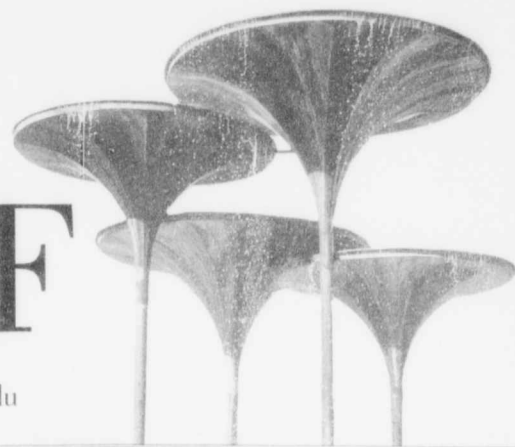


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

ARLINGTON, Wash. — Two black bears that were seized in a marijuana arrest at the Canadian border are bound for a wildlife sanctuary in Texas.

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SAN ANTONIO — An escaped prisoner who had been hospitalized at a South Texas medical center was back in custody Monday after he was spotted alongside a road.

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LOS ANGELES — California's wildfires wreaked havoc with travel plans, disrupting air traffic nationwide and forcing weekend gamblers on their way back from Las Vegas to find alternate routes.

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On Campus

New York law aims to curb illegal keg sales

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It's a rivalry of seemingly epic proportions — a squad of politicians and concerned citizens against the indomitable rogue known only as underage drinking. But New York state lawmakers have a new card up their sleeve, a weapon designed to bring an end to the battle.

A new piece of legislation, signed into law by Gov. George E. Pataki July 25, will require beer retailers to attach to beer kegs a special registration tag that will identify the name and address of the retailer and the name of the buyer.

Slated to go into effect in late November, the legislation aims to curb illegal keg sales to minors by placing the responsibility of the keg's whereabouts on the buyer whose name is printed on the keg or appears on the tag attached to the keg.

In addition, those purchasing the keg must sign a statement saying they understand and will comply with underage drinking laws. The seller must also keep records of each keg sold, including the buyer's license number and the amount of beer sold.

"The law puts pressure on drinkers and sellers," said Lt. Grant Williams of the Department of Public Safety.

— Daily Orange

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 80; Low: 54; Sunny

WEDNESDAY

High: 84; Low: 60; Sunny

THURSDAY

High: 83; Low: 64; Mostly Sunny

Looking Back

1886 — The Statue of Liberty, a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States, is dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

1965 — The Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot parabolic arch made of steel, is completed as part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, Miss.

Purple gowns possible

Graduation colors could be decided today

MONIQUE BHIMANI
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Victor Boschini is scheduled to decide today if graduates will be donning purple caps and gowns instead of black.

Of the students who participated in an e-mail survey, 70 percent favored a change to purple gowns, but the ultimate decision lies with Chancellor Victor Boschini. He will make the final choice of the color change, which could go into effect at a cabinet meeting today.

Margaret Kelly, director of

special projects in the marketing and communication department, said an e-mail survey was sent to all students who would have enough credit hours to graduate in December or May.

The survey got a 48 percent response rate from the e-mail link sent to 2,010 seniors Oct. 6.

Of the 965 students who responded to the survey, 676 voted for the new purple caps and gowns, and 289 wanted to keep the color black, Kelly said.

"I want to do what the students wanted to do," Boschini said. "Based on the student survey, the students were in favor of (the color change) and I want to explore that option."

While it appears that most students would like the purple graduation outfits, Student Government Association

President Brad Thompson said he wonders about the exact shade of purple the caps and gowns would be.

"I think it reflects the overall pride of the university," said Thompson, a senior radio-TV-film major. "I haven't seen the color, though, so it could be some really ugly, gaudy color, or it could be really cool."

Erin Hamilton, a junior English major, said she sees the color change to be of no importance to the graduation ceremony.

"I have no idea why it matters; I like the color purple as much as any other," Hamilton said. "If I could vote, I would vote black, I guess, because I have more black clothing."

Lauren Kelley, a senior English major, said she is adamantly against having pur-

ple graduation robes and would rather wear the traditional black caps and gowns.

"I think purple is an abomination," Kelley said. "I think purple is kind of tacky, and I just don't want to walk down the aisle in purple."

Boschini also said he would take into consideration the price change, which would add an additional \$5.50 to the current \$18 fee, according to Kelly's e-mail. This fee would cover the higher quality fabric of the gowns and allow seniors to keep the mortarboard cap, she said.

"You don't know me, but I'm cheap," Boschini said. "I don't want people to pay more than they have to."

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Eating disorders to be studied

BY KRISTI WALKER
Staff Reporter

Meredith Hinton, a junior fashion merchandising major, said she sees a big problem with eating disorders, specifically anorexia, at TCU.

No attempt has been made in the past to determine the actual numbers of students facing these deadly disorders, said Marey Paul, Women's Resource Center coordinator. However, a survey is currently being developed to determine the education on campus about the disorders and the number of students who have had or are having personal struggles with such diseases, she said.

"I see a problem, but we cannot determine if there has been an increase or decrease in eating disorders," she said.

The survey is being developed by Celia Moncrief, a sophomore psychology major and recovering anorexic.

"I really have a heart for helping people," Moncrief said. "People don't know how dangerous (eating disorders) can be."

Moncrief said this is a topic close to her heart since she has battled the illness personally and has had a friend die from an eating disorder.

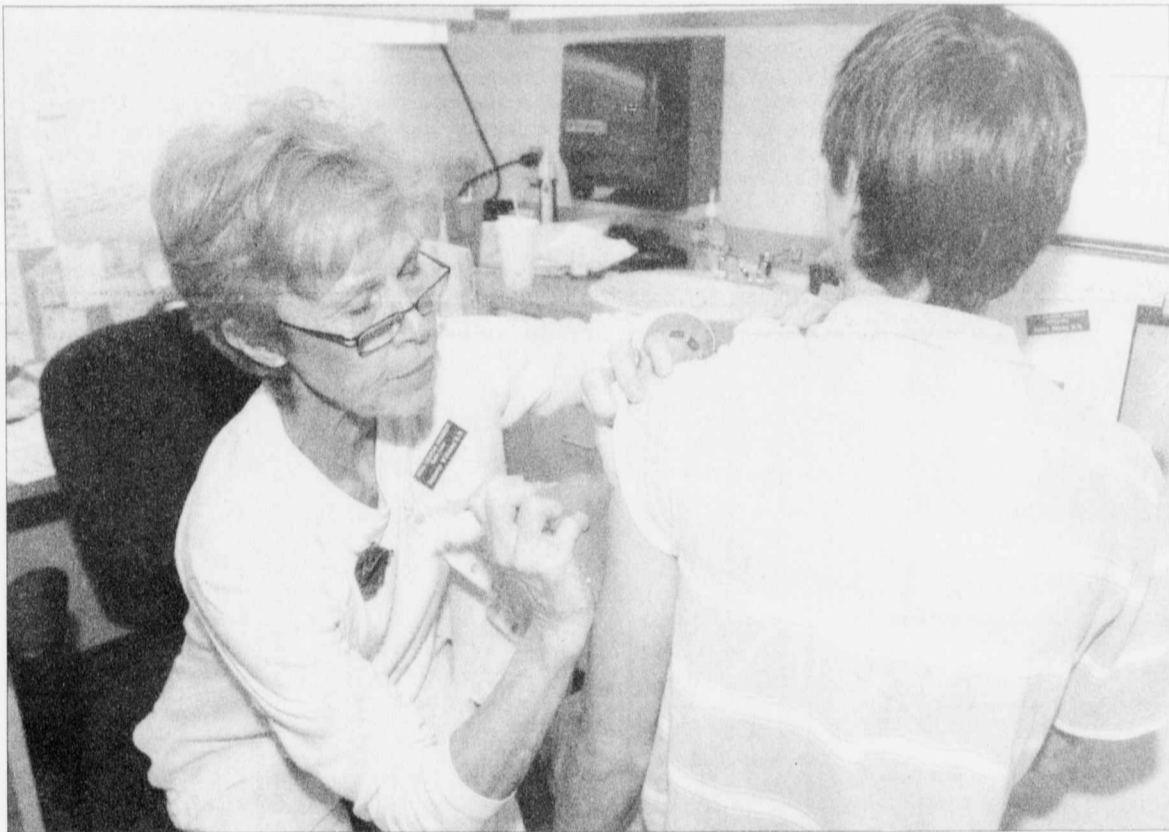
"Most people chose to ignore addressing eating disorders because it is a hard topic to bring up," she said.

Moncrief said the survey will go to all students to determine the size of the problem and the university awareness and education of anorexia nervosa, bulimia and compulsive eating.

Vice President of the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Christopher Athas said 11 percent of college women suffer from anorexia.

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A STICK IN THE ARM



Suzanne Williams, a registered nurse at the Health Center, administers a flu shot to a TCU student Monday afternoon in the Brown-Lupton Health Center.

Wildfires destroy California

BY SETH HETTENA
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Wildfires driven by hot Santa Ana wind flared into gigantic waves of flame that devoured entire neighborhoods, choking the sky over Southern California with smoke and ash Monday and killing at least 13 people in the state's deadliest outbreak of fires in more than a decade.

An estimated 30,000 homes were endangered.

The blazes triggered a harrowing flight to safety for thousands of residents, many of whom had little time to collect cherished possessions before escaping.

"I was grabbing wet towels. Fire was at our feet. It was blazing over our heads and burning everywhere," said Lisza Pontes, 43, recounting her Sunday morning escape from a fire in San Diego County.

From the Mexican border to the suburbs north of Los Angeles, large sections of the region were under siege Monday by six major fires and several smaller blazes. More than 825 homes had been destroyed. The death toll was

the worst in the state since the 1991 fire in the Oakland hills of Alameda County that killed 25 and destroyed more than 3,200 homes and apartments.

Airline travel was disrupted, major highways were blocked and some schools were closed. Monday night's pro football game between the Chargers and Dolphins was shifted from San Diego to Arizona.

Million-dollar homes disappeared in flames almost as fast as canyon brush in San Diego's Scripps Ranch area. In San Bernardino County, a blaze called the Old Fire, which had destroyed more than 400 homes, torched 25 more when it jumped a road and moved into the heavily forested town of Crestline, fire information officer Candace Vialpando of the U.S. Forest Service said Monday.

Gov. Gray Davis asked President Bush to declare Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties disaster areas to qualify them for federal aid. Bush didn't immediately say he would do that, but he did pledge Monday to help in any way possible.

"We want to help put them out. I mean, this is a devastating fire and it's a dangerous fire. And we're prepared to help in any way we can," Bush told reporters at the White House.

The wind subsided for a time during the night but picked up again Monday morning in San Bernardino County, Vialpando said.

The Santa Ana wind season usually stretches from September through February, with October often the strongest. The area's rainy season could start any time but heavier rain is not likely until January.

The blazes had charred more than 330,000 acres, or 500 square miles — almost half the size of the state of Rhode Island — of dense, dry brush and trees. More than 7,000 firefighters battled the spreading flames.

Shortly before 6 a.m. Monday, an 80,000-acre blaze in suburban Simi Valley, 35 miles northwest of Los Angeles, jumped a highway and came within yards of

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Coming through



Waddell Excavating destroys the building that once housed the Facility Services office next to the Pastoral Care office on West Lowden to make space for parking across from the Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurial Hall.

Stephen Spillman/Photo Editor

THE PULSE

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■ **Student Government Association** will host a Sharing Opinions and Solutions forum where students can discuss parking and other issues with administrators from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Call (817) 257-5236 for more information.

■ **Word of Truth Gospel Choir** presents "Prime Time Praise" at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. Jason Illian will speak. E-mail j.t.baltimore@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **TCU Student Foundation** is taking applications, due Wednesday. Applications can be picked up at the Student Center Information Desk, in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, in the admissions office or at www.alumni.tcu.edu/groups/sf.htm. Call (817) 257-8796 or (817) 257-5030 for more information.

■ **The Center for Writing** will offer a workshop to help journalism majors prepare for the GSP Test at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the University Recreation Center, Room 245. Call (817) 257-7221 for more information.

■ **Creative Writing Contests** have begun. Submissions for 25 different contests are due Nov. 17. Contact Charlotte Hogg at c.hogg@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6257.

■ **Frog Calls** student, faculty and staff directories are available to be picked up free of charge in the lobby of the Student Center.

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DISORDERS

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"This is an illness that pervades society," Athas said. "We need to live in a society where we accept ourselves as we are and others as they are. We need to promote naturalism."

Currently in America, 7 million women and 1 million men suffer from anorexia, bulimia, muscle dysmorphia or another form of eating disorder. Eighty-six percent of those report the onset of their disease by age 20, according to the Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.

Hinton said she sees a problem with anorexia within her major and the university as a whole.

"I think TCU is very competitive for women," Hinton said. "There are so many gorgeous girls here that it is difficult to distinguish yourself from everyone else."

TCU offers help to those suffering from eating disorders through Disordered Eating Networking Team. DENT's aim is to raise awareness of eating disorders and assist those who are recovering from the diseases, Paul said.

For more information about eating disorders, visit www.ANAD.org or call (847) 831-3438. For on-campus assistance call Marcy Paul at (817) 257-7855.

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WILDFIRES

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several homes before the wind eased and firefighters began to get the upper hand. Schools in the city of 110,000 people were closed Monday because of the fire, which already had destroyed six homes.

All of the fatalities happened since Saturday. Nine people were killed by the so-called Cedar Fire in San Diego County, the state's largest blaze at approximately 100,000 acres. About 260 homes, ranging from modest to expensive, were destroyed.

The San Diego County victims included two people who died inside their car as they apparently tried to escape the flames, which witnesses said moved so fast they didn't get any warning.

That fire was started Saturday

near the mountain town of Julian when a lost hunter set a signal fire, authorities said. The hunter may face charges.

Another fire near San Diego that started Sunday killed two people and destroyed 57 homes while burning about 15,000 acres, authorities said. It also prompted evacuations in north-eastern Escondido.

Around the congested suburbs of San Bernardino, a city of about 200,000, some 50 miles east of Los Angeles, one flank of a nearly 80,000-acre fire burned through four towns while the other flank destroyed more than 450 homes. Two fires — the Old Fire and the Grand Prix — had merged Sunday, creating a flame front 35 to 40 miles long.

Two men collapsed and died, one as he was evacuating his canyon home and the other as he watched his house burn, the San Bernardino County coroner said.

'Price is Right' announcer dies

TCU graduate loses battle with cancer

BY RYAN PEARSON
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rod Roddy, the flashy-dressed announcer on "The Price is Right" whose booming, jovial voice invited lucky audience members to "Come on down!" for nearly 20 years, died Monday. He was believed to be 66.

Roddy, who suffered from colon and breast cancer, died at Century City Hospital, according to his longtime agent, Don Pitts. He had been hospitalized for two months.

"He had such a strong spirit. He just wouldn't give up," Pitts said Monday.

Roddy, a Texas native, had been ill for more than two years but continued to work as much as possible and for as long as he could, said Bob Barker, host of "The Price is Right." Roddy had been with the game show for 17 years.

"We all admired his courage," Barker said last week. "He was always upbeat and hopeful."

Barker recounted a recent

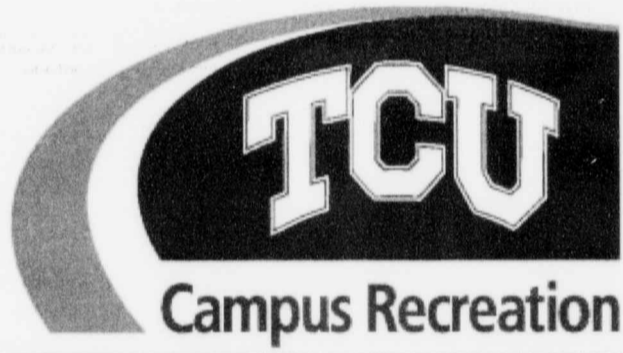
visit to his friend: "I went to the hospital and sat on the edge of his bed and we laughed the whole time we were talking. He was still having fun."

Roddy's announcing stints included "Love Connection" (1981-85) and "Press Your Luck" (1983-86), but "The Price is Right" earned him his greatest fame. "The Price is Right" remains one of television's most popular game shows, and Roddy, with his flamboyant sport coats and booming voice, was a big part of the success.

"He started wearing those jackets when he joined the show," Barker said. "He was quite a character. He was important to the success of the show. He had the spirit of 'The Price Is Right.' It's a fun show. We did it with the hope people will forget their problems for awhile."

Roddy, whose real name was Robert Ray Roddy, was born Sept. 18, 1937, in Fort Worth, Pitts said. According to CBS, his birth year was 1936, which would make him 67. He was a graduate of Texas Christian University and a popular disc jockey in Texas when he decided to expand his career in Hollywood, his agent recalled.

Roddy's versatility made him a popular voice-over artist for commercials in Los Angeles, Pitts said. He got his big break in television with the 1977-81 satire "Soap."



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5:30	Yogailates Aerosculpt, Faculty/Staff ONLY	Deep Water Cycle Pilates	Cardio Combo	Just Step Deep Water Beg, Yoga		
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The Skiff View PORTAL

Web site will take time to get used to

Class registration for the spring semester is coming up, and one major component will be missing when students go to enroll: FrogNet.

Information Services recently unveiled a new web portal at my.tcu.edu. Although the site had been open since January, the functions of FrogNet and many links on the TCU home page were recently integrated into the existing portal.

Mike Ten Eyck of Information Services said his department made the changes so that all functions necessary for students would run on programs by the same company.

This new system seems a lot more complicated and difficult to use than the old FrogNet system. Searching for classes, viewing academic bulletins and enrolling in classes has become confusing.

Students must now log on to the site and click on the appropriate category, which brings up a separate list of items that can be clicked on. Under the FrogNet system, things were much easier to find — usually one click on the home page would grant access to what students needed.

Ten Eyck said that although Information Services has not received any negative feedback about the portal, the department has not received positive feedback either. As the old saying goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it, particularly if fixing it requires spending extra time and money to plan and advertise the change.

This doesn't mean there aren't any good qualities about the new portal. It's nice that so many features are available for students in one place. You can set up your personal my.tcu.edu page to tell you news, find movie times and much more.

Students didn't ask for this change, and it seems unnecessary to change a system that worked just fine the way it was.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Boston first in airport security improvements

In a move that will no doubt be an achievement in both the areas of thorough security and general public relations, Boston's Logan International Airport will become the first major airport in the United States to electronically screen air cargo. The Massachusetts Port Authority will run a 30-day test program to judge the effectiveness of electronic screening, in the hopes that Logan will be able to boast an ability to screen 100 percent of all cargo on commercial airliners.

The process combines cutting-edge technology with a general acknowledgment that not screening large pieces of air cargo creates a serious loophole in the effectiveness of airport security. With so many taxpayer dollars being pumped into airports to ensure that events like those of Sept. 11, 2001, do not happen again, it seems rather foolish, not to mention wasteful, to not attempt to cover all bases. Passenger security checks and general baggage screening have become increasingly thorough in the past two years, but it makes more sense to extend those securities to all forms of on-board items, instead of merely developing individual types of checks. In short, it makes far more sense to spend money on cargo-scanning machines than it is to install flashy flat screen TVs instructing

airplane passengers to not accept parcels from strangers.

Logan has often been taken to task for its security, in addition to thousands of complaints levied against MassPort regarding service standards, cleanliness and a whole host of other difficulties and logistical red tape. By spearheading an initiative to make 100 percent screening of cargo a reality,

MassPort and airport officials are finally putting aside the internal politics that have ravaged both organizations in favor of making actual progress. Even if the electronic cargo screening process is not a success, the data compiled from the month-long tests will hopefully point airport security scientists in a direction that will yield one.

This move by Logan and MassPort is first and foremost an establishment of new security standards, but the process' successful implication will also mean a public relations windfall for the much maligned airport.

Logan has received a lot of bad press since Sept. 11, but even though logistical difficulty and security lapses still pervade, MassPort is clearly making a concerted effort to reform. For once, Logan is leading the way in cutting edge security measures, instead of revealing itself to be painfully behind.

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DOCTOR CLAIMS TO BE ON BRINK OF CLONING FIRST BABY.



Bush is holding back

The fall television season has just begun, but the White House is already in reruns.

In the last few years, the White House has relentlessly stonewalled requests by congressional investigators for information on the makeup of the energy advisory committee put together by Dick Cheney. Unfortunately for everyone



Josh Deitz

interested in open and transparent government, the administration won that round. Now the White House is being accused of failing to release critical information on the Sept. 11 attacks. The independent commission created by Congress to investigate the attacks has a May 2004 deadline to produce a report. Without the information the commission has requested from the White House, it will be impossible to meet that deadline and the American people will be cheated out of a full investigation of the attacks.

This is not a Democratic assault on the president. Both Republicans and Democrats on the council have criticized the Bush administration for refusing to turn over crucial information. The chairman of the commission is Thomas H. Kean, a former Republican governor of New Jersey. One of the chief critics of the refusal to hand over evidence is Chuck Hagel, a Republican Congressman from Nebraska.

The commission has already had to issue a subpoena to acquire evidence from the Federal Aviation Administration. Now it looks like the commission will have to issue subpoenas to a number of federal agencies that are not complying

with the commission. It is a disgrace that the White House is on this list.

It's hard not to speculate on why the White House is refusing to turn over the materials the commission is requesting. Is there information that will embarrass President Bush on the eve of an election year? Did the White House ignore critical information leading up to the attacks?

These are questions that must be answered. The commission was created specifically to report on these matters.

One of the chief criticisms of the Bush administration's policy has been its complete refusal to consider the information our intelligence agencies have provided. When there was no evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the administration invented its own. The exact same thing happened with the misinformation connecting Saddam Hussein to al Qaeda.

With a presidential election coming up, we need to know whether our president is capable of leading the nation. So far, the administration has failed to find Osama bin Laden, failed to find Saddam Hussein and failed to stabilize either Afghanistan or Iraq. Meanwhile, terrorist networks around the world are regrouping.

If the Sept. 11 attacks were the result of a failure of the Bush administration, the American people need to know. If the commission investigating the attacks has to subpoena the White House for evidence, Americans will have proof that President Bush should be kicked out of office as soon as possible.

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Army ROTC program deserves more respect

I challenge TCU and everyone affiliated with the university to make it a point to try and show the ROTC programs a little more respect. With what has



Erin Cooksley

been going on in the Middle East, I understand that personal and political views can influence your feelings about the military presence in Iraq and the president's decisions, whether favorable or unfavorable.

However, I call on you as U.S. citizens to respect and support the troops that are there, and those in the military here in the states. Soldiers do not make the decisions on U.S. foreign policy, nor do soldiers have the right to pick and choose their assignment and location. A soldier is committed to being prepared at all times to defend our freedom and all that makes this country what it is — at all costs.

At the Homecoming game my fellow Army ROTC cadets and I presented the colors at the football game in our class A Army uniforms and were introduced as Air Force ROTC. This would not have insulted me if it was the first time this had happened, but as many know, it was not. I am not suggesting that it is bad to be confused with the Air Force ROTC program, but I am disappointed that people are content to never learn what the different branches of the armed forces look like and what they do.

Speaking on behalf of Army ROTC, I ask you to respect us for committing to physical training, sometimes completed before the sun comes up, because it is the Army's duty to always be physically ready if called upon. Try a smile or cheer instead of yelling "ROTC sucks," as I have heard while in formation. Respect us for learning leadership skills so that when we have lives in our hands, perhaps yours or that of someone you

know, we are prepared for that responsibility and can bring everyone home safely. A "good afternoon" greeting on Thursdays when we are in BDU's instead of a phony salute followed by a snicker would be a start.

Respect us for cleaning the football stadium after football games until the wee hours of the morning to teach us the value of teamwork and the moral of working for money to fund our program instead of taking handouts. Think about us when you are leaving the game with your trash behind on the ground, which we will be there late picking up. Respect us for who we are and what we have chosen, just as we support you and all organizations on campus.

So next time you are staring at a cadet in uniform, remember that they work to wear it — it's not just a fashion statement.

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U.S. support stays strong

Saddam Hussein's favorite movie, assuming he has a DVD player in whatever hole in the ground he is currently inhabiting, is probably still "Black Hawk Down." The film depicts the

1993 urban conflict that led to the withdrawal of American forces from Somalia.

The theme of the film, at least as seized upon by Hussein, is that the American resolve to finish what it has started will fade if our troops are made to suffer casualties. Once U.S. and allied soldiers are removed from the invincibility provided to them by superior technology, he reportedly boasted that even strategically insignificant casualties must break the will of the American public and its leaders.

Anyone with any sense for the current patriotism and spirit of the American people knows this line of thinking is hopelessly flawed. We are still the same people who held our ground at Bunker Hill and who went on to liberate both East and West after being dealt a savage blow at Pearl Harbor.

That tenacity and determination to endure hardships in order to secure future peace and prosperity is part of what makes us who we are.

And yet, weekly, more American soldiers die. Some of them will never marry or legally enjoy a beer or get the college education that motivated them to enlist.

It must be stated plainly the reason guerilla style resistance continues is that Iraqi fighters and their Islamic militant allies have faith that with each condemning headline American public support inches closer to the breaking point. Each column and editorial by my colleagues at the New York Times that rebukes and besmirches our progress in Iraq registers with the enemy as an acknowledgement of their successes.

Several prominent Democratic candidates for president have repeatedly attacked the present administration's policies on Iraq. What exactly they intend to offer as an alternative course is not as clear as their incessant complaints and criticisms.

Those candidates who continue to harp on the illegitimacy of the war and who advocate a wholly unrealistic 18- to 24-month timeframe for a democratic Iraq are doing nothing short of encouraging hard-line resistance fighters to kill Americans and cooperating Iraqis. They seem to offer, in sharp looking tables on their respective web pages, the promise that the worse reconstruction goes, the sooner we leave.

Whether it is true or not, the appearance that America will waver or quit while under pressure is what feeds the bombings and attacks which continue to claim the lives of Americans and progressive Iraqis.

Cheap sound bites meant to demonize President Bush and attract voters are not worth American lives and disunity on Capitol Hill.

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National/State Roundup

Bears found on Canada border taken to Texas

ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP) — Two black bears that were seized in a marijuana arrest at the Canadian border are bound for a wildlife sanctuary in Texas.

Corky and Pumpkin are set to leave the Sarvey Wildlife Center on Wednesday to join more than 600 creatures at the nonprofit Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio, officials at Sarvey said.

"When we walk back to the pens after they're gone, it will be like our best friends left. We'll miss them," Sarvey volunteer Jeff Guidry said. "Everybody loves these bears."

The 7-year-old sows were sent to the wildlife center near this Snohomish County town after U.S. Customs agents found 166 pounds of marijuana worth nearly \$500,000 in a trailer carrying the bears at the border crossing in Blaine on Jan. 27.

Duane Christopher Bradley of Abbotsford, British Columbia, pleaded guilty in July to conspiracy to distribute marijuana and was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison.

He initially told investigators he was taking the bears to Hollywood for a movie, then said

he was taking the pot to Los Angeles to exchange for cash and cocaine to take back to Canada, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court.

When seized, the bears weighed 300 to 400 pounds, rather than the normal 200 to 300, because they had been fed whole turkeys. They couldn't climb, their teeth and claws were broken and they rarely ventured outside their den at Sarvey.

Now, after being switched to a diet of fruits, vegetables, berries and breads, each has lost more than 100 pounds. Both have shiny coats and are energetic and playful, Guidry said.

Tired fugitive captured day after his jail escape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An escaped prisoner who had been hospitalized at a South Texas medical center was back in custody Monday after he was spotted alongside a road.

Marcello Chapa, a suspect in a child molestation case, offered no resistance when he was apprehended on Sunday, several miles from the Atascosa County jail.

Chapa, 40, of Del Rio was

cold, wet and hungry when he was taken into custody at the intersection of Texas 97 and County Road 321 by sheriff's deputies and Jourdan police.

The jail inmate had escaped from the South Texas Regional Medical Center shortly after 5 p.m. Friday after feigning a heart attack and asking to be taken to the emergency room. He was unrestrained because of his supposed weak condition and fled through a door connecting two rooms to a restroom.

Residents called the Sheriff's Department Sunday morning to report they had passed the escapee walking along the road. A tracking dog from the Texas Department of Justice had lost Chapa's scent about a half-mile west of the hospital.

Chapa was awaiting trial on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and forgery. He could later face additional charges in connection with the escape.

UTA classes resume after days without electricity

ARLINGTON (AP) — Classes at the University of Texas at

Arlington, called off for the weekend after an electrical fire, were set to resume following repairs.

All UTA offices were also scheduled to reopen Monday morning. Electricity was shut off Friday when a three-alarm fire ripped through the Central Utilities Building. The cause has not been determined, officials said.

Instructors will be asked to allow returning students some slack on any work they may have been unable to complete during the power failure, said university public affairs director Donna Darovich.

Over the weekend, portable generators provided basic electricity to three of the university's four residence halls and to the E.H. Hereford University Center. But the university's computer network was shut down and dormitory residents were asked to avoid using their computers in order to conserve electricity.

"Certainly the faculty will be advised ... to take into consideration any deadlines students may have missed for any work," said Darovich.

The fire and subsequent loss of power curtailed most school

activities over the weekend but university officials were able to pull off their annual Distinguished Alumni Gala, UTA's biggest event of the year. The gala was held Saturday night in the university center, which sustained minor smoke damage.

The damage was cleaned up Saturday morning, with multiple generators supplying the power.

Air travel delayed, roads backed up as fire spreads

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California's wildfires wreaked havoc with travel plans, disrupting air traffic nationwide and forcing weekend gamblers on their way back from Las Vegas to find alternate routes.

Aircraft scheduled to fly to Los Angeles International Airport, San Diego's Lindbergh Field and other regional airports were grounded for varying lengths of time, FAA spokesman Paul Turk said in Washington, D.C.

Los Angeles-bound flights were delayed an average of about six hours, the FAA reported on its Web site. By late afternoon, the average delay was down to just over three hours, but the longest delays had grown to more than 16 hours.

About 100 flight cancellations were recorded by major airlines at Los Angeles International between midmorning and 5 p.m. Sunday, said Nancy Castles, spokeswoman for the city airports department.

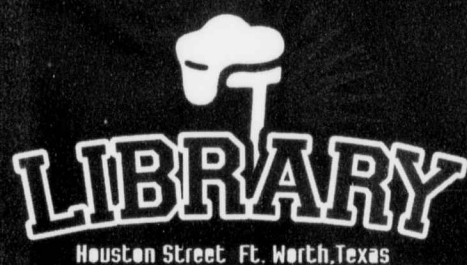
The problem began about 9 a.m. when a fire on the Marine Corps' Miramar Air Station in San Diego forced evacuation of the FAA's Southern California Terminal Radar Approach Control.

The facility's functions were transferred to a center near Palmdale in the Mojave Desert that normally handles high-altitude traffic.

By Sunday evening, FAA controllers at Los Angeles International were handling about half the normal hourly arrival rate of 70 aircraft, Castles said.

Meanwhile, closure of Interstate 15 due to the wildfires snarled traffic across the Mojave Desert as people returning from a weekend in Las Vegas had to use different routes to get home.

The CHP tried to coordinate traffic but lacked enough officers. The department was stretched thin trying to cover fire areas, Laza said.

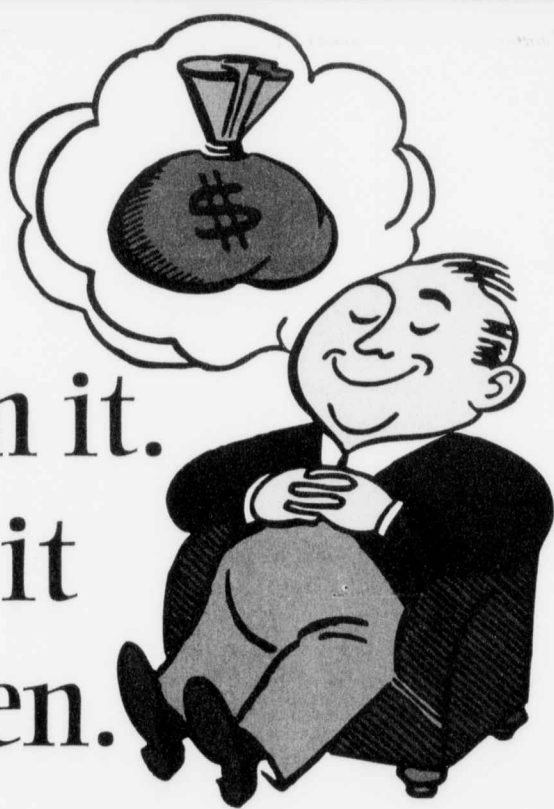


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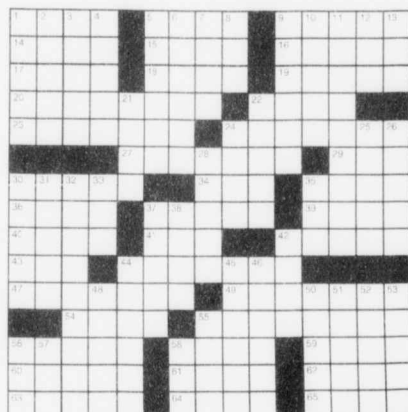
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The Sideline

Frogs move up two in new BCS standings

The TCU Horned Frogs have moved up two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Monday. The Frogs are ranked 12th in the latest poll with a point total of 28.63. By moving into the top 12, the Frogs will be under consideration for a BCS bowl slot. The Frogs will put their 8-0 record on the line Nov. 5 when they host the 7-1 Louisville Cardinals in a 6:30 p.m. contest at Amon Carter Stadium. The game will be televised nationally on ESPN2. TCU is one of just three unbeaten teams in the country, joining Oklahoma and Miami (Fla.), the top two ranked teams in the BCS standings. TCU and Oklahoma are tied for the longest current winning streak in the country at 10 games. TCU also owns an 11-game home winning streak, one shy of the school record, set from 1932-1934.

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(www.gofrogs.com)

Golf team finishes third at Invitational

The TCU women's golf team put the finishing touches on the 2003 fall season with a third-place finish at the Furman Lady Paladin Invitational over the weekend. Senior Brooke Tull paced the Frog squad with a runner-up placement at the event. In TCU's four fall tournaments, Tull claimed first place once, second twice and ninth on one occasion.

With a 54-hole total of 899, TCU finished behind only No. 7 Georgia (866) and 17th-rated Tulsa (892). The Frogs recorded a 15-over-par score of 303 in the final round to remain in the same position as they started the day. The LSU Tigers landed just one shot behind TCU for fourth place.

Tull, who claimed medalist honors at the 2002 Lady Paladin, fell just one stroke short in her attempt to repeat as the Lady Paladin's individual medalist. She posted a two-over-par score of 74 in the final round to finish the event at even-par (216). Sunday's final round was the first time that Tull shot over par in the three-day event.

Also placing among the tournament's top 20 was freshman Catherine Matranga, who tied for 18th. Matranga garnered a 79 on the final day and ended with a three-round sum of 226. The top-20 finish was the first of her young career. A one-under 71 in the second round was the key to her tournament finish.

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Frogs suffer second straight road loss

Just 2:27 into overtime in Sunday's soccer match, USF's Jenny Mulvihill headed in the game-winning goal, sending the TCU Horned Frogs to their second straight loss on the road. The Frogs chance for an outright conference championship took a big hit this weekend with the two losses as their conference record now stands at 6-3 and leaves them a game back of Marquette for first place.

TCU, now 8-8-1 overall and 6-3-0 in C-USA action, return home for its final match of the regular season. The Memphis Tigers come calling on Friday. Game time for the match has been changed from 2 to 3 p.m. at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

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Frogs fight for voters' approval

Through the first seven games of the year, the Horned Frogs were carried by their defense, and the sports media seemed to notice.

COMMENTARY The knock against the Frogs was that their top rated defense constantly had to bail out their inconsistent offense. Score 38 against Tulane, eke out 13 against Arizona.

Despite a proven defense, the voters apparently hinged their vote on the Frogs inability to put up points against opponents on their "weak" schedule.

According to ESPN.com: *We love the Horned Frogs' defense, but we worry a little about their offense.*

So after putting up 62 points, and a school record 782 offensive yards against Houston, surely the voters' fears about the offense would subside, and the Frogs would continue their ascent through the polls, right?

Or maybe not.

In this week's two major polls, the Frogs remained in a stalemate. TCU ranks No. 13 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 15 in *The Associated Press* Poll. In fact, a total of three teams in the combined polls actually leaped the Frogs.

After a road victory over a 5-2

team, remaining one of just the three undefeated teams in the country, and sharing the nation's longest winning streak, the Frogs still have not accomplished what they need the most: national respect.

Going into last weekend all the national attention was given to Cinderella Story hopeful, Northern Illinois, mentioning TCU as an afterthought. The crew of ESPN College Gameday actually broadcasted live from Bowling Green to highlight the game between NIU and BGSU. Things could not have worked out better for the Frogs, as Bowling Green dominated Northern Illinois from start to finish, eventually beating the Huskies 38-14. The attention would finally be turned to TCU as the non-BCS conference hopeful.

However, Bowling Green seems to have stolen the spotlight.

If the voters are now convinced that TCU can have a potent offense, their doubts must lie in the Frogs strength of schedule. Fueling the argument, the Frogs barely got by a stubborn Alabama-Birmingham team two weeks ago. Maybe in the voter's mind a team ranked as high as the Frogs should not struggle during their homecoming game against a weaker opponent like UAB.

Maybe the voters should have

warned Georgia. After all, the No. 4 Bulldogs are fresh off a three point victory at home over the same UAB team the Frogs beat by the same margin. The only difference is Georgia moved up in the Coaches Poll, while the Frogs remained at No. 13 after a seven point victory in a shoot-out on the road.

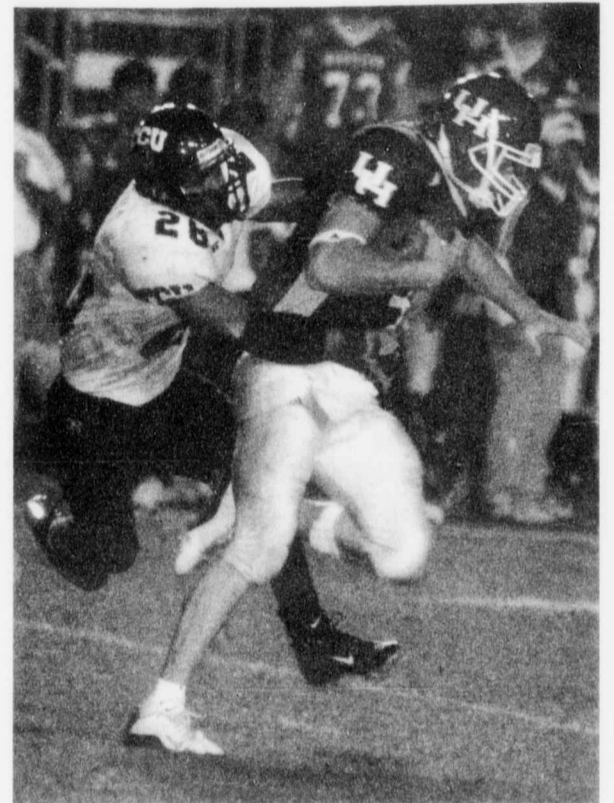
If the Frogs are to be the Cinderella story of the year, they must start by making believers out of those who control their destiny. With upcoming games against Louisville, Cincinnati and Southern Miss, the Frogs have a chance to state their case.

Behind the sure arm of Brandon Hassell, the Frogs have showed they are capable of winning high-scoring games. If the defense can return to the form that made them one of the best in the country, and the offense continues to put up big numbers, the Frogs have a better chance at making believers out of a country filled with skeptics.

No matter what the case against the Frogs is, they have the chance to accomplish something no non-Bowl Championship Series affiliated team has ever done — earn an invitation to a BCS bowl.

That alone deserves national recognition.

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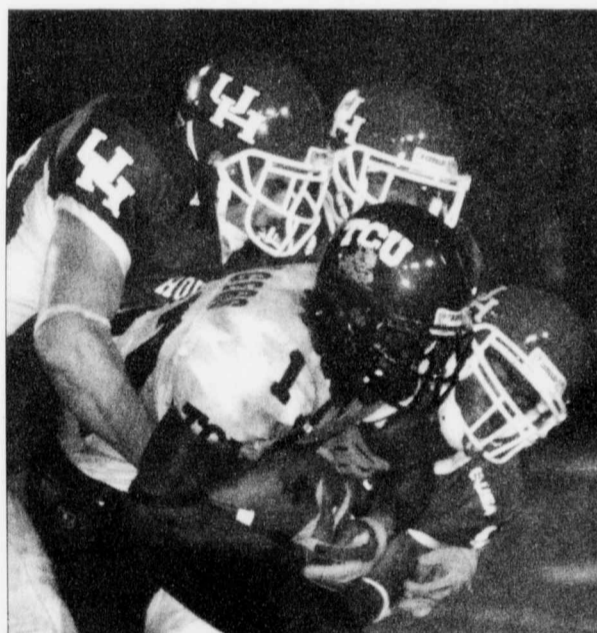


Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Freshman defensive back Brian Bonner grabs hold of Houston quarterback Kevin Kolb, a Stephenville native, Saturday night at Robertson Stadium in Houston.

Top Five Offensive Outputs (Total Yards)

Total	Opponent	Year
782	Houston	2003
736	Houston	1990
677	Utah State	1984
667	Rice	1984
606	New Mexico	1994

Making The Grade



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Freshman receiver Cory Rodgers is tackled by three Houston defenders during the third quarter. Rodgers had 171 yards on six catches, a career high.

Quarterback: A+

Is Brandon Hassell a backup quarterback? It didn't look like it Saturday night. He looked like a top-rated quarterback, throwing for 375 yards and four touchdowns, with no interceptions. He found multiple targets through the air and picked up crucial yards on the ground when scrambling. His decisions on the option allowed for some big runs.

Running Backs: A+

It was tough running up the middle, but the Frogs were able to get outside and pick up some big yards. Redshirt freshman Robert Merrill looked like Barry Sanders on many runs but his 52-yard run late in the game was probably the highlight of the year. Merrill finished with 204 yards on 22 carries. Sophomore Lonta Hobbs was just as stellar, getting big runs and tough yards all night. He added 102 yards on 22 carries. Senior Kenny Hayter distinguished himself with some gritty inside runs.

Wide Receiver: A+

The receivers converted big third-down plays and made many other big plays throughout the night. As predicted, freshman Cory Rodgers finally had his breakout game, with six catches for 171 yards and three total touchdowns. The entire group combined for five touchdowns. They were able to keep the safeties out of the running equation with their play, which allowed TCU to get some big runs to the outside. The entire receiving corps did a great job of blocking all night long. With each passing game, the receivers appear to be developing a better rapport with Hassell.

Offensive Line: B+

The pass protection was fine, giving Hassell plenty of time to find his receivers, but the middle of the line was no-man's land for the TCU running backs. The offense found success attacking the perimeter and was able to gain a lot of yards on the outside

because of some fine option play by Hassell. The Frogs finished the game with 407 yards on the ground. The numerous penalties were inexcusable, often putting the team in awkward situations.

Defensive Line: D

Contain. Contain. Contain. Defensive ends are taught from the first day that they put on pads to protect the outside at all costs. On the pass rush, the defensive tackles did not maintain their rush lanes, often being driven out of the way or into the ground. The Frogs' front four stuffed the Houston running backs, but Houston's freshman quarterback Kevin Kolb ran wild (144 yards) because of the d-line's inability to keep him in the pocket. The line failed to get any pressure on its own and did not have a sack all night. The only saving grace was the line's ability to stuff the Cougar running backs.

Linebackers: D

The linebackers did another good job stuffing the opponent's running game, but, for some reason, they were not blitzing as much as usual. Junior Martin Patterson and senior Josh Goolsby missed too many tackles, including a missed tackle in the open field by Goolsby on Kolb's 14-yard touchdown run. Against the Cougars, this group was not as aggressive as normal.

Secondary: D

The poor footing, lack of pass rush and broken containment led to a long night for the TCU secondary. TCU's defense leaves the corners in one-on-one coverage, and when the quarterback has time to thread the needle, the coverage can be beat. For the second week in a row, the secondary gave up too many big plays, allowing Kolb to throw for 434 yards and four touchdowns on just 17 completions. There is little room for error in the TCU defense, and the Frogs made every possible

error they could have made Saturday night.

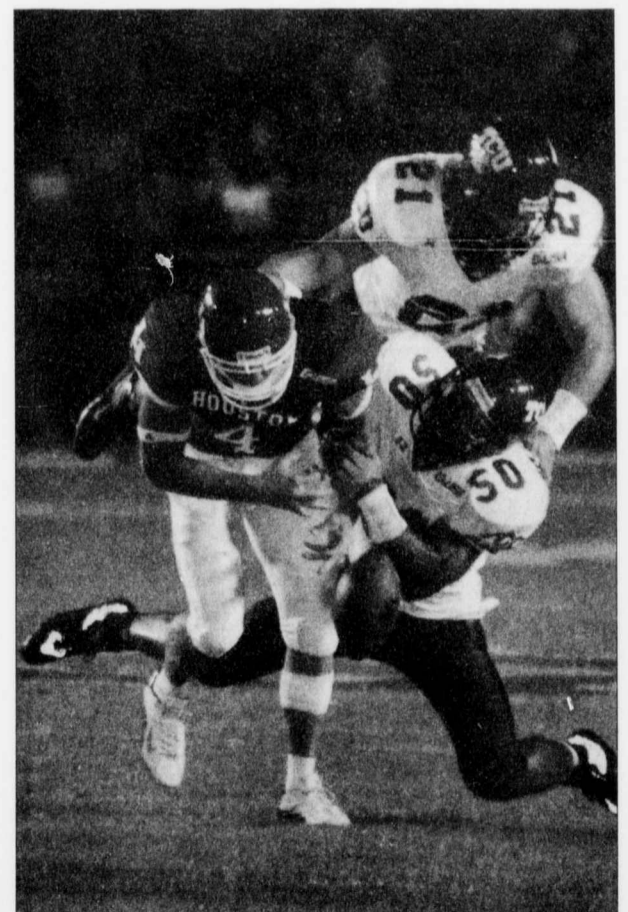
Special Teams: B

Although Houston's special teams unit outperformed the Frogs, senior Nick Browne was 2 of 3, but his last attempt sailed wide left, and it could have put the Frogs up for good. Cory Rodgers had two good kick returns to go along with his incredible offensive performance, and punter John Braziel had a brilliant punt inside the one-yard line that was incorrectly ruled a touchback. The only negative from the Frogs' special teams unit was Rodgers' first quarter fumbled punt.

Overall: B

What happened to the defense? The defense made several mistakes which led to big plays. It was the fundamentals that really hurt the Frogs defense. It was not able to contain Kolb and missed several tackles. UAB and Houston seemed to find weaknesses in the defense's armor, but the Frogs now move to 8-0. Head coach Gary Patterson and the Frogs will take a win any way they can get it, even if it means the defense was embarrassed.

— compiled by Carlos Alvarado



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Senior defensive end Bo Schobel and junior linebacker Martin Patterson team up to strip Houston's Kolb of the ball early in the first quarter.