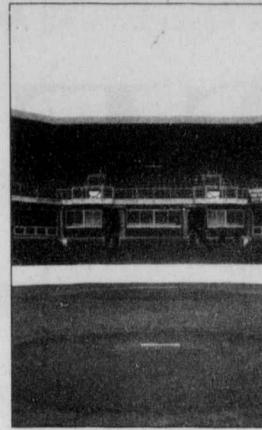


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The Frogs will play their first game in their new baseball stadium Sunday against Texas-Arlington.

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## Transfer numbers offset deficit

BY BRENT YARINA

Staff Reporter  
The increase in the number of transfer students attending TCU this semester is a result of the university attempting to minimize financial deficits, Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said.

Brown said TCU enrolled 192 transfer students this semester compared to 154 last January, yielding a 20 percent increase.

Each semester, Brown said, he attempts to enroll one transfer student for every student who leaves the university. Consequently, the number of transfer students enrolled is determined by the number of students who leave in any given semester, he said.

"We have to bust our butts harder now to attract students for the future because as our economy weakens, our endowment weakens too," Brown said.

The recruitment of new transfer students wasn't his only priority for this semester, Brown said, but he realizes that the addition of transfer students plays a monumental role in university economics.

"A balanced budget is a great thing," Brown said. "The recruitment of transfer students helps us achieve that goal."

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— Ray Brown  
dean of admissions

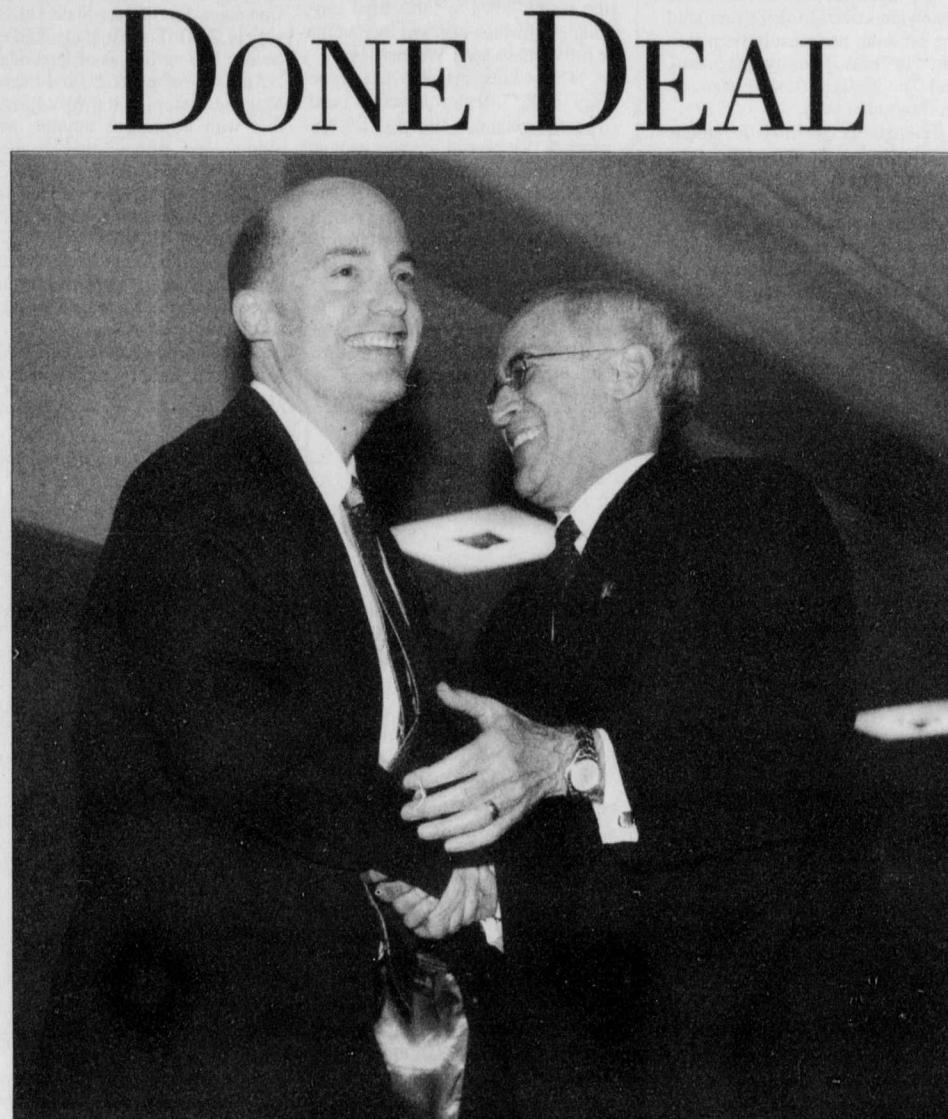
According to numbers released on the 12th day of classes, the undergraduate enrollment has increased from 6,309 last spring to 6,365 this spring, Brown said. The total university enrollment has increased from 7,428 to 7,570, he said. The return rate of the freshman class of fall 2002 has risen from 93 percent to 94 percent, Brown said.

TCU continues to attract numerous transfer students because the university doesn't consider financial aid in the admissions process, he said.

"At TCU, I'm pleased to report financial aid has no bearing on whether or not we offer a student admission," Brown said.

Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing, said enrollment has increased since the university began electronically communicating with prospective students.

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Ty Halasz/Photo editor

Chancellor Michael Ferrari greets Victor Boschini Jr. after he is named the 10th chancellor in TCU history at Thursday's press conference.

## New chancellor is appointed

*"I feel very honored and humbled. I'm going to have a hard time containing my excitement until June 1." — Victor Boschini Jr.*

BY JACQUE NGUYEN

Staff Reporter

Victor J. Boschini Jr. was officially announced as the 10th chancellor in TCU's 130-year history by the Board of Trustees at a press conference Thursday.

"I feel very honored and humbled," Boschini said. "I'm going to have a hard time containing my excitement until June 1."

Chairman of the Board John Roach introduced Boschini as one of the nation's brightest, young and energetic university administrators after the Board voted unanimously to appoint him chancellor, trustees said.

Boschini said he was nominated for the position by one of his former trustees who told him she knew of a campus that was almost too good to be true.

"I told her she was wrong," he said. "TCU is not a place that is too good to be true, it is too good not to be even better."

He said he was not a candidate for any other job.

"I wasn't looking for a job; I was looking for this job," he said.

Three of the former chancellors were in attendance, including James M. Moudy, William E. Tucker and Michael Ferrari.

Boschini said he and his wife, Megan, who was not

in attendance, are very excited about becoming a part of the Fort Worth community. He said he and his family will be moving to Fort Worth around June 1.

He urged everyone to reach out and help him and his family learn to TCU.

"Please invite me into your heads, please invite me into your hearts and please invite me into your homes," he said. "I promise you, I will do the same with you."

Chairman of the Search Committee R. Denny Alexander said they received more than 100 nominations in response to advertisements in key publications.

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### Victor Boschini Jr.

Age: 47

Family: Wife, Megan; children, three daughters (ages 15, 13 and 6) and one son (age 8).

Education: B.S., Mount Union College, 1978, sociology and psychology; M.S., Bowling Green State University, 1979, College Student Personnel; Ed.D., Indiana University, 1989, Higher Education Administration.

### Student injured in mishap at rec center grand opening

A student hit her head on the lobby floor of the University Recreation Center at the grand opening Wednesday night while participating in the sumo wrestling event without a helmet, Director of Campus Recreation Steve Kintigh said Thursday.

Paramedics arrived at the Programming Council sponsored event around 9 p.m. responding to a call about a casino dealer with diabetes who had passed out and were leaving just as the student hit her head, Kintigh said.

Kayla Milburn, a sophomore sociology major, said she received four staples in her head and that she hurt her head because she had not seen the helmets. She said the two students who went before her were not wearing helmets.

Kintigh said PC had closed the area because of the concern with the casino dealer and had put the costumes in the corner until the next person to supervise arrived.

PC did not block off the sumo

## Meteorite collection to open Saturday

Museum includes Mars rocks, hands-on exhibits

BY BRADEN HOWELL

Staff Reporter

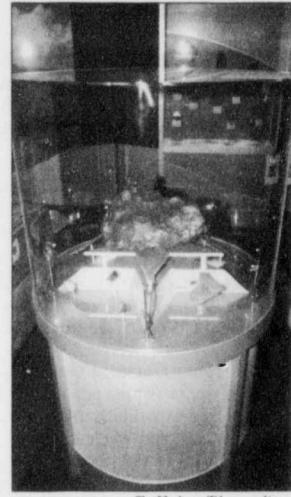
A project two years in the making becomes a reality at 11 a.m. Saturday when the doors to the museum for the Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Collection in Sid W. Richardson Building are opened to the public for the first time, said Arthur Ehlmann, emeritus professor of geology.

Ehlmann is responsible for helping TCU acquire the Monnig collection. He said the museum is one of a kind and that no other university has anything comparable.

"The collection is priceless, but for students to have this kind of hands-on environment and this kind of opportunity to learn about space, it is very unique," Ehlmann said.

Ehlmann said the meteorites featured in the museum were collected by Fort Worth businessman Oscar Monnig, a close personal friend of his. Monnig, who died in 1999, wanted the collection to stay in Fort Worth, and in his will left a considerable donation to TCU to help maintain the collection, Ehlmann said.

"It's all being done with Monnig money," Ehlmann said of the museum.



Ty Halasz/Photo editor

The Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Collection will open at 11 a.m. Saturday on the second floor of the Sid W. Richardson Building.

For the design of the museum, Ehlmann said they hired Gallagher & Associates, a design group who did the meteorite exhibit for the Smithsonian Institution.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the gallery provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the collection to the state and the nation.

"There is little doubt the gallery will enable persons from the community and beyond to come to TCU to see the exhibits and that it

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### Student injured in mishap at rec center grand opening

wrestling because they were busy attending to the collapsed dealer.

Brad Thompson, Student Government Association president, said PC had rented the sumo costumes from Wax Concepts and were instructed to wear the helmets at all times.

"What happened was the dealer collapsed and we all went to take care of him, and we turned our backs for a second and this unfortunately happened," Thompson said.

Milburn said that another paramedic group was called and told her the wound was minor enough that she had the choice of going in the ambulance or with her parents, but she still needed to go to the emergency room.

Milburn's parents took her to Harris Methodist Hospital in downtown Fort Worth around 9:45 p.m., she said.

— Sarah Krebs

### Ministers Week events offer learning opportunities

TCU's Brite Divinity School and

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## Adolfo Roitman focuses on what Jews, Christians have in common

BY NYSHICKA JORDAN

Staff Reporter

Adolfo Roitman, curator and director of the Shrine of the Book Israel Museum in Jerusalem, said the Dead Sea Scrolls teach what Jews, Christians and all humans have in common.

"I find myself where Jews and Christians are sitting together," Roitman said. "That is the power of the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Roitman presented his speech,

"The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Judaism and Christianity," to a full audience at Congregation Ahavath Sholom on S. Hulen Street Thursday night. His visit was co-sponsored by the Program in Jewish Studies, said the topic of the Dead Sea Scrolls is of interest to a wide audience.

According to the Israel Museum Web site, The Shrine of the Book was built in 1965 for the preservation and exhibition of the Dead Sea

Scrolls. The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient manuscripts that were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves, as stated on the site.

David Nelson, director of the Program in Jewish Studies, said the topic of the Dead Sea Scrolls is of interest to a wide audience.

"You only have to look at everything from newspapers, to tabloids, to TV shows to realize that they certainly have a broad appeal," Nelson said. "The name is

very powerful."

Roitman presented his speech in three parts. The first part consisted of a brief video, "The Shrine and the Scrolls," which gave a historical background of the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The second part of the lecture consisted of a slide presentation in which Roitman showed examples of scrolls in their original condition. And in the final part he gave his lecture in which he examined Jew-

ish and Christian tradition by comparing Biblical text to scroll writings.

Christians were involved with the Dead Sea Scrolls from the very beginning, Roitman said.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls are crucial today to the understanding of Christianity," Roitman said. "Don't forget the first Christians were also Jews."

Lucia McCoy, a Brite Divinity

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Ty Halasz/Photo editor  
Adolfo Roitman, curator and director of the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem, lectures on the Dead Sea scrolls at Congregation Ahavath Sholom on Thursday.

## The Weather

### FRIDAY

High: 65; Low: 43; Sunny

### SATURDAY

High: 71; Low: 57; Mostly Sunny

### SUNDAY

High: 75; Low: 40; Partly Cloudy/Wind

## Looking Back

1939 — George Burns was sentenced for buying jewelry from a smuggler. Rather than receiving the maximum 18-year sentence, he was fined \$8,000 and given a one-year suspended sentence.

1949 — "These Are My Children," the first daytime soap opera, debuted on NBC. The show, only 15 minutes long, aired weekdays at 5 p.m. in January and February 1949.

## WatchFor

Check out Tuesday's Skiff for photos and a recap of the TCU-UTA baseball game played in the new baseball stadium.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board  
for campus events

• LEAPS 2003 Leadership Committee is accepting applications for the fall. Pick up applications in University Ministries, Student Center, Room 111. Deadline is 5 p.m. today. For more information, contact Robin Williamson.

• Men's Basketball vs. Houston will be at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For tickets and more information, call (817) 257-7967.

• Ministers Week hosted by Brit Divinity School and University Christian Church will begin with Scott and McFadin lectures from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at UCC. For more information, call (817) 257-7513.

• African Heritage Organization needs volunteers to model traditional costumes in the International Week fashion show. If interested, e-mail Telma Sevilla at (aho\_tcu@yahoo.com) before Monday.

• Night at the Apollo will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom. This will be set up in a talent show fashion that also celebrates Black History Month.

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody 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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## METEORITE

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will also elevate the visibility of the geology program," Ferrari said.

The museum is located on the second floor of Sid W. Richardson Building, and will not only be a permanent addition to TCU, but is free to students and the general public. You can take a tour through the museum with the help of an audio cassette, written by Ehlmann, or just go at your own pace, Ehlmann said.

Inside the museum there is a large variety of meteorites from all over the world. There is also a special "Texas Hall of Fame" section for meteorites found just in the state. The exhibit includes a video room showing a four-minute video about the collection.

Ehlmann said some meteorites can be touched by the public, as well as a piece of Mars. He said the museum also features a meteorite found in 1492, the year Columbus sailed the ocean.

Students like Beth Pernitz, a freshman premajor, agrees that while not all students know about the museum, those who do believe it will be beneficial in their science

courses.

"I think it's going to help us in our labs," Pernitz said. "I don't think they've done enough advertising for it. I wouldn't know about it if I wasn't in geology right now."

The museum has received some statewide coverage. Ehlmann said the museum has already been featured in *Texas Highways* magazine, and *The Dallas Morning News* is working on a story.

Ehlmann is currently the volunteer director of the museum and the museum curator. Ehlmann said the museum will eventually have a full-time director, but that he will continue being the curator.

The museum dedication takes place today in a private ceremony with the Board of Trustees. Regular museum hours will be 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Ehlmann said the museum will also be available for private sessions, and that he expects many groups from local schools to visit the museum on class trips.

Ehlmann said he hopes students will understand what a great opportunity to learn the museum gives them.

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## NUMBERS

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Alexander said TCU's Web site serves as the main tool for gathering information regarding the university. Because about 60,000 students express interest in TCU a year, the university wants as much information as possible to be available online, he said.

"Electronic communication has filled the gaps between our communication with future students," Alexander said.

Tim Miller, a junior business major who transferred from the University of Texas at Arlington,

said after he completed his application, he immediately received numerous e-mails informing him about university activities and requirements for graduation.

"I've always been impressed with the stature of academics they had to offer, but the overwhelming factor that attracted me to TCU was the school's desire to meet my every need and make me feel welcome," Miller said.

Alexander said the Internet's greatest feature is its option for students to apply online because it increases both the number and quality of applications TCU receives every year.

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## ROITMAN

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student, said the lecture expanded her knowledge of the subject from what she had learned in her courses.

"(The lecture) gives more of a bird's eye view from an expert," McCoy said. "That's why these lectures are important."

McCoy said Roitman did an excellent job of pointing out the relevance of the topic and that it is a topic of importance today.

"History didn't start the day after Christ, it started before," McCoy said. "All of it is important. If we don't know that, we need to learn that."

McCoy said she was expecting to learn about history, but also learned about unity and common ground in

an age of conflict.

"It's not just about history, it's about who we are and where we are going," she said.

Nelson said Roitman's visit is valuable because he provides one-on-one contact that is interesting because he can talk about what is new in Dead Sea Scroll research.

Roitman is only the second curator and director of the Shrine of the Book, where he has been since 1994. He has published three books, two of which cover the topic of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Today, Roitman will visit classes at Brite and present the lecture, "Jerusalem, The Temple and the Origin of Sectarianism in Ancient Israel" at noon in the Beasley Building Room 107.

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## CHANCELLOR

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He said they contacted seven of the nominees for interviews, narrowed the search down to three final candidates of which one was invited for a full campus visit Wednesday.

"The whole process has gone very well," Megan Boschini said from their home in Illinois. "We appreciate that everything was kept so confidential. I'm sure it was hard on TCU and to spring it on (ISU) so late is tough too, but in the long run, it really makes it easier on the family."

Boschini said he wants to work on TCU's national visibility.

"(TCU) has every element in place — the faculty and the student body," he said. "You just need to take it out on a national scope."

Trustee Joan Rogers said she felt confident in Boschini because of his experience.

"We are thrilled to death to have him," she said. "We are all very impressed with his energy, enthusiasm and youth."

Sociology instructor Keith Whitworth said faculty members who

have met with Boschini have spoken very highly of him.

"It seems he almost immediately gained everyone's respect and confidence, which is not an easy task," he said.

Ferrari said he has mixed emotions during this transition period but is confident in the new chancellor.

"I am pleased, no, more than pleased, I am excited about the new chancellor," he said.

Peter Eidenberg, a senior political science major, said he is excited about how young and energetic Boschini is, but is also worried about his experience level and how well prepared he is for the job.

"He's got big shoes to fill, a lot of expectations to meet and a big challenge to rise to," he said.

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## NewsBriefs

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University Christian Church will host Ministers Week Monday to Thursday to give alumni, students and faculty an opportunity to worship and continue their religious education, said Stan Hagadone, director of Admissions and Continuing Education for Brit Divinity School.

Hagadone said lectures will begin at 8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. on the following three days. A hymn festival will be led by John Weaver, a professor of organ at Juilliard School of Music in New York, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Hagadone said.

A new element of Ministers Week is a breakfast Wednesday honoring women in ministry and their supporters, Hagadone said.

— Crystal Forester

## Three's company

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Former chancellors J.M. Moudy (left) and William E. Tucker (center) stand beside Chancellor Michael Ferrari at Thursday's press conference.

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— Crystal Forester

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## The Skiff View DEFICIT

### Bush's plan only causes more trouble

If President George W. Bush's goal is to create an even more monstrous deficit that the United States will never get out of, he's on the right track.

On Tuesday, at the beginning of his State of the Union address, Bush clearly stated, "we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations."

Well, if future generations are not going to be paying the bills, it looks like the responsibility will somehow fall to this generation, because Bush seems to be on a spending spree.

In his speech, Bush proposed an immense increase in government spending, only to be overshadowed by the threat of his projected tax cuts and the unwanted, but almost inevitable, war with Iraq.

The aim of Bush's proposed programs, both big and small, seems to be to cast the president in a very compassionate light. In addition to a \$400 billion overhaul of Medicare over the next 10 years, he also proposed several more billions of dollars for mentoring programs, addiction treatment, AIDS relief in Africa and the Caribbean and research funding so the United States can lead the field in hydrogen-powered cars.

At the same time, he wants tax reductions that would make the tax cuts enacted in 2001 permanent and end the double taxation of dividends.

"A family of four with an income of \$40,000 would see their federal income taxes fall from \$1,178 to \$45 (a year)," Bush said.

Though Bush has not yet dragged the nation into war with Iraq, the underlying message of his patriotic prose was that we are more than ready to pick a fight. What in the world could be going through the president's head for him to think that he can meet such massive expenditures by proposing an equally alarming reduction in federal taxes?

## QuoteUnquote

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

"One of the first things he asked us was, 'What's the first thing I should do?'"

— Chris Sawyer, chairman of the speech communication department, about Victor Boschini Jr.

"I don't think there is any doubt that this is the largest flying saucer sect ever."

— Miguel Leatham, an associate professor of anthropology, on the Raelians

"I really hate that clip from that speech. It reduces him to one speech, one time. He was a great orator and speaker. He was a great moral philosopher, strategist and a great leader."

— Roger Wilkins, civil rights activist, on Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech

"They have parking facilities but they don't want to use them. If you do park at TCU, you pay a hefty fine and that pushed them out into the neighborhoods. Now we are having to deal with it, and I want to push them back into their own parking lots and let them use the shuttle bus."

— Marsha Cowdin, Frisco Heights neighborhood resident, on student parking in residential areas

"If they already lack the integrity not to cheat, they are not going to mind lying on an honor statement."

— Becky Saltzman, a junior

## HELP WANTED

The *Skiff* opinion page is now hiring columnists. Students must have excellent writing 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 Editor Brandon Ortiz at (b.p.ortiz@tcu.edu).

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## Bias not needed in class

### Professors don't balance their own political agendas

Thousands of dollars, late nights spent buried in textbooks, early classes and sleepless finals weeks: all these sacrifices made for what end?

Common sense would tell you these things would help you gain a college education and allow you to make a better life for yourself. But frequently students endure classroom atmospheres that are slanted toward a professor's world view and then face a myriad of consequences for offering a differing opinion.

The long-standing pillars of higher education always have been academic freedom, intellectual honesty and the freedom of expression. Recently, diversity has become a key goal of higher education too. These things are meant to foster an educational experience that encourages freedom of thought and an education formed by critical thinking.

Modern college courses often lose those educational principles when professors fail to balance their political agendas with opposing views and ignore facts in favor of opinion. Universities search high and low for faculty members of different races, genders and sexual preferences, but

diversity of thought is never given much consideration. Only diversity in the professors' sociopolitical philosophies would give you differing views on issues such as abortion, capitalism and religion.

Studies continue to show that while universities seek diversity as a priority, the dominance of liberal professors continues to grow. Last year UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute polled 32,000 full-time undergraduate professors. It found that 48 percent identified as "liberal" or "far left" while only 18 percent described themselves as "conservative" or "far right."

Typically professors who prescribe to a conservative philosophy end up teaching classes in the hard sciences. Paul Kengor detailed a recent study he conducted in an issue of Policy Review in which he examined the political makeup of 190 social science and humanities professors at many of the nation's top universities, such as Cornell, Stanford and the University of Colorado. Only six Republicans were found while 184 were registered Democrats. These are the classes where professors can indoctrinate students with their views on politics, religion, morality and other subjects.

Some say a professor's political ideology does not impact how they approach the classroom. While some professors are capable of putting aside their agenda-

dias, examples of bias can be found at nearly every university.

Students detail how, time after time, professors introduce topics not included on the course description, squelch opposing opinions in discussion, misrepresent facts and encourage students to adopt the professor's point of view.

Cases of obvious bias are troubling enough, but when a teacher's opinion is taught as fact, students become indoctrinated without ever realizing they were taught lies or things that might not be totally certain. This often is the case in history classes when teachers present an unhistoric account of people or events.

With the lack of accountability in the classroom and balance in teachers' views, how are students to trust the education they receive? Are they merely becoming indoctrinated members of the liberal left?

Accountability is needed. Web sites such as ([www.noindoctrination.org](http://www.noindoctrination.org)) offer students a venue to air their grievances, which will hopefully usher in change. Administrators should encourage balanced views to be presented in the classroom and punish those who use it as a political soapbox. With a university culture that is so in love with diversity and promoting it through affirmative action programs, maybe we should consider adding conservatives to the list of those who receive special minority consideration.

Jason Dore is a columnist for The Reveille at Louisiana State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

## Bush speech turns surprising

Hamid Karzai, Rudy Giuliani and Sharon Spann could not be found in the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives. There were no strategically placed heroes in the wings of Congress, Tuesday evening. The focus was squarely and solidly placed upon the president.

On a day that saw the re-election of Ariel Sharon as prime minister of Israel, the largest battle in Afghanistan since March and the continuing saga taking place at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, the beginning of President Bush's State of the Union was strangely out-of-place. Drug addiction, mentoring programs, human cloning and partial birth abortion. You could almost see William Kristol and the rest of the neocons yawning and turning off their TV sets, as Bush slogged through his domestic agenda. The assaults on trial lawyers and the bitter memories of ClintonCare were a tedious prelude to next year's presidential election. But just a shade before 9:35 p.m., the speech underwent a tectonic shift.

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### Bush's plan only causes more trouble

If President George W. Bush's goal is to create an even more monstrous deficit that the United States will never get out of, he's on the right track.

On Tuesday, at the beginning of his State of the Union address, Bush clearly stated, "we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations."

Well, if future generations are not going to be paying the bills, it looks like the responsibility will somehow fall to this generation, because Bush seems to be on a spending spree.

In his speech, Bush proposed an immense increase in government spending, only to be overshadowed by the threat of his projected tax cuts and the unwanted, but almost inevitable, war with Iraq.

The aim of Bush's proposed programs, both big and small, seems to be to cast the president in a very compassionate light. In addition to a \$400 billion overhaul of Medicare over the next 10 years, he also proposed several more billions of dollars for mentoring programs, addiction treatment, AIDS relief in Africa and the Caribbean and research funding so the United States can lead the field in hydrogen-powered cars.

At the same time, he wants tax reductions that would make the tax cuts enacted in 2001 permanent and end the double taxation of dividends.

"A family of four with an income of \$40,000 would see their federal income taxes fall from \$1,178 to \$45 (a) year," Bush said.

Though Bush has not yet dragged the nation into war with Iraq, the underlying message of his patriotic prose was that we are more than ready to pick a fight. What in the world could be going through the president's head for him to think that he can meet such massive expenditures by proposing an equally alarming reduction in federal taxes?

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## Bias not needed in class

### Professors don't balance their own political agendas

Thousands of dollars, late nights spent buried in textbooks, early classes and sleepless finals weeks: all these sacrifices made for what end?

Common sense would tell you these things would help you gain a college education and allow you to make a better life for yourself. But frequently students endure classroom atmospheres that are slanted toward a professor's world view and then face a myriad of consequences for offering a differing opinion.

The long-standing pillars of higher education always have been academic freedom, intellectual honesty and the freedom of expression. Recently, diversity has become a key goal of higher education too. These things are meant to foster an educational experience that encourages freedom of thought and an education formed by critical thinking.

Modern college courses often lose those educational principles when professors fail to balance their political agendas with opposing views and ignore facts in favor of opinion. Universities search high and low for faculty members of different races, genders and sexual preferences, but

diversity of thought is never given much consideration. Only diversity in the professors' sociopolitical philosophies would give you differing views on issues such as abortion, capitalism and religion.

Studies continue to show that while universities seek diversity as a priority, the dominance of liberal professors continues to grow. Last year UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute polled 32,000 full-time undergraduate professors. It found that 48 percent identified as "liberal" or "far left" while only 18 percent described themselves as "conservative" or "far right."

Typically professors who prescribe to a conservative philosophy end up teaching classes in the hard sciences. Paul Kengor detailed a recent study he conducted in an issue of Policy Review in which he examined the political makeup of 190 social science and humanities professors at many of the nation's top universities, such as Cornell, Stanford and the University of Colorado. Only six Republicans were found while 184 were registered Democrats. These are the classes where professors can indoctrinate students with their views on politics, religion, morality and other subjects.

Some say a professor's political ideology does not impact how they approach the classroom. While some professors are capable of putting aside their agenda

das, examples of bias can be found at nearly every university.

Students detail how, time after time, professors introduce topics not included on the course description, squelch opposing opinions in discussion, misrepresent facts and encourage students to adopt the professor's point of view.

Cases of obvious bias are troubling enough, but when a teacher's opinion is taught as fact, students become indoctrinated without ever realizing they were taught lies or things that might not be totally certain. This often is the case in history classes when teachers present an unhistorical account of people or events.

With the lack of accountability in the classroom and balance in teachers' views, how are students to trust the education they receive? Are they merely becoming indoctrinated members of the liberal left?

Accountability is needed. Web sites such as ([www.noindoctrination.org](http://www.noindoctrination.org)) offer students a venue to air their grievances, which will hopefully usher in change. Administrators should encourage balanced views to be presented in the classroom and punish those who use it as a political soapbox. With a university culture that is so in love with diversity and promoting it through affirmative action programs, maybe we should consider adding conservatives to the list of those who receive special minority consideration.

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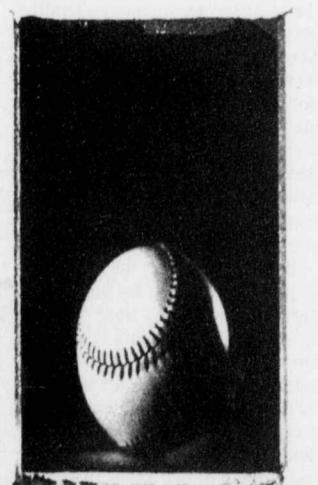
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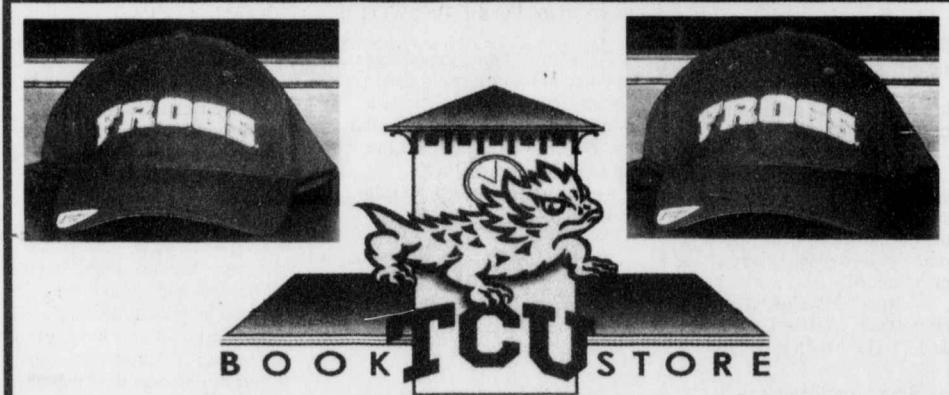
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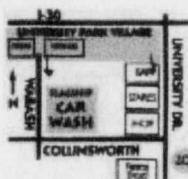
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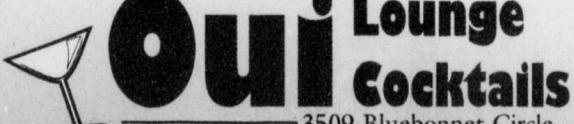
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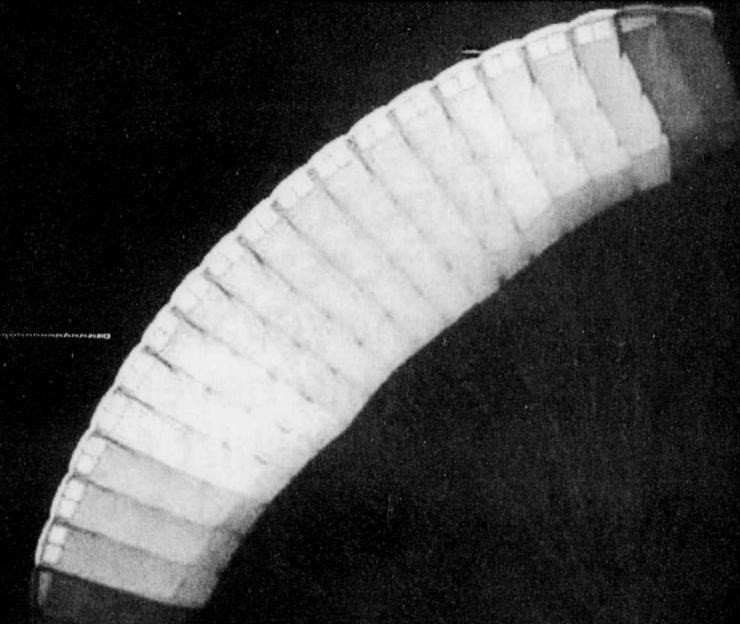
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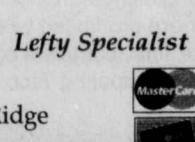
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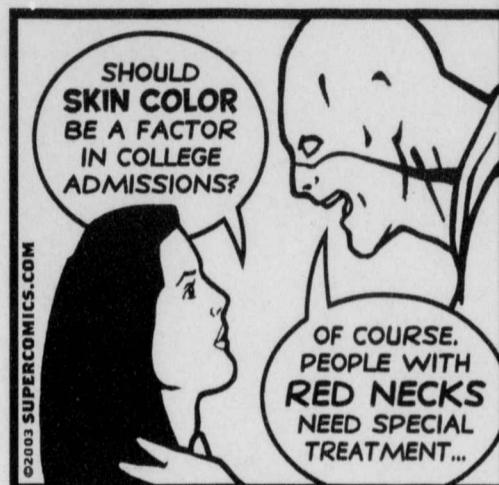


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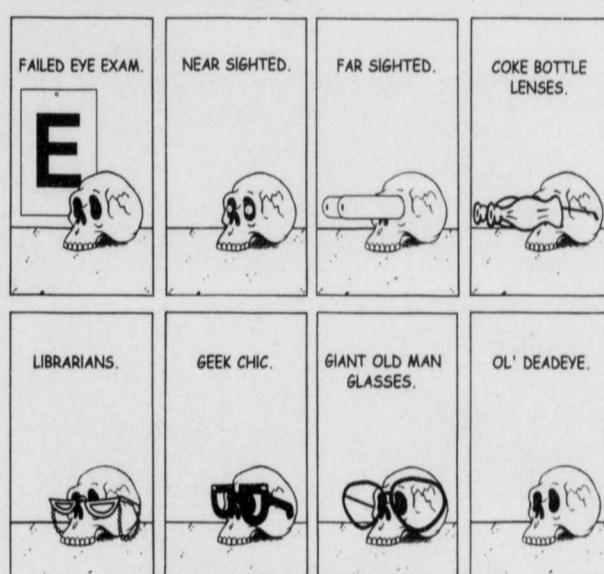
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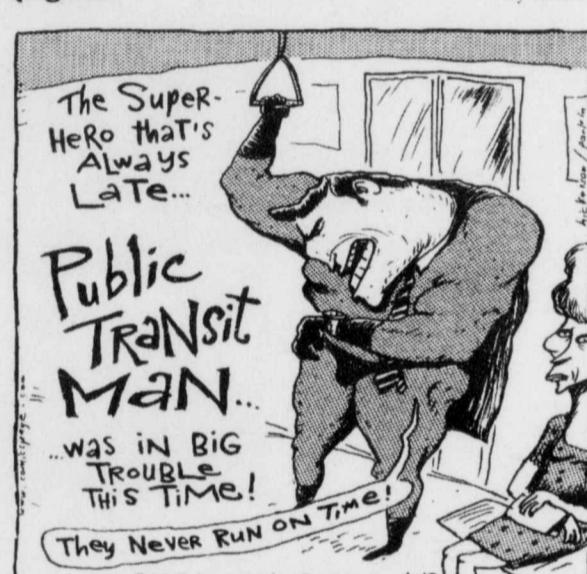
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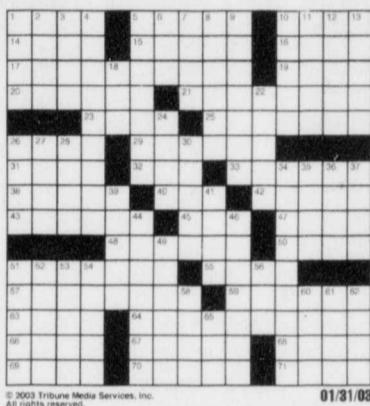
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Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

## Today's Crossword

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### Thursday's Solutions



## Religion Directory

### Baptist

**University Baptist Church**  
2720 Wabash (across from Sherley dorm)  
Campus Bible study Sunday  
9:30am Morning service Sunday  
10:30am Bish alt. worship Sunday  
8:03pm Visit us on the web  
[www.ubforworth.org/campus.htm](http://www.ubforworth.org/campus.htm)  
817-926-3318.

### Christian

**University Park Church**  
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### Bible Church

**Christ Chapel Bible Church**  
3740 Birchman Ave. 817-731-4329  
Sunday worship services: 9:45am, 5:00pm. College Impact 11:15am in the "Big White house".  
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[Ryanm@christchapelbc.org](mailto:Ryanm@christchapelbc.org)

### Church of Christ

**McKinney Memorial Bible Church**  
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### Disciples of Christ

**South Hills Christian Church**  
Rev. Dotte Cook  
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### Catholic

**St. Andrews Catholic Church**  
3717 Stadium Dr. 817-927-5382  
Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 7:00am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm. Daily Mass 8:00 am. [www.standrewscatholic.org](http://www.standrewscatholic.org)  
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### Episcopal

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
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### Lutheran

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## The Sideline

### Men's tennis team to host TCU Shootout Saturday

The men's tennis team, currently ranked 35th in the Omni Hotels/ITA rankings, will host Arizona State, Pepperdine and Washington this weekend at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center for the TCU Shootout.

Arizona State is currently ranked No. 41 and holds a record of 1-0 this season.

Pepperdine is 4-1 on the season and is No. 17 in ITA's standings. Washington is ranked 19th.

The Frogs are undefeated so far this season after three matches.

Arizona State and Pepperdine will play at 10 a.m. Saturday and TCU and Washington will face off at 1:30 p.m.

TCU plays at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, whether it be the winners or the losers bracket.

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### Five Houston Texans to play in NFL Europe

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have allocated five players to hone their skills in NFL Europe this spring, including former Colorado standout John Minardi, a free agent the team signed this week.

Joining Minardi at NFL Europe training camp in Tampa on Feb. 24 will be wide receiver LaVell Boyd, tight end Rashod Kent, free safety Glenn Sumter and linebacker Terrell Washington.

Minardi spent time in Houston's training camp last year.

NFL Europe, a developmental league for young players trying to catch on to NFL rosters, kicks

## Guards look to limit turnovers

Ortega, Baldwin try to fill Nix's shoes

BY DREW IRWIN

Skiff Staff

Replacing a team leader in assists and steals is never easy. But that is exactly what the Lady Frogs have to do this season.

Guard Ashanti Nix, whose eligibility ended last year, recorded 79 steals last season, the most of any Lady Frog since 1987.

She was also named the team's Defensive Player of the Year along with junior guard Ebony Shaw last season.

Senior Candace Baldwin and junior Kim Ortega now switch off between the No. 1 guard position.

"(Nix) left big shoes to fill," Baldwin said. "We're working on it every day, and I think we're doing a good job at it."

Baldwin leads the team in assists (53) and steals (31) and has significantly increased her minutes a game this year. Last season, Baldwin averaged 20 minutes a game but now ranks third on the team in minutes played with 26 a game.

"Candace is a strong physical point guard," said head coach Jeff Mittie. "She has been outstanding at times, and she has done a little of everything for us."

When Baldwin is off the court, Ortega has done well matching her numbers. A transfer student from Seward County Community Col-

lege, Ortega is second on the team in assists (31) and steals (30) all while averaging just 17 minutes a game. Ortega made her first season start Sunday against Charlotte.

"There's always going to be an adjustment from junior college," Mittie said. "She's played well, and I think she's starting to come around."

Baldwin and Ortega are among the team leaders in field goal percentage, each shooting more than 42 percent from the field.

"We're trying to find a happy medium with our point guards," Mittie said. "They're not pressured to score every time, but they can score when we need it."

Both Ortega and Baldwin, however, do lead the team in turnovers.

TCU averages 20.7 turnovers a game, 1.5 more than last season, and its opponents average 19.3 turnovers a game.

"We just need to take care of the ball better," Ortega said. "We need to concentrate on the easy pass instead of the pass that almost gets there."

And while Nix also led the team in turnovers, she compensated with assists. Nix recorded a 1.1 assist-to-turnover ratio, but neither Ortega nor Baldwin has more assists than turnovers this season. Senior guard Tricia Payne is the only starter with an assist-to-turnover ratio more than one.

"We've tried to simplify things so that they're not thinking so much," Mittie said. "Then, they can just go out there and play basketball."

Drew Irwin  
[r.a.irwin@tcu.edu](mailto:r.a.irwin@tcu.edu)

## If you build it ...

TCU's field of dreams is a reality. The Horned Frogs will play their first game in their new stadium, the Charles and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium, 2 p.m. Sunday against Texas-Arlington. Construction began on TCU's \$7 million new home in December 2001. The picture, right, shows the stadium's site under construction in March.

The picture, below, shows the stadium and the new Williams-Reilly Field Thursday, just days before their opening. The stadium will have more than 2,000 permanent seats, luxury suites, training rooms, batting/pitching cages and improvements in the dugouts, press boxes and concession stands. It will also have lighting for night games. TCU's old stadium, the TCU Diamond, had been opened since 1962. Lupton Stadium's dedication is scheduled for Feb. 21.



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