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## Biology, geology graduate schools under review

**A Biology and geology faculty committee has been appointed to help determine the fate of the graduate programs**

BY JOI HARRIS

Biology and geology faculty members are scheduled to meet separately with Provost William Koehler today to discuss the future of their respective graduate programs amidst reports they could be combined or eliminated. The meeting is part of a university-

wide review of graduate programs. Ray Drenner, a biology professor, said dismantling those graduate programs is only one of several options the university may take. He said combining the two programs has also been mentioned.

"We will look for different models that might be considered for the programs," Drenner said. "We'll also consider our objectives and determine whether we're meeting them."

Drenner said Michael McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, has appointed a faculty

committee to perform a self-study of both departments and present a report on their findings at the end of the semester. McCracken referred all questions to Koehler, who will not be available for comment until after today's meeting, his secretary said.

Geology department chairman Nowell Donovan said he has heard rumors that some graduate programs "might get the ax."

"Rumors float around all places," Donovan said. "Academia is a place where people like to gossip."

Donovan said he would not com-

ment further until he had not spoken to the provost or McCracken.

Richard Hanson, the geology graduate programs advisor, said the meeting is part of a review of all graduate programs being conducted by the division of academic affairs.

"The whole university is going through assessments right now," Hanson said. "They want to determine how productive the graduate programs are, what type of resources they have and what they can do to be more successful."

Hanson said he feels the dean ulti-

mately wants to have a full examination of their use of resources.

Ernest Couch, an associate biology professor, said he cannot see a rational administration removing programs that have been successful for such a long time.

"It would be a big mistake to remove them because they bring prestige research and greater interaction for undergraduates," Couch said.

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## Legality of SGA executive actions called into question

**Some SGA members say the Administrative Cabinet did not have a quorum for a vote endorsing a letter calling for higher pay for low-wage staff members. Advisers and officers will meet Friday to discuss the constitutionality of the vote.**

BY EMILY TURNER

Student Government Association officers and advisers say they will meet Friday to discuss whether the Administrative Cabinet acted unconstitutionally last week when it endorsed a letter sent to Chancellor Michael Ferrari calling for higher pay for low-wage staff members.

President Chelsea Hudson announced Tuesday that the Administrative Cabinet had voted 3-0 to endorse on SGA's behalf a letter written by Staff Assembly, with only Treasurer George Peyton abstaining.

But both Peyton and John Billingsley, the vice president of the House of Student Representatives, said they were absent from the vote. According to the SGA bylaws, the Administrative Cabinet must have four members to "pass or approve all business."

"The House should have been brought up for debate," said Peyton, adding that he left before the vote. "Administrative Cabinet really wanted SGA's name on the letter, so they made a vote without the House's knowledge."

Billingsley added, "In the meeting this Tuesday, it was discussed and agreed upon that the

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## OFFICIALS SEEK TO REDUCE CAMPUS THEFTS

### Keys replaced by cards to increase security

**Officials say the card swipe system offers better security than keys and is a more convenient tool to keep track of people entering the buildings.**

BY DAVID REESE

If it seems as if some classrooms and residence halls have become like Motel 6 because of card accessed doors, it is by design: university officials say it is to alleviate security problems.

Security measures such as the card swipe door-lock system and devices on some equipment have been installed in new and existing buildings because university officials and TCU Police say the safety of students and the university's resources are a priority.

According to the TCU Police Web site, 33 thefts were reported from academic buildings and residence halls across campus from January to October this year. Stolen items ranged from money in wallets to computers and video projectors.

No specific areas on campus are more likely to be targeted by thieves, said Pam

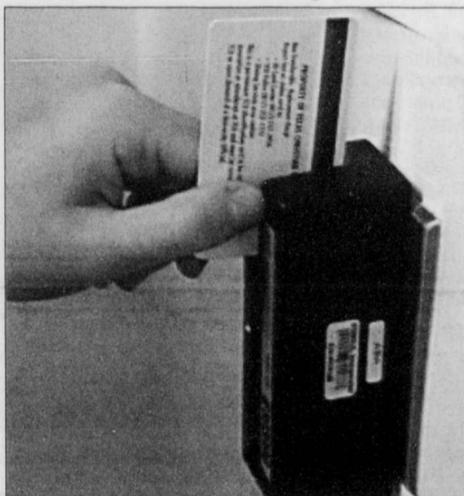


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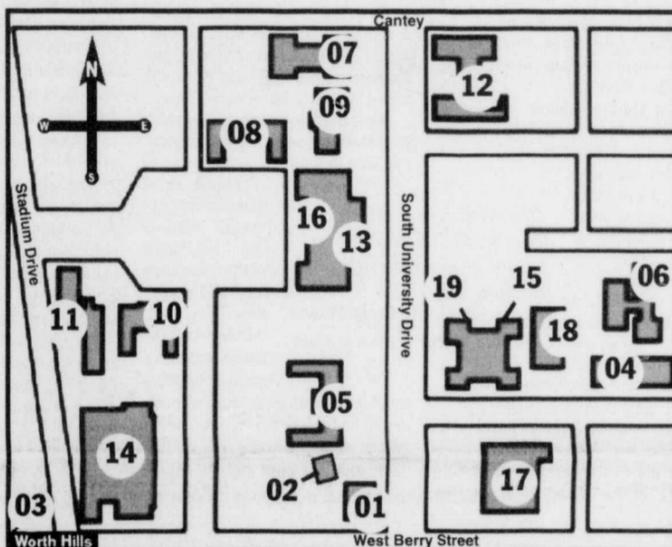
The university has installed card-swipe door locks across campus to reduce access and thus prevent thefts. University officials say the card swipes add flexibility.

Christian, a TCU Police crime prevention officer. However, most thefts are in parking lots, according to the TCU Police daily crime report on the Internet. "Theft is an opportunity crime," Christian said. "It will happen when opportunity arises."

The campus' open build-

ings give thieves easy access, said College of Science and Engineering Dean Michael McCracken, whose college is housed in the first building to become predominantly accessed by a card swipe door-lock system.

He said it is hard to tell (More on SECURITY, page 2)



### Thefts On Campus

Note: Only buildings where reported thefts occurred are on the map.

## Students need to help keep campus safe, some officials say

**Students ultimately determine how effective new doors, locking systems and security measures are, police say.**

BY DAVID REESE

The university has tried to increase campus safety and security over the past year by installing a new door-lock system, additional security cameras and locks for class projectors after several thefts.

But university officials say they need one more thing: help from students.

The best security plan is individual responsibility, said College of Science and Engineering Dean Michael McCracken, whose college relies more on the card-swipe system than key locks. He said the door-lock system has

effectively kept most unwanted people out of buildings and rooms, but it is undermined by irresponsible students.

"During my 31 years at TCU, I have found that people prop doors open whether for their friends or any person off the street," he said.

Security lies within the student body, said Craig Elders, associate director of Student Affairs Information Services.

"Students have to have responsibility," Elders said. "If you prop doors then security is gone."

James Beasley, a Moncrief Hall resident assistant and junior Latin American studies major, said residents in his building do not prop doors. Instead, he said, the major problem is residents who let strangers into the building. Some students say getting into

residence halls is as easy as waiting outside.

"Odds are other residents with a card or key will let you in," said Bryan Baeten, a sophomore business major.

Residential Services has taken steps to prevent this from happening. Hall directors and staff members counsel residents on the safety and security, said Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services.

Although he said there are no official penalties for propping or opening doors for strangers, he will recommend to the dean kicking a repeat offender out of his or her residence halls.

"If they have no responsibility to the community," Fisher said, "I have no problem recommending them to no longer live in the halls."

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Security guard Derek Reese and TCU police Corporal Ervey Garcia change shifts at the security booth Wednesday in front of the Tom Wright-Pate Brown Residential Community. Even with steps police have taken to crack down on thefts, TCU officials say they need the help of students, too.

## Free program for children teaches safety

BY JILL MENINGER

A free six-week program for children of faculty, staff and students intended to teach safety and defensive skills is scheduled to begin in January.

The program, radKids, or Resisting Aggression Defensively, is for children ages 5 to 11 and will be offered through the Staff Assembly. The Fort Worth Crime Prevention Resource Center will help get the program started, said Hao Tran, a staff member who is setting up the program.

"The goal of the program is to empower children to be more self-confident and to recognize their fears and to transform them into mental strength," Tran said.

She said the program first started as a service for employees but now will reach out to the community.

Shauna Fitzjarrell, the prevention coordinator at the CPRC, said she teaches the RAD class for adults at TCU and will teach the class for children when it starts. The class was taught last spring at W.M. Green Elementary and W.J. Turner Elementary schools and is also offered to community groups, elementary

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**The Weather**

**THURSDAY**

High: 68; Low: 44; Sunny

**FRIDAY**

High: 64; Low: 41; Mostly Sunny

**SATURDAY**

High: 66; Low: 46; Mostly Sunny

**Looking Back**

1783 — Two French men make the first untethered hot air balloon flight, flying 5.5 miles over Paris in 25 minutes.

1877 — Thomas Edison, an American inventor, announced his first great invention of the phonograph, a way to record and play back sound.

1945 — Actress Goldie Hawn is born in Washington, D.C.

**Watch For**

Check in with Friday's edition of the Skiff for a preview of the TCU/East Carolina game. We'll have analysis, the edge, key matchups and we'll have the three keys to victory as the Frogs look to keep themselves as the sole leader in the conference standings.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **The TCU London Centre** will have an information session at 4 p.m. today in the Moudy Building South, Room 271. Information about classes offered by the journalism, radio-TV-film and theater departments will be discussed. More information is available in the Office of International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

■ **The Society of Professional Journalists** will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Moudy Building South, Room 279. We will be discussing convergence journalism and will have pros from local stations in to chat with. Free food will be provided. For more information, call (817) 257-6268.

■ **All English majors and minors** who wish to apply for membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, are invited to pick up applications from the English department office, Reed Hall, Room 314. The deadline is Friday.

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

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## Gore calls Bush's economic, political agendas a failure

Former Vice President Al Gore says Bush's economic plan and war on terrorism have been failures, and focus should not be on Iraq. Gore has not decided whether he will run against Bush in 2004.

BY WILL LESTER  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Al Gore said Wednesday that President Bush is making serious mistakes in the war on terrorism and called his economic plan "a catastrophic failure." That gives Democrats "an excellent chance" to win the White House in 2004, whoever their nominee is, he said.

"Now the warlords are back in control, the Taliban is back in (Afghanistan) and for a variety of reasons al Qaeda is back at full strength and Osama is back making his threats against the U.S.," Gore said in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

The Republicans dominated in the midterm elections this year, but that is because the economy's problems "did not count for a lot in the midterm elections because they shifted the national dialogue to a war with Iraq and — as the president's chief of staff put it — they waited until Labor Day to roll out a new product line," Gore said, referring to a possible war with Iraq.

Gore is on the brink of deciding if he will run for the Democratic nomination in a chance to oppose Bush a second time. He said he would decide over the Christmas holidays.

But he said his "gut feeling is that whoever the Democratic nominee turns out to be will have an excellent chance in 2004 simply because the Bush-Cheney economic plan has been a catastrophic failure."

"By 2004, the economic consequences of this plan, now that

they've got both the House and the Senate and they're unlikely to change their blueprint, I don't think it has a chance in the world of working, unfortunately," he said.

Gore has said the whole Bush economic plan and economic team should be thrown out, and the administration should start over with tax cuts aimed specifically at the middle class.

The former vice president was interviewed by telephone from Los Angeles.

As for the war on terror, Gore was critical of the Bush administration for turning its focus toward Iraqi President Saddam Hussein before it had dealt effectively with al Qaeda. He said administration officials have said al Qaeda "has reconstituted itself, regained its strength and now poses just as much of a threat to the United States today as it did immediately

prior to Sept. 11. That sounds like we have not made much headway."

And Gore said top military officials say the United States is losing ground in Afghanistan.

Gore said that "after a magnificent response to 9-11, President Bush then lost focus."

"As the fall elections approach, for whatever reason, he decided to start a new war," Gore said. "Saddam Hussein is a bad guy who deserves to be removed from power. But he is not the one who attacked us Sept. 11. He is not the one who is threatening to kill us right now."

"The president succeeded during the election campaign in convincing

a majority that Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda are practically the same thing ... but he convinced the majority of something that is not true and is not backed up by any evidence that I am aware of."

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— Al Gore  
 former U.S. Vice President

White House officials dismissed Gore's comments as political posturing.

"The president is uniting the country and the world in the global war on terrorism and we're making great progress both at home and abroad," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan.

## SECURITY

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who belongs in a building. "No one on campus really knows who should be here or not," McCracken said.

The administration and police department are trying various measures to reduce crime.

Christian said TCU police patrol in cars, on bike, on foot and in golf carts. Security video cameras are also located through out campus. Christian did not reveal the number or location of the video cameras, citing security reasons.

The card swipe system has become popular due to its success in residence halls during the past few years, said Craig Elders, associate director of

Student Affairs Information Services.

Elders said the university will add nearly 90 card swipe doors by year's end. Forty card swipes will be installed in the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center, 11 in the Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurial Hall and 30 in the new University Recreation Center.

He said there are no future plans to install any more doors on campus due to the high costs.

"There is a considerable expense," Elders said. "It is about \$5,000 for each door and equipment."

Elders said the door is expensive because its communication lines and wiring work independently of the entire server system in each building.

He said the card swipes reduce the number of keys checked out to

faculty, staff and students. Plus, the Student Center can de-activate lost cards, whereas if keys are lost, the university has to replace the locks and issue new keys.

In larger buildings such as Sid W. Richardson Hall, more than a hundred keys are checked out to faculty and students, McCracken said.

"Key security is difficult to control," McCracken said. "The card system allows a lot of flexibility and greater control of who enters the building." Elders said the technology of the door system allows a list to be printed of all people who have entered the building during any time specified.

He said the doors also set an alarm off to the system directory at the police station and the ID card center when a door is being tampered with or propped.

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associate director of Student Affairs

## SGA

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number for Administrative Cabinet's quorum was four members. At the time of the vote four members were not present, and therefore the vote should have never taken place."

Parliamentarian Brian Casebolt said "an abstention was not committed."

"The individual who Hudson stated cast an abstention vote was not even present," he said.

Vice President of Programming Council Brad Thompson, a member of the Administrative cabinet, defended the vote. The other committee members, President Chelsea Hudson and Secretary CiAnn Ardoin, could not be reached for comment.

"Rules are important, but we are talking about people's livelihood

here," said Thompson, who is also SGA president-elect.

But Billingsley said the House was shut out of a controversial decision.

"The power of the student representatives was taken away by our president and the Administrative Cabinet," Billingsley said. "They robbed the House of power over a very controversial issue."

Tuesday night at the SGA meeting Hudson defended the Administrative Cabinet's vote by reading Article IV, Section 1 of the SGA constitution. It states, "The Administrative Cabinet shall have the following executive powers and duties: To act in an administrative and advisory capacity in coordinating executive functions."

Billingsley said Hudson's interpretation of the constitution was extremely liberal.

"There are certain rules and procedures that are understood even though they may not be defined in any document," Billingsley said. "Our normal operating procedures have been overturned and the role of the House was reduced greatly, if possibly, made null."

SGA adviser James Parker said he would not comment until he speaks with the officers and other advisers Friday.

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## CORRECTION

It should have stated in the Timeless Themes story that Meryl Streep was the lead actress in the film adaptation of "Dancing at Lughnasa."

## Time guidance

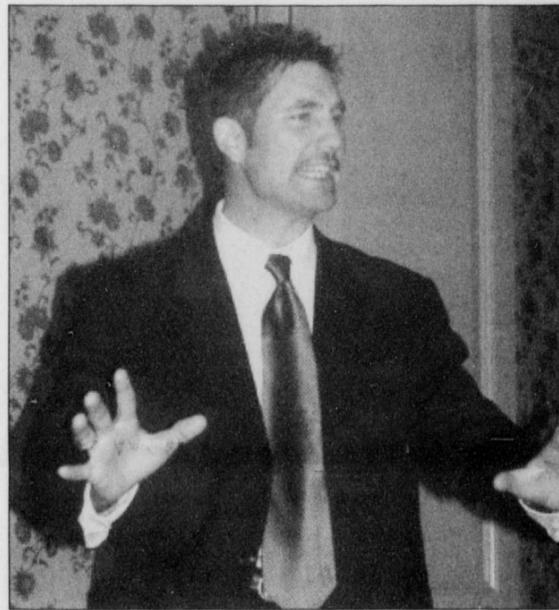


Photo editor/Sarah McClellan  
 Brent O'Bannen discusses time management skills at a brown bag lunch and lecture Wednesday in the Student Center. The campus recreation fitness and wellness department and human resources collaborated to put the program together.

## RAD

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schools, churches and other social service agencies.

She said the class teaches safety skills for when they are home, out or while at school. The children are also taught defense against abduction and personal safety, she said.

"What they are learning is how to keep themselves safe," said Fitzjarrrell, adding that children need to know what to do when they are alone.

"Ninety percent of self-defense is awareness and we are trying to build that in kids," Fitzjarrrell said. Julie Graver, who is with residential housekeeping, said she approached Tran about the program because she had taken the adult class and wanted her three children to learn what she had learned.

She said she hopes her 9- and 11-year-old children will learn how to stay out of dangerous situations. She said she plans to enroll her 15-year-old daughter in the adult RAD class.

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## The Skiff View

### LOOK OUT

Watchful students key to security

You may have noticed the influx of swipe-card entrances on campus.

Trust us, we have.

We have noticed these \$5,000-a-door entrances. And what is even more concerning than the price is the fact that these are needed.

Desperately.

According to the TCU Police Web site, 33 thefts were reported from academic buildings and residence halls across campus from January to October this year. These items ranged from wallets to computers to projectors.

But you want to know what is needed even more than \$5,000 doors? Our more than 8,000 students watching out for each other.

Everyone on this campus needs to take an active step to keep crime down at this university.

It's easy. You don't have to drive a golf cart and you don't need to start a campus watch program. All you have to do is be aware of your surroundings.

If you notice something a little sketchy, report it. If you see a residence hall door propped open, shut it.

And don't be the one propping open the residence hall doors — you wouldn't want to be the one responsible for your neighbor's missing television would you?

How would you feel if it was something of yours that was suddenly missing? You'd probably think twice about sticking that piece of carpet in the door as you make a quick run to your car.

After all, in a university this size, we need to watch out for each other.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Every year, masses of high school students take a massive test to rank and sort them in the post-high school world. The SAT has been developed to let colleges and universities have one more marker to access the abilities of those about to enter their institutions. These tests, however, should not cost high school students money and all the information pertaining to their usefulness should be made readily available.

Last year's test scores for Johnston County, N.C., were finally higher than the state average. Johnston now has the lowest participation rate for the SAT in the area. Their advice to students: only take the SAT if you have good grades and plan on attending a four-year institution.

As participation has gone down, the scores for the SAT have gone up. This does not bode well, however, for the students of Johnston County. At one school, Smithfield-Selma Senior High, guidance counselor Randy Swann described the initiative.

"I see whether they're actually planning on going to a four-year college, or if it's just a possibility, or if they want to go to a community college," Swann said. "If they do plan to go to a two-year college it's not necessary for them to spend their time and money taking the SAT."

Swann continued, "If you haven't done well in your grades — if you have a 1.5 or a 1.6 (GPA) or whatever — it follows

that you're probably not going to do well on the SAT. What good is taking the SAT if you're not going to do well in it?"

It is after this speech that Swann normally hands a student the forms to register for the SAT and lets them decide.

One student, Victoria Strickland, heard Swann's speech, and because she planned on going to a two-year school and eventually transfer to another school to get a teaching degree, she decided not to take the SAT. Only later that same day, after a friend had mentioned that some community colleges used the SAT as a placement test, possibly allowing her to avoid more remedial classes, did she reconsider her decision not to take the SAT.

With all of the pressures that students already go through in trying to make decisions about going to an institution of higher learning, for counselors to make ready some information and not the rest is unfair and deprives students of everything they need to make educated decisions.

However, if a student has come all the way to the counselor's office, the information should be completely available, and withholding it should not be a way of keeping the school and by extension the county's SAT score average higher.

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## Basketball fans should take advantage of opportunity

Students need to show more support for the basketball teams.

With the TCU football season coming to a close, you might be wondering what is next for TCU sport-wise, and the question nags at you: What am I going to do with the time I am not spending watching football on my Saturday afternoons?

The answer is simple: Come watch the men's and women's basketball team and cheer them on to victory.

I've heard in the past that students have not been very good at showing their spirit basketball games in the past few years.

The men's basketball coach Neil Dougherty is looking to change that and I fully support him in that quest.

We, the TCU student body, faculty and staff, need to make TCU known as a credible institution for basketball. TCU should, with its enthusiastic student, faculty and staff, be able to compete and be known as a basketball "fan" powerhouse with the best of the nationally known basketball schools like Duke, University of Kentucky, Maryland and Kansas. When the games are shown on TV, viewers are able to see the massive support for those basketball teams.

This year, several of TCU's games

will be broadcast on ESPN, ESPN-Plus, ESPN2 and KFWD-52. TCU should be able to fill the stands and show support for the men and women who represent our school.

When ESPN broadcasted football this fall, we filled the stands and made a lot of noise and showed support for our awesome football team. We need to do that for the basketball team.

When coach Dougherty came to speak to a group of women from my residence hall, he told the story of how he would have to climb over people waiting in line just to be able to get into his office at his last school.

TCU needs to be like that, but without having to camp out and wait in long lines to get tickets to the games.

Luckily, we don't need to worry about that. For those of you that don't know, TCU offers free tickets to students that just present their student IDs.

At the Duke vs. North Carolina college basketball game, one ticket to the game goes for \$1,235, according to (www.justgreattickets.com). This one seat is in Sec: 15, Row: N, which is located in the "nosebleed section" of the stadium, or in the upper-deck. The same ticket, against the Virginia Cavaliers go for \$585 dollars a seat. That is still a pretty hefty price to pay for one ticket.

TCU students have an advantage over these students from other colleges because we get the opportunity to attend the games for free.

Also, this year, thanks to a House of Student Representatives resolution that was recently passed, we can even sit court-side for free, on a first-come, first-serve basis. We get the advantage that many students dream about.

How many die hard basketball fans haven't wanted to sit on the first row of the stands, cheer and intimidate the other team for free?

The first season-opener for the women's team is against Utah at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

The next "big" men's game is Texas Tech. Those students that have tickets need to show all the support they can.

TCU students, faculty and staff need to show support for the men's and women's basketball team and pack the stadium, especially for the Texas Tech game so we can send Texas Tech and Bobby Knight home, just like we did to Southern Miss during football season.

All I have to say to Texas Tech is "hit the road Jack" because TCU and the fans will "rock you."

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## Attraction to people, styles is just an opinion or chemical imbalance

What's attractive? Anyone?

Brownies are attractive. Chocolate chip cookies are too. Some prefer a beer — and it's even more attractive if that beer is in a woman's hand. Certain clothing styles are attractive — the use of less fabric is a new trend. Flip flops, I think, keep it real. How about the Gap?

Anyone? It's obvious that attraction is due to a chemical balance (or imbalance) for others, "I just can't help being attracted to the bad boys", but point out character traits in people or clothing, and we'll realize that, perhaps, attraction is also opinion.

Some like to swoosh around in gargantuan parachutes from Pac Sun, others some feel at home wearing grandma's old-fashioned dresses and grandpa's used sweaters from Goodwill, some will only let Ralph Lauren touch their skin, and I enjoy, please do not judge me, the Gap.

Hey, I heard that. This brings me to my story: I was up late one night and I wasn't in the mood to overdo on sleep aids, so I surfed online at clothing stores. I'm going to be a teacher, so I'm always looking around for "teacher clothes," however, I'm not a tie man.

Gap.com model search offers "curious" alternative to the loafer lifestyle. In the end, it's the loafers that win.

tends to be sophisticated enough, but stylish, so I won't look 50. I'm really not in the mood to wear a pair of brown loafers — and I feel sorry for the 21-year-olds that already find them comfortable.

"How do you like your loafers?" "I like my loafers with a pair of tapered jeans with an elastic waist band."

If you're 21 and wear loafers, do you smoke cigars, talk naughty politics and pick your nose in cars with tinted windows?

So, anyway, I went to Gap.com and the first window was an advertisement looking for new models for their print ads. I thought to myself, "Curious," and I clicked my mouse further.

A quick form filled the page prodding the applicant hopeful to fill it out (must be 18 to enter, mind you) and there were two questions to answer. I laughed at myself, decided against joining Model Search America like I had planned, and decided an online application was more realistic.

I think it would be fun to see my acne-infested face blown up 1,000

times it's size wearing a T-shirt and a scarf. Would the Gap still sell clothes?

After filling out my obvious information (name, address, phone number, zodiac sign, favorite drink, and so on ...) I answered two questions to further my status as a model.

The first question was "What do you like about Gap?"

My answer: "Pick me, pick me!" The second question was a toughie. It made me sit down and focus more on my inner Zen:

"Describe your personal style in 25 words or less."

My answer: "I'm a nudist, however, your jeans look comfortable."

And with the help of a digital high tech machine, I attached a photo of myself - wait, I'll stop there. I actually sent a picture of myself out on the Internet, what was I thinking? I barely even ran it through Photoshop. How am I supposed to win now?

Isn't Photoshop one of the most important aspects of modeling?

Groan. There go any of my chances. I needed to air brush a few spots, change my hair color and make my smile look more devilish.

It looks like I'll be wearing loafers after all.

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## Religion is getting an unfounded bad rap

Religion, though sometimes the force behind injury, is neutral in its effect. The way individuals interpret it is why many people see it as fundamentally good or bad.

In trying to think of a title for a short story I'm working on, I did an Internet search for the word "messiah." This produced some interesting results. In addition to the **COMMENTARY** *Sari Krosinsky* Catholic Encyclopedia entry — the most useful of my results — and sites for a number of churches, the search came up with two sites that seemed a bit, well, out of place.

The first of these was the site for the Messiah computer game. Yes, there is a Messiah computer game. According to the summary, the player assumes the identity of the messiah to fight for the salvation of humanity against the rule of money, power, violence, etc. The weapons the player gets to use as the messiah include assault rifles, concussion grenades and rocket-propelled harpoons. To further inspire prospective players, the summary concludes, "Remember, God hates to lose."

The other site was clearer in its intentions. This site was "The Jesus Homepage." If you haven't already guessed where this is going, these opening phrases will give you a clue: "My name is Jesus Christ. Welcome to My Homepage! I work as the messiah for a major world religion — it's called Christianity." The site gets even worse the deeper one looks into it. Funny, but worse.

After such discoveries as these, I couldn't help think that — whether from the hokeyness of some of its followers, or from a reaction against the restrictive forms religions sometimes take on — religion is seriously getting its butt kicked.

My other research produced results of a less humorous nature that further reinforced my supposition.

This past weekend saw another annual protest against the School of the Americas. This "school" has become infamous for its training of foreign militaries in such useful tactics as torturing and "disappearing" people. Some of its graduates have been convicted of human rights abuses. The nefarious purpose of the school has become public knowledge, yet it remains open.

The faiths visibly represented at this protest included Catholics, Jews and Buddhists. Many of the protesters laid crosses and stars of David against the fence surrounding Fort Benning.

I am inspired by these people who — as I try to — carry their faith to action.

But now we come to the butt kicking part. It began on the march to the base, during which all crosses wider than an eighth of an inch were confiscated and tossed onto garbage heaps. At the base itself, seven nuns and three Sisters of Providence were reportedly arrested after crossing through a break in the fence. However, they may have felt about trespassing in general, it had to suck to be one of the military police arresting a bunch of nuns.

Religion was literally getting its butt kicked in Georgia this past weekend.

If you ask me, religion has been getting a bad rap. Sure, some people use religion as an excuse to oppress and even kill others. But people will also use political ideology, a slow economy, geography, culture, skin color, gender — in short, any excuse available — to the same end.

Ultimately, religion is neither the problem nor the solution — but what we make of it can be.

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## National/International Roundup

### Specialists focus efforts on rebuilding Afghanistan

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops in Afghanistan are shifting their focus toward humanitarian assistance while continuing the effort to track down remnants of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters, officials said Wednesday.

The U.S. Central Command will send several hundred more civil affairs specialists to Afghanistan so more can be done to secure and reconstruct areas such as Mazar-e-Sharif in the north and Herat in the west.

There are now about 8,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, including members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are mainly in eastern Afghanistan searching for al Qaeda and Taliban fighters and uncovering weapons caches.

Although al Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, is believed to remain at large, the Pentagon has decided to expand its commitment to assisting in the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

To underscore the humanitarian part of the U.S. military mission, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Wednesday that American forces have rebuilt 2,300 miles of roads in Afghanistan as part of \$835 million in U.S. assistance over the past year.

### Joseph Lieberman considers 2004 presidential bid

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joseph Lieberman said Wednesday he would "probably" seek the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination if former Vice President Al Gore does not.

"I haven't made the final decision because it's an enormous personal decision and it's going to require some final discussions with our family," the Connecticut senator

told CNN. "I guess for now I probably should say probably."

Lieberman was Gore's vice presidential running mate in the disputed 2000 election. He repeatedly has said he would not run if Gore does in 2004.

"I think you've got to give Al Gore some room to make a very personal decision as to whether he and (his wife) Tipper want to do this again," Lieberman said.

A *Los Angeles Times* poll of 312 Democratic National Committee members published Sunday found about 20 percent favored Gore, while 4 percent backed Lieberman. Choosing from a list of 10 prospective candidates, almost half of respondents had no preference.

Among other Democrats considering running for president in 2004 are outgoing House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.

### Hazardous materials spilled in tractor-trailer accident

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A tractor-trailer carrying explosive materials overturned near Indiana University early Wednesday, killing a motorist and causing authorities to evacuate hundreds of students from nearby sorority and fraternity houses.

The truck spilled ammonia nitrate, blasting caps and diesel fuel, Indiana State Police Trooper Jackie Taylor said.

There were no explosions, but about 1,500 people living in sororities and fraternities within a half-mile of the accident were evacuated to the campus basketball arena after the 6:30 a.m. crash while authorities cleaned up the spill.

Investigators believe the driver of a car involved in the crash fell

asleep at the wheel after finishing an overnight work shift at a postal distribution center in Bloomington, Taylor said. The driver, Linda Lowery, 50, was dead at the scene.

The truck driver was treated for minor injuries at a hospital and released, Taylor said. He had been making a delivery from Columbus to Mitchell for Austin Powder Co.

Investigators were trying to determine whether the trailer's load complied with transport regulations governing hazardous materials. Police had no initial indications of any violations, Taylor said.

### Queen Latifah arrested for drunk driving Wednesday

LOS ANGELES — Actress-rapper Queen Latifah was arrested early Wednesday for investigation of driving under the influence of alcohol, a California Highway Patrol official said.

The 32-year-old hip-hop star was driving in North Hollywood when she was stopped about 3:15 a.m. for making an unsafe lane change, officer Alex Delgadillo said.

"Once she has made contact, they found that she was under the influence," he said. "It was a routine arrest."

The artist, who was driving a 2003 Cadillac Escalade, presented a valid New Jersey driver's license bearing her given name, Dana Owens, and then failed a sobriety test, Delgadillo said.

Latifah had a supporting role in this year's romantic comedy "Brown Sugar," and is one of the stars of the upcoming movie "Chicago."

She won a Grammy Award for best rap solo performance for the single "U.N.I.T.Y."

### Jackson regrets dangling son from hotel balcony

BERLIN — Michael Jackson said he made a "terrible mistake" by

holding his infant son over the railing of a fourth-floor balcony at a Berlin hotel to show fans below but shocking many people who watched the scene captured on video.

Television around the world repeatedly broadcast footage of the reclusive pop star's brief appearance Tuesday at the Hotel Adlon across from Berlin's landmark Brandenburg Gate.

The boy had a white cloth over his head as Jackson held him with one arm around his waist over the edge of the hotel's iron balcony railing.

Fans cheered as Jackson appeared with the child, but the pop star quickly retreated into his hotel room.

On Tuesday night, Jackson issued a statement saying he had gotten carried away when fans below the window asked to see the baby.

"I made a terrible mistake," he said. "I got caught up in the excitement of the moment. I would never intentionally endanger the lives of my children."

### Oak trees may contribute to air pollution in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is spending \$715,000 to set up monitors to determine whether oak trees in the Ozarks are contributing to high levels of formaldehyde in the air over St. Louis.

EPA officials were installing air monitors Wednesday, two in St. Louis and a third in a forest about 60 miles southwest of the city.

The EPA study will focus primarily on oak trees, which give off isoprene, a gas that reacts with sunlight and water to create formaldehyde, a suspected cancer-causing agent, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Wednesday. Researchers want to see whether the chemicals emitted by the Ozark forests could affect St. Louis air quality.

Trees have been blamed for up to 65 percent of ozone-forming chemicals in cities such as Houston.

A 1998 study of the Ozark forests, along with other EPA studies, found that trees in heavily forested counties in the region might emit up to 300 tons of isoprene per day.

Trees are believed to emit the chemical as part of a sun protection system, said Thomas Pierce, a meteorologist who tracks natural emissions for the EPA's Biogenic Emission Inventory System. About half of the isoprene eventually turns into formaldehyde.

Isoprene, like other naturally emitted chemicals, poses a danger when wind carries it into urban areas or near other pollution sources, Pierce said.

### Retired cruise ships may be homeless shelter solution

NEW YORK — Desperate for ways to combat a surge in home-

lessness as winter nears, New York City is looking into whether retired cruise ships could be converted into shelters.

The city's commissioner of homeless services and other officials flew to the Bahamas on the mayor's private jet Wednesday to inspect retired ships.

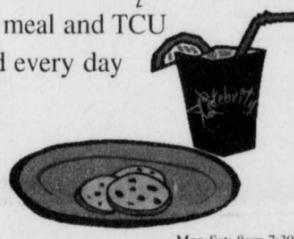
Last month, a record 37,100 homeless people were sleeping in city shelters each night, according to the Coalition for the Homeless, which compiles statistics for the city. The number was 21,000 as recently as 1998.

City officials stressed it is too early to speculate on how the cruise-ship idea might be applied in New York, what it would cost or how long it would take to implement.

Homeless advocates said the idea is outlandish and unnecessary. They want the mayor to promote cheap,



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## Singers need to cautiously chose movie roles

Being themselves and sometimes taking a supporting role are important when musicians think about moving into the acting realm.

BY CHRIS HEWITT  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

It's show biz's version of "The grass is always greener." Movie star Russell Crowe wants to be a rock star. Music star Ice Cube wants to make it in movies.

It's been that way since Enrico Caruso's movie debut in 1918, which is why all eyes were on Eminem Friday, when he did some Caruso-ing of his own in "8 Mile," a drama about a Detroit man who uses music to escape his troubled neighborhood. Rappers are the flavor of the year — Ja Rule, Eve, Ice Cube, Cam'ron and LL Cool J all have movies out now or coming soon — but Hollywood

has always been willing to give musicians a shot at acting.

Many don't cut it, but a few of these hammy-come-latelies do rock. It helps if they follow some simple rules:

**Rule 1: stick to your persona**

By playing, essentially, himself, Eminem is treading in the ruby footsteps of Judy Garland, one of the earliest singers-turned-movie-stars and probably the best. Beginning as a novelty act with her siblings, the Gumm Sisters, Garland hit it big acting in "The Wizard of Oz." Only 16 when "Wizard" was filmed, she had already established the persona that stuck throughout her life: The waif who retains her vulnerability in the face of tragedy.

Barbra Streisand did the same thing. Although she plays Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl," she really plays herself: The ugly duckling who triumphs because of her manic talent. Ultimately, Streisand became too confident of her talent, but all of her best work ("The Way We Were," "Up the Sandbox" and "What's Up, Doc?") finds her playing outsiders who are desperate to get inside, even if it means losing what makes them special.

Others who have followed the same path include Will Smith, whose self-deprecating likability is the key to his best music and acting; Courtney Love, who didn't need to do much research to play a hophead in "Man on the Moon;" Bette Midler, who, like Streisand, has an outsized personality that can't be sandwiched into real-sized roles; and Dolly Parton, who admits she can only play herself.

It's when these performers begin to dream of varied, Streep-like careers that they run into trouble. Diana Ross? Fabulous as a misbegotten singer ("Lady Sings the Blues"), aw-

ful in everything else. Whitney Houston? Disconcertingly believable as a mean, bland chanteuse but awkward when she tried to remember how real people behave ("The Preacher's Wife"). Olivia Newton-John? Cute playing a simp trying to make herself over into a hussy ("Grease") but dicey in any other context.

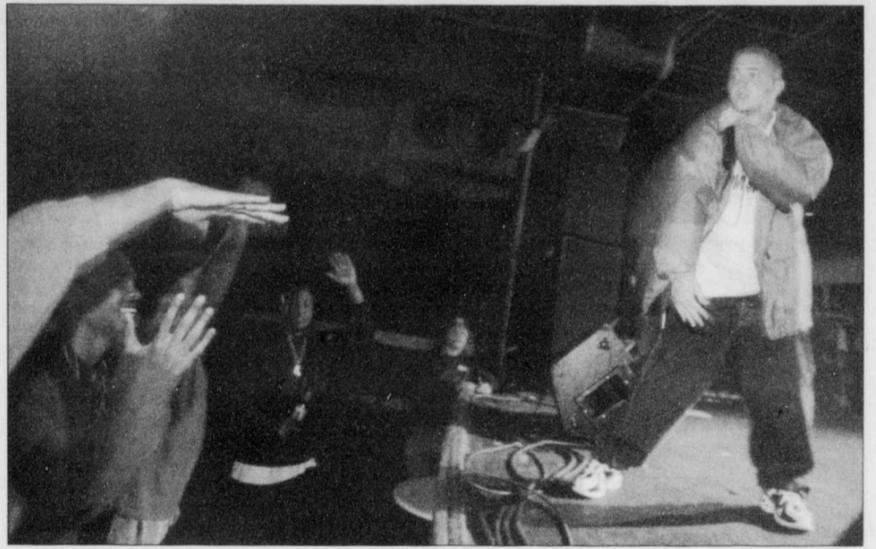
**Rule 2: supporting roles are better**

Frank Sinatra won his Oscar for a subtle, subsidiary role in "From Here to Eternity." He did not win any Oscars for the blunt tough guys he played later in his career. Coincidence? No.

If a singer/actor wants to step outside the persona he projects in his music, the best way is to avoid the burden of propping up the whole movie. Think of Cher, in "Silkwood," who might not have been able to put her Bob Mackie past behind her if she had tried to play a lead but who established credibility as a capable actress by taking a quieter role, showing she could be believable as something other than a disco singer with her boobs hanging out.

It's easier for someone with a recognizable personality to disappear into smaller parts than large ones. Harry Connick Jr. has put together a nice little acting resume with varied roles in "Little Man Tate" and "Hope Floats." Same for Dwight Yoakam, whose odd looks have earned him psycho roles that are the acting opposite of his laid-back, rootsy singing. Often, rockers are used to pep up a dull project by adding a bit of strangeness, as Mick Jagger, David Bowie and Deborah Harry have often done in small parts.

Supporting roles are also a good way for singers to decide if they're any good, as Pink ("Rollerball"), Ja Rule (the upcoming "Half Past Dead"), Eve ("Barbershop"), Alanis Morissette ("Dogma"), Tina Turner



Rap artist Eminem performs during an all ages show at The Palladium in Roseville, Mich. in 1997. The movie "8 Mile" exaggerates the Detroit-area hip-hop scene audience in the 1990s where crowds were often sparse. Both are examples of how musicians typically cross entertainment lines over to the silver screen.

**Five best performances by singers**

1. Barbra Streisand, "Funny Girl"
2. Cher, "Silkwood"
3. Mark Wahlberg, "Boogie Nights"
4. Queen Latifah, "Living Out Loud"
5. Frank Sinatra, "The Manchurian Candidate"

**Five worst performances by singers**

1. Prince, "Under the Cherry Moon"
2. Lance Bass, "On the Line"
3. Mark Wahlberg, "Planet of the Apes"
4. The Bee Gees, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"
5. Madonna, "The Next Best Thing"

("Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome"), John Denver ("Oh, God!"), Elton John ("Tommy") and Reba McEntire ("Tremors") have discovered.

Intriguingly, many of these people, including Gloria Estefan ("Music of My Heart") and 'N Sync's Lance Bass ("On the Line"), apparently determine that movies aren't where their talents lie, since their first big movies are also their last big movies. Or maybe this determination is made for them, as it apparently has been for the difficult-to-cast-as-a-human Michael Jackson, still looking for a big-screen follow-up to his 1978 debut in "The Wiz." It's hard to imagine that his dream of starring as

Edgar Allan Poe will be the ticket.

**Rule 3: don't try to be funny**

The old show-biz adage that dying is easy, comedy is hard will ring painfully true for you if you've seen Madonna's comic roles. She has a natural, comic energy, which was amply on display when she played a version of herself in "Desperately Seeking Susan," but her strident attempts at wackiness in "Who's That Girl" and the more sophisticated clowning of "The Next Best Thing" both struck lead.

Apparently, this has something to do with self-consciousness. If these singer/actors feel comfortable in roles that suit them, they can be as effortlessly hilarious as Streisand was, inventing a whole new comic

vocabulary in "Funny Girl."

Elvis and Mark Wahlberg are two others whose vague, pleasant personalities work well in some settings ("Jailhouse Rock" for Elvis, "Boogie Nights" for Wahlberg) but sour if they try too hard to be funny. Elvis, in "Change of Habit," and Wahlberg, in "The Truth About Charlie," show that if you have to try to act charming, you can't act charming.

Maybe the problem is that if you really want to be an actor, you have to create a character who is not like yourself, whereas singers succeed when they have a strong sense of self. Or maybe it's just that most singers have no business acting in the first place.

## Voigt a band with a message and an interesting new sound

Voigt, a local band and favorite of many students, incorporates strong messages into their energetic sound.

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS  
Skiff Staff

It doesn't usually freeze in North Texas. However, when you're headed to Denton in a Jeep with a canvas top and no heater on a cold night, it can feel pretty close to it. Burke Mills, seated opposite me behind the steering wheel, was wearing only a denim jacket, but he didn't seem to notice the cold. He was far too busy telling me about his band.

That band's name — Voigt — is one you may or may not know, which is only one of many things its members are looking to change.

"I remember in the early '90s, during the whole grunge movement, just being really disillusioned with the whole 'woe is me' attitude, and then after that everything became pop which wasn't really saying anything," he said. "But now I think people are ready for music that's really energetic and fun to listen to but that also is trying to say something."

During a performance at Dusty's in Denton, I was given a chance to hear just exactly what Mills is talking about. Voigt has been compared to groups ranging from grand old men of rock like the Rolling Stones and David Bowie to followers of the modern "garage" sound like the Strokes. And although no one comparison is entirely accurate, by the same token none are really unfair either. Voigt's sound is vintage by design, but features a distinctly modern aspect that hearkens back to REM and a political consciousness that recalls U2.

They might draw a lot of their influence from rock's past, but never let it be said that Voigt doesn't think about the future.

They've been playing together for just more than a year, and already they've garnered a write up in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the attention of some local big-name bands and producers. The band said Clearchannel even offered to pick up one of their songs for rotation on one of its radio stations, but they declined.

Voigt may only have been playing for a year, but the band's history goes back further than that. Four years ago, bedridden and alone in a hospital, Mills found relief in the music he heard playing on the radio.

"That's when I first got the idea to form a band," he said. "I was just lying there and thinking that I wanted to be able to make people feel like this. I think that's one of the great things about music, you

can reach people you'd never reach otherwise, even if you were, let's say, a preacher or a politician. It's the backstage pass to the world."

Band members say forming the band was something they just had to do.

"I remember the first thing Burke said to me about it was something along the lines of 'If you died right now, what would you say you'd done,'" bassist Taylor Mills said. "And the idea of forming a band wasn't really foremost in our minds, but we both had this will and desire to create, and really do something that we felt would make a difference."

Since then, the band has followed a steady regimen of live performances and has turned a few heads in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. They'll be rocking with their last show of the semester Friday at the Aardvark.

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Courtesy Photo  
Members of Voigt (left to right): Taylor Mills, Joshua Loewen and Burke Mills

# Voigt

## American Idol

### Students make journey to Austin in attempt to become an American idol

Some TCU students headed to Austin to attempt to fulfill dreams of a lifetime by auditioning for the second "American Idol."

BY JILL MENINGER  
Staff Reporter

Some TCU students were among the crowd of big dreamers as the search for the next superstar began.

Auditions for the second season of "American Idol" took place in seven cities, including Austin, according to the "American Idol" Web site (www.idolonfox.com). The search ended Monday in Los Angeles when those selected in all of the seven cities were narrowed down to 30 in three groups of 10. The viewing public will vote for a final three in each group for three consecutive weeks. The nine contestants selected will advance in the competition as well as one "wild card," chosen by the judges from the remaining 21.

One in 12,000 The number 12,503 is probably a number Ben Thompson will never forget. That is the number he said he was given at the "American Idol" tryouts after he was called back for a second audition.

Thompson, a senior musical theater major, said he tried out because he thought it would be a fun experience.

"It's an opportunity to perform," Thompson said.

Although he said it was fun, he did say there was a lot of waiting around. Thompson said he had to wait 12 1/2 hours the first day, then 6 1/2 hours the second time he got called back and 9 1/2 hours the last time.

Concerning his song selection during his auditions, Thompson said he chose songs that were "comfortable" to him: "Lately," "In the Still of the Night" and "My Girl."

He said his last tryout, Nov. 11, was the first time he sang in front

of the celebrity judges, Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson. After he sang for a short time, he said all three judges commented on his performance, and they all agreed he would be better for Broadway.

Thompson said he was nervous the first couple of days but by the time he made it to the celebrity judges he was not nervous anymore.

"It was all part of the experience," Thompson said.

Colored bracelets Joshua Doss, a senior theater performance major, said he stood inside the Doubletree Hotel in Austin for eight hours before he finally got a bracelet that gave him the chance to audition. He said there were already 1,700 people standing in line at 1 a.m. Nov. 6, but he said the auditions did not start until 8 a.m.

Doss said he watched the first "American Idol" religiously and knew about auditions for the second one from watching the first one.

However, Doss said he got the specific information from the Web site. Doss said Kelly Clarkson, the winner of the first "American Idol," was an inspiration to him.

"You can be from a suburb in North Texas and still go to L.A. and have people give you a million dollar contract," Doss said.

Doss said he auditioned the first time to an unfamiliar judge. He said he sang two short songs: "One Song Glory" and "Summer of '69." Afterwards, he said he was given another bracelet but of a different color, which meant he had been called back to audition

Nov. 8.

He also tried out for the musical "Rent," Nov. 7, while in Austin. Doss said he never auditioned again for "American Idol" because he said he was called back to audition for "Rent" again Nov. 8. He said he did try and go back later that day for the "American Idol" call back, but that he was too late.

Even though Doss did not make it to the Top 10 for the show, he said he has no regrets.

"It was an experience and now I have a story to tell," Doss said.

Musical career Senior music major Jason White said after he watched the first "American Idol" he wanted to try out because he said he would be more successful than some of the first contestants.

"I knew I could do better than some that were on it the first time," White said.

White said he made the first cut and tried out a second time Nov. 16. He said he sang "I'll Be" and "The Right Stuff." He said he has been singing since he was in middle school and that music is

his passion. "I'd like to make a career out of it," White said.

He said producers of the show told him at his last audition that he was not what they were looking for.

Although he did not make it to the Top 10, White said he had a lot of fun.

"If they do it again, I am sure I will give it one more shot," White said.

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# Cervical cancer vaccine shown to be fully effective

An experimental vaccine targeted at a specific viral strain responsible for half the cases of cervical cancer could reach the market within five years.

BY JEFF DONN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Early testing shows an experimental vaccine to be 100 percent effective against the virus that causes cervical cancer, raising doctors' hopes of someday sending the lethal disease into retreat in the same way as smallpox and polio. "It appears to be the real thing," said Dr. Christopher Crum, a pathologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "You're looking at some very compelling evidence that this vaccine will prevent cervical cancer."

It remains unclear how long the protection might last. Even so, researchers say a vaccine could reach the market within five years or so.

The findings were published in Thursday's "New England Journal of Medicine."

Vaccines work by teaching the body's immune defenses to recognize invading viruses and bacteria. Most types of cancer, by contrast, are blamed largely on genetic mutations and environmental factors. However, virtually all cases of cervical cancer are caused by a sexually transmitted virus — the human papilloma virus.

A vaccine for cervical cancer is urgently being sought because the disease strikes about 450,000 women worldwide each year, killing about half. It is the leading cancer killer of women in the developing world. In the United States, where Pap tests are widely used for screening, it develops in about 15,000 women annually and kills about a third.

The new vaccine, aimed at the viral strain Type 16 responsible for about half the cases of cervical cancer, was tested on women ages 16 to 23 at 16 sites around the country in a study led by Merck & Co. and the University of Washington. Merck developed the vaccine and funded the research. The women were watched on average for almost a year and a half.

Of 768 women who got vaccine injections, none showed Type 16 infections or precancerous tissue. Of 765 who took dummy injections, 41 came down with persistent infections and nine developed precancerous tissue.

Inoculated women built up almost 60 times the concentration of virus-fighting antibodies seen in naturally infected women.

"For us, this is proof of principle," said Merck researcher Kathrin Jansen. "There was a lot of doubt in the beginning — not by me, but by others — that said it would be very difficult to prevent infection."

In an accompanying editorial, Crum noted how vaccines reduced diseases like smallpox and polio to "footnotes in medical history."

"If the promise implicit in the study ... is realized, we could, in our lifetime, see the gradual but progressive dismantling of the barriers to preventing cervical cancer," he said.

However, in part because cervical cancer is caused by multiple strains, it is not clear whether the disease can ever be wiped out.

Dr. Douglas Lowy, a National Cancer Institute researcher, agreed that patients must be tested over longer times. But he and others agreed that a vaccine — probably one targeted at multiple viral strains encompassing the vast share of cases — might reach market fairly quickly.

# Sniper suspect's mother faces deportation

Malvo's mother will be deported to Jamaica unless the Justice Department wants to keep her in the country for testimony in the sniper case.

BY GENE JOHNSON  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The mother of teenage sniper suspect John Lee Malvo has been ordered deported to Jamaica, an Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman said Wednesday.

An immigration judge signed the order Tuesday after Una James, 38, dropped battered spouse claims that were part of a petition she made to seek special protection in the United States, INS spokesman Garrison Courtney said.

However, Courtney said a federal judge could block the deporta-

tion if another agency — namely, the Justice Department — wanted to keep her in the country. James is considered a likely witness in the sniper cases.

John Harting, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Seattle, said he had heard of no such plans. James' lawyers would not comment, citing confidentiality rules.

The INS decision was first reported by *The Seattle Times*.

Malvo, 17, and John Allen Muhammad, 41, are suspected in the shootings of 18 people in Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. Their arrest at a rest stop in Maryland last month ended a three-week shooting spree in the Washington area that left 10 people dead.

Both men are charged with capi-

tal murder.

James and Malvo moved from Jamaica to Antigua in 1998. Investigators believe it was there that Malvo met Muhammad, who had taken three of his children to live with him on Antigua after losing a custody battle with his second wife in Tacoma, Wash.

James initially told Border Patrol and immigration agents she and Malvo were smuggled into the United States aboard a cargo ship.

Reports following the arrest of Malvo and Muhammad, however, indicate she bought false identification papers from Muhammad and entered the country in late 2000 while her son remained in Antigua with Muhammad.

Malvo came to the United States two months later, bearing a passport that identified him as Muham-

mad's son, according to Antiguan officials.

He joined his mother in Fort Myers, Fla., but ran away in October 2001 to join Muhammad in Bellingham, Wash., where they lived at a homeless shelter as father and son.

In December, James asked Bellingham police to help her get her son back. During the investigation, police said Malvo's comments indicated he and his mother were in the country illegally and officers summoned the Border Patrol, which arrested the mother and son and then released them on \$1,500 bail.

Investigators believe Malvo almost immediately rejoined Muhammad and the killing spree began soon afterward.

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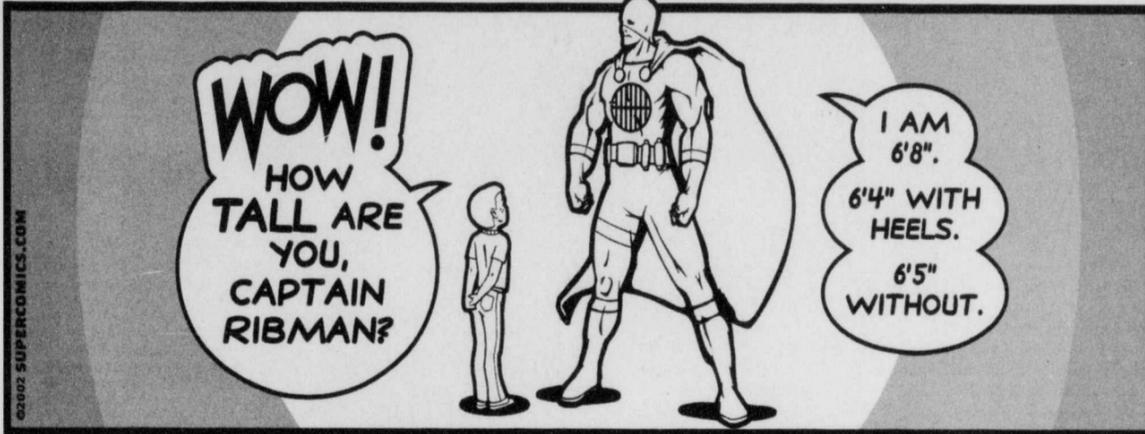
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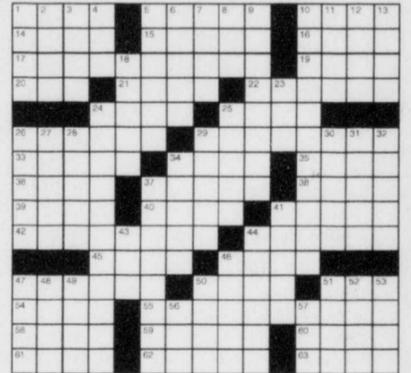
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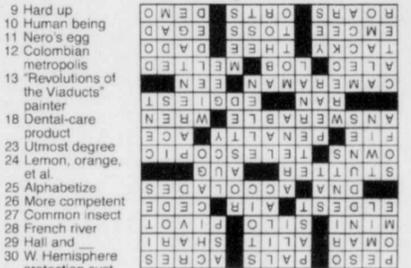
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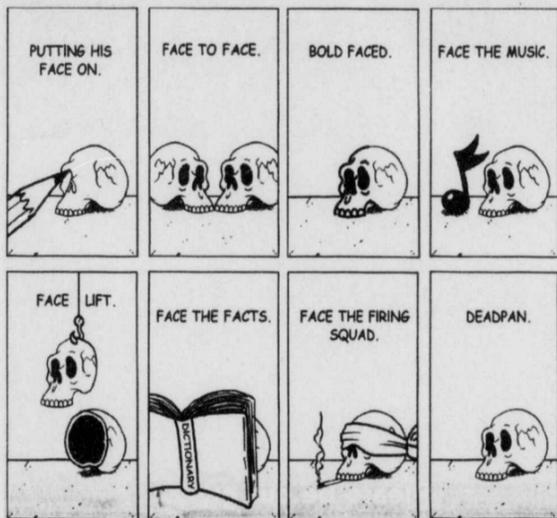
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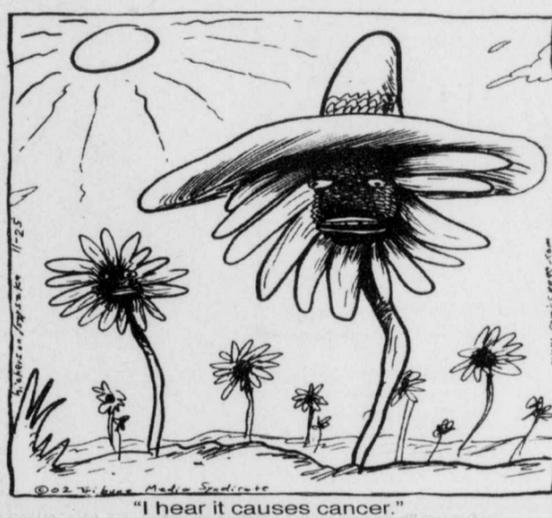
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## SideLine

### Suggs sets record with TD in 24th straight game

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech tailback Lee Suggs set an NCAA Division I record Wednesday night by scoring a touchdown in his 24th consecutive game, breaking a record that had stood for 32 years.

Suggs ran 28 yards for a touchdown with 4:57 left in the first half of the 13th-ranked Hokies' game against West Virginia. It was his 50th touchdown during the string, which started Sept. 2, 2000, against Akron.

Suggs came into the game tied with Bill Burnett, who scored in 23 consecutive games for Arkansas from Oct. 5, 1968 through Oct. 31, 1970.

### First of several surgeries complete for ailing Greer

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Rusty Greer underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a significant tear of his left rotator cuff.

Dr. John Conway said the surgery went as expected. The recovery time is about a year.

Greer was released from the hospital Wednesday afternoon and is scheduled to begin rehabilitation later in the week, but Greer likely faces several more surgeries next year.

Surgery is planned early in 2003 to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament and ulnar nerve in his left elbow. It is also expected that Greer will need additional surgery to address injuries in his right hip, right buttocks and right knee.

Greer batted .296 in 51 games with the Rangers in 2002 and played in just one game over the final four months of the season due to injuries. He had surgery to fuse two vertebrae in his neck in August.

### TCU baseball team inks seven letters of intent

TCU baseball head coach Lance Brown announced Wednesday the signing of seven players to national letters of intent. The seven players, which include six high school seniors and a junior college product, will join the team in fall 2003.

Two of the recruits, German Duran and Shelby Ford are from Fort Worth. Duran is from Paschal High School, while Ford hails from Southwest High School.

Joining Duran and Ford are fellow high schoolers Omar Arif from Mesquite, Lance Arrington from Aledo, Kevin Peranton from Flower Mound and Chase Perry from Dallas.

Junior college transfer Bo Cogbill is from Mesquite.

### Baseball commish forms group to address problems

IRVING (AP) — A special marketing task force was formed by baseball commissioner Bud Selig on Wednesday following a season that saw drops in regular-season attendance and World Series television ratings.

Selig is calling the task force "Major league baseball in the 21st century" and said he will include people from marketing, advertising, the media and academia.

Selig also wants to include members of the players' association.

Among the issues to be addressed are whether the World Series, which has started on a Saturday in recent years, should open on a Tuesday. That way, only one game would be played on a Saturday, which has become television's lowest-rated night.

Selig said international play also would be addressed.

Baseball's regular-season average attendance dropped 6 percent this year, from 29,962 to 28,168, according to preliminary figures, with large drops among some teams that opened new ballparks in recent years. Some owners have cited the sluggish national economy as a factor.

While regular-season television ratings were either even or up, and ratings for the first two rounds of the playoffs increased, the all-California World Series between Anaheim and San Francisco averaged an 11.9 rating. It was the lowest rating ever for the World Series, down 24 percent from 2001's Series between Arizona and the New York Yankees.

## Sophs carrying weight on offensive line

The offensive line has enjoyed successful cohesiveness with the progressing season, thanks in large to two sophomores who have assumed starting roles this year.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Sports Editor

In the 2001-02 season, the only returning starter on the offensive line was senior Victor Payne. The coaching staff was forced to mix and match throughout the season, looking to find a successful combination.

The end result was a season-long struggle to find consistency, games with a stagnant rushing attack and Frog quarterbacks constantly hurried in the pocket.

In that mix were then-redshirt freshmen Anthony Alabi and Chase Johnson. Now, after a year of maturity, both are key members of a Frog offensive line that is partly responsible for the Frogs gaining 183.9 yards a game rushing.

Alabi starts at left tackle while Johnson handles the duties at center.

The two linemen's paths to TCU were very different. While Alabi came to the Frogs as a defensive tackle after spending six months in the U.S. Naval Academy, Johnson arrived in Fort Worth as a highly recruited offensive lineman out of Shawnee, Kan.

The 6-foot-6, 325 pound Alabi, who owns the team weight room records in the squat (805 pounds) and power clean (460 pounds), said he welcomed the transition to the offensive side of the ball.

"It was kind of tough when I first got here," Alabi said. "I didn't play at all on the (defensive) line. Moving to offensive line, it was a great opportunity for me."

Johnson carries what looks to be a calm and relaxed demeanor on the field, although Alabi said he is quick to get in the faces of the other lineman if needed.

Johnson's calm in the chaos of the line of scrimmage came handy in his first career game. An illness to Jamal Powell forced him to man the center position in the 2001 sea-

son opener in front of nearly 80,000 Nebraska fans, and take on the vaunted "blackshirt" defense of the Cornhuskers.

He was clearly not in Kansas anymore.

However, despite the sea of red, Johnson said it wasn't that nerve-racking.

"I was pretty nervous going into Nebraska, but after a few plays I was just playing football, and it wasn't that big of a deal," he said.

Offensive line coach Eddie Williamson said the two sophomores give the team something to build on for the future and have been blessed with natural ability that has them ahead of schedule.

"Both of them are good football players, and I think have real good futures ahead of them," Williamson said. "They've not tapped their potentials by any means, so we're going to expect even more out of them next year and the following year."

"If a lineman's playing by his redshirt junior year, he is on schedule. Anything before that in most cases, you're ahead of schedule. That either comes by exceptional physical ability, or just a good understanding of the game and the techniques necessary when you come in."

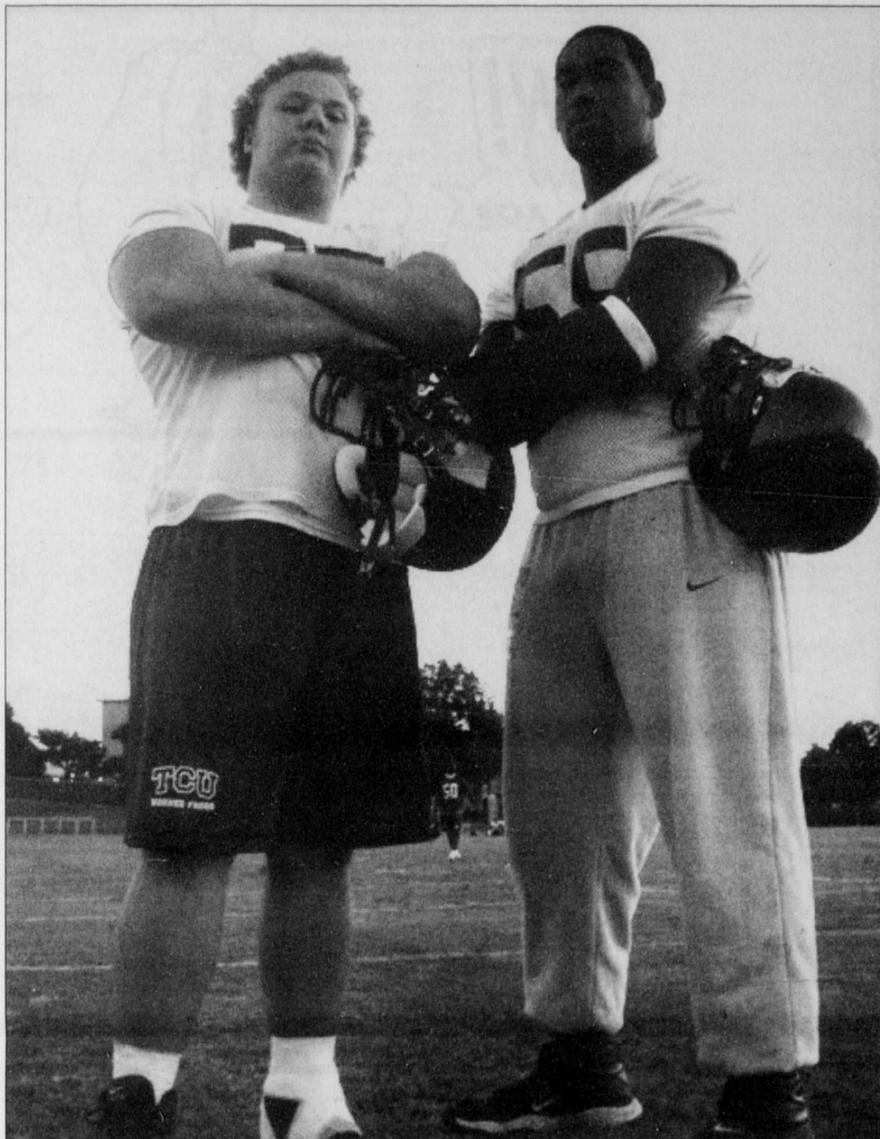
The offensive line also consists of five seniors who have contributed to the success of the Frogs.

While Alabi said their leadership helped build confidence, they aren't always the designated leaders of the front five.

"The way we've done it on the offensive line is we don't really go by class," Alabi said. "I think that everyone's a leader on the offensive line. Just depending on what day it is and who feels it that day, they're going to step up and lead."

The team is relying on the two sophomores to continue its advanced leadership and play on the field, as the Frogs make the push for a conference championship.

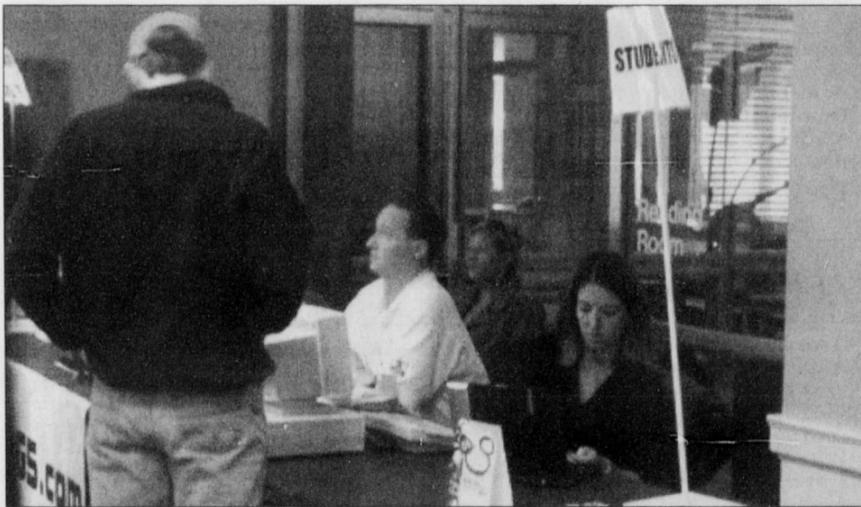
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Sophomores Chase Johnson and Anthony Alabi use their muscle to contribute as starting offensive linemen for the Frogs.

Photo Editor/Sarah McClellan

## Going, going ... gone



Tickets to the men's basketball game against Texas Tech University sold out in almost four hours Wednesday. The marketing department gave out the last available tickets to 1,372 students, faculty and staff between 7 and 11:15 a.m.

Staff reporter/Sarah McNamara

## Hicks to meet with team to discuss plans for off-season

Associated Press

IRVING — Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks will meet this weekend with his baseball management, including general manager John Hart and new manager Buck Showalter, to discuss off-season plans.

"We want to finalize our plans," Hicks said. "It's been a slow off-season, but it will get more active around the winter meetings."

Hicks refused to elaborate as he left the baseball owners' meeting Wednesday.

The Rangers have finished last in the AL West three straight years. Hicks has said his team won't be very active in free agency and that he wants to reduce the team's payroll, which at \$105 million at the start of last season was the third highest in baseball.

During the owners' meeting, it was determined that the Montreal

Expos will play 22 of their 81 home games next season in Puerto Rico.

The exact schedule wasn't revealed, but Montreal will likely play three series in San Juan. Among them is expected to be a June 6-8 series against the Rangers.

Hicks said he hasn't been given a final schedule and wouldn't confirm the series.

"We went there last year to open the season. It was terrific," Hicks said. "We're totally open to it."

The Rangers played the 2001 major league opener against Toronto in San Juan, the only regular season game played there.

Under the preliminary schedule released by the Rangers in September, they play the Expos at the end of a 12-game road trip. That schedule shows Texas in Atlanta on June 3-5, then off the day after the Montreal series before playing at home.

## Dallas' young secondary has big shoes to fill in replacing Woodson

A collective group of inexperienced defensive backs take over for All-Pro Darren Woodson, who is lost for the season.

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IRVING — Dallas Cowboys rookie safety Roy Williams doesn't like the idea of being on the field without Darren Woodson.

"I lost my role model," Williams said Wednesday. "He's not going to be on the field and that hurts, but we have to keep moving on."

Woodson will miss the rest of the season for the Cowboys (3-7) because of a severe abdominal strain that will require surgery. The void will be felt not only by Williams, but the entire defense.

"It is a tremendous loss. He's kind

of our bell cow on defense from an experience standpoint, certainly in the secondary," said coach Dave Campo. "That hurts us. No question about it. It will force us to play another young player or two."

Replacing Woodson, the 11-year veteran and Cowboys' career-leading tackler who has been part of three Super Bowl championships, isn't as easy as just putting another player on the field.

Second-year safety Tony Dixon will take over for Woodson in the starting lineup. But the Cowboys still have to account for Woodson in special packages such as "42" and nickel defenses where he was essentially another linebacker on the field.

That could mean more playing time for rookie Pete Hunter or fourth-year cornerback Dwayne Goodrich.

Keith Davis likely will be re-signed from the practice squad.

Dixon was a second-round pick by the Cowboys in 2001, then missed eight games because of injuries. His only NFL start came against Seattle last month when the Cowboys opened in their "42" defense, but he has played extensively in those different packages and on special teams this season.

Out of contention for any post-season play, the Cowboys will at least have a chance to evaluate some of their younger players and give Woodson a head start on recovering for next season.

Dallas defensive backs realize it will take a collective effort to replace Woodson.

"I myself can't take his place. It's going to be a team effort," Dixon said.

"Woody going down is a big part of our defense and secondary, all of us have to step up," said cornerback Mario Edwards. "It's going to be hard without Woody being back there."

Edwards, the third-year Cowboy and second-year starter, is suddenly the most experienced player in the secondary.

"A third-year guy being the elder, that's tough. But we can do it," Edwards said. "We're all going to come together as a unit on defense and make it happen."

While Woodson has been a leader for the entire defense, his relationship with Williams is special.

Woodson has been a mentor to the team's No. 1 pick in the April draft and the now team's third-leading tackler. Williams and the five-time Pro Bowl safety have had an unusual

bond since the rookie arrived.

After 10 games playing side-by-side with Woodson, Williams will have to play without him for the first time Sunday against Jacksonville.

"I won't ever feel comfortable doing it without him, but I feel well-enough prepared that I can go out there without him," Williams said.

"I'll just keep doing what I'm doing and I'm not going to put too much pressure on myself," he said. "I haven't been putting too much pressure on myself and have been playing consistent. I'm not going to change anything."

Williams will have to prove what he has learned, likely taking over making some of the defensive calls that Woodson handled.

"Roy's learned from the best, and he's ready," Edwards said.