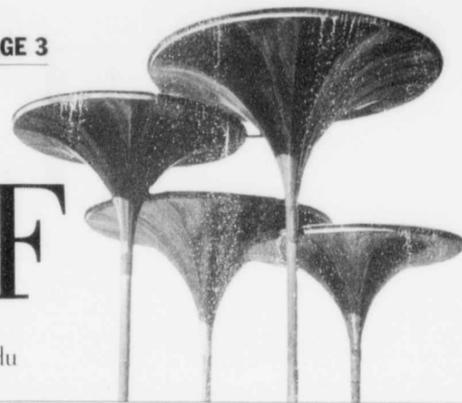


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Today's News

STATE NEWS

BROWNSVILLE — The parents of a 21-month-old girl who died in a hot truck were charged in connection with the death Monday and could face up to 20 years behind bars.

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COLLEGE STATION — Beef is back and prices are soaring to highs not seen in a decade.

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On Campus

Former A&M chancellor Graves dies of cancer

COLLEGE STATION — Howard Graves, former chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, died peacefully in his home Saturday, ending a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer.

The 64-year-old resigned from his post as chancellor just two weeks ago on Aug. 31, having held the position since August 1999.

"He spent every day thinking of how he could serve other people rather than himself," said Bob Wright, director of communications for the system. "He even tried to serve others by being an example in the dignified way he went through his illness and faced death."

Graves stepped down as chancellor due to his failing health, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family and at church. Pastor Dwight Edwards of Grace Bible Church said Graves and his wife, Gracie, were active and faithful members since moving to College Station in 1999.

Gates said the greatest long-term impact Graves helped institute is the progress he made in bringing the System schools together.

As chancellor, Graves worked with the state Legislature to create the Central Texas and San Antonio A&M campuses, and oversaw the growth of A&M's Health Science Center to what it is now. It includes five A&M System institutions and colleges of nursing at five A&M System universities.

Graves is survived by his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

—The Battalion

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 89; Low: 66
Mostly Sunny

WEDNESDAY

High: 87; Low: 65
Partly Cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 83; Low: 59
Scattered Thunder-storms

Looking Back

1620 — The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, England with 102 passengers aboard bound for Virginia. Stormy weather and navigational errors forced the ship off course, and they reached Massachusetts Nov. 21.

Film critic to speak on Judaism

BY CATHERINE PILLSBURY
Staff Reporter

ABC-TV film critic Joel Siegel will share his insights and humor about his job and Jewish heritage tonight at the sixth annual Gates of Chai Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Siegel has been an entertainment editor for "Good Morning America" since 1981 and recently authored "Lessons for Dylan,"

a legacy of his life and Jewish heritage for his son.

W. David Nelson, the Rosenthal assistant professor of Jewish studies at Brite, said Siegel's lecture, titled "Being Jewish in America," will focus on the history of Jewish involvement in the cinema, his identity as a Jew in Hollywood and his role as a father. The lecture will include an audiovisual presentation, he said.

Siegel wrote the book after he was diagnosed with colon cancer and realized that he might not get to watch his son grow up, Nelson said.

The 15 members of the Gates of Chai community committee met to discuss whom to invite and chose Siegel

because they thought he has an interesting story to tell, said Diane Cooper, director of development at Brite.

"Joel Siegel has broad appeal," Nelson said. "He can speak to contemporary Judaism both in his personal experience and the involvement of Judaism and the history of film in America."

Cooper said the purpose of having an annual speaker is to educate students and the public

about the gifts of Judaism.

A turnout of 800 to 1,000 people is expected for the lecture, with guests coming from Austin, Houston and Lubbock to see Siegel, Cooper said.

The lecture was established by The Gates of Chai Inc., a local foundation, Cooper said. It was founded in memory of Larry Kornbleet and family members

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SIEGEL

Spiderman



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Sophomore theater major C.J. Meeks acts the part of a killer spider from a mailbox and attacks senior education major Steve Witt in the Senseless Acts of Comedy's headlines sketch Monday night in the Student Center Lounge.

Neeley resource center changes staff

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES
Staff Reporter

This semester, three new faces were added to the staff of the M.J. Neeley School of Business's Resource Center,

said Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean.

Lynn Cole will serve as its new director while Aisha Torrey-Sawyer will serve as assistant director, a position that was added this

summer. Linda Staller, the newly appointed academic adviser, takes the place of two previous advisers who moved elsewhere in the university.

"The players have changed, but the role and philosophy are still the same," said Cole, who takes the place of Kim See, who left TCU in the summer to start her own business.

The NRC, located in Dan Rodgers Hall, room 130, is responsible for advising business students in their course selection, providing orientation for new students and certifying potential graduates, Cole said.

Cole said the NRC hopes to build on the tradition of excellence of the predecessors. There are no plans currently to change anything about

how the way the center is run, she said.

"It just so happened that everyone left at one time," Moncrief said. "We just changed the people and nothing else."

Sawyer, who came from TCU's undergraduate admissions, said she will help advise students in their classes and make sure they have everything they need to graduate.

Staller said she has spent two years with TCU. She said she handles the application process for the business school and makes sure students are on the right track.

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Aisha Torrey-Sawyer, assistant director of the Neeley Student Resource Center, advises MBA student Jonathan Birkholz.

Student organizations may increase by two

BY KRISTI WALKER
Staff Reporter

Two new groups, Simper Society and People for Animal Welfare, have applied to join the roster of university-sponsored student organizations this semester, said Darron Turner, director of Student Development Services.

Turner said if both organizations accomplish what they have stated in their applications, then they will be a great addition to campus.

Don Peavy, a senior radio-TV-film major, said he co-founded the Simper Society with two other TCU students.

"The purpose of the group is to promote student diversity in all forms, promote self-exploration and strengthen the TCU community," Peavy said.

The group wants to start a weekly column from the chancellor to students to give TCU a much needed

focus, Peavy said. He said he hopes it would keep students connected to the chancellor and what he does.

The group intends to attend city meetings and to get members more interested and involved in the activities that directly affect their lives, Peavy said. He said he also wants the organization to conduct classes to teach students how to start their own student organizations.

Carol Thompson, a sociology professor and the faculty adviser of the Simper Society, said it is a very pro-social organization.

"Its mission is to increase civility and respect for human beings, as well as to encourage individual creativity," Thompson said.

Free thinking, away from media generated ideas, and the realization of oneness through diversification are also some of the organization's goals, Thompson said.

The group plans to accomplish

their goals by bringing speakers and panels to campus to discuss issues like human rights, health, criminal justice, race and gender, Thompson said.

Approval for the Simper Society as an organization has not yet been given, Turner said. Acceptance will be determined after the application process is completed, he said.

People for Animal Welfare, a group that will promote awareness and raise concern for animal welfare, is also hoping to be welcomed on campus, said Thompson said, who is also its faculty adviser.

Jeff Sebo, a junior philosophy and sociology double major, is the president of the organization.

"We don't want to indoctrinate people to become vegetarians or to

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Go long



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Freshman business major Jeff Koenig plays quarterbacks for his flag football team during practice Monday afternoon in front of Clark Hall.

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THE PULSE

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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). 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.

■ **Joel Siegel, entertainment editor of "Good Morning America,"** will speak at 8 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium. His topic will be "Being Jewish in America." His presentation will be enhanced by anecdotes and film clips. Student tickets are free. Faculty and staff tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the TCU Information Desk in the Student Center or by calling (817) 257-6679.

■ **Intramural Racquetball Singles** registration will take place until midnight tonight. Registration can be done online at (www.campusrec.tcu.edu).

■ **Ad Club and Public Relations Student Society of America** will have a joint meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in 141 Moudy Building North. The meeting will feature guest speakers from the advertising and public relations field.

■ **Society of Professional Journalists** will have its first meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday in 279 Moudy Building North. Guest speakers will discuss the media's influence on politics.

■ **Menu Planning Committee** will have its first meeting at 4 p.m. today in The Main. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to have a voice in the weekly menu for The Main. E-mail g.l.ferguson@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **December 2003 degree candidates** should file Intent to Graduate forms in the office of their academic dean by the deadline set by that academic office. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 6.

SIEGEL

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of Stanley and Marcia Kornbleet Kurtz, who perished in the Holocaust. Two brothers, Harold and Robert Ginsburg, also contributed funds in memory of

their father, Marcus Ginsburg. "The lectureship is designed to promote informed, dynamic public dialogue and education on issues of relevance to contemporary Judaism," Cooper said. "It has helped with the greater understanding and has been a gift to Fort Worth, not just TCU."

The lecture series is part of the Jewish studies program at Brite and has included such speakers as civil rights attorney Morris Dees, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel, Rabbi Kushner, author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good

People," and author Chaim Potok.

General admission tickets are still available at the door, \$15 for general public, \$10 for faculty and free for students with an ID.

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Bagging it



Senior kinesiology major Heather Estei (right) tosses some beanbags with graduate MBA student Scott Chapman before a Connections gathering Monday afternoon in front of Sadler Hall.

GROUPS

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stop wearing leather," Sebo said. "We want to create informed consumers and want to help bring animal welfare into their moral radar."

Sebo said he looks forward to inclusive, broad-group discussions on animal welfare at the meetings. He said he hopes for vegetarians, meat eaters, hunters, animal advocacy groups and people of conflicting views to talk about what they believe is right and wrong.

"We want heated arguments that will push people to think," Sebo said.

The organization plans to bring people to TCU to educate

students about issues surrounding the treatment of animals in lab testing facilities as well as the treatment of animals who are raised and killed for consumption.

People for Animal Welfare is scheduled to hold their first meeting Wednesday, although the time and location have not yet been announced. For more information contact Sebo at (817)257-3483 or at J.R.Sebo@tcu.edu.

For more information about the Simper Society contact Peavy at (817)798-8893.

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Not enough handwashers, survey says

BY DANIEL Q. HANEY

Associated Press

CHICAGO — There's nothing like fear of catching a dangerous infectious illness, it seems, to make people do the right thing after using the bathroom.

A survey of hand-washing habits in airport restrooms found that folks were

exquisitely fastidious this summer in Toronto, which had just endured a SARS outbreak. Elsewhere in North America, though, people were just as slovenly as ever.

The survey, released Monday, is the third conducted by the American Society of Microbiology, which has long campaigned — with little apparent effect — for people to follow common-sense habits of cleanliness to prevent the spread of disease.

The only bright spot this time was Toronto, where health officials harangued the public for months last spring to wash frequently to help stop the spread of SARS.

"If this study had been done pre-SARS, we would not have been different than any other city. But it is nice to look so squeaky clean," said Dr. Donald Low, micro-

biology chief at Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Overall, the survey found that people washed after using airport toilets 78 percent of the time. However, the society said that if Toronto were taken out of the totals, this year's figure would be about the same as in 2000 and 1996, when surveys found about two-thirds of people washing.

"Unfortunately overall, we are unhappy to say we have not seen a statistically significant change," said Judy Daly, the society's secretary.

The latest survey was conducted at airport washrooms in August in New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas, Miami and Toronto. The researchers pretended to brush their hair or put on makeup while watching and recording fellow travelers' bathroom habits.

Among the results: — Women are cleaner than

men. Overall, 83 percent of women washed up, compared with 74 percent of men.

— For reasons no one could explain, the least scrupulous were women at the San Francisco airport. Just 59 percent washed.

— The dirtiest men were at Chicago's O'Hare and New York's Kennedy. Just over 60 percent stopped to wash.

So why do people so often skip washing? "Busy lives," said Daly. "It just doesn't cross people's minds."

Daly, head of microbiology labs at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, said the society hopes to drive home the clean hands message with a new Web site, (www.washup.org). There, people will learn the society's recipe for hand hygiene: Rub hands together for 10 to 15 seconds using soap and warm, running water.

TCU Campus Recreation

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Intramural Racquetball Entries Due Today!

Enter On-line by Midnight Tonight!

Tennis Entries due next Tuesday
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Women's Lacrosse Club Interest Meeting

TONIGHT at 8pm, Rec Center 48

Early Birds Wanted

Weight Room Staff Needed for 6am - 9pm shift
Application available in the Campus Rec Center

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Hours:

Monday - Friday
11am - 2pm
5pm - 8:30pm

Saturday
10am - 2pm
5pm - 8:30pm

Sunday
12am - 4pm

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30		Pilates		Pilates Cycle		
8:00	DeepWater					
Noon	DeepWater Strength, Faculty/Staff Only	Yoga Butt & Thigh-30 min	Deep Water Strength, Faculty/Staff Only	Pilates	Deep Water Cycle	10:00AM Instructor's Cardio Pick
4:00	Step Circuit	Boot Camp	Cycle Power Yoga	Cycle Cardio Kick		
5:00	Abs - 20min	Abs-20min	Abs-20min	Abs-20min		
5:30	Yoga/latates Aeroculpt, Faculty/Staff ONLY	DeepWater Cycle Pilates	Cardio Combo	Just Step Deep Water Beg. Yoga		
6:30	Cycle	Strength		Yogafusion		
7:30			Pilates Deep Water	Cycle		
8:00		Pilates				
8:30	Kickboxing		Kickboxing Abundio			

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NEELEY

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Students find the center helpful, especially when switching to business as a major, sophomore Melinda Coyne said.

"They are very helpful," she said. "They explained everything I needed to know."

The NRC also coordinates special events during the year, Cole said. Neeley Week, which is Oct. 26 to 31, is put on to help business students get

involved with business clubs and other areas of the Neeley school, she said.

For more information on the NRC or special events call (817) 257-7522.

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SENATE

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the representation of rural and minority Texans in Congress.

"This fight is long from over. We have just begun the fight," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst presides over the Senate and said he was glad all the lawmakers were back.

"We're here and finally we've got a quorum. The Democrats have shown up. We can do the business that we're all elected to do," Dewhurst said.

Earlier, when spectators in the gallery booed and hissed as the Republican senators suddenly adjourned, Dewhurst pounded his gavel a few times, but before long, he left his front podium.

"If they were so eager for us to come back to work, where are they?" Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, said later, to laughs from the crowd.

The Democrats accused their opponents of turning off their microphone, preventing the audience from hearing all their remarks. Republican Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who turned

off the microphone, said the Senate floor has never before been used for a political rally and no meeting was scheduled that would require a loud speaker.

The new session is the latest round in a bitter fight over the composition of Texas' delegation to the U.S. Capitol. Currently, Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation.

Republicans want more seats in the delegation and say they deserve it because of the state's GOP voting trends over the past few years.

On Monday, the Senate Republicans unveiled a new congressional redistricting map. The Senate sponsor, Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, said the map reflects the composition of the Texas Senate and estimated it could give Republicans 19 or 20 seats.

Across the Capitol rotunda, in a hastily called hearing, the House Redistricting Committee voted 10-5 in favor of the same redistricting map passed during the first special session. During that session, senators unilaterally rejected the House version of the map and designed one of their own.

Staples said differences between the two chambers' proposed maps would still have to be worked out, including a West Texas dispute over whether Midland and Lubbock will be placed in the same congressional district.

States normally redraw districts once a decade following the U.S. Census. But when the Texas Legislature couldn't agree on a plan, a federal court implemented its own for Texas in 2001.

Efforts to pass a new redistricting plan have failed three times this year in Texas.

During the regular legislative session House Democrats blocked redistricting in May with a quorum bust when 51 lawmakers traveled to Ardmore, Okla.

In the first special session, Senate Democrats had the votes to prevent a debate and vote on redistricting because the order of bills was arranged so that a two-thirds vote of the chamber was needed to bring the bill.

In the second session, no such requirement was in place. So the Democrats fled to New Mexico to block a quorum and to be out of reach of Texas law officers sent to find them.

OPINION

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The Skiff View

Legislation

SGA should consider these 10 items

Today marks Student Government Association's first meeting for the 2003 fall semester. To get its members thinking, the *Skiff* editorial board has organized a list of 10 ideas for the organization to consider this semester:

- Rally people around the idea of a reliable shuttle service
- Develop a university-wide recycling program
- Organize more campus events and concerts
- Tone down the legalistic aspects of meetings because it makes them too long and confusing for non-House members
- Constantly update the SGA Web site with current events, proposed bills and downloadable forms for organizations requesting money
- Push the parking issue harder so there will actually be enough spots for the number of students who attend TCU
- Better inform the student body on how SGA is spending its funds. Where are our funds going?
- Get a restaurant or food service in the Moudy Building.
- Try to lower prices for the items in The Main or get better quality food that warrants the inflated prices
- Increase the time between classes to 15 minutes to help those who have long walks between classes or have trouble finding parking spots

There are other subjects we wish SGA would address, of course, but these are just some we consider worthy of attention.

Your Views

Letters to the editor

Parking spots unattainable, even with campus permit

I began this semester, along with many others buying a parking permit. I have a main campus permit that allows me to park in designated TCU lots. While buying a permit, I was told about the city's changes to street parking but showed little concern since buying a permit in theory means there is a parking space on campus for me.

While I had noticed that parking this year seemed more difficult than the previous years, I took the spots on the street or in the occasional lot but didn't concern myself much with thinking about what I would do if a spot was not available. Until last night, I had not realized the gravity of the situation. I arrived at TCU about 10:30 p.m. and began the ever present task of locating a spot. I drove through (Daniel-Meyer Coliseum) and the main campus lots behind the apartments with no luck, so I headed out onto the street. I drove down all the cross streets that are available for parking, no luck. I parked in a 10 minute spot, hoping that perhaps there would be some leniency due to the lack of spaces.

I got a \$50 ticket. While I admit I was in the wrong by parking in a non-designated spot, I'm bothered by the fact that I spent \$75 to park, and so far I have parked on the street every night except last night. I know many people feel that a parking garage would ruin the aesthetics of campus, but that's a plausible solution. A four to five story-parking garage could easily be constructed in the back lot of TBPW. Reserve the first two floors for TBPW residents and allow the rest as main campus parking.

We as the student body need to do something about it. TCU's mission statement is learning to change to world, so let's not sit back and idle about it any more. Let's change it.

—Megan Benton, senior theater major

Seat assignments in class confuse student

After reading Josh Deitz's comments regarding the assigned seating in my Spanish class (in Sept. 10's *Skiff*), I realized that I might have failed to adequately communicate my purpose in requiring this of my students.

A foreign language classroom is unique in that there is constant interaction between the instructor and the students. A seating chart in this situation is a valuable tool. It enables me to maintain a flow of communication which would be impossible were I using a class roll of new names. I explained to my classes that I would ask them to sit according to the chart until I was able to learn their names.

One of my goals as a teacher is to create a comfortable, non-threatening environment in my class so that students will easily respond and therefore quickly begin to communicate in Spanish.

I regret that Mr. Deitz was uncomfortable with an assigned seat and that he did not understand my explanation of the seating chart's purpose. After the first couple of weeks, a chart will no longer be necessary because I will have learned the students' names, and he may sit where he pleases.

—Teresa Blackwell, Spanish and Latin American Studies instructor



Expansion evaluated

Of the issues discussed by Chancellor Boschini in his speech at Convocation, one stood out in particular. After addressing TCU's various needs, the chancellor raised the question of a substantial increase in TCU's enrollment.

This is not a question to be taken lightly. There are benefits to be had from increasing the size of the university, but there are hazards as well. The entire TCU community needs to begin a discussion about the appropriate size of the student body. Raising enrollment levels would mean enormous changes in almost every aspect of the university. The question is whether the benefits are worth the costs.

Like Chancellor Boschini, I've been at a larger school. I transferred to TCU from a school with over 40,000 students. There was little interaction with professors, a terrible lack of community on campus and a serious gap in certain resources. Coming to TCU was a major improvement for me.

As Chancellor Boschini said, TCU's small size does hinder its recognition on the national scene. A larger student body could bring greater attention and the various benefits that come with it. Raising enrollment could be the first step towards increasing donations, research grants and national prestige.

TCU is an excellent school. We deserve more credit than we get. This is not just a problem for administrators and professors. The better TCU's reputation is, the more valuable a TCU diploma becomes. This would mean very tangible benefits for graduates, from easier acceptance to graduate school to greater employment opportunities.

At the same time, a large part of what makes TCU an excellent school comes from its small size. With fewer students, TCU can focus its attention on depth over breadth. It is possible to

maintain a focus on close student-professor interaction. Perhaps most importantly, it seems easier for students to feel connected to the school.

It is very possible that TCU can maintain these qualities while raising student enrollment. It is also very possible that TCU could slowly lose what makes it special. Whether this happens depends on how the enrollment increase is handled.

One certain thing is that increasing the size of the university will be incredibly expensive. TCU is already stretched thin when it comes to student life. The dorms are always filled to bursting at the beginning of the year, parking is worse than ever and the Student Center is in dire need of an upgrade.

Any significant rise in enrollment will also require an enormous investment in academic facilities as well. TCU still has professors working out of portable trailers. We need another general academic building just to take care of current needs for offices and classrooms.

Chancellor Boschini addressed a number of other needs that will have to be met before TCU begins to think about expanding the student body. The School of Education needs a new building. Buschman Theatre and the ballet building need renovations. Fine Arts students need practice spaces. The Brite Divinity School needs a new building. Then there's the library's need for an expansion and the various athletic facilities that will no doubt be requested.

It's quantity versus quality. Breadth versus depth. It may well be that TCU can have both.

This is a decision that everyone at TCU needs to participate in. The debate has already started. It's time to get involved.

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Josh Deitz

Bill to benefit students

Tuesday night, scheduled by Rep. Tom DeLay to coincide with the Democratic presidential debate, the House of Representatives passed by one vote a bill to authorize school vouchers for Washington, D.C. If the bill passes, it will enable poor D.C. students to receive a superior education to that which they are now offered.

Many of my more liberal friends oppose vouchers for a wide range of reasons. They say it takes money from the already poor school districts, and they say it publicly funds religion.

What critics fail to recognize, however, is that these outcomes are not those of school choice itself, but rather of poorly implemented school choice programs. Liberalism's educational imperative should be to expand opportunity by offering the best quality of education for the most number of students, and school choice can help our school districts reach that goal.

I am under no delusion that competition from school choice will solve our nation's education woes. The local schools in my hometown of Milwaukee, where the nation's largest voucher program has been in effect since 1990, have not drastically

improved since that time.

If states are the laboratories of democracy, then municipalities are the workbenches, and with vouchers we can have many more educational experiments running. America needs school systems that offer parents a true choice with public, private, secular and, yes, even religious options — because parents, not school boards, know best what works for their children.

The problems of vouchers are best exemplified by Cleveland's program, the subject of the landmark Supreme Court case. The vouchers were for a little more than \$2,000, making religious schools or the truly awful public school system the only affordable choices — and that's really no choice at all.

But just because school choice has been done poorly in the past does not mean it cannot be done well in the future, and the school choice system in Milwaukee points to the way that school choice should be done.

First, education cannot be under-funded, and that is true whether it is the public school system or vouchers. Not providing enough money for parents to send their children to better schools is to enact school choice only in name and not in substance.

By contrast to Cleveland, vouchers in Milwaukee for the 2002-03 year were worth \$5,783.

While that still may not be sufficient to pay tuition at the most elite school, it puts the 102 different schools registered for the program within financial reach for low-income Milwaukee students. The bill passed by the House on Tuesday offers grants up to \$7,500, and while that might not even be enough, it is a start.

Second, school choice must live up to its name by providing a wide range of options. Of the 102 choice schools in Milwaukee, many are charter schools, and only about 60 of them are religious. Most of those are Christian, but there are also Jewish and Muslim options.

So to those on my left, yes, we cannot let conservatives use school choice as an excuse to rob the school systems blind. School choice funding should be new money so as not to disadvantage students for whom public schools are the best alternative. And yes, the public schools need more funding too. And yes, the school districts need more efficient management.

But the children also need more options because the more ways we offer for students to succeed, the more likely they will.

Kevin Collins is a columnist for the Daily Pennsylvanian at the University of Pennsylvania. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Iraq is safer after conflict

In an effort to combat the left-wing lunacy written in newspapers and aired on television lately, I thought I'd say a few accurate words about President George W. Bush. Not a day goes by that I don't read a misinformed opinion or watch an angry liberal rant and rave about failures in Iraq.

COMMENTARY
Ryan Holt

Chief of these complaints is loss of life. In case, these maniacs need a reminder. We're at war. And in a war, there is a significant loss of life. We've lost fewer than 300 soldiers, however, in Iraq. During World War II, the United States lost tens of thousands of men. I can't remember hearing anyone calling Franklin Roosevelt a "miserable failure."

I would be happy to relay the positive things that have occurred in the nation we recently liberated. Raids have retrieved weapons and ammunition, hundreds of Saddam loyalists and terrorists have been captured or killed, the Iraqi Governing Council has been established, more than 90 percent of towns have local governments, the Iraqi army is being restored, and 60,000 Iraqi citizens are now in defense of Iraq.

Last week had many stories regarding this topic. In addition to the president's speech, nine Democratic presidential candidates took part in the Congressional Black Caucus debate Tuesday evening. Criticism of a world leader is neither unpatriotic nor treasonous. By all means, if a president's policy is detrimental and inefficient, criticize incessantly. I do not take issue with criticism itself, but rather criticism that is weakly founded. If you refuse to be well-informed about world events and merely wish to espouse partisan beliefs because it demeans those on the other side, keep the verbal sewage to yourself.

Proof of our nation's recent success is visible via exploration of Iraq's current status. Could Iraqis worship freely before the war? Could Iraqis speak their minds before the war? Could Iraqis write their opinions in newspapers before the war? Could Iraqis protest the government before the war? The answer to these questions is "no," but today these actions are already taking place.

If not for Bush and the folks who advise and follow him, Afghanistan would be under Taliban control. Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda would have strongholds in Afghanistan. Uday Hussein would still be raping and killing university girls. Saddam would still be free to kill those who disagree with him.

To deny that the president has made, caused, prompted, encouraged or achieved any success in Iraq is a reflection of a failure to explore the whole story.

Disagreement among those who differ politically — not false accusations — is what keeps this country strong.

Ryan Holt is a columnist for The Gamecock at the University of South Carolina. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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National/State Roundup

Parents charged in death of girl left in truck

BROWNSVILLE — The parents of a 21-month-old girl who died in a hot truck were charged in connection with the death Monday and could face up to 20 years behind bars.

The parents of Destiny Castillo — 24-year-old Luis Ernesto Castillo and 22-year-old Sor Juana Garcia — told police they were out partying Saturday night and forgot the girl was in the back seat of their truck when they returned home at 6:45 a.m. Sunday.

They realized the child wasn't in the house when they woke up later Sunday. They found her dead in the truck.

"As soon as they woke up they both realized what happened,"

Brownsville Police Sgt. Jimmie Manrique said.

Both were charged Monday with one count each of abandoning-endangering a child with intent to return. They were being held at the Cameron County Jail on \$35,000 bond.

Investigators were awaiting the results of an autopsy performed Monday but said it appeared the child died from the heat.

Temperatures Sunday were in the 90s and hot, sunny days are known to send interior car temperatures soaring to 140 degrees or higher.

So far this year, at least 36 children in the United States have died under similar circumstances.

Jan Null, an adjunct professor of meteorology at San Francisco

State University, says the numbers have increased steadily since he began tracking them in 1998 — from 25 to 34 in 2001.

Slaughter steer prices at highest level since 1993

COLLEGE STATION — Beef is back and prices are soaring to highs not seen in a decade.

The cattle industry is enjoying record high prices based on herd liquidations because of the drought coupled with increased demand, according to Texas A&M University's Agriculture Department.

"We've worked our way into one of the best markets that I've seen in my 40 years of livestock marketing," said Dr. Ernie Davis, a livestock marketing economist with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Davis says cattle ranchers who endured the drought are "making money right now."

Last week, slaughter steers averaged \$84.94, which is 33 percent higher than 2002. The highest price on record, according to Texas A&M, is \$85.38 during the week of March 27, 1993.

"We will probably beat that record in the next week or so because of the short supplies of fed cattle out there and how 'green' the cattle are being pulled through," said Davis, who said the high prices are fueled by a lack of supply.

During much of this year, Davis said there have been no signs of herd expansion and that a case of mad cow disease in Canada earlier this year closed U.S. imports of fresh beef and live cattle and helped push up beef prices.

"We are producing less, getting less in, and shipping more out," he said.

Boycotting Democrats return to the Capitol

AUSTIN — With a Senate quorum in place, boycotting Senate Democrats were showered with applause and cheers Monday as they returned to the Capitol for a third special session on congressional redistricting.

The arrival of Democratic Sen. John Whitmire of Houston gave Republicans the quorum they needed to push a GOP-leaning redistricting plan.

The other 10 Democrats, who boycotted the Senate for the previous 30-day legislative session, then arrived, joining hands as they stood on the floor and took turns addressing the packed chamber.

At issue is the shape of the state's congressional map. Currently, Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation.

On Monday, the Senate Republicans unveiled a new congressional redistricting map. The Senate sponsor, Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, said the map reflects the composition of the Texas Senate and estimated it could give Republicans 19 or 20 seats.

GOP plan would hurt minority representation in Congress, and they want to keep the existing districts.

Federal judge rules Iran must pay \$400 million

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has ruled that the Iranian government must pay more than \$400 million in damages to eight Americans injured in a

1997 suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina said the attack at a crowded pedestrian mall was carried out by members of the radical Islamic group Hamas, which the State Department says receives training, money and operational support from Iran.

Powerful explosive devices loaded with nails, screws, pieces of glass and chemical poisons killed five people and wounded nearly 200 in the Sept. 4, 1997 attack.

The lawsuit is among dozens filed against Iran under a 1996 U.S. law that allows Americans to sue nations that sponsor terrorism for damages suffered in terrorist acts. The Iranian government has not responded formally to any of the lawsuits.

In the Jerusalem bombing decision, issued Wednesday, Urbina awarded nearly \$110 million in compensatory damages, which compensates for actual harm, to the eight Americans directly injured in the attack and \$13.5 million in compensatory damages for emotional suffering to four family members of the victims. He also awarded \$300 million in punitive damages to be shared among victims.

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Today's Funnies

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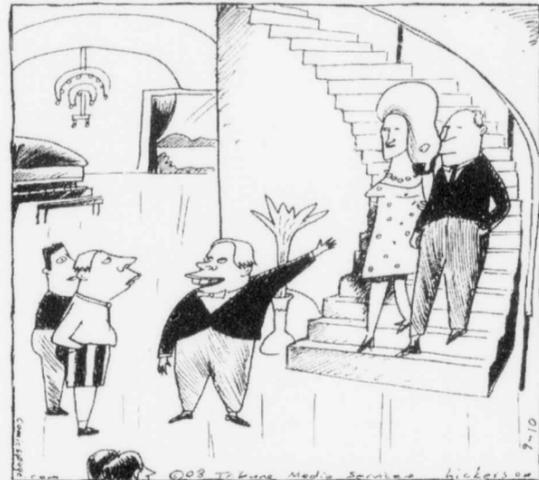
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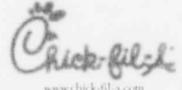


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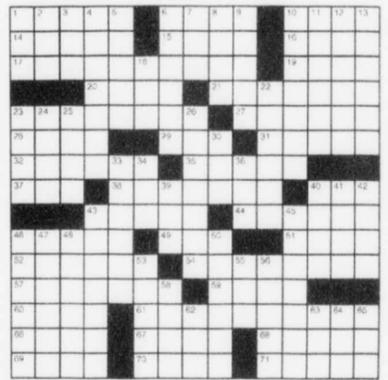
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- 31 Made further remarks
- 32 Module classroom
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- 38 Winter
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- 44 Russian capital
- 46 Abdul or Vogel
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- 60 Madeline of Blazing Saddles
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- 67 Capped joint
- 68 On your feet!
- 69 Lairs
- 70 Burn a bit
- 71 Maine town



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- 2 Fuss
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- 5 Slumber
- 6 Pastry-topped dish
- 7 Smallest bill
- 8 Sound of contentment
- 9 Double curves
- 10 Proofs of age
- 11 Went wild
- 12 Dahl of film
- 13 Ranked in a tournament
- 18 Blue
- 22 Inclined shed
- 23 Dupes
- 24 Employ
- 25 First garden
- 26 Challenging situation
- 30 Mimic
- 33 Javanese and Japanese
- 34 Hot-dog holder
- 36 Shade tree
- 39 Capture
- 40 Use a CAT
- 41 Scholarly book
- 42 Not home
- 43 Displays ostentatiously
- 45 Burn without flame
- 46 Crested
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The Sideline

Football climbs in ranking in week off

Despite not playing over the weekend, the 2-0 Horned Frogs continued their climb in both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches polls this week. The Frogs find themselves ranked 20th in the Associate Press poll and 19th in the coaches poll.

The Frogs gained 114 additional points in moving up two spots from 22nd in the A.P. poll this week. The Frogs tallied 309 points to rank between No. 19 Washington (352) and No. 21 Alabama (223).

The No. 20 ranking for TCU in the writers' poll is the Frogs' top ranking since they were ranked 13th in the final regular season poll in 200, when they boasted a 10-1 record.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Cross country places at season opener

The TCU women's cross country team tied for second while the men's squad tied for fourth in the cross country season opener Saturday morning at the North Texas Opener. The men's 8K race and the women's 5K event were held at the North Texas Research Forest in Denton.

The women were paced by Mary Kinyanjui, the Conference USA outdoor champion at 5,000 meters, who placed seventh overall. Katrina Zielinski was close behind with an eighth place finish. Finishing times were not reported for the women.

The men were led by freshman Alex Morris, who placed 24th overall. He covered the 8,000-meter course in 27:21. The TCU men's squad was composed of five freshman and one sophomore. The frogs will be in action again next Saturday, when they travel to College Station for the Texas A&M Invitational.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Lady Frogs named No. 22 in preseason ranks

The TCU Lady Frog basketball squad has cracked the preseason top-25 rankings in *Athlon Sports* magazine, coming in at No. 22. It makes the first time in school history that TCU has appeared in the publications women's basketball preview. Earlier this year in May, the Purple and White was pegged 20th in Women's College Hoops.com's "Very Early Bird Rankings for 2003-04."

TCU came in ahead of Arizona, Virginia Tech and Southwest Missouri State in the poll. The Lady Frogs are slated to face three teams this season that that boasted a higher a billing in *Athlon Sports* in the likes of Tennessee (No. 9), DePaul (No. 18) and Rutgers (No. 19).

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Frogs to play Brazil in exhibition tour

Following the Sept. 30 TCU volleyball home match against Centenary, the USA national team will take on Brazil in the University Recreation Center. This will be the kickoff of an exhibition tour between the two teams. The TCU match commences at 6 p.m., while the exhibition match is set to begin afterwards.

Admission for the whole night costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors, and \$6 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are now on advance sale through the TCU ticket office.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Frogs extend winning streak

BY MARY HOLLIS
Skiff Staff

The volleyball team broke in its new home at the University Recreation Center in dominating fashion at the Adidas Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The Frogs, who have an overall record of 9-1, defeated both Texas-Pan American and Arkansas-Pine Bluff in consecutive three-game sweeps, then worked their way past Arkansas State 3-1. The tournament wins put TCU on a nine-match winning streak and give the Frogs their second straight tournament title.

"We played well," junior opposite Ellen Rehme said. "It was a big win, our first home game, and it was very exciting to win in our home gym and to get all the fans out there."

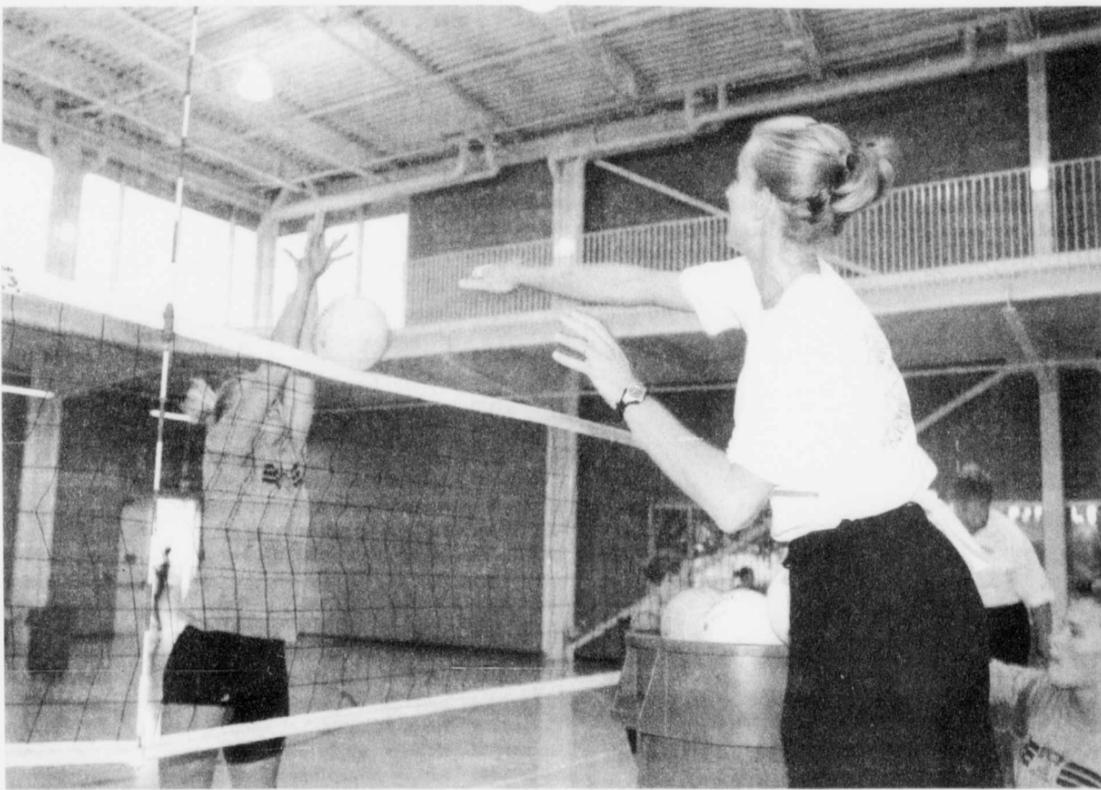
Rehme received the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Senior setter Tori Barlow and junior outside hitter Dominika Szabo received All-Tournament team honors. Rehme led the Frogs with 43 kills in eight games during the tournament.

Szabo said this was a great weekend for the Frogs, and the team showed what it was truly made of.

"I loved the tournament this weekend first because we were successful and second because it was our first time in our own facility, with our own gym and our own crowd," Szabo said.

Rehme said the last match of the tournament against Arkansas State was the best battle of the weekend.

"Last year we beat them at their place," she said. "They



Freshman middle blocker Calli Corley demonstrates her blocking skills in practice. The Frogs will ride a nine-game winning streak into this weekend's tournament, the Pittsburgh Classic. *Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer*

wanted to get back; we knew it would be tough."

The Frogs were down in the third game, but head coach Prentice Lewis said their comeback showed the heart of the team.

"Last year we beat them at their place. They wanted to get back; we knew it would be tough."

— Ellen Rehme
junior opposite

"We had never been down on a team like Saturday night, and it was a huge rally where the girls showed their character and came back to win," Lewis said.

Szabo said the third game

against Arkansas State was the toughest of the tournament. She said after the team adjusted, it was huge for them to comeback from such a large deficit and showed the team's determination to win.

Lewis said overall it was a great tournament with great competition and for their first time hosting a tournament, it went well.

"The fans were awesome,"

Lewis said. "A great group showed up Friday and Saturday night, and we definitely had a home court advantage."

The Frogs hope to continue their winning streak this weekend when they will play Northeastern, Toledo and Pittsburgh.

Mary Hollis
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Soccer team yields tie, loss in home tourney

The women's soccer team completed its nonconference schedule at home this weekend, finishing with one tie and one loss in the TCU Tournament.

In a tournament where the weather made for unfavorable playing conditions, the Frogs were unable to take full advantage of their home turf. The Frogs played Oklahoma to a 1-1 overtime tie on the tournament's first day and then lost to Baylor 4-0 on the second day.

Junior forwards Amy Van Zandt and Jessi Moore combined to account for the Frogs only goal of the tournament. Van Zandt's goal, which was her second of the year, gave the Frogs a

first-half lead. Despite outshooting Oklahoma 17-5, the Frogs couldn't get another ball past Oklahoma goaltender Catherine Wade.

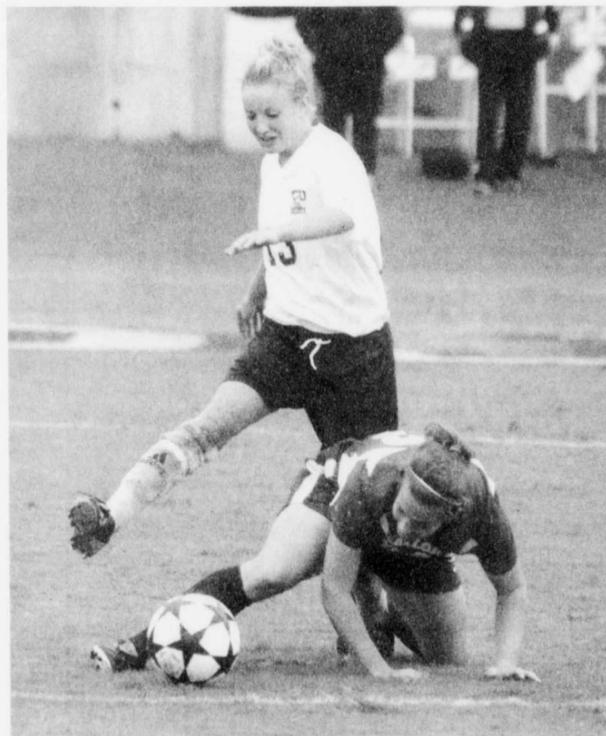
TCU had an even harder time scoring against Baylor Sunday. The Frogs had many opportunities in the first half to get an early lead but couldn't find the back of the net. Baylor outshot the Frogs 13-9 and scored two goals in each half.

The Frogs, who bring a 2-3-1 overall record into Conference USA action, will play at Cincinnati 6 p.m. Saturday and at DePaul 1 p.m. Sunday.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com



Freshman midfielder Kim Thompson stays one step ahead of Baylor midfielder Ryan Lee. The Frogs lost to Baylor 4-0. *Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer*



Freshman forward Ashley Fortune stretches over a Baylor defender to get a foot on the ball Sunday afternoon at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium. *Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer*

TEAM LEADERS

Goals

Amy Van Zandt	2
Ashley Fortune	1
Jessi Moore	1
Jenny Swanson	1
Elizabeth Walsh	1

Assists

Amy Van Zandt	1
Ashley Fortune	1
Jessi Moore	1

Shots

Amy Van Zandt	11
Ashley Fortune	11
Jessi Moore	11

GOALTENDERS

	Record	Minutes	Average
Jennifer Sims	(1-1-1)	245:00	1.84
Katie Buchanan	(1-2-0)	321:12	2.80