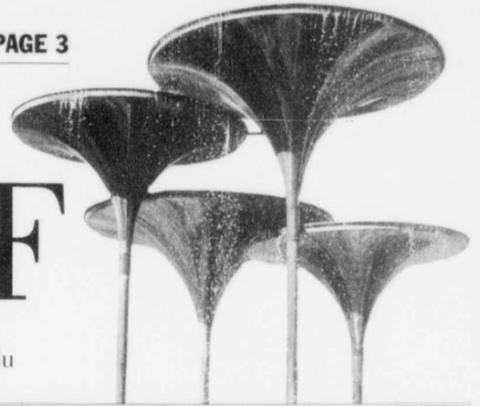


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

HOUSTON — The sentencing hearing for three federal immigration officers convicted of failing to provide medical care to an illegal immigrant whose neck was broken during a raid at a home in Bryan more than two years ago has been put off until next month.
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SAN ANTONIO — They're the Alamo's less fussed-over sisters, although they're now in line for more attention.
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WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday passed legislation that would allow banks to clear checks electronically, potentially slashing paperwork in a speedier and less costly process.
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Correction

The headline on Wednesday's Staff Assembly article was incorrect. Staff Assembly did not recommend cuts. It recommended restoring some of the proposed cuts.

On Campus

Stem cell research stirs up controversy

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Two years after President Bush restricted federal funding for stem cell research, the University of Michigan has received part of a three-year, \$6.3 million federal grant to fund work in this field.

The size of the grant pales in comparison to other federal contributions to medical research.

Last week, the National Institutes of Health announced a \$2 billion initiative to promote medical research and innovation. The institute has an annual budget of \$27 billion.

In addition, the Medical School will share the relatively small grant with two other research institutions, the universities of Wisconsin and Washington.

But the symbolic nature of the grant, interpreted as a federal endorsement of embryonic stem cell research, has left interest groups ill-at-ease.

Bush has limited research on the 30 to 60 publicly available stem cell lines.

— Michigan Daily

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 80; Low: 63;
Partly Cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 75; Low: 60;
Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY

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Looking Back

1940 — John Lennon is born in Liverpool, England. As part of the Beatles and as a solo artist, Lennon became one of the most influential musicians in rock history.

Lawyers look to help Iraqis

More than 5,000 men, women detained

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military is detaining more than 5,000 Iraqi men and women

accused of common crimes or of being security threats — people whose legal rights are in dispute and whose living conditions are hidden from public view.

The Iraqi Lawyers League, under a new, elected leadership, is mounting a rights campaign on their behalf, and on behalf of the uncertain families they left behind.

"We're in touch with the people. They come to us," said the lawyers association vice presi-

dent, Kamal Hamdoun. "We were obliged to do something. The detainees' situation doesn't meet the minimum of human rights."

For one thing, six months after the U.S. and British military ousted the Baath party government and took control of Iraq, the league has posted lists of detainees' names obtained from occupation authorities. Each morning anxious Iraqis scan the typed sheets taped to lobby walls

at league headquarters.

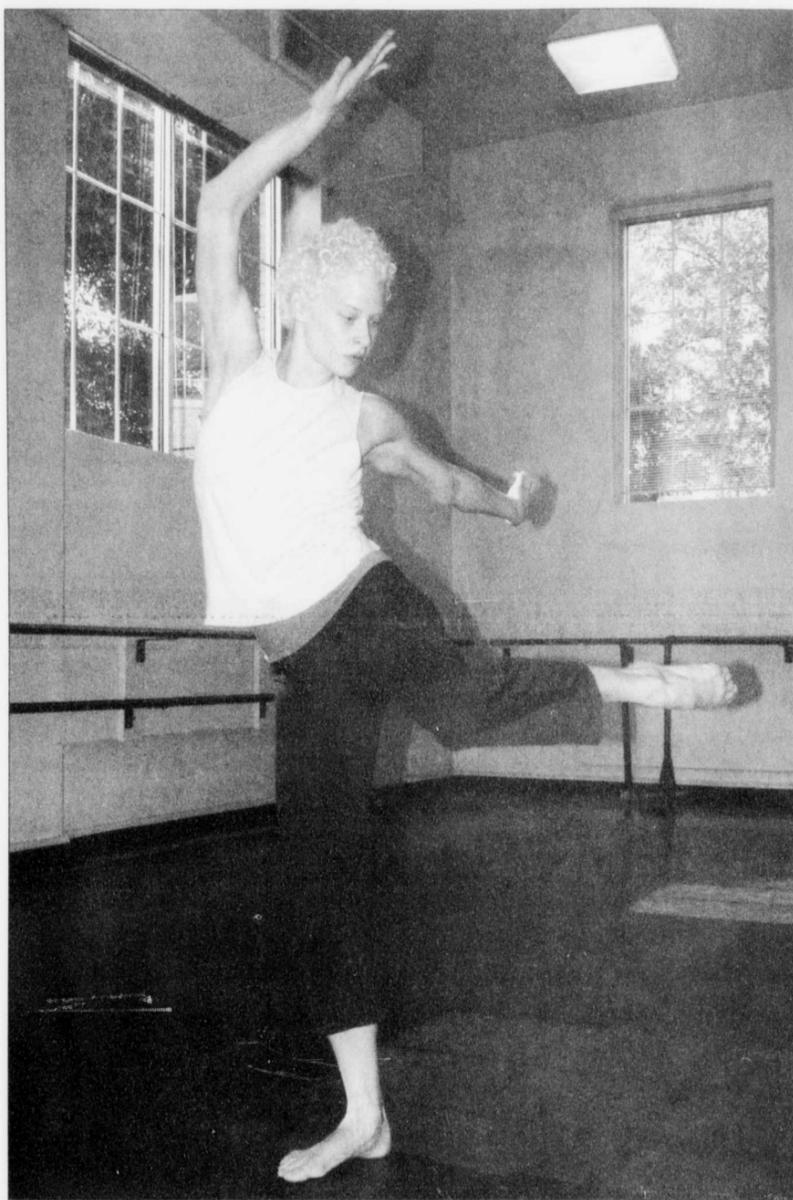
"I've searched for him everywhere, I don't know whether the Americans took him or not," black-veiled Buthayna Ali, 42, said of her husband, who disappeared while traveling to see relatives outside Baghdad during the war last April. Not finding his name on the lists, she told a reporter stoically, "At least I want to see his body."

"Tracing is a very big problem," said Ali Ismael of the Iraqi

Red Crescent Society, which works to confirm detainees' locations for families. It coordinates with the International Committee of the Red Cross, the agency designated under international law to visit wartime prisoners and inspect detention centers.

Ismael and the lawyers believe the U.S.-led coalition is holding many more than the 5,500 names on the lists given to the Lawyers

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Leah Cox, a graduate of TCU's class of 1998, was invited by the dance department to share her knowledge of dancing and help other dancers grow in their abilities.

Dancer shares unique style

BY ROBYN KRIEL
Staff Reporter

A TCU alumna and professional dancer advised TCU dance students to break the rules to get ahead in the field.

"So much of life is about obeying rules," said Leah Cox, a 1998 TCU graduate now dancing in New York City for the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, "but when these dancers reach college, they need to break through those boundaries and begin to truly know themselves."

Susan Douglas Roberts,

"People are so focused on how ballet dancers look and weigh, and I wanted to be noticed for how I felt and thought," she said.

Cox worked on a dance, using seven TCU students, to be performed at a show at the end of October, Douglas Roberts said. Cox also taught technique, aesthetics and composition classes.

Douglas Roberts said the faculty's priority is to bring back students who are successful in the dance field for inspiration and guidance for its students.

"Leah always went against the grain as a student, but she was such a compelling mover and thinker. She was not a rebel just to be a rebel."

— Susan Douglas Roberts

associate professor of modern dance

associate professor of modern dance, said the faculty invited Cox to TCU as a guest artist and choreographer on a contract for nine days. Cox left TCU Tuesday.

"Leah always went against the grain as a student, but she was such a compelling mover and thinker," Douglas Roberts said. "She was not a rebel just to be a rebel; she was always very thoughtful and professional, and it made her so interesting to work with as an artist, a student and a person."

Cox said she realized in her freshman year that she preferred modern dance to ballet.

"Having Leah here gives students a clear and more immediate idea of what is possible to achieve," Douglas Roberts said, "especially in Leah's case because she is so young; she is a role-model in her rebelliousness."

Kate McDonald, a sophomore modern dance major and one of the seven students in Cox's dance, said Cox has taught them how to move their bodies in different ways.

"She also treated us very professionally, as if we were in a company," McDonald said.

Cox said if you are always

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MTV skews Greek life

BY ANDREW DONOVAN
Staff Reporter

Fighting. Crying. Hazing. Drunkenness. Excessive partying.

Greek leaders on campus say these are several reasons why many people enjoy watching shows documenting Greek life. Unfortunately, they said, these images come at the expense of fraternities and sororities nationwide.

Alpha Chi Omega President Robyn Windham said shows like MTV's "Sorority Life" and "Fraternity Life," which shows college students going through the pledging process of the Greek system, hurt the image of sororities and fraternities.

"Those MTV shows are definitely the biggest reason for the stereotype fraternities and sororities have received," Windham said.

The senior speech pathology major said most of what happens on the shows does not represent all fraternities and sororities, but that those stereotypes are how most people outside fraternities and sororities tend to judge the Greek system.

"The opinion on Greeks pretty much comes down to the person's experience with them," Windham said. "Unfortunately, for those totally foreign to Greeks, (the shows) are the only images they get."

According to MTV, the show is not supposed to represent all Greek life. The two shows came under fire last summer when Greek101.com, which sells apparel to college fraternities and sororities, cut its ties to the shows after several complaints from



Business major Robert Dalcin, playing for the Lambda Chi Alpha freshmen team, tries to avoid being tackled in flag football Wednesday night.

Greek members across the country.

As for any chance of TCU becoming the site of the next "Sorority Life" or "Fraternity Life," Tiffany Abbott, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said the possibilities are very slim. She said the chapters featured on the program usually do not fall under the national systems, which would not allow a group to participate.

More importantly, Abbott said, she would not want to bring that type of negative publicity to the campus.

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Upgrade to come

SGA considers changes needed for Web site

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association President Brad Thompson admits SGA's current Web site is not up to par.

"The one we have right now we don't really like, so we are in the process of creating a new one," said Thompson, a senior radio-TV-film major.

With outdated information and a format that is not easy to change, SGA is in the process of trying to make a new, up-to-date Web site.

Communications chairwoman Corrie Lockhart, a sophomore advertising and public relations major, said the site was last updated in spring 2003.

"The problem with the site being up and functional is that it is in Java, and we couldn't

change that easily," Lockhart said. "Not many students know Java that well."

Java is a computer programming language that can be run on the Internet.

Thompson said time is also an issue in updating the site. Students working on the site would change over, making one person have to play catch-up from the previous person's



progress, he said.

"Students get busy and they forget to do it, and we would forget to do it," Thompson said.

The current Web site (www.sga.tcu.edu) shows

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THE PULSE

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■ **TCU Semester in Florence program and TCU London Centre** are accepting applications due Wednesday. For more information, contact the International Education office at (817) 257-7473 or in Sadler Hall, Room 16.

■ **20:24 Bible Study** meets at 6:15 p.m. Sundays in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1.

■ **The Center for Writing** is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

■ **TCU Symphony Orchestra** will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, go to (www.music.tcu.edu) or call (817) 257-7602.

■ **University Career Services** presents Sophomore Spotlight from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Banquet Hall. The event is intended to help sophomores decide on majors, find careers and more. For more information, call (817) 257-7860.

■ **National Depression Screening Day** is today. TCU will have screenings from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Brown-Lupton Health Center. For more information, call (817) 257-7863.

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IRAQ

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League. "I think it's double this number," Hamdoun said. "We know many whose names aren't on the list."

Col. Ralph Sabatino insists 5,500 is roughly correct. "Every day I get a copy of the (detainee) list," said the U.S. Army lawyer, who handles detainee issues at the palace headquarters of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the occupation administration.

Other Army sources, however, have spoken of 10,000 "detainees and prisoners," apparently including some held by Iraqi police. The tents and cells have been filling up both with alleged resistance fighters rounded up in U.S. military sweeps, and suspects in Baghdad's months-long crime wave.

In addition, Sabatino said, some 13,000 Iraqis detained by coalition forces have been released since the war.

DANCING

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pushing yourself and always questioning, it will give you the hunger you need to move along in the field.

While visiting TCU, Cox participated in the faculty's dance classes.

"I have been telling the dancers here that when you get a dancer who can do both mod-

ern and ballet, it is like eating a five-course meal," she said. "That dancer will have both an understanding of the classical line, while knowing how to really use the space she is working with."

Douglas Roberts said the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company is well respected and well-known.

"The company has a very innovative, very exacting choreographer," she said. "It is very

challenging work for the dancers and the audience."

Brittany Barnhill, a sophomore modern dance and political science major, said Cox was an inspiring dancer.

"She is very in touch with her body and moves very freely," Barnhill said. "You can see that fresh, innovative style when Leah dances."

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GREEKS

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Panhellenic Council President and Chi Omega member Emily Marriott said the biggest problem with the shows is that they tend to concentrate a lot on the negative aspects of Greek life and hardly show the positive, like philanthropy.

"It's hard in a world where media and entertainment just want to show the bad," Marriott said. "You have to always try to overcome this negative publicity."

Senior advertising and public relations major Jason Myers said he is not part of the Greek system, but he agrees the TV shows do seem to exaggerate the footage they show.

"They definitely portray Greeks as stupid and elitist," Myers said. "Most fraternities are pretty much typecast anyway, and the show just kind of takes that to the extreme."

Myers said he has had much experience with fraternities, because he has been a resident assistant in Milton Daniel Hall for two years. He said he doesn't actually watch the shows himself, but he understands why some stu-

dents are attracted to them.

"People that are not a part of (Greek life) like to watch it and point out exactly why they are not a part of it. I think it helps them feel better about themselves," Myers said.

Windham said she does watch the shows, even if they do support the negative stereotype.

"If you're in the Greek system, it is really funny to watch because you know it is not true," Windham said. "Plus, it's great drama."

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WEBSITE

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information from last year's Programming Council events and has former officers listed as current officers.

Kymerli McKanna, a junior musical theater major, said she likes the style of SGA's Web site, but is disappointed in the old information.

"I appreciate the effort, but they didn't follow through," McKanna said. "If they don't care enough to fully finish their

pictures on the Web site, how does that seep into their ability to follow through with programs and projects for TCU?"

Lockhart said a solution to SGA's dilemma may have been found through a current TCU student.

Matthew Madderra, freshman computer information science major, set up a Web site about SGA and showed it to his roommate, Academic Affairs Chairman Jose Luiz Hernandez.

"When I first met Jose, we were talking about hobbies," Madderra said. "I mentioned that

I'm into Web designing, and he mentioned the SGA site. It kind of took off from there."

Madderra said his site is in HTML format, a much simpler language to understand than Java.

"With my program, it will not take long to add new information," Madderra said. "If I got the information Tuesday night, it can be up by Wednesday morning."

Thompson said along with updated information, he expects more items to be added to a new site.

"We want to have different links to your reps, so you will know who

your reps are," Thompson said. "It will be a lot more visual, and there will be access to documents and legislation."

Madderra said he has not been told yet if his site will be used by SGA. If the organization decides to use the site, he said he will not have any problem being the webmaster for free.

"I do it because I like doing it," Madderra said. "Some people see it as work, but I see it as a hobby."

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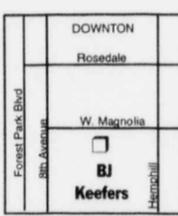
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Bush changing tactics

BY TERENCE HUNT
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, facing growing doubts about his handling of postwar Iraq, is launching a concerted campaign to convince Americans that the United States is making solid progress in the war against terror, despite growing casualties and setbacks.

The White House offensive will include a series of speeches by Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, as well as high-profile trips to Iraq by Cabinet secretaries to illustrate areas of progress, such as the reopening of schools and the introduction of a new currency, officials said Tuesday night.

Bush at times will reach beyond the Washington media to try to drive his point home with

regional and local press corps, the officials said. The United States is also beefing up press operations in Baghdad to provide more live video opportunities and greater access to U.S. and Iraqi officials.

The moves come as a skeptical Congress begins work on Bush's \$87 billion proposal for Iraq and Afghanistan. While the administration is confident of winning something close to Bush's proposal, the bill has become a target for Democrats hoping to weaken the president's hand and for some Republicans who are uncomfortable with its cost.

"Progress in a project of this massive scale is not easy to put down in sound bites," White House communications director Dan Bartlett said. "It is a story that is unfolding before our eyes. It's a story that is very complex and is very difficult to tell in a

short period of time. What this will be is a sustained effort to show the American people firsthand the benefits of our commitment."

Bush will devote all of his Saturday radio addresses in October to Iraq and will sit down for a series of interviews with regional media Monday to press his case. Rice will open the effort with a speech Wednesday before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, Bush will follow up with speeches Thursday in New Hampshire and Cheney will take on critics of Bush's Iraq policy in a speech Friday in Washington, the officials said.

"This is a time when we are accelerating our efforts on a number of fronts and as we do, it's important to keep the American people informed," presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said.



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The Skiff View ELECTION

Schwarzenegger is a bad choice

Thank God that the California recall elections are over because if California undergoes any more humiliation, we don't think the media can handle it.

The reason for having a recall election in the first place is confusing. First, Davis was re-elected for his second term, and then, after hardly starting it, the vote is recalled, and he is ousted.

And by whom? The Terminator, whose political platform is as underdeveloped as his last movie?

Perhaps the options were just too overwhelming for the complex issues Californians are debating. When you have a line of such politically knowledgeable candidates — actor Gary Coleman (I); adult film actress Mary Cook (I); publisher Larry Flynt (D) — it must have been very difficult to make a good choice.

Though the election results hardly come as a surprise, the media's role in coverage has been appalling. The media badgered Schwarzenegger with outdated accusations of sexual harassment and Hitler-loving instead of truly sticking it to him with tough political questions.

The issues and the answers, his experience and his agenda were important points of debate that barely made the front page. Schwarzenegger's ineptitude was handed to them on a platter, and they opted for cheap tricks.

The California decision sends a message about what kind of character we desire in our political leaders. In this case, it seems the flash and sparkle of stardom has blinded the voters from what is imperative to the state.

However, the media, the "watchdogs of the government," seem to have fallen under the same spell.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Frivolous lawsuits still a never-ending problem

Sometimes people make jokes about the lawsuits they are going to file. For example, "Oh, I burnt myself with hot coffee. I'm going to sue someone for not labeling it correctly."

These jokes are made because everyone knows common sense and accountability should enter into the decisions we make.

Don't they? The answer is a resounding "no."

Lawsuits, such as the true example above, have shown that people no longer want to be held accountable for their actions, even when those actions are freely chosen and completely asinine.

The most recent lawsuit to drag responsibility through the mud involves a 23-year-old man paralyzed in 2001 by a falling goal post after rushing the field at Ball State.

Although not present at the Ball State victory over the University of Toledo, we can make a guess as to the events leading up to the plaintiff being injured.

Ball State wins. Frenzied students run onto the field and many jump onto a goal post.

Plaintiff decides to hang out

near a goal post with hundreds, if not thousands of pounds worth of students hanging off of it.

The rest of the story ends with the plaintiff and parents filing lawsuits against both Ball State and now, Marty Gilman Inc., the makers of the goal post.

As tragic as this is for the paralyzed young man and his family, it is even more tragic considering the example it sets for the nation, and the legal precedent it may set in the courtroom.

No one forced the student onto the field. No one forced him near the goal post. In an exercise of free will, the student initiated all the actions that lead to his injury.

This all boils down to a case of a person making a bad decision, and in hindsight, deciding that someone else should pay for the negative consequences.

Thankfully, Marty Gilman Inc. claims it will defend itself and not settle or compromise.

Hopefully, those sitting in judgment of the case will realize that reckless behavior has its consequences.

It's a lesson many in our society need to learn.

This is a staff editorial from the Daily Evergreen at Washington State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

STAR TRIBUNE
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Don't take RAs for granted

Over the summer, I received a call from the Colby Hall director, who asked me if I was interested in coming back to

school early to train to be a resident assistant. I was ecstatic.

I was honored to be picked for a position in which many people apply but only a few are awarded.

Little did I know how much work it really is and how stressful it actually can be.

More goes on behind the scenes of an RA's life than meets the eye. Not only do they have to take care of themselves, but they are also responsible for 30 or more residents of their own, as well as the other 320 residents within a hall. They come to school two weeks early for training, lose a week of winter break and leave after everyone else at the end of the year.

They take a full class load and some of them even have a side job in addition to being an RA. They participate in many on-campus organizations, and despite their busy schedules,

they somehow find time to spend with their residents. They spend hours planning their wing socials and all-halls. Not only are the socials useful, but if you attend — heaven forbid — you may actually enjoy yourself.

Many of the RAs ask their residents what times are convenient to host wing socials, so they can work

around all of your busy schedules and have as much participation as possible. They even take suggestions of what you want to do for wing socials. If you don't like what socials have been planned, maybe you should tell your RA what you would enjoy, so he or she can work that in. In essence, we want to build a community within our halls, but we cannot do that alone. Everyone needs to make an effort.

Also, whether you know it or not, RAs do get to know their residents by more than just a name. Living in close confines with you allows RAs to sometimes know you better than they know themselves.

They love to spend as much time with their residents as they can.

This job has been a blessing in my life. It is extremely rewarding and also very challenging at times. I wouldn't give it back for anything. Those who think the

RA position is as simple as getting a free room and sitting on a futon all day long, think again. I've noticed that

people like to blame others for their laziness and boredom. Take a look at your own attitude before you judge someone else for doing his or her job.

I encourage residents to get to know their RAs. We're not here just to be here. We're here for your needs. Take a closer look at how much your RA does for you; you may be surprised. I didn't know how much went into the position until I became an RA this semester. Thank you fellow RAs for all the hard work you do and all the encouragement and creativity you bring to the table.

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COMMENTARY



Gabe Wicklund

"If you don't like what socials have been planned, maybe you should tell your RA what you would enjoy so he or she can work that in."

Abortion activists' methods have become to tame for modern minds

After reading the cover story in this week's Houston Press, I still don't believe God stands against abortions. After seeing

the bloody hands of an aborted fetus clutching a dime, I still don't feel

compelled to petition a change in abortion laws. After reading countless sob stories and viewing even more macabre pictures, I still would encourage all young college students to abort their accidental pregnancies.

And for all the effort that the Pro-Life Cougars put into their work, that's a shame.

There are thousands of students on this campus just like me. At a time when movies compete to show the most gruesome ways to die and 3-day-old waterlogged corpses can be seen from multiple angles at (www.rotten.com) for free, a few pictures of tiny body parts will change very few minds. This is a world beyond postmodernism.

It is amusing to see conservatives employing the violent images they so often denounce in the more liberal area of entertainment and liberals turning the tables on free speech, their own political ally. But the Pro-Life Cougars'

three-sided display that showcases pictures of aborted fetuses is ineffective — not because it's too radical, but because it isn't radical enough.

The Houston Press said Sheree Tullios, the woman who started the "controversial"

display, feels the message needs to shock people. Nothing about those pictures is shocking.

Remember, we are beyond the era when Ozzy Osbourne shocked the world by biting the heads off bats. These are times when teenagers carry guns and kill people they don't like in suburban schools, urban streets and markets in the Middle East. We are accustomed to violence and receiving another second-hand experience does nothing for us.

If the Pro-Life Cougars want to shock anyone other than freshmen coming in from suburbs and small towns, they need to bring something new to the table — something outrageous. They could bring the fetuses themselves to Butler Plaza. Students could examine the tiny corpses in person rather than on sterile Kodak paper. Or the Pro-

Life Cougars could show an abortion performed live in the middle of their display. That might shock the students.

Of course, the conservatives aren't the only ones who can improve their situation. Liberals, too, can find more effective

ways of voicing their opinions. Pro-choice advocates could erect another three-sided

display, but it could show the tragedies that happen after avoiding an abortion — the malnourished bellies of children whose parents cannot afford to feed them, teenage parents working three jobs instead of finishing high school and, of course, baby bodies in dumpsters. A few words of protest in a local newspaper hardly constitute a political statement.

To shock today's college student, you have to do something truly disgusting. Let us smell blood. Let us taste blood. We've already seen and heard enough.

Zach Lee is a columnist for The Daily Cougar at the University of Houston. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

State, church remain divided

Last month, Alabama's Chief Justice Roy Moore was defeated in his desire to keep a granite version of the Ten Commandments in a state building.

COMMENTARY This act

Abigail Wheelley of removing the com-

mandments was done in the name of preservation of church and state. I strongly support this separation. If it is not preserved, there can be no trust in the elected officials of this country because they will not have to justify their actions.

In Islamic countries, women who have been raped can be murdered by a male family member, and this is called an honor killing. While America was in its infancy we burned and hanged men, women and children who were suspected of witchcraft.

These actions were immoral and unethical; yet the officials responsible were able to claim a higher power. When there is no requirement of logic and sanity for judicial decisions, we enter a strange and horrible place. Any one of us, even the most religious, will admit that the Bible and other religious writings can and have been interpreted to ghastly and deadly ends.

Separation of church and state is not so we can raise our children to be heathens, but because government decisions need to be based on what is best for the country.

To the end of keeping the church out of our state, we have begun to split hairs. Every small violation of the church being in the state has made big news and brings out the knives of those on both sides. Last June the religious and liberal frenzy was excited by the federal appeals court in California, announcing that "under God" in the pledge was unconstitutional.

Many liberal Democrats stood back watching their victory and nodded. Yes, there should be no mention of God in a speech or oath spoken by a president in a country where there is a separation of church and state.

Small things, tiny wires being tread softly. This all seems like nonsense because it is. God and the Ten Commandments being kept out of state buildings and schools masks the fact that there is no real separation of church and state in this country.

While the pledge debate played out in the media, there were no cameras rolling as the State of Illinois allowed the Department of Family and Children's Services, a state-run office, to contract cases out to the Lutheran Family Services, a religious-based organization.

As a society, we play into the hands of the government when we jump at the chance to play out the church and state charade. We cannot afford to continue to be naive; we've all been duped, and we are all going to pay the price. And I am praying to God for the sanity of our country and restoration of what is good in the world to be reborn.

Abigail Wheelley is a columnist for the Daily Egyptian at Southern Illinois University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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National/State Roundup

Judge delays sentencing of immigration officers

HOUSTON (AP) — The sentencing hearing for three federal immigration officers convicted of failing to provide medical care to an illegal immigrant whose neck was broken during a raid at a home in Bryan more than two years ago has been put off until next month.

U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal has reset the hearing, which was scheduled for Thursday, to Nov. 4.

A federal court jury in June found Louis Rey Gomez, 37; Richard Henry Gonzales, 37; and Carlos Reyna, 43, all of San Antonio, guilty of willfully denying Serafin Olvera-Carrera medical care after his injury left him paralyzed from the neck down.

The officers said they thought Olvera-Carrera, 47, was faking his injuries after the raid, which resulted in the arrest of 21 immigrants.

The jury also found Gonzales guilty of a second charge of using excessive force by dousing Olvera-Carrera with pepper

spray. Meanwhile, Reyna, accused of beating the immigrant, was acquitted of that charge. Gomez only faced the charge of ignoring Olvera-Carrera's medical needs.

Gonzales faces up to 20 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines. Reyna and Gomez each face up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

City launches campaign to restore four missions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — They are the Alamo's less fussed-over sisters, although they're now in line for more attention.

A three-year campaign was launched Tuesday to raise \$15 million to restore and preserve the four 18th-century Franciscan missions strung out along the San Antonio River south of downtown.

Missions San Jose, San Juan Capistrano, Espada and Concepcion — each still an active Catholic place of worship — are suffering from decades of inadequate care that has left the stone structures in need of foundation work and repairs to carved-stone

facades and other design features.

"We as a community need to put emphasis on the past and on restoring these architectural treasures," San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza said at a ceremony outside Mission San Jose's beige-and-gray stone church, built in the mid-1700s.

The fund-raising effort, called Las Misiones, is being led by billionaire auto magnate B.J. "Red" McCombs and his wife Charline.

Whizzinator used to pass court-ordered drug tests

LUBBOCK (AP) — Some West Texas men on probation are in trouble again, this time for using the Whizzinator to help them pass court-ordered urinalysis tests.

In the past six months, five men on probation were caught using a realistic-looking prosthetic that dispenses synthetic, drug-free urine, Lubbock County sheriff's officials said. One was caught by an alert officer who heard something unusual in the restroom.

"A body part when it's up against a plastic cup isn't going to go 'clink,'" said Tom Madigan, interim assistant director of the Lubbock County adult probation office.

The device, reusable and available in five flesh colors, is sold by California-based Puck Technology for \$150. A prosthetic penis is attached to an undergarment resembling a jock strap and connects to a pouch containing dehydrated urine. Water is added to the pouch and a heat pack can be attached to keep the urine close to body temperature.

Company owner Dennis Catalano has sold the device and one designed for women for about four years, mainly through an Internet site. He said what he does is legal.

Banks allowed to clear checks electronically

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday passed legislation that would allow banks to clear checks electronically, potentially slashing paperwork in

a speedier and less costly process.

Under the bill, passed by voice vote, banks could approve digital images of checks rather than physically transport them between financial institutions.

The bill would nix the current requirement that banks have specific agreements with other institutions to electronically process checks. Banks, customers and businesses that still want paper checks could request a substitute check, which has the same legal status as a regular one, to confirm the electronic transfer.

Police notify parents of suspected suicide pact

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Police woke the parents of nine high school students before dawn to warn them of a suspected suicide pact a week after a 15-year-old classmate hanged himself.

Lincoln High School Principal Al Graziano said a student was overheard talking about suicide Monday night, and later told authorities that others were involved. Officers went to each

student's home early Tuesday.

Many involved were freshmen and sophomores, five girls and four boys, police said. They all were friends of William Metzger Jr., a 15-year-old who hanged himself last week following a car crash that killed three of his friends Sept. 23. The boy's funeral was Monday.

"There are some problems to be dealt with, obviously," said Sgt. Tony Steverson, police spokesman.

Five of the students were taken to hospitals "to get some counseling, some help." He said one student "purportedly had taken an unknown substance" but was fine after receiving treatment.

Graziano said he didn't know what the substance was but that the girl had told authorities she couldn't sleep.

Lincoln High School, just south of downtown Des Moines, has 2,200 students.

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Group threatens split from Episcopal church

BY BOBBY ROSS JR.
Associated Press

DALLAS — Emboldened by an opening day of prayer, heartfelt singing and sobering messages, an insurgent conservative movement threatening a break from the Episcopal Church planned to turn next to the nuts and bolts of a possible split.

Nearly 2,700 conservatives — including 46 of the denomination's 300 bishops — began the three-day national meeting Tuesday with a goal of shaping plans for Episcopalians who oppose the church's increasing acceptance of gay relationships.

"Exciting, excruciating, discouraging and demanding days are ahead of us," Canon Mary Hays from the Diocese of Pittsburgh said Tuesday night at a communion service that drew around 5,000 worshippers, including local Episcopalians not registered for the meeting.

Christopher Culpepper, a 33-year-old seminary student from Nashotah, Wis., echoed the view of many at the meeting.

"The idea of a split is very devastating," Culpepper said, "but I think it would be very difficult to remain in communion with the Episcopal Church."

At its national convention in Minneapolis this summer, the church confirmed the election of a gay bishop and voted to recognize that bishops are allowing blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples.

The Rev. Rick Kramer, one of

about 800 priests attending the Dallas meeting, said he came in hopes of "taking back the church," even if that means severing ties with the denomination.

To that end, one panel will brief participants on Wednesday about such practical details as church law, clergy pensions and property rights. Congregations that break with the Episcopal Church will want to retain ownership of their buildings and other assets, but the national denomination claims control, raising the prospect of long and enervating lawsuits.

Two other pointed Wednesday topics are the mechanics of withholding money from the national offices and liberal dioceses, and further detail on what conservative leaders want from next week's London meeting of world Anglican leaders.

Kramer, a 30-year-old mission vicar from London, Ohio, said conservatives aren't angry, just concerned about the church's direction.

"Rather than preaching the gospel, we've become pluralistic, almost universalistic in that we will allow anyone ... to hold any position in the church regardless of whether or not they're converted and Christian," he said.

That's a prevailing message at the meeting, as conservatives claim the church's liberal wing has abandoned a message of repentance and forgiveness for an anything-goes brand of religion.

"It is the gospel of affirmation

rather than the gospel of salvation," said the Rev. Kendall Harmon, canon theologian for the Diocese of South Carolina. "We have moved from sinners in the hands of an angry God to clients in the palm of a satisfied therapist."

Some Episcopalians who support the Minneapolis decisions are present, operating a hospitality suite at the hotel where the meeting is being held.

The Rev. Susan Russell, president of Integrity, a caucus for 2,500 Episcopalians who support gay and lesbian rights in the church, said the meeting "represents a tiny but vocal minority."

"The schism is infinitely avoidable," she said, "but if it happens it will be minor. The church is smarter than that and stronger than that."

A draft version of a declaration the meeting will issue at its conclusion Thursday commits participants to withholding money from the national church and dioceses that support the Minneapolis decisions.

It also calls on the archbishop of Canterbury and the 37 other leading bishops in the Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is the U.S. Branch, to create an undefined "new alignment for Anglicanism in North America."

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Horn fighting for life after attack

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Doves of people visit illusionist Roy Horn's makeshift shrine in front of The Mirage hotel-casino every day. So many have visited the "Siegfried & Roy" Web site that it has crashed.

Doctors hope Horn might be able to one day thank them.

Horn can communicate and move his feet and hands, Dr. Derek Duke said at University Medical Center where the "Siegfried & Roy" co-headliner

was hospitalized following a mauling Friday by one of the tigers in his show.

Horn, 59, is responding to treatment but remained in critical condition, the hospital said Wednesday. Doctors said Horn lost a large amount of blood in the attack and later had a stroke.

"A contributing factor to his current condition is his extraordinary will and strong physical attributes," Duke said Tuesday. "These are significant elements in his ability to recover."

Longtime stage partner Siegfried Fischbacher said he was

sure the pair would be able to appear again, telling a German newspaper Tuesday, "Our show will go on."

But MGM Mirage spokesman Alan Feldman said Wednesday that Fischbacher's comment had been misinterpreted.

"The show is closed," Feldman said. The show's 267 employees have been told to look for new jobs.

Horn was attacked by a 600-pound Royal White tiger before a crowd of 1,500 at the Mirage. He was alone onstage with the animal when it latched onto his

arm. The entertainer tried to free himself by tapping the tiger on the head with a microphone, but the animal lunged at his neck and then dragged him offstage.

Show workers set off fire extinguishers backstage to distract the tiger, which initially refused to release the performer. Horn underwent emergency surgery late Friday and had more surgery to relieve pressure on the brain.

Fischbacher told the German Bild newspaper that Horn was able to raise his hand in a "V" for victory sign.

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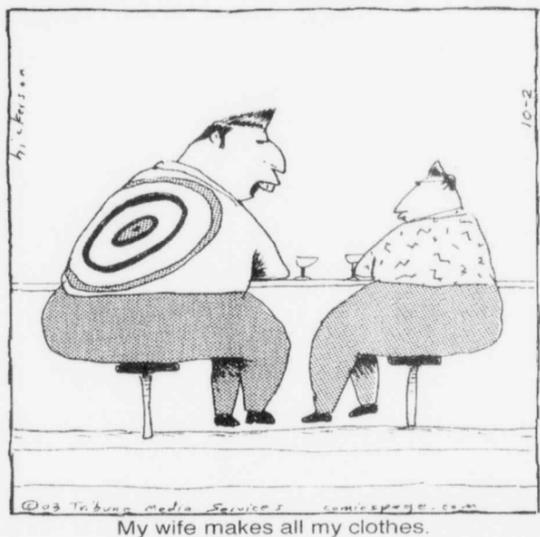


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The Sideline

Frogs set to shoot at annual competition

The 13th annual Rifle Horned Frog Invitational is scheduled for Friday to Sunday at the TCU rifle range. The Frogs are set to shoot at 4 p.m. Friday.

Jacksonville State, Texas-El Paso and Texas A&M are on the schedule of schools that will be in attendance. Jacksonville State will shoot at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by UTEP at 2 p.m. Texas A&M will shoot last at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Last year, the Frogs finished first in air rifle and second in the smallbore and set a new school record for both of those events. Sophomore Celeste Green set the record for smallbore with a score of 1,173 at the Invitational last year.

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Weekly cross country poll ranks Frogs fifth

The TCU women's cross country team is ranked fifth in this week's South Central Regional Cross Country Poll. The Frogs garnered 148 points, just four points behind fourth place Texas. Arkansas continues to lead the poll with 190 points, followed by Baylor (186) and Texas A&M (166). However, the FinishLynx NCAA Women's Cross Country National Poll has the Bears ranked 14th, with Arkansas coming in as the 19th-rated school.

On the men's side, TCU is in 17th place in the regional poll with three points. Arkansas leads the men's poll with 150 points, followed by Texas A&M (139) and Texas (129). Arkansas is ranked ninth in the Mondo NCAA Men's National Cross Country Poll.

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Men's tennis player breaks winning streak

TCU Horned Frog sophomore tennis player Jacopo Tezza saw his five-match unbeaten streak come to a close Wednesday at the Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn. The sophomore from Verona, Italy, was dropped by No. 69 Thomas Schoeck of Boise State in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5, in the round of 32. Tezza was attempting to join senior and No. 47-rated teammate Alex Menichini for the main draw, which begins today.

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McGee returns to Dallas after being cut

IRVING (AP) — Tight end Tony McGee has returned to the Dallas Cowboys, who had released him during the final round of cuts before the season.

McGee, who played 10 seasons in Cincinnati before joining the Cowboys last season, was signed Tuesday. To make room on the roster, the team cut defensive tackle Michael Myers, a 1998 fourth-round pick who started 25 games. The Cowboys need help at tight end after rookie Jason Witten broke his jaw in Sunday's 24-7 victory over Arizona.

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Looking Back

1919 — The Cincinnati Reds won the World Series. The win would be later tainted when 8 Chicago White Sox were charged with throwing the game. The incident became known as the "Black Sox" scandal.

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Frogs go helmet-to-helmet with USF

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES
Staff Reporter

Something will have to give Friday night in Tampa, Fla.

TCU and South Florida both have winning streaks on the line coming onto their 7 p.m. meeting at Raymond James Stadium.

TCU rides a seven-game winning streak that stretches back to the 2002 season and are 15-1 in its last 16 games. USF currently has a 21-game home winning streak that is second only to the 25-game winning streak that Miami holds at the Orange Bowl.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said the team cannot treat this like a big game.

"We've got to get ready for the games we're suppose to win, and we let the big games take care of themselves," Patterson said.

Patterson said if you get ready for only the big games, you make mistakes, and it is even more deflating when you lose those games. He said then the team cannot win the games it is suppose to win, he said.

Junior tight end Cody McCarty said Patterson prepares the players the same for each game.

"Coach Patterson always tells us that the next game is the big game," McCarty said.

Patterson said the team has their work cut out for them. He said USF runs a no-huddle offense that can cause problems for defensive matchups and runs and throws out of the no-huddle, sometimes lining up two backs.

Patterson said his corners, who haven't given up a passing touchdown in the last two games, have looked good over the past few games. But he said USF will be a big test for them.

McCarty said USF looked quick on film and its defense "will hit you in the mouth." He said the USF defense reminded him of TCU's defense because of how athletic and physical it is.

Patterson said TCU cannot allow USF to run the ball and must avoid big plays.

"They will catch the ball, but we can't let them run after the catch," Patterson said.

Offensively, Patterson said the Frogs have to run the football and score in the red zone, something they have not been able to do. McCarty said the red zone problems stem from a lack of execution.

Patterson said the offense will get a lift as sophomore quarterback Tye Gunn will return to his starting role. Redshirt freshman Robert Merrill will get his third start at running back while running backs Lonta Hobbs and Kenny Hayter and quarterback Brandon Hassell will all see playing time, he said.

McCarty said the team does not see much difference in Gunn and Hassell at quarterback. He said they both move the ball and know how to handle the team.

"They are both good field generals, as some like to say," McCarty said.

With Gunn's return and

Hobbs getting playing time, the injury bug that has hampered TCU's depth could be going away.

"Depth is always a concern," Patterson said. "But I'll say this: I do feel better going into this week than prior weeks."

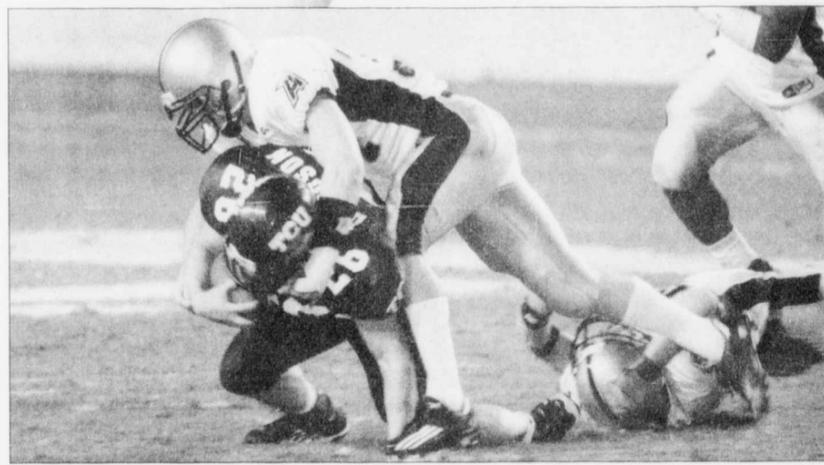
Patterson said he likes that the game is Friday this week so that players can get a couple of days off to heal from minor injuries. He also said he is relieved that the game will be on the East Coast instead of the West Coast.

"We got home from Arizona at 6:30 a.m.," Patterson said. "It's a great feeling to finish up a game at 11 or 12 and know it's only 10 or 11 p.m. back home."

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(Top) Junior quarterback Brandon Hassell rolls out of a play against Army. (Above) Sophomore fullback Tanner Davidson gets taken down by an Army defender in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game.

The Edge

TCU PASSING GAME Tye Gunn will be making his first start since separating his shoulder against the toughest pass defense the Frogs will face all season; although Patterson said Brandon Hassell will also see playing time. Whoever is running the show will have to stretch the field vertically and force the USF to get its safeties out of the running equation. Cody McCarty and Stanley Moss must have a key role in this equation early on as it will be their ability to make big plays over the middle that will allow TCU's receivers to get open deep. The Frogs will be able to move the ball through the air because of their running game, and eventually they will either get a big pass play or break a big run.

USF PASS DEFENSE The Bulls have an incredibly talented secondary, and boast one of the top pass defensive units in the country. They will be looking for redemption after giving up a season high in passing yards last weekend to Louisville. Senior free safety J.R. Reed is a proven defender and a solid tackler. The Frogs have shown they can throw the ball, but it will be a new test against a defense that excels at shutting down passing offenses.

TCU RUNNING GAME For the Frogs to be able to throw the ball, they must establish the run. Lonta Hobbs will see some playing time which will allow Robert Merrill and Kenny Hayter to rest their legs more than they have the last two games. If Hobbs has the kind of performance he is capable of, then there is potential for the Frogs to have two backs break 100 yards in the game. The offensive line will need to get to the linebackers to be successful though.

USF RUN DEFENSE Linebacker Maurice Jones is a playmaker. He leads the team in tackles and can disrupt plays all over the field. The interior defensive linemen are also bigger than those the Frogs have been up against so far. If Jones is allowed to roam free, he will be a headache for Gunn and the running backs all day, but as the game goes on, look for the Frogs big offensive line to wear down the USF run stoppers.

TCU PASS DEFENSE The young secondary will be put to its biggest test of this young season. The TCU secondary is just as fast and athletic as the USF receiving corps, yet any mistakes it makes will be magnified by USF's athletic ability. The front seven will put pressure on this offense and force a couple of poor throws, which will allow the likes of Jeremy Modkins and Tyrone Sanders to make a big play. The secondary has held four of the five quarterbacks it has faced to under 50 percent completion percentage.

USF PASSING GAME USF runs a no-huddle, spread attack that has a surprising amount of balance. The Bulls have a very athletic group of receivers, but they make mistakes (7 ints to 6 passing td's). As athletic as they are, they have only two pass plays of more than 40 yards. The top receiver, Huey Whittaker, is averaging 71 yards a game, and will force with Frogs secondary to work even harder because of his 6-foot-5-inch, 225 pound size.

TCU RUN DEFENSE TCU's run defense has had a tremendous year so far because of its front six. Brandon Williams does a fine job stuffing the run on his side and the linebacking corps does an even better job of getting behind the line. USF will not beat TCU on the ground, but TCU must force the Bulls to become one-dimensional, something it has done all year, in order for its pass rush to really take hold. TCU should continue its stellar job of stopping the run.

USF RUNNING GAME USF is not a run first team, but it does run the ball. They have three runners who present different threats and who have been used extensively this year. Clenton Crossley, Vince Brewer and DeJuan Green have not had great individual games but have done enough to keep defenses honest.

SPECIAL TEAMS Don't let the name fool you. Santiago Grammatica is related to a certain pair of NFL kickers, but Nick Browne will be the best kicker on the field Friday night. Grammatica is only 4 of 9 on his field goals and has even missed one extra point this year. John Braziel punted well last week and must continue to do so this week. Cory Rodgers has been on the verge of a big return, and this just might be his game.

OVERALL This will not be an easy victory for TCU. The Frogs are going against a talented team with the kind of home field advantage the Frogs are not used to playing in. The defense will keep the Frogs in the game, until the offense can get it going. The Frogs cannot continue to make mental mistakes and rack up penalties. This is the first big test of the year, and the Frogs will rise to the occasion because as talented as they are, they are still a well coached unit that believes in their system.

PREDICTION: Braden Howell - Frogs 24-17 Brent Yarina - Frogs 34-23

Key Matchup

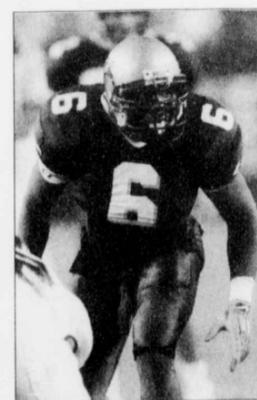
Gunn will be making his first start in over a month and will need to be at his best. The USF defense is fast and athletic, and Maurice Jones is the leader. Jones can alter the scheme of an offense with his athleticism, and Gunn will need to be able to adjust accordingly. If Gunn is able to make plays away from Jones, the Frogs will find success.

Tye Gunn
15 QB



Maurice Jones
6 LB

Jones is a dominating linebacker. He has the ability to stop the run and drop into coverage. A large part of the Frogs' plays should go away from Jones, so if he makes a habit out of being in the right place at the right time, the Frogs' offense will have a hard time gaining momentum.



The Edge and Key Matchup compiled by Braden Howell and Carlos Alvarado