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Ferrari, Boschini match up in funding, spending



Chancellor Michael Ferrari congratulates chancellor-designate Victor Boschini Jr. at a January press conference.

Universities show change, growth with both men

BY JACQUE NGUYEN
Staff Reporter

Illinois State University President Victor Boschini Jr. first crossed paths with Chancellor Michael Ferrari as a graduate student at Bowling Green University when Ferrari was provost. Little did Boschini, TCU's chancellor-designate, know he would be following in Ferrari's footsteps so closely.

Boschini will officially become chancellor June 1, ending his four-year position as Illinois State University president. Ferrari originally became chancellor March 25, 1998.

Despite Ferrari's and Boschini's differences in leading a private uni-

versity and a public university, respectively, certain aspects of their records have shown similarities throughout their tenures.

Fund raising

Ferrari and Boschini have both implemented key fund-raising campaigns that have taken each university to a higher level.

In a *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* article, a TCU official said fund raising is what the university needs most right now.

At his official inauguration, Ferrari announced his plans for a Commission on the Future of TCU and set the agenda for a fund-raising campaign, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor of university advancement.

The strategic planning project involved 500 TCU trustees, faculty, staff and students forming 17 task forces to decide what taking TCU to a higher level of distinction means, Davis said.

Davis said \$100 million in cash was raised in the first four years of Ferrari's administration.

"This has been the most successful four years in fund raising the university has ever had in cash commitments," Davis said.

The university set a fund-raising goal of \$230 million by 2007, Davis said.

According to a *Skiff* article, when Ferrari came to the university in 1998, the endowment was at \$750 million. In March 2002, it reached its highest point ever at \$1 billion.

Boschini has guided ISU through the university's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign and has already raised \$63 million toward its \$88 million goal, said Susan Kern, vice president of university advancement.

"We are well on our way to raising more money than we ever have at ISU," Kern said.

The success of this campaign will

continue to depend on alumni, not corporations, which differentiates it from most fund-raising campaigns, she said.

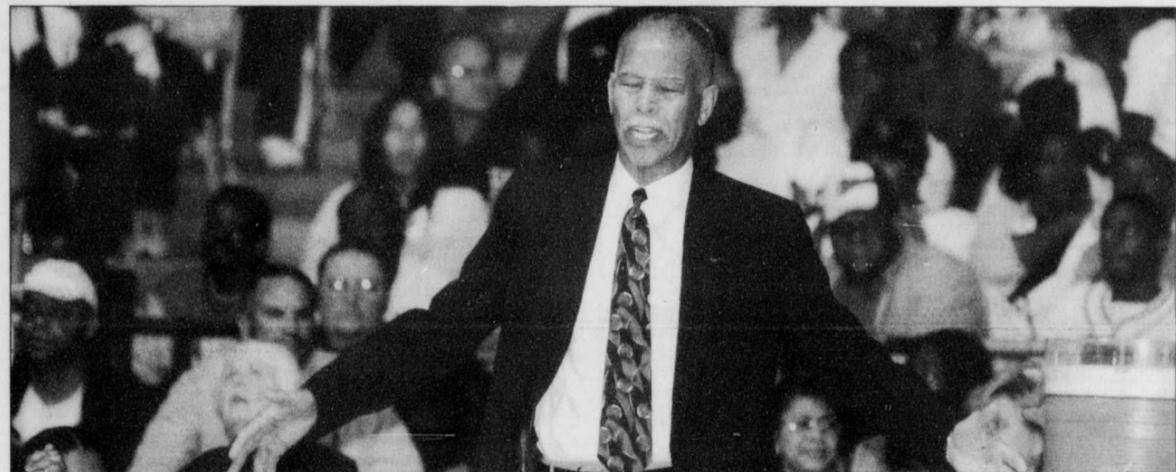
According to the *Star-Telegram*, Boschini provided the university with its first endowed chair and helped raise the endowment from \$33.3 million to \$33.7 million.

Construction and renovation

Ferrari and Boschini have both taken funds from other areas to aid in new construction and renovations for their respective universities.

TCU has seen new construction with the \$25 million William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center, which opened in June 2002, the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurial Hall to be completed this month and the \$7 million Charlie and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium, which

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Fort Worth Dunbar basketball coach Robert Hughes became the winningest coach in high school basketball history Tuesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Dunbar won the game 71-62 against Fort Worth Polytechnic.

Enrollment cap to ensure optimal size

BY BRENT YARINA
Staff Reporter

As the TCU administration prepares for life after Chancellor Michael Ferrari, one element university officials expect to remain the same is the enrollment cap.

For the fall 2003 semester, Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said TCU will enroll about 1,500 freshman. He said no more students can be considered because of a lack of on-campus housing, faculty and class space.

Before last year, Brown said the university didn't pay too much attention to caps. However, three consecutive years of record applications forced the university to be cap conscious, he said.

"The popularity of this place didn't catch fire until a few years ago," Brown said. "Many qualified students won't get into TCU as a result, whereas in previous years only the unqualified students weren't accepted. This is a new phenomenon for us."

Since Brown arrived at TCU three years ago, he said the acceptance rate has decreased from 80 percent to 71.4 percent. Brown said he expects the rate to be somewhere between 60 percent and 70 percent next fall.

In the cap's first semester this past fall, TCU reached its goal by enrolling 1,451 freshman, Brown said. The university wanted to enroll between 1,450 to 1,475 freshman, he said.

Ferrari said he implemented the enrollment cap on last year's incoming freshman class to keep total enrollment under 8,000 students and to prevent TCU from growing by 100 undergraduate students each year. As the enrollment continued to expand, he said the university began receiving complaints concerning larger class sizes and more adjunct faculty.

Chris Katri, a junior accounting and finance major, said he favors the enrollment cap because it makes enrolling easier and classes smaller.

"TCU prides itself on providing a favorable student to teacher ratio; however, I'm still in classes with as many as 40 people," Katri said.

Despite knowing that enrollment growth generates additional revenue, Ferrari said the added cost of

more students outweighs any profit. "The decision to grow can and should be based on key strategic factors of optimal size to build or sustain a quality learning environment, not simply to generate more money," Ferrari said.

Ferrari said TCU is dedicated to keeping stable enrollment at the undergraduate level and selected growth at the graduate level. This fall, he said the graduate enrollment was 1,223 students.

Chancellor-designate Victor Boschini Jr. said he was hesitant to comment on the enrollment cap until he arrives at TCU and knows more about the issue.

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'HOT DOG AND HALLELUJAH'

Hughes grabs 1,275th win as high school coach

BY SARAH KREBS
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Dunbar High School's Robert Hughes, 74, won his 1,275th game to break the national record for career coaching wins for boy's high school basketball Tuesday.

Dunbar defeated Polytechnic 71-62 to become the District 7-4A champs at the crowded Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"Hot dog and Hallelujah," Hughes said about the anticipation of breaking the record being over. "Our main focus was on winning the district championship and not on the record."

Hughes beat Morgan Wooten, 71, who retired after 46 years at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., with

a record of 1,274-192 (.869).

"It's hit me to the extent of how much interest it generated," Hughes said.

More than a capacity crowd of 7,262 people began arriving at the coliseum before 6 p.m., and those not in seats were standing in almost all of the entry-ramps.

Chuck Baskin, who worked with Hughes' wife, Jackie, at Bell Helicopter, said he had been to about a dozen of Hughes' games.

"This is pretty great," Baskin said. "I like to be here to pay Hughes respect and I think it is important for the community to do that. It was hard getting in here with the traffic and construction, but it's great that this many people turned out for a high school game."

The crowd, comprised mostly of Dunbar students, parents, alumni and high school basketball enthusiasts, even did a few rounds of the wave toward the end of the game to show their excitement about the team's win.

Dexter Wilson, who played for Dunbar and Hughes for one season in 1976, said playing for Hughes was intense and

scary because of how strict he was on the court.

"He's well respected, the legend that he is, and he's a hard worker and loves what he does," Wilson said.

In response to being called a legend, Hughes said: "The last time I walked down to my local coffee shop and told the lady I was a legend as a

coach, she said 'Coach, you either give me a dollar or we're going to call the police,'" Hughes said. "Being a legend as a coach will only get you coffee at a cheap place."

Hughes said he credits his success to his special ability to coach basketball, and that his biggest problem was not to mess up and to take advantage of the gift bestowed upon him.

As blue and white streamers floated down from the ceiling and the crowd roared with approval, Hughes and his team received a plaque for winning the District 7-4A game. This is Hughes' 36th trip to the playoffs.

"I don't know about the future," Hughes said. "But I told my boys that whenever my time is up, they should put fishing poles outside my garage. So until the day I look up and see three or four fishing poles by my garage door, I'll be here."

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NewsBriefs

Kevlar belts replaced on machines at rec center

Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation, said employees from Fitness Service of North Texas replaced the kevlar belts on all Cybex machines Tuesday in the weight room at the University Recreation Center.

Kintigh said the only problem his

staff could find with the Freedom Nautilus Trainer machine, that Drew Corbett was injured on Monday, dealt with the calibration of the weights. Kintigh said the machine would be re-calibrated today and that the improper weight balance likely had nothing to do with the injury.

Corbett, a freshman journalism major, received four staples on the top of his forehead after one of the metal arms on the Freedom Nautilus

Trainer came loose and fell on his head while he was using it.

Corbett said he is hoping TCU will pay for his visit to the emergency room and his medical expenses. Bob Manners, who is in charge of risk management for Campus Recreation, could not be reached for comment.

Kintigh said people from Fitness Service are returning today to perform more service on machines, but that he did not know what kind of work or on what machines the

service is being done.

— Braden Howell

SGA seeks student input into dining services menus

Students now have a say in what is served at The Main, said Corrie Lockhart, Student Government Association dining committee chairwoman, Tuesday.

Lockhart, a freshman advertising/public relations major, said she has formed a committee to discuss the

weekly menu with Bryant Currie, dining services director of operations.

"Anybody in the university can help plan the menu each week," Lockhart said.

Also discussed during the SGA meeting:

n University Affairs Chairman Blake Eason said students will be able to swipe their cards at baseball concession stands within the semester, and that his committee is also looking into improving attendance at sporting

events and extending library hours.

n SGA President Brad Thompson said the academic advising and eating disorder task forces are being formed.

n Sebastian Moleski, an SGA representative, proposed a committee to address student concerns about the spam screening system for TCU e-mail.

n Nick James, elections and regulations chairman, said his committee will be investigating handicap accessibility of buildings on campus.

— Jessica Sanders

The Weather

WEDNESDAY

High: 62; Low: 46; Partly Cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 57; Low: 50; Showers

FRIDAY

High: 68; Low: 47; Showers

LookingBack

1793 — Congress passed the first fugitive slave law, that requires all states, including those that forbid slavery, to forcibly return slaves who have escaped from other states to their original owners.

1999 — The five week impeachment trial of Bill Clinton came to an end when the Senate voted to acquit the president on both articles of impeachment, perjury and obstruction of justice.

WatchFor

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■ **Le Cercle Francais** will meet at 3 p.m. today in Bistro Burnett. For more information, call (817) 257-6366.

■ **Organization of Latin American Students** will have an *INROADS* representative as a guest speaker at their meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 202. *INROADS* is a non-profit organization that trains young people of color for professional careers in business and industry. For more information, contact Lisa Cano or Lori Reynolds.

■ **Amnesty International** will have a meeting at 6 p.m. today in Student Center Basement, Room 9. For more information, e-mail Lauren Kelley at (l.a.kelley@tcu.edu).

■ **KinoMonda World film series** will present "Operation Y" (Russia) at 7 p.m. today in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 1. For more information, call (817) 257-7292.

■ **Myths of African-Americans Forum** will be at noon today in the Student Center Lounge. For more information, call (817) 257-7855.

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FERRARI

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opened earlier this month.

Renovations were made to University Recreation Center, Waits Hall and Foster Hall and \$30 million toward laboratory and classroom renovations.

Davis said the initiative to take \$30 million from the endowment to renovate classrooms and laboratories was planned in the TCU Commission.

"Ferrari felt it was important to TCU's well-being to go ahead (with the new construction and renovations) and raise the money as we go," Davis said.

ISU saw new construction in the Center for Performing Arts, which took three years to complete and was dedicated Oct. 18, 2002, said Christine Tsui, assistant director of facilities planning and construction. In 1996, the tuition was raised to finance the building, she said.

Tsui said using \$28 million in grants, the College of Business Building began construction in April 2002. The project's completion is anticipated in time for the fall 2004 class, she said.

Existing farm property in Normal, Ill., was sold to fund the purchase of a corporate research farm in Lexington, approximately 20 miles away, Tsui said. Four farm buildings were constructed for research purposes and new utilities were installed with a budget of \$5 million.

Enrollment

Since Ferrari and Boschini have been school leaders, both TCU and ISU have seen increases in student enrollment.

According to the 2002 Fact Book, when Ferrari became chancellor in 1998, there were 7,395 students enrolled at the university. In 2002, enrollment had increased to 8,074 students.

James Atwood, assistant dean of admissions, said enrollment has in-

creased because of Ferrari's leadership.

"The number's have gone through the roof," Atwood said.

ISU Director of Admissions Steve Adams said enrollment has increased from 20,281 students in 1999 to 20,975 in 2002.

"Since Dr. Boschini has been at ISU, the university has grown in enrollment and grown in quality of the student body," Adams said.

Atwood said Ferrari and the university want to enroll talented and diverse students.

According to a fall 2002 Skiff article, one way the university has attempted to address diversity is through the Chancellor's Council on Diversity, which was introduced three months after Ferrari became chancellor.

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said the council consists of students, faculty, staff and alumni who develop strategies and programs to increase diversity at TCU and the

surrounding area.

In 1998, minorities made up 12 percent of total enrollment, according to the 2002 Fact Book. In 2002, the number of minorities made up 13.5 percent.

Enrollment of undergraduate minorities at ISU for fall 2002 is 10.1 percent of total enrollment, according to the office of Planning and Institutional Research.

According to the trend of the undergraduate minority enrollment, the rate did not increase each year like TCU's enrollment did. In 1999, the number of undergraduate minorities was 529 and in 2002 the number was 461.

Tuition

With the current condition of the economy, Ferrari and Boschini have had to increase tuition to continue to provide resources for each university.

Enrollment at TCU has increased each year, but so has tuition. When

Ferrari became chancellor in 1998, the tuition was \$345 a credit hour, estimated at \$11,590 a year, according to the 2002 Fact Book. Tuition and fees have increased by more than \$1,000 each of the past three years.

"The increase (in tuition and fees) was implemented to sustain TCU's overall quality of academic programs and general operations," Ferrari said.

According to ISU, the university operates by credit hour. In 1999 when Boschini became university president, the tuition and fees for 15 credit hours was \$2,232.55 and increased to \$2,649.07 by fall 2002.

ISU Director of Admissions Steve Adams said funding levels from the state have decreased. Because of the economy, and the university, along with other state universities, has had to raise tuition to continue to provide the resources that students need to succeed, he said.

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The Skiff View INFORMED

Players shouldn't have been left in dark

As the cliché goes, timing is everything. Whether the men's soccer team should have been cut could be debated endlessly, but the real issue is the players were kept in the dark until it was too late.

Athletic Director Eric Hyman said the decision came as a result of findings by the Commission on the Future/Role of Athletics Task Force, which were published in 2000. Although the final decision to cut the team may have been recent, the process was a long time coming.

The worst part is the players were not informed until after National Signing Day, thus limiting their options. They were also never included in the process or at least kept updated as to what could potentially happen.

"We had no idea, that's what's so interesting," senior defender Adam Williams said. "There was no grace period, like a year and we would be done."

Senior goalkeeper Michael Lahoud said players got treated unfairly because it is more difficult to transfer now.

"It's ridiculous that they announced this after National Signing Day," Lahoud said, "because it makes it much more difficult for guys to transfer because schools already have their new prospects."

If players had known this was happening, at least they could have planned ahead or had other schools interested in them save spots for them to transfer.

Players say they are working on a petition to save the team, but if athletic administrators don't bother to keep the players informed, why would they even bother to hear them out now?

Your View Letters to the Editor

Americans are not tasteless; they deserve more credit

I seem to have a problem; I apparently have poor taste. As stated in your paper last week, everyone in America, except for the author of the article ("Popular Opinion Ruins Pop Culture") has no taste. We as Americans apparently do not have the ability to choose the correct winner at the People Choice Awards. Furthermore, enjoyment of pop culture movies, such as "Spiderman" and bands like Creed, is not in good taste, according to the author. "American mass culture stinks," states the author. I will be the first to tell you that perhaps America does have some problems with what we show on television or in the movies. It is not the topic of my criticism. Rather, what I can tell you is that we should perhaps give America more credit than it was given in this article.

My question is, could this possibly be the same tasteless society that produced the likes of Aerosmith, REO Speedwagon and Lynard Skynard? What about movies like "Citizen Kane" or "Casablanca?" Some of the tasteless masses do enjoy them because they have received awards, sold millions of albums or videos and fascinated Americans for years. Since we are a tasteless society, I guess the national scholars like Toni Morrison (award-winning author), and former President Jimmy Carter (worldwide humanitarian) are tasteless buffoons too. What do they know about society? They only won one of society's most impressive awards: the Nobel Prize. So I guess Bill Gates, Alan Greenspan and Rudolph Giuliani are all just tasteless fools too, who have had no impression on our society.

— Nick James, sophomore political science major

Volunteering worth time and effort in the long run

Emily Turner made an important point in her article "Schedule time to help others out," Jan. 24. Turner stresses the importance of incorporating volunteer work into our busy lives. Volunteering should be an important part of our development into responsible and knowledgeable people.

Helping others is a way to learn about different types of people and the problems that face our cities, states and nations. It can also teach us the value of a human life. I had an amazing opportunity this past summer to volunteer at Buen Pastor, an all-girls orphanage in Guanajuato, Mexico. Although I speak very little Spanish, language was rarely a barrier between us. My time at Buen Pastor taught me a principle I have found true for almost all volunteer opportunities: it isn't necessary to be skilled at something in order to help; you simply need to care. The girls didn't need my words; they needed my attention and concern.

Yes, volunteering does also take time and energy, but the personal rewards are worth the price. Each volunteer experience can be filled with moments for you to learn and grow as a person while also having fun and helping others. This can be especially true if you pick an organization or cause that means something special to you. As students of TCU, a university whose mission statement encourages us to become leaders and responsible citizens in our global community, I propose a challenge to you. If you have never volunteered, try it once. If you don't enjoy it, there is no harm done. However, if you do, promise yourself you will make an effort to help out others more often. What is there to lose?

— Julie Bodemann, sophomore biology major

Secrecy leads to speculation

Fearing that it would become "politicized," Laura Bush postponed a planned poetry symposium at the White House.

Apparently many of the poets scheduled to attend were planning to criticize the proposed war with Iraq and the first lady felt political discussion would be inappropriate. Ironically, the symposium was to celebrate Walt Whitman and Langston Hughes, two poets known for being outspoken about the political issues of their time.

This quashing of dissent and this unwillingness to deal with any opposition is unfortunately a hallmark of the Bush administration. The president has demonstrated his lack of interest in the opinion of

anybody besides Karl Rove, Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld.

Bush is not the first president to keep a small circle of advisors and work from a closed policy-making process. The Bush administration has not only shown an unwillingness to accept dissent, but it has gone one step further by attempting to ensure that the public is not aware of the way the policy is made.

When the president revealed his energy policy, it read like a corporate wish list: drilling in Alaska, relaxing health and safety rules, loosening environmental protection laws and so on.

After the Enron collapse, Americans demanded to know the creators of the energy policy. In defiance of the public's and congress' right to know, Cheney refused to reveal the makeup and decision-making process of the task force, which was put together by the White House to formulate energy policy. It took a lawsuit

from the General Accounting Office to force Cheney to reveal the papers. However, the White House is still fighting the judge's order.

Currently, President Bush's judicial nominees, most notably Miguel Estrada, have relentlessly stonewalled nomination committees and have refused to answer questions about their personal interpretations of the law. The information these committees seek is crucial in putting together a fair and balanced judiciary especially once Supreme Court nominations are on the line. Nonetheless, Bush continues to support his nominees in their silent intransigence.

The secrecy concerning the war on terrorism is even more damaging. Thousands of Americans have been detained for months on the basis of secret evidence. The public has been treated to a series of vague, color-coded warnings which stir up fear and does nothing to protect the country.

The reasons for a possible war with Iraq are also being kept from

the public. While the White House has claimed to have "confidential evidence," the American people have been shown nothing to justify risking the lives of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers and spending billions of extra dollars in a budget already in the red.

The administration has not shown evidence to our allies. Before the war against the Taliban, administration representatives made the rounds with the proof justifying the war. With testimony to the contrary, one could make the case that the president is intentionally sabotaging the work of the U.N. inspectors in Iraq by refusing to share U.S. intelligence.

In light of this secrecy in both domestic and international policy, one has to wonder, what is Bush trying to hide?

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COMMENTARY



Josh Deitz

Soldiers need valentines too

Most people have had to spend a Valentine's Day alone. They sit on the couch rolling their eyes at all the schmaltzy movies on TV. They don't dare go out into the sea of sap engulfing restaurants and movie theaters. And they sit there trying to convince themselves they didn't really want a date anyway.

However, soldiers and officers serving on a military base miles away from friends and loved ones experience something a little worse. Those same gushy movies are like needles that prick at a memory. Many of the selfless men and women who have dedicated themselves to insuring our safety by enlisting in the military will have to spend Valentine's Day alone this year. They will courageously complete their duties on Friday. But at the same time, they'll pine for a little of that Valentine's Day sap.

The good news is they don't have to feel alone. The American Legion Auxiliary, a women's patriotic service organization, is sponsoring "Valentines For Troops." Their goal is to deliver one million preferably hand-made valentines to the servicemen and servicewomen stationed at various military bases.

They accept valentines from groups and from individuals. This is a fun, easy and inexpensive way to show troops that TCU cares and supports them.

The American Legion Auxiliary has a few guidelines to keep in mind when making valentines.

- Do not place valentines in individual envelopes. All messages will be screened for security reasons.
- Do not include negative or political messages. Take care when considering messages. Don't include any statement that may cause uneasiness to the reader.
- Do not use glitter when making valentines.
- Do not attach or send candy or food items.
- Valentines must be mailed by today (you might have to over-night them) or e-mailed by Friday. Those not received in time will be saved for next year.

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Valentine's Day doesn't have to be all mush and romance. Try breaking out the markers and construction paper and applying those amazing doodling skills to something other than the margins of your notes.

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COMMENTARY



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Jenny Specht



Don't be so hard on St. Valentine

For many, St. Valentine is no saint, but rather a harbinger of doom and despair, loneliness and longing.

This cursed man has left as his legacy an American holiday that causes mass pink and red hysteria, especially among young singles.

The truth is, though, I've never enjoyed V-Day (note the telling rhyme with D-Day).

Throughout elementary school, when boys had cooties, I hated having to send cheesy valentine cards with sayings like, "You're the coolest fish in the sea, Valentine."

"Ewww," I always thought. "This boy smells. I don't want to send this card to him." Why companies do not make simple "Have a Happy Valentine's Day" valentines for children, I still do not know.

Time and aging — and no longer thinking boys have cooties — have not increased my like for the over-commercialized holiday. While writing this, I saw four Valentine's commercials in half an hour. Worse yet, every store in the mall is Pepto-Bismol pink.

I like the color pink, and I think the holiday is a sweet concept, but sweet in the "sticky sweet girl who's so nice you want to strangle her" kind of way.

Everyone has a story of "that" Valentine's Day — the one where they were alone, crying, eating the better part of a package of Oreo cookies and drinking the better part of a bottle of wine. They made phone calls they shouldn't have; they watched "Runaway Bride" on TV and thought it was a touching movie.

But V-Day affects not only those without partners. It also affects those who are part of a pair.

I'm going to lay some — but certainly not all — of the blame on women who expect too much.

One day of the year is never, ever going to transform a lackluster relationship. If your significant other is not generally inclined to lavish displays of affection, do not expect flowers, Godiva chocolates, a mushy card and a robin's egg blue box tied with a white bow. Yet so many women I know do this — some openly, some secretly — wishing for the perfect celebration and being unhappy when they get anything short of perfection.

Valentine's Day is a lot of pressure for guys — the constant bombardment of sentimental commercials, some personal emotions clashing with their need to be macho and their common fear of commitment.

Yet men are partly at fault here, mainly for letting the rest of the year go by without satisfying women's romantic yearnings. This forces them to put all their eggs in one basket on one holiday where there are no eggs or baskets and forces them to make advance plans for a day when you cannot get a decent dinner reservation unless you call in January.

I'm not talking about all men or all women here, of course. I've heard stories of fantastic V-Days and of couples whose roles are the reverse of the stereotypes I've discussed above. And I'm sure that if I hadn't banned all Valentine's celebration besides a dinner out, my boyfriend and I would have celebrated a lovely holiday.

The problem with Valentine's, really, isn't the people; it's the holiday itself and the way it's marketed. I'd like to keep the holiday's spirit and ignore all the fuss. Celebrate love in July, September, March, and don't let Feb. 14 get you down.

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Church-state line blurs with new prayer guidelines

Out of Washington, D.C., this week came a familiar refrain. No, not "We need to suspend more civil liberties," but, "We need more prayer in public schools."

The wall between church and state is being continually eroded, brick by brick. Thankfully, some practices have been struck down, such as teacher-led prayer (which gives the impression that the school supports one religion over another) and the posting of the Ten Com-

mandments in some public buildings.

That being said, there is something to support in the latest guidelines issued by Secretary of Education Rod Paige. The rules state that schools that do not allow students to pray on their own in groups outside the classroom will lose federal funding.

While these rules are self-defined as supporting religion, there is nothing inherently wrong with that. The reason why teacher-led prayer is banned is to prevent one religion from taking precedence over an-

other. The intention has never been to ban the practice of one student's religion. So long as a student's right to a religion-free education is preserved, it doesn't matter how other students express themselves.

Unfortunately, there are some aspects of Paige's rules that can be exploited by those who believe it is their mission to preach to those who want to hear the message or not. For example, the guidelines stipulate that teachers are permitted to meet before school or after lunch for "prayer or Bible study."

When a group, such as the Christians, feels threatened, it's the natural reaction to fight back where possible to preserve what they feel is necessary. However, Paige's gut reaction has gone too far, by not only restoring Christians' right to practice their religion, but also giving them the opportunity to abuse their protection.

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Nominations for the 75th Annual Academy Awards

Best picture

- "Chicago"
- "Gangs of New York"
- "The Hours"
- "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"
- "The Pianist"

Best director

- Pedro Almodovar, "Talk to Her"
- Stephen Daldry, "The Hours"
- Rob Marshall, "Chicago"
- Roman Polanski, "The Pianist"
- Martin Scorsese, "Gangs of New York"

Best actor

- Adrien Brody, "The Pianist"
- Nicolas Cage, "Adaptation"
- Michael Caine, "The Quiet American"
- Daniel Day-Lewis, "Gangs of New York"
- Jack Nicholson, "About Schmidt"

Best actress

- Salma Hayek, "Frida"
- Nicole Kidman, "The Hours"
- Diane Lane, "Unfaithful"
- Julianne Moore, "Far From Heaven"
- Renee Zellweger, "Chicago"

Best supporting actor

- Chris Cooper, "Adaptation"
- Ed Harris, "The Hours"
- Paul Newman, "Road to Perdition"
- John C. Reilly, "Chicago"
- Christopher Walken, "Catch Me If You Can"

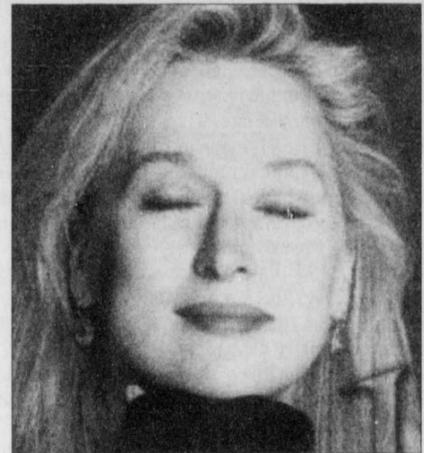
Best supporting actress

- Kathy Bates, "About Schmidt"
- Julianne Moore, "The Hours"
- Queen Latifah, "Chicago"
- Meryl Streep, "Adaptation"
- Catherine Zeta-Jones, "Chicago"

Best original song

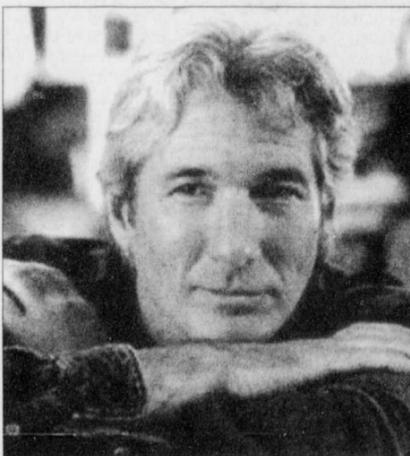
- Eminem, "Lose Yourself" ("8 Mile")
- Elliot Goldenthal, "Burn It Blue" ("Frida")
- John Kander and Fred Ebb "I Move On" ("Chicago")
- Paul Simon, "Father and Daughter" ("The Wild Thornberrys Movie")
- U2, "The Hands That Built America" ("Gangs of New York")

Who missed the chance for gold?



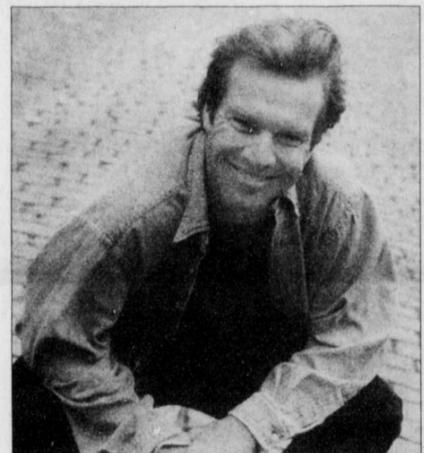
Meryl Streep, "The Hours"

Although Streep shouldn't be crying too hard because she did get nominated for Best Supporting Actress for "Adaptation." Many expected though her role as Clarissa Vaughn in "The Hours" would have resonated in a Best Actress nomination. With her one nomination, Streep became the most nominated actor in history with 13, breaking the record of Katharine Hepburn.



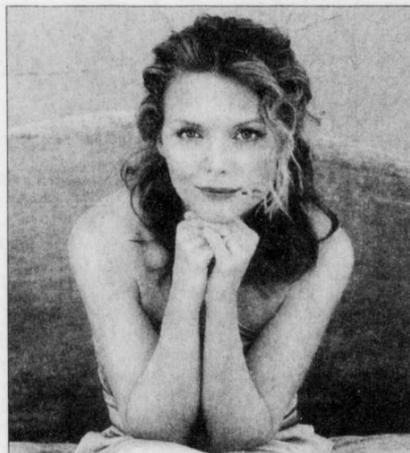
Richard Gere, "Chicago"

Gere has always been seen as an outside in Hollywood especially on his Buddhist beliefs. He did win the Golden Globe, which many thought would equal an Academy Award nomination. His role in "Chicago" is primarily a supporting one. For this reason, the voters probably couldn't decide what category to place him in.



Dennis Quaid, "Far From Heaven"

Quaid has been a critical darling for his role in "Far From Heaven." He received nominations from all of the other major awards including the Golden Globe and Screen Actor's Guild. The film, which was highly-regarded, did not receive a ton of nominations except for Julianne Moore and a few technical awards. The momentum of "Far From Heaven" has decreased over the past weeks and this can be the reason for his omission.



Michelle Pfeiffer, "White Oleander"

Pfeiffer's omission for the Oscar is not as surprising as the others because the Academy Awards haven't nominated her since 1992 in "Love Field." Pfeiffer was thought to be a favorite last year for her role in "I Am Sam." Her co-star, Sean Penn was even nominated. Pfeiffer is an incredible subtle actress but Queen Latifah stole her slot in the supporting actress category.



Frog of the Week



Larry Markley, Student Center director, sits at his desk in the Student Center where he runs the day to day operations of the building as well as advises the Student Government Association.

BY DAVID REESE
Features editor

Larry Markley has been working with students for longer than many of the TCU students have been alive. Markley was raised in Clinton, Iowa, until he went to college.

Markley graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a bachelor's degree in education with a biology emphasis. He also earned his master's in college student personnel services from the same university. After he finished his degree, he applied for two job positions including ones in Texas and Georgia.

"I'm not a cold weather person," Markley said. "With either job, I was going to the south with warmer weather."

Markley worked at the University of Houston for six years before working for a short time at the YMCA and then seven years at Lamar University. Then, Markley went to work at the University of North Texas.

For the next four years, he worked as the vice president of college marketing for a company that sold electronic signs with advertisements. After he left that position, Markley began his tenure at TCU. Markley has served as the Student Center director for the past 16 years.

"I was originally hired to build or renovate the Student Center 16 years ago," Markley said.

He said he is disappointed that the new building or renovations have not occurred but he does assume it will within the next two to four years.

"I still believe that the Student Center is the focal point of

the university," Markley said. "It is the most important building for the recruitment and retention of students."

In addition, Markley has served as the main advisor to the Student Government Association.

He said his job working with the students has been the best part of his career in student development.

"Working with students and watching them develop has been the most rewarding experience," he said.

Facts about Larry

- Full name:** Ward Lawrence Markley
- Hometown:** Clinton, Ill.
- Parents:** Ward and Marian
- Siblings:** Judy (65)
- Favorite food:** Anything
- Restaurant:** Joe-T Garcia's
- If you weren't at TCU, where would you be?:** Somewhere in Georgia

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Today's Funnies

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by Andrew S. Williams



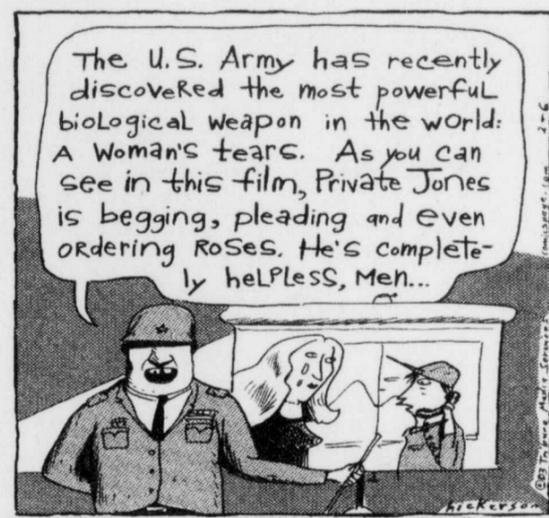
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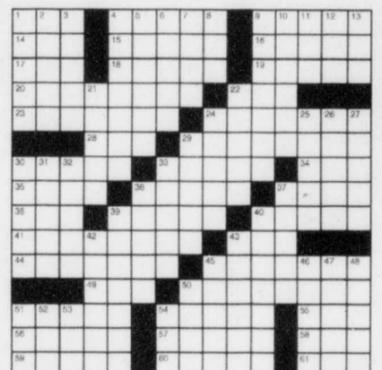
Q: Are you upset TCU got rid of the soccer team?

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The Sideline

Nationally-ranked golf team to compete in tourney

The men's golf team, which finished the fall season rated fourth in the nation according to the *Golfweek* ratings system, has scooted up to No. 3, behind only Clemson and UNLV, in the rankings released Sunday. The Frogs will put their ranking to the test today, when TCU opens the spring season at the Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Hawaii.

TCU has officially announced its playing roster for the tournament. Included in the group are three players rated in the nation's top 75 according to *Golfweek's* individual ratings system. Senior Adam Rubinson (No. 21), sophomore David Schultz (No. 22) and freshman Colby Beckstrom (No. 52) headline the team. Rounding out TCU's 4-5 slots are senior Stephen Polanski and junior Adam Meyer.

— courtesy of
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Harmon selected as Athlete of the Week

Freshman sprinter Donita Harmon has been selected as the Conference USA Female Track and Field Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 8.

Harmon posted an NCAA provisional time of 23.57 seconds in winning the 200 meter dash at the Air Force Classic Saturday. The time matches Giesla Jackson's school record, set on the same track Feb. 28, 1998. Harmon posted the third fastest 200-meters among all Division I sprinters this season behind only LSU junior Muna Lee (23.45) and South Carolina senior Aleen Bailey (23.49).

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Lady Frogs fall to No. 3 Tennessee

BY DREW IRWIN
Skiff Staff

Two seasons ago on Nov. 27, the Lady Frogs played against Tennessee in front of a record-setting crowd of 7,262 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Even though TCU lost 81-62, it hung with the then-ranked No. 2 team in the country.

The Lady Frogs had another chance to face off against Tennessee Tuesday night. This time they were at Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena. Even though they shot almost 45 percent from the field, the Lady Frogs were unable to upset No. 3 Tennessee as they lost, 86-72.

"I'm proud of our team," head coach Jeff Mittie said in a post-game radio interview. "I'm proud of the way we battled, but I'm disappointed because we're not mature enough to play in some situations."

Tennessee jumped to an early 11-0 lead behind two three-pointers by guard Kara Lawson, but TCU clawed back to cut the deficit to 41-40 at halftime. When TCU faced off against Tennessee two seasons ago, it had a nine-point halftime deficit. Junior forward Amy Pack led Tuesday's comeback with 14 points, including 2-2 from three-point range, in the first half.

"She was fantastic," Mittie said. "She missed her first shot and then went six for six. She did some good things for us."

Tennessee came out strong in the second half, quickly expanding its lead to 51-43 three minutes into the second half. The Lady Frogs, however, scrapped their way back into the game, cutting the lead back to three.

The Lady Volunteers were too much for TCU down the stretch. TCU cut the lead to four again with six minutes remaining, but Tennessee pulled away at the end, steadily improving its lead with free throws.

"I'm proud of the way we played hard," Mittie said. "Because we could've quit much earlier, and we didn't."

Junior guard Ebony Shaw led TCU in scoring with 16 points off the bench. Pack, who led all scorers at the first half, was kept off the scoreboard the second half. Along with Shaw, junior forward Tiffany Evans came off the bench with 15 points and four assists. For the game, the TCU bench contributed for 42 points, 16 rebounds, and eight assists.

Sophomore forward Sandora Irvin had a team-high of eight rebounds. For Tennessee, Lawson led all players with 20 points in 37 minutes. Guard Tasha Butts led all players with 10 rebounds, as the Lady Volunteers outrebounded the Lady Frogs, 38-32.

"I hope we can continue to play with this energy," Mittie said. "Hopefully we can build off this and continue to grow more consistent."

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"I'm proud of the way we battled, but I'm disappointed because we're not mature enough to play in some situations.."

— Jeff Mittie
head coach

Tennessee 86
TCU 72

Frogs' win streak continues

Baseball team goes to 4-1 with win over UTA

BY EVAN ERWIN
Skiff Staff

TCU improved its overall record to 4-1 and increased its winning streak to four games in an 11-4 win against Texas-Arlington Tuesday.

In the past, the Frogs have struggled against the Mavericks. UTA has won four out of the last six games including TCU's season opener.

The Frogs batted .432 at the plate. That output allowed them to put up

11 runs against a team that only allowed the Frogs to score three runs nine days ago.

The game was deadlocked at 4-4 in the seventh inning when the Frogs called upon senior shortstop Shaft Elkouri in the form of a safety squeeze. Elkouri completed the bases loaded squeeze to score sophomore outfielder Jake Duncan from third. The run, driven in by Elkouri, kickstarted a four-run inning that brought the score to 8-4.

From there, the Frogs didn't look back, scoring three in the eighth and shutting out the Mavericks in the eighth and ninth innings.

"I felt like it took the momentum from them and gave it to us," senior outfielder Chris Meeks said. He said the team knew the im-

portance of the game.

The win was just huge emotionally for us," Meeks said. "We talked about how big of a difference it is to be 4-1 rather than 3-2."

Not only did the game improve TCU's record, it allowed, different players to see the field.

Freshman Zach Thomas made his collegiate debut when he replaced junior Ramon Moses in the eighth. Thomas took advantage of his opportunity when he hit an RBI double down the rightfield line.

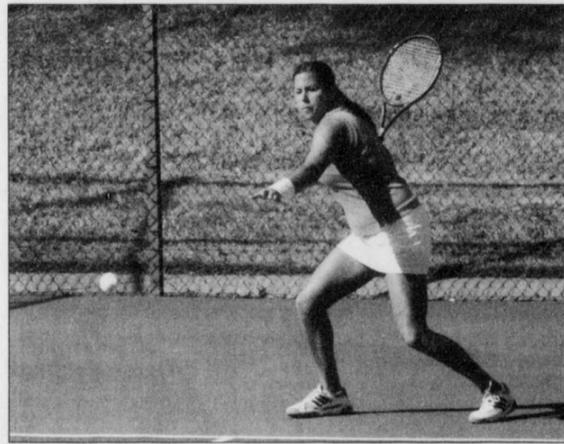
"I played this summer, but it's nothing like the real deal," Thomas said. "It was just like old times."

The Frogs, who now have a four-game winning streak, will look to ride their momentum into this weekend, when they face Southeast Louisiana in a three-game weekend series.

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"The win was just huge emotionally for us. We talked about how big of a difference it is to be 4-1 rather than 3-2."

— Chris Meeks
senior outfielder



Stephen Spillman/Photographer

The women's tennis team won its third match of the season Tuesday, beating North Texas 7-0. TCU has a 3-0 overall record and a 2-0 record in Conference USA. In doubles, the Frogs were led by junior Saber Pierce and sophomore Karla Mancinas, who defeated UNT's Natalie Clore and Bettina Rettenmaier 8-5. Seniors Brenna Shackelford (pictured) and Rosa Perez clinched an 8-2 win over Kristin Beedy and Ashley Sammis. TCU won five of the six singles matches in straight sets. No. 1 Pierce topped Sandhya Kanury, 6-2, 6-1. Perez dropped Clore at No. 2, 6-1, 6-1. Mancinas defeated Beedy at No. 4, 6-1, 7-5, while freshman Gloriann Lopez won 7-5, 6-3 over UNT's Joosje Bomer at the sixth position.

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