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Candidates call for SGA fee increase

Students will decide on the \$10 fee increase during Tuesday's online election.

BY EMILY TURNER
Staff Reporter

Voters will decide Tuesday whether to support a 50 percent increase in student fees, which supporters say would enable the Student Government Association to plan more programming.

Based on the current budget, SGA

would receive approximately a \$125,000 budget increase if enrollment for next year stays the same. The increase could make the budget more than \$380,000.

According to the bill recently passed by the House of Student Representatives, the budget for this year was \$255,000. An increase

would require approval of the Board of



Trustees.

The bill's author, treasurer candidate Chris Mattingly, said he hopes more students will participate this year in the Nov. 12 online election to increase student government fees, which help fund Howdy Week, Homecoming, retreats and other programming.

Students voted online in the fall of 2001 to increase fees from \$20 a se-

semester to \$30 a semester. Even though the bill passed by a two thirds majority vote, only 150 students voted, said Mattingly, a junior international finance major.

But the referendum has some opposition among SGA candidates.

Rodney Thomas, a candidate for vice

president of the House, said during a Skiff editorial board interview that he does not support the fee increase because he does not believe enough students are aware of the issue. Out of the 10 candidates for SGA

"I think we should keep the student fee the same and we should learn to use the money SGA receives more efficiently."

— Rodney Thomas
candidate

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Donation to be used for Texas studies

A \$1.5 million dollar donation from a TCU alumnus for the first endowed chair in Texas history will be an asset to the first Center for Texas Studies.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA
Staff Reporter

A nationwide search for the inaugural holder of a chair in Texas history has been launched and search committee officials say they expect to identify the recipient by the end of February.

Fort Worth native and businesswoman Mary Ralph Lowe recently established the endowed chair with a \$1.5 million donation in honor of her parents, Erma and Ralph Lowe.

"My parents thought generously and focused on how to make the place they lived and loved better for others," Lowe said. "TCU was a part of that dream. It is a part of the great Republic of Texas which deserves to be studied for its heritage, diversity and grit."

Mary Volcanssek, dean of the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said Lowe's gift will be distinctive for TCU because the endowed chair will be the first of its kind at any Texas college or university.

"There is nothing that makes (Add Ran) different from other liberal arts schools," Volcanssek said. "This is a signature program, a way of standing out."

Gene Smith, a history professor and member of the Lowe Chair Search Committee, said the department is looking for a distinguished scholar in Texas history who has attained a high stature in publication and someone willing to be a leader for the university and community.

"It's up to us to find the best person we can to bring in here," Smith said.

In conjunction with creating the first chair in Texas history, the history department is also in the process of developing the first Center for Texas Studies, a program to bring the history of Texas and Fort Worth to the community, Smith said.

Volcanssek said whoever fills the position for the Lowe Chair will be an integral part to the success of the Center for Texas Stud-

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LEGISLATURE LEGACY
Former economics graduate elected as Okla. state rep.

Family legacy, along with personal credentials and service work, helped Dan Boren win Oklahoma's state representative race.

BY JOI HARRIS
Staff Reporter

FORT WORTH — Winning almost 64 percent of the popular vote, alumnus Dan Boren defeated eight-year incumbent Mike Ervin in Oklahoma's District No. 28 state representative race Tuesday.

Boren, a third generation politician and Democrat, takes the seat once held by his father and late grandfather. Boren said he knew he wanted to be involved in public service and follow the examples his father and grandfather set before him.

Boren said the potential pressure to continue the legacy did not bother him and that he welcomed the challenge with open arms.

"I ran against an incumbent who been there for eight years, so even with name recognition the campaign was an up-hill battle," Boren said in a phone interview.

He said former U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright was a strong influence and one of the first peo-

ple to get him active in service. Wright said that he worked on Lyle Boren's congressional campaign passing out literature when he was 12 years old.

Wright said Boren's election could have been a combination of his legacy and his own service reputation.

"I believed in him as a person," Wright said, "but I also encouraged him to go up there and establish himself in his own right so that he'd have some credentials."

Boren received his bachelor's of science degree in economics from TCU in 1997. Since then he has studied at Yale University and Oxford University.

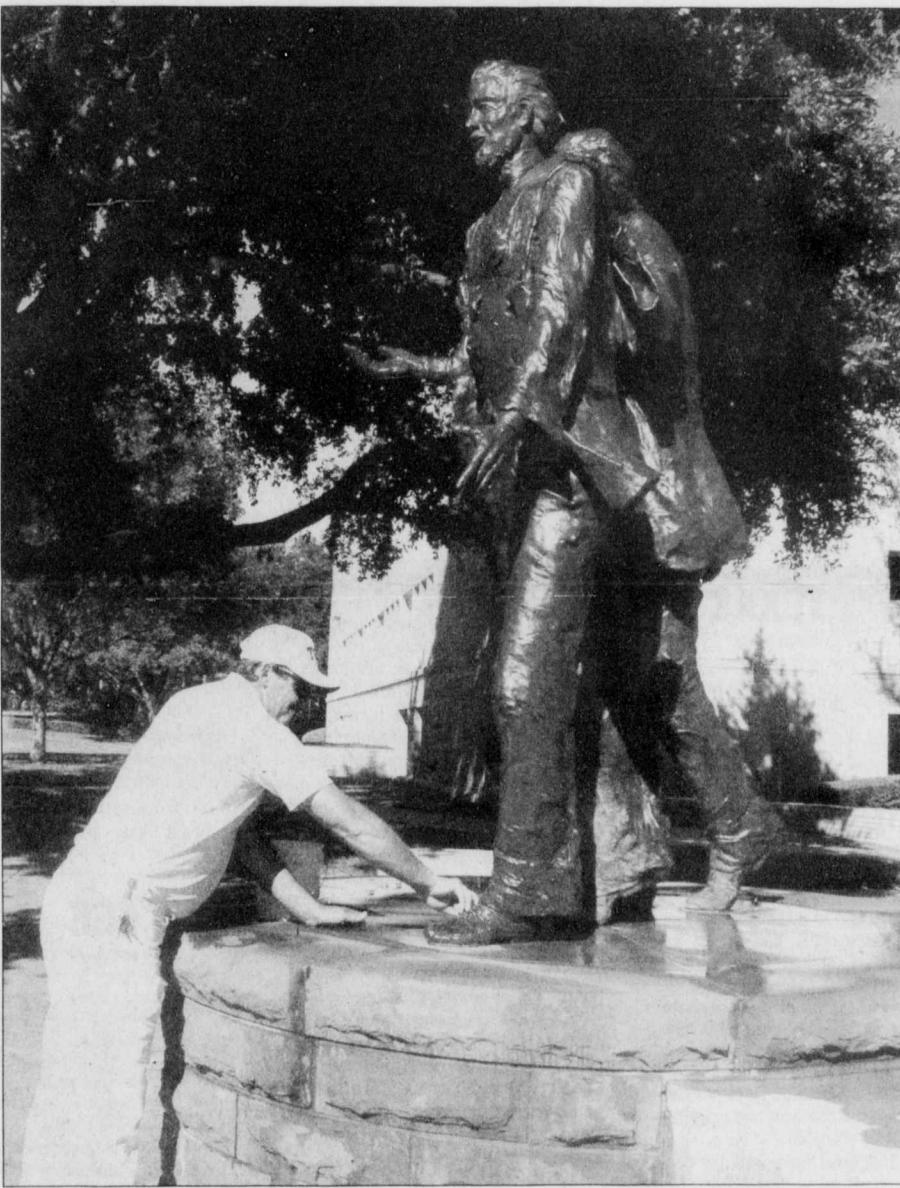
He recently received his masters degree in business administration from the University of Oklahoma, where his father serves as president, with a concentration in international business.

Boren said he has not made any decisions on what his next political step will be and that he just want to focus on his job at hand. He said he wants to use what he has learned as president and CEO of the Seminole State Education Foundation at Seminole State University to cover the issues of economic development, education and health care.

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"I believed in him as a person but I also encouraged him to go up there and establish himself in his own right so that he's have some credentials."

Jim Wright,
former U.S. House Speaker

Statue sprucing

Plasterer Don Orebaugh cleaned the statues of Addison and Randolph Clark Wednesday in front of Mary Couets Burnett Library.

Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

New Scooner's owner aims for of age crowd

Scooners has reopened with a different attitude, its new owner says. The pub was shut down under its previous ownership for serving alcohol to minors.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Staff Reporter

Scooners new owner says the TCU-area pub will never be called the underage bar again.

Chris Baker, who took ownership in September, said more efforts are being put toward advertising and programming to detract customers from pubs in downtown Fort Worth and to bring in a different type of clientele.

"Just because we are located next to a college campus and have name recognition, does not mean we don't

need to advertise," Baker said. "The more advertising we do, the more people we can bring in."

He said he would like to work with the pubs on University Street to bring back the customers lost to places such as The Library and The Fox & Hound.

Baker recently bought a black 2003 BMW Mini Cooper, displaying the Scooners logo that he plans to drive around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He also plans to place advertisements in *Fort Worth Weekly*.

Scooners reopened Oct. 2 after its permit was revoked by the Texas Alcoholic and Beverage Commission July 9 because of 28 citations for serving alcohol to minors under

the former ownership of Paul Humphries.

Scooners will not be a target for inspections anymore than it had been before, said TABC Sgt. Robert Cloud.

"Just because Scooners was in trouble in the past does not mean they will be in trouble again," Cloud said. "Since Scooners, along with the other bars on University Street are in an area surrounded by young adults, it will be visited more than other places."

Baker said by increasing the variety of alcohol offered and offering theme nights, Scooners is targeting a more sophisticated crowd.

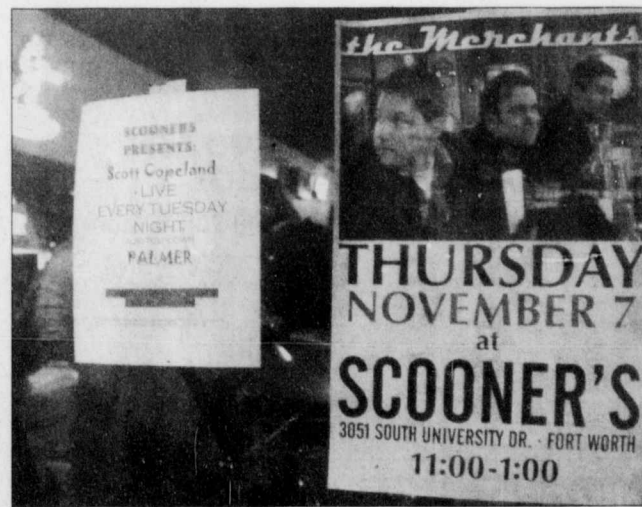
"You won't be able to find someone young enough to wear braces in

this bar anymore," Baker said. "I want to make this bar appealing to juniors, seniors and older."

Some think he is already succeeding. Jeff Pavell, a senior marketing major, said he went to Scooners when he was a sophomore because Scooners failed to check driver's licenses. He said he prefers the new Scooners over the previous one because of the difference in the crowd.

"Before, Scooners used to be packed wall to wall with students who were mostly under 21," Pavell said. "Now, it is more laid back and it's enjoyable to be around people who are more mature."

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Scooners, a popular bar on S. University Drive, reopened last month after being shut down for TABC violations.

Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

The Weather

THURSDAY
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SATURDAY
High: 67; Low: 52; Partly cloudy

Looking Back

1940 — Only four months after its completion, the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington State suffered a spectacular collapse. It was the third longest suspension bridge in the world.

1940 — Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt was reelected president of the United States for a record third time, handily defeating his Republican challenger, Thomas E. Dewey, the governor of New York.

Watch For

Decision 2002

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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Campus Lines

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. For more information contact T.J. Ammons at (817) 921-0196.

Golden Key International Honor Society will have its induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Cox Room at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

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.

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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Sniper suspects indicted for Oct. 14 killing of FBI analyst

Prosecutors will not comment on where Muhammad and Malvo will be tried but a decision may be made on where the death penalty may be obtained.

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo were indicted Wednesday in the Oct. 14 slaying of an FBI analyst in Fairfax County, police said.

The two men have been accused of shooting 17 people, killing 12 and wounding five in Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Police said in a statement that the two were indicted on unspecified charges related to the shooting of Linda Franklin in the parking deck of a Home Depot store.

Muhammad and Malvo are suspected of shooting 17 people, killing 12 and wounding five.

The announcement leaves Washington, D.C., as the only jurisdiction with a confirmed sniper shooting that has not filed charges.

State and federal prosecutors have yet to say which jurisdiction will try the pair first, a decision that may hinge on where a death sentence can be obtained with the most ease.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the decision on which jurisdiction will conduct the first trial will be made after a "fact-driven analysis" of

where prosecutors have the best evidence and the best law to permit the death penalty to apply if Muhammad and Malvo are convicted.

"I think it's well-understood on my part that I believe appropriate penalties for the kinds of atrocities that have been committed to include the ultimate sanction of the death penalty," Ashcroft told reporters.

Investigations are pending into several other shootings, including one in Arizona.

Federal prosecutors filed charges against Muhammad under weapons and extortion laws that could bring the death penalty. Federal charges have also apparently been brought against Malvo, but authorities will not say so because he is a juvenile.

Montgomery County, Md., State's Attorney Douglas F. Gansler, who filed six murder charges against the two, said the ultimate decision rests with the federal government, which has the suspects in custody.

Water works



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan

Groundskeeper Gerry Griggs fixed a sprinkler line near Sid Richardson Hall Wednesday.

TEXAS

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ies as a professor and leader.

"I want the professor that receives this chair to have great passion — approaching the subject with and beguiling stories emblazing every heart," Lowe said.

Smith said the development of the program hasn't been a concerted effort by the history department, "but a handful of individuals that want to make a mark."

"History is something people have an intrinsic fascination with," Smith said. "Here was a good opportunity to bring programming and service a community that perhaps TCU has overlooked."

Smith said the goal of the center is to provide a public history program that teaches people to be history-minded.

He said the possibilities of the program are endless, but initial plans include a facility to house a museum

and exhibits, along with archives and a library for acquiring collections.

"TCU has been such an integral part of Fort Worth as an institution that has given in many different areas, and Fort Worth is an incredible city with a rich history and past and has given to TCU," Smith said. "It's time to bring the two together so they can share that historical legacy."

Volcansek said \$10 million is needed to fully fund the Center for Texas Studies and recognizes it is not an optimal time for fund raising because of the economy but said she continues to look to foundations and individuals that might be interested in investing.

She said initial planning for the center began just last May and an enormous amount of progress has been made.

"Everything is dreams and visions until we put the money together," Volcansek said. "I remain eternally optimistic that will happen soon."

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Four people involved in plot to exchange illegal drugs for weapons, ammunition

Arrests in a drugs-for-weapons operation are thought to be proof of the link between terrorists and drug trafficking.

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. agents arrested four people, including two Houston men, in a drugs-for-weapons investigation, charging them with plotting to deliver \$25 million worth of weapons to a Colombian terrorist group, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Wednesday.

Undercover agents secretly videotaped meetings in London, the Virgin Islands and Panama City at which the defendants allegedly discussed exchanging drugs for weapons that would be sent to the Colombian United Self Defense Forces, known as the AUC.

The four men were charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization, charges that could carry up to life in prison, Ashcroft said.

"The war on terrorism has been joined with the war on illegal drug use," Ashcroft said.

He added that, because of the investigation by the FBI and Drug Enforcement Agency, "narco-terrorists from South America to Southeast Asia are less able to

threaten American lives and American security."

Arrested in Houston was Uwe Jensen, 66. His boss, Carlos Ali Romero Varela, 43, also a Houston resident, was arrested Tuesday in San Jose, Costa Rica, along with two other men.

The three men arrested in Costa Rica were there to finalize a transaction that would have traded cocaine and cash for five containers of weapons, the Justice Department said. The weapons included anti-aircraft missiles and rocket propelled grenade launchers.

Jensen and Romero, both believed to be high-ranking members of the AUC, were taken into custody based on a criminal complaint filed in Houston on Friday and unsealed Wednesday.

The investigation began in September 2001. The complaint alleges Jensen met an FBI confidential source and introduced the FBI source to Romero.

Negotiations for the source to provide weapons in exchange for cocaine began in Houston, according to the criminal complaint. The Justice Department alleges Jensen and Romero were to broker the deal.

A computer presentation was eventually delivered to potential customers in Colombia. U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said Wednesday. The presentation included images of a variety of weapons and ammunition valued

at \$25 million.

The weapons included 9,000 assault rifles, including AK-47's, submachine guns and sniper rifles; 300 pistols; rocket propelled grenade launchers and nearly 300,000 grenades, shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles and about 60 million rounds of various types of ammunition.

"This investigation establishes the undeniable link between illegal narcotics trafficking organizations and international terrorism," Shelby said. "We cannot avoid the conclusion that drugs are the currency of terror."

In a separate case that Ashcroft described Wednesday, three men are fighting extradition from Hong Kong to face charges stemming from an alleged scheme to use profits from illicit drug sales to finance the purchase of Stinger missiles for the al-Qaida terror network.

The three men — two Pakistanis and one U.S. citizen originally from India — allegedly sought to sell a half-ton of heroin and five tons of hashish in the San Diego area and use the money to buy four Stinger missiles, authorities say.

The three suspects in custody in Hong Kong were identified as Syed Mustajab Shah and Muhammed Abid Afridi, both from Pakistan, and naturalized U.S. citizen Ilyas Ali.

FEE

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offices, Thomas was only person to question the increase.

Thomas, a sophomore religion major, said the cost to attend TCU along with outside expenses makes college life costly.

"College life is just so expensive and we get all these advertisements in the mail, we pay for parking tickets, and food off campus," Thomas

said. "I think we should keep the student fee the same and we should learn to use the money SGA receives more efficiently."

Mattingly said a fee increase is necessary because of the expense of events and activities that SGA covers throughout the year. The fee has not been increased in 15 years, he said.

Some students said they would not mind paying more in fees if it means more SGA programming.

"I think it is a small price to pay to help improve events brought to our campus," said Anna Phillips, a

junior marketing major.

In relation to similar schools, Mattingly said the university's student government fee is low.

Southern Methodist University student government fee is \$51.50 a semester. Centenary College is \$114 per semester and Wilkes University is \$50 a semester.

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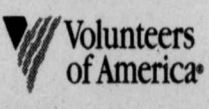
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The Skiff View

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SGA fees seem not to benefit students

Some Student Government Association members are asking for about a \$125,000 budget increase to come out of our pockets.

And while this increase amounts to only a \$10 increase in fees for each student, it still adds up to a 50 percent hike.

If SGA is asking for more of our money, then it is only fair that we ask for something in return. And it would be nice to know what that something is before we hand over our hard earned money.

Some SGA members say Programming Council desperately needs more funds if it wants to bring in big name acts, host more events and invite more speakers.

We think these are admirable goals. But it is apparent most of the campus does not share our views. With the exception of Howdy Week and Homecoming, most PC events are sparsely attended.

Many students haven't bothered to attend those big name acts that SGA members have already brought in.

A Goo Goo Dolls concert here in 1999 left a gaping hole in PC's budget because it could not sell enough tickets. In 1997, PC hosted the Indigo Girls at Will Rogers Coliseum and could only sell 1,000 of the 2,800 tickets available.

Just under 50 percent of the undergraduates attending TCU live on campus. People have busy schedules, and taking time out to attend a function can tend to be not very feasible.

One must begin to wonder if students really want big name events after all.

PC's record at encouraging student participation is poor at best. It is silly to ask for money to program events nobody will attend.

If the increase passes, SGA needs to be sure it doesn't waste more money.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The U.S. syphilis rate is up this year for the first time in more than a decade. According to a story on ABCNEWS.com Friday, the national rate is 2.2 cases per 100,000 people. The rate in women has declined, but the rate in men has climbed significantly enough to raise the overall proportion. Numerically, there was a 15.4 percent jump in males.

This increase is disturbing. Syphilis is linked to HIV infection in several ways. First, people who engage in unsafe sex are automatically more likely to contract the diseases than those who are consistently safe. Second, syphilitic sores can compromise the skin's integrity, leaving more opportunities for the HIV virus to invade the body.

At the same time, HIV infection lowers the body's immune response and would make it much more likely that a person would contract syphilis or other communicable diseases. It comes as little surprise, then, that the HIV infection rate is on the rise again, too.

Diseases like syphilis are everyone's problem, and preventing and curing them are everyone's responsibility. People look at the statistics and scoff; how unlikely is it that you'll ever come into sexual contact

with one of those 2.2 people in 100,000? But it's precisely that devil-may-care attitude that breeds disease and death. Yes, the numbers are higher in urban areas.

Yes, the numbers are astoundingly higher for men who have sex with men. But that doesn't mean that anyone can afford to be sexually reckless and hope to walk away unharmed.

People always believe diseases like syphilis and AIDS are someone else's problem, that it can't happen to them. Until it does. This is 2002.

We know the facts, we know the risks, and there is no excuse for not practicing safe sex. It doesn't take

"We know the facts, we know the risks, and there is no excuse for not practicing safe sex. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to roll on a condom."

a brain surgeon to roll on a condom. Some faiths teach that using birth control and condoms is sinful. We disagree. We're living in a time when debilitating and

deadly diseases are on the rise again. Outside of mutually monogamous relationships, having sex without condoms is sinful.

We all have a moral obligation to educate ourselves and others about the real dangers associated with sex, and then to use our knowledge in our daily lives.

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Men too obsessed with video games

The problem of male obsessive video game playing is not easily resolved by their female friends.

It is a normal fact in life that guys and girls will have their differences. From shopping to watching football incessantly, at times we are on opposite sides of the spectrum.

But one of the most prominent mysteries of the male species I have encountered as of late is an obsessive tendency to play video games.



Lauren Cates

I am determined to get to the bottom of this mystery. I understand that everybody is entitled to their choice of leisure activities. But when all my guy friends are in a perpetual stupor over games such as "Halo" and "Tiger Woods PGA Tour," it is hard to remain sympathetic when all you asked for was a simple hello or acknowledgment that you exist.

My girlfriends and I concocted a secret plan to get our guys back for all the hours they've ignored us or showed up late to our sister's weddings because of a game that they swore would be over in 15 minutes. We decided to buy an Xbox or GameCube or PlayStation 2 (we really can't tell the difference between any of them) and secretly spend hours becoming really good at playing video games. Then, next time we were at a gathering being ignored we would ask to play, admitting it was our "first time," and beat them all at their favorite game.

Needless to say, we never got around to it. Why do girls object so much? Terrell Carter, a junior biology major, said, "It's rude and annoying when we're asked over to a guy's house to hang out and then ignored for a pointless game. First it's football, now it's video games."

Maybe it's the inattention that bothers us, or maybe it's the inability to comprehend why guys like games so much.

"I like playing video games a lot because it makes me cooler. Even if I can't be James Bond in real life, at least I can waste lots of time pretending to be him in a game. Plus I get to kick all my friends' butts," said Rhett Jones, a junior business major when I asked him about the obsession.

So I turned to my favorite and most serious news source, *Glamour* magazine, for some better answers.

According to an article entitled "Men explain it all," in the September issue of *Glamour*, men love the "joy of the joystick" because they want to believe they're really in the game. "Video games are the nexus of almost everything we love: sitting around in our underwear, watching stuff blow up and ignoring everything around us," said Quinton Skinner in the article.

If that's not an in-depth analysis of the male college psyche, I don't know what is.

The obsession has gone so far as to convert girlfriends over to the "dark side" that is compulsive video game playing. Saylor Sturkie, a junior marketing major, was forced to play video games in order to be acknowledged by her boyfriend.

"I was tired of being left out all the time so I began to play. Now I'm addicted and need help. Is there some kind of Betty Ford clinic for this type of thing?"

Unfortunately, no.

So it appears that there are no satisfactory answers to the question that is male video game playing. At the risk of sounding trite, if you can't beat them, join them. Otherwise, women will be exiled to the shopping malls or to watching "Sex and the City" box sets until the madness stops. When this stage passes, and I hope it does, hopefully we'll have discovered an obsession of our own.

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University on track if it listens to raised concerns

The most helpful things discussed at the collaborative community dinner include revising the core curriculum, implementing an honor code and giving seniors the chance to come full-circle.

Last week I attended the collaborative community dinner with about 150 student leaders, faculty, staff and administrators. The discussion centered on how TCU is doing and how it can be better. There were several interesting ideas discussed that should be considered.

COMMENTARY



Chelsea Hudson

First, while many students have memorized the mission statement, there is a desire to understand it and apply it. Several students suggested that a class be offered to discuss ethics and global concepts.

Currently, the Faculty Senate is spearheading discussions on a revised curriculum and one of the discussions concerns the creation of class that explores our univer-

sity's mission statement. I am a strong supporter of this idea for two reasons: it creates understanding of our university and it teaches us valuable insights about the world around us.

Another suggestion was made to create senior seminars. I am currently enrolled in a political science course that serves a similar purpose. The format is discussion-based and the purpose of the class is to understand how all our political science courses interrelate. This experience is helping my education come full-circle.

Similar courses should be offered to all seniors. Even if they didn't correlate with students' majors, these seminars would give seniors an opportunity to think about what they have learned and hopefully prepare them for their futures.

Another idea discussed was the creation of an honor code. Currently, the Student Affairs Committee in the House of Student Representatives is working on this concept. They recently conducted a survey asking students if they would like to see an honor code im-

plemented at TCU. Ninety percent of the students surveyed said yes.

Bill Moncrief, the senior associate dean of the Business School, said an honor code for MBA students has been implemented and has been very successful.

One of the most intriguing concepts discussed at the dinner was the direction TCU is headed. The people sitting at my table agreed the most treasured characteristics of TCU are its warmth and friendliness. People wave and say hello when you walk around our campus.

Currently, there is a tremendous desire to increase TCU's prominence by raising the academic bar and increasing diversity. However, taking TCU to a new level might take away some of its current charm. I think our university needs to find its balance. We need to admit well-rounded students and strive to excel in new areas while maintaining our spirit of friendliness. I know TCU will always be on track if people who care continually take the time to discuss and act on the possibilities.

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Diversity is valuable tool that can be used to solve problems, teach lessons

Understanding each other's differences is important to our mission statement and our ability to change the world we live in.

I truly believe people are our greatest resource. As members of a global community, we must learn from one another.

GUEST COLUMN

J.L. Hernandez

Understanding each other's cultural, religious and social differences increases our ability to think globally and act responsibly. It allows us to respect others and communicate more efficiently.

TCU's mission statement encourages us to be ethical leaders and responsible citizens in a global community. The question is, what does it take to be a member of a global community? A member of a global community is a leader with a global vision. A member of a global community is a leader that treasures diversity, values mutual respect and takes advantage of the opportunities to learn from other people's differences.

Diversity is present everywhere. Each one of us is a unique individual with diverse ideas and beliefs. Diversity represents the simple choices people make: Some choose to be Democrats while others choose to be Republicans. Some have tattoos, others do not. In other words, diversity is the means through which we

press our individuality.

Diversity can be a powerful learning tool. It can help us understand and accept different points of view. As we learn to accept different perspectives, we reaffirm our own ideas and become more aware of the world around us. This is what the college years are for, to learn about who we are and form our own ideas.

Diversity is not just about differences, it is about supporting each other's ideas and working together to achieve goals.

In today's global society, diversity is an important part of our way of life. Every day we come into contact with different people and ideas. Studying abroad and exploring academic areas such as languages, international relations, world history and world religion should expand our horizons and prepare us to become the future leaders of our global community.

The admissions department should be commended for continuing to adopt recruitment programs and marketing campaigns aimed at increasing the applications and enrollment of students from diverse backgrounds. Just to

give an example, imagine a political science class with classmates from different backgrounds, religions and nationalities. Wouldn't it make class discussions much more interesting and exciting? Interacting with a diverse student body enriches our educational experiences.

I am proud to be a student of a university that treasures diversity. TCU has students representing 48 states and more than 70 countries.

We should all take advantage of the opportunities to learn from one another. When you make an effort to learn from each other's differences and engage in intellectual

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conversations about culture, political ideas and religion, you will find answers, but more than that, you will build bridges. You will come together and experience diversity as a medium for our personal development. After all, people are our greatest resource. We must learn from one another. This is another way we can learn to change the world.

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National/International Roundup

O.J. Simpson to be arrested for absence in Miami court

MIAMI (AP) — A judge ordered O.J. Simpson arrested Wednesday after both he and his attorney missed a court appearance on a charge the former football star sped through a manatee zone in a power boat.

Judge Ana Maria Pando issued a bench warrant, which means Simpson would be arrested if he were spotted by police. The judge could withdraw the warrant if either Simpson or his attorney appears in her court.

Simpson chose to plead innocent instead of paying a \$65 fine for the charge stemming from a July 4 incident near downtown Miami. He was ticketed for creating a wake in a manatee zone, the equivalent of a speeding ticket.

Escaped convict dies while trying to escape authorities

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — An escaped convict was killed as he attempted to flee from deputy U.S. marshals.

Juan Castellanos, who had been serving a six-year sentence for conspiracy to import cocaine, was in an SUV with two other men Tuesday when two undercover deputies tried to arrest him.

When Castellanos tried to drive away, a deputy fired a shot through the vehicle's rear passenger window and struck him in the back. Polk County sheriff's spokeswoman Michal Shanley said.

The incident remained under investigation, U.S. marshals spokesman Ed Hurley said. Mar-

shals can fire on suspects or fugitives if they pose a danger to the marshal, a fellow deputy or another person, he said.

Castellanos had escaped from the minimum-security Federal Prison Camp at Forrest City, Ark., in April 1998.

The deputy who fired the shot has chosen to take some time off "because he felt like he needed to," Hurley said.

New Iraq resolution draft turned in for U.N. approval

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States took a final revision of its Iraq resolution to the Security Council Wednesday in hopes of winning approval after eight weeks of tumultuous negotiations with wary allies concerned it could trigger a new war against Saddam Hussein.

The draft has changed significantly since it was first introduced last month, but U.S. officials said the bottom line remains the same: Tough new weapons inspections coupled with a threat of "serious consequences" if Iraq fails to comply.

While the revised draft offers major concessions to critics, it still frees the Bush administration to take military action against Iraq without a second resolution.

In an attempt to meet French and Russian concerns, the new U.S. draft gives Saddam "a final opportunity" to comply with U.N. inspectors, holds out the possibility of lifting sanctions against Iraq, and adds a reaffirmation of Iraq's sovereignty.

But it remains to be seen

whether the latest draft, written with British support, will satisfy Russia, France and others.

Post office gets new system to increase efficiency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The post office is installing equipment that will allow it to track the performance of airlines that carry the mail.

The system will require airlines to scan mail they handle, allowing postal officials to track its movement, be better prepared to handle it on arrival and determine which airlines provide the best service.

Commercial airlines carry large amounts of mail, though heavier items and expedited mail more often move on Federal Express planes or by truck or railroad.

The new tracking system, already used by FedEx and Amtrak will be extended to other airlines in the spring, the post office said.

Postal officials said they are looking at the possibility of extending it to truck and other rail carriers in the future.

The Postal Service is negotiating a new contract with commercial air carriers that is expected to take effect in May. Postal officials said it will include incentives based on pricing and contractor performance.

Supreme Court encouraged to restrict asbestos lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to limit mounting asbestos lawsuits in a case that asks if the fear of getting cancer is enough to give former railroad

workers damage awards.

Congress also is being urged to protect companies from asbestos suits, which carry a \$200 billion price tag. There are more than 600,000 asbestos-related lawsuits before courts today and many more are expected to be filed.

Five years ago the high court ruled that railroad workers cannot sue their employers for emotional distress over exposure to cancer-causing asbestos if they had not been made ill by the fibrous mineral once commonly used in insulation and fireproofing material.

Now justices may take that one more step if they rule that railroad employees with asbestosis — a potentially deadly lung disease — cannot be compensated for fears of getting cancer.

Asbestos fibers, when inhaled, can cause various breathing ailments including lung cancer.

Dozens of companies have sought bankruptcy protection in the past two years because of asbestos exposure claims.

Congress has refused in the past to put limits on asbestos lawsuit, but that could change with Republicans in the White House and in control of both the House and Senate.

Study discards correlation between autism and vaccine

BOSTON (AP) — A large study from Denmark offers reassuring evidence that the widely used measles, mumps and rubella vaccine does not cause autism, as some fear.

Some have speculated that the measles portion of the vaccine

might trigger autism, in part because autism often becomes apparent during the second or third year of life, around the same time the shots are given.

Several large careful studies have turned up no proof of this, and the latest of these was published in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr. Kresten Meldgaard Madsen and others from the Danish Epidemiology Science Center in Aarhus reviewed the records of 537,303 children born in Denmark during the 1990s. The risk of autism was the same for those who got the vaccine and those who did not.

Autism cases have risen substantially during the past 20 years, although some speculate this is a result of better recognition of the disorder, not a true increase.

A review by Dr. Edward Campion, the journal's senior deputy editor, said the latest study is unlikely to put an end to the controversy, although "the association of autism with MMR vaccination appears to be only a predictable coincidence."

U. S. Congress signs world plant diversity treaty

ROME (AP) — The United States on Wednesday became the 76th country to sign an international agreement governing the genetic code of plants, reversing a decision to abstain from the treaty when it was approved last year.

The treaty is intended to preserve plant diversity and thus food supplies by safeguarding the

genetic materials.

In addition to promoting genetic diversity, the treaty recognizes farmers' rights to seeds and other plant resources and establishes a system of access and benefit-sharing for 64 crops and plants that are considered to be fundamental to food security.

Though many nations have signed the pact, it must be ratified by at least 40 before it can go into effect. The U.S. Congress must still ratify it.

Once the treaty enters into force, a committee will decide how it will be implemented, particularly how farmers and others will share the various genetic codes of plants.

These are important decisions, because farmers groups have accused the United States and its multinational companies of trying to patent seeds and grains, depriving poor farmers of access to them.

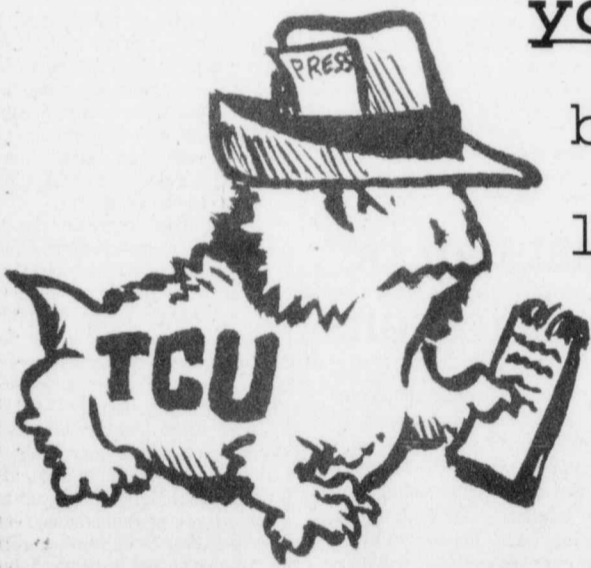
When the treaty was first approved at a U.N. conference last November, the United States and Japan abstained. At the time, U.S. Agricultural Secretary Ann Veneman said the United States withheld its vote because of concerns over provisions regarding intellectual property rights.

U.S. officials also said they were concerned the list of crops included in the treaty fell short of global food security needs.

But Tony Hall, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. food agencies in Rome, said Wednesday the government had reconsidered its position.

"We have seen the wisdom of the treaty and are very glad to sign it," he said.

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Congress passed a bill in 1990 declaring the POW/MIA flag as "the symbol of our nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fate of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia," according to the POW Network. In 1997, Congress passed bills mandating that the POW/MIA flag be flown on Memorial Day (the last Monday in May), Armed Forces Day (third Saturday in May), Veterans' Day (Nov. 11), Independence Day (July 4) and POW/MIA Recognition Day (the third Friday in September).



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
Sheila Berry, a cadet major in Air Force ROTC, is a member of Arnold Air Society which holds a 24-hour POW/MIA vigil each fall.



Special to the Skiff
Alan Hotaling, a U.S. Air Force veteran, is a non-traditional student majoring in computer information science. He began his service in the Air Force in 1978 as a B-52 gunner.



COURTESY PHOTO
Nikki Mendicino, of Springdale, Penn., is an advocate for the recovery of all POW/MIA's. The buttons on her hat indicate awards she has won and memberships to various veterans' organizations — many of them honorary memberships — she has.

LINE OF DUTY



POW/MIA adoption aids in cause of recovery

Many choose to adopt a POW/MIA to keep the thousands of missing from being forgotten.

BY EMILY BAKER
Features Editor

An eerie feeling comes over many who visit the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., or any other memorial dedicated to fallen soldiers and sailors. That feeling is often a potent mixture of sorrow, anger, reverence and vengeance that sours the stomach and burns the soul like vinegar.

For some American families, those feelings never go away because a loved one didn't come home from war. He or she has been labeled as "Missing In Action" and has practically been forgotten by the government and the nation, according to organizations dedicated to finding every person with MIA or POW (prisoner of war) status.

It is the mission of thousands, including 14-year-old Nikki Mendicino of Springdale, Pa., to make sure each of those POW/MIA's are accounted for.

"There have been more than 10,000 live sightings of POW/MIA's in Southeast Asia since the end of the Vietnam War," Mendicino said. "Maybe they haven't been found by now because we haven't looked hard enough, or maybe we haven't looked at all. Our soldiers would be very valuable to countries like this, so why wouldn't they keep them, especially when we never showed any signs of coming to get them?"

"We can never, ever just say, 'What's the use?'," she said. "These people are still Americans, and every last one of them deserves to be accounted for."

Mendicino is widely known for her passion for POW/MIA's. She has earned dozens of awards for her service to veterans and for her dedication to accounting for all POW/MIA's. The ninth-grader was also invited to open Rosie O'Donnell's talk show that aired on Memorial Day in 2001.

The POW/MIA problem

Mendicino said the U.S. government doesn't do its part to bring home POW/MIA's, and to her, that is blasphemy.

"Well, our government — the Army's CILHI (Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii) — does do 'recovery missions' a few times a year in different parts of the world to look (for) and return remains of our troops," she said. "As far as looking for or doing anything for any live POW/MIA's, they don't."

Sheer numbers have convinced Mendicino and those like her that the government isn't doing its part. Thousands of POW/MIA's have not been recovered, even after reports of sightings and other evidence. The government admits the existence of Americans being held in North Korean prison camps, according to official congressional reports. They have been there since the Korean War and have been marched to coal mines to work, according to the POW Network, an organization of family members of POW/MIA's.

In a 1990 letter, Sen. Jesse Helms confirmed that "Vietnamese Foreign Minister Thach in fact confirmed to the United States (in October 1990) that his country still held 10 U.S. POW/MIA's."

The POW Network says that evidence shows the government has not done much to recover POW/MIA's. For instance, in 1991, Col. Millard Peck, chief of the Pentagon's Special Office for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, resigned in protest when he was ordered by policy makers in the POW/MIA Inter-Agency Group not to investigate reports of sightings of American POW/MIA's.

Also in 1991, Sen. Bob Smith addressed the Senate because none of the more than 1,400 live sightings of POW/MIA's had been investigated.

What the government has done
Many government offices have said it isn't that they don't want to look — they can't look because they lack adequate funds and public support, according to the POW Network. The

funding for the CILHI is millions short of what the facility needs to adequately process remains, according to the POW Network.

"The nation knows (POW/MIA's) are there," former C.I.A. Director William Casey said in 1986. "But there's no groundswell for support for getting them out. Certainly you are not suggesting we pay for them, surely not saying we could do anything like that with no public support."

According to a report by the Defense of Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Office in the Department of Defense, the government has recovered, identified and returned the remains of at least 552 servicemen as of Jan. 14.

A possible solution

There are ways Americans can promote the cause of recovering POW/MIA's. Two main methods are remembrance vigils and adopting a POW/MIA.

Arnold Air Society, the service organization made up of members of TCU's Air Force ROTC, hosts a 24-hour POW/MIA vigil each fall.

"We do this to pay tribute for their (POW/MIA's) sacrifices, and we try to remember their dedication and the sacrifices of their families," said Cadet Maj. Sheila Berry, a member of the society who has been a key coordinator of the vigils. "Cadets care about this because we respect those who were given this special calling. They did not choose to be prisoners of war, and their families cannot rest if they are presumed 'missing in action.' We try our best to understand the sacrifices even though many of us will never know the extent to which these individuals have served our country."

The vigil involves raising the POW/MIA flag with the American flag, a changing of the guard every 15 minutes during the vigil, a moment of remembrance as a candle, that is to burn for the entire 24-hours, is lit and a formal retreat ceremony at the end of the vigil to retire the POW/MIA flag.

POW/MIA vigils are also hosted online. Mendicino's Web site (nikkikusa.com) is an example. These vigils are designed to prevent the memory of POW/MIA's from dissolving. Most Web sites are devoted to specific POW/MIA's.

One of the more popular ways to promote the issue of POW/MIA remembrance and recovering is by adopting a specific POW/MIA. There are several ways to do this including dedicating a Web site to the person and purchasing a small bracelet with the person's name, date the person went missing, branch of service and home state.

The POW/MIA bracelets have become somewhat of a tradition that began in 1970 by three college students and a college advisor, according to a *Washington Times* story published Feb. 7, 2000. During this Vietnam Era, the group was receiving as many as 12,000 orders for bracelets a day, the story stated.

According to the story, the bracelet program raised almost \$10 million until 1976 when the student organization stopped producing the bracelets. The tradition is continued by many groups nationwide.

This tradition states that a person is to wear or keep their bracelet until the POW/MIA they adopted is returned to the United States, according to the POW Network. At that time, if the POW/MIA is returned alive, the bracelet is returned to the family. It is not uncommon for a returned POW/MIA to receive thousands of bracelets, according to the *Washington Times* story. If the POW/MIA is not alive when he/she is returned, many decide not to return the bracelet to prevent deepening family members' wounds.

The TCU Air Force ROTC is offering students the opportunity to adopt a POW/MIA by selling bracelets for \$10 each. Students interested in adopting a POW/MIA can request a home state and a branch of service of the POW/MIA. For information, call Berry at (817) 923-7310 or e-mail her at (berry@tcuafrotc.com).

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TCU Air Force veterans not seeking any special recognition

Two veterans attending TCU don't ask for any special treatment this Veterans Day because they say they get all the recognition they want in the form of pride.

BY EMILY BAKER
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Alan Hotaling and Paula Sinde are non-traditional students at TCU. They are a little older than most of their classmates, and have families for whom to provide.

But there is one other detail that makes these two stand out from the average Horned Frog — they are both veterans of the U.S. Air Force.

Neither of them said they consider themselves heroes for serving the country, but they both say they regard what they did to be pretty special. Though Veterans Day is Monday, these two said they get all the recognition they need simply in the pride they get from knowing they served selflessly.

"Serving my country was my decision," Sinde said. "The pride that I feel from this is more important than any award or public recognition I could ever receive."

Sinde, a sophomore nursing major, has been officially separated from the Air Force for less than two months. During her 12 years in the Air Force, Sinde mainly worked as a missile facilities technician, meaning she made sure the power supply and refrigeration systems were properly working.

Sinde said one reason she enlisted was the opportunity to travel. She was stationed in North Dakota for the entire duration of her service and left the Air Force to finish her degree. And, for the most part, her fellow students are compassion-



Paula Sinde

ate about her veteran status.

"Most people are very supportive of veterans, but there are a few who just don't get it. I have run into people who did not want anything to do with military folks," she said. "It was very frustrating at times, but I learned to accept it and move on with my life. I knew what being in the Air Force meant to me, and I did not let other people's feelings get in the way of what I felt was important."

Hotaling said most students are more surprised to see a nontraditional student than they are to see a veteran.

"The biggest difference that I see is that it seems that the leadership responsibility always falls upon my shoulders for any group projects," because he is older, the 43-year-old said.

Hotaling is a computer information science major and plans to graduate in December. When he began his

service with the Air Force in 1978, Hotaling was a B-52 gunner. When that position was eliminated, he became a flight engineer for the H-60 Blackhawk. He was responsible making sure aircraft systems were properly working, diagnosing systems problems, making sure the aircraft had plenty of fuel and calculating how much fuel the aircraft would need, inspecting the aircraft to make sure it was safe for flight and figuring out the aircraft's power supply requirements. The flight engineer is also the hoist operator.

"The hoist is used primarily to lift someone, possibly an injured individual, to the helicopter or lower someone to the surface in places where landing is not feasible," he said. And he also had the job

of directing the alternate insertion/extraction devices which he likened to a fireman's pole.

The worst thing about Hotaling's 20 years in the Air Force was being apart from his family, he said. But, he met his wife, Georgia, at the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at the former Carswell Air Force Base (which is now the Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base located west of Forth Worth and north of Benbrook).

Both Hotaling and Sinde agree veterans are generally treated with respect, but what upsets Hotaling is a lack of respect for those who never attained the status of veteran because they fell in battle.

"What saddens me is when someone doesn't want to show the proper respect to the flag by not taking off their hat (when the flag passes by them) or not displaying the flag correctly," he said. "But I believe

the problem with this is the lack of education and tradition that has failed to be passed on."

Rules for proper flag etiquette are found in Public Law 94-344, according to literature provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"After serving in the military, I don't expect anyone to treat me any differently just because I served," Hotaling said. "I served because I wanted to, not because I had to. That was my choice in life. I believe I made the best choice and am not unhappy with my choice."

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With majority, GOP to dictate agenda

The Texas Republican Party gained a majority in both houses of the state Legislature Tuesday. Party leaders plan to push for vouchers, spending cuts and outlawing gay marriage.

BY CONNIE MABIN
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republicans will have majorities in the Texas House and Senate for the first time since Reconstruction, a historic political shift that probably will change the way the Legislature tackles issues such as a budget shortfall, abortion and school choice.

"It's great to be in power. It's overwhelming and exciting. We're honored, but we are cognitive of the weight of the responsibility of being the majority," said Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas.

Weddington said Wednesday that Republicans support a socially conservative agenda that includes taxpayer-funded vouchers for private school tuition, tax cuts, an outlaw of gay marriages and toughening of state abortion laws.

Republicans will encounter serious issues, including a budget shortfall of at least \$5 billion. And they must try to make good on campaign promises to lower homeowner insurance rates, expand education programs and put limits on lawsuits — without raising taxes.

Republicans must avoid partisan gridlock or an agenda that is too far off-base from what most Texans want. Otherwise, the new majority risks disenfranchising the voters who put them in power, political observers said.

"That's probably the most problematic thing right now, is to get the

campaign over with and see if the Republicans can't build some coalitions with Democrats in the House and the Senate and come up with some real solutions to some real tough problems," said consultant Tony Proffitt, a longtime aide to the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Some Republican winners said a major solution would be slashing state spending in the tight \$114 billion budget. Most of it is spent on education and health care costs for poor children and the disabled.

"We're not going to say that money is always the answer," said Martha Wong, a Republican from Houston who ousted incumbent Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston.

"We won't be finding new ways to bring in income either," Wong said. "We'll learn how to cut out things that aren't necessary, so it's a matter of priorities."

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She offered no specific cuts.

Not everyone ruled out tax hikes, which under state rules must originate with a House bill.

"There are a number of us who believe that the deficit is larger than what is being projected so it's hard to determine anything on the budget issue," said Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington.

Republicans picked up a 19-12 Senate majority going into the next legislative session. The 31-member state Senate was split evenly between the political parties with one vacancy.

Five House races remained undecided Wednesday afternoon because of late returns in Bexar and Tarrant counties. But even without those decisions, Republicans picked up 85 of the 150 House seats to Democrats' 60.

Democrats, who held the House 78-72, had dominated the Legislature for the past 130 years.

Winona Ryder guilty of vandalism, shoplifting

After 5 1/2 hours of deliberations, the jury convicted Ryder guilty of stealing \$5,500 worth of merchandise.

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press

Actress Winona Ryder was convicted Wednesday of stealing \$5,500 worth of high-fashion merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue last year.

The jury found the star of "Girl, Interrupted" guilty of felony grand theft and vandalism but cleared her of burglary. The panel reached the verdict after 5 1/2 hours of deliberations over two days.

The two-time Oscar nominee, who marked her 31st birthday in the defendant's chair, was arrested Dec. 12, 2001, as she left the Beverly Hills store, her arms laden with packages.

Ryder did not testify during the

trial, which lasted two weeks.

The prosecution told the jury that Ryder came to Saks with larceny on her mind, bringing shopping bags, a garment bag and scissors to snip security tags off items.

"She came, she stole, she left. End of story," Deputy District Attorney Ann Rundle said in her closing argument.

"Nowhere does it say people steal because they have to. People steal out of greed, envy, spite, because it's there or for the thrill."

— Ann Rundle
deputy district attorney

Jurors were shown videotape of Ryder moving through the store laden with goods, and Saks security workers testified that after she was detained she apologetically told them a director had told her to shoplift to prepare

for a movie role.

Her attorney denounced the security guards as liars even before the trial began.

At the start of her shopping trip, she paid more than \$3,000 for a jacket and two blouses. The defense said Ryder believed the store would keep her account "open" while she shopped and would charge her later. There was no evidence of an account.

In closing arguments Monday, defense attorney Mark Geragos suggested that the store, trying to avoid a lawsuit, conspired with employees to invent a story that would make Ryder appear to be a thief and vandal.

Geragos ridiculed the charge that Ryder vandalized merchan-

dise by cutting holes in clothes when removing the security tags.

"This woman is known for her fashion sense," he said. "Was she going to start a new line of 'Winona wear' with holes in it?"

He carried a hair bow that she allegedly had stolen over to her, placed it on her head and said, "Can anyone see Ms. Ryder with this on top of her head? Does that make sense?"

Settlement talks between the defense and prosecution failed, but just before trial the district attorney's office agreed to dismiss a drug charge after a doctor said he had given her two pills found in her possession when she was arrested.

The 12-member jury included several people with Hollywood connections, including producer Peter Guber, head of Mandalay Entertainment and a former head of Sony Entertainment Pictures.

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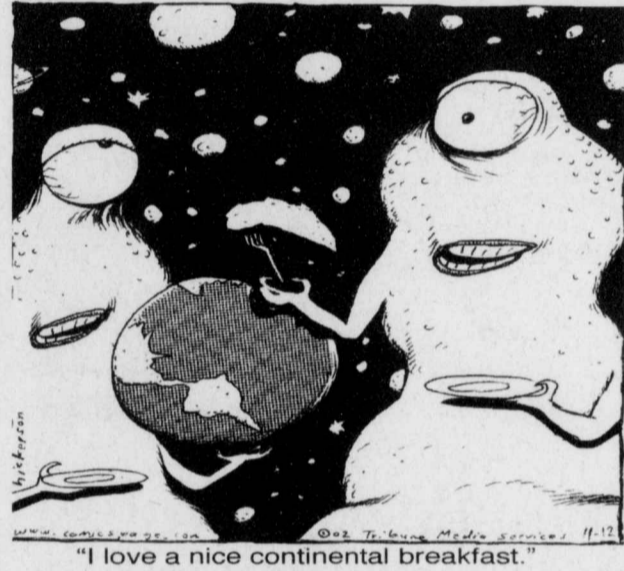
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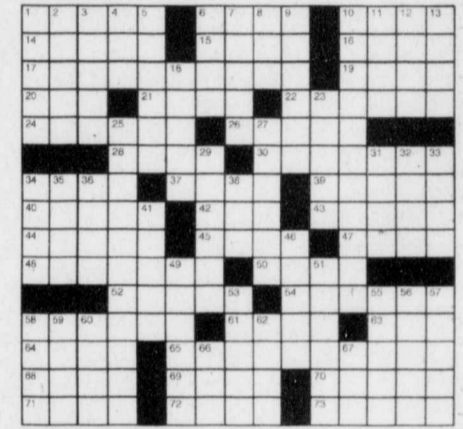
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1 Alabama town
6 Destiny
10 Org. of Webb and Sorenstam
14 Path
15 Lincoln and Burrows
16 Part of U.A.E.
17 Jazz singer of note
19 Warsaw native
20 Pose questions
21 Chilled
22 Creature
24 Namb or Gobi
26 Sen. Kefauver
28 List entry
30 Doctors
34 "Death of a Salesman" character
37 Surrealist Salvador
39 Prepare to run after the catch
40 Many Norwegian kings
42 Won follower?
43 Ultraviolet filter
44 Fill an empty flat
45 "It a City"
47 Pre-owned
48 Spanish ship
50 Caterwaul
52 Subarctic forest
54 Functional leathers
58 Leisurely walk
61 Sharp taste
63 Tic-tac-toe win
64 Work gang
65 Pancake topper
68 Helper
69 China land
70 Mann novel, "Kroger"
71 Othello, e.g.
72 Sam or Trevor
73 Expression of contempt



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8 Hanoi holiday
9 Will contents
10 Blue gem
11 Spring ball
12 Festive affair
13 Adam's second
18 Played a part
23 Keen!
25 Paris landmark
27 Climb (a rope)
29 Pairing
31 Self-images
32 Graphic letter
33 Risked getting a ticket
34 1976-80 Wimbledon champion
35 Ends of small intestines
36 Drop
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41 Purloin
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SideLine

UT baseball team on probation for two years

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas national championship baseball team was placed on two-year probation by the NCAA on Wednesday for violations surrounding a former volunteer assistant coach who received illegal job benefits and took improper recruiting trips.

The NCAA determined that former assistant coach Richard "Trip" Couch took a job at a beer distributorship owned by a former university regent but did not do any work.

Instead of working, Couch worked exclusively at baseball-related activities, especially in recruiting.

NCAA rules prohibit volunteer coaches from being on an athletics department payroll or receiving preferential treatment in an outside job arranged by the athletics department.

Tom Yeager, chairman of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, and chairman of the Colonial Athletic Association, said the violation was considered "major."

The NCAA accepted Texas' self-imposed penalty to prohibit head coach Augie Garrido from recruiting off campus until August 2003.

The NCAA also reduced scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year by one and said that only one assistant coach will be permitted to recruit off campus until July 31, 2003.

A&M president offers support for coach Slocum

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University President Robert M. Gates offered his support for beleaguered football coach R.C. Slocum Wednesday but said the school's new athletic director will make any judgments on future coaching decisions.

"While our football season to date has been disappointing, Texas A&M has a fine head coach, not only with an enviable long-term winning record, but also an admirable record in helping student athletes succeed and in running a program with integrity. Coach Slocum has my full support," Gates said in a statement.

Athletic director Wally Groff is stepping down in December and a search committee is looking for his replacement.

"I intend that all of our athletic programs, including football, also will be evaluated expeditiously by the new athletic director as soon as he or she is hired," Gates said. "It is my policy that the athletic director will make decisions with respect to the programs and the coaches under his or her purview."

After starting the season ranked among the top teams in the nation, the Aggies will enter Saturday's game against No. 1 ranked Oklahoma at Kyle Field with a 5-4 record after a season of turmoil.

"You spend your time working on the things you have control over and the things you can do something about," Slocum said at his weekly news conference. "Everybody, to some extent or another, deals with that."

Sciocchia, La Russa named as Managers of Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Sciocchia was voted AL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading Anaheim into the playoffs, and Tony La Russa won his record fourth award for guiding St. Louis through an emotional season to the NL Central title.

In his third season as Anaheim's manager, Sciocchia turned around a team that went 75-87 in 2001, finishing 41 games behind Seattle. The Angels overcame a 6-14 start to go 99-63, finishing four games behind Oakland but winning the AL wild card. Anaheim then beat the Yankees and Twins in the playoffs, and the Giants in the World Series.

La Russa's Cardinals won their division during a season in which the team was traumatized by the deaths of pitcher Darryl Kile and longtime broadcaster Jack Buck. The Cardinals went 97-65 to finish 13 games ahead of second-place Houston, then swept defending World Series champion Arizona in the first round of the playoffs before losing to the Giants in the NL

Consistency key to Williams' success

Senior Terran Williams has been consistent for the Frogs on punt returns, gaining positive yards and taking tough hits.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

When head coach Gary Patterson spoke Tuesday about the leadership of some of his players, one of the players he mentioned was senior wide receiver/returner Terran Williams.

The fastest of the Horned Frogs (he has been clocked at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash), Williams has become a full-time returner for the team this season. Williams said he has been waiting his turn for the opportunity.

"I've always been in the rotation on punts," Williams said. "For a couple of years we had upper classmen

doing it, and I've always been behind them. This year I guess it's just my turn."

Williams made the most of his opportunity in his first game of the season.

Against Cincinnati in the season opener, Williams took a punt 70-yards for a touchdown, causing Bearcat punter Chet Ervin to almost trip over himself in the process.

Special teams coach Dan Sharp said it takes a special player to return punts.

"The thing that he's got is guts," Sharp said. "With the way the halo rule is, you got to have a guy back there with some stones on him that's not afraid to catch it when a guy's coming down there ready to light him up."

The halo rule that Sharp was referring to is the rule that allows a

returner to have space to catch a punt. The punt coverage team must allow a returner three yards of space to make a clean catch. The team is penalized 10 yards if they come in the space without touching him, and 15 yards if they do make contact with the returner.

This is to protect the returner, who is defenseless to the hit as a result of standing still waiting for the ball.

"It gives returners the opportunity to catch the ball supposedly without getting hit," Sharp said. "It gives the good ones time to catch the ball, see the hole, make a reaction and go."

There are some instances though when the space is not respected, as Williams can attest.

In the Oct. 30 game against Southern Miss, the Golden Eagles received two 15-yard personal fouls when they did not hesitate in hitting Williams before he fully received the football.

"It seems like every game they try to do that," Williams said. "I don't know if it's a compliment or they just don't know the returns."

Hardly ever calling for a fair catch, Williams averages 9.45 yards a return, good enough for 70th in the nation.


While he may not be flashy, he is consistent, always taking the ball forward. There are returners who will try to fake the defenders completely out of their shoes before even making a move forwards.

Williams said his straight ahead style not only allows him to utilize his speed, but it's the style the team prefers.

He also said when he gets a chance to use that speed, there is only thing on his mind.

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Terran Williams
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Three kick returns 57 yards — 19.0 avg.



Senior Terran Williams (No. 1) handles punt return duties for the Frogs, averaging 9.45 yards a return.

Photographer/Simon Lopez

Six in double figures as Frogs win exhibition game 104-77

In its first action of the season, the men's basketball team defeated Slovakia-Select in an exhibition contest at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

It was the first chance for Frog fans to see first-year men's basketball coach Neil Dougherty, and his team did not sour his welcome, beating Slovakia-Select 104-77 Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

While the crowd size may not be what Dougherty was accustomed to in Lawrence, Kan., it was still a modest turnout considering the game was an exhibition.

Those who came saw an aggressive team that showed the early efforts Dougherty has made in

emphasizing defense, a word that hasn't been associated with TCU men's basketball team in the past.

The Frogs held the Slovaks to 27 shot attempts and caused 15 turnovers. While Dougherty said he was pleased with the team's efforts, there is still work to do.

"The conditioning is still not quite where it could be, because we left the basket unprotected a few times," Dougherty said. "But what they're learning right now is what they're capable of doing in the future."

The Slovaks kept the game close for the majority of the first

half, but a late 6-0 run by the Frogs, in which all six points came from true freshman Chudi Chinweze, closed out the half to give TCU a 52-43 halftime lead.

The Frogs came out in the second half and scored 27 points in the first eight minutes, compared to Slovakia-Select's four, and would never

be threatened during the remainder of the game.

Chinweze and senior Jamal Brown led the team in scoring with 16 points each, as

TCU had six players in double figures for the night.

Seniors Bingo Merriex and Junior Blount tossed in 15 points each and sophomore Corey Santee added 14. Sophomore Marcus Sloan also had 10 points.

Chinweze, the lone player from TCU's recruiting class, made the biggest splash. The 6-6 forward put down three dunks that had the crowd on its feet, and led the team in rebounds with eight.

"It was really exciting," Chinweze said. "It was my first game here, and everybody's adrenaline was up. It was cool."

Dougherty said the team will have today off and will get back to work Friday on improving from Wednesday's performance.

"It was our first time out against someone else and we wanted to see how hard we could go," Dougherty said. "I think we got an idea of where we are."

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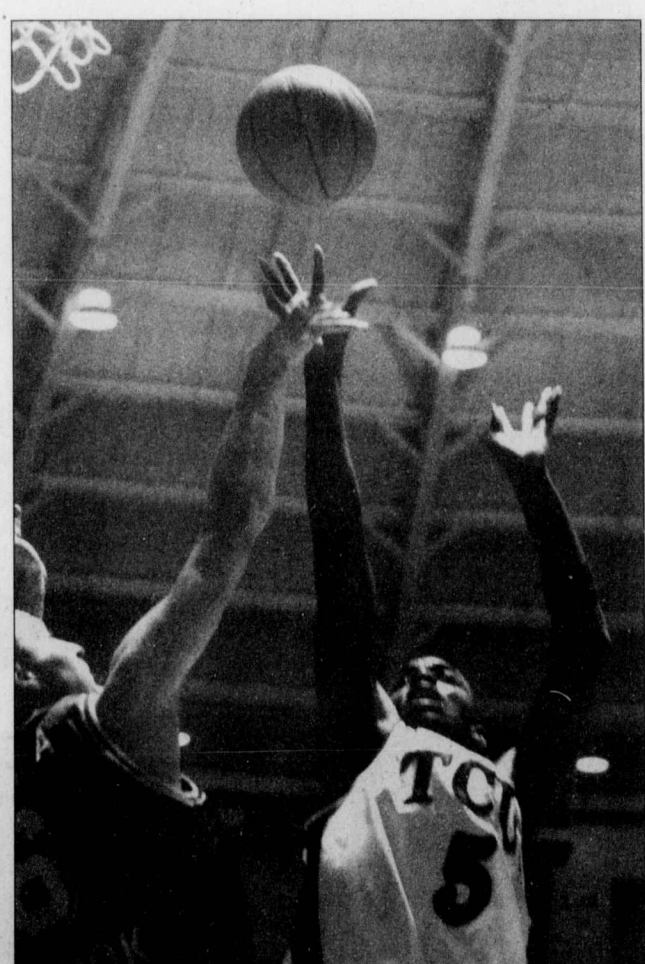
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Slovakia-Select (77)
Lukjanec 5-13 5-7 16, Hager 7-7 0-0 16,
Micuda 5-9 2-3 12, Kuznetsov 4-10 2-2 11,
Weiss 4-8 0-0 8, Soska 3-8 0-0 6, Suchon 1-1 2-4, Hovanak 2-3 0-0 4.

TCU (104)
Chinweze 7-9 2-2 16, Brown 6-7 4-4 16,
Blount 5-13 4-6 15, Merriex 4-12 4-6 15,
Santee 6-12 0-0 14, Sloan 5-8 0-2 10,
Markley 2-5 2-2 7, Smith 1-7 2-4 5, Valsin 1-2 2-4, Hobbs 1-3 0-0 2.

Rebounds — Slovakia-Select 34, TCU 40
Total fouls — Slovakia-Select 26, TCU 17
Attendance — N/A

Slovakia-Select	43	34	77
TCU	52	52	104



Sophomore Marcus Sloan takes a shot over a Slovakia-Select defender in the Frogs' 104-77 exhibition victory Wednesday night.

Photographer/Ty Halasz

Giants announce Baker will not return as manager

After leading the team to its first World Series in 12 years, the Giants are saying goodbye to manager Dusty Baker, after long-term disputes with management.

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Not even a World Series trip was enough to patch up the problems between San Francisco manager Dusty Baker and Giants owner Peter Magowan.

So on Wednesday, the Giants said Baker would not be back. The announcement came several hours before his contract was set to expire and less than two weeks after he narrowly led them to a title.

"I never thought it was going to come to this," general manager Brian Sabean said. Baker became the first manager in nearly three decades to leave

a team right after reaching the World Series. Dick Williams led Oakland to the 1973 championship and then retired — he was hired by the California Angels during the 1974 season.

The Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners are likely to express interest in the three-time NL Manager of the Year. They are among 10 teams that will have new managers next season.

The Giants said Baker told them he would not be available to comment until next week. Baker said when the season ended he planned to spend some time alone to gather his thoughts.

Baker was credited by many observers for his ability to handle a difficult clubhouse that included feuding stars Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent. One person who also will be missing from the Giants' dugout — Baker's 3 1/2-year-old bat boy son, Darren.

"Any time a team gets to the seventh game of the World Series, a lot of things have to be working," Giants third baseman David Bell said Wednesday night. "A lot of things have to be going in the right direction. Dusty was the leader of that. The biggest part of all that was Dusty."

Magowan and Sabean met with Baker last week. "However, his public disparagement of the organization has continued," the owner said.

"As a result, Brian and I didn't

believe we could reconcile the differences with Dusty and it wasn't practical to go forward," he said.

Sabeen said he recommended to Magowan that negotiations end. Baker's contract expired at midnight Wednesday.

"It has become increasingly apparent that Dusty's interest in exploring opportunities elsewhere is paramount in his mind," Sabean said. "There remained non-compensation issues that he seemed reluctant to embrace."

Baker's public pursuit of other jobs angered the team.

"I was disappointed to read in the press how interested he was in jobs elsewhere," Magowan said.

Baker, with his trademark toothpick and friendly demeanor, will be missed by his players and fans.

"It's emotional. I don't know about sad," Sabean said.

"The guy's had a great career here. He's going to go off to greener pastures in his mind, a pot of gold."

At 53, Baker just completed his 10th year with the Giants. He led San Francisco to its first World Series since 1989.

But Baker apparently felt slighted because Magowan always pointed out everybody else's contributions when asked what he thought of Baker's role in the team's success.

Baker also became angry when Magowan said in spring training that this was the best team the Giants had fielded in his 10 years of ownership. Baker thought that put too much pressure on the players.

Magowan said he regretted the timing of those comments. It came shortly after Baker's fight with prostate cancer.

"I think I should have been more sensitive with Dusty recovering in that situation," Magowan said. "He might have taken it in a more personal way than it was meant."

Baker said during the playoffs that he did not intend to "break the bank" — meaning the \$6 million a year Joe Torre got from the Yankees — "but I want to be near the bank" on a new contract.

Baker has expressed his frustration that the Giants waited so long to discuss the possibility of him coming back — making him feel unwanted.