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Reed, Gordon set for run-off

President		Vice President of PC		Treasurer	
					
BRAD THOMPSON	CIANN ARDOIN	CHRIS MATTINGLY	KATRINA SHUTT	CHRIS MATTINGLY	KATRINA SHUTT
974 Votes	1,028 Votes	599 Votes	479 Votes	599 Votes	479 Votes
87%	96%	53%	43%	53%	43%
Vice President of House					
					
ANDREA REED	KATIE GORDON	BILL MORRISON	RODNEY THOMAS	BILL MORRISON	RODNEY THOMAS
461 Votes	382 Votes	221 Votes	130 Votes	221 Votes	130 Votes
38.2%	31.6%	18.3%	10.8%	18.3%	10.8%
Secretary		Run-off			
		Since no vice president of House candidate won more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a run-off between Andrea Reed and Katie Gordon.			
TODD CLOWER	FELECIA BENTON	Nick James, elections and regulations chairman, said he is speaking to information services today to determine a time for the online election.			
591 Votes	539 Votes				
51.3%	47%				

Mattingly, Clower win other opposed SGA slots

Lack of competition in the higher positions caused voter turn-out to decrease this year compared to last, some say.

BY EMILY TURNER
Skiff Reporter

Andrea Reed and Katie Gordon will compete in a run-off election for vice president of the House of Student Representatives after neither candidate received more than 50 percent of the vote Tuesday.

Reed received 461 votes, or approximately 38 percent of the ballots cast. Gordon garnered 382 votes, or 32 percent.

Students also rejected a Student Government Association student fee increase by a 16 percent margin. The referendum received a 42 percent approval while 58 percent of students voted against it. It needed two-thirds approval to pass.

In other races, Brad Thompson was elected SGA President, CiAnn Ardoin won the vice president of Programming Council, Chris Mattingly was elected SGA treasurer and Todd Clower was elected SGA secretary.

Voter turn-out for the Student Government Association election decreased this year overall with 1,123 ballots compared to 1,758 last year.

John Billingsley, the current vice president of House and a senior accounting major, said the voter decrease can be attributed to the lack of competition in the higher offices such as president.

Reed and Gordon, who happen to be roommates, said their other roommate answered the phone as the two sat together and waited to hear if either of them had won vice president of House. Reed, a senior business management and social work major, said Gordon was the first to speak to the election board.

"I could tell the results by the look on her face," Reed said. "I knew there was going to be a run-off."

The run-off election between the two candidates will not be scheduled until later today, said Nick James, elections and regulations chairman.

"We will need to talk to the folks in Information Services (today) and then we will make a decision," said James, a sophomore political science major.

The other two House vice president candidates both won less than 20 percent of the vote. Junior broadcast journalism major Bill Morrison received 221 votes, or 18 percent, and sophomore religion major Rodney Thomas received 130 votes, or 11 percent.

Brad Thompson, the lone candidate for SGA president, was elected with an 87 percent majority. There were 13 percent write-in votes for other candidates.

"I was surprised by the large number of write-in votes," Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major, said. "I wasn't discouraged because it is a big job and people have every right to vote for someone who they

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Weather wreckage Thirteen states emerge from debris

Thirty-five people are dead in five different states as survivors begin to sort through the rubble left by a weekend of severe storms.

BY DUNCAN MANSFIELD
Associated Press

MOSSY GROVE, Tenn. — Thirty-nine people who had been missing after a deadly tornado tore through the area turned up alive Tuesday, as survivors of storms in 13 states struggled to put their lives back together.

Around the Morgan County community, clothes fluttered from tree limbs, power lines dangled from poles, cars lay crumpled like discarded toys.

"Yesterday, we had a nice brick house and four vehicles. Today, we don't own a toothbrush," said Susan Henry of Mossy Grove, the devastated tiny town about 40 miles west of Knoxville.

One person remained missing in the area, down from an initial high of 40, state emergency management officials said Tuesday. Rescuers had

thought most of them were alive but out of touch with family because the storm disabled phones and blocked roads. Seven people were killed in eastern Tennessee's Morgan County, which includes Mossy Grove.

In Tennessee's Coffee County, an aunt of 10-year-old Hobart Martinez, who was killed when his home collapsed, dug with her hands in the muddy heap of her relatives' belongings, looking for family photos and mementos — and found a box for the boy's favorite toy, PlayStation.

"He was a sweet, lovable person," Michelle Blanco said.

More than 70 tornadoes and thunderstorms during the weekend and into Monday killed at least 35 people in five states. Sixteen deaths were reported in Tennessee, 12 in Alabama, five in Ohio and one each in Mississippi and Pennsylvania. More than 200 people were injured.

In one Mississippi county alone, 87 homes were destroyed, officials said Tuesday. Crews in Lowndes

County still were measuring the damage to businesses, said emergency management director Larry Miller. Across the state, damage will be in the millions of dollars, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove said.

In 17 Ohio counties, the American Red Cross estimated Tuesday that 109 homes, businesses and other buildings were destroyed.

Utility crews struggled to restore electricity and power Tuesday and Morgan County schools were closed.

Elementary and junior high classes also were canceled in Carbon Hill, Ala., where most of Alabama's deaths occurred, and Walker County school Superintendent Alan Trotter said Tuesday he doubted the school

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(Above) Matthew Schnelle, left, and Dusty Walker check Schnelle's car that was blown about one-quarter mile from his home in storms Monday in Van Wert, Ohio. Samantha Wolske uses a cell phone to make a call from the storm-damaged home of her grandparents in Macedonia, Ohio, Monday.

Steve Linsmeyer/KRT

New proposal still raises requirements concerns, some say

Some faculty are uncertain how to work leadership and citizenship into a new core curriculum.

BY AMY JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

About 30 faculty members gathered Tuesday to catch their first glimpse of the core curriculum committee's draft proposal and voice concerns.

Some faculty expressed concern that the proposed core will exclude any foreign language, history or economic requirements and that the course requirement for leadership and citizenship issues will be diffi-

cult to work into the curriculum.

"I am concerned that students will come out of a western university into a market economy and have no knowledge of these subjects," said Arnold Barkman, an associate professor of accounting.

Members of the core committee say a three-hour historical focus course will fulfill the requirement.

The draft requires 27 hours in courses designed to examine the intellectual progress of humanity and will include the humanities, fine arts and social and natural sciences; 12 hours to develop competence in written and oral communication and

math; and 15 hours in components derived from the university's mission, vision and values statements.

The biggest change is the concept of an overlay model in which students can receive double or possibly triple credits for a single class, said Nowell Donovan, a core curriculum committee member and geology professor. He said the model allows more flexibility for faculty and students.

After hearing faculty response, Andy Fort, assistant secretary of the Faculty Senate, said the final proposal, based on this model, might be the solution.

"I'm so thrilled," he said. "If we're

talking about tweaking, then we've overcome tremendous hurdles."

Shannon Shipp, a member of the drafting committee, said the meeting was productive and faculty seemed to accept the overall concept of the proposal.

Gregg Franzwa, chairman of the philosophy department and core committee member, asked faculty for feedback concerning the leadership and citizenship issues requirement that has been added to the core. The committee is currently ambiguous as to how the requirement should be worked into the curriculum.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The Eta Psi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha** is sponsoring the first Feed the Need Food Drive today 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.

• **The Betsy Colquitt Reading Series** will present poet Bruce Bond at 7:30 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 104. His full-length collections of poetry include "Independence Days" (the 1990 winner of the R. Gross Award), "The Anteroom of Paradise" (the 1991 winner of the Colladay Award, QRL) and his latest collection "Cinder."

• **The TCU Staff Assembly** will host a brown bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 207. The topic is "Leadership: What am I and what do I need?" presented by Russell Elleven, former assistant director of Residential Life. Bring your own lunch, but dessert and drinks will be provided.

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could be repaired.
"It's like a car in a head-on collision," Trotter said of the school building. "The tail lights might not be damaged but the car is useless."
Convoys of utility trucks rolled through the streets of Carbon Hill, where disrupted utilities meant residents had to spend the night without heat as temperatures fell into the 50s.
"We just put a couple of extra blankets on," said Larry Hinds of Acworth, Ga., who came to Carbon Hill to help his 91-year-old mother, Jeanette Hinds, whose home was slammed but not destroyed by a falling tree.
Tennessee was among the hardest hit Sunday, with one twister

packing 113 mph wind as it ripped a 200- to 300-yard-wide path through Mossy Grove.
Digging out could take weeks, said Steven Hamby, Morgan County director of emergency medical services.
Elsewhere on Tuesday, the National Weather Service posted a new round of tornado warnings in southeastern Georgia as a storm system stretched along the East Coast. Two people were reported injured and there was scattered wind damage. Up the coast, flood warnings were posted in North Carolina as more than 2 inches of rain fell in parts of the state.
About a dozen tornadoes struck northern Alabama on Sunday night, including one with wind of up to 150 mph that tore a path of more than 50 miles, one of the longest on record in the state.

NewsBriefs

SGA aids Alpha Phi Omega so it can attend a national service retreat
The House of Student Representatives passed a bill Tuesday night allocating \$1,500 to Alpha Phi Omega, a campus service organization, so it can attend a national retreat in New Orleans.
The bill passed in a voice vote with 19 supporting the bill, one person against it and four abstentions.
Emily Heine, Alpha Phi Omega

secretary, told SGA members that the retreat is an ideal time to expand leadership skills.
"Members that go to the retreat will learn leadership skills through organizing volunteers," said Heine, a junior deaf education major. "They will also learn ways to improve the organization as a whole."
The total cost of the retreat is approximately \$4,000, Heine said. She also said any member of the service organization can attend the retreat.
—Emily Turner

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think would get the job done."
Thompson said he wants to start immediately preparing for his upcoming term.
"I want to get as much feedback as possible before we start in January," Thompson said.
CiAnn Ardoin, a junior radio-TV-film and sociology major, received 96 percent of the votes for vice president of Programming Council. Ardoin was the only candidate running for this position.
Chris Mattingly, a junior international accounting and finance major, won his first SGA election as treasurer with 599 votes. His opponent, Katrina Shutt, a sophomore marketing and finance major, received 479 votes.

Mattingly said Shutt was also qualified for the position, but he said he had more SGA experience.
"I thought I was most qualified for the position, but that was up to the student body to decide," Mattingly said.
Clower won by 52 votes in the race for treasurer, the closest contest in the election. Clower received 591 votes. Felecia Benton, a sophomore musical theater and advertising/public relations major, received 539 votes.
Clower, a junior advertising/public relations major, said he was surprised to hear of the close race.
"I had a lot of signs and speaking tours," Clower said. "I didn't see a lot of signs for her, but I knew she had a lot of friends."
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lum, he said.
Carolyn Spence Cagle, an associate professor in the Harris School of Nursing, said she does not want to put leadership on the back burner.
"It's in the mission statement," she said. "It's pretty applicable in all departments."
Donovan said the proposed core curriculum will have three

components: the human experiences and endeavors component; the essential competencies component; and the mission, vision and values component.
Members of the committee emphasized that the proposal is a work in progress and that they welcome and expect further suggestion and comments.
The open meeting for students is planned for 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134.
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Prime prevention



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
MK Ramsey, a representative from the Rape Crisis Center and Pam Christian, the crime prevention officer for the TCU police, discussed rape prevention at Tuesday's crime watch meeting in the Student Center.

President looks for homeland security legislation approval

Bush is trying to persuade interim Senator Dean Barkley of Minnesota to end the stalemate over his agenda.

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration courted the lame-duck Congress' new freshman and holdover Republican leaders Tuesday in a push for quick approval of legislation creating a homeland security department.
With the House and Senate planning to start an abbreviated post-election session, lawmakers were expected to join in the president's push to end a Senate stalemate over the proposed agency. Democrats, who will control the Senate for a little while longer, have fought President Bush in connection with labor rights provisions of the bill.
Bush has called creation of the department, part of his response to last year's terrorist attacks, the outgoing Congress' top priority — a message he was amplifying Tuesday in a speech after touring the District of Columbia Police Department's operations center.
Later, Bush was to sit down to a White House strategy session with House and Senate Republican leaders and, separately, with Dean Barkley, the interim senator from Minnesota, to try to win his vote. Barkley indicated Tuesday he would serve his brief time in the

Senate as an independent and would not align himself with either party.
Lawmakers were expected to examine a tentative plan for resolving the impasse by giving unions a larger role in workplace changes than the administration initially proposed. It was drafted by White House and congressional Republican staff and offered to Senate aides in bargaining Sunday night.

"I am an independent, the governor who appointed me was independent, and I believe the best way to serve the people of Minnesota is to remain independent."

—Dean Barkley
Minnesota interim senator

It was unclear whether opponents might continue procedural delays that have bottled up Bush's plan in the Senate since summer. Either way, creation of the new department would be a major coup for the president, whose political might was bolstered by last week's GOP Senate takeover and other election gains.
On Monday, Barkley announced he will be an independent during his brief tenure as interim senator during the lame-duck session. That will keep Democrats in control of the Senate by 50-49 and let Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., continue in that post and set the

chamber's agenda.
"I am an independent, the governor who appointed me is an independent, and I believe the best way to serve the people of Minnesota is to remain independent," Barkley said in a written statement.
Barkley, 52, was appointed by Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura to complete the unexpired term of Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who died in an Oct. 25 plane crash. Republican Norm Coleman will take the seat in the new Congress that convenes Jan. 7.
The GOP is likely to take over in late November, when Republican Jim Talent arrives and becomes Missouri senator following his special election victory. They would have controlled the Senate Tuesday had Barkley sat with them because Vice President Dick Cheney can vote to break ties.
The GOP-controlled House voted in July to establish the new Cabinet-level Homeland Security Department. But Democratic Senate foes have complained it would not adequately protect the jobs of the new department's 170,000 employees.
Under the tentative plan, described by two congressional officials familiar with the bargaining, the new agency could impose changes in salaries or other work rules over union objections after a month of federal mediation. The changes could still be challenged in court.

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Alumni show appreciation for professor

This semester former business students went a little farther than coloring in the extreme right-hand bubbles on teaching evaluation forms to show their appreciation for a professor.

To be exact: \$1.4 million farther.

Stan Block, a finance professor who has taught at TCU for 36 years, was named the first holder of an endowed chair for finance named after him. He described it as the "pinnacle of his career."

The alumni-supported chair is a testimony to Block's impact during the past decades. He began the country's first Educational Investment Fund, which currently allows students to manage \$2 million worth of assets and has helped business students break into prominent Wall Street jobs.

The establishment of a new endowed chair will also attract prestige to the university. Other universities have copied Block's EIF program and this latest recognition will add to his legacy of success.

The new chair also shows the extent to which students will go to show their gratitude toward sterling professors. Hammering knowledge into our brains may seem like a futile exercise sometimes, but it means we leave college with the skills and attitudes it takes to succeed the rest of lives. It's something Block's students certainly noticed.

Block heartily deserves the praise he has received from his past and present students. In the end, the concern and energy professors invest in their students really are like the MasterCard commercial: priceless.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Yale University announced last Wednesday that it will be abandoning its controversial early decision application system beginning with next year's admission cycle. Stanford University went public with the same policy change in its own admissions office later the same day.

Early decision admissions is a program where graduating high school seniors are allowed to apply early to a single college or university and find out by mid-December whether they have been rejected, accepted or deferred until later. If accepted, students who apply through the early decision program are required to commit to attending the university they applied to. Other schools should follow Yale and Stanford's decision.

Initially, Yale had intended to conference with all the Ivy League schools to discuss the possibility of having the entire Ivy League sack the early decision program at the same time. Yale scrapped that idea after hearing news that the justice department might view such a meeting as anti-competitive. Stanford had not been planning on publicly disclosing their policy change until a later date, but decided to follow suit after Yale's announcement on Wednesday morning. Both schools are planning on replacing early decision with early action admissions, a similar process in which students apply early and hear back from the university by mid-December, but would not be bound to attend.

There are a number of reasons to commend this decision, and a

number of reasons why other selective institutions would be right to follow suit. First, one impact of the decision will be much to the benefit of poorer students. Under the early decision program, when students were required to attend the first institution they apply to if they are accepted, their ability to get financial aid was hampered when they could not see what packages other schools might offer. Relieving the burden of early commitment opens up more possibilities in this regard.

The program, while working for the benefit of those students who quickly decide which college or university they want to attend, can be arduous for students who have not yet made up their minds about where to attend college, but who nevertheless want to start applying early. Without early decision programs, those students would be free to send in an early application and continue to investigate other options.

Without early decisions, students would be more encouraged to decide where to attend college based on the types of academic programs that a given university has, and not based on a strategy of applying early just to get into a reputable school. The quality of education at any school will be much greater to everyone involved if students are attending based on their academic interests and not on a sense of binding commitment.

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Statistics show ugly truth about athletes' academics

With all the special treatment athletes get, why does TCU have the lowest percentage of athletes graduating of all the schools in Conference USA?

TCU is a liberal arts college, not a liberal sports college. So, why is emphasis placed so much on sports and the people that play them?

A recent USA Today study showed that TCU is the worst performing in Conference USA when it comes to the percentage of athletes graduating comparative to the school average. TCU is by no means the worst in the nation, but there is no excuse for TCU not having the highest rate of graduating athletes. TCU has a high average of students graduating comparatively, but athletes should come up to par with the rest of the school. Only 44 percent of male athletes graduate after four years, 17 percent lower than the school average. The overall athlete graduation rate is 56 percent, which is seven points lower than the school average.

There is no excuse for doing worse in school because you are an athlete. Other students can be just as busy not doing a sport as

those that are. Students constantly juggle full-time jobs among other commitments and still are dedicated to graduate and succeed.

This is in no way a new revelation that will startle any educated mind. This issue has existed for many years, and this article proves the issue is far from over.

Look at the glorification of football games. Alumni come back and park in their designated spot in front of the coliseum to go and cheer on people whose education they are paying for, but have less than a 50-50 chance at graduation.

Anyone who has been in a class with an athlete knows they get special treatment. In class last week there was an athlete that could not turn in a paper because he was "getting ready" for the big game (two days prior to the game, that is. Evidently it takes that long to prepare for a game, and no school work can be done in this time frame). Then, athletes get to take tests weeks later just because they were at a game or practice due to scheduling conflicts with both the student and teacher. This gives the athletes an advantage which they will not even use to graduate, for almost the majority of them.

This is all at a contrasting time in the lives of non-athletic students.

Currently, it is more of a hassle to get an absence excused because of illness or other legitimate excuse than it has ever been. But yet, an athlete can simply tell a teacher they missed because of practice or a game and they are off the hook.

People that play sports know ahead of time that they will be absent for class, and therefore should not be given additional time in lieu of a game. They should be like the rest of the student body and plan accordingly to take a test before or the day after the absence.

I know that there are athletes that do their work, will get a 4.0 GPA and will graduate. I am just speaking about a majority in which the statistics bring out the ugly facts. There are also professors that won't accept anything less from athletes and I applaud them.

Athletes work hard to entertain the fans, including me. They earn the extra money in their meal plans and even deserve the nicer dorms. After all, athletics play a major cohesive role in campus life. When all is said and done, athletes are an integral part of campus life, and should be treated like everyone else academically.

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Election shows Americans want more conservative leaders, not Democrats

Republican campaigning techniques proved to win many Americans' votes, especially with a popular president and a conservative platform.

Well, the election is over. The GOP retained their majority of governors, picked up seats in the House and won back the majority in the Senate. By the end of the night, James Carville had his head in a trash can, words like "trounce" and "sweep" were all over Internet news sites, and some Democratic leaders were re-evaluating their political careers.

Most importantly, both parties were looking at what they can learn from the final results. One of the first places where Democrats will be wondering what went wrong will be Minnesota. When Paul Wellstone died unexpectedly, the common belief was that this would energize those who would have voted for him and result in high Democratic turnout for Mondale; and it would have, if the Democrats had handled it well. I guess Minnesotans didn't respond well to the memorial/disrespectful political rally/hyper-PC circus the Democrats put on in honor of Paul Wellstone (by "Paul Wellstone," I mean "Democratic Party"). The lesson to be learned: At least try to appear to care about things other than politics, especially when

someone is dead.

On a less specific level, Americans have sent the message to the Democratic Party that they are not a liberal bunch. GOP victories around the country were won by tying Democratic opponents to their liberal national leaders.

Ronnie Shows' embarrassing 29 point blowout loss to Chip Pickering and Ron Kirk's loss to John Cornyn for the Texas Senate seat were both supposed to be close but turned into landslides. Georgia's popular incumbent Democratic Sen. Max Cleland, a triple amputee Vietnam War veteran, lost to Republican challenger Saxby Chambliss because Chambliss was able to emphasize the importance of conservative leadership in Washington.

Now the Democrats are preparing to replace Dick Gephardt as minority leader in the House, and they are choosing between the moderate Texas Congressman Martin Frost and the ultra-liberal California congresswoman from San Francisco Nancy Pelosi. If they've learned anything from this election, they'll go with Frost.

The Republican Party is riding high and may feel that they have run a perfect campaign but not learning anything from Tuesday night could hurt them in the end. There were plenty of mistakes they can learn from, but they can learn from their successes just as well. The Republicans did many

things right, and need to make sure they remember to do the same things next time. The most effective tool they had was tying Democrats to their liberal leaders. They should remember this in 2004, especially if Nancy Pelosi is minority leader.

Another helpful strategy was the use of an extremely popular president. This was a strategy criticized by many but election night proved that presidential support can result in huge successes. Two years from now, George W. Bush will be running for his own re-election, but he must remember to tout the credentials of the Republican candidates at every stop he makes along the campaign trail.

This election is gone, and there is nothing either party can do to change the results. But they must learn from their mistakes and successes if they expect to do any better two years from now. Democrats must move closer to the center and learn not to look so sleazy (the way they looked at the Wellstone memorial). Republicans must keep on casting the Democrats as liberals and learn to support all their candidates. If either party fails to learn from this election, they'll surely get burned in the next.

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TCU has its own soap opera happening

Be careful what you do because we are all interconnected at TCU - in everything we do.

The best advice I received at orientation was a humorous commentary on TCU life: "Boys, you will have to see her again."

The reverse is true as well on this small, interconnected campus. Beware: TCU karma is out to get you.

Think of our campus as a soap opera with a limited cast of characters. Think of it as a version of "Six Degrees of Separation (or Kevin Bacon)" - only make that three degrees.

Yes, as an ancient senior, I am convinced that I am only three degrees of acquaintance away from anyone on this campus. I recognize everyone in my classes from somewhere. I am, in fact, the person who had a class with your sophomore roommate's boyfriend. Then again, you have probably talked to my best friend's sister at a party. It's not just me - you are all connected too.

What is the harm, you ask? We're a big happy family. Texas friendly. It's nice to see familiar faces around.

The harm, I tell you, is that karma will come back and get you. What goes around, comes around. And some day, your connection with someone - whether it be directly or through three degrees - will make a difference.

Think about the kid you turned in for playing his music too loud in the dorms freshman year. He/she knew it was you. He/she has glared at you ever since. He/she will, I assure you, be the only person you can ask for notes on a final a few years later. Count on it - you're failing the final.

Or, consider the girl you never called in Colby Hall. I'm saying "girl", because we all know this scenario has to involve a guy. I'm saying "Colby" because only freshman girls would believe this (Sorry, but it's true. I was once a freshman too). Basically, when you find the girl that you do want to call back, she's going to live right across the hall from the first one, and is going to tell her all about what you did to her. Oops.

Freshmen, I'm warning you. Seniors, I'm echoing your pain. As we search for jobs, who will be our new co-workers? Not our friends, but our exes' new significant others; the person who your friend did a group project with and called "the most annoying person on earth;" the person whose roommate was at the party where your most embarrassing moment occurred.

Depressing, isn't it? How do we escape such a travesty, assuming we have all committed one cosmic sin or another since our time in college began?

Option 1: Turn the karma around. Forgive the next person who blares Briney Spears at 3 a.m. Call the next girl you say you will. Hope that the TCUniverse forgives you.

Option 2: Beg and grovel when you eventually need something from that person. It was entirely your fault. You are so sorry. Crying would not hurt.

Option 3: In the instance that the implications of this action involve a third-hand party, let the past incident humanize you. Make a joke. Humble yourself.

Some may deny the truth of my argument; others may never have yet experienced it. The phenomenon does exist - caused by the combined factors of a small population, bored students, and a rampant gossip mill.

So here is some unsolicited advice, dear readers: have fun in college but be cautious whenever possible.

However, it is impossible to predict which actions will later cause damage. In the end, you have to live your life and scoff at the ridiculousness of our incestuous world here in 76129.

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National/International Roundup

Court to decide if library Web site blockage is legal

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will decide if public libraries can be forced to install software blocking sexually explicit Web sites.

Congress has struggled to find ways to protect children from Internet pornography without infringing on free speech rights for Web site operators.

Lawmakers have passed three laws since 1996, but the Supreme Court struck down the first and blocked the second from taking effect.

The latest measure, signed by President Clinton in 2000, requires public libraries receiving federal technology funds to install filters on their computers or risk losing aid.

A three-judge federal panel ruled the Children's Internet Protection Act violates the First Amendment because the filtering programs also block sites on politics, health, science and other non-pornographic topics.

The Bush administration argued libraries are not required to have X-rated movies and pornographic magazines and shouldn't have to offer access to pornography on their computers.

Earlier this year the court upheld part of the 1998 Child Online Protection Act, which required Web sites to collect a credit card number or other proof of age before allowing Internet users to view material deemed "harmful to minors."

British man accused in computer hacking case

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities on Tuesday accused a British computer administrator of hacking into 92 computer networks operated by the U.S. military and NASA, including one break-in that shut down systems at a Navy facility in New Jersey immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Authorities said two of the computer systems were at the Pentagon. The intrusions also made inoperable the network that serves the military district for Washington, officials said.

Authorities disclosed indictments in northern Virginia and New Jersey against Gary McKinnon, 36, of the Hornsey section of London. He was indicted on eight counts of computer-related crimes, including break-ins at six private companies.

Court records in Virginia said McKinnon caused \$900,000 in damage to computers in 14 states.

U.S. officials said earlier they were weighing whether to seek McKinnon's extradition from England, a move that would be exceedingly rare among international computer crime investigations.

Proposal limits snowmobiles entering West Yellowstone

HELENA, Mont. — The federal government on Tuesday issued a proposal for managing snowmachines in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks that some critics fear could spell doom for business in their town.

While the plan proposes to cap the number of snowmobiles at a level above the current average daily use, it also will set a strict limit on the number allowed to enter Yellowstone through the West Yellowstone entrance, the most popular entrance for snowmobilers.

"What this plan means, basically, is that our business would be cut right in half," Glen Loomis, a snowmobiler and owner of Polaris West in West Yellowstone, said Monday.

The Interior Department released an environmental impact statement Tuesday detailing the plan. It is intended to be a compromise between unlimited access wanted by snowmobile makers and users and the ban that had been proposed by the Clinton administration earlier and supported by environmentalists.

Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis said the plan was an effort to strike a balance between two extremes — a ban on snowmobiles or unfettered access.

Drivers may be stopped unannounced at border

KIMBALL TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Border Patrol agents began stopping drivers at unannounced, rotating checkpoints Tuesday in two areas of Michigan, looking for illegal immigrants, potential terrorists and drug or weapons smugglers.

The main purpose of the checkpoints is to stop immigrant smuggling, said Loretta Lopez-Mossman, acting chief patrol agent for the Border Patrol's Detroit sector.

However, agents also will look for other types of smuggling, and always are on the lookout for potential terrorists, Lopez-Mossman said.

"It's all about homeland security. Bottom line, we are here to be vigilant about the safety and security of the American people," INS spokesman Greg Palmore said before a news conference Tuesday.

Lopez-Mossman said everyone would be stopped wherever a checkpoint is set up and there will be no profiling aimed at Arabs or others.

Officials set up a similar program in northwest Washington state last weekend, he said. The practice is common in Southwest border states such as Texas and California.

The checkpoints will be chosen according to several factors, including whether officials have intelligence about smuggling activity, Lopez-Mossman said.

Robert Kennedy Jr. to write article about cousin Skakel

NORWALK, Conn. — *The Atlantic Monthly* plans to run an article by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. proclaiming the innocence of his

cousin, Michael Skakel, who was convicted in June of the 1975 murder of Martha Moxley.

Kennedy's article is expected to be published in the magazine's January/February edition.

"We think it's a compelling, important article," said Michael Kelly, editor at large of the publication, adding that Kennedy raises questions about the case.

When reached by The Associated Press Monday, Kennedy would not disclose details of what he planned to write.

Skakel, a nephew of Ethel Kennedy, was convicted in June of beating Martha to death with a golf club in 1975 when they were 15-

year-old neighbors in wealthy Greenwich. Skakel, 42, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.

Woman thanks beauty queens for boycotting pageant

ABUJA, Nigeria — The Nigerian woman condemned to stoning by an Islamic court for having sex outside marriage thanked beauty queens Tuesday for boycotting Nigeria's Miss World pageant on her behalf — but asked them to call off the boycott, saying nothing will happen to her "without God's permission."

Clad in an Islamic headscarf, 31-year-old Amina Lawal played with her baby as she spoke with journal-

ists outside her lawyer's home in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. Participants began arriving Monday for the Dec. 7 pageant finale, but five stayed away.

Nigerian officials have insisted they will not allow any stoning judgments to be carried out. Yet the federal government has refused to intervene directly in the Islamic court system that handed down the punishment. Since 1999, the Shariah system has been adopted by a dozen predominantly Muslim northern states.

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Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

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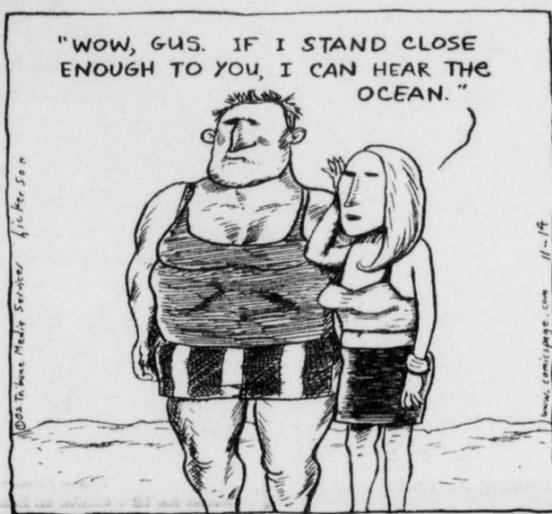
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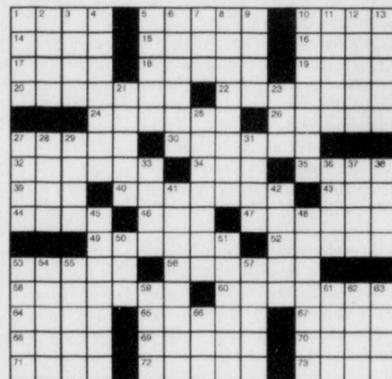
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Tickets for Dec. 3 game must be advanced ordered

In anticipation of Bobby Knight and Texas Tech coming to town Dec. 3, TCU Athletics is preparing for a blitz of requests.

Tickets will be distributed to students, faculty and staff from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Nov. 20-22 in the Student Center.

Tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To pick up a ticket, individuals must present a valid student ID or a faculty/staff basketball pass. Only one ticket is allowed a person, who must have identification, with the exception of those faculty and staff members who have a basketball pass for two.

These tickets will not be available at any time after Nov. 22, so any student, faculty or staff member who does not pick up a free ticket by the 5 p.m. deadline will not be allowed into the game.

Tickets to the game are not in reserved seats; it is for general admission into the student and faculty/staff section.

To ensure admittance, students, faculty and staff with tickets must be at the game no later than 8 p.m. The game will tip off at 8:05 p.m. and will follow the TCU women's game against Wisconsin-Green Bay that begins at 5:15 p.m. No student, faculty or staff person will be admitted free to the women's game without a TCU-Texas Tech men's ticket.

NY Yankees appear to be in negotiations for Matsui

NEW YORK (AP) — It sure looks like the New York Yankees are pushing for a deal with Hideki Matsui.

Yankees team president Randy Levine and general manager Brian Cashman are scheduled to travel to Japan on Thursday, a team official said on the condition of anonymity.

The purpose of the trip, the team official said Tuesday, is to announce a working agreement between the Yankees and the Yomiuri Giants, the top team in the Japanese leagues.

Yomiuri also happens to be the former team of Matsui, who officially became a free agent at 9:01 a.m. Tuesday.

Also scheduled to make the trip are Yankees general partner Stephen Swindal, the son-in-law of owner George Steinbrenner; and Gordon Blakeley, the team's vice president of international and professional scouting.

Assistant general manager Jean Afterman already is in Japan, where Matsui is playing for Japanese all-stars against a major league all-star team.

The working agreement with the Yomiuri Giants probably will be announced this weekend, the team official said.

Matsui, a 28-year-old outfielder who is nicknamed "Godzilla," bats left-handed, and New York envisions him clearing the short porch in right field at Yankee Stadium. He hit .334 for the Giants this season and led the Central League with 50 homers and 107 RBIs.

Tejada easily beats A-Rod for AL MVP honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Miguel Tejada won his first American League Most Valuable Player award Tuesday, easily beating Alex Rodriguez in a vote that valued a winning season over superior statistics.

The shortstop for the AL West champion Oakland Athletics received 21 first-place votes, six second-place votes and one third for 356 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Rodriguez, the shortstop for the last-place Texas Rangers, got five firsts, seven seconds, 11 thirds, four fourths and a sixth for 254 points.

Tejada hit a career-high .308 with 34 homers and 131 RBIs, helping the A's win the AL West. Oakland had 103 victories, matching the Yankees for the most in the major leagues.

Football team reminiscent of 2000 squad

An eight-game winning streak has the Frogs looking more and more like the LaDainian Tomlinson-led team of 2000, but not without differences.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

As the wins continue to stockpile for the Frogs, the team's statistics, conference standing and positioning in the top 25 begin to resemble that of a team from the not-so distant past.

If the 8-1 Frogs (No. 25, *Associated Press*) win their next two games the team would have an identical regular season record as the 2000 squad, which finished the season No. 20 in the polls and had the nation's No. 1 defense.

The current team sits at the top of the conference standings, controlling its own destiny in its quest for a Conference USA crown. They also now possess the No. 2 defense in the country, allowing 247 total yards a game.

Senior defensive tackle John Turntine, who saw significant time in 2000, said it's a good thing to be compared in the same breath as the old team.

"It feels good knowing that they had one of the best records in TCU history, and we have the opportunity to do the same thing," Turntine said. "That just kind of shows you where we came from in our freshman year."

The team this season takes pride in the fact that it feels C-USA provides a bigger challenge for them than what the 2000 team did in the Western Athletic Conference.

"Two years ago you could kind of let down a little when you played

Rice and SMU," senior wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar said. "This year we don't know who may step up and beat us, so we have to play hard week by week."

The 2000 team is best known for LaDainian Tomlinson, the Frogs all-everything back that is now torturing defenses for the San Diego Chargers. That Frogs squad had six players selected in the 2001 NFL Draft, all of whom were taken in the first four rounds.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the thing standing out in his mind is that this team doesn't have personal agendas, unlike 2000.

"They're not worried about where they're going to go in the draft," Patterson said. "They're not worried about all the other things. They're just worried about playing together, having a good time and winning football games and conference championships."

Dunbar said regardless of the last two games, the legacy of the team will be on how the Frogs were a team.

"The only thing that people remember about that 2000 year is LT and that we lost to San Jose State," Dunbar said. "I think this team will be known more as a team than a bunch of individuals."

Turntine said the 2002 team's legacy exceeds past the football field.

"I think we can leave one of the best legacies in TCU history," Turntine said. "Going 10-1 and to five consecutive bowl games, graduating 22 seniors with five in grad school. When you look back on that, you see achievement not only on the field but off the field."

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Senior LaTarence Dunbar and the 2002 Frogs have the opportunity for the same regular season record as the 2000 team.

The similarities show most in teams' defenses, as shown by defensive stats:

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Scoring:	9.6 (1)18.67 (20)	
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Pass efficiency:	91.18(3)	94.02 (9)
Total:	245 (1)	247 (2)

Men's golf team 'makes statement' in match play

Competing in the Match Play Championships, the Frogs advanced two rounds before falling to the eventual champs.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

The men's golf team puts away its clubs, tournament speaking, for the winter after finishing fourth at the Collegiate Match Play Championships in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The tournament was composed of the top 16 finishing teams at the 2002 NCAA Division I Championships. The Frogs finished 11th at the championships.

Of the 16 teams, the Frogs were seeded No. 6 to start the tournament.

The Frogs defeated No. 11 seed Georgia Tech in the first round, 3 1/2 to 1/2. The Yellow Jackets were ranked first in the Precept Coaches Poll heading into the tournament. The team then ousted the third seed Texas Longhorns, in a close 3-to-2 matchup.

The Frogs lost to No. 2 Augusta State, the eventual champions, in the semi-finals 3 to 2. The team would then drop its third-place

match against fifth-seeded Arizona.

Head coach Bill Montigel said he was pleased with the outcome of the tournament.

"The guys really enjoyed themselves, and it was fun playing a different format in match play," Montigel said. "They don't get a chance play a lot of match play at the collegiate level."

Montigel pointed out that freshman Colby Beckstrom and senior Adam Rubinson performed well against some of the most talented players in the country.

Beckstrom, Conference USA's Golfer of the Month in October, defeated Matthew Rosenfeld of Texas 3 and 1.

Rubinson defeated Arizona's Ricky Barnes 3 and 2 in the Frogs' last match. Barnes won the 2002 U.S. Amateur Championships.

Rubinson said the team's showing at the championships hopefully shows that the Frogs are a permanent national contender.

"We wanted to go out there and make a statement in the tournament," Rubinson said. "I think we let everyone know that our lineup is very strong, and is not scared of anyone. We feel if we're playing our best that we can beat anybody."

— Adam Rubinson

Senior

The team now has three months until its next tournament, when it tees off at the Waikoloa Intercollegiate Feb. 12-14.

Rubinson said the team will be able to take its strong showing at the championships and translate it into a successful spring.

"This definitely gives us momentum," Rubinson said. "We know that we can play with and beat anybody in the country."

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C-USA roundup

Football

	C-USA games			All games			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm. Rd. Ntrl. Strk.
TCU	5	1	.833	8	1	.899	5-0 3-1 0-0 W8
Southern Miss	4	1	.800	6	3	.667	4-0 2-3 0-0 W1
East Carolina	3	1	.750	3	5	.375	2-1 1-4 0-0 W1
Louisville	3	2	.600	5	4	.556	2-3 3-1 0-0 W1
Cincinnati	3	2	.600	4	5	.444	2-3 2-2 0-0 W1
UAB	3	2	.600	4	5	.444	2-3 2-2 0-0 W1
Tulane	3	3	.500	6	4	.600	2-3 0-5 0-0 L1
Houston	2	4	.333	4	5	.444	2-2 2-3 0-0 L1
Memphis	1	5	.167	2	8	.200	2-3 0-5 0-0 L6
Army	0	6	.000	0	9	.000	0-6 0-3 0-0 L9

Last week's results

at Houston 48
East Carolina 54(OT)

at UAB 13
Southern Miss 20

Tulane 10
at TCU 17

at Army 30
Air Force 49

Memphis 28
at S. Florida 31

at Louisville 14
Cincinnati 24

Last week's players of the week

Special teams — Louisville kick returner Broderick Clark returned a third-quarter kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown to tie the C-USA record with his second kick return for a score this season.

Offensive — Houston running back Joffrey Reynolds set school and Conference USA records with 300 rushing yards against East Carolina. He also set a new UH record with 41 attempts.

Defensive — Cincinnati linebacker Andre Frazier turned in the best performance of his career, registering 12 tackles and 1.5 quarterback sacks in the Bearcat's 24-14 victory over Louisville.

'Defensive prowess' is now in 7-0 Maverick's dictionary

With their usual scoring, and an emphasis on defense, the Mavs are off to a 7-0 start.

BY JAIME ARON
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DALLAS — The way the Dallas Mavericks have won their last two games is an indication the NBA's only unbeaten team might be on its way to a special season.

After running away with their first five games, the Mavericks took on Detroit's league-best defense and made a mockery of that statistical ranking. Dallas scored 114 points, leading by 52 before winning by 39.

Then the Mavs took on Portland on Monday night. They started sloppy, got way behind, then fought back by playing physical and relying on defense. The result: a 7-0 start, tops in franchise history, and the realization that they don't always have to light up the scoreboard to win.

"I think you are seeing the product of our concentration and commitment since training camp," point guard Steve Nash said. "We think we really have the potential to improve in that area. Our toughness and confidence are growing."

Defense has been priority No. 1 for the Mavericks since their inability to stop Sacramento got them bounced from the second round of the playoffs. A sign hangs over their practice court reminding them of their defensive failures in that series.

All the talk about improvement seemed like lip service when Dallas gave up 108 points to Memphis in the opener. Yet the Mavs have allowed 100 points only once since, and their last four foes have been held to 92, 87, 75 and 73 points.

Backup point guard Avery Johnson said he was afraid of a letdown after "hitting on all cylinders"

against the Pistons, and he was right. The Mavericks turned the ball over on their first two possessions and trailed by 13 in the second quarter. Their biggest deficit all season had been three points.

Then Dirk Nowitzki hit consecutive 3-pointers to start a 10-0 run. The Mavs were behind at half-time for the first time but started the third quarter so aggressively that Portland called time-out twice in the first three minutes. Dallas went on to build a 15-point lead and won 82-73.

The comeback was keyed by the defense. The Mavericks pestered the Blazers into missing 13 straight shots over the middle two quarters, going 10-21 between field goals. Portland scored only 12 points in the third quarter and shot just 35.4 percent for the game.

"We showed a lot," team captain Michael Finley said. "We don't have

to score in the 100s to win. We definitely took a huge step forward."

Nowitzki continues taking giant strides in establishing himself as a premier player.

Hours after being named the Western Conference player of the week, the 7-foot forward had 26 points, including four 3-pointers, with a season-high 17 rebounds, a career-high six steals and four assists against Portland.

"Get used to Nowitzki playing like that," coach Don Nelson said. Another big man making a difference is Shawn Bradley.

He's rehabilitated his game after being stuck on the bench last season to become the inside presence Dallas needs. He had 10 points and a season-high 18 rebounds against the Blazers, making the Mavericks 20-0 over the last three seasons when he posts a double-double.

"He's been playing awesome all

year," Nowitzki said. "Hopefully he can keep it up."

Bradley is especially needed because Raef LaFrentz, who started at center in the opener, is out another two-to-five weeks with a high ankle sprain. He was joined on the injured list Monday by backup point guard Nick Van Exel, who underwent arthroscopic knee surgery to fix an injury that had been nagging him since training camp.

Dallas' bid for the league's best start since Philadelphia went 10-0 two years ago will continue Wednesday in Cleveland, Friday in Boston and Saturday in New Jersey. The Mavericks were the NBA's best road team last season, so hostile environments shouldn't bother them.

"Dallas is playing nice ball," Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis said. "They're fun to watch — unless you're on the other team."