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Junior political science major Abby Crawford signed up to volunteer for the Citizens for Taxpayers' Rights Monday at a rally at the Clairton Hotel. The group is seeking support for a referendum on the city's plans to build a downtown hotel.

## Downtown hotels funding opposition to city's plans

BY SARAH MCCLELLAN

Photo Editor

A group trying to force a referendum on the City Council's plan to build a \$130 million hotel has spent \$30,000 in money donated by downtown hotels, the group's chairman said Thursday.

"The largest amount (of money) is coming from downtown hotels," said Steve Hollern, a Fort Worth accountant who formed the Citizens for Taxpayers' Rights. "The reason

The Citizens for Taxpayers' Rights is leading a petition drive to force a referendum on the City Council's plan to build a city-owned hotel. Its backers say it is protecting tax payers, but supporters of building the downtown hotel say it is trying to squelch potential competition.

is they've got an economic interest."

Supporters of building the proposed downtown hotel, which would have 600-rooms and is slated to be built to attract large conventions, say the drive is an attempt by other hotels to stifle potential competition.

The group, which includes TCU

students, has to get signatures from 5 percent of Fort Worth's registered voters, or about 14,500 people. It has until 2 1/2 weeks after the City Council approves the plans to get enough signatures, but Hollern said the group already has half of them.

Assistant city manager Charles

Boswell said the Radisson Plaza is the primary backer for the opposition.

"(The Radisson) can make money without upgrading right now," Boswell said. "They're afraid a true first class convention center hotel that's a stone's throw away from them will force them to upgrade or sell the property to someone who's willing to."

Stan Kennedy, vice president of operations for the Radisson, did not

return numerous phone calls.

Hollern defended the petition drive, saying it is wrong for the city to spend so much money without voter approval.

City Council "wants to not let the voters have a say," Hollern said. "That's just not right."

Councilwoman Wendy Davis, who represents TCU's district, said that is not the City Council's intentions. She said the risk of interest rates increasing before a bond elec-

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## CASH CAMPAIGN

### Fund raising a principle concern

Administrators say the current fund-raising campaign will encounter difficulties in part because of a weak economy. Despite this, the university will campaign to meet the largest goal in TCU history.

BY COLLEEN CASEY

News Editor

The current \$230 million fund-raising campaign is the most ambitious in the university's history, but its progress relies on donors' confidence in the weak economy and the next chancellor, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement.

Although it may take longer to raise funds because of the decline in the stock market, Davis said he's not concerned with how long it will take to raise funds toward the current working goal. The campaign remains in the quiet stage, while planning and researching continue. Davis said it won't be publicly announced until the Board of Trustees are confident enough with the economy to begin solicitation.

"We're trying to see how this works and see what our top donors say," Davis said. "It may take longer, but we're seeing what kind of response we get in the marketplace."

The planning stages will end when Chancellor Michael Ferrari retires in May. The new chancellor will then have the opportunity to evaluate the goals, and the campaign could start next fall. Davis said the next chancellor is key to the campaign, which could last up to seven years.

This campaign is only the second in

TCU history with a similarly ambitious goal. The national campaign in 1992 and raised \$120 million, \$20 million more than the intended goal.

"(A high goal) has a more dramatic impact," Davis said. "It may attract the best people because it's large."

Because of the low stock market, Ferrari said that if the economy doesn't pick up until the third or fourth quarter of 2003, then reworking the campaign goals will be up to the next chancellor.

But he did say he is pleased the university has raised more than \$72 million since July 1 for planning and donor research. The money is not part of the campaign's total goal.

In the last campaign, the chancellor and provost established the university's priorities, but this year's goals are much more detailed. Previous campaigns were centralized, and didn't let each college or school offer their perspectives. With a different structure this year, each college or school at TCU came up with their own plans for development.

Davis said the campaign will conclude with more unmet goals because there are more priorities to attend to, but that more projects will probably raise more money overall.

Money raised in the campaign's next stage will go towards meeting the priorities of the colleges and schools and about \$4.5 million will go into the general operating budget.

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### The college wish list

**College of Communication:** Student Media Center, which will house the TCU Daily Skiff newsroom and the KTCU radio station, and donors to claim its naming; an in-house Institute for Sports Media and donors to claim its naming; donors to claim the naming of the college and the three departments of speech communication, journalism and radio-TV-film; graduate student scholarships; an endowed technology fund; three faculty positions in new media; a young faculty scholar program and a sports journalist-in-residence, all of which total around \$30.5 million.

**College of Health and Human Sciences:** Five endowed faculty chairs, each requiring \$1.5 million to pay for salaries; a bilingual speech pathology chairman or chairwoman; general department grants; an institute for health research; donors to claim the naming of the college and the three unnamed departments of kinesiology, social work and communication sciences and disorders; and perhaps another child version of a human simulator.

**M.J. Neeley School of Business:** \$5 million to fully fund Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall. Also, donations to focus on the logistics, management and transportation for the Center for Supply and Values Chain, along with general endowment money for scholarships and faculty salaries.

**College of Fine Arts:** Money donations for other minor renovations in the University Theatre and for an electronic music studio.

**School of Education:** School of Education Complex; donors to claim the naming of the school; scholarships and financial aid; an endowed chair in educational leadership and endowment for a School of Education International Fund. Total costs are \$45 million.

**Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences:** Seven endowed chairs in American Business History, Business Ethics, Social Problems, Classical Studies, American Politics, Composition Studies and Applied Ethics, each requiring \$1.5 million to pay for salaries. Also, capital for financing a Center for Civic Literacy. Mary Volcansek, dean of the college, said she's looking for more than \$40 million.

**College of Science and Engineering:** Equipment purchases to support specific research projects, scholarship and graduate assistantships and endowed chair faculty positions.

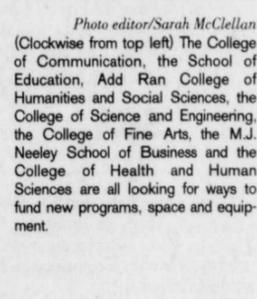
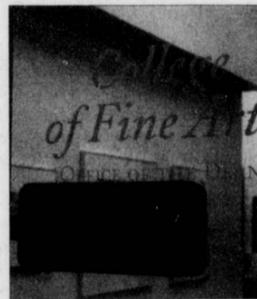


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(Clockwise from top left) The College of Communication, the School of Education, Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Science and Engineering, the College of Fine Arts, the M.J. Neeley School of Business and the College of Health and Human Sciences are all looking for ways to fund new programs, space and equipment.

## SGA leaders explain merit of proposed fee increase

SGA wants to continue bringing quality events to the university, but representatives say that will require more funding from the student body.

BY EMILY TURNER

Staff Reporter

Student Government Association treasurer George Peyton said that even though the House of Student Representatives has \$121,000 in its reserve fund, a fee increase is necessary to improve quality programming and the university's chance of becoming more nationally recognized.

SGA has proposed a bill to increase student government fees by \$10, making the fee \$30 a semester as opposed to the current \$20. Students can vote on the issue during elections Nov. 12.

"It's not good financial practice to always rely on the reserve fund," Peyton said. "Eventually that would deplete the reserve and if we went over we would be in trouble."

— George Peyton

Student Government Association treasurer

Peyton, a junior astronomy and physics major, said \$60,000 from last year's budget rolled over into this year's reserve fund. The reserve fund is used as an extra source of money for specific situations, he said.

"It's not good financial practice to always rely on the reserve fund," Peyton said. "Eventually that would deplete the reserve and if we went over we would be in trouble."

Cheryl Wilson, financial controller, said SGA collected approximately \$260,000 in student fees for fall 2001 and spring 2002. At the end of the fiscal year in May, Wilson said SGA expenses were about \$240,000.

Chris Mattingly, author of the proposed fees bill and SGA treasurer candidate, said inflation has made it difficult for SGA to pay for speakers and give organizations the money they request.

Rodney Thomas, a sophomore religion major and a candidate for vice president of House of Student Representatives, is the only candidate not to support the fee increase as it currently stands.

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## Local police increase patrols as number of vehicle burglaries rise

The Fort Worth Police Department has taken extra precautions and enlisted the help of community associations as the number of car burglaries has jumped in the past year, especially this October.

BY JILL MENINGER

Staff Reporter

Fort Worth Police say they have increased patrol of the TCU area and taken other safety measures after an increase in car burglaries.

According to information provided by the police department, 34 cars were burglarized in October, the most for any month so far this year. The area reported 204 car burglaries this

year — one more than was reported the previous two years combined.

Berry Street, Merida Avenue and University Drive are the streets to have been hit the most with car burglaries in October, police records show.

In addition to more patrols, the police department has recruited help from neighborhood associations and have also put citizen alert warning handouts on car windshields.

Jamie Johnson, a Fort Worth police officer, said the offenses are occurring at all times of the day and night, although he said they have noticeably picked up during the evenings.

He said police have no suspects as yet. But based on previous incidents

and the time of day the offenses occur, he said crimes are likely being committed by high school students.

He said the majority of the cars that have been burglarized were owned by students.

Johnson said he attributes the increase in car burglaries to students who are in a rush and leave personal items — like purses, CD players and wallets — in their vehicles.

"You will be amazed at what people leave open in their cars," Johnson said.

Adam Marr, a freshman business major, said he learned his lesson after he left his wallet on his dashboard when he was staying at a friend's house on Worth Hills Drive

last month.

Even though his car was locked when he parked it, he came back to find his driver's side window shattered and his wallet missing.

Marr said after his car was broken into, he was afraid to park anywhere for a few days.

"I make sure nothing is visible and I am more cautious now," Marr said.

Johnson said car burglary has become a trendy crime because it was dropped from a felony charge to a less severe misdemeanor in 1997.

He said the police department began a campaign notifying people to not leave their personal valuables in their cars. Johnson said if he sees a car that has things out in the open,

he will put the handout under the car's windshield.

Junior marketing major Chris Amador said his amplifier, CD player and subwoofers were stolen out of his locked car in September at the Reserve at Oak Hill apartment complex.

Now he says he takes his CD player's detachable face off when he parks his car.

"Now I don't leave anything in sight," Amador said.

Johnson advises car owners to lock their cars, not to leave anything valuable in clear view and to get their windows tinted.

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The Weather

## FRIDAY

High: 76; Low: 53; Sunny

## SATURDAY

High: 73; Low: 51; Partly Cloudy

## SUNDAY

High: 66; Low: 49; Mostly Sunny

Looking Back

1864 — President Lincoln was elected to a second term.

1907 — Katharine Hepburn was born in Hartford, Conn.

1973 — The Louvre was opened as a public museum in Paris by the French revolutionary government.

1994 — For the first time in 40 years, the Republican Party won control of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate in midterm congressional elections.

Watch For

Check in with Tuesday's edition of the *Skiff* for coverage of the TCU/Tulane game. We'll have analysis, grades, top frogs and we'll go inside the numbers to determining who got the best of who in the Conference USA showdown.

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# OPINION

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## SGA ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Every year, voter turnout in Student Government Association elections is dismal. Part of this is because students do not know who the candidates are, what they stand for and why they should vote for them. Many have no basis for judgment, and don't feel inclined to vote. As a service to the community, the members of the *Skiff* editorial board interviewed all 10 students running for office. After careful deliberation, the *Skiff* endorsed a candidate for each position. The *Skiff* did not have any litmus test for granting its endorsement, but rather wanted to give each candidate an opportunity to convince the editorial board to support his or her platform. The *Skiff* did, however, favor students who were experienced in SGA, had a clear vision of what they wanted to accomplish and had realistic expectations. These are the consensus endorsements of the *Skiff* editorial board. We feel they are the best choices to lead the student body next year. We hope you consider these candidates Tuesday but ultimately make up your own mind.

### PRESIDENT

The *Skiff* endorses **Brad Thompson** to be the next president of the Student Government Association.

Thompson has the experience, vision and innovative ideas necessary to lead the student body next year.

While most of the candidates for other offices ran on vague and undefined platforms, Thompson had specific proposals. Most of these were realistic and reasonable. If elected, Thompson would like to lobby the administration to renovate the Student Center by opening up the basement so student organizations can have a place to meet. He would support committing \$10,000 of SGA General Reserve Funds to designate a place for students to "hang out" that may have pool tables and other goodies.

Thompson's 2 1/2 years of experience in SGA is extensive. He is vice president of programming council and was SGA secretary last spring. He has chaired the permanent improvement, finance and dining committees. He is also involved in several organizations.

Thompson's combination of vision and experience make him the *Skiff's* choice for SGA president.

### VP OF HOUSE

In a very diverse group of candidates, **Katie Gordon** stands out to the *Skiff* editorial board as the best choice to be the next vice president of the House of Student Representatives.

Gordon has served in the House for three semesters, including two semesters as the Academic Affairs chairwoman.

Under her leadership, the committee has created numerous core curriculum reports to the Faculty Senate. This information was made available online for everyone, a symbol of the importance of feedback from all.

Her committee has also worked on the honor code, because she says she wants students to take the responsibility for their actions, and regulate honestly in the classroom. Her committee has made progress toward a code and found in a survey that 90 percent of about 150 students surveyed are in favor of one.

Motivating other chairpersons is a main component to being the vice president.

Since Gordon has served as a chairwoman and member of the executive board for two semesters, she understands their viewpoint.

One of her goals includes creating House representation among the academic departments. She also wants to have a weekly newsletter from the House to their constituents.

**Andrea Reed**, another vice president candidate, has experience, but her failure to make any strong stances bothered us.

**Rodney Thomas** cares about the issues and has shown courage by being the only candidate to oppose the student fee increase. However, he lacks experience.

**Bill Morrison** supports devoting 5 percent of the House's budget toward advertising in an effort to increase awareness. While this is a great idea, the rest of Morrison's platform was of little substance.

### VP OF PROGRAMMING

The *Skiff* endorses **CiAnn Ardoin** for Programming Council vice president.

Although Ardoin is the sole candidate for the position, her experience as Student Government Association secretary has put her in contact with many organizations across campus — networking that will help her plan programming.

"I really want to break the walls of segregation in organizations," she said. "Everybody seems to have their stereotypical programs with what they want to do. We have to let organizations come together and co-program. I think students will be more comfortable if that happens."

To combat PC's perennial problem of running out of money, Ardoin supports a student fee increase. She would like to use the added funds to bring in big name acts, although she was unclear how she would accomplish that.

She said she would also like to spread awareness of PC's resources through word of mouth, its Web site, a detailed newsletter and by using the SGA's communications committee.

Ardoin's enthusiasm is apparent. The *Skiff* recommends Ardoin for PC vice president.

### SECRETARY

The *Skiff* endorses **Todd Clower** for Student Government Association secretary because of his experience.

We also think the vision in his platform makes him well-qualified for the position.

Clower has a history with SGA which includes spending a year on the finance committee and a stint as chairman of the residential concerns committee.

His main concern is to increase the amount of communication between students and administration. He is an advertising/public relations major which furthers his qualifications for the office.

Clower displays a special sensitivity to international students, commuter students and transfer students, whose attendance is lowest at SGA-sponsored student events. He has plans to try to make SGA-sponsored events more accommodating to these students' needs while continuing to appeal to students who live on campus.

While **Felecia Benton** shows outstanding enthusiasm, her lack of SGA experience was a concern. With more experience, we feel she could be an excellent candidate in the future.

### TREASURER

The *Skiff* endorses **Chris Mattingly** for SGA treasurer.

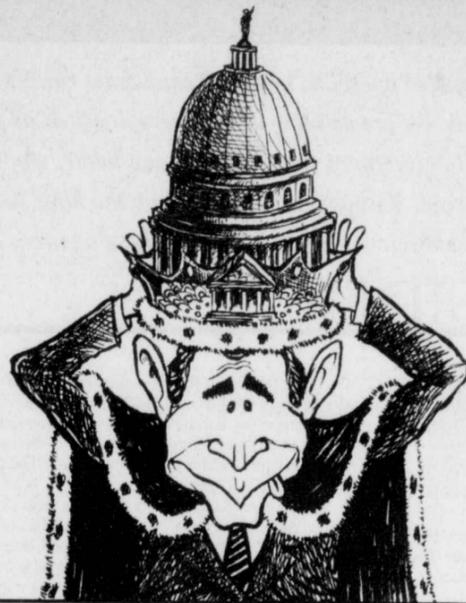
Mattingly, a junior international finance and accounting major, would bring several semesters of SGA experience to the position.

He has been a member of SGA for 2 1/2 years and has been parliamentary, co-dining services chairman, elections and regulations committee chairman and a Milton Daniel Hall representative.

Mattingly is also the vice president of finance for his fraternity. As he said, given this experience, running for treasurer is the most logical next step.

Mattingly is aware of the problem of leftover funds in SGA's overall budget while Programming Council's budget often falls short of the money. He supports a student fee increase, saying it would provide another \$120,000 for SGA to program and meet its goals.

If the fee increase is supported in the student referendum, Mattingly favors supporting higher-quality programming for PC. He also said he would like to allocate funds to send more organizations to conferences and conventions.



## New Republican majority could have been prevented

America failed Tuesday. Terribly. The election of a majority of Republicans to Congress not only gives President George W. Bush all the backing he needs to impose his party and personal agendas on the world, but it gives the rest of the world a greater glimpse into the ignorance of the American people.

### COMMENTARY



James Zwilling

Many American people headed to the polls Tuesday to support the Republicans who've led the nation since 9-11. The same Americans who are giving Bush the highest continual approval ratings ever. The same Americans who support a war in Iraq and may likely support military action in North Korea. The same Americans who are willing to give up civil liberties here at home to save the nation from terrorism.

But neither Bush, leaders of U.S. Armed Forces, the director of Homeland Security, nor Republican lawmakers will save this nation from anything. And that is what these voters failed to see.

Voters wanting to avoid terrorism in this nation are supporting terrorism in others by electing a Republican government; the millions of voters who could have helped avoid this situation failed to show up at the polls.

What American powers will do is infuriate other world powers, jeopardize the country's relationship with the United Nations, kill our young soldiers, take away our rights at home and send our court system into a tailspin.

Furthermore, by allowing one party to control all three branches of the U.S. government it will be impossible, unfeasible and unattainable to keep a fair system of checks and balances in place.

But these weren't the only people to make a mistake on election day. Despite the lack of knowledge about important issues like foreign and domestic policy, the economy and consumerism, there was another major problem plaguing the nation this election week: the ignorance of the millions of eligible voters who failed to cast ballots in Tuesday's elections.

You know these people. They're the ones you see in the bar and open

up dialogue with about the current state of politics. They're the students in your political science courses who are always quick to jump to conclusions about government but never step up and do anything about it outside of class. These are the baby boomers — college students' parents who have lost faith in the voting system and believe they can't make a difference — who now share their prejudices with their offspring.

This is the problem facing the nation. If you walk into any all-night diner you'll find people who can solve the nation's problems, or at least they'll have an idea how to do it. So why can't those in Washington do the same? Because no dialogue exists between the two.

Tuesday was your chance to open that dialogue with the powers that be and by failing to vote, you not only deprived yourself of a basic American right, but you helped damn our country.

The United States will see tougher times in the future — times that this generation thought it might be able to escape. Fingers will point at the party in power, but be forewarned. It's not their fault. It's yours.

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## Candidates should focus on attainable changes, not promise the impossible

As Student Government Association elections approach Tuesday, a look at the successes and failures of the existing administration may help voters decide what questions and concerns to pose to this year's candidates.

### COMMENTARY



David Reese

A very difficult and near impossible task that any candidate faces is the idea of communication on campus. Past events like forums have been unsuccessful because they do not excite constituents.

This year, SGA tried to create some new programs trying to bridge the gap between faculty, staff and students.

The first meeting between the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and SGA took place last spring. The historic meeting has now become a TCU tradition with the groups recently meeting for the second time. The time allowed students to be sure the faculty and staff were listening to their ideas on the future of the university.

Last year during election season, the *TCU Daily Skiff* posed questions to the candidates about numerous subjects, such as how the candidates would make SGA and its officers more visible to the student body.

It seemed from day one that the Chelsea Hudson administration did not dwell on issues that were beyond the SGA's control. When I look back at the past year, I can see a more positive and active campus thanks in part to the

Student-run programs like the SGA will not always yield perfect results, but we can spark changes with our participation.

men and women of SGA — and especially Hudson.

I think Hudson's crew has been able to establish ideas that were attainable. Anyone who has gone to House of Student Representatives or Programming Council meetings knows that the power of the organization does not cover high priced contracts and construction — including food and parking.

Instead, the administration — especially PC and Brad Thompson — tried to put new twists on old, dry programming including Vanilla Ice during Howdy Week and Frogstock, which brought many campus organizations to Frog Fountain for students to get a glimpse of the opportunities available on campus.

This semester, PC restructured its constitution to increase student involvement. Community Council brought at least 50 students to each meeting.

The House passed a resolution supporting the movement of the student basketball section courtside. The university and athletic officials eventually enacted this idea.

The Academic Affairs committee, which is chaired by Katie Gordon, has been quite active including numerous surveys on the core revision and honor code as well as making presentations to the Faculty Senate.

But there also were failures. Most recently, the incident about the

purchase of horned frogs for the zoo came out of nowhere. SGA did not put enough research into the idea before announcing it publicly. Someone should have known that it was illegal to purchase a horned frog.

Also, the number of members in the House has been at an all-time low with just more than 30 representatives. Although I do not necessarily believe the lower number of people means less work gets done, I do believe 30 to 40 students is not a fair representation of a campus larger than 8,000.

Hudson was smart during her campaign. She gave more specific proposals rather than abstract ideas such as improving parking and food. She promised during her campaign to extend the hours of The Main, Frogbytes and Pond Street Grill. SGA's influence in those decisions were minimal at Pond Street Grill. Neither The Main nor Frogbytes have changed their times.

She also promised to switch some loading zones back to parking spaces, but there are still many loading zones on campus.

There is no doubt there will always be successes and failures in organizations, because the people who run the organizations are not perfect.

But just a reminder to all the candidates: Don't promise what you cannot deliver. You cannot change the entire world for TCU students — but you can change small pieces.

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# 2002 SGA ELECTIONS

The Skiff e-mailed questions to the 10 candidates running for Student Government Association offices earlier this week. We are printing the answers unedited as a service to the student body.

In an effort to give equal space to each candidate, we informed each candidate a strict 75 word limit would be enforced. Responses that went over the limit were cut, in some instance in mid-sentence.

The Skiff encourages students to review these answers and vote online Tuesday.

## PRESIDENT



THOMPSON  
Brad Thompson  
junior, radio-TV-  
film major

1. What are your goals if elected Student Government Association President?
2. What are your qualifications to serve as Student Government Association President?
3. What is the No. 1 issue you think the House should take up next year, and what is your suggestion for how the House should solve that issue?
4. What is the one unique thing you have done as a student at TCU that sets you apart from other students?
5. Do you support the proposed SGA fee increase? Why or why not?
6. What do you see as the role/job of the Student Government Association?
7. What do you think was the greatest triumph of the past administration? What has been the biggest disappointment?
8. Name three initiatives you want to implement and how you wish to implement them (must exclude parking and food).
9. What purpose should the University Retreat serve? How would you go about meeting this purpose?
10. What can SGA do to create more flexibility in the budget to prevent left-over funds?

1. The first one is representation. I would like to see how SGA can better represent the student body. This is essential if SGA is going to be a viable campus organization. Second is communication. This is so important that SGA be able to communicate its ideas and agenda to the student body, and allow for students to converse directly back to SGA. Third is building a strong TCU community.

2. I have served in SGA for five semesters. I have held the positions of Vice President of Programming Council, SGA Secretary, Director Of Programming, Howdy Week Project Director, Concerts/Special Events Chair, Fine Arts Chair, Clark Hall representative, and member of Permanent Improvements, Dining Services and Finance committees.

3. The number one issue House needs to take is to evaluate how they represent the student body and what makes them relevant. House needs to focus on becoming an organization that is respected and truly represents the needs of the students. Once this type of new representation is in place, issues that are truly relevant can be constructively addressed and dealt with.

4. I think one unique thing that sets me a part from other people has been my leadership development at TCU. I have served so many positions in SGA over the past two years, all of which have prepared me for this job. I also enjoy leadership outside of SGA, which I think is really important because this has given me a very unique perspective on TCU and where we are going as a student body.

5. Yes I do. Coming from a very strong background in Programming Council, I know how much it costs to program on a college campus. Our SGA fee is extremely low in comparison to other universities of our size and stature. An extra increase in fees would allow SGA to do better programming that is truly new and unique. The extra funding would also allow for more collaboration in terms of co-programming with student

6. The primary role of SGA is to represent students and make their college experience better. I am in the business of making people's experience at TCU better, whether that be through bringing a great concert or addressing a need that a student has. This is our primary job, and by better representing the needs of students, we can provide a richer college experience for the student body.

7. I think the biggest triumph of this past administration has been the building of community and brining people together. With large events like FrogStock and collaborative meetings with various organizations such as Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly, barriers were broken down this year. The greatest disappointment has been Channel 47. This started out as a great idea, but the cost of managing and operating such an endeavor is too great for SGA to take

8. 1. Representative—Redesign how House and PC represent student concerns and needs 2. Communication—Effectively communicate with students to let them know what SGA is doing and make SGA more accessible to them so they can communicate back 3. Building community—Continue to bring people together and break down barriers that exist between student groups and SGA and develop a strong working relationship with them

9. The University Retreat's main purposes are to build community, get away from campus and have fun, and to develop leaders from across the campus I would like to see the retreat be able to take a large number of students from across campus who may not be "leaders" yet and get them excited about TCU and leadership in their organizations

10. The best way to prevent left over funds is to allocate money ahead of time to certain projects and keep a close tab on exactly how much money is spent. Also, any leftover money could be used towards funding student organizations or programs that the student body wants.

## VP OF PROGRAMMING



ARDOIN  
CiAnn Ardoin  
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5. Do you support the proposed SGA fee increase? Why or why not?
6. What do you see as the role/job of Programming Council?
7. How do you plan to boost student participation in PC events?
8. How are you going to bring more big-name acts to the TCU area next year?

1. TCU's visions and values revolve around diversity. Yet, many students feel "the bubble." My goal is for that image to pop, as students break the walls of segregation that exists within our student organizations. After all, diversity should be seen, not just on brochures, but in our attitudes. Through more co-programming, more interactive activities and a greater knowledge of those around you, PC will help organizations to open up and branch out.

2. I believe first impressions say a lot, and the best way to make a good impression is to be yourself. As a student with natural talent and communication skills, I have no problem being myself. I am involved with other students, organizations and the community. Currently, I am the SGA Secretary. This past summer, I was an Orientation Student Assistant. Throughout my college career, I have participated in pageants, banquets, social and academic organizations.

3. Currently, there are graduate students and commuters that feel under-represented by SGA. Thus, implementation of a system in House that includes all TCU students would guarantee better participation, stronger student representation and open awareness of issues faced on this campus. This is a great way for student leaders to come together as one, in ideas and goals, to learn from one another and to encourage each other to see the whole picture at TCU.

4. When asked to be a student representative for the Department of Radio-Television-Film in the selection of a Dean for the College of Communications, I was so excited! As a sophomore, this was a great honor because only fifteen students were chosen! Not only did I get to interview Dean candidates, but I also got to address important issues that exist within the department, and have an input on the future of the college.

5. Programming Council is a direct connection to TCU students and their desires. Its purpose is to provide programming that students want and will participate in. Everything from welcome back parties to concerts to lectures and cultural awareness fall under the direction of PC. Without co-programming funds, co-sponsorship of events and students' demand to enjoy college life, SGA and PC would be less representative of students power of voice.

6. Student participation is crucial for PC to be a success. Thus, the decision is up to the students! Through e-mails, speaking at organizations, newsletters and websites, PC is determined to let students know what is going on and how they can get more involved. If someone fails to attend a meeting or contact PC with their desires, then they are silently agreeing that SGA always makes programming decisions that directly reflect their behaviors.

7. Big name acts are only successful if TCU students want to have them on this campus. The money in the programming budget can be compromised, but big ideas and names will not evolve from mid air. Thus, if students voice their desire for bigger name acts, and are willing to downsize other events to compensate for the bigger prices, then anything is possible. Greater student participation but fewer events may just be worth it.

8. To prevent left-over funds, SGA needs student and organization participation. Organizations are encouraged to work together to reach the community, individuals are pushed to voice their concerns about programming and everyone is happy in the end. When TCU gets involved, then the money will be dispersed across student organizations and programming. It's there for students to use and enjoy, so what is there to loose when getting involved.

## SECRETARY



GLOWER  
Todd G. Clower  
Junior  
advertising/p  
ublic relations

1. My main goal is improving communications within SGA and all on campus organizations. I will put together a system which would form a communications network between all organizations and the administration. This would involve a representative visiting every campus organization at least once during the year. This process would represent the student body more accurately in SGA and would help serve student needs, as opposed to just talking about it. Diversity is a key issue.

2. I have been involved with House for two years. I served as a Milton-Daniel representative along with the finance committee. I served as the Residential Concerns Committee Chair for one year, and helped other committees.

I have served in many leadership roles at TCU, meeting many members of the administration. I can work more efficiently because I will not waste time making connections with different parties. I already have contacts to communicate across campus

3. COMMUNICATION. Hopefully my networking initiative will help solve the lack of student representation in SGA. Many students do not feel represented by SGA, mainly because of a lack of communication. I am willing to meet with anyone who wishes to voice a concern, and bring those concerns to the SGA executive board, and before the House of Representatives.

4. I have allowed myself to become a well-rounded individual, a "TCU Renaissance Man" if you will. I don't walk around campus with an SGA stamp on my forehead. I feel that I help bridge the gap between all types of students across campus. I am actively involved with the music department, the journalism department, the TCU admissions office, and many TCU leadership organizations.

5. I do support the SGA increase from \$20 to \$30. As a former member of the Finance Committee, I understand how funds are allocated to certain groups. More groups need more funds, as TCU expands and as inflation rises. The TCU fee has not increased in many years, and is much lower compared to other small private school Student Government fees. The fee increase will give more groups better opportunities to participate in outside activities.

6. I plan on setting up a communications initiative to actively represent as many groups on campus as I possibly can. This would involve a group of representatives meeting with every campus organization at least once during the year. All comments, concerns and complaints will be reviewed and compiled. Each organization will be represented equally and fairly in SGA. Then I will talk to the administration about what changes can be made specific to each group.

1. What are your goals if elected Student Government Association Secretary?
2. What are your qualifications to serve as Student Government Association Secretary?
3. What is the No. 1 issue you think the House should take up next year, and what is your suggestion for how the House should solve that issue?
4. What is the one unique thing you have done as a student at TCU that sets you apart from other students?
5. Do you support the proposed SGA fee increase? Why or why not?
6. How do you think communication can be improved among different groups on campus?



BENTON  
Felecia B. Benton  
sophomore  
musical theater and advertising/public relations major

1. My primary purpose is to enhance the stream of communication between Student Government Association and the student body. As a secretary, one must learn to be an effective liaison, not just an efficient scribe. The heart of any good organization is effective communication. I also honestly hope to add some variety and further enlightenment to Student Government. I want to assure that all spectrums and opinions are acknowledged, evaluated, and considered.

2. I have a propensity to be very organized, systematic, and efficient. I know how to keep things arranged so that they will not become discombobulated. I also tend to be very easy to get along with. Although the secretarial position does not require as much student body interaction, one must yet have the ability to get along with the people they are working with. For that matter, not only can I be a leader, but

3. While reshaping the CUE, I believe that it is very important to encourage some type of cultural awareness class within the UCR. Although study abroad classes are offered, international organizations are available, and friendship among students of different backgrounds is encouraged, students don't always feel obligated or motivated to take advantage of these opportunities. Students might feel more stimulated to participate in these opportunities if something like this class were enforced.

4. Upon arrival at TCU, I became involved with as many organizations as I could. By the end of the semester, I had been appointed President of Word of Truth Gospel Choir, Vice President of Peer Education in Hyper Frogs, Freshman representative in the theatre department, and Area 6 Student Advisory Committee Member for the United States largest peer education organization, BACCHUS & GAMMA. I believe that this display of both enthusiasm and responsibility has definitely set

5. The first thing that needs to be done is that their must always be a current listing of every contact person for every organization on campus. The organization book handed out only has advisor information, some of which is not correct or current. I propose that each organization appoint someone responsible for being a mediator, whether it is a president, secretary, or appointed position. The so-called mediator for each organization would submit a calendar

6. Honestly, TCU students tend to not know where their money is going in the first place. Although in comparison to several schools around the nation, TCU is definitely not the cheapest, a slight fee increase for SGA would not make or break one's choice to attend or leave this university. The truth of the matter is that TCU'S Student Government Association does do a considerable amount of work to encourage inclusiveness among TCU students.

# VP OF HOUSE



MORRISON

**Bill Morrison**  
junior  
broadcast  
journalism  
major

**1. What are your goals if elected Student Government Association Vice President of House?**

My main goal as House VP is to get House more involved with the community. With increased involvement we will be able to reach students who are typically not involved in campus activities.

**2. What are your qualifications to serve as SGA Vice President of House?**

I have had many leadership activities including Operational Coordinator at AMC, Maintenance Manager at Burlington Coat Factory, Bar trainer at Tony Roma's, LEAPS Group Leader and Frog Camp Facilitator. In addition to my leadership qualities I also have good people skills and have been involved with many facets of life on campus.

**3. What is the No. 1 issue you think the House should take up next year, and what is your suggestion for how the House should solve that issue?**

The most important issue is to get more students involved with campus activities. The way to accomplish this is by making more funding available to student organizations. The organizations will be able to use the additional money to fund more events on campus. The more there is for students to do on campus, the easier it will be to get more students involved.

**4. What is the one unique thing you have done as a student at TCU that sets you apart from other students?**

During my time here at TCU I have made a point of being involved with the university. After I got back from frog camp I knew that this university was great and I wanted to be a part of it. I started by being in the Chancellors Leadership Program, then did LEAPS, wrote for the skiff, became a frog camp facilitator, joined the FJI fraternity and got involved with SGA.

**5. Do you support the proposed SGA fee increase? Why or why not?**

To prevent funds from being unused, all SGA has to do is communicate more with the student body. Most students are unaware that SGA has funding set aside for helping student organizations. If more student know they can come to SGA for financial help then I do not foresee there being a problem with left-over funds.

**6. What, if anything, needs to be changed about how the House operates?**

One improvement that House needs, is to let the students know what they are doing. If you ask almost any student what SGA has done, odds are they couldn't give you an answer. I believe that there should be a weekly e-mail sent out to students so they know how there money is being spent and what issues are being discussed.

**7. How do you define your leadership style?**

I chose to run for House VP, because the house is where student are most represented. It is in the House where bills and resolutions that effect students are passed and it is in there House where I believe I can accomplish the most.

**8. The vice president often works in the shadow of the president. What is it about this office that made you want to run?**

I am in favor of the proposed fee increase, because in my opinion it is in the best interest of the student body. I know no one likes to pay more money, but it is money that is needed. Over the years, cost of programming and bringing speakers to campus have risen, but SGA's funding has not. Even with the fee increase students will still be paying almost half as much as other colleges.

**9. What can SGA do to create more flexibility in the budget to prevent left-over funds?**

Yes, I think it is very fiscally sound and reasonable that as the cost of programming and operating has increased with standard inflation, fees should increase as well. We have not had a fee increase as long as any body can remember and we currently pay much lower student fees than most other schools. The cost of running SGA has gone up so monetary support must increase.



GORDON

**Katie Gordon**  
senior  
electrical  
engineering  
major

**1. Communicate with and represent students more effectively**

2. Seek parking solutions through a campus wide shuttle service.  
3. Improve student advising  
4. Take an active role in athletic teams support  
5. Implement a campus wide recycling program  
6. Support the formation of TCU traditions promoting unity  
7. Further efforts to investigate a student proposed honor code  
8. Support Student Center renovations  
9. Aid in the formation of a campus mentors program

I have served in the House of Reps. for three semesters, one semester as a representative and two semesters as the chair of Academic Affairs. Throughout my time in the House I have worked on numerous House initiatives including establishing an honor code, communicating between students and faculty throughout the formation of a new core curriculum, and currently participating in bringing a Model U.N. program to campus.

The first priority of the House is to communicate with and represent students. If we aren't communicating with them, we aren't representing them. As V.P., my most important job would be to see that communication and representation of students is done effectively and efficiently. I propose to do this through a consistent newsletter, a highly visible avenue for receiving student feedback, and a restructuring of the representation to include representatives from each college on campus.

Very few people attempt to tackle an engineering degree while remaining active and involved on campus. I don't know if that makes me special or crazy! My TCU experience has been unique in that I have had the opportunity to lead in a technical setting in Engineering Senior Design and have leadership roles in very different avenues such as Transfer connections and the House. This has given me a very diverse perspective as a whole.

I sense that students, for the most part, feel that they don't see many results from House's approx. \$80,000 budget. I think that SGA should do fewer things better. Concentrate the funds on quality not quantity of projects. Also, better advertisement of the opportunity campus organizations have to request funding for campus events is another way to use the funds for what students need.

There needs to be better upper class representation. Typically, the House is primarily composed of first and second year students. Students who are in their third and fourth years at TCU have valuable experience and legitimate needs and concerns. As it is, their voice is not heard as strongly as it could be in the House. They need to feel like House is an effective resource for addressing their concerns.

I am vision driven. I see the large picture and then work the details. I am best when evaluating the long-term direction and delegating the specific steps to achieving that goal. I also believe that a leader is made strong by the people he/she surrounds himself with.

I am attracted to the practicality of this job. The president is called upon to spread him or herself very thin and champion a broad range of projects and issues. I believe so much in the importance of the fundamental goal of communication and representation through the House that I welcome the chance to be in a position in which I can make that my number one priority.

The reason that I support the SGA fee increase is purely because inflation has increased to a point that in order to bring quality programming to TCU, and to financially support student organization conferences and events, more money is needed. It is important for students to understand that the extra money they will be paying into SGA will be flowing right back out of SGA to improve the TCU experience for all students.



REED

**Andrea Reed**  
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and social  
work major

I want to create a House that students can believe in, know they are represented, and feel that House is benefiting them. In fact, I have been researching other student governments across the country to consider ways that House might be restructured. Other goals include using ID cards for concessions during athletic events, a safer campus, an extra bus for Worth Hills, a January term for students, improving the mentor program and improving Froggie 5-0.

I have been involved in many campus leadership positions and have served various positions in House. I am currently the University Affairs Chairwoman. Furthermore, I consider myself to have good managerial skills and a talent for creative problem solving. Most importantly, I LOVE TCU and I'm passionate about this school. This is why I care so much about SGA and why I want to be your Vice President.

Students should feel that they are represented in House and benefited by House. The No. 1 issue is that this is not happening! One possible resolution to this problem is to restructure the way that the student body is represented in House. I also would like to see House gather ideas from every student organization. Another suggestion is to make sure representatives are in touch with their constituents- do you know who your representative is?

Last semester, I circumnavigated the globe aboard Semester at Sea and explored ten countries along the way. I was exposed to different cultures and diverse people groups and I was constantly accepting and overcoming many challenges. Through this experience, I have become an advocate for diversity and I am able to think outside of my cultural and personal boundaries, which allows me to understand the world around me in new and unique ways.

It seems that the budget could be restructured in a way that would allow the maximum amount of money to be given to student organizations. Perhaps there could be a smaller general pool of money available to support House projects, and the rest could be allocated to support student organizations, with some flexibility between the two. Every committee does not use their money every semester, so why not give that surplus back to the students.

I would like to see House restructured in a way that would more accurately represent the entire student body. I have been researching other student governments across the country to come with ideas about how this could be done. One possibility would be to add representation from academic schools. I would also consider bringing in outside help to make these changes, and I have already located a consultant who specializes in helping student governments.

I see myself as a leader who is people-oriented, motivational, and yet laid back and understanding. I am a very good listener and I am very good about analyzing the big picture. This "big picture" orientation makes me a visionary leader that is not afraid to accept challenges and implement change. I view leadership not as a position, but as a passion.

I don't think that the vice president works "in the shadow" of the president. I think that the two offices have more of a collaborative, advisory relationship. That being said, I want to be House Vice President because I want to see some big changes, and I am more than willing to accept that challenge. I want students to see what House is doing for them, and feel like House is doing its job.

SGA can prevent leftover funds by sponsoring activities such as athletic boosters before an event or creating a new standing committee altogether for either raising school spirit or a committee designated to fund a student ran organization dedicated to achieve TCU goals such as leadership and diversity.



THOMAS

**Rodney Thomas**  
sophomore  
religion  
major

My goals as VP House are to ensure that SGA has better communication with graduate students, nontraditional, and transfer students. I do not support the raising of student fees. From my experience, I believe that more of the students' fees should go toward campus wide projects. I would also encourage more representatives to join in on debates.

My qualifications for VP House: I am a good listener. I give 110% in everything I do. I am willing to speak my mind on particular issues. I am open to different opinions other my own. I am very creative and have alot of ideas for improving life at TCU.

The number 1 issue the university needs to address is making TCU prestigious academically. I plan to advocate my 3-point plan. 1st- I want to oversee the development of an honors court; 2nd- I want to help start a model UN team here at TCU by working with various student organizations; 3rd- I want a campus wide referendum for permission to use student fees to support a TCU academic/debate team.

As individuals, I believe that we are all born unique for a specific purpose in life. I believe coming to TCU as a freshman and adapting the new environment as fast as I did makes me unique.

The House needs more participation from representatives. I noticed that during meetings and debates there were a select group of people who chose to speak up or ask questions. I also want to change the first come, first serve policy. It is not fair that the same groups receive funding every other semester. The policy should be need-based, requiring every organization that estimates that it will need student money to give us their budget

I have more of a participatory/democratic approach to leadership. I want to get as many people involved as possible. I also would rather ask for my constituents' opinions before I make a decision.

I wanted to run because I want to make a difference at TCU and I want to work for what the student body (traditional, Greek, nontraditional, graduate, and transfer)

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# TREASURER



SHUTT

**Katrina Shutt**  
sophomore  
marketing and  
finance major

**1. My main goal if elected SGA Treasurer is to find money in the budget consistently left unallocated each year and move it to areas of the budget that need more funding. A variety of groups approach SGA for assistance in funding conferences, conventions, and other special programs and I feel we should try to fund and support as many of those programs as possible. I also want to keep the books balanced, accurate and up**

**2. I have had previous experience as serving as an organization's treasurer, along with lots of experience in leadership positions through SGA and other academic and community organizations. I am a very dedicated, trustworthy, and organized student with great time management skills, all of which I would use to serve TCU students to the best of my ability as SGA Treasurer.**

**3. I think the House should focus their attention on reviewing the budget to see what areas of Student Government programming are under-funded and over-funded.**  
That information would allow us to make a better allocation of SGA's financial resources when the new budget is prepared in the spring. If needed, House would make the corresponding changes to the Constitution and Fiscal Policy.

**4. As Residential Concerns chair for House, I have spearheaded a campaign focused on increasing student awareness of the recycling opportunities available in the residence halls. I feel that this sets me apart from other students as I am working towards making a change instead of just talking about the need for one.**

**5. I agree 100% with the fee increase. The extra money raised by the relatively small increase per person would dramatically increase the overall SGA budget. With extra money, we could fund and support many new programs and increase the quality of existing programming. The fee increase would benefit SGA programming, and also the overall quality of TCU programs because SGA would have the money to financially support other organizations' activities if they need that assistance.**

**6. I will work with Programming Council to review their budget, see where changes need to be made, and make those positive changes which would allow them to support as many programs as possible. Also guidelines should be set and followed for each area of the budget. I would also work with Programming Council to help create an organized system of current expenditures. Keeping things current and organized is the key to maintaining accurate records.**

**7. Previous budgets need to be reviewed to find areas where money is consistently left-over, and their budgets need to be decreased. The extra money can be allocated towards the areas requiring more funding, like conferences, conventions, and special programs. Those originals areas would be allowed to draw from the reserve fund if they need extra money, but by allocating it elsewhere we can support other important areas within the budget.**

**1. What are your goals if elected Student Government Association Treasurer?**

**2. What are your qualifications to serve as Student Government Association Treasurer?**

**3. What is the No. 1 issue you think the House should take up next year, and what is your suggestion for how the House should solve that issue?**

**4. What is the one unique thing you have done as a student at TCU that sets you apart from other students?**

**5. Do you support the proposed SGA fee increase? Why or why not?**

**6. How much influence do you plan to have upon how Programming Council regulates its budget? And how will you work with PC to maintain accurate records?**

**7. What can SGA do to create more flexibility in the budget to prevent left-over funds?**



MATTINGLY

**Chris Mattingly**  
junior  
international  
finance  
and accounting  
major

**1. My goals are to effectively and responsibly distribute the Student Body's money to the most effective areas of use. This includes the possibility of increasing the percentage of funds allocated to Conferences and Conventions, Special Projects, and Co-Programming. I want to use students money in the most effective way I am able and in responding to their desires in terms of capital expenditures.**

**2. I am an international finance and accounting major. Therefore this is in my professional field. I have served in Student Government for 2 1/2 years as different committee chairs and appointed positions. I am the VP of Finance for Delta Sigma Pi, and have previously been the fundraising chair. I have run major programs on campus such as Frogpalooza. I have a large amount of experience in the area of financial planning and budgeting.**

**3. Considering my area of concern if elected Treasurer would be finances, then I would say that my number one issue would be making sure the student's money is most effectively returned to them through SGA sponsorship of organizations and superior programming. This can be done by careful, meticulous planning and tracking of how we spend our money and what it is going toward.**

**4. I would say one unique thing would be the organizing and running of Frogpalooza during Howdy Week. With the help of my BSM family and great director Toney Upton, we were able to provide a campus wide concert, headlined by one of the top Christian rock artists in the country. We were able to serve the students in a loving environment, and daily I am thankful of how God used us through that experience.**

**5. Student Government Fees need to be increased to continue providing quality programming for the Student Body of TCU. Ultimately the decision lies in the hands of the students in the upcoming election.**

**I would encourage each of them to vote yes, because a simple increase of \$10 a semester can provide a \$120,000 a year benefit for them.**

**Mainly the need is based on the increased programming costs and our desire to serve TCU**

**6. I plan on finding a quality person to be my right hand in Programming Council. The Treasurer always appoints a person to watch over PC Budgeting issues. I plan on finding the highest quality student to work together with to make sure Student Fees are distributed equitably and efficiently through Student Programming. We will monitor and account for all capital expenditures PC makes, and advise of the fiscal merit of each program and investment.**

**7. SGA can shift items through the budget by creating line items for certain capital expenditures, thus spreading major costs throughout the overall budget. Furthermore a flexibility amongst the budget of each organization is key seeing as certain areas always come up with budget shortfalls, while others have budget surpluses. As in all budgeting it is important to keep and eye on where the money is and where it needs to go.**

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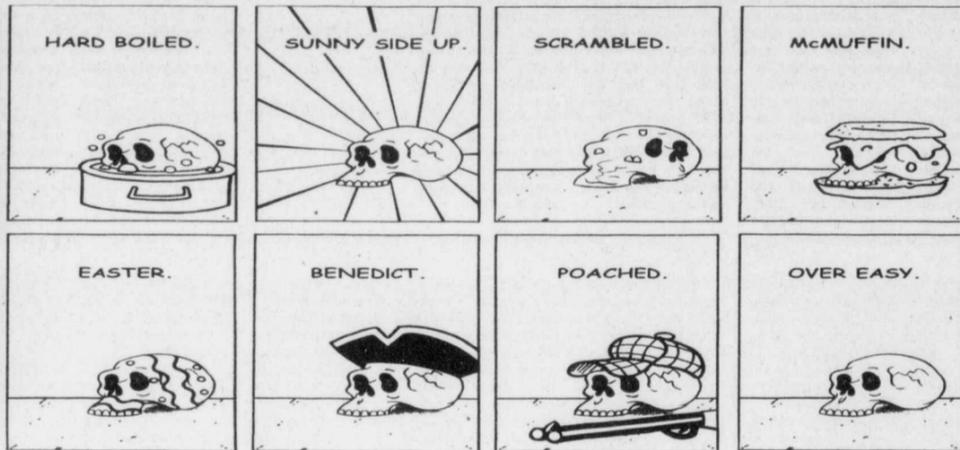
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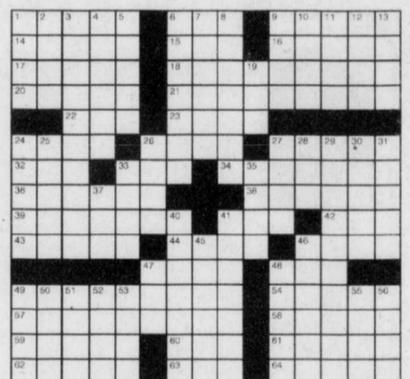
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1 Goldman and Lazarus  
6 Lout  
9 Loathe  
14 Flower holder  
15 Lofly poem  
16 Nonsensical  
17 Gap in time  
18 Appoints  
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21 Superlatively chilly  
22 Continental  
23 NASA partner  
23 not and say we did  
24 Work station  
26 Immaculate  
27 Deserve  
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38 Smile coyly  
39 Silvery rare-earth element  
41 My Party  
42 To is human...  
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46 Actress  
47 Study at the last minute  
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49 Pupil of Plato  
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59 Three Musketeers' creator  
60 Classified  
61 Valletta's nation  
62 Irish poet  
63 Caustic solution  
64 Appeals



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### Thursday's Solutions

5 Ancient Yemen  
6 Juncture of two streams  
7 Worshiper  
8 Reduced in rank  
9 "I Me Babe"  
10 Birth  
11 Loathe  
12 Washington bills  
13 Take ten  
19 Orbiting loc.  
24 Treaties  
25 Nebraska city  
26 Lima's land  
27 Med. scans  
28 A Nightmare on Street  
29 Worth saying again  
30 Totally unreactive  
31 Haute. IN  
33 Tim or Beryl  
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## Volleyball players seek last win

In their last two home matches, seniors Stephanie Watson and Jenn Cuca have the opportunity to help the volleyball team clinch a spot in the postseason for the first time in three years.

BY JAY ARMSTRONG  
Skiff Staff

When seniors Stephanie Watson and Jenn Cuca arrived here in 1999, the TCU volleyball team had just come off an appearance in the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

It was the last time the Frogs would play in the postseason. The conference tournament was eliminated right when Cuca and Watson came aboard, essentially ending the Frogs' chances at playing in the postseason.

However with just one more win in its final four games, the team can clinch a spot in the Conference USA tournament in Chicago at the end of the month, ending a three-year postseason drought.

It would be even sweeter for the two seniors, who have the chance to secure the win in one of their last two home matches of their career at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this weekend.

"I'm excited because as far as our record goes, it starts over at conference," Cuca said. "As long as we get there, we can begin again. It'll be like icing on the cake."

Watson said making the conference tournament would make her senior season longer and more enjoyable.

"Every senior class wants to say they made the difference, but I'm not ready for the season to end yet, and I'd love to prolong it as long as possible," Watson said.

Watson and Cuca have been veteran influences in a rebuilding process that has seen an influx of five freshmen seeing heavy time in the rotation as the team builds for the future around first-year head coach Prentice Lewis.

However, Lewis said both seniors have served as a building block for the program.

"Coaches usually build the program around senior talent, and this year they came in with the attitude of a true senior," Lewis said. "Both have tried very hard to fill the position of a leader. They've been good team leaders off the court. They're good examples of what a student athlete is on and off the court."

athlete is on and off the court."

The seniors have accepted the responsibility of leading the young Frog team, as nine of the team's 11 members will return next season.

"Seniors have to lead," Watson said. "It is a duty of a senior that I was ready for."

Winning the one game the team needs may not come as easy as the Frogs would like, as they face Cincinnati at 7 p.m. today. The Bearcats are currently on a 10-match winning streak.

The team will then play Louisville at 7 p.m. Saturday facing the Cardinals' triple threat of Bing Sun, Sarah Drury and Benny Flynn. Sun leads the team in kills with 374 for the year. Drury averages 4.28 digs a game and Flynn paces the Cardinals in blocks with 16 solos and 85 block assists.

Before Saturday night's match, there will be a ceremony held for Watson and Cuca at Daniel-Meyer.

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Sports editor Danny Gillham contributed to this story.



Seniors Stephanie Watson (No. 16) and Jenn Cuca (No. 15) play their last home matches Friday and Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Men's soccer team, nine seniors play last match of season Saturday afternoon

The men's soccer team plays for pride and graduating seniors as they take on South Florida Saturday.

BY JAY ZUCKERMAN  
Skiff Staff

The end is approaching for nine TCU soccer players.

Seniors Michael Blackburn, Carrington Brown, Michael Lahoud, Kenny Leising, Jon Meyers, Bobby Montes, Dustin Sitar and Adam Williams will play their last games in a TCU soccer uniform at noon Saturday at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

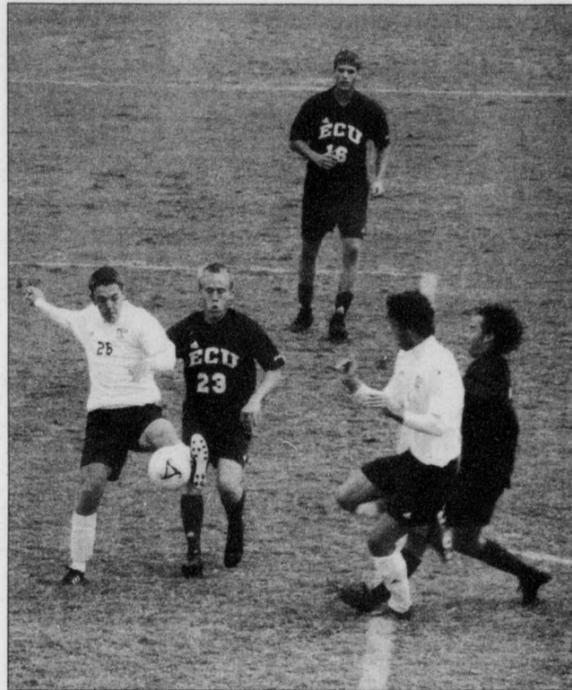
Midfielder Nick Browne cannot attend because of his duties as the kicker for the football team, which plays 2 p.m. Saturday against Tulane.

Since TCU (3-13-1, 2-6-1 Conference USA) is no longer in playoff contention, associate head coach Blake Amos will allow these seniors a chance to finish their careers with a win against South Florida (10-6-0, 5-4-0 C-USA).

True freshman forward Hunter West leads South Florida with 12 goals. Florida's Gatorade Player of the Year as a high school senior, West has scored just three fewer goals than the entire TCU team this season.

Amos admits that it has not been easy to motivate his players to practice since their loss to DePaul Oct. 26, which eliminated their chances to qualify for the C-USA Tournament.

"All we can do is play every day and make sure we stay competitive and fit," he said.



Freshman midfielder Blake McVay (No. 25) and the men's soccer team look to send off its nine seniors with a victory over South Florida Saturday.

"We've just kind of played to enjoy ourselves. Luckily, the weather was good (this week), so it made it even more fun."

The team is motivated to winning one last match for the seniors, players say.

"Since it is the seniors' last (match), it would be nice to get them a win since we can't go to the postseason any more," said junior mid-

fielder Andrew Porteous, TCU's leading scorer.

"It is the last game of our competitive careers and I do not think any of us are going to go pro," senior midfielder Jon Meyers said. "It would be nice to go out with a win in something you have been doing your whole life."

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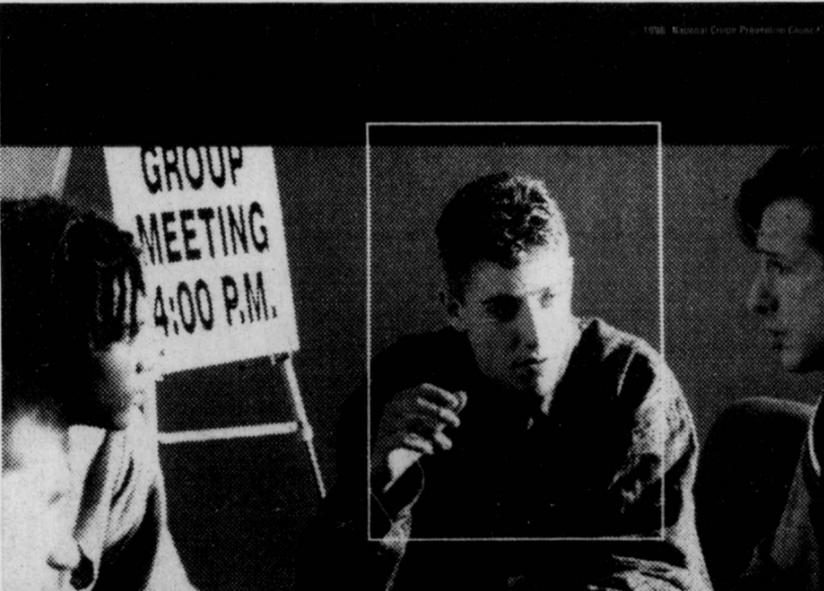
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## The Edge

### Passing offense

#### TCU

Though he admitted his shoulder is not at 100 percent, senior Sean Stilley will start for the first time since the North Texas game. The player with the most career passing attempts after Stilley is senior wide receiver Kevin Brown. Stilley's health is essential. Senior Adrian Madise leads the team in most major receiving statistical categories.

#### Tulane

Junior J.P. Losman was a Parade All-American out of high school. He has thrown for 18 touchdowns in his first season as a starter. Eleven different receivers have scored touchdowns in Tulane's no-huddle spread offense.

#### Edge: Tulane

### Rushing offense

#### TCU

Junior Ricky Madison and true freshman Lonta Hobbs are nightmares for opposing defenses. Madison grinds out the tough yards, wearing down defenses for Hobbs, who is TCU's breakaway threat. The \$64,000 question is whether or not TCU's option will continue to be effective since Stilley is not the running threat that Tye Gunn was.

#### Tulane

Junior Mewelde Moore entered the season as a Doak Walker Award Candidate. He has disappointed this season with just 816 yards on 4.1 yards an attempt. Tulane's longest run of the year is for 22 yards.

#### Edge: TCU

### Passing defense

#### TCU

TCU continues to move up in national rankings in passing defense. They are 33rd in the nation, allowing just 193.63 yards a game. Senior Jason Goss is solid in man-to-man coverage and never gets beat on deep passes. If there is a play that changes a game's momentum, look for senior safety Jared Smitherman. TCU's defense has combined for 30 sacks on the season.

#### Tulane

Junior Lynaris Elpheage is an undersized corner who makes oversized plays for the Green Wave. He ties for the nation lead with seven interceptions. Senior Floyd Dorsey leads Tulane with 5.5 sacks this season.

#### Edge: TCU

### Rushing defense

#### TCU

Mewelde Moore has an official Web site sponsored by Tulane's athletic department where you can "Get to Know Mo." Mo will get to know TCU's defense quite often, as they allow 2.0 yards a carry. LaMarcus McDonald has 20 tackles for loss to pace TCU's defense.

#### Tulane

Tulane's rushing defense is 94th in the nation, giving up 189.7 yards a game. They are coming off a game where they allowed 355 yards rushing to a 1-7 Navy team.

#### Edge: TCU

### Special Teams

#### TCU

Junior Nick Browne connected on three more field goals against Southern Miss to improve his accuracy to 91 percent this season. Joey Biasatti, a senior, is a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award. He has a solid 36.0 net punting average. Dunbar averages 30.6 kickoff yards a return.

#### Tulane

Elpheage is equally electrifying on special teams, averaging 21.8 yards a kickoff return and 15.5 yards a punt return. Senior kicker and All-America candidate Seth Marler has disappointed, already missing four extra points and is 13 of 20 on field goals, the lowest accuracy in his four seasons. He averages 42.2 yards a punt.

#### Edge: TCU

### Intangibles

#### TCU

The Frogs are just three games away from winning a C-USA championship. Tulane blew out TCU 48-22 for their lone C-USA win in 2001. TCU has not forgotten this defeat and will use it as motivation.

#### Tulane

Tulane: The Green Wave has won their last four games, beating those teams by a 25.8 point margin. Even though they are 3-2 in C-USA, they still can win the conference.

#### Prediction: TCU 34, Tulane 24

— Jay Zuckerman

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## Back in the Saddle

### Frogs' senior quarterback knows his way as starter

As Sean Stilley returns to the starting role at quarterback, his teammates and coaches are standing behind the fifth-year senior.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Sports Editor

Senior quarterback Sean Stilley had limited experience last season when he entered the game against Tulane for an injured Casey Printers.

It was a forgettable game for Stilley, as he was 15-of-32 for 158 yards. Stilley was also intercepted three times, including one for a 25-yard touchdown, as the Frogs were humiliated 48-22 in New Orleans.

Stilley once again replaces an injured quarterback in redshirt freshman Tye Gunn as the Frogs (7-1, 4-1 Conference USA) take on the Green Wave (6-3, 3-2 C-USA) at Amon Carter Stadium.

While the situation may be similar, something isn't Stilley.

Since his appearance against Tulane last season, Stilley has started six games for the Frogs, going 4-2. He has an efficiency rating of 143.17 this season, completing 61.5 percent of his passes for 872 yards and four touchdowns.

Stilley said since his game against Tulane, he is a totally different quarterback.

"It was my first time to get in the competition of things," Stilley said. "We have a different coach, we're a year more advanced and I've had a lot of playing time since then. I believe I'm a different quarterback."

Stilley came into the season as the starter, but was sidelined after suffering a shoulder injury Oct. 21 against North Texas.

He was replaced by Gunn, whose better mobility and hot hand led the Frogs to four consecutive victories

and the forefront of the conference title race.

Now that Gunn is done for the year with a torn ACL, the keys are tossed back to Stilley, who has the full confidence of his team.

"He's out here everyday working hard," senior wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar said. "Nobody knew Tye Gunn was going to do what he did. I have a lot of confidence in Sean. He's earned the spot of starting quarterback before, and he'll do fine."

Stilley also has the confidence of offensive coordinator Mike Schultz, who saw the Frogs reel off point totals of 34, 46 and 45 with Gunn at quarterback.

"This is a guy that came into the year as our starting quarterback, and has victories under his belt as a starter," Schultz said. "Sean's gonna be ready to go and will do what he needs to do."

The veteran quarterback will have the benefit of an offense that has been very productive as of late.

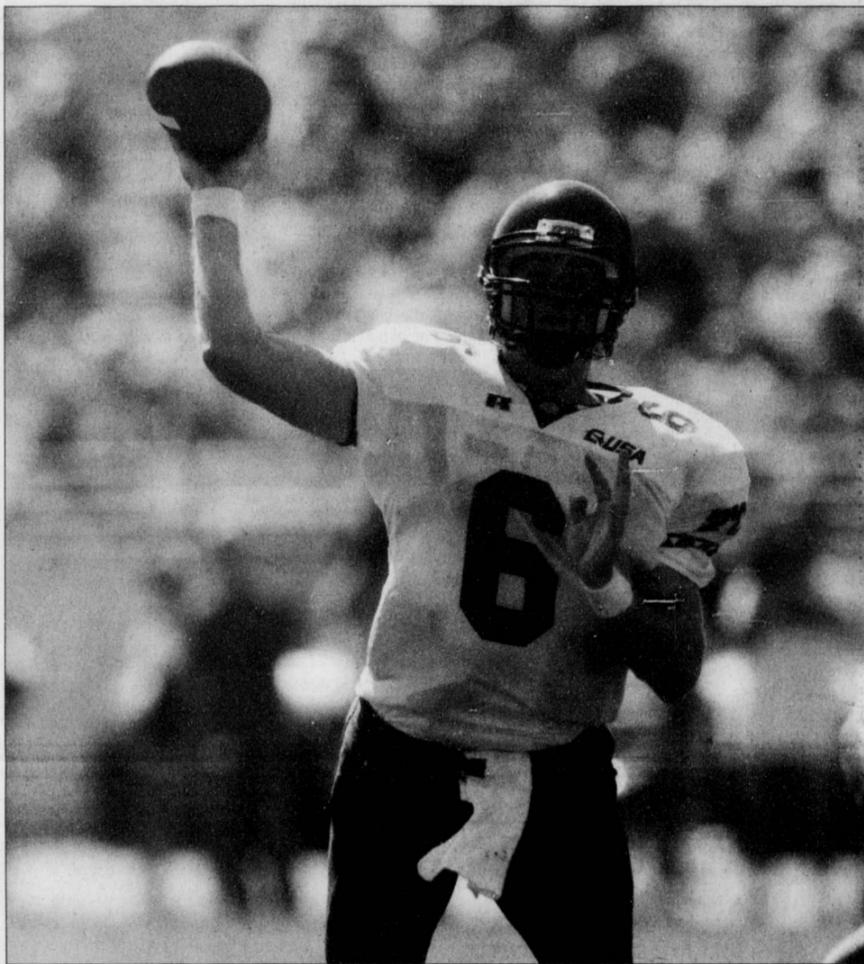
The emergence of true freshman tailback Lonta Hobbs teamed with junior tailback Ricky Madison has produced the running attack the Frogs were searching for when Stilley was at the helm at the beginning of the season.

In their four games as a duo, Hobbs and Madison have averaged 198.75 yards on the ground and have scored nine touchdowns.

Stilley said he hopes putting him back into the mix won't disrupt the flow of the offense.

"Everyone's clicking on all cylinders," Stilley said. "Hopefully I'll get in there and we won't miss a beat."

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Senior quarterback Sean Stilley threw three interceptions against Tulane last year, but has started six games and earned his team's respect since then. *Special to Skiff*

## Key Matchup

### Sean Stilley, QB vs. Lynaris Elpheage, CB

**Matchup:** Senior Sean Stilley has thrown two passes in the last seven weeks. Now Stilley will need to perform the same tasks as Tye Gunn did filling in to maintain the team's cohesion. He needs command on passes thrown to wide receivers covered by Lynaris Elpheage, who has seven interceptions and 14 passes broken up.

**Effect on the game:** Tulane's high-octane offense will find a way to score

points regardless of how well TCU's defense performs. A necessity for TCU is an effective passing attack, so they can keep the pressure on Tulane's passing game to score points. If Elpheage is a menace in the secondary, TCU will have to score their points on the ground, and that may not be enough to keep up with Tulane.

— Jay Zuckerman



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## Three Keys to Victory

### PRESSURE TULANE ON DEFENSE

A quick-pass Green Wave offense torched TCU for 355 yards and four touchdowns last season. The Frogs also only had one sack in that game. Disrupting the Green Wave passing attack will be a priority to keep Tulane from forcing this game into a shootout. Patterson said it is possible to reach the quarterback despite the quick releases, and the defense will need to prove him right Saturday.

### GROUND CONTROL

The Green Wave rushing defense allows 189.7 yards a game, something that TCU must take full advantage of. The duo of junior Ricky Madison and freshman Lonta Hobbs have taken turns rushing for 100 yards in the last few weeks, even doing it in the same game against Louisville. There is a saying that the best defense is sometimes a good offense. A consistent running game that chews up clock and puts points on the board will benefit the Frogs.

### PROTECT STILLEY

Last season in New Orleans, the Green Wave were able to knock TCU quarterback Casey Printers out of the game early, forcing a still relatively inexperienced Sean Stilley into the game. The threat is there again, with a nicked-up Stilley backed up by inexperienced sophomore Brandon Hassell. The Frog offensive line must keep Tulane rushers out of Stilley's face because despite the talent at the skill positions, the team doesn't want its fate in the hands of Hassell right now.

## Frogs making smart call by leaving loss to Tulane last year in past

**Revenge is not in the Frogs' vocabulary this week, and that's probably a good thing against a red-hot Tulane team.**

Oct. 13, 2001, is probably a day the majority of the Frogs would rather soon forget.

On that day, TCU had five turnovers and surrendered 471 total yards on defense as Tulane walked all over the Frogs in New Orleans, 48-22.

The game came as a shock to TCU. Heading into the game the Tulane defense was allowing an average of 455 yards and 43 points a game.

Against the Frogs however, the Green Wave proceeded to allow only two offensive touchdowns against TCU, and sacked quarterbacks Casey Printers and Sean Stilley three times.

Despite the embarrassment, the Frogs say they are not treating the game as a revenge game.

"It's just another game," Stilley said. "They're the next team on the list, and next team standing in the way of us achieving a conference championship."

Treating it that way is probably a good idea, because talk is cheap before a football game.

Just ask Louisville. Building up to their rematch with the Frogs, who gave the Cardinals its only conference loss in 2001, Louisville spoke about how the game was about revenge.

Louisville wide receiver Damien Dorsey even went as far as saying his team would take TCU "behind the woodshed."

TCU proceeded to rip the Cardinals for 437 total yards and seven touchdowns, and sacked Cardinal quarterback Dave Ragone six times in a 45-31 win.

The Frogs find themselves in

a similar situation, but are holding back.

Now what the team says behind closed doors may not echo what is being said to the media, but that doesn't matter. In games like this, the phrase "bulletin board material" pops up more than often.

And Tulane doesn't need any extra motivation for this game.

The Frogs may be the hottest team in the conference with seven straight wins, but Tulane isn't that far behind. The Green Wave have reeled off four in a row by an average of almost 26 points a game, and our still in the hunt for the conference title.

So it's smart that the Frogs are keeping their mouths shut and waiting for the game itself on Saturday.

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Tulane humiliated the Frogs 48-22 last season, but the team said that isn't factoring into its game with the Green Wave Saturday. *File photo*