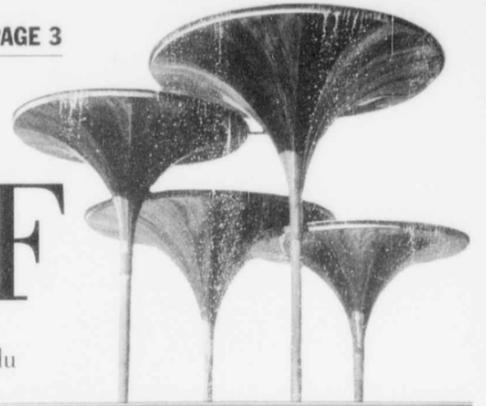


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

FORT WORTH — Cattle are quietly being cloned and sold for high prices as the livestock industry anticipates government approval for letting their offspring into the food chain, industry officials said.

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DETROIT — The city's former police chief, who resigned late last week over his failure to declare a loaded pistol on a flight, was charged Monday with misdemeanor possession of an unlicensed handgun.

News Digest on page 4

Correction

The headline on Friday's article about acquiring the old Spaghetti Center for the Center of Texas Studies was incorrect. Neither TCU nor TCU officials are planning to bid on the building.

On Campus

Live mascots at games pose danger to people

BATON ROUGE, La. — Police patrols around the live mascots of Louisiana State University and Southern University have increased because of requests from members of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for the schools to release the big cats.

PETA sent letters Tuesday to Chancellor Mark Emmert and Chancellor Edward Jackson of Southern warning them of the danger live mascots could pose to students and caretakers.

The letter cites the Oct. 3 tiger attack on Roy Horn, of Siegfried and Roy, and the animal rights group is asking both universities to let Mike the Tiger and Lacumba the Jaguar go to an accredited sanctuary.

"PETA points out that even seemingly 'tame' exotic cats — because of the stress that they experience from repeated transport, alien environments and boisterous crowds — pose the very real risk of attacking trainers, students or members of the public with virtually no warning," the letter read.

— The Reveille

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 81; Low: 61; Partly Cloudy

WEDNESDAY

High: 76; Low: 56; Partly Cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 62; Low: 48; Partly Cloudy

Looking Back

1979 — Student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages. The students were enraged that the deposed Shah had been allowed to enter the United States for medical treatment.

Student's campaign restricted

BY ROBYN KRIEL
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association presidential candidate Blake Eason said he was informed Sunday night that he has been restricted from speaking to campus organizations regarding his campaign.

The decision was made after an emergency three-hour meeting of the SGA judiciary board Sunday, where a majority vote ruled that Eason, a junior finance major, would be disciplined due to a violation of the election code.

Eason made a speech Oct. 14 resigning from his position of parliamentarian of SGA because he said he wanted to

run for president. A subsequent article in the *Skiff* included this information.

Nick James, chairman of the judiciary board, said Eason violated Section 3.11 E of the election code, which restricts campaigning before the opening of the formal campaigning period. Students running for office are not supposed to start campaigning until Oct. 29, James said. He said Eason also violated Section 3.10 E, which restricts the use of university publications for campaigning, with the exception of paid advertising.

This violation was brought to the attention of the judiciary board two weeks after Eason's speech and the subsequent *Skiff* article, when one

of Eason's opponents in the presidential race filed a formal complaint, accusing him of early campaigning.

"In no way did I mean to campaign," Eason said. "I just did not want to leave people wondering about my resignation. I did not want to leave a gray area."

Neither Eason nor James would give the name of the opponent who filed the complaint. However, James, elections and regulations chairman, said both the speech and the article were in direct violation of campaign rules.

"All the presidential candidates are instructed to read the election code," James said. "So ignorance regarding a violation of that code is not an excuse."

Eason said the restriction has totally devastated what would have been a important campaigning week for him.

"I had over 50 different organizations that I was going to speak to — Connections, sororities and fraternities, the International Students Association, (the Organization of Latin American Students) and many, many more," Eason said. "They informed me of their ruling at midnight last night and I have not had a chance to contact many of the organizations to tell them I cannot speak to them. It is very damaging to my credibility."

Jason Ruth, who is also campaigning for president, said he understands the reasoning behind

the action taken against Eason but does not think it is fair to keep him from speaking to organizations.

"Everyone needs to hear the candidates speak," said Ruth, a senior marketing, entrepreneurial and e-business major. "I think that is the most important part of the campaign."

The other candidates, Anthony Oppermann and Jay Zeidman declined to comment on the accusations made against Eason.

Eason said there would have been a direct conflict of interest if he had not resigned as parliamentarian. He said the position of parliamentarian is supposed to interpret the rules, which he could

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New English office packed

Instructors say sharing one office sacrifices privacy

BY ROBYN KRIEL
Staff Reporter

Twenty-two English graduate instructors share two phone lines, five computers and 30 desks in an office about the size of two dorm rooms.

Each of these instructors teaches at least one class, composed of about 12 students, any of whom might need their attention, in private, at almost any time.

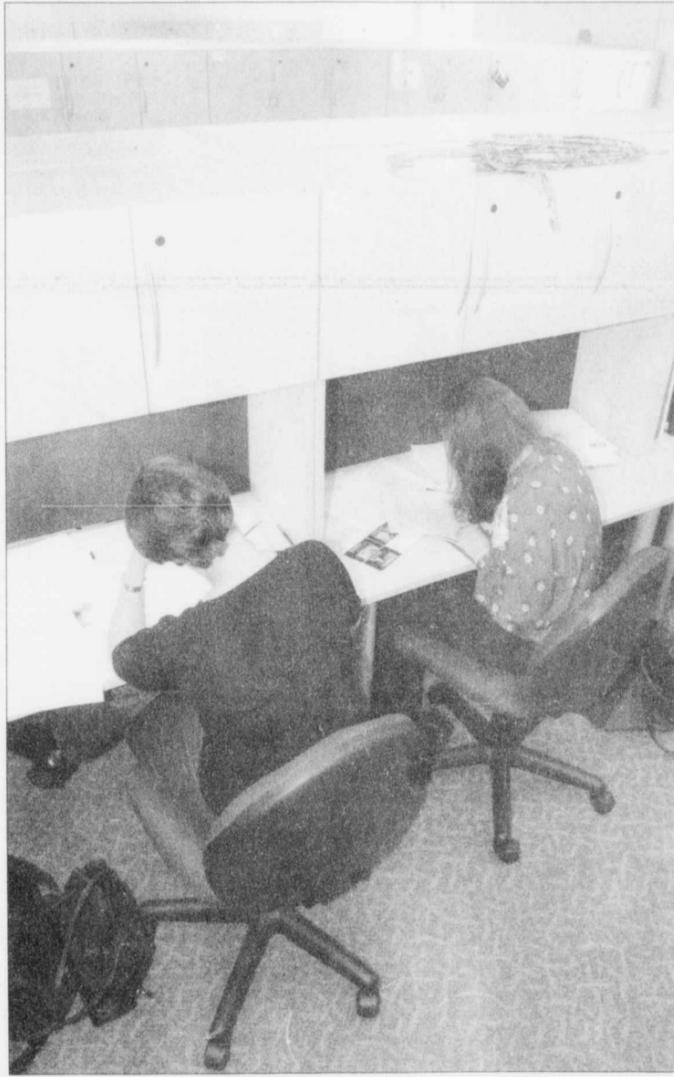
This is the new situation in Reed Hall, Room 312.

"In the past, the graduate instructors were widely spread out in their smaller offices," said Daniel Williams, chairman of the English department. "This was an attempt to bring them all together and create a community, and to give them better facilities and more storage space."

But graduate instructors' representative Erin Sagerson said the instructors preferred their old office situation to this one.

"We used to share one office between four or five people," Sagerson said. "It

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(Top) English graduate instructors Melanie Peterson, left, and Melissa Blackman grade papers in an office they share with 20 other graduate instructors. (Left) Blackman, front, and Peterson have roughly 10 square feet of desk space on which to work.

Students question grant amounts

BY CARMEN CASTRO
Staff Reporter

Year to year, college students await the results of their financial aid package to see how much money they will need to pay for their upcoming semester's tuition.

Cynthia Montes, a junior international political science major, said she's noticed difficulties when it comes to keeping her eligibility for Pell Grant funding as she puts herself through school, while balancing both a full-time job and her course load.

"Without the Pell Grant, I would not even be in school at all," Montes said. "And now I'm scared that less grants will lead to more loans, which will continue to put me in deeper debt. I'm scared to see what would happen if I maxed out on the amount of loans I can take out."

Montes is one of 964 current undergraduates eligible to receive a combined total of \$2.6 million in Pell Grants this year.

But the amount of money available through Pell Grants is not keeping pace with tuition, said Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid.

"Somewhere like Tarrant County College, it covers all tuition fees and books, and still leaves some left over," Scott said. "The difference is in how it's allocated."

Last year's 8 percent tuition increase makes it difficult to try to

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Soldiers die in helicopter attack

BY CINDY BROVSKY
Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Fort Carson suffered its single heaviest combat loss since the Vietnam War with the deaths of four soldiers aboard a helicopter shot down in Iraq.

Many of the victims of Sunday's attack were headed out of Iraq for R&R or emergency leave. One, Fort Carson-based Sgt. Ernest Bucklew, 33, was on his way home to attend his mother's funeral in Pennsylvania, relatives said.

In all, 16 soldiers from various bases died and 20 were wounded in the deadliest single strike against U.S. forces since the invasion of Iraq in March.

"Iraq continues to be a very dangerous place to serve," Col. Michael Resty Jr., Fort Carson garrison commander, said Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We provide whatever assistance we can with regard to force protection," including making sure troops are properly trained and equipped," he said. "We need the American peoples' support to ensure that we can provide those kind of things to soldiers

that get deployed."

Fort Carson has sent 12,000 troops to Iraq including units from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team and battalions of the 10th Special Forces Group.

Lt. Col. Tony Aguto, executive officer with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, told the Colorado Springs Gazette, "We are all just kind of reeling for the moment."

Officials at the base confirmed that the troops were on their way home for several days of rest and relaxation but would not release any other information until relatives of the soldiers had been notified. In addition to the four killed, 13 Fort Carson soldiers were wounded in the attack.

The Defense Department identified one of the victims as Staff Sgt. Paul A. Velazquez, 29, of California, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. No hometown was released. The helicopter pilot was a 30-year-old Illinois National Guardsman from Genoa, Ill., said Illinois National Guard Lt. Col. Alicia Tate-Nadeau. She said four of the injured were with an Iowa National Guard detachment out of Davenport, Iowa.

PIANO MAN



Junior music theory/composition major Ezra Hood performs at a Mu Phi Epsilon music society showcase Monday night in the PepsiCo Recital Hall.

THE PULSE

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■ **Ad Club** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 271. Advertising professionals from Glass Lake Production Group will speak at the meeting. Contact Hayley Jackson at h.m.jackson@tcu.edu for more information.

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■ **The Writing Center** in 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.

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was a more manageable situation, because we could stagger our office hours and still maintain some level of privacy."

Sagerson said she was informed about the new office arrangement over the summer in an e-mail. She said she was surprised and interested to see how a room that was once a classroom could facilitate 22 graduate instructors and their undergraduate students.

Angela Gonzalez, a first-year graduate instructor, said the room is overcrowded, and discussing private matters with a student is virtually impossible.

"Conferencing with a student about grades or a paper is awkward when you have four or five other instructors sitting right next to you," she said. "I am sure that it makes the students feel intimidated or embarrassed."

Sagerson said that because of this, she has conducted all her office hours in the library this semester.

Sagerson said that at the beginning of semester, 16 of the 22 instructors signed a letter to Chancellor Victor Boschini

informing him of their situation. She said the other professors probably would have signed the letter, but they could not be contacted at the beginning of the semester, and they wanted to appeal promptly.

Sagerson said that Williams and the rest of the English department have been helpful and co-operative.

"Dan has been willing to meet with us and listen to our ideas, and some of the faculty have even made their own offices available to us for private conferences," she said.

Williams said the English department plans to soundproof the room, upgrade the furniture and install more filing cabinets.

"We are committed to improving the room for the instructors," Williams said.

However, Sagerson said these improvements will still not solve the privacy issue. She said the graduates would like cubicle offices, or a small room set aside for conferences.

"Ultimately, we want our old offices back," Sagerson said. "But I do not foresee any major changes like that occurring."

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GRANTS

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offset a student's tuition cost when federal Pell Grant funding remains stagnant, Scott said.

The Pell Grant program is the largest federal need-based grant program available to undergraduate students, according to the Department of Education Web site.

For the 2003-2004 school year, the set Federal Pell Grant award ranges from \$400 to \$4,050. This year, the average amount received by eligible TCU students is \$2,697.10, Scott said.

"Roughly, about 13 percent of undergraduate students here are eligible for the Pell Grant," Scott said. "TCU has not felt much impact because not many are eligible, but all those that are eligible accept the award."

Pell Grants eligibility is based on need, calculated in a student aid report after the student files the annual FAFSA application. The cost of attendance and enrollment status are other factors, according to the federal student aid Web site.

TCU is also coping with a recent \$500,000 cut in the state's Tuition Equalization Grant, Scott said. The Tuition Equalization Grant is given to students attend-

ing a private university to try to offset the cost in comparison to public schools, he said.

TCU is funding \$40.5 million of its own institutional funds to try and offset the limited federal funding, Scott said.

"The chancellor typically approves an increase of grant funding by the same percentage that the tuition increased to help students," Scott said. "It leaves us and the students trying to keep up. Students loan volumes are increasing as a result of all this."

Scott said Congress has shifted its funding tactics by concentrating on subsidized loans and tax deductions for middle-class families.

Alfred Douglas, a freshman biology major, said he receives about \$4,000 through the Pell Grant. However, he isn't affected too much by the Pell Grant because the ROTC program covers the difference in total tuition cost. Douglas said it has to be difficult for those who do not have outside funding to cover the remaining balance.

"It helps, but it actually does not cover much," Douglas said. "I guess it's just a kicker to help jump-start."

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The Skiff View

CRAMPED

Graduate instructors need more room

At some point in the day, most people need a little space. For 22 graduate instructors sharing one room in Reed Hall, those moments probably come more often than usual.

According to graduate instructors' representative Erin Sagerson, the instructors were informed this summer by e-mail that instead of four or five of them sharing smaller rooms, they would all share a renovated classroom about the size of two dorm rooms.

Daniel Williams, chairman of the English department, said this change was made to create more of a community and to give the instructors better facilities and more storage space.

But the instructors don't like the change, Sagerson said, because it hinders privacy. They've got a point.

Anyone who has ever tried to work in a room containing even four or five other people knows how quickly the noise level can elevate. Now factor in the possible noise 22 individuals would make. And what happens when students want to meet with their instructors? Students aren't going to be very forthcoming with their problems if so many people can over hear them.

Williams said the English department is going to try to improve the situation by soundproofing the room and upgrading the furniture, but these changes are not going to help the fact that instructors have to sacrifice their privacy and their students' privacy because they are working too close to each other.

Since instructors don't seem to like the new "community," which was the reason for combining them, the university needs to consider letting them have their old offices back.

Your Views

Letters to the editor

Attendance at football games has skyrocketed

Here are the facts as I know them. TCU is a school with an enrollment of between 7,000 and 8,000 undergraduate students: FACT. TCU's football team is ranked in the top 15 football teams in the nation: FACT. The football team was also the highest-ranked football team in the state of Texas: FACT. The football team hasn't been getting the fan support it deserves. There are people out there who would argue for the truth of the previous statement. I, however, am not one of those people.

I have seen many home football games in my three years at TCU, and this season makes me proud once again of Horned Frog football. Not since the days of LaDainian Tomlinson, Aaron Schobel and Casey Printers have I seen Amon G. Carter rock like it has this season. Wanna knock the student body for decreased attendance? Instead of tailgating through the whole game, more students are coming to games now more than ever. Just one look at our student section from the alumni section and the only holes you can see on the student side are the opponent's section, and when the band leaves to play at halftime.

Think what you just read is pure junk? I'm not great at math, but let's review the facts. At the Army game, the attendance was registered at more than 39,000

fans. In a stadium that has a capacity of 46,000, which means that over 80 percent of the stadium was full at any given moment during the game. Is it anything compared to UT, Texas A&M or Nebraska, all strong fan-supported schools? Certainly not, but there is a key fact that most people overlook when judging our "poor attendance." Unlike Texas or Texas A&M, TCU obviously doesn't have an enrollment of more than 40,000 students to pull from. Therefore, it is unfair to compare TCU to much larger schools that have large turnouts for football games. At the Army game, the student body accounted for 3,500 to 4,000 students at the game. While this doesn't seem like much to some, even larger universities have a hard time getting at least half of their student body to come to their football games. It's a matter of perspective.

I don't pretend to be an expert on fan support, just an avid sports fan. TCU has a nationally televised home game against ranked Conference USA foe Louisville Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. I challenge the student body that if you haven't come to a game all season, come out to the next one and support your 8-0 Horned Frogs. Let's show the world how good our fan support can be. Let's show those critics out there that there's nothing like Horned Frog football.

— Alex Johnson, senior history major



War with Iraq again

Fifteen American soldiers were killed in Iraq Sunday when their helicopter was shot down by Iraqi guerillas. Three other U.S. soldiers were killed in separate incidents Sunday, marking the most troops lost in a single day by the United States since the first week of the war in March.

President Bush just couldn't wait for a good excuse to go to war with Iraq. Bush was so eager to go to war with Iraq that he exaggerated information about Saddam Hussein's weapons capabilities, outright lied about connections between Saddam and Osama bin Laden (the two couldn't stand each other, much less work together) and ignored considerable international pressure. Bush didn't rethink his policy on Iraq or wait for more support or even consider how unpopular this war was and still is with the American people. He bravely moved forward, sending U.S. soldiers halfway across the world to fight a war that didn't need to be fought.

But with every incident like the one Sunday, where American troops die fighting a war Bush declared all but over, the president will lose support and the justification of his decision to go to war will look more and more suspect.

U.S. troops are being gunned down almost every day in Iraq, and this sort of thing will probably keep happening as long as they are stationed in the country. How long will that be? A long time, most likely.

Looking at some of America's earlier conflicts might shed some light on just how long U.S. troops will be in the Middle East. The United States still has about 37,000 troops in South Korea 50 years after the Korean War ended. There are more than 40,000 stationed at various points around the Pacific Rim, including Japan.

Indeed, the United States has about 500,000 troops stationed abroad, most of them stationed in places where U.S. forces took out governments and tried to install a new government. Sound familiar? It looks like America might have to keep a significant military presence in Iraq for at least the next few decades.

In the last few months, the Bush administration has tried to encourage the United Nations to get more nations involved in the allied effort in Iraq, thus reducing the need for U.S. forces. Of course, President Bush might find it easier to get help from other nations now if he had worked harder to secure their support before the war.

American troops will continue to be killed as long as they're in Iraq, just as 18 were Sunday. Those soldiers finally get to come home — but not alive.

Let's hope all our troops come home safe and sound — and soon.

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

Help stop gun violence

When is a blacklist not a blacklist?

When it belongs to the National Rifle Association.

COMMENTARY



Josh Deitz

The NRA blacklist was discovered a few weeks ago by anti-gun activists searching the NRA Web site for information. The group immediately made the list public (www.nrablacklist.com has the link) in an effort to support two gun control bills currently before Congress.

The list is amusing, if nothing else. Everyone in Hollywood, other than Charlton Heston, is on the list, from Julia Roberts and Jack Nicholson to Time Warner and ABC. The American Medical Association and the American Bar Association are on the list. Even the St. Louis Cardinals and Keyshawn Johnson make an appearance.

The real story started when celebrities like Dustin Hoffman started asking to be added to the list. Since then, more than

25,000 people have signed up to join the blacklist. That's a small number compared to the membership of the NRA, but it is substantial for a Web site that is only a few weeks old.

Aren't blacklists supposed to be threatening? Regardless of its political power, the NRA is better-armed than most nations. Gun supporters would push for the right to own nuclear weapons if they thought they could get away with it.

The gun industry is now trying to end the current ban on assault rifles, which needs to be renewed by Congress to stay in effect. The industry is also trying to prevent lawsuits against gun manufacturers and sellers, even if the companies illegally sell guns to criminals.

I don't understand how so many people can be so willfully malicious. This goes beyond turning a blind eye to gun crime. Gun supporters seem to be trying to kill as many people as possible with the nation's gun policy.

Millions of Americans have been killed or injured by guns. America has a higher rate of domestic gun violence than any

other nation in the world. Guns are responsible for thousands of deaths a year in America. Other than Canada, no other industrialized nation sees more than fifty.

I am continually amazed by the attitudes that seemingly intelligent people have about guns. After seeing "Bowling for Columbine," a friend of mine tried to convince me that guns were necessary to protect our rights from some mythical future oppressive government.

Where do these bizarre justifications for guns come from? There are no shadow governments waiting around to enslave America. Guns do not prevent crime. The right to bear arms does not extend to assault rifles.

The NRA blacklist proves that gun control is a mainstream idea. Americans are tired of watching the country bleed to death. The NRA's obsession with weapons that are only good for killing human beings is responsible for too many deaths. Join the blacklist and help put an end to this menace.

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Advisers need to be more helpful with student planning

It's that time of the semester again: advising time.

The time when students all over campus are encouraged (or in the case of many students — forced) to go see their advisers.

COMMENTARY



Laura McFarland

I remember my first advising. I was really excited because I am a double major, and I was looking forward to taking my first classes. So I went to an adviser in my first major, news-editorial journalism.

I walked out more confused than when I first went in. First, the adviser was a professor in the journalism department, but not in my specific major. So I learned a little about the department but couldn't get any specifics about most of the classes I would have to take over the course of the next four years.

Secondly, the adviser could not answer any of my questions about my other major, English, or the UCR credits I would have to take. Basically, I couldn't get advice on any professor or class not directly related to my professor's realm of expertise. TCU prides itself on giving students a well-rounded education. As such, we have to take classes on subjects that have absolutely nothing to do with our major.

It's a wonderful idea. It helps create more unity on campus. It helps students who already know what they want to do because they won't be ignorant of everything in the world outside their field of study. And it gives students who have no idea what they want to do a look at a number of different options.

But if students are supposed to have this well-rounded education, they need more

guidance. Before professors advise students about their futures at TCU, they need to have a better understanding of the rest of the campus.

It doesn't make sense to ask students to be able to just figure it out because many of them have no knowledge of the university, the professors or the way classes are structured.

I don't think advising is a process that needs to be done away with. That would be absolutely ridiculous. It must be recognized that advising is an important process, and I am sure some students have found it helpful.

However, there are still people struggling with their schedules. I've heard many students complain about being overworked, not just because a class asks too much of them, but because they needed advice on the realistic expectations of a class and what other classes they should take at the same time.

Some students aren't even aware there is a problem with being on time to graduate until they get their degree plan and have to rush to make up for lost time.

There are a lot of people on campus who are full of information that could help students make the right decisions about their schedules, but students don't know where to look.

To help students, the university could compile a list of faculty from each department that could answer questions about specific classes. Have an advising fair where professors or students are available to answer questions about classes.

There are several options that would help the situation, but no matter what the administration chooses, it just needs to make sure students are not making the same mistakes about classes, schedules and degree plans that we are making now.

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National/State Roundup

Cloned animal meat, milk appear safe to eat

FORT WORTH (AP)—Cattle are quietly being cloned and sold for high prices as the livestock industry anticipates government approval for letting their offspring into the food chain, industry officials said. Meat or milk derived from healthy cloned farm animals appears safe to eat, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday in its first attempt at assessing questions about the emerging technology.

The FDA is still trying to decide if cloned farm animals will require government approval before being sold as food. That decision is expected to take another year.

The cattle industry has voluntarily agreed to keep products from cloned animals out of the food supply. But in the meantime, there already are as many as 300 cloned bulls in existence, said Lisa Dryer of Biotechnology Industry Organization, a Washington lobbying group.

Roof of Baylor science building damaged in fire

WACO (AP)—The scheduled opening of Baylor University's new science building remains on track for next year despite a blaze that damaged the roof of the \$103 million structure, officials say.

Waco Fire Marshal Jerry Hawk said that the fire early Friday caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage to the building. He said fire damage was limited to the roof, though smoke and water damaged other parts of the 500,000-square-foot building.

No one was hurt in the blaze. Baylor spokeswoman Lori Scott Fogleman said in a prepared statement that the fire may have been started by an electrical source. She said the building is expected to open for classes next fall. Faculty members will move in during the summer of 2004 to the science building, a crown jewel of the "Baylor 2012" construction program.

More than two dozen firefighters with 10 trucks were hampered in efforts to extinguish the blaze by the roof structure, Hawk said.

"The problem is you have a layer of metal covered by a layer of foam and then another layer of metal," Hawk told the Waco Tribune-Herald in Monday's editions. "They had to peel back that outer layer to get at the smoldering foam."

Chief of police resigned because of controversy

DETROIT (AP)—The city's former police chief, who resigned late last week over his failure to declare a loaded pistol on a flight, was charged Monday with

misdemeanor possession of an unlicensed handgun.

Jerry Oliver stepped down Friday, saying the controversy over the gun had become a distracting sideshow.

The controversy began after Oliver, 56, failed to tell airport officials he had a loaded, .25-caliber pistol in his luggage before taking a flight Oct. 18 from Detroit Metropolitan Airport to Philadelphia. He already has been fined by federal authorities.

Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Duggan said Monday in announcing the charge that Oliver should have registered the gun when he moved to Michigan, nearly two years ago.

"It doesn't matter who you are," Duggan said. "If you do not license your handgun... I am going to charge you."

Oliver is expected to be arraigned later in the week. The misdemeanor is punishable by up to 90 days in jail. A call Monday to his attorney, Anthony Chambers, was not immediately returned.

Oliver had said he didn't think he had to register the personal weapon in Michigan, where he was in the process of becoming a licensed, sworn police officer. He has been a sworn officer in other departments and said he has had the gun for years.

He was hired by Detroit in January 2002 after leading the Richmond, Va., police department.

The incident, Oliver has said, has hampered his efforts to reform the police department, which earlier had agreed to two consent decrees from the U.S. Justice Department that called for an independent monitor to oversee operations.

SGA

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not do if he was running for president. Brian Casebolt, who has served on the judiciary board in past

campaign years, said that by staying in the position, Eason would have committed a campaign violation.

"It would have been unethical if he had not given a reason for stepping down as parliamentarian," said Casebolt, a senior political science major. "He was caught between a rock and a hard spot."

"The fact that the Skiff published what he said in his speech was its own prerogative. It was news after all."

Larry Markley, SGA adviser, said campaigning before the opening of the campaign is one of

the major violations and that it is only allowed after the second day of the information session.

He said he did not know how badly this ruling may hinder Eason's campaign.

"(Eason) is very concerned that he can't go in front of the organizations," he said. "There are other ways to launch a successful campaign, however."

Casebolt called the punishment inappropriate and unfair, saying it prevented the student body from a free market of ideas.

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Today's Funnies

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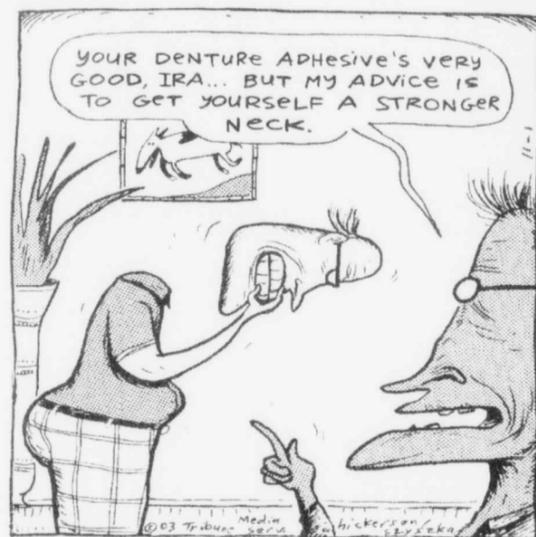
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 (a Halloween poem)

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 Her ear is deaf, but trembles still
 to the howls of demon hounds.

A gnarled canopy shrouds my world
 and hinders God's failing sight.
 But try I must, my cause is just.
 In defiance, I crusade this night.

Yea, on a night such as this, when shadows reveal
 that which mortal man dismisses
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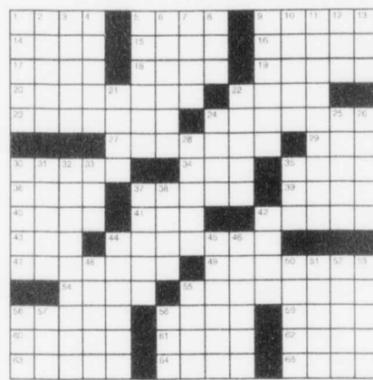
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The Sideline

Sports anchor hired as basketball announcer

Joe Gumm, who works for TCU's flagship station ESPN Radio 103.3 FM, has been hired as the public address announcer for TCU men's basketball, the TCU Athletics Department announced Monday. Gumm was one of more than a dozen candidates who auditioned for the job.

After several years at the USA Radio Network, Gumm joined the staff at ESPN 103.3 FM in December of 2001. In addition to covering major sporting events in the area, he provides DFW SportsCenter updates every weekday during "Mike and Mike in the Morning," which runs from 5 to 9 a.m.

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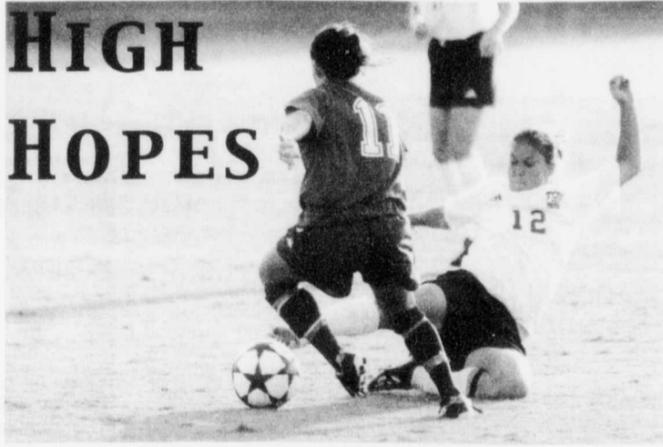
Women's track finishes second in C-USA meet

Junior Mary Kinyanjui became just the second woman in TCU history to take the individual honors at a conference cross country championship as she captured the gold medal at the Conference USA meet held Saturday. Her performance helped the TCU women to a second place finish in the team standings, while the TCU men were ninth overall.

Kinyanjui completed the 6K course in 20:45.20, to finish less than a second ahead of teammate Ami Butler, who took the silver medal with a time of 20:46.30.

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HIGH HOPES



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

The women's soccer team will travel to Charlotte, N.C. as the No. 2 seed in the C-USA tournament.

BY ADAM WILLIAMS
Skiff Staff

With the 2003 regular season complete, the TCU women's soccer team finds itself not looking toward next season.

It is looking toward the postseason for the first time since 2000.

The Frogs capped off their regular season schedule with a 2-1 victory over Memphis Friday.

This year, the team will play in its first C-USA Tournament since entering the conference in 2001. In 2000, the Frogs played in the Western Athletic Conference tournament as the No. 3 seed, only to be upset in the first round by the No. 6-seeded Fresno State Bulldogs 3-1.

The 2003 Frogs are confident they will not meet a similar fate this year, despite the fact the team features only four players who have any postseason experience.

Senior defender Jenny Swanson, who was a freshman on the 2000 squad, said the lack of experience

seems to be of little concern for the group.

"We know we are capable of beating any team in the conference, regardless of our age and inexperience," Swanson said.

The Frogs earned the No. 2 seed in this season's C-USA tournament and will face the No. 7 seed Tulane Wednesday in Charlotte, NC. With three wins in the C-USA Tournament, TCU could be on its way to its first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament, which begins Nov. 13.

Swanson said although the team opens the tournament against Tulane, the Frogs' path through the tournament will include a game against South Florida, who defeated the Frogs Sunday in overtime. She said the Frogs want an opportunity for revenge against South Florida.

"Ideally, we would love to face South Florida again," Swanson said. "We know that we should have beat them and would love the chance to

Despite having young players, the TCU women's soccer team is confident about its first postseason appearance since 2000.

play them again."

One reason for the elevated confidence within the women's side stems from the consistent play of the defense, especially freshman goalkeeper, Katie Buchanan. Buchanan, a true freshman from Plano, TX, has started 13 of the 17 games for the Frogs, recording five shutout victories.

Junior forward Jessi Moore attributes the women's conference success this season to Buchanan's solid performances.

"She has come up big for us in the tight conference games," Buchanan said. "She's smart and always does the right thing when the game is on the line."

Friday's victory over Memphis featured the Frogs in their final home appearance of the year. With the win, the Frogs, who won only two games last year, wrapped up their first winning season in the last three years.

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Frogs move up in BCS poll

BY JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

TCU, college football's only other undefeated team besides Oklahoma, moved up three spots to No. 9 in this week's Bowl Championship Series standings, released Monday.

The Horned Frogs will need to be in the top 12 to be eligible for one of the lucrative BCS games and the top six to guarantee a bid but are hurt by having the 98th toughest schedule out of 117 teams. There has been pressure from schools outside the big six conferences to improve access to the BCS bowls — Orange, Sugar, Fiesta and Rose.

Miami's first regular season loss in more than three years cleared a path for Southern California to get to the Sugar Bowl.

USC is in second place in the BCS, trailing only unanimous No. 1 Oklahoma.

"I suspect that this ranking shows the respect people have for our program and the way we're playing," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said. "We hope to continue to play like we have. If we do, good things will happen."

The Sooners (9-0), the only undefeated team from a major conference, got every first-place vote in the polls and was the top pick by all seven computers used in the BCS standings.

The formula uses the AP media and USA Today/ESPN coaches' polls, seven computer rankings, strength of schedule, losses and a bonus-point system for quality wins.

The Sooners have a 1.0 for poll average, 1.0 for computer-rank average, 0.24 for strength of schedule and zero for losses for a 2.24 total. USC was second with 7.02 points.

Miami fell two spots to No. 4 with 10.26 points following a 31-7 loss to Virginia Tech that snapped a 39-game regular-season winning streak. Florida State remained in third place with 9.52.

Following Miami are the other three major one-loss teams: Ohio State (11.47), Virginia Tech (12.47) and LSU (14.92).

Despite falling to sixth in the AP poll and seventh in the coaches' poll, Miami remained in second place among the computers with a 2.83 average.

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Despite being one of only two teams in the country with an undefeated record, ranked in the top 15 in both national polls and owners of the second longest winning streak in the country, we have been criticized and discounted by those across the country who say we don't deserve our lofty ranking. They say our schedule is soft, we don't win pretty and we don't roll up huge margins of victory. Yet all we do is win. In fact, we've won 18 of our last 19 games and own one of the nation's best records since the turn of the century.

This game has huge conference and national implications. A win not only will keep us atop the league standings and in the hunt for a BCS berth, but will help our credibility across the land. We are looking for respect and we need your help.

ESPN2 will be on hand with Reece Davis, Mark May and Trev Alberts calling the action. Westwood One will be on hand to broadcast the game nationally on radio. We need you on hand in the stands, helping to cheer TCU on to victory.

If you have ever thought about coming to a TCU football game, now is the time to step up and buy a ticket for the Wednesday night game. Whether you are a student, a member of the faculty or staff of TCU, an alum or a fan of college football, we need you in the seats at Amon G. Carter Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Our team has battled throughout the year to go 8-0 for the first time since 1938. They deserve recognition and support for what they've accomplished. Let's get the stadium rockin' and give them the home field advantage they need to keep the dream alive!

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TCU Director of Athletics

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