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## Ferrari works out schedule for final semester

### Dedicating buildings, setting budget tops list

BY JACQUE NGUYEN  
Staff Reporter

After May 31, Chancellor Michael Ferrari will no longer enter his office on the third floor of Sadler Hall and sit down for a day of work. Instead, he said he will be spending time with his family in Chicago, Ill.

Dedications of new facilities and making sure openings go well are set for the future, Ferrari said. The budget is going to be set and approved for next year, and future fund-raising campaigns will be made for scholarships and facilities,

he said.

Rather than starting new projects, Ferrari said he will be working on completing what has been started since his arrival in 1998.

"The new chancellor should have the full opportunity for new initiatives," Ferrari said.

Ferrari said he plans to spend time with the next chancellor and that he will serve as a resource person for a smooth transition into the next semester.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, said he is familiar with transition because this is the third

chancellor change he has seen in his career at TCU.

"Chancellors come and go, provosts come and go and students come and go, but the university remains intact," Koehler said.

Ferrari said the chancellorship is a tremendous responsibility.

"It is not simply a position, a great parking space and a good salary, it's much deeper," Ferrari said.

After reflecting on family, Ferrari said, he has decided to end his five-year tenure and retire from his position.

Ferrari said the timing for his retirement is right because the university is at a strong point, but that he still has mixed emotions about leaving the university.

"This has truly been a capstone for an academic career," Ferrari said.

Koehler said he will be upset to see Ferrari leave.

"Personally and professionally, I am disappointed," Koehler said. "He left his mark on campus and was a strong influence on change."

Ferrari is known for his open style of communication and establishing these lines among the faculty, staff and students, Koehler said.

Claire Moffett, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, said she appreciates this open communication.

"He seems like part of the student

*"It is not simply a position, a great parking space and a good salary, it's much deeper."*

— Michael Ferrari

TCU chancellor



Photo editor/Ty Halasz  
Chancellor Michael Ferrari works on official university business in his office. Ferrari's last day is May 31.

## Interest grows in program

BY BRENT YARINA  
Staff Reporter

Miguel Leatham, an associate professor of anthropology, said he expects the anthropology program to continue to grow in the future now that the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences recognizes it as a major.

Before spring 2002, anthropology was only offered as a minor, Leatham said. In spring 2000, the university hired Leatham, along with Tom Guderman, to develop an anthropol-

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— Miguel Leatham

associate professor of anthropology

ogy major, Leatham said.

Leatham said the program now features four professors, 13 majors and numerous minors.

"The popularity of anthropology is growing rapidly at this university," Leatham said. "We have a very rich curriculum and we are very pleased with the quality of students we have been able to attract."

The 20 students the introduction to archaeology course attracts every semester is evidence of the program's success, Leatham said. In addition, Leatham said, most of his courses range anywhere from 17 to 40 students.

Numerous majors, such as art, religion and geography, offer electives that count for anthropology credit, he said.

Carol Thompson, chairwoman of the department of sociology, anthropology and criminal justice, said many students requested to have an anthropology major for a long time.

"The university has enriched the quality of majors TCU has to offer by creating an anthropology major," Thompson said.

Leatham said he is optimistic about the future of anthropology at TCU. He said the university expects two students to graduate cum laude this semester and to continue their education at the graduate level next fall.

Meg McArthur, an anthropology and history major, said she was originally an anthropology minor until she realized the subject's relevance to her history degree.

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## START SPREADING THE NEWS

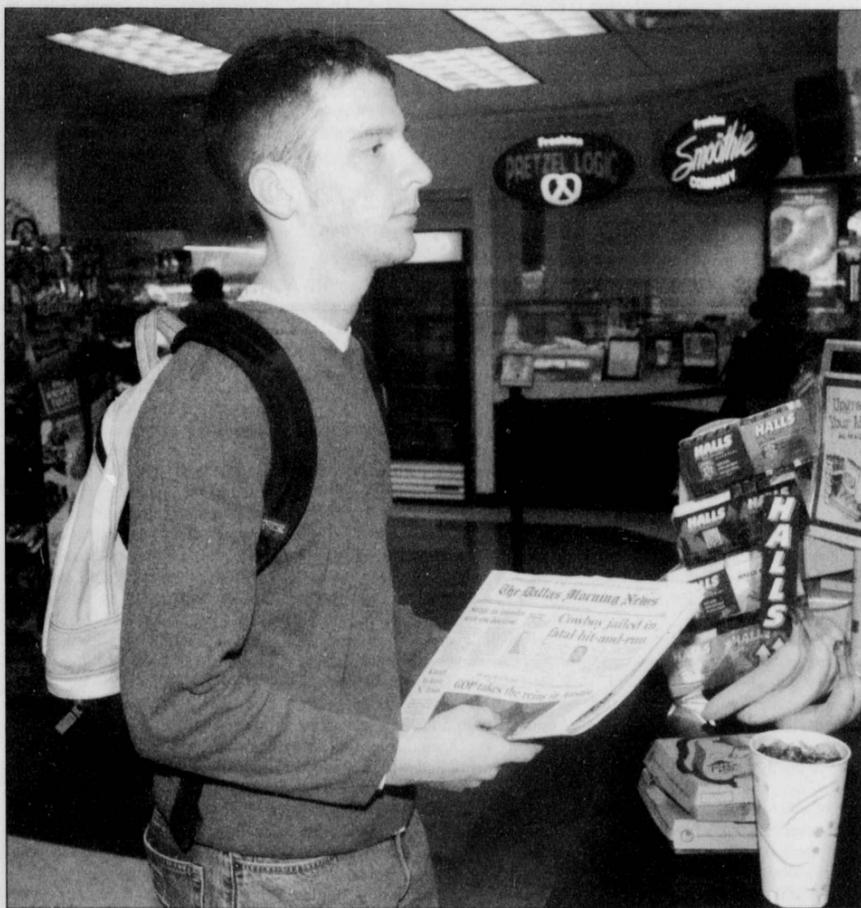


Photo editor/Ty Halasz  
Junior radio-TV-film Andrew Harner picks up a copy of The Dallas Morning News at the check out counter in Frogbytes.

### Star-Telegram's rival reinstated but for a price

BY NYSHICKA JORDAN  
Staff Reporter

It's back and looking a little different.

A bin containing The Dallas Morning News returned to campus this semester after an agreement to change the appearance and location of distribution was reached by the newspaper and TCU, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The Morning News' metal bins were removed last semester because they were not aesthetically appealing, Mills said. The bins were removed at the same time the school began a free campus readership program with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in August.

A wooden bin was placed in Moody Building South similar to the displays that hold the Star-Telegram, the USA Today and The New York Times. The Morning News is also distributed in The Main, Frogbytes and Pond Street Grill in Worth Hills, but papers in Worth Hills are sold at the resister.

Kelly Roberts, director of circulation with the Morning News, said the company delivers 100 newspapers daily to TCU, an amount that

will decrease or increase based on sales. Students who live off campus can purchase subscriptions for \$14 until Jan. 24, he said.

Roberts said the Morning News should be available for students because it is a leading paper in North Texas.

"I think we've reached our goal, and that is that we have The Dallas Morning News be available to students and 7 faculty," Roberts said.

Mills said the Star-Telegram was chosen to be a part of the readership program over the Morning News because the Star-Telegram is "our hometown newspaper."

The Star-Telegram also distributes USA Today and The New York Times as a part of the program, he said.

The journalism department made an informal request that students have access to the Morning News, said Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department.

Thomason said it is fair to students that they be given access to both papers.

"We in the journalism department are happy the administration has made this decision," he said.

Access to several newspapers is a benefit to journalism students because they will be able to compare such things as content, design and editorials, Thomason said. He said that other students might want ac-

*"I think we've reached our goal, and that is that we have The Dallas Morning News be available to students and faculty"*

— Kelly Roberts

The Dallas Morning News circulation director

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## Draft proposal is not expected to pass

BY EMILY BAKER  
Staff Reporter

A proposal for a new military draft that would no longer exempt college students, graduate students and women is unlikely to pass due to overwhelming opposition, Rep. Kay Granger (R-Fort Worth) said Thursday.

According to a press release on his Web site, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) introduced the proposal Jan. 7 in order to spread out the burden of war among all levels of society.

Rangel's legislative assistant Mischa Thompson said Rangel based his proposal on a Department of Defense report that says in 2000, there was a higher percentage of blacks in non-primer service active duty than in the civilian population.

According to an Associated Press report, the draft proposal is not supported by the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld or many lawmakers be-

cause enough people volunteer for service to fill the military's needs and because of the cost of training draftees.

Granger said she and other representatives do not support the proposal because Rangel's information is inaccurate. Granger said she based her opinion on a Pentagon briefing held Monday about the all-volunteer force.

Information provided by the Department of Defense at the briefing contains the same percentages as the report Rangel used to form his proposal. But at the briefing, the Department of Defense said retention rates are higher among blacks and that military service is spread out among all levels of society when the military academies and the Reserve are considered.

Granger said the military has enough volunteers to support its needs.

"If there is a need for anything, it is a need for more

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## Poster pondering



Photo editor/Ty Halasz  
Sophomore political science major Matt Rollins sifts through the posters on sale in the Student Center Lounge. The posters will be on sale through today.

**The Weather**

**FRIDAY**

High: 44; Low: 24; Mostly Sunny

**SATURDAY**

High: 56; Low: 33; Mostly Sunny

**SUNDAY**

High: 62; Low: 36; Mostly Sunny

**Looking Back**

**1950** — A team of 11 thieves, in a precisely timed and choreographed strike, stole more than \$2 million from the Brinks Armored Car depot in Boston, Mass. The Great Brinks Robbery, as it quickly became known, was the almost perfect crime. Only days before the statute of limitations was set to expire on the crime, the culprits were finally caught.

**1938** — Benny Goodman and his orchestra performed the first jazz concert at Carnegie Hall in New York in 1938. Guest performers included Count Basie and members of the Basie and Duke Ellington orchestras.

**Watch For**

During 2002, the entertainment industry provided us with things we probably want to forget. Check out Thursday's Features page for what made our "worst of list" for the year.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **Campus will be closed** on Monday in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

• **A Frog Club Luncheon** will be held at noon Tuesday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. The luncheon, featuring head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie, will cost \$10. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (817) 257-7700.

• **The TCU Ad Club** is holding its first meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Moudy Building South, Room 271. TCU graduate Vincent Silmon of GCG Advertising is scheduled to speak. Open to all majors. For more information, e-mail (w.v.irion@tcu.edu).

• **The Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series** will be held at 7 a.m. Wednesday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. Thomas Caskey is scheduled to speak at the event. For more information, call (817) 257-7122.

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to [skiffletters@tcu.edu](mailto:skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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## NEWS

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cess to the Morning News because they are Dallas-area residents or because it covers TCU sports and other events that occur in Fort Worth.

"We think this is a win-win situation, both for the newspaper and the students," Thomason said. Shae Moore, a sophomore broadcast journalism who is from Dallas, said she grew up reading the Morning News.

"I think it's a really good newspaper and I am glad that it was

brought back," Moore said. "I wish they didn't have to charge for it though. But if they have to charge for one, it should be that one because the Star-Telegram is more local."

Mills said the readership program cost the university \$40,000. He said plans to discuss incorporating the Morning News in the readership program are in the works. Mills said he believes the readership program is going well, but decisions about continuing the program for next semester are under evaluation.

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## PROGRAM

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"My experiences within the anthropology program have inspired me to pursue a higher degree in the field," McArthur said.

Guderjan, an associate professor of anthropology, has also played an instrumental role in the great success of TCU's anthropology program, Leatham said.

Guderjan said he has helped attract numerous TCU students to the field of anthropology by serving as the executive director of the Maya Research Program. Since 1986, Guderjan has escorted students to Belize for a

field research project at Blue Creek.

This summer, Guderjan said he'll start another research project at the Maya port of Ixpaatun, located two miles from the Chetumal Bay community of Calderitas.

"Many students go on these trips with me as undeclared majors and come back as anthropology majors," Guderjan said.

McArthur said she enjoyed participating in the Belize field school because it gave her the experience she otherwise wouldn't have gotten.

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## FERRARI

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body instead of (someone) leading the student body," Moffett said.

Former president of the Student Government Association Chelsea Hudson, said TCU is very fortunate to have such an outstanding chancellor who knows how to connect to the rest of the campus.

"Listening makes a difference in the way a university operates," Hudson, a senior political science major, said.

According to the university's

Web site, there are several qualifications the university is looking for in a new chancellor. These qualifications include being innovative, team-oriented, decisive, articulate, understanding the competitive nature of the student market and being a relationship builder.

The search for the new chancellor has been passed from the search committee headed by Trustee R. Denny Alexander to the Board of Trustees and is now being evaluated by the board members.

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## Police blotter from Sunday through Thursday

Sunday — A Moncrief resident reported a stolen computer. He came back from Winter Break and his computer, monitor, mouse and keyboard were missing.

Tuesday — A spare tire was reported stolen at 6:11 p.m. The owner noticed a dragging noise from his truck when leaving the north parking lot on Seacrest and Wible and found that his spare tire chain was dragging.

Tuesday — A car was reported vandalized in the coliseum lot at 11:17 p.m. The window was broken and the radio, CDs, sub-woofers and amplifier were stolen. The driver-side door was pried at the frame, causing the window to break.

Wednesday — A vehicle was found at 12:22 a.m. with the passenger-side window broken and the car stereo stolen.

## DRAFT

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equipment, structure and that sort of thing, not more people," Granger said. "The military is structured for a certain amount of things, and a draft would be detrimental rather than helpful because we wouldn't have a place to put (draftees). We don't have a need for them, so what do you have them do?"

Matt Moore, a senior history major, said it is unfair to implement a draft when enough volunteers are available.

"It is kind of an unfair comment," Moore said. "It's like saying, 'We've got plenty of you, but you aren't good enough.'"

Sophomore political science major Courtney Abbott said the responsibility of service belongs to every American. She said citizens should be willing to fight for a country if they belong to it.

"As a woman, I don't really mind (the idea of being drafted)," Abbott said. "As a college student, I don't want my studies disrupted."

Air Force ROTC cadet Byron Luckett said he is opposed to the draft in general, but he said he would be in

favor of not exempting college students if the draft were reinstated.

"Students wouldn't be able to buy their way out of service," said a freshman computer science major, Luckett.

TCU Army ROTC recruiting officer 2nd Lt. Brian James said if the draft was reinstated, it would be different from the last draft, which ended in 1973.

"Instead of replacing soldier by soldier like they did in Vietnam, they would replace an entire platoon or company," James said. "It's a morale thing."

James said the required service field for drafted individuals would also be different. He said draftees would more likely be doing homeland security duties, which only require basic training, since combat duties are currently being performed by Special Operations Forces and people who have undergone training beyond basic training.

James said a draft would probably not cause ROTC students to be called into active duty.

About 13.5 million men ages 18-25 are currently registered for the draft, according to the Selective Service, the government agency that handles draft registration.

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## U.N. inspections find undeclared empty chemical warheads in Iraq

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. inspectors found 11 empty chemical warheads in "excellent" condition at an ammunition storage area in southern Iraq on Thursday, and the components were not reported in Iraq's declaration meant to account for all banned weapons, a U.N. spokesman said.

Iraq insisted the warheads had been included in its declaration. It was not immediately clear if discovery constituted a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution requiring Iraq to itemize all its weapons of mass destruction and their components.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the administration was "aware of the reports and look forward to receiving information from the inspectors." McClellan would not comment on how significant the find was.

The 122 mm shells were found when inspectors searched bunkers built in the late 1990s at the Ukhaider Ammunition Storage Area, about 75 miles south of Baghdad, said Hiro Ueki, the spokesman for U.N. weapons inspectors in Baghdad, in a statement.

The team examined one of the warheads with X-ray equipment and took away samples for chemical testing, Ueki said.

While the artillery rockets are evidence of an Iraqi weapons program, they may not amount to a "smoking gun" unless some sort of chemical agent is also detected, said U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Key questions with the new find are whether any chemical weapons were ever loaded into these warheads, and, if so, when, officials said.

Serial numbers on the rockets should tell inspectors where and when they were made, one defense official said.

The United States, which has begun a heavy military buildup in the Persian Gulf, has threatened war on Iraq if it is found to be hiding banned weapons programs. The Iraqi government says it no longer has any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and submitted a 12,000-page declaration to the United Nations last month that it said proved its case.

Ueki told the Associated Press that the shells were not accounted for in the report. "It was a discovery. They were not declared," he said.

*"When these boxes were opened, they found 122-mm rockets with empty warheads. No chemical or biological warheads. Just empty rockets which are expired and imported in 1988."*

— Hossam Mohammed Amin  
 chief Iraqi liaison officer

But Lt. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison officer to the inspection teams, said they were short-range shells imported in 1988 and mentioned in Iraq's December declaration.

He expressed "astonishment" over "the fuss made about the discovery by a U.N. inspection team of 'mass destruction weapons.' It is no more than a storm in a teacup," Amin told a news conference hastily called after the U.N. announcement.

Amin said the inspection team found the munitions in a sealed box that had never been opened and was covered by dust and bird droppings.

"When these boxes were opened, they found 122-mm rockets with empty warheads. No chemical or biological warheads. Just empty rockets which are expired and imported in 1988," Amin said, adding similar rockets were found by U.N. inspectors in 1997.

Physicist David Albright, president of the Institute for Science and International Security and a former nuclear weapons inspector in Iraq, said that the discovery would represent a violation "if Iraq knew that these warheads existed and they are for chemical weapons."

Inspectors will "have to test to see if there are any traces of chemical weapons in the warheads and in the bunkers where they were found, and they will have to talk to the Iraqis," Albright said.

On Dec. 7, a chemical team secured a dozen artillery shells filled with mustard gas that had first been inventoried by earlier inspectors in the 1990s. Those were the first weapons of mass production brought under inspectors' control in the current search, which began in November.

Chief inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei have said Iraq's weapons declaration is incomplete — failing in particular to support its claims to have destroyed missiles, warheads and chemical agents such as VX nerve gas.

Inspectors on Thursday also searched the homes of two Iraqi scientists in Baghdad, escorting one of them to a field to examine what appeared to be a man-made mound of earth. The scientist, who carried a box of documents as he left his house, was then taken to the inspectors hotel along with the documents and Irai officials.

An Iraqi official said the inspectors also asked to interview two other scientists in private, but that the scientists refused to speak unless Iraqi liaison officials were present.

Blix and ElBaradei have stepped up demands that Iraq improve its cooperation — including allowing private interviews with scientists — and are headed to Baghdad to meet officials Sunday and Monday and seek more information.

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## The Skiff View

### PLAY TIME

Area lets children to have fun, grow

All they want to do is play. Now, some of the youngest members of the TCU community are getting a new chance to have fun.

The Hill House play area in the Leibrock Village opened Dec. 7 and is open daily for use by any of the children so long as they have parental supervision.

The play area allows education students to use skills from their classes. By following a budget and carefully planning the contents of the playroom, the students put together a new, safe environment for the children to play.

Instead of saying goodbye to toys that can't fit in crowded apartments or playing outside in the winter chill, there's a warm place where the children can have fun and meet new friends.

An outdoor playground is something Housing Director Nancy Griese said she would like to see in the future. Right now, funds are unavailable. But for now, future playrooms are being discussed for other buildings.

We hope the children enjoy the new possibilities the playroom presents: an opportunity to interact with other children and use their imaginations in a way most of us no longer do.

After all, you shouldn't let anything come between children and their toys.

## Popular opinion ruins pop culture

Repetition turns what was unique into typical

Did anyone watch the 2003 People's Choice Awards Sunday? More importantly, did anyone care about the 2003 People's Choice Awards?

COMMENTARY



Lauren Cates

Half the stars barely showed up to receive their awards that supposedly represent the choices of the American people in music, film and television. You might wonder, why did no one show up? Because an award based on the general populace opinion is worth little in general.

I could barely watch Tony Danza for more than 15 minutes without either being disgusted by the horrible awards given to the undeserving or by the fact that Danza's haircut has not changed since he starred on "Who's the Boss?"

An awards show celebrating mass pop culture will always be a flop, namely because the American people have shown time and time again they have horrible taste. The People's Choice Awards, taken from a "representative" sampling of 214 million Americans according to the Gallup poll, is only representative of 214 million Americans' poor taste. People love watching other awards shows because at least the winners are picked by experts in the area of which they are awarding people.

Movies like "Spiderman" and bands like Creed were actually given awards. I walked out of "Spiderman" because I couldn't stand Tobey Maguire's moronic facial expressions and Kirsten Dunst's crappy acting and stringy hair. And if I have to see one more Creed video in which lead singer Scott Stapp portrays himself in a Jesus-like manner, walking on water with doves flying about, I'll shoot myself.

American mass culture stinks. Speaking from the perspective of a cable-deprived person during Winter Break, three weeks of hor-

rendous local TV programming is enough to make anyone sick. The proliferation of reality TV, Judge Judy-type court shows, crappy soap operas, equally inane sitcoms and dating shows is mind numbing. No wonder the American education system sucks when we spend our spare time watching this crap.

Turn on the radio and it's no better. I have never heard a song I liked that the radio didn't ruin. By playing the same songs over and over, that then spawn wannabe one-hit wonders of the same sort, the radio perpetuates horrible musical taste. It's not enough that half the bands on the radio lack talent or ingenuity because the radio station insists on playing the same song 15 times a day, and always when you're in your car.

Going to the movies isn't as bad but it is getting there. I find it ironic that even those films that did deserve awards for uniqueness, namely "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (the highest grossing independent film in history), were backed by huge movie such as stars Tom Hanks and his wife Rita

Wilson. If that doesn't take the wind out of your sails in regards to celebrating independent filmmaking, I don't know what does.

So the real reason why no one cares to watch the People's Choice award unfolds. As soon as something becomes popular, the mass culture pounds it over and over again until no one wants to see or hear about what was once an icon. Being proclaimed popular is a signed death warrant for anyone in the entertainment industry.

The mass pop culture phenomenon stifles the individuality of all who are forced to participate. By having the same musical, movie and television tastes we are submitted to the lowest common denominator of culture and taste. It's what many of us have experienced when we turn on the TV at night and realize that Survivor-type shows are on every channel. Being nominated and winning a People's Choice Award is more of an insult than a celebration.

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## QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think ... or laugh

"When we got to the game and the whistle finally blew, we outdid them on the sidelines, in the stands and on the field. CSU was not ready for what was in store that day as we fought for the last time together."

— Senior quarterback Sean Stillely

"That's the great thing about living in this country. Anything (truthful) you want to say, you are allowed to say. And there is space on the opinion page for it."

— Skiff editor in chief Jacques Petersell

"I am about to quit my gym membership because I have heard so much about the new rec center."

— Junior marketing major Jasmine Barnsley

"He always had minutes for the students, not just a minute but minutes."

— Sue Ott, theater department secretary, on Forrest Newlin

"We seniors are panicking. Faced with the revocation of send-home and the elimination of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

schedules, we are desperate."

— Senior English and political science major Jenny Specht

"It would harm not only the profession, but the people of the United States if we take people just because we want the numbers."

— Kay Sanders, director of the School of Nurse Anesthesia

"While the noise and dust is sometimes distracting, it is definitely worth the end result."

— Marilyn Eudaly, psychology department manager, on the Winton-Scott renovations.

"If parents are so intent on getting drugs for their children, it might be a safe bet that they're the ones who really need psychiatric help."

— Skiff co-news editor Jordan Blum

"The Community Scholars Program has gotten the most notoriety and contributed the greatest to attracting students of color."

— Ray Brown, dean of admissions

## HELP WANTED

The Skiff opinion page is now hiring columnists. Students must have excellent writings skills and be self-motivated, reliable and open to criticism. Previous journalism or Skiff experience is preferred, but not required. Students of any political persuasion or background will be considered. To apply, contact Opinion Editors Brandon Ortiz at (b.p.ortiz@tcu.edu) or Julie Ann Matonis at (j.a.matonis@tcu.edu).

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## People don't show right amount of reverence for King's birthday

Every year, third Monday of January, things shut down to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Beyond sitting on your keister for an extra day, not much is made of this holiday.

There are 10 official national holidays, and few can match the apathy the majority of Americans feel toward the observation of King's birthday. Columbus Day at least has a parade or two. There are President's Day sales left and right, but no "Martin Luther 'King of savings'" sales. Labor Day is allowed to be a slack off day, that's the entire idea behind it, really. Thanksgiving and Christmas are important family times. New Year's Day and Independence Day have loads of revelry. Memorial Day and Veteran's Day are solemn, but still mostly understood observations of those who were ready to, and did, sacrifice all to protect American freedom.

So why do we have the extra day off so close to New Year's Day and Christmas? Ostensibly, it's to honor the almost unarguably greatest civil rights leader in the past 50 years. However, last year, the sum observance I saw was a five minute piece on CNN while flipping through the channels. It was the fifth story on the local news that night.

This is veneration? It's sad, but true, that the holiday came about as a political ploy so senators could im-

prove their polling numbers with minorities. On the reverse side, Black activists went on the attack when some states refused to recognize the holiday.

Arizona was the last to capitulate. They never said Martin Luther King was a bad person, they say they just valued corporate income more than an empty tribute to a great man. Yet, they were the subject of great controversy and ridicule for that position.

It has become a sad indicator of political correctness gone mad. An argument against the holiday is met with a cry of "foul" and the insinuation of rampant racism. The university conducts class on both Veteran's Day and President's Day, but doesn't dare hold class on Dr. King's Birthday.

In my hometown of Melbourne, Fla., they wanted to rename a street, University drive, in a predominantly black

section of town. Martin Luther King boulevard. Of course, King had never been to Melbourne, and the local university is on the other end of that road. One of the elderly female town council members questioned the impact of King on the town, and was nearly run out of it. I mention this as an illustration of the way King's name seems to blur common sense in some peoples minds while they attempt to show their adulation.

I'd rather not see King's legacy a day with no substance and reverence bordering on paranoia. Perhaps the problem is associating the entire civil rights crusade with one man. That's why I say the holiday needs tweaking. I'd like to see it as an opportunity to promote unity, something the third week of January seems to lack right now.

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Richard Hodges/Columbus Ledger-Enquirer  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day needs some improvements if it wants to adequately honor one of the greatest civil rights leaders of the last 50 years.

## SGA aims to better serve, represent students

Last semester, someone said the candidates that were running for offices in the Student Government Association were simply politicians. This comment bothered me for a long time, as I thought about all of the negativity that comes with that title.

When I think of politicians, I think of people who aren't honest, who aren't looking out for the interests of their constituents.

All of my thoughts of negativity were drastically changed when SGA, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic and National Pan-Hellenic Council made history. We had a joint training retreat with a single goal in mind: To increase collaboration among our groups. I saw my so called "politicians" in SGA light a fire in the heart of our new executive boards, and open up new lines of communication between SGA and Greek organizations. I realized if we are going to be labeled politicians, there is a type of politician we want to be. We want to be servants of integrity, committed to our cause and stewards of the student body.

As a collective SGA, we are ready to see change happen at TCU. We are ready to see our campus community be stronger and more unified than ever. It's time for us to step up and accept the expectations and roles you have set for us. The expectations you have of us are higher than ever, and our goal is not to simply meet them, but to exceed them.

As the president of SGA, my goals are simple. I want to be the best we can be and do as much as we can to make a difference here at TCU. In addition, our agenda is your agenda. We are striving to be a student government that listens more before it acts and knows that we have the support of the student body behind us.

At our recent retreat, we were able to set a mission and a vision for SGA this year by adopting a mission statement by which everything we do will be based: To represent the collective voice of the student body while encompassing the spirit of the TCU community through service, programming and legislation.

This is our mission as a student government, with the most important words to me being service and representation. Members of SGA are servants to you. Our No. 1 job is to do what we can to meet your needs. It's also time that your SGA represented you more effectively. My goal is for SGA to be a resource for all students at TCU and to provide a clear and representative exchange of ideas on how to make TCU an even better place.

I ask only two things of you. Keep us accountable in all that we do. Also, let us know what we can do for you by communicating with us. We want to know what is important to YOU, so please give us your feedback. Together, let's make TCU and SGA something we can all be proud of.

Guest columnist Brad Thompson is the president of the Student Government Association. He can be reached at (j.b.thompson@tcu.edu).

# NEWS DIGEST

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## National/International Roundup

### Rabbi sentenced to life in prison for wife's murder

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — A rabbi convicted of having his wife bludgeoned to death so he could carry on an affair with a radio show hostess was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

Rabbi Fred J. Neulander, 61, was found guilty in November of arranging the 1994 murder of his wife, Carol. It was his second trial; the first ended in a hung jury in November 2001.

At the sentencing Thursday, the rabbi, who once led southern New Jersey's largest Jewish congregation, delivered a 20-minute speech professing his innocence.

"I cannot express remorse for something I did not do," he said.

He initially asked Judge Linda Baxter to let him skip the sentencing hearing, but Baxter rejected the request, saying that hearing what others had to say about him was part of his punishment.

All three of Carol Neulander's siblings spoke, and letters from two of the rabbi's three grown children were read. Both children accused him of taking a grandmother away from their infant children.

In pronouncing the sentence, Baxter said she was penalizing Neulander for "conduct that is so cold and calculating that it sends shivers down the spine of any civilized person."

By law, Baxter was required to give Neulander a sentence that does not allow for the chance of parole for 30 years. With credit for time served, Neulander would not be eligible for parole until he is 88.

There is more uncertainty about the sentences of the two men who confessed to beating Mrs. Neulander to death with metal pipes.

Leonard Jenoff, the former private investigator whose confession

in 2000 broke open the case, pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter and faces a likely term of 10 to 30 years in prison.

Paul Michael Daniels pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter and robbery and faces a sentence of 25 to 50 years. Both are scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 30.

Neulander's first trial in 2001 ended in a mistrial when the jury deadlocked after more than 40 hours of deliberations.

### U.S. District Judge blocks deportation of Somalis

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge again blocked deportation of Somalis to their turbulent homeland and certified a lawsuit by five immigrants as a class action.

Ruling from the bench Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Marsha J. Pechman held that deportation is illegal because the East African nation has been without a central government to officially accept deportees for 11 years.

Pechman's ruling confirmed a temporary order she issued in November to bar the Immigration and Naturalization Service from deporting as many as 2,747 Somalis nationwide, including 41 in federal detention.

Pechman also granted class-action status in the case. Lawyers for the five Seattle immigrants claim that detainees were being shuffled from lockup to lockup nationwide to accelerate deportations. Four remain in federal custody; the fifth was released while he appeals his deportation order.

"Nationwide injunctions issued by federal judges are binding until a case is resolved", the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

"The Justice Department was weighing an appeal", said John Hartingh, spokesman for U.S. Attorney's Office in Seattle.

Pechman was to detail her findings in a written ruling today, and she directed lawyers for both sides to submit briefs on whether she should consider ordering the release of the four.

The government's appeal of a similar federal court finding in a single deportation case in Minnesota is pending.

Federal law requires that deportees be accepted by the country to which they are sent, but the two sides differ on what constitutes acceptance.

INS officials have argued that because Somalia doesn't require entry documents, formal acceptance is not required.

### Venezuela's daily dollar auctions suspended again

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's Central Bank suspended its daily dollar auctions Thursday, trying to stop a currency slide in the fallout of a seven-week general strike.

The bank did not give a reason for the measure, but traders said it would give the institution more discretion to decide who gets to buy dollars.

Finance Minister Felipe Perez said this week that demand for dollars reached \$114 million a day this week. Usually, demand is about \$60 million a day.

One trader said on condition of anonymity that the bank was only providing dollars to banks and others with legitimate dollar needs, like merchants who have to pay for imported goods.

The bolivar hit a new low Wednesday, closing at 1,716 to the dollar, down 6 percent from Tuesday. Venezuelans lined up at banks and exchange booths to buy dollars, pushing the value of the currency lower.

## Tech prof. caught in lie

### Butler admits to destroying vials, not telling supervisor

BY BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A Texas Tech University professor told the FBI he lied about the missing vials of deadly bacteria because he accidentally destroyed the vials, according to court documents.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler was arrested Wednesday on a complaint of giving false information to the FBI about the vials, which contained the bacteria that causes bubonic plague.

Butler was in the Lubbock County Jail and was scheduled to appear in court Thursday afternoon.

The FBI said Butler gave agents a handwritten note in which he admitted lying to his supervisor about missing the vials.

"I made a misjudgment by not telling (the supervisor) that the plague bacteria had been accidentally destroyed earlier rather than erroneously first found missing" last Saturday, Butler said, according to

the FBI.

In his note, Butler said he knew the bacteria had been destroyed and was not a threat to public health, and he didn't realize his story would trigger "such an extensive investigation."

When news spread about the missing vials, anxiety here was palpable. Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge contacted the mayor, a terrorism alert was triggered and dozens of investigators from the FBI and other agencies converged.

"We have accounted for all those missing vials and we have determined that there is no danger to public safety whatsoever," Lubbock FBI Lupe Gonzalez said Wednesday.

The samples, among 180 the school was using for research on the treatment of plague, were reported missing to campus police Tuesday night. Butler was the only person with authorized access to the bacteria, which is classified as a select agent that has to be registered with the International Biohazards Committee and with the federal government.

Butler is chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at Texas Tech's medical school. The university said he has been involved in plague research for more than 25 years and is internationally recognized in the field. He has been at Texas Tech since 1987.

## New rapid test for plague developed

BY EMMA ROSS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Scientists have developed a simple and reliable test to rapidly diagnose plague, a sometimes deadly disease that authorities fear could be used in a bioterror attack.

Experts say the new test, described this week in *The Lancet* medical journal, could save lives and help control the disease in the developing world — and fill an important need in global bioterrorism preparedness and response.

Plague is caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis* and is chiefly a dis-

ease of rodents. However, it can spread to humans, mostly through flea bites. About 3,000 people get infected each year, primarily in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

Doctors usually diagnose the disease by looking at symptoms and confirm it by laboratory tests. There is no immediate diagnostic test.

There are three main forms of plague in humans: bubonic, septicemic and pneumonic.

After the bacteria get into a person through a flea bite, they migrate to the nearest lymph nodes, where they cause a painful swelling or bubo, from which bubonic plague takes its name.

Bubonic plague is not contagious. Most cases are noticed at this point and treated with antibiotics. Without treatment the chances of dying from plague are between 15 percent and 30 percent in the bubonic stage. With treatment, nearly everyone can be saved.

Sometimes the bacteria then invade the bloodstream, where they multiply and spread throughout the body. The disease is then called septicemic plague. It is very hard to treat and once infection has progressed this far, death can come within two to four days of the onset of symptoms.

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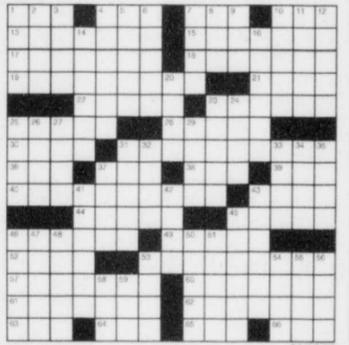
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A: YES 47 NO 53

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## Today's Crossword

### Crossword



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**ACROSS**

- Mercedes competitor
- Shoe's tip
- Get it?
- Request charity
- Rip-roaring
- Hug
- Applies balm to
- Semi-office
- Public protester
- Overcharge
- Teatime treat
- Five-card sequences in piquet
- Swains
- Reject disdainfully
- Hold sway
- Evergreen State
- Tax deferral letters
- Veto
- Not Unusual
- Garden tool
- Thomas Jefferson's mansion
- Demolish
- Leg joint
- Stitched
- Tami capital
- Below, poetically
- Leave out
- USA symbol
- Attack fish
- Planting layer
- Ways in
- "Annie" characters
- Wok sauce
- Polish
- 180 degrees from SSW
- Leafy brew

**DOWN**

- Hall or Pitt
- Brief skirt
- Courts
- Restorative drinks
- Best
- Ruhr Valley city
- Religious officiant
- Dental deposit
- Outback runner
- Dwindle
- Part of BLT
- Conspicuous success
- Computer urkies
- Thin material
- Going up
- Unlouchable
- Eiot
- Capital of Ecuador
- Vesels for ashes
- Hat part
- New currency
- Fed's Greenspan
- Hariman or Rizzolo
- Candle requirements
- Skater's jump
- Become trendier
- 5 Best
- Religious
- Lack
- Access Foch
- Dental deposit
- Access Clin
- Debate again
- Tireless plain
- Fall guy
- Sulks
- Acid type
- Unwashed
- Knighted John
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## The Sideline

### Baseball stadium open to fans for tours, autographs

Sunday afternoon will be the final chance to get an up-close look at the new state-of-the-art home of Horned Frog baseball before its Feb. 2 season opener against Texas-Arlington. Lupton Stadium and Williams-Reilly Field will be open to the public, available for tours, seat selection for season tickets, an intrasquad scrimmage and autograph session. Admission to the open house is free.

Beginning at 2 p.m., Horned Frog coaches and players will be on hand to greet fans and show off their new home, which ranks second only to The Ballpark in Arlington as the premier baseball facility in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Fans will have the chance to select which seats they wish to purchase to see teams like national powers Texas Tech and BYU and Conference USA programs Houston, Tulane, East Carolina, Louisville and South Florida.

At 3 p.m., fans can watch pre-season all-American Terry Trofholz and the rest of the Horned Frogs as they go through one of their final intrasquad scrimmages.

The afternoon will conclude with an opportunity for fans to meet their favorite Horned Frog players. The "Meet the Frogs" session will begin at about 4 p.m. Season and individual-game tickets for the entire 30-game slate at Lupton Stadium are on sale now. Call the TCU ticket office at (817) 257-FROG for information.

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### Rangers' minor league staff set, player signed

ARLINGTON (AP) — Free agent outfielder Ryan Christenson agreed to a minor league contract Thursday with the Texas Rangers and was invited to major league spring training as a non-roster player.

The Rangers also announced the completion of their minor league staff with the appointments of Ralph Dickenson as hitting coordinator, Greg Riddoch as defensive coordinator and Mike Boulanger as coach at Class-A Clinton of the Midwest League.

### Parcells continues to add coaches to his staff

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells added two more assistants to his staff Thursday, hiring John McNulty as wide receivers coach and Kacy Rodgers as defensive tackles coach.

McNulty spent the past five seasons with Jacksonville, the last three working with receivers.

Rodgers was defensive line coach at Arkansas last season, and before that had the same position for three seasons at Middle Tennessee State.

Parcells, hired Jan. 2, has already brought in eight new assistants, including offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon from Detroit. He has also retained five coaches from former coach Dave Campo's staff, among them defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer.

## Football coaches look to gather top-rate recruits for season

BY BRADEN HOWELL  
Staff Reporter

While a Liberty Bowl victory marked the end of TCU football for many Horned Frog players, it marked the beginning of the last intense month of recruiting for TCU football coaches.

The Feb. 5 national signing day is still a few weeks away, but Mike Sinquefield, director of football operations, said every day TCU football coaches are hard at work

signing high-quality players who want to continue a winning tradition.

"The athletes want to play for a winning program," Sinquefield said. "Going 10-2, and beating a ranked opponent in the Liberty Bowl on national TV definitely helps with recruiting."

Sinquefield said every coach is involved in the recruiting process. According to the NCAA, it regulates when and how a school can

recruit, and the recruiting process is currently in what is called a "major contact period" in which coaches are allowed to visit recruits.

Sinquefield said the NCAA mandates that during this period, a school can have no more than seven coaches on the road at a time.

He said every Monday through Thursday seven TCU coaches travel around Texas visiting recruits. The state is divided into geographical divisions, with each coach assigned a certain region. Sinquefield said during these trips, the coaches focus more on finding the best athlete and less on finding players for specific positions.

"More than 300 high school football players sign with Division I schools every year, so TCU's main focus is Texas," Sinquefield said.

According to *The Dallas Morning News*, TCU currently has verbal commitments from three players on the newspaper's "State Top 100" list. However, verbal commitments are non-binding, allowing a recruit to change his mind at will until a national letter of intent is signed.

Sinquefield said staying close to home is a priority for many recruits and they want to choose a school where their family and friends will be able to watch them play on a regular basis.

Sophomore defensive tackle Brandon Johnson, from Carrollton, was one of the most highly recruited players in Texas for the 2000 recruiting class. Johnson said he had scholarship offers from Miami, Michigan and Oklahoma, but said he chose TCU because it was

close to home.

"I wanted to be around my family," Johnson said. "To be a part of building a program and still being close to my family has had a huge impact on my life."

Assistant athletic trainer Todd Nalder said the number of recruits

visiting varies from week to week, with some groups as large as 10.

Sinquefield said on these visits, the school tries to emphasize the community atmosphere and the quality of the education an athlete will receive.

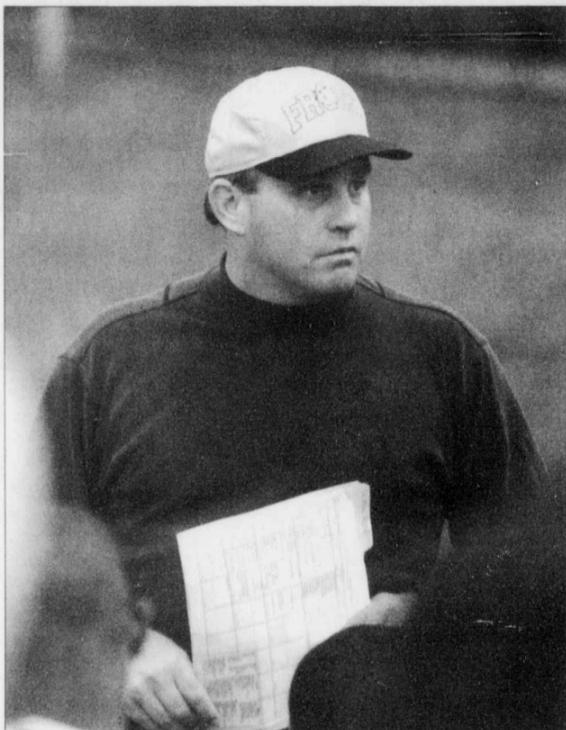
Athletic Director Eric Hyman said the student body is a valuable asset in recruiting, whether they know it or not.

"We're competing at a higher level, so we need student recognition," Hyman said. "The athletes need the students' help."

Sinquefield said the coaching staff is expecting to have one of the largest signing classes in recent history, including some of the state's top players.

"We're very excited about the quality of the players," Sinquefield said. "We will know for sure Feb. 5 on national signing day."

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Head coach Gary Patterson lectures the team following practice in November. This is the last month of intensive recruiting before Feb. 5, national signing day.

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### TCU's commitments

TCU's recruiting class is ranked 35th nationally as of Jan. 16, according to Rivals.com.

#### Quarterback

James Battle, Denton, 6-2, 195 \*<sup>A</sup>

Brian Bonner, Beeville, 6-3, 195

#### Running back

Marcus Draber, Bangs, 5-11, 235

#### Wide receiver

Marcus Brock, Lindale, 6-0, 175<sup>A</sup>

Ervin Dickerson, Beeville, 6-3, 190

#### Tight end

Trey Englert, Houston, 6-3, 225

#### Offensive linemen

Will Oliver, Lindale, 6-4, 265<sup>A</sup>

Wade Sisk, Brenham, 6-6, 255

#### Defensive line

Ryan Kilpatrick, Fort Worth, 6-4, 220<sup>\*A</sup>

Jamison Newby, Cleburne, 6-3, 245\*

#### Linebacker

David Hawthorne, Corsicana, 6-0, 205

Chase Ortiz, League City, 6-3, 240

#### Defensive back

Larry Bradford, Coffeyville, Kan., 6-0, 205

David Roach, Abilene, 6-3, 185

#### Athlete

Tommy Blake, Arkansas Pass, 6-4, 220

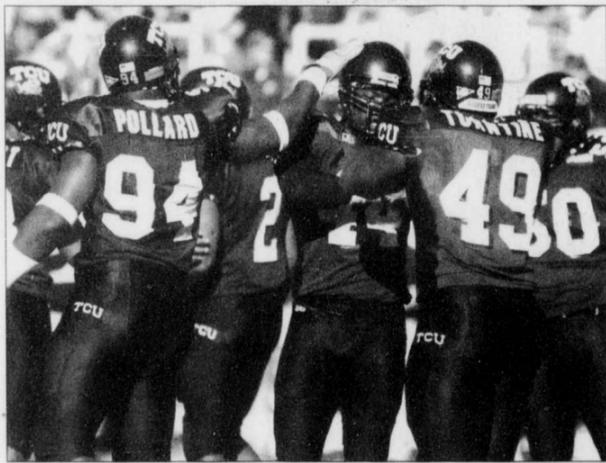
Chad Huffman, Sugar Land, 6-1, 198

\* Member of Star-Telegram Area 75

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## Final bowl



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Linebacker LaMarcus McDonald (No. 44) will play in the 54th annual Senior Bowl at 1 p.m. Saturday in Mobile, Ala. He will be the only Frog in attendance. It will also feature Longhorns' quarterback Chris Simms and this year's Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Carson Palmer. The game is used as a major scouting tool before April's draft. The Bowl practices are attended by more than 630 general managers, head coaches, assistant coaches, scouts and other front office personal

from the NFL. McDonald, who will represent the South team, will be coached by the Detroit Lions' staff. According to the Senior Bowl's official site, McDonald, who was Conference USA's defensive player of the year, did well in pass-coverage drills and defending throws during scrimmage. He is 6-foot tall, 209 pounds and is expected to be a first-day draft pick. The game will be televised on ESPN.

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## Officials under fire after missed calls, more criticism by Tagliabue

### League ponders ways to improve calling of games

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PHILADELPHIA — The men wearing stripes are getting all the attention on NFL fields these days, thanks to a series of blunders and questioned calls at the most important time of the season.

Forget Donovan McNabb and Warren Sapp, the stars who get paid millions to score touchdowns. The talk leading up to the Super Bowl is all about the little guys who throw little yellow flags.

And with the conference championships this weekend, owners, coaches and players hope the focus can return to the game.

"There's no automatic cure for the officiating," Baltimore owner Art Modell said. "They're human and the players are human, too. They all do the best they can."

Officiating disputes are a

weekly rite during the NFL season and intensify during the playoffs. But because commissioner Paul Tagliabue publicly criticized officials, this year's debate is even louder.

Just a year ago, the obscure "tuck rule" helped New England beat the Oakland Raiders in the second round of the playoffs when an apparent fumble was ruled an incomplete pass late in the game.

The Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl and the Raiders are using what they still consider a terrible call to motivate them on their own run to the Super Bowl.

They host the Tennessee Titans Sunday for the AFC title, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play the Eagles in Philadelphia for the NFC crown. The winners play for the championship in San Diego on Jan. 26.

In an unusual admission, the league said officials blew a pass-interference call at the end of the Jan. 5 playoff game between the New York Giants and San Francisco 49ers. The Giants would have had one more play to try win the game if the call had been

made.

Tagliabue said it was the worst "failing" in his 13 years on the job.

"With the benefit of hindsight, it seems the decisions were made with less than full information, and that's very disappointing," Tagliabue said.

Others believe the officiating is just fine.

"Every once in a while there are a couple of guys that make me go take a couple extra Tylenol," Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said.

"But most of the time, I'm all right," he said.

Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher agreed.

"I'm personally not disappointed or concerned," said Fisher, co-chairman of the league's competition committee, which reviews rule changes. "I think right now it's probably as good as it's been. We've had some difficult calls here in the playoffs, but there have been difficult calls throughout the years."

Fisher was on the sideline last weekend when his team kicked the overtime field goal to beat Pittsburgh 36-33.

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