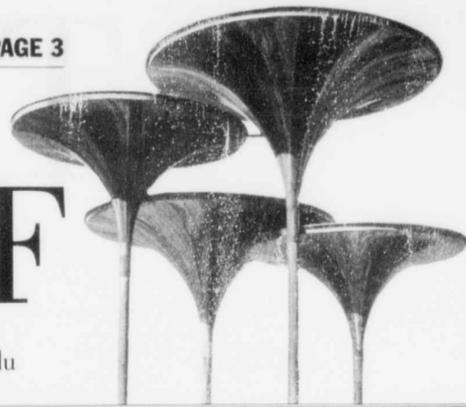


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

NEW YORK — Shares in Wal-Mart fell 32 cents to \$58.72 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.
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HOUSTON — Texas has topped federal health officials' list as the flu leader this season, with the virus spreading to neighboring states.
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WACO — Two attorneys who represented former Baylor University basketball player Carlton Dotson during extradition proceedings in Maryland traveled to Waco to visit him in jail.
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C-USA loses, gains five schools

BY MATT POTTER
Staff Reporter

Wholesale changes announced Tuesday in Conference USA and the Big East will temporarily weaken C-USA in basketball and football, but won't prompt TCU to change conferences, Athletics director Eric Hyman said.

Big East officials announced Tuesday afternoon that the University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville, Marquette University, DePaul University and University of South Florida had all accepted invitations to join the Big East.

About three hours later, C-USA countered the departure of the schools by acquiring Marshall University, Rice

University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Tulsa and the University of Central Florida.

"Basketball and football won't be as strong as it was before, for a while," Hyman said. "But that doesn't change our position. We want a vehicle that will take us to a national level. With all these changes, we need to be fluid and have the ability to adapt to different situations."

C-USA Commissioner Britton Banowsky said in an e-mail that the new additions will benefit the conference.

"We are excited about adding new members and making structural improvements to Conference USA," Banowsky said. "This is an opportunity for us to tighten

our geography, group similar institutions together, create a divisional model and possibly stage a football championship game."

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— Eric Hyman
Athletics director

The new institutions will become full members of C-USA July 1, 2005.

Hyman said the departure of the

C-USA schools came as no surprise. "TCU was aware that this might happen," Hyman said.

He said he knew about the possible additions to C-USA but wasn't sure if everything would come together.

"This move was anticipated for at least five or six weeks," Hyman said. "But you can never be sure it will all work out until schools sign on the dotted line."

According to published reports, TCU is expected to receive an invitation to join the Mountain West Conference soon.

Hyman said he has been talking to the commissioners of both the MWC and C-USA but will not comment on whether or not he thinks TCU will receive

an invitation to join the MWC. "At this point I'm not commenting on the conjecture that we will receive an invitation from the Mountain West," Hyman said. "I talk to different commissioners on an ongoing basis about a number of different things, that's my job."

MWC Commissioner Craig Thompson said in a news conference Tuesday that as far as expansion goes, no specific schools have been discussed.

MWC officials hope to decide by the end of this month or by December what schools they will choose for expansion, Thompson said.

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OnCampus

Binge drinking lower on diverse campuses

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Binge drinking on college campuses by the nation's at-risk demographic — white, underage males — is lower at schools with greater numbers of women, minority and older students, according to a recent Harvard University study.

Co-authored by researchers Meichun Kuo and Henry Wechsler, director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, the study concluded that colleges should implement policies to promote greater diversity on campus and in college housing.

The researchers defined binge drinking as the consumption of five drinks in a row once in the past two weeks for men, and four drinks in a row for women.

The study found white freshman students who were binge drinkers in high school were less likely to continue if they attended colleges with greater numbers of African-American, Hispanic and female students.

The study's findings are based on data collected from 52,312 college students at 114 predominantly white colleges and universities from 1993, 1997, 1999 and 2001 College Alcohol Study surveys.

— Cavalier Daily

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TODAY

High: 76; Low: 57;
Few Showers

THURSDAY

High: 62; Low: 48;
Showers

FRIDAY

High: 58; Low: 43;
Few Showers

LookingBack

1968 — Winning one of the closest elections in U.S. history, Richard Nixon defeats Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Because of the strong showing of third-party candidate George Wallace, neither Nixon nor Humphrey received more than 50 percent of the popular vote; Nixon beat Humphrey by less than 500,000 votes.

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Stephen Spillman/Photo Editor

TCU alumni John De Los Santos, theater professor Anne Healy, Michael Newberry, TCU alumni Shannon Knipp and (seated) Texas Wesleyan alumna Tammy Smith perform in the musical "Audition" Tuesday night. They will perform the musical again at 8 p.m. Thursday in the TCU Choral Hall.

Committee to consider appeal

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association adviser Larry Markley said Tuesday SGA presidential candidate Blake Eason should not have disclosed he was running for president when he resigned as parliamentarian at SGA's Oct. 14 meeting.

Eason, a junior finance major, was censured Sunday night by the House Judiciary Board, which ruled his announcement of his presidential candidacy was in direct violation with election codes.

"It is my understanding that his verbal resignation constituted as a candidacy violation," Markley said. "He then also

gave an interview with the Skiff, and that was considered campaigning, which cannot start until a specific time."

Markley said Eason did act properly in resigning his post, in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

Eason met with the judiciary board again Tuesday night but said he thinks they will not make a decision on his case.

"I believe they will turn it over to the (Student Organizations Committee) (today), and they will decide," Eason said. "I will state my position, and I think they will provide documents for (the committee)."

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Blake Eason, a SGA presidential candidate who was recently censured, outlines his goals at a Programming Council meeting Tuesday night.

UT proposes tuition hikes for campuses

BY APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Students at some University of Texas campuses could be paying as much as 29 percent more in tuition next year, while others will see more moderate increases.

The nine campuses of the University of Texas System on Tuesday released their proposals for increasing the cost of an education. The proposals will be reviewed by the system's Commission on Tuition, which will make recommendations to the UT System Board of Regents for their Nov. 18 meeting.

The Legislature earlier this year voted to allow universities to set their own tuitions to offset budget cuts. State appropriations to the UT

System were cut by 6 percent by the Legislature.

The proposed increases ranged from 29 percent for UT-Arlington next fall to 3.94 percent for the spring semester at UT-Permian Basin. All of the proposed increases are based on current rates.

Opponents argued that tuition increases threaten to freeze the middle class out of an affordable higher education.

UT Systems Chancellor Mark Yudof disagreed.

"Despite selected and targeted increases in tuition rates, we will keep higher education accessible and affordable," Yudof said. "Our goal is that no student be denied educational opportunity because of financial need."

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Planning for lot underway

BY MEGHAN YOUKER
Staff Reporter

Engineering work for the proposed apartment and retail complex near Perrotti's Pizza is underway.

Phoenix Property Co. is working to be sure the planned building's infrastructure will match

Student reactions to development plans mixed

the city's ongoing work along Berry Street, said Don Mills,

vice chancellor for student affairs. As the city redevelops the street, it has also been modifying access to plumbing and other utilities, he said.

"It is important that any changes in the city's plans to accommodate the development be made now," Mills said.

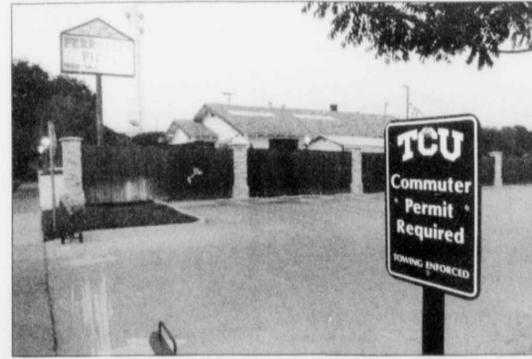
After the engineering work is completed, developers will turn to design concerns, Mills said.

Developers from Phoenix Property Co. will meet with students to see what type of apartments they want in mid- to late November, Mills said. So far, student reaction to the proposal has been mixed.

Freshman Robert Rice said the proposed apartments would be a place he would like to live.

"It would be like living on campus but not living on campus," said Rice, a business major. "Location is huge."

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Developers are working on engineering details for the commuter parking lot near Perrotti's Pizza. The lot is between Berry Street and West Bowie Street.

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■ **TCU Wednesday Worship** will meet at Robert Carr Chapel at noon. Call University Ministries at (817) 257-7830 or e-mail k.b.low@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **Society of Professional Journalists** will present "FOI for Dummies" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 280. E-mail b.p.ortiz@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **TCU Community Band** is looking for musicians. The ensemble meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights in the band hall in the Walsh Center for the Performing Arts and is open to all faculty, staff and student musicians. Contact Duane Niles at d.niles@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6702 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.

■ **TCU Police** will offer Rape Aggression Defense programs from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays free of charge for everyone and are looking for participants. Call (817) 257-7276 for more information.

■ **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.

TUITION

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At the flagship Austin campus, officials have proposed an increase of about 13.3 percent for the spring 2004. UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan American did not request any increases for the upcoming spring semester, but will institute increases next fall.

The lowest increase proposal was made by the Permian Basin campus, which has requested a 3.94 percent increase in tuition next spring. The school is proposing that rates be raised 12 percent from current levels for the fall semester.

The largest request was from the Arlington campus, where officials have requested a tuition increase of 29 percent of the current rate for next fall. Officials there have asked for a 6.5 percent increase from existing rates for the spring semester.

Four dead, five wounded in Arizona

BY BETH DEFALCO

Associated Press

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. — Immigrant smugglers opened fire on a rival group along a highway Tuesday, killing four people and wounding five, authorities said. Four suspects were later arrested in the desert.

Smugglers in a van chased down a pickup and SUV carrying other smugglers and illegal immigrants, said Pinal County Sheriff Roger Vanderpool.

"This was clearly a retaliation to send a message," Vanderpool said. One group had taken the other group's human cargo earlier, he said. He didn't have further details.

Highway patrol officers first got calls about an accident along Interstate 10 outside Casa Grande, south of Phoenix, and later received calls about a shooting. When officers arrived, they found four people shot to death.

Passengers in the pickup and SUV didn't return fire, Vanderpool said.

PLANS

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Junior Cameron Self said the proposed location is ideal for students.

"They would be far enough away from main campus to be separate but still close enough for the conveniences of on-campus living," said Self, an electrical engineering major.

Although the apartments sound exciting, Self said he thinks the apartments will more than likely be too expensive and exclusive for many students.

Jason Runnels, executive vice president of Phoenix Property Co., said in an Oct. 17 Skiff article that rent could range from about \$500 a month to \$800 a month, per person.

Other students worry about increased parking difficulties. Richard Bryan, associate director of operations of the physical plant, said the planned development area now provides 307 parking spaces for commuters. In an Oct. 17 Skiff article, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Carol Campbell said the proposed development would include about 600 parking spaces.

Self, a commuter student, said he wants to know where he will park when construction begins.

Senior education major Vanessa Castagnet said the development will probably not help the parking situation because the new spaces will be taken up by the people who live there.

"I'm sure the building will help the situation a small fraction," Castagnet said. "But I don't think it will solve an even larger problem."

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EASON

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Eason said unless the decision is overturned, neither he or his campaign representatives will be able to speak on his behalf.

"Basically, I am not allowed to talk to anyone," said Eason after Tuesday night's SGA meeting, while on his way to meeting with the judiciary board. "I just want to be able to share my platform with everyone and let them know why I want to be their president."

Elections and Regulations Chairman Nick James said Eason did appeal Tuesday night but that the appeal was not the purpose of the judiciary board's meeting.

James, a junior political science major, said the 10-member judiciary board consists of four house members, three non-house members, a member of Campus Life, SGA parliamentarian John Athon and himself, who serves as chairman.

James said Eason will not be allowed to speak to any organizations before elections, which take place Nov. 11. He did, however, allow Eason to speak at a question-and-answer session Tuesday night.

"That event had been set up for over two months," James said. "Each candidate was promised a spot to speak."

Markley said people he has spoken with feel Eason's resignation as parliamentarian

was a premeditated announcement, allowing him to get a head start on his competitors.

Current SGA President Brad Thompson said the week before the election is an important time.

"It's the chance to go out to all the different organizations and let them know who you are and what you're about," said Thompson, a senior radio-TV-film major.

Eason said he is scheduled to meet with the Student Organizations Committee at noon today. He said the issue may eventually reach Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

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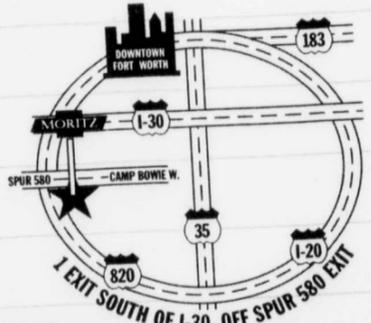
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The Skiff View

EXCUSED

Give excused absences for the game

Tonight the Horned Frogs will put their undefeated record on the line against No. 25 Louisville at Amon Carter Stadium. It will be on national television and will be the only NCAA football game on in the country.

Allowing the game to be on a Wednesday night means that TCU is going to get a lot of attention. But for some students, the timing is unfortunate because it means they can't attend.

When the ESPN cameras pan the audience during tonight's game, students want to be able to show the national audience that TCU supports its football team. But it makes it hard to do that when TCU schedules its home game during the week.

If you don't have class tonight, you have no problem. You're free to go to the game.

For those with class, even the most dedicated student may feel extreme temptation to miss their night classes and go watch the first game between two ranked opponents in Conference USA. But those students may not be able to attend the game because of exams or because professors will consider their absences unexcused.

This is unfortunate considering some believe that attending this football game is just as much a part of their collegiate experience as attending classes.

And since we have paid university activity fees, which include athletic events, and are strongly encouraged to support our team, the university wants us to consider the games an important part of our lives too.

If students do opt to attend the game instead of class, they should be allowed to make up the work they missed. They should not be penalized for showing the nation that TCU students know how to support their teams.

Your Views

Letters to the editor

Additions to C-USA not good for TCU football

This year has been one of ecstasy for the TCU football fan. The Frogs are the top team in Texas and people are finally starting to take notice. But on campus, there have been skeptics at every turn. Many remember the San Jose State debacle in 2000, and it takes more than five years of success to undo 50 years of struggles. The prevailing thought has been that "we'll screw it up somewhere along the way."

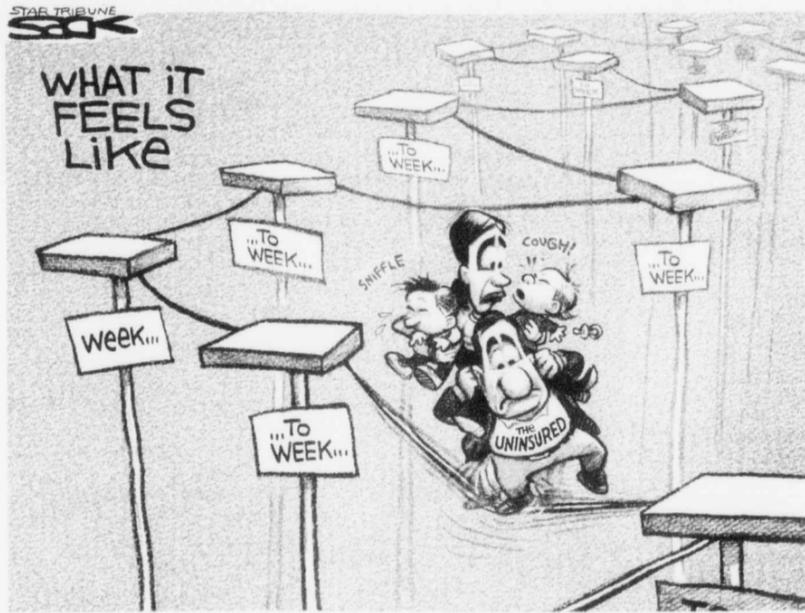
Recently, that screw-up happened. In the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, it was announced that our conference will seek SMU, Rice and Tulsa as members to replace potentially leaving members Louisville, Cincinnati and South Florida. Even worse, Chancellor Victor Boschini commented that this is a great thing. He feels that these schools are similar to us and should be rivals with us. No offense, Chancellor, but this isn't Illinois or Indiana.

In the past six years, TCU has been as dominant as any team in the country in football. Conferences are not about academics. They are about sports. Only two sports actually make money every year at any institution. Those

are football and basketball. SMU, Rice and Tulsa are three of the worst football programs in the nation. It is ridiculous to think that replacing three of our best football programs in C-USA with three of the worst in the nation is a good thing. During the past six years, TCU has spent millions to upgrade the facilities and, more importantly, the image of TCU sports, specifically football. With this announcement, it is apparent that the administration has given up on trying to compete with the big boys when they are almost there. I wouldn't be surprised if Coach Gary Patterson is now updating his résumé to leave for a program where the administration is behind him. The thought that these three schools may join the conference and the fact that our chancellor likes this idea is frightening.

Please! I am pleading to the board of trustees and Athletics director Eric Hyman to rethink their feelings on this situation. TCU has no business being in a conference with SMU, Rice and Tulsa. You must look to the future and do what is best for the Horned Frogs. What transpired is not the best for TCU.

— Eric Junker, senior marketing major



Students unable to sleep

There is a reason I don't keep a gun close to my bed, aside from the fact it isn't allowed per my apartment lease. I know if I had a firearm within reach, I would have long ago slammed a .38 slug into the glowing green face of the critter that sits on my bed-side table.

COMMENTARY



Emily Baker

That critter, of course, is an alarm clock. It faithfully does its duty to wake me each morning. In spite of my lack of appreciation, it never falters and operates as gracefully as an alarm clock can.

But an unfortunate fact of nature remains: The colder it is outside, the harder it is to emerge from the cozy envelopment of warm covers. And with final-exam season approaching, the elusive restful snooze will be harder to catch.

Dozens of studies have been conducted that suggest college students don't get enough sleep. A study recently cited in the *Journal of American College Health* reiterates what the other studies found. This latest study, completed at Louisiana Tech University,

found that 15 percent of college students have sleeping problems, compared with nine percent of the rest of the adult population.

The most common sleeping problem affecting students, according to the study, is insomnia — which means either trouble falling asleep or trouble staying asleep for more than six consecutive hours. Based on that definition, many of us are school-induced insomniacs. In other words, we don't get more than six consecutive hours of sleep because we can't afford to sacrifice study or work time. It is pretty sad that we have to trade our health for a good education.

Some might say students would have better sleeping habits if they would forego the parties. It's not that easy. I can testify that those of us involved in student publications hardly have time to crawl out of the lovable black hole called the newsroom. Most of us don't have time for parties to begin with, and I know the same is true for other majors as well.

Aside from that, parties are just part of the college experience. We will only be 22 once. Like it or not, college parties are part of American culture. It isn't fair to expect us to deny ourselves those experiences.

Regardless of why college students aren't getting enough sleep, there are a few ways to improve the quality of what sleep we do get, according to the American Association of Sleep Medicine.

First, if you can chisel yourself into such a rigid schedule, try going to bed at the same time each night and waking up at the same time each morning.

Second, it may sound like cruel and unusual punishment, but try cutting down on the caffeine.

Third, this might sound like crueler and more unusual punishment, but cut down on the alcohol intake, too. Alcohol increases the frequency of waking up in the middle of the night.

Fourth, train yourself to associate your bed with sleep. If you haven't fallen asleep within 15 minutes, get out of bed and do something else until you are tired enough to fall asleep quickly.

By following these tips, hopefully fewer of us will end up using our notebooks for pillows in class. Until then, I hope my alarm clock will forgive me when I curse at it come morning. For now, it's nap time.

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Some take longer to adjust

It has taken me three months this semester to realize there is a major difference between being a college student and a university student. Coming to TCU as a transfer student

COMMENTARY

Roxanna Latifi

made me realize that a difference exists. Think of the college student as solely the academic half of the university student — without the purple pride or the Horned Frog identity.

Transfer students have already taken college level courses, establishing the concept of what it takes to be a college student. But when they transfer to a four-year institution, they may find themselves entering the shoes of being freshmen all over again.

The remaining identity, the university student, lies within discovering what the university's culture is about and how to become a part of that culture. Imagine having to become a part of a family who you know nothing about. You are eager to find your place within this family, but everyone already has his or her identity within the family and are not going through the same learning experiences you are.

As a new university student at TCU, you may be eager to learn all about the university — how to become involved on campus, where everything is located and how to find your place on campus. But as an established college student, the transfer student already knows what the essentials of college life are. I never would have thought that the transition to TCU

would be so trying since I do have an Associate's Degree and that's more than any freshman can say.

Unfortunately, transfer students must deal with the constant criticism of not being "real students." Because we come from community colleges we seem to be dubbed inferior.

I came to TCU with the expectation of jumping into student organizations and making a name for myself, both of which are very possible, but I was crazy to think I could do everything from the moment I stepped onto campus.

Transfer students must give themselves time to adjust. There are new professors who have different teaching styles and expectations, new people to meet and friends to make. You have to adjust to the new surroundings, to dorm life and to having a roommate.

I had to leave the well-established place on my former campus to create a new place on a new campus. I was a part of many organizations and an editor for the district newspaper. I went from receiving *Who's Who* in community colleges to "Who Are You?" at TCU. Laugh if you will, I still do sometimes, but there is a lot of truth in what I am saying. I have to realize that just because I am a college student, that doesn't mean that I should expect myself to adjust as quickly as I want to at TCU.

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Smoker willing to risk health

A couple of years ago, I quit smoking, largely due to my parents and other opposition forces.

After being in school for three months and amassing one friend (I'm a shy person), I decided to take up smoking again.

I went downstairs and lit up. Fifteen minutes later, bam, I've got 23 friends. Smoking has been linked to a lot of things, but it has been unequivocally proven to relieve stress.

I think it's sad that smoking has become so objectionable. I really enjoy smoking, and I know a lot of other people who feel the same way.

I realize that smoking could be dangerous to my health. But I think people should, at the very least, just let me smoke.

I get told every other day about how many people die from smoking.

I've heard stats from one-in-three to one-in-500. Either way, the odds are in my favor. Smoking might knock a few years off my life, but I'm willing to take that risk.

And if someday I do get cancer or emphysema or something, I will not look back and regret my smoking. I'm not that kind of person.

I am a considerate smoker; I never smoke where I'm not supposed to.

But I don't agree with the law that bans, among other things, smoking within 25 feet of entrances to public buildings. This law was passed for bogus reasons and is not a solution to any problem, real or imagined.

First off, it is intended to protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke.

Studies on secondhand smoke show that if you live in the same house as a heavy smoker for 10 years, your chances of lung cancer increase by about 14 percent.

A small percentage of people may get cancer from outdoor secondhand smoke, just like a small percentage of people who use the crosswalk will get hit by a bus.

Second, a stated intended effect of this law was to help smokers quit smoking.

I say to this, first, help the smokers who want to quit and, second, try something other than giving them a ticket. This is like fining a fat person for eating a Twinkie.

Finally, if you are bothered by smokers at building entrances and exits, then call UOSA and ask them to put in facilities for smokers away from the buildings.

I assure you, we would be glad to take advantage of them, but we're not going to huddle together in the middle of the street to smoke when it gets to be 15 degrees outside.

The anti-smoking people have won. About the only place left for us to smoke is outside. Let us keep at least that. It's time to lay down the pamphlet and relax.

Hey, you know what would help you relax? Smoking.

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(AP) — Shares in Wal-Mart fell 32 cents to \$58.72 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Wal-Mart says it pledged its cooperation since it first learned of the raids. That day, the company instructed store managers to preserve any relevant records. It also has said it would review all of its domestic employees — more than 1 million people — to ensure they each have legal status.

"We do not know if the grand jury hearings will result in any indictments, however we are in ongoing talks with the U.S. Attorney's Office and are confident we will have the opportunity for full and complete discussion before any decisions are made," Williams said.

After the sweep, the workers were taken to local immigration offices. Some were released, but those with criminal records were detained, authorities said. The workers came from 18 different nations.

Arrests were made in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut,

Delaware, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Wal-Mart had sales last year of \$244.5 billion. The company has 1,494 discount stores, 1,386 Supercenters, 532 Sam's Clubs and 56 Neighborhood Markets in the United States. It employs about 1.1 million people in the United States and 300,000 in other countries.

Texas named flu leader, spreading to other states

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas has topped federal health officials' list as the flu leader this season, with the virus spreading to neighboring states.

The distinction — the official designation is "widespread" by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — is largely due to the outbreak in Houston, the epicenter of the virus this season.

"It's got to start somewhere," said Dr. Ralph Feigin, physician-

in-chief of Texas Children's Hospital and chair of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. "We just drew the short straw this year."

The number of influenza cases per week at Texas Children's Hospital peaked at 129 in mid-October. Last week, it dropped to 66 cases, although this is still an extraordinarily high number, experts say.

In previous years, Texas Children's averaged 10 weekly cases or fewer during the season's peak.

Dotson's former lawyers try to practice in Texas

WACO (AP) — Two attorneys who represented former Baylor University basketball player Carlton Dotson during extradition proceedings in Maryland traveled to Waco to visit him in jail.

Sherwood Wescott and Purcell Luke of Salisbury, Md., told authorities Monday they have been retained by Dotson's family to represent him on the murder charge in the June death of his friend and former teammate, Patrick Dennehy.

During an arraignment Oct. 29, the day after Dotson was brought to Waco after abandoning his extradition fight, state District Judge George Allen appointed Waco attorneys Russ Hunt Sr. and Abel Reyna to represent Dotson.

The judge appointed them because Wescott and Luke had not contacted the court last week and Dotson signed a pauper's oath indicating that he needed court-appointed attorneys.

Wescott and Luke, who are not licensed to practice law in Texas, met with the judge Monday and were introduced to McLennan County District Attorney John Segrest. Then the Maryland attorneys visited Dotson in jail.

Dotson, 21, was indicted in August, a month after he was arrested in his home state of Maryland after calling police, saying he was delusional and asking for medical treatment.

Four days after the July 21 arrest, the body of Dennehy, who had been missing for six weeks, was found near a rock quarry south of Waco. Dennehy, 21, had been shot twice in the head.

Christmas decorations now up in Kerr County

KERRVILLE (AP) — Christmas has arrived early in Kerr County, and some Central Texas officials say they're irritated by the early display of decorations.

Workers decorated the Kerr County Courthouse with a wire snowman and fake Christmas trees days before Halloween.

County Commissioner Buster Baldwin is pushing a policy to regulate, among other things, how early the Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corp. can display holiday decorations each fall. He says some of his constituents have called the mid-fall rollout "appalling" and "horrible."

But the volunteer decorating group said it needs to start decorating early in the fall if it wants to get the job done by Thanksgiving. All the work is done on weekends, volunteer Walter Schellhase told the *San Antonio Express-News* for its Friday editions.

Mudslides following fires now a major concern

CRESTLINE, Calif. (AP) — Even as firefighters contain the

Southern California wildfires, officials are beginning what they expect will be the largest emergency renovation effort ever attempted.

It also will be one of the quickest, as they race to stabilize denuded slopes before they are washed away by winter rain, sending what could be devastating floods and mudslides into communities built on what were once barren alluvial plains.

"If people think fire is bad, mudslides could be even worse," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Matt Mathes. "This is probably going to be the single largest effort to rehabilitate fire-burned land in history."

The weather that helped drive and then quell the fires is so volatile this time of year that officials fear they may have until Friday before the first potential storm of the year.

Even as the fires raged, teams of botanists, biologists, engineers, archeologists and watershed specialists were moving in behind the fire crews. They assessed the damage done by bulldozed and hand-cut firelines and helipads, scars that can be more harmful than fire itself to an environment that has tolerated periodic blazes for eons.

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Man guilty of fraud

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A businessman who scammed Bank One out of \$3 million and dozens of senior citizens out of their life savings was sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison.

Roy Brown, 43, was sentenced Monday in Dallas to 11 years and four months after pleading guilty to bank and securities fraud.

Some victims appeared in court Monday, including his former father-in-law, Don Jordan, former chairman of Reliant Energy. He was swindled out of more than \$1 million for bogus loans to Brown, according to documents.

Some victims begged the judge to place Brown on probation so he could make money from a recently launched venture to compensate them.

But U.S. District Judge David

Godbey told Brown to report to prison Jan. 5 and ordered him to pay \$7.8 million in restitution.

In 1999, Brown opened accounts at a Bank One in Dallas and convinced the branch manager that he was a successful businessman with millions of dollars in offshore accounts, according to court documents.

Brown did not disclose the bankruptcy he filed in 1995 for a failed business and the personal bankruptcy he filed a year later.

Bank One discovered in December 2000 that the manager, Arunesh Vivekananthan, had advanced about \$3 million to Brown's accounts to cover up cash-flow problems.

Vivekananthan was sentenced to 15 months in prison for his role in the bank fraud.

Brown met 39 investors from

East Texas, and in 1999 they gave Brown sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$675,000 for a company called Techno, according to court documents. But they lost a combined \$2.9 million.

Lee Richards, an insurance salesman from Longview who had encouraged his customers to invest in Brown's business, was sentenced to 46 months in prison for his role.

Vincent Piras, president of Giovanni Homes, a builder of upscale homes in Arlington and Mansfield, said he lost \$250,000 after investing in a chain of Baywatch-themed restaurants in the Caribbean and Europe.

Piras called Brown a "silver-tongued devil" and said he had no idea that Brown did not own the licenses to the restaurants.

Cholesterol treatment beneficial

BY LINDSEY TANNER

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Intravenous doses of a synthetic component of "good" cholesterol reduced artery disease in just six weeks in a small study with startlingly big implications for treating the nation's No. 1 killer.

"The concept is sort of liquid Drano for the coronary arteries," said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic cardiologist who led the study.

Larger and longer studies need to be done to determine if the experimental treatment will translate into fewer deaths, but the early results are promising, said Dr. Daniel Rader, director of preventive cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

The treatment used a laboratory-produced version of an unusually effective form of HDL, the good cholesterol that helps protect against heart disease by removing plaque, or fatty buildups, from the bloodstream.

"This is clearly on the level of a breakthrough that will have far-reaching implications," pointing the way toward a rapid treatment for fatty buildups, said Dr. Bryan Brewer, chief of molecular diseases at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

The surprisingly quick results, though preliminary, shatter a long-standing belief that heart disease is a slow-progressing disease that takes a long time to undo, said Rader, who wrote an editorial accompanying the study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

While some existing medicines target HDL, most conventional drug treatment works by reducing levels of LDL cholesterol, the bad kind that contributes to the formation of plaques that can clog arteries and lead to heart attacks.

Nissen's study is part of a burgeoning area of research that focuses on treatments that raise HDL levels or improve HDL's plaque-fighting abilities.

His findings stem from an unusual discovery about 25 years ago in the northern Italian village of Limone Sul Garda. Italian researchers found that 40 residents there had very low HDL levels, yet paradoxically had low rates of coronary artery disease.

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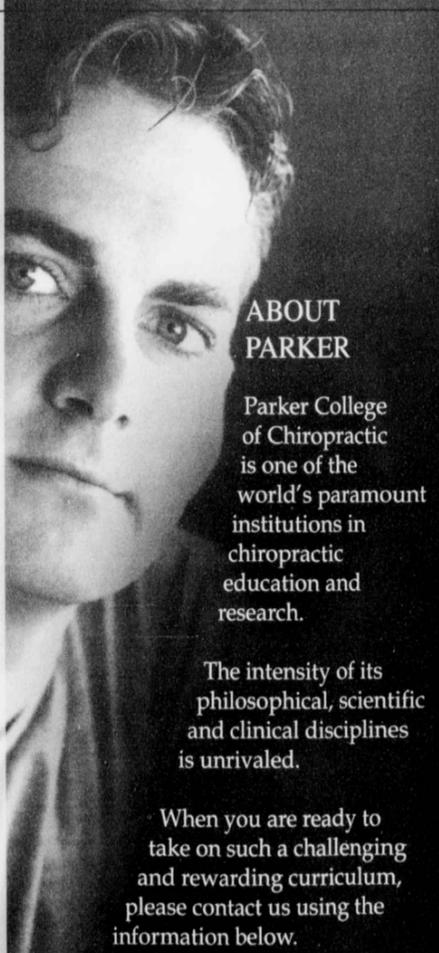
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Texas Tech researcher faces charges

BY BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Dr. Thomas Butler urged his department chairman not to call authorities after the Texas Tech University researcher reported 30 vials of plague missing, saying an internal investigation was sufficient, the chairman testified Tuesday.

"I said, 'Tom, this is your lab, your samples, you've investigated since Saturday and they're still missing. I'm not sure what an internal investigation would do,'" said Donald Wesson, chairman of the internal medicine department.

Butler, 62, faces 69 felony charges in connection with the incident that sparked a bioterrorism scare earlier this year. Butler reported in January that vials of the bacteria responsible for the deadly bubonic plague were missing from a university lab.

He later admitted he had accidentally destroyed them.

Butler is accused of smuggling plague bacteria from Tanzania and illegally transporting it within the country and overseas, lying to federal agents and filing a false income tax return. Butler had listed his cargo as "laboratory samples," but prosecutors said the vials should have been declared.

Wesson said Butler made an appointment to see him Jan. 14. Wesson said the notation on his calendar was that Butler wanted to talk about "lab research." Butler's calendar noted the meeting was about a "lab break-in," evidence showed.

When they met, Wesson said: "(Butler) said, 'I need to talk to you about a problem in my laboratory. There are missing samples of plague and I think they were stolen.' I was flabbergasted. What he had told me had so many implications. All sorts of things were going through my mind as

to what we needed to do.

"I was very alarmed, very alarmed."

Earlier Tuesday, a lab safety officer testified that he had immediate doubts when he heard that Butler had reported the samples missing.

Michael Jones, the safety officer during the incident, testified that Butler "didn't seem particularly disturbed. He was fairly calm and didn't seem particularly upset."

The day the vials were reported missing, there were no signs of forced entry into Butler's lab. Nothing appeared out of place, and his demeanor seemed unusual for someone reporting potentially lethal germs missing, Jones said.

"I said, basically, 'You need to be sure in fact they are missing because it would be a big deal,'" Jones said.

In opening-day testimony Monday, Jones said he was surprised that Butler had plague samples.

"I didn't realize he had that material in his lab," Jones said.

Jones said Butler twice in 2002 told him he didn't have plague samples.

Within hours of Butler reporting the vials stolen on Jan. 14, scores of federal agents descended on the city and a frantic search for the vials ensued. It ended when Butler gave FBI agents a written statement in which he acknowledged a "misjudgment" in not telling his supervisor that the vials had been "accidentally destroyed," according to court records.

Butler faces up to life in prison and \$17.1 million in fines if convicted.

Chuck Meadows, one of Butler's defense attorneys, painted his client as a dedicated researcher who was doing plague research for the government, aiding the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Army and the Food and Drug Administration.

The three agencies approved of Butler's

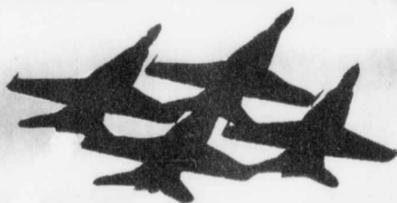
bringing plague samples into the country and transporting them around the country, Meadows said. Butler was about to get a \$1 million grant to work with those agencies to come up with a better medicine to treat plague, Meadows said.

"Those e-mails tell the story, it tells you that they (the government) authorized Dr. Butler to do these things," said Meadows.

Prosecutors alleged in opening statements that Butler reported the vials as missing in retaliation for and to deflect attention from difficulties with the Institutional Review Board, such as an internal audit of his lab and a dispute with an IRB member.

Butler is free on bond and on paid leave from Tech, where he is chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine at the university's health sciences center. Mediation hearings have begun as part of the university's process to dismiss him.

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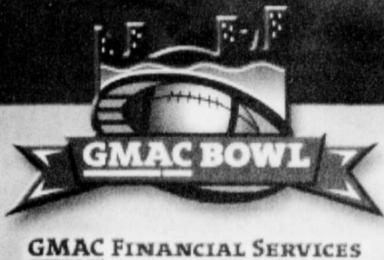
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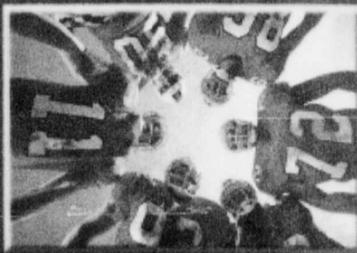
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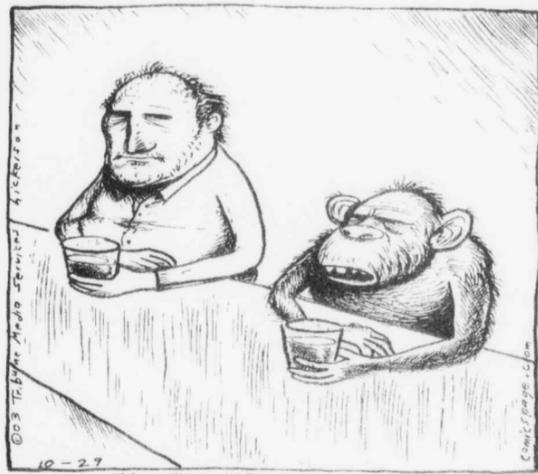
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The Sideline

Two swimmers receive conference honors

Freshman swimmer Keleigh Wentworth and sophomore Kelly Seely both earned Conference USA performer of the week awards for the week of Nov. 4, the conference office announced Tuesday. This is Seely's second week in a row to earn the honor of diver of the week; Wentworth receives the title for the first time in her career. The two awards mark the second week in a row TCU swimming and diving has swept the awards and the second time in TCU history.

Wentworth, a four-year high school all-American from Midland, Texas, helped TCU to wins over both George Mason and James Madison after claiming five first-place finishes out of the five events she competed last weekend. She leads the conference in the 200 butterfly (2:06.59) and the 500 free (5:06.96) with her winning times against George Mason. The following day, she won three more events: 200 fly (2:08.29), 500 free (5:12.20), and 1,000 free (10:25.77) versus James Madison to earn 27 points individually for the Frogs.

The Frogs are now 3-1 on the season. The team plays at the Rice Invitational Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. in Houston.

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Men's golf fares well after first day of play

Defending champion TCU, rated seventh in the most recent Golfweek standings, fired a second-round eight-under-par 280 and holds a two-stroke lead over No. 23 BYU following the first day of The Prestige at PGA West. TCU, which sat in ninth place following the morning round, shot the day's low round in the afternoon and enters Tuesday's final 18 at three-under-par (573).

Individually, Stanford's Zach Miller shot back-to-back five-under-par 67s on Monday to take a five-stroke lead over TCU's Colby Beckstrom. Beckstrom is eyeing his third top-10 finish and fourth top-20 placement in the Horned Frogs' four fall events. The sophomore, who entered the event rated 10th nationally, recorded rounds of 71 and 68 for a five-under 139. Beckstrom topped the field in par-3 scoring, playing four-under on the course's shortest holes.

Owning a share of 11th place following two rounds is TCU senior Adam Meyer. Meyer, from China Spring, Texas, registered a two-under 70 in the first round and a two-over 74 in the afternoon to sit at even-par (144) for the tournament.

Junior J.J. Killeen of Lubbock, Texas, bounced back from an opening-round 78 to tally a three-under 69 in round two. Killeen currently is tied for 25th position with Frog teammate Jeff Marcinowski. Marcinowski, a sophomore competing in his second straight tournament, shot scores of 76-71 for his three-over 147.

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Looking Back

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Frogs take on toughest team yet

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
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FORT WORTH — TCU knows there's only one way to continue the debate about whether it deserves to be part of the Bowl Championship Series: keep winning.

For the No. 13 Horned Frogs, who along with No. 1 Oklahoma are the only undefeated teams in major college football, there is no game bigger than Wednesday's against Louisville. It is the toughest on TCU's schedule and is being televised nationally when no other game is being played.

"It's a great game to be spotlighted in as long as you win," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "All of that other stuff doesn't make a difference. I know if we don't beat Louisville all of these conversations don't mean much."

TCU is No. 9 in the BCS standings, the same spot it reached in 2000, after a 7-0 start. The Horned Frogs (8-0, 5-0 Conference USA) have to climb three more spots and finish there to become the first team from a non-BCS conference guaranteed a berth in one of the four BCS bowls.

Officials from the Fiesta Bowl, one of the lucrative BCS games, will be at the game Wednesday. So will representatives from three other bowls, all of them with C-USA ties.

While Oklahoma has stayed undefeated by steamrolling high-quality opponents with an average of 31 points, the Frogs have done just enough to get by in several games. And they are playing the 98th-toughest schedule out of 117 teams.

There have been three wins by just three points, including in overtime at 1-8 Arizona, which fired coach John Mackovic the next

day. They also won against one-win Vanderbilt and beat still-winless Army, which also fired its coach. Their season finale is at SMU, which could be 0-11 by then.

When the Frogs finally broke out offensively, scoring 62 points with a school-record 782 yards in their last game at Houston, they won by just a touchdown. TCU's defense has dropped from fourth to 31st nationally in total defense after giving up 1,077 yards and 82 points in two games.

Now comes Louisville (7-1, 3-1), the C-USA's top offense at 35 points and 470 yards a game. The Cardinals have won three straight since a double-overtime loss at South Florida, where TCU had one of its three-point games.

"The pressure is on TCU," Cardinals coach Bobby Petrino said. "They're undefeated, and they're trying to be in the BCS picture. They've got a lot of pressure on them to win, and we don't have to worry about all of that."

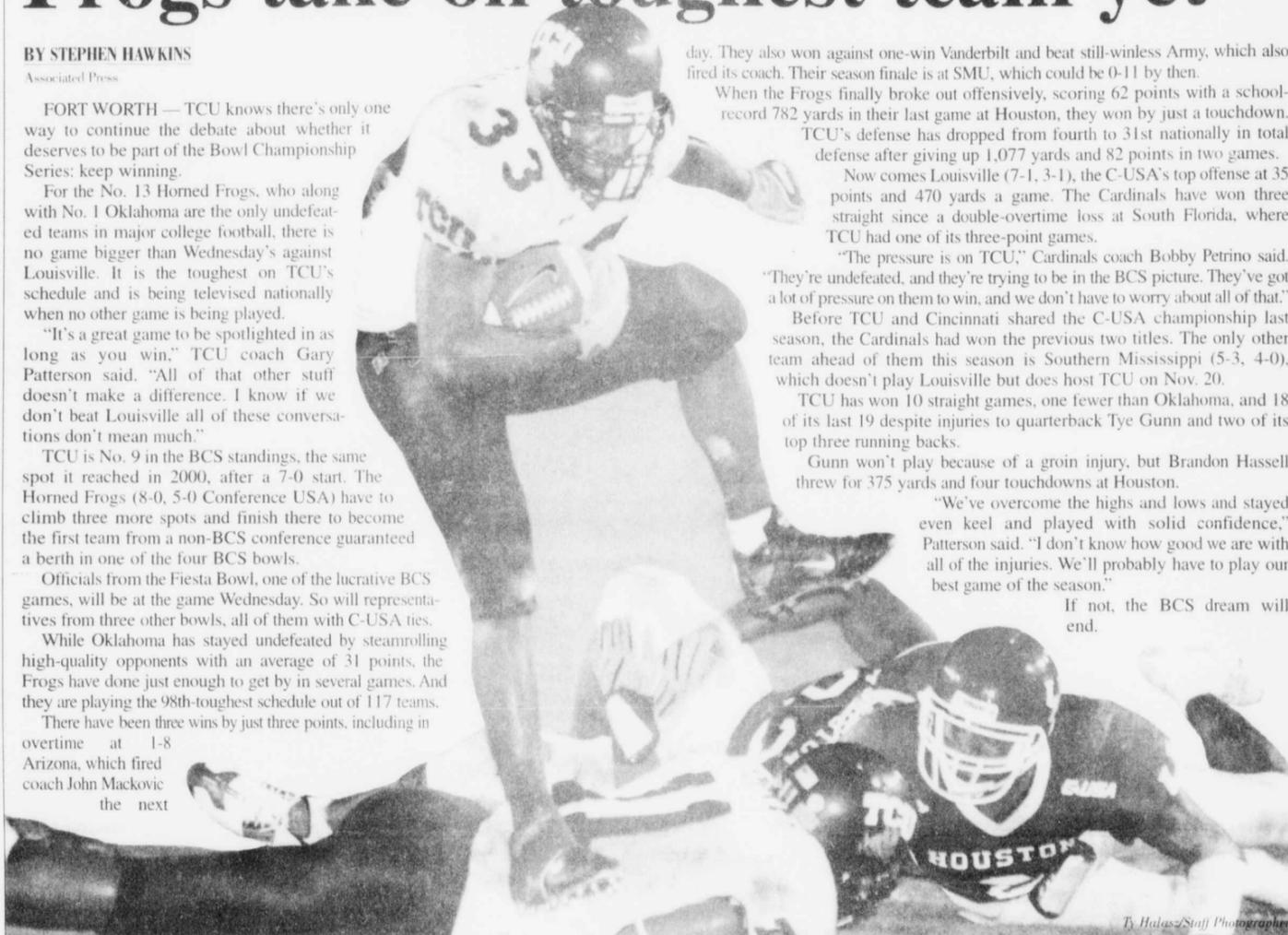
Before TCU and Cincinnati shared the C-USA championship last season, the Cardinals had won the previous two titles. The only other team ahead of them this season is Southern Mississippi (5-3, 4-0), which doesn't play Louisville but does host TCU on Nov. 20.

TCU has won 10 straight games, one fewer than Oklahoma, and 18 of its last 19 despite injuries to quarterback Tye Gunn and two of its top three running backs.

Gunn won't play because of a groin injury, but Brandon Hassell threw for 375 yards and four touchdowns at Houston.

"We've overcome the highs and lows and stayed even keel and played with solid confidence," Patterson said. "I don't know how good we are with all of the injuries. We'll probably have to play our best game of the season."

If not, the BCS dream will end.



The Edge

TCU PASSING GAME Brandon Hassell is looking confident at the helm and a lot can be attributed to the trust offensive coordinator Mike Schulz has in his junior quarterback. The emergence of Cory Rodgers has been a pleasant surprise for the Frogs. Reggie Harell continues to have a solid season and the return of Bruce Galbert to the lineup has been helpful.

LOUISVILLE PASS DEFENSE The Cardinals are ranked 94th in pass defense, allowing 246 yards a game, including a couple of poor showings against teams like Army and Temple. They are young and inexperienced. Going against a TCU offense that seems to be clicking on all cylinders, following a 62 point performance at Houston, the Louisville secondary is in for a long night. Opponents have had great success against this secondary, meaning the much improved TCU offense may be too much for this defense to handle.

TCU RUNNING GAME Robert Merrill and Lonta Hobbs are a dangerous 1-2 punch. They both run hard and have the ability to break big runs. While Merrill has the higher yards carry average, Hobbs continues to be the Frogs' go-to-guy inside the redzone. Together they form the backbone of one of the league's most dangerous rushing attacks.

LOUISVILLE RUN DEFENSE Junior linebacker Robert McCune and senior linebacker Rod Day lead the Cardinals athletic defense. If TCU is unable to run up the middle, the perimeter might not be as open to the offense as it was against Houston. The Cardinals have not been dominant against the run and, with the exception of their game against Syracuse, has yet to face a team as determined to run the ball as TCU.

TCU PASS DEFENSE The secondary has looked pedestrian the past few weeks. Much of that can be attributed to the lack of pass rush and containment by the front six. The Frogs have not gotten to the opponent's quarterback enough to allow the secondary to make plays. The coverage has been fine, but the combination of touch passing and blunders have hurt the Frogs. The loss of junior weak safety Marvin Godbolt has been felt more as the season has progressed.

LOUISVILLE PASSING GAME The balanced offensive attack leads to some modest numbers from the quarterback position. Junior quarterback Stefan LeFors has only 10 touchdowns on the season, but he gets the job done. Junior wide receiver J.R. Russell is yet another big-play receiver the TCU defense must shut down. Russell leads the team with 41 receptions for 692 yards. Senior tight ends Rhonnie Ghent and Richard Owens could be a big factor in the passing game if TCU is unable to stop the running game.

TCU RUN DEFENSE Conventional running plays have not fared well against the TCU defense. The problem has come against quarterbacks running bootlegs or when TCU has lost containment, allowing the quarterback to run all over the field. The run defense has held up all year, but it must be disciplined and not allow its poor fundamentals from the past two games to creep in again.

LOUISVILLE RUNNING GAME Ranked 9th in the country, Louisville is running hard via the legs of sophomore running back Eric Shelton. This is not the Louisville run offense that TCU has faced in the past. Shelton already has more rushing yards than any UL running back in the past two seasons. The running game is a key component to the Cardinals high powered attack. The run fuels their balanced attack and is the biggest reason for their high offensive ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS With two of the better kickers in the nation squaring off Wednesday night, this game could be decided by the special teams units. Senior kicker Nate Smith has missed only one field goal all year for Louisville, capping off a fine senior season. Nick Browne is as close to a sure thing as you can get from the placekicker position. As a whole, both teams match up fairly evenly. TCU has a fine returner in Cory Rodgers, but he must avoid the muffed punt in order for him to showcase his big-play ability.

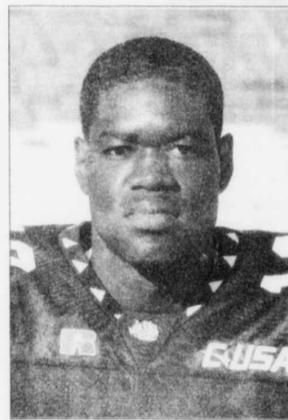
OVERALL TCU faces a balanced offensive attack that has the ability to sustain long drives and wear down the smaller TCU defense. If the TCU offense is unable to sustain its own drives and put points on the board early, Louisville will have the luxury of using its entire offensive package for the entire game. The Frogs have not shut down UL in the past and don't expect it to change this year. TCU must shut down the Cardinals' running game and Eric Shelton in order to win. A TCU victory brings the Frogs one step closer to becoming C-USA champs.

PREDICTION: Carlos Alvarado - Louisville 34-17 Brent Yarina - Frogs 28-24

Key Matchup

Williams ability to stuff, and drop back and cover Ghent on play-action passes will be a crucial component in TCU's ability to rob Louisville of its balanced attack. Williams will have his work cut out for him against the much larger Ghent.

Brandon Williams
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Ghent is an incredible asset to the Louisville offense. The three-time All-Conference tight end has improved his run blocking and is always a threat with his hands. If he is able to make holes on runs, and get open on passes, the Louisville offense will roll.

Ronnie Ghent
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