is going on with them," she said.

Johnson said she usually asks her students about school and if they have big tests or projects coming up. She asks them how their weekend went and what they did. She usually hears all about the trips students take or the parties they went to.

"I tell them not to party too much because they need to attend to their studies," Johnson said.

She offers advice much like a mother would.

"One of my new students, I don't know his name yet, but he calls me 'Mama Ruth.' It just makes me smile," Johnson said.

Johnson loves the relationships she establishes with her students and said she is saddened to see them graduate or move off campus.

James B. Kinzel, Food Services Manager, says Johnson's strengths are her abilities to work with the customers. She knows all the regulars and tries to learn something about all of them.

"She is a dependable employee who is great with the students," Kinzel said.

Johnson knows her regulars well, so well in fact, that she often knows what they want before they have to ask.

Jennifer Gideon, a senior social work major, is one of Johnson's regulars.

"I come into The Main at the same time each morning," Gideon said. "As soon as Ms. Ruth sees me, she reaches for a plate and starts filling it up with what I want. I don't even have to ask anymore. She just knows."

Johnson serves breakfast starting at 7 a.m. and stays through lunch. She is on her feet for about six hours a day, five days a week.

"The students here are never rude to me," Johnson said. "They might complain about the long lines or the price and quality of the food, but they are never unpleasant to me."

Even through the long days and crowds of students, Johnson said she loves her job. She said she also loves the end of her day. "When I go home the first thing I do is put my feet up," Johnson said.

Johnson gets home in the afternoon and unwinds from a hard day at work. She needs plenty of rest and relaxation before her nightly festivities begin. Johnson plays Bingo just about every night.

"I am a Bingo freak," Johnson said. "On Friday and Saturday nights, I start playing around 7 p.m. and play until nearly 2 a.m. I love the game, and I love winning."

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Food server Ruth Johnson says she loves interacting with students.

Special to the Skiff

Iraq diplomatic resolution to be submitted to United Nations

The new resolution on Iraq to be submitted by the U.S. to the U.N. takes into consideration the opinions of France, Russia and other Council members who objected to an attack on Iraq.

BY BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration expects to submit a new resolution on Iraq to the U.N. Security Council this week and hopes for prompt approval. Even so, it's not ready to claim victory.

The text has been changed to reflect the result of negotiations with France, Russia and other critics over their objections to threatening war against Iraq if it should refuse to disarm.

After the talks, a senior U.S. official said the votes of Russia and France remained uncertain Monday. He said he did not know anyone who was doing a victory dance yet.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda, whose country is on the Security Council and has strongly supported the Russian and French positions, said late Monday he believes the revised draft will be approved by 14 of the 15 Council members — with Syria abstaining. At a one-hour White House meeting, Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed the planned revisions with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's national security adviser.

The revisions go a long way toward taking into account the views of other countries, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. He added the "bottom line" of the U.S.-British draft under negotiations for two months

had been retained.

Permanent Council members France, Russia and China, and others have objected to including threats of violence in the resolution against Iraq at least until after U.N. weapons inspectors have been dispatched to conduct new searches for hidden caches of chemical and biological arms in Iraq.

"We think there's general agreement that there needs to be a strong resolution," Boucher said. "We adhere to our core position that there must be a clear statement of Iraq's failure to comply with its obligations. There has to be a tough inspection regime, and there have to

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— Richard Boucher

State Department Spokesman

be serious consequences in the event of new Iraqi violations."

"Serious consequences" has been a stumbling block so far. France, Russia and some other members fear that the United States would consider adoption of the phrase license for automatic military action if Iraq resisted inspections.

The proposed resolution would make clear that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's palaces would not be exempt from the inspection.

Castaneda told Monitor Radio that the revised draft offers a "final opportunity for diplomacy" and eliminates any mention of force. It also eliminates references to "an automatic trigger," he said.

The draft resolution offers an end to sanctions if Iraq complies, Castaneda said. "It also says that

there would be severe consequences if it does not comply."

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Saud al-Faisal, said the kingdom had not decided whether to allow its bases or airspace to be used in a military campaign.

In an interview with *The New York Times* published Tuesday, Saud said there was a misunderstanding about comments he made on CNN last weekend indicating that Saudi Arabia would not allow its bases to be used.

Saud said the kingdom would be obliged to cooperate with the United Nations if Iraq violated U.N. resolutions.

"But that does not mean we have to join the fighting or indeed to leave our bases for use," he said. "This is a sovereign right of Saudi Arabia to decide when the time comes."

At the Pentagon, Rumsfeld said preparations for war could begin soon. He told reporters he met recently with top personnel and military officials to plan for military manpower needs.

"I would expect that there would be Guard and Reserve call-ups in the immediate period ahead," Rumsfeld said. "It could be any time."

President Bush spoke of war again Monday while campaigning for Republican candidates in Tuesday's elections.

Evidently convinced that threatening Iraq was a winning issue, Bush said in St. Charles, Mo., speaking about the United Nations: "You have a choice to show the world whether you have the capacity to work together to disarm Saddam Hussein to keep the peace or whether you will be like one of your forerunners, an empty debating society."

SEC chairman Harvey Pitt hands in resignation under pressure

Officials say the White House welcomed the resignation of a regulator who had caused a flurry of political problems for Bush in the run-up to midterm elections.

BY MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt resigned under pressure Tuesday night after a series of political missteps that embarrassed the Bush White House just when it needed to shore up investors unnerved by accounting scandals.

In a letter to President Bush, Pitt said "the turmoil surrounding my chairmanship" had made it difficult to stay in the job. "Rather than be a burden to you or the agency, I feel it is in everyone's best interest if I step aside now, to allow the agency to continue the important efforts we have started."

The White House quickly accepted his resignation.

Three administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House welcomed the resignation of a regulator who had

created a host of political problems for Bush in the run-up to Tuesday's midterm elections. Pitt's troubles had been seen as weakening the SEC at a time when the market was reeling from corporate debacles, including Enron, WorldCom and Global Crossing, and the economy was fragile.

The latest fumble came when Pitt failed to share with fellow commissioners information about William Webster, the newly named chairman of an accounting industry oversight board, before the agency voted last week to put the former CIA and FBI director in charge of the panel.

The revelation led SEC commissioners, including Pitt, to request an internal investigation Thursday of Webster's selection — and renewed the almost daily drumbeat of calls from Democrats and other Pitt critics for his resignation.

A senior White House official said Bush aides heard over the weekend that Pitt was inclined to resign. Neither the president nor his aides requested the resignation, but Pitt called the White House personnel office Tuesday afternoon and said he intended to resign.

There were no objections, and Pitt submitted his resignation late Tuesday afternoon. In it, Pitt said he thought the controversy was hurting his ability to lead the SEC.

The official said Bush won't have a replacement immediately.

They had not begun to search for candidates as of Tuesday night and expected Senate confirmation to be difficult in the intense political climate, the official said.

Former SEC Chairman Richard Breeden was said to have been informally approached about the job, but declined. Breeden is now a court-appointed monitor for the bankrupt WorldCom.

Pitt, who first worked at the SEC in the late 1960s and built his career as an attorney in appearance-conscious Washington, has been criticized for meeting with the heads of companies under SEC investigation and for his close ties to the accounting industry — at a time when the SEC is investigating major accounting fraud at big corporations.

AP White House Correspondent Ron Fournier contributed to this report.

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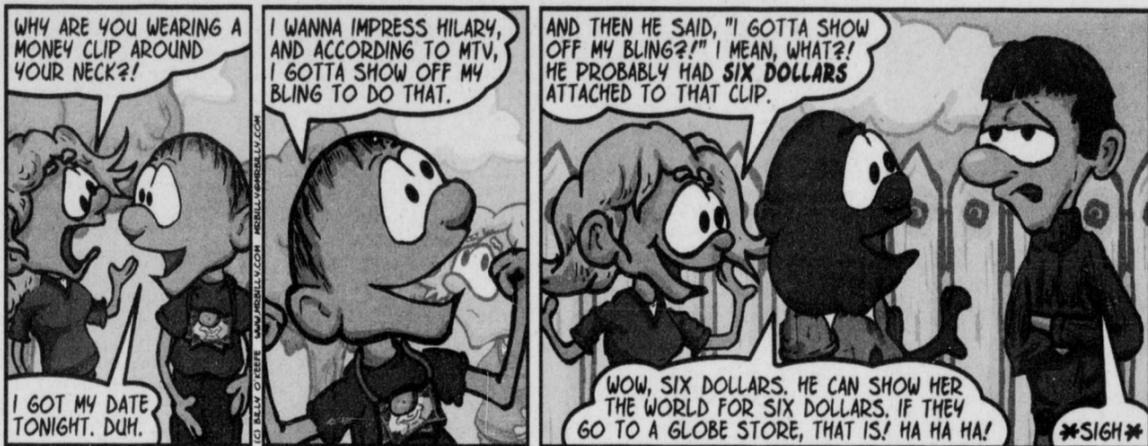
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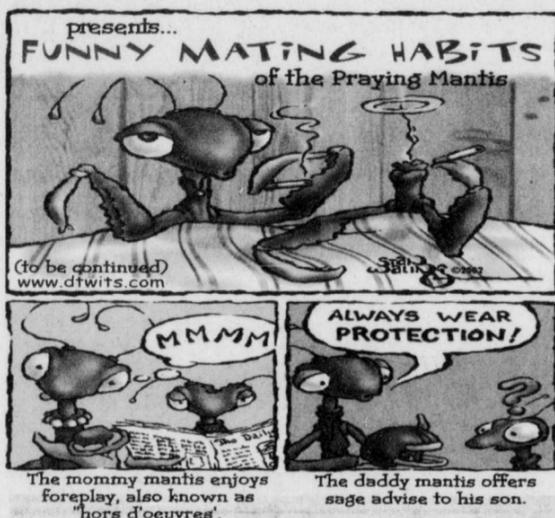
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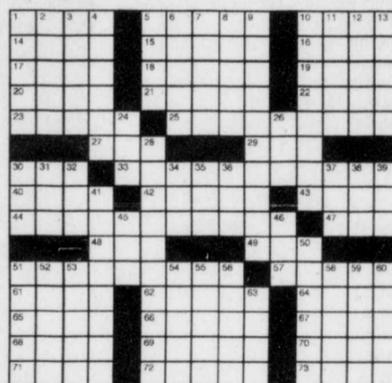
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SideLine

Women's basketball at No. 20 in preseason poll

After earning preseason mention from several basketball publications, the TCU women's basketball team was placed at No. 20 on the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll announced Tuesday. It is the first-ever officially-recognized preseason ranking in Lady Frog history.

With 100 votes, the Lady Frogs are rated 26th in the preseason Associated Press poll which was announced on Monday. TCU fell just six votes shy of 25th-ranked UC-Santa Barbara (106).

The Lady Frogs open the exhibition season 2 p.m. Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Men's basketball opens season with exhibition

The TCU Horned Frogs open the 2002-03 basketball season today with an exhibition game against the Slovakia-Select team that is touring the United States.

This is the first of five games in the United States for the Slovakia-Select team. They next play at Fort Hood on Thursday, then travel to Dallas to play SMU on Saturday. They will also play McNeese State and Louisiana-Lafayette.

The contest is the first of two exhibition games for the Horned Frogs. Admission is free and the tipoff is 7:05 p.m.

Irons named C-USA Swimmer of the Week

After claiming six victories and two second-place finishes in eight races over the weekend, TCU women's swimmer Erin Irons has been named the Conference USA Swimmer of the Week, the league office announced Tuesday.

On the strength of Irons' performances, TCU compiled a 5-0 record in dual meets versus Louisville and defending C-USA champion Cincinnati last Friday and Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

The honor is the second of Irons' career. She also claimed C-USA Swimmer of the Week honors on Jan. 29, 2002.

Men's golf takes first at California tournament

The TCU men's golf team claimed its second tournament title of the fall season on Tuesday with a 15-stroke victory at the Prestige at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif. The Frogs had three players finish among the top six individuals, matching a feat set earlier this season during the Frogs' victory at the Sooner Invitational.

TCU led the tournament from wire-to-wire and finished with a three-round total of 853 (-11). The Horned Frogs were the only team to play all three rounds under par.

Senior Adam Rubinson led the Horned Frogs with a three-day score of 208 (-8), good for second place. It was the fourth runner-up finish of his career, and second this season.

Sophomores David Schultz and J. J. Killeen shared sixth place after recording two-under-par scores of 214. Junior Stephen Polanski tied for 25th place, and freshman Colby Beckstrom tied or 42nd with a three-round 225.

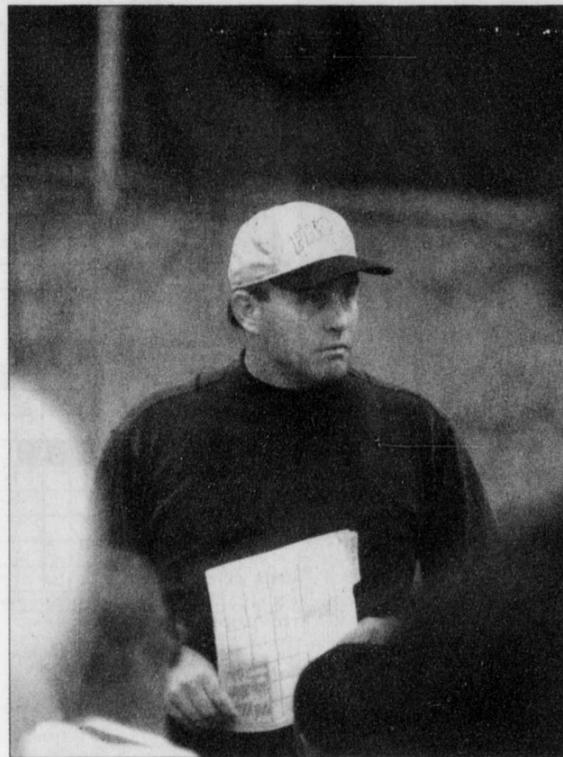
Rifle finishes second in both events at Army meet

TCU's rifle squad couldn't overcome three Army shooters placing 1-3 individually in both shooting events, as the Horned Frogs finished second to the Black Knights Saturday in West Point, N.Y. The Frogs scored 4,510 in the smallbore and 1,511 in the air rifle for a total of 6,021, 130 points behind Army and 324 points ahead of the University of Sciences-Philadelphia.

TCU was led in the smallbore by freshman Sherri Gallagher, who posted a career-high 1,153 to place fourth in the discipline. Freshman Celeste Green followed with a 1,146, good for sixth place, while seniors Stacy Hughes and Jessica Green rounded out the Frogs' efforts by placing 12th and 13th respectively.

The Black Knights also took first through third in the air rifle to claim the meet title. Hughes and Celeste Green were right behind, tying for fourth with a 382. Gallagher added a top-10 finish, placing ninth with 374. Jessica Green came in 11th with a 373.

Patterson warns of Tulane attack



Head coach Gary Patterson talked about the Frogs' upcoming matchup with Tulane on Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

In his weekly press conference, head coach Gary Patterson spoke mainly about preparing for the fast-paced attack of Tulane, the team's opponent on Saturday.

The Frogs played a powerful and methodical team in Southern Miss last week, but they now turn their attention to the swift, high-octane offense of the Green Wave.

Last season, the no-huddle attack burned the Frog defense for 355 passing yards in a 48-22 loss in New Orleans.

Patterson said he took blame for some of the team's blown coverages last year, and that Tulane's quick style overwhelmed the team last year.

"They're a no-huddle concept, and they take it to a warp drive," Patterson said. "They really bothered us last year with it, and we have to prepare this season. We've been against no huddles, but we were not ready for the speed of which they did it a year ago."

In the 4-2-5 defensive scheme that the Frogs run, coverages are not called into the defense on the field until moments before the snap. Patterson said the team simply must be more prepared for Tulane's style.

"I think mentally you have to understand you have to get the call in," Patterson said. "You can't be as perfect with the call, and your kids have to do more adjusting."

Patterson said the team will need to run the football and keep Tulane's offense off the field, but just moving the football will not get the job done.

There are different aspects of this game that could make interesting subplots. First the team was embarrassed at Tulane last year, and are playing this year's game at Amon Carter Stadium. The team is also in the driver's seat of the conference, and a win would put it one step closer to the Conference USA championship.

Patterson said he won't emphasize these issues, and that he just wants a win on Saturday.

"(The players) understand what's ahead of them, (and) they understand what is at stake," Patterson said. "But again, it's the next game. I don't think there is any more pressure on this ballgame, and I'm not going to lean towards building any."

Seniors stepping up

Patterson said his team has handled all types of adversity in the last few weeks, and has understood what it needs to get done. He mentioned senior safety Jared Smitherman, whose interception against Southern Miss turned momentum for the Frogs for the remainder of the game, and the continued play of senior offensive lineman J.T. Aughinbaugh. Patterson also noted seniors like cornerback Jason Goss, safety Kenneth Hilliard and punter Joey Biasatti as players who are showing their experience and leadership.

Inexperience at backup QB

Patterson said sophomore Brandon Hassell has been preparing all season for a chance to play even though it was at third-string. He said now instead of being two plays away from playing, Hassell is just one play away. While Patterson said he would be nervous putting Hassell in because of his inexperience, he said TCU quarterbacks have never been asked to win a football game. He said getting the ball to the Frogs' skilled players would be the main priority. Patterson also said true freshman Jeff Ballard is now the third-string quarterback. Ballard has been on the practice squad all season.

Receivers getting healthy

Senior receiver LaTarence Dunbar and Adrian Madise have been fighting nagging injuries throughout the season, but days off here and there have helped in aiding in their recovery. Patterson said Dunbar is fine and that Madise was looking OK, and both will be ready to go against Tulane. Patterson also talked briefly about junior Reggie Harrell. At 6-foot-3, Harrell gives the Frogs a big target, and is finally making an impact in the offensive after various injuries have kept him sidelined.

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Student goes from classroom to courtside as Mavericks Dancer

TCU student Victoria Talbot has an all-access pass many don't have, as she is a member of the Mavs dancers.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

There are not many individuals who have the opportunity to get on the court for a Dallas Mavericks' game at the American Airlines Center, but Victoria Talbot is one of those who gets the chance.

A junior fashion merchandising and marketing major at TCU, originally from London, Talbot is entering her first season as a member of the Dallas Mavericks Dancers.

Talbot said the opportunity was one that fell into her lap.

"I used to do promotional modeling, and did promotions for ESPN (103.3 FM)," Talbot said. "The Mavericks were in the playoffs last year, and I was working a game for ESPN. We were throwing out T-shirts to the crowd and things like that."

Talbot said she was approached by the directors of the squad, who informed her and a few other girls about tryouts for the Mavs Dancers in July.

After getting the money together for the application fee and a costume, plus taking a class to prepare, Talbot said she competed against about 370 other women for one of the 16 spots.

Dawn Holgate, corporate com-

munications manager for the Mavericks, said besides the routines they perform at home games, the team makes appearances at promotions and birthdays, sign autographs and holds a clinic for young girls once a year in which they perform with the squad at halftime of a game.

The women even posed for the first ever Mavs Dancer Calendar, where Talbot can be found as Miss April.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has no qualms about promoting his team. He welcomed the Mavs Mani-AACs (the overweight male version of the Mavs dancers) and worked at a Coppell Dairy Queen as a pro-

motional stunt.

"People come to Mavs games to have fun, and we think the Mavs Dancers add to the excitement and electricity in the arena," Cuban said in an e-mail.

Talbot said many of the women who tryout do it because they are fans, but it is not the case with her. "I've never watched sports in my life," Talbot said. "Some of these (women) start in December and do it all the way to July just to make the (team)."

Talbot's lack of interest was apparent when she described her encounter with Mavericks' All-star point guard Steve Nash.

"He came down to the practice courts and introduced himself to us,

and many of the (women) were all excited," Talbot said. "It was cool and all, but I wasn't in a frenzy. I've seen him on billboards and every-



TCU student Victoria Talbot (right) is in her first year as a member of the Dallas Mavericks dancers. Talbot is one of 16 women who made the team out of the estimated 370 that tried out.

one talks about him, so I guess he's pretty good."

Talbot said despite her lack of enthusiasm for the game, she still loves being a member of the team.

"It's so much fun," Talbot said. "The prestige of it is pretty cool, and everything that comes along with it. Sports fans are always really fired up, and they're so much fun."

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Filmmaker at bat for Rally Monkey movie

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The World Series champion Anaheim Angels aren't about to let anyone monkey around with their mascot, especially when it comes to a movie.

Larry Cano, an executive producer of the 1983 film "Silkwood," views the Rally Monkey as a perfect role model for kids and wants to make a movie featuring the crowd-pleasing primate.

Cano has filed both a trademark application for the term "Rally Monkey" and a script treatment with the Writer's Guild of America.

There's only one problem. The Angels and Major League Baseball say they have prior rights to the name, and have already begun to enforce them against others looking to make a buck from the monkey.

The monkey with seemingly miraculous powers first made his appearance on June 6, 2000, when the Angels, losing to the San Francisco Giants, needed a boost. The operator of the video scoreboard in right-center field played a clip from the movie "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" that showed a capuchin monkey jumping up and down.

Until this year, the monkey restricted his appearances to inside the stadium. But as the Angels moved closer and closer to the baseball playoffs, the monkey made his way to T-shirts and other items.

"The Rally Monkey started out as a whimsical, lighthearted in-stadium promotional vehicle," said Rick Schlesinger, attorney for the Angels. "It was not intended nor was it ever expected to be something you could

make money off of."

Cano grew up in Anaheim and says he is a lifelong Angels fan. He views the monkey as a fan phenomenon with an inspiring message for kids.

Intellectual property experts say Cano has little chance of enforcing his trademark application against the Angels.

The Angels say they don't want to enforce their rights with too heavy a hand and be seen as bullies to the fans who made the Rally Monkey famous in the first place.

"There is a common misconception that we are trying to corner the markets on monkeys," Schlesinger said. "You can always buy a stuffed monkey. Whether you buy it from us or at a local store, we welcome it. What we are trying to protect is the use of the term 'Rally Monkey.'"

C-USA Roundup

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Southern Miss	3	1	.750	5	3	.625	4-0	1-3	0-0	L1
UAB	3	1	.750	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3	0-0	L1
East Carolina	2	1	.667	2	5	.286	2-1	0-4	0-0	L2
Tulane	3	2	.600	6	3	.667	4-1	2-2	0-0	W4
Cincinnati	2	2	.500	3	5	.364	2-3	1-2	0-0	W1
Houston	2	3	.400	4	4	.500	2-1	2-3	0-0	W2
Memphis	1	5	.167	2	7	.222	2-3	0-4	0-0	L5
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Last week's results

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at TCU 37
Memphis 21
at Houston 26

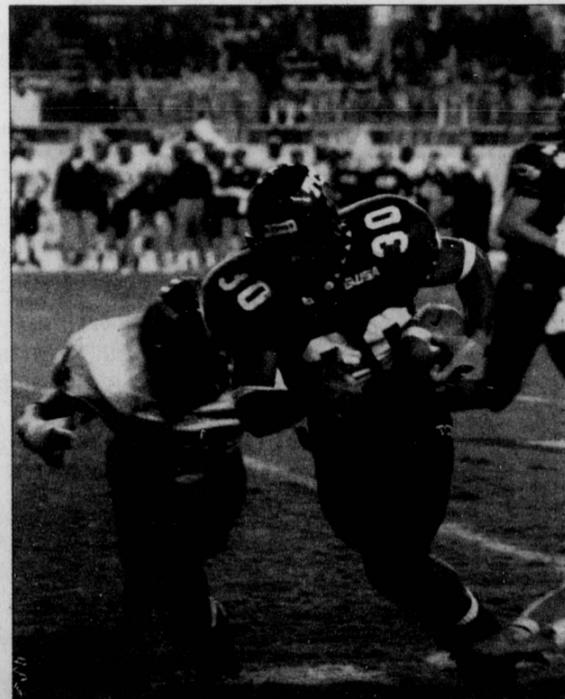
Last week's players of the week

Offense — TCU running back Lonta Hobbs rushed 15 times for a career-high 123 yards and three touchdowns in TCU's 37-7 win over Southern Miss. He scored on touchdown runs of 15, 53 and 13 yards, while averaging 8.2 yards per carry. Hobbs is the first Horned Frog to score three touchdowns in a game since LaDainian Tomlinson scored three times vs. Texas-El Paso on November 18, 2000.

Defense — TCU linebacker

LaMarcus McDonald led the team in tackles for the seventh time this season, getting in on a game-high 16 tackles for loss, totaling 15 yards, in the Frogs' win over Southern Miss. The TCU defense limited the Golden Eagles to just 185 total yards.

Special Teams — TCU kicker Nick Browne scored 13 points in TCU's win over Southern Miss, kicking three field goals and all four extra point attempts. He hit his 17th, 18th and 19th field goals of the season, connecting from 29, 30 and 48 yards. Browne is second in the nation in field goals made.



True freshman running back Lonta Hobbs (No. 30), senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald and junior kicker Nick Browne were all named Conference USA Players of the Week on their prospective sides of the ball. This is the second time in conference history that each player of the week was from one team. The other time was by Louisville on the week of Nov. 19, 2001.

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