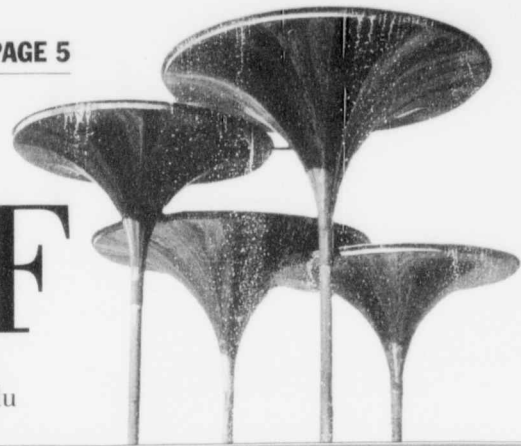


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## Today's News

STATE NEWS

**FORT WORTH** — A former shipping clerk pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to shipping himself from New York to Dallas in a wooden cargo crate.

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**AUSTIN** — Operators of the state's electric grid, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc., plan expansion that includes almost doubling the size of their 24-hour operations center.

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## Board of Trustees to meet today

BY BLAIR BUSCH  
Staff Reporter

Victor Boschini will meet with TCU's Board of Trustees today for the first time in the role of chancellor.

"I'm a little nervous about meeting with all of them for the first time, but I have already met with so many of them individually," Boschini said.

The board will review several issues, including the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' recommendations from their spring visit.

"I want to make sure we pass the

changes to the bylaws, which were primarily recommended by the SACS reviewers," Boschini said.

An update on the financial situation and assumptions that will be used to determine a draft for next year's budget will be presented to the trustees.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, will lead a discussion on the first phase of the "Our Time, Our Future" campaign.

"We are reviewing the status of our fund raising this year to see how we are doing," Davis said. "We are then going to discuss the possibilities of moving

*"I want them to see the progress that has been made with the core and emphasize everything from the academic end."*

— Nadia Lahutsky  
Faculty Senate chair

the kickoff to the spring of 2005, extending the campaign one year so that it will end May 2008, and also increasing the goal to \$250 million."

Committee reports from around campus will update the Board on the projects that are currently being constructed.

Nadia Lahutsky, Faculty Senate chair, was invited to speak to the Academic Affairs Committee Thursday to discuss the Provost Search Committee and the new core curriculum. The Academic Affairs Committee will report to the rest of the trustees today.

"I want them to see the progress that has been made with the core and emphasize everything from the academic end," Lahutsky said.

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## On Campus

### Homeland Security to give Texas funds

**AUSTIN** — Texas will receive \$115 million from the Office for Domestic Preparedness to help in terrorism prevention, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Monday.

The allotted money for the 2004 fiscal year must be used by groups in the state to prevent, respond to and recover from potential terrorist acts.

For the first time, local entities will be able to apply for grants online through the department's Web site. The Web site also offers a database of training opportunities to educate first responders on terrorism.

"It ensures that nationwide Homeland Security officials have one place where they can tap into the resources, as well as the information they need," Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge said in a statement.

Gov. Rick Perry has designated the Texas Engineering Extension Service as the agency to oversee the disbursement of Texas' funds. The service will assess the needs of the 24 regions and announce the exact distribution in February.

— Daily Texan

## Corrections

Junior wide receiver Reggie Harrell was misidentified in a photo on Thursday's sports page.

In the Oct. 31 edition of the *Skiff*, Susan Douglas Roberts was incorrectly identified on second reference. It should have said Douglas Roberts.

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## The Weather

TODAY

High: 51; Low: 43;  
Showers

SATURDAY

High: 56; Low: 51;  
Showers

SUNDAY

High: 69; Low: 63;  
Partly Cloudy

## Looking Back

**1940** — Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt is reelected president for the third time, defeating Republican challenger, Thomas E. Dewey

## COLD FRONT



Junior music education major Scott Sunde practices a new routine for the marching band Thursday night on the west side of Amon Carter Stadium. Temperatures dropped down to the 40s while the band was practicing.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

## Committee reduces sanction

### SGA candidate allowed to speak to organizations

BY ANDREW DONOVAN  
Staff Reporter

Junior finance major Blake Eason had new hope for his Student Government Association presidential campaign after meeting with the Student Organizations Committee Wednesday afternoon.

The committee reduced the sanction that prohibited Eason from speaking to any student organizations during his campaign. In an e-mail sent to Eason Thursday, SOC chairman John Horner said Eason can resume verbal campaigning at 5 p.m. today.

The judiciary board ruled Sunday that Eason violated election code by campaigning before the opening of the formal campaigning period, which started Oct. 29, and used a university publication for campaigning. Eason said he made an appeal to the board Tuesday night, which was eventually turned over to the SOC.

"I'm just glad we more or less got the appeal," said Eason, who will visit seven to

eight sororities and fraternities Sunday. "At least now I can go in front of groups and give why I think I would make a good president."

Eason said he was informed Sunday night that his speech on Oct. 14, in which he announced his resignation as SGA parliamentarian because of his desire to run for president, was in violation of the election code. A *Skiff* article included this information the next day.

The violation was first brought to the board's attention 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 Eason of early campaigning.

Horner did not return several phone calls and e-mails.

Eason said he was unhappy with the whole situation but is excited to get his campaign back on track. He said he probably missed speaking to about 15 to 20 student organizations he had scheduled this week.

"Do I think it was unjust? Definitely," Eason said. "I think the whole process was unjust. I'm just glad I am able to speak now."

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## New students require advising

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER  
Staff Reporter

Any students who are new to the university since last summer semester must be advised by a professor before they register for classes this spring, said Pat Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management.

Students are also required to be advised for the first three semesters they are at TCU, Miller said.

"Having someone to sit down and talk to at least once a semester is the single most important thing with the advising policy," Miller said.

Students are able to make a connection with a faculty member through advising and can have questions about needed classes in their major answered, Miller said.

Ryan Burns, a speech communication professor, said students felt they were not getting the guidance they needed when picking their classes, so implementing mandatory advising should result in those students receiving the guidance they need.

After three semesters of advising, students should be in the habit of going to and being familiar with the advising process, Burns said. Burns was also a member of a Student Government Association advising task force last spring.

The task force, made up of students, faculty and staff, was created to look at the strengths and weaknesses of the university's advising, said Marsha Ramsey, director of center for academic services.

Students must be prepared for the session by having some idea of

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## London director visits TCU

BY ROBYN KRIEL  
Staff Reporter

TCU London Centre Director Lisa Thompson left her life of double-decker buses, museums and pigeons for one week to return to American soil and reunite with students and faculty.

"We are delighted to have Lisa visiting us," said Director of International Education Luis Canales at Thompson's reception in Sadler Hall Thursday. "We are so pleased with her performance at our center in London. She is a pleasure to work with."

The TCU London Center is a study abroad opportunity offering courses in the spring, fall and summer semesters. Thompson has been with the program since it began in 1998.

"London is home to me now," Thompson said. "I am back this week to be part of the orientation for the spring students, to spend time with my colleagues and ex-students and friends and to talk about possible expansion programs."

The center offers courses in theater, history, media, English literature, political science, journalism, nursing, leadership, art and British studies.

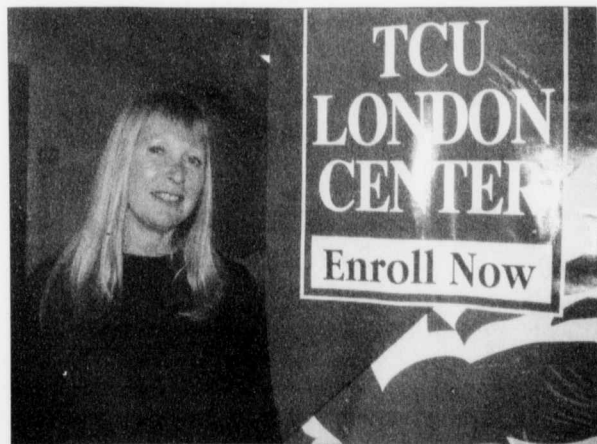
"It is the flagship of our study abroad programs, and Lisa plays a key role in it," Canales said.

As well as teaching art classes during the spring semester,

Thompson coordinates the other faculty members, organizes housing, acts as the liaison between TCU and the center and a surrogate mother for the students who visit the center, Canales said.

Thompson said she coordinates details from the London

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Lisa Thompson, director of the TCU London Center, was in Fort Worth this week to meet with students interested in studying abroad.

Lori Russell/Staff Photographer

# THE PULSE

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ **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.

■ **Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs** are now enrolling in Sadler Hall, Room 16. Those wishing to enroll need to come by Sadler to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu 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.

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

■ **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.

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

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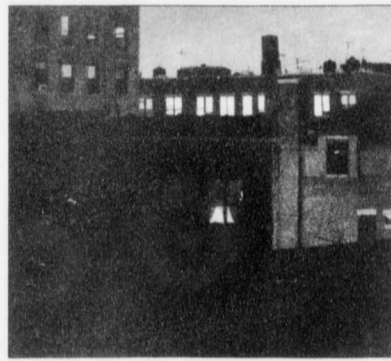
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## Alumna transforms photographs into abstract art at a local gallery



Works by TCU alumna Rosalyn Bodycomb, who takes photographs and then paints over them, include, (from left), "Attic Window, New York," "Ipanema VI" and "Long Beach."

BY KYLE WITTENBRAKER  
 Staff Reporter

Simple photographs are transformed into abstract works of art in the hands of TCU alumna Rosalyn Bodycomb, whose exhibitions are currently displayed throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The former Horned Frog shoots photos off the hip to catch people in a candid pose and then paints over the photograph to create something new, a process she calls figurative painting.

"I'm a better painter than I am a photographer," Bodycomb said. "I use the photographs as a starting point for my paintings."

Cynthia Mulcahy, gallery owner of the Mulcahy Modern Gallery in Dallas where Bodycomb's work is currently on display, said her art makes viewers feel as if they are standing in the scene.

"She is an emerging talent and has

received a lot of recognition," Mulcahy said.

Bodycomb's work is also on display at the Arlington Museum of Art.

Exhibit curator Charles Wylie chose to include Bodycomb's work in the "Meanwhile, Elsewhere" show, which opens Nov. 14 at the museum. He said her work fits in with the show's theme of imagining your place in the world and being somewhere else at the same time.

"It has a strange, otherworldly look to it," Wylie said.

Her work is intriguing because of what she is able to do with the photographs, Wylie said.

"Her work almost becomes an object in and of itself," Wylie said. "I'm attracted to that kind of meticulous technique that she is profound at."

Bodycomb said she wanted to use symbols to trigger people's collective unconsciousness and originally tried to achieve

this through abstract art. This approach was too obscure and did not make a connection with the viewers, she said.

After receiving her undergraduate degree in printmaking, Bodycomb returned to TCU several years later to get a graduate degree in painting. She said TCU has a strong drawing program and that she received a fine traditional education in visual arts.

"After getting your undergrad degree, you have to make a lot of growth happen, which is difficult to do," Bodycomb said. "Graduate school gives you two years to work."

Bodycomb said she recently moved to New York. She said different environments affect her use of color and the way her compositions are put together.

Mulcahy Modern is located in the Bishop Arts District south of downtown Dallas. Bodycomb's work will be on display until Nov. 20.

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## GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL?

If you have a distinguished undergraduate record — 3.75 GPA or preferably higher —

then look on the

TCU Honors Program homepage

([www.hon.tcu.edu/scholarships.html](http://www.hon.tcu.edu/scholarships.html))

at the list of prestigious scholarships available to provide graduate funding.

Seniors, if you think you can qualify — juniors, for Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, and other similar competitive awards it is necessary for you to plan well ahead because of early fall deadlines — then please contact Professor Bob Frye, Interim Coordinator of Prestigious Scholarships, at [B.Frye@TCU.edu](mailto:B.Frye@TCU.edu) or 817-257-6249. The Mellon Fellowship application request deadline, for example, is coming up right away, on November 12th.

## ADVISING

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what they want to take, and advisers must have current advising information, said Ramsey, a task force member.

Ramsey said there is a problem with students taking the wrong classes. For example, freshmen would enroll in senior-level classes or students would take classes that would not satisfy the University Core Requirements.

However, Miller said it's not a major problem.

"You always hear of students that don't graduate because they took the wrong classes, but it is just an urban legend," Miller said.

John Walls, a task force member, said mandatory advising will help students graduate on time

because it will ensure they take the correct classes.

"Advising helps point students in the right direction," said Walls, a junior advertising and public relations major. "It's a start to slowly ease students into an advising program. Students can get used to the idea and continue taking advising in the future."

Jennifer Steele, a senior early childhood education major, said that, overall, she really likes advising, but she has experienced some problems when professors would give her different advice about what classes she needed.

"I think it's a great way to see what classes you need to take, and you get to know some professors in your major," Steele said. "However, I was in a program that was changing and the professors didn't know what classes I had to take. I was advised to take several

classes that I didn't need at all."

The Center for Academic Services will hold an advising workshop at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Building South, Room 155.

In some departments, each faculty member will be assigned a certain amount of students, while some will only have one or two advisers, Ramsey said. Training sessions will be given in some colleges, but training is not required, she said.

Burns said his department has advising training sessions every year that prepare the faculty for advising.

"I would not have known what is going on with the current UCR, and (the session) helps me understand the requirements," Burns said.

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## LONDON

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side for students, and her colleague Susan Layne, the London director based at TCU, handles details from the American side.

Layne, who joined the program at the same time as Thompson, said the two of them have to work closely together and have developed a strong friendship.

"We keep in touch every day through e-mails and phone calls," she said. "Lisa makes incredible connections with the students over there; that is why there is such a good turn out here at her reception."

Canales said about 40 students go to London every semester and about 100 go every summer.

"I think that students are realizing just how important it is to have some sort of international back-

ground and cross-cultural skill," he said. "It gives students such self-confidence and they begin to know themselves so much better."

Thompson said about 30 former students came to see her at the reception.

Julie Westerman, a senior sociology major who came to the reception, said it was lovely to see Lisa again. Westerman said she attended the London Centre in fall 2002.

"London was crazy and wild and fun," she said. "But still very educational."

Patrick Thompson, a senior political science major, said his London experience was incredible and that everyone who went on the trip formed solid friendships.

"I am totally different as a result," he said. "I have a much deeper perspective, not only of other cultures but of my own."

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## Student banned from UNT

Associated Press

DENTON — In the wake of the University of North Texas newspaper's story about a student's recent rape conviction in Oklahoma, the man has been banned from campus, school officials said.

Michael Stephen Mann, 27, pleaded guilty Oct. 1 as part of a plea agreement, said Suanne Carlson, an assistant district attorney in Oklahoma County.

When he is sentenced Dec. 15, Mann will be ordered to serve 90

days in the Oklahoma County Jail, followed by five years of probation. Then Mann must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, Carlson said.

Until sentencing, he is not considered a sex offender, she said.

But Mann apparently kept attending classes at UNT in Denton, and his case was publicized this week after his victim called the student newspaper. The North Texas Daily reported that the Oklahoma county clerk's office, at the request of prosecutors, is mon-

itoring Mann by phone weekly.

UNT spokesman Roddy Wolper said that as of Thursday, Mann was no longer a student at UNT. He declined to reveal the circumstances surrounding Mann's departure, citing federal student privacy laws, but said Mann will be arrested if he goes to the campus.

In a statement released Thursday, UNT officials said they took action as soon as they learned about Mann's conviction, which was before the student newspaper article was published.



## WEEKLY SPECIALS

MONDAY: \$2.00 Longnecks  
 TUESDAY: Bargain Admission Night \$5.00 all day  
 WEDNESDAY: \$5.00 Pizza Night  
 THURSDAY NIGHT: College Night! Show your ID and get in for \$5 and \$2 'you call it' single drink specials

## Friday and Saturday Showtimes

### ELF (PG)

12:00, 12:45, 2:20, 3:05, 4:40, 5:25, 7:00, 7:40, 9:20, 10:00

### SECONDHAND LIONS (PG)

12:10, 2:30, 7:20

### TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE (R)

12:20, 2:25, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50

### THE RUNDOWN (PG13)

2:45, 8:00

### KILL BILL (R)

12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15

### BEYOND BORDERS (R)

4:50, 9:40

### UNDERWORLD (R)

12:15, 5:00, 10:10

### SUNDAY:

Cowboys Game  
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## The Skiff View

### ELECTION

#### Candidate not given fair chance

Political candidates use the public forum to get a better feel of what issues are important to their voters and to assure voters that they best represent our interests.

But what if one candidate doesn't hear our concerns and cannot express his platform?

This week, Student Government Association presidential candidate Blake Eason was prohibited from speaking to student organizations. Eason, who was the SGA parliamentarian, announced he was stepping down from his office to run for SGA president and the announcement ran as part of a story in the *Skiff*. Two weeks later, a complaint was filed claiming he violated campaigning rules by saying he was running before the official campaigning time started. Eason appealed the decision.

He is now allowed to cram as many speeches as he can into the three days before elections Tuesday. While it's nice that Eason's appeal, it hardly seems like enough. He missed opportunities to meet with many student organizations, what some consider a major part of the campaigning process.

Almost two weeks after the article ran, the complaint was filed, which then took a week to make it to the judiciary board and half of another week to get appealed.

News surrounding Eason's campaign violations leads to another offense — the right of the public to have all the facts about their candidates. Whether Eason is the right candidate or not is for the voters to decide, but they should at least be given the chance to make an informed decision.

## QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think... or laugh

"The football gods were on our side. The difference in that ball game was three inches."

— Gary Patterson, head football coach

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

— Blake Eason, SGA presidential candidate

"The NRA's obsession with weapons that are only good for killing human beings is responsible for too many deaths."

— Josh Deitz, columnist

"I walked out more confused than when I first went in."

— Laura McFarland, managing editor, on academic advising

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

— Jenny Swanson, senior defender, on the women's soccer team

"Basketball and football won't be as strong as it was before, for a while. 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."

— Eric Hyman, Athletics

director, on changes in Conference USA

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

— Vanessa Castagnet, senior education major, on future parking spaces in the planned off-campus apartment and retail complex

"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."

— Emily Baker, columnist, on waking up in the morning

"We're so excited. This is the biggest game in 50 years."

— Jason Anderson, TCU alumnus, on Wednesday's game against Louisville

"It's important to take time simply to appreciate who you are, with or without a campus organization's name behind you."

— Melissa Christensen, columnist

"I remember my heart beating, and when I saw it hit the upright, I felt joy and just wanted to celebrate with my teammates."

— Brandon Hassell, junior quarterback, on the last seconds of Wednesday's game against Louisville



## Metrosexual guys are girls' new best friends

Pop Quiz: What channel is ESPN? Anybody? Bueller? Didn't think so. Well, at TCU it happens to be Channel 24, and the ever popular SportsCenter is on at 6 p.m.

Another question: Can you wear brown with black? Ask any typical roll-in-the-mud guy, and he'll answer with a gruff, "Who cares?" Ask your favorite metrosexual, and he'll say pick brown or black, not both.

For those of you who don't know, metrosexual is the new catchphrase for those guys who you just can't explain — nice, good looking, well-dressed, educated and straight.

According to MSN.com, a metrosexual is defined as a straight, sensitive, well-educated, urban dweller who is in touch with his feminine side.

Make sense now? It all became clear to me the moment I heard the new word. Those absolutely gorgeous men who take little interest in sports but are more than willing to take a random shopping trip with you are metros.

Now you males who happen to fit this profound new profile, do not be ashamed or inflamed. It's just a newfound term that clarifies one of life's greatest wonders.

Women everywhere finally have an explanation for all those times we wanted to venture out and take in a sporting event or dress like a scrub, and a metro passed to do something else or

reminded us to always try and look our best.

Boys I grew up with never passed up a sporting event nor cared what they looked like. Today those same boys drool over SportsCenter while I primp for the evening's activities. They are crude, sometimes unwashed and dirty, yet loveable creatures whom I have a blast spending time with.

Then there are those metros whom I adore just as much. They are confidants, consultants on my often off-beat wardrobe, wake up handsome and don't mind a chick-flick every now and then. There is no trade-off for finding your best girlfriend in a guy.

Truthfully, a little bit of metro and a little bit of boy is just the right dose for this girl and probably girls all over.

Your boy doesn't have time to listen because the Spurs are playing? Whip out your cell and call up your metro because you know he's not watching the game. Need a night of no thinking and kicking back? Take that same cell and call your boy because you know he's always ready for a passive night of sitting and watching TV.

Either way, metros aren't going anywhere and now that I have an explanation for all those times I spent wondering, "Where have all the boys gone?" I can confidently know there are two kinds of boys to have in your life: boy and metro. After all, a good balance in your life is the key to happiness.

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Julia Mae Jorgensen

## Technology harmful

This never would have happened with a typewriter. I was wrapping up my column this week when the power went out in my apartment. The computer monitor turned black and I lost the last 15 minutes of my work.

School children in the past were forced to claim the dog ate their homework. Now they can place blame on the technology. But don't try that at Sacramento State. Your excuses and pleas will fall on deaf ears.

We were not always dependent on the marvels of modern electronics. The answers to our questions did not reside somewhere on the Internet.

There was a time when people had to flip through drawer after drawer in the card catalogue, then browse the stacks, find the book, and read the table of contents before finally arriving at the information sought.

On a regular basis students complain about research papers due next week. Twenty years ago waiting until a week before deadline to start research would have been disastrous.

There were no searchable databases to browse through. Printing out or electronically copying articles was not possible. Research had to be done by hand, long in advance.

Technological innovations in academia first were used as tools to supplement learning in the classroom. For instance, students learning math had to first know how to use long division to solve certain equations. Only after the basics were mastered would, portions of a problem too difficult or time consuming to solve by hand, be referred to a calculator.

However, it seems that now people in this tech savvy culture go straight to the calculator to solve all of their math problems.

Americans don't just reach for the calculator. According to various studies, anywhere from 33 to 50 percent of households have their own personal computer. Add to this the massive amount of access in schools, libraries and internet cafes

among others.

Teaching cursive in elementary school doesn't seem necessary anymore.

We as a society, and especially as students, have become far too reliant on technology. Most students could not conceive of writing a paper on an actual sheet of paper. We used to do it that way when I was in elementary school. Computers were scarce and "internet" connections ran at about 15 bits per second, if your school had access.

The lightning fast development of technology now allows students to start researching and writing a midterm merely a week, or even just days, in before it's due. This is an indication that students are using computers as a crutch rather than a useful tool.

When you can't print, access your e-mail account or the power goes out and your column is lost forever, the real world does not stop. The level of frustration with which some people react to computer failure seems to have equaled the frustration that accompanies automotive problems.

Bicyclists don't need to worry about a blown gasket. In the same way students who use technology as a helpful tool and not a crutch need not stress about a computer crashing.

Dependence on technology may also have a detrimental effect on our education in the classroom. More often teachers are utilizing "smart classrooms" by basing their lectures on power point presentations.

In most instances, all the visual aids and precise details are on the computer. If the smart classroom cannot properly display these materials, our education has been hampered.

Why don't we get to know the library lay out? That way you could find the general areas where your resources are hiding or at least find out what a book is.

Ryan Geronimo is a columnist for the State Hornet at the California State U.-Sacramento. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

## Tax cuts starting to help economy

Last Thursday, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that the American economy grew by an annualized rate of 7.2 percent, the

strongest rate of economic growth since the first quarter of 1984. In all likelihood this was a first sign that the much disparaged Bush tax cuts are now, in fact, working.

The reported increase in United States economic growth was triggered by a sharp increase in personal consumer spending.

Specifically, the Commerce Department reported that such spending rose by 6.6 percent between the months of July and September, the largest quarterly increase since Q1 1988. The catalyst behind this escalation was a sharp

increase in both durable and nondurable goods spending, especially for items like automobiles and home appliances.

Without much doubt, the increase in these GDP components resulted in large part from higher levels of take-home pay, a direct result from the retroactive reduction in tax rates that began in July, all part of President Bush's tax package that was signed into law last spring.

In response to this positive economic news, the response from many Democrats was rather anemic. In fact, most Democratic leaders attempted to simply deflect or downplay the news, instead focusing their rhetoric on the "jobless nature" of the recovery. In a few extreme cases, several leaders even attempted to suggest that Thursday's data was a one-time event, and that nothing within the economy had fundamentally changed.

Unfortunately for the Democrats, there were very few indicators within the GDP report to suggest growth will slow significantly heading forward. In fact, given the decline in business inventories (which actually lowered the torrid pace of Q3 GDP

growth), a rebuilding of these inventory stocks is likely to provide a floor under the U.S. economy for several quarters.

Given the substantial increase in business investment spending coupled with increasing corporate profitability (Q3 earnings for the S&P 500 rose by an annual rate of 19.5 percent) and the removal of uncertainty surrounding where the U.S. economy stands (which has certainly slowed decisions by senior executives to expand their businesses), it is now simply a matter of time before firms start aggressively hiring new workers.

At that time, the final nail will likely be driven into any Democratic hope of defeating President Bush next November. However, in the interim, perhaps we can provide Democratic front-runners Howard Dean, John Kerry and Richard Gephardt a little lesson in history. Gentlemen, the George W. Bush economy is not the worst economy since Herbert Hoover -- as all three of you have claimed. Instead, it's the best recovery in U.S. economic growth since Ronald Reagan.

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## National/State Roundup

### Man pleads guilty to mailing himself by plane

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former shipping clerk pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to shipping himself from New York to Dallas in a wooden cargo crate.

Charles D. McKinley, 25, pleaded guilty to stowing away on a cargo jet, a misdemeanor. His punishment ranges from probation to a year in prison and up to a \$100,000 fine when he is sentenced Feb. 4.

McKinley, who remains free on a personal recognizance bond, declined to comment after the 20-minute hearing. His attorney Bill Glaspy told *The Associated Press* that he advised McKinley to plead guilty because "he told what he did to every newspaper and television station in the country, I think."

His plea was not part of a plea bargain, said U.S. Attorney Fred Schattman.

McKinley's trial had been set for Monday. He previously agreed for U.S. Magistrate Charles Bleil to hear the case rather than a jury or a federal district judge.

McKinley, who worked at a New York warehouse, journeyed overnight about 1,500 miles by truck, plane and delivery van before popping out of the box Sept. 6 at his startled parents' home in DeSoto, a Dallas suburb. The shaken delivery company employee left the house and called police.

McKinley was jailed in Dallas County for the next three weeks after his arrest on unrelated bad-check and traffic warrants.

He could not be arraigned on the federal charge until he finished serving time in Dallas, Schattman said.

His stowing away charge was filed in Fort Worth because his plane trip — from Newark, N.J., to Buffalo, N.Y., and then to Fort Wayne, Ind. — ended at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, which is in Tarrant County, Schattman said.

The incident renewed debate over the air cargo system's vulnerability to terrorists.

Unlike the tight federal security for airline passengers, air cargo receives little federal scrutiny and is the responsibility of the company that ships the freight.

### Electric grid operators soon to have expansion

AUSTIN (AP) — Operators of the state's electric grid, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc., plan expansion that includes almost doubling the size of their 24-hour operations center.

Managing Texas' electric grid, a job that has become more complex since the state's power market was deregulated almost two years ago, is also prompting ERCOT officials to add 100 employees by late next year.

Agency officials will break ground by January on a 75,000-square-foot expansion of its control center in Taylor, allowing 150 other employees at rented offices and trailers to move to one central location.

"It means creating more jobs, retaining existing jobs and the construction of facilities adds to the tax base," Taylor City Manager Frank Salvato told the

*Austin American-Statesman* in Thursday's online edition. "We're very excited it worked out for Taylor."

The agency, which manages the flow of electricity across the state's 37,500-mile transmission grid in the aftermath of deregulation, is also responsible for switching customers to new retail providers. The Texas Public Utility Commission regulates ERCOT, whose members are investor- and city-owned utilities, cooperatives, generators and retail providers.

### One of separated twins' condition downgraded

DALLAS (AP) — Doctors have placed a shunt in one of the formerly conjoined Egyptian twins, resulting in downgrading of his condition.

Ahmed Ibrahim was in guarded condition early Thursday at Children's Medical Center Dallas. His brother, Mohamed, remained in good condition. Hospital updates this week had indicated that he soon may be able to swallow liquid and solid foods.

Doctors said the downgrading of Ahmed's condition from good was common following neurosurgeons' placement of a lumbo-peritoneal shunt on Wednesday.

"Shunts have been necessary in all previous craniopagus separation surgeries and were anticipated in the original separation plans," Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care services at Children's, said in a prepared statement.

He said the shunt will drain spinal fluid from his lower back to his abdominal cavity. Shunts

had been used for both boys earlier in the surgical process.

The 2-year-olds were separated at Children's during a 34-hour operation Oct. 11 and 12. Doctors had been reporting gradual progress in the interim.

On Tuesday, the hospital had reported that Ahmed spent almost 45 minutes sitting upright and playing a toy drum.

It was unclear whether Ahmed's downgraded condition would delay the boys' anticipated move to Medical City Dallas, where they are to receive the remainder of their care.

### Vicente Fox arrives to discuss water, trade

AUSTIN (AP) — Mexican President Vicente Fox arrived in Texas for the final stop of his three-leg tour of border states, ready for a day of meetings about immigration, education, trade and water with Gov. Rick Perry and state business leaders.

"We are here because we want to strengthen our relationship both in political terms (and) in economic terms," Fox said Wednesday night before a dinner hosted by Gov. Rick Perry at the governor's mansion.

State officials have planned to talk to Fox about the 1.3 million acre feet of water Mexico owes under a 1944 water-sharing treaty.

"It is a contentious issue," Perry said in an interview with *The Associated Press* Wednesday. "Mexico is in clear violation of their treaty. ... Their response has always been we just don't have the water. Well, that's not correct."

### Pentagon has new plan to rotate troops in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's plan for rotating U.S. troops in Iraq next year includes a return of the Marine Corps, a role for the Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division and a net reduction in the total American force, officials say.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday the number of U.S. troops should be cut to about 100,000 by May from the current 130,000. He gave no details.

The reduction contrasts with calls from some in Congress for increased force levels. The Bush administration says it can improve security and stability in Iraq with fewer U.S. forces because it is rapidly increasing the number of Iraqis trained for security missions.

Pace said the number of trained Iraqis, now about 100,000, will reach about 170,000 by May.

The Pentagon has been working for months on a troop rotation plan. It is based on a commitment to keep troops in Iraq for no more than a year at a time, and since tens of thousands have been there since last spring, the Pentagon needs to notify replacements to get ready.

### Human activities hurt ancient amphibians

ARCATA, Calif. (AP) — Hiding in cool coastal mountain streams from California's Mendocino County north to Canada are odd amphibians that have survived since the days of the dinosaurs — but are so sensitive they'll die in the heat of a human hand.

Tailed frogs and torrent salamanders can't stand temperatures above 85 degrees. Imagine what a forest fire does to their habitat.

When people think of raging wildfires, they worry about Bambi, not Kermit. Amphibians, after all, live in or near water or in moist, protected areas.

Yet, scientists view amphibians as indicator species to gauge the health of forests and watersheds. And what's unhealthy for frogs and salamanders in upstream headwaters can be deadly to protected wild salmon downstream that drive much of the West Coast's forest management debate. Because of a complex life cycle that requires them to return to mountain rivers and streams to spawn, salmon can be among the hardest-hit by habitat disruptions.

It's only in recent years that scientists have begun to study the effects of fire, as well as a human activity — intensive logging — that can artificially create many of the same conditions. Fires spew ash; loggers often spread herbicides. Both can choke streams through erosion, and both can strip away shade trees and heat once-cool waterways to parboil.

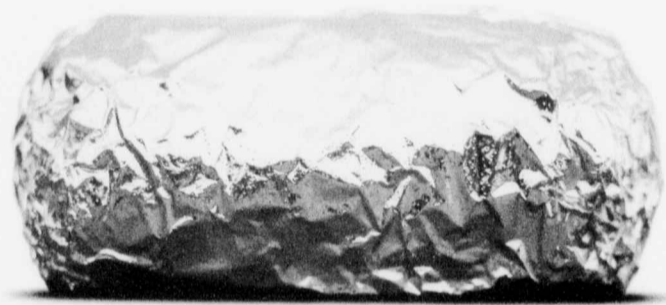
"Imagine an egg poaching, and you kind of get the image," said Hartwell Welsh, a herpetologist at the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station in Arcata.

The studies have taken on new urgency, most recently rekindled by the fires sweeping Southern California, as the nation tries to reverse decades of a blanket policy of suppressing virtually all wildfires.



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"Dying is an art, like everything else. I do it exceptionally well."



## SYLVIA

BY CASSIE FAUSS  
Commentary

"Dying is an art, like everything else. I do it exceptionally well." These lines, from her poem "Lady Lazarus" perfectly encapsulate Sylvia Plath's tragic suicide in 1963.

Unable to cope with a cheating husband, her three young children and a seemingly dead-end career, the dejected poet gassed herself to death in her own kitchen at the age of 30.

The film "Sylvia" is the story of Plath's relationship with fellow poet Ted Hughes, played by Daniel Craig, and the events that led her to take her life. "Sylvia" brings to life the heartbreaking tale of an intelligent woman who was too sensitive and unstable to deal with the harsh realities of life. The film is sympathetic towards Plath and assumes that her husband was the sole reason behind her depression and suicide, even though history proves otherwise. Plath's history of depression and suicidal tendencies began years before she came into contact with Hughes, but many believe he pushed her over the edge in 1963.

Sylvia Plath was a complex woman, and Gwyneth Paltrow brilliantly brings to life every facet of emotion experienced by the young struggling artist. Paltrow's portrayal of Plath was impressively convincing and her best on-screen performance ever.

Overall, the execution of the film was excellent. Its foreboding reality left me miserable, depressed and sympathetic, which proved to me the film's success.

Sylvia Plath's life was no fairy tale, and this brief biography has no happy ending. For those of you who looking for entertainment and spectacle, steer clear of this film.

However, for anyone who is curious of the powerful emotions that lead people to suicide, this film acutely reveals the desperation and empty feelings suicide victims encompass.

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## METEORITES AT TCU

Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery offers students a new perspective of outer space right in their own backyard.

BY JAROD DAILY  
Copy Desk Chief

To examine pieces of the heavens, TCU students need look no further than the Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery in Sid W. Richardson Building, Room 240.

The meteorite gallery, which opened in February, has more than 2,000 pieces from nearly 1,100 different meteorites, said Teresa Moss, director of the gallery. The collection is the third largest set of meteorites among museums associated with American universities, she said.

Only about 120 of the meteorite specimens are on display in the museum at a time, Moss said. The pieces not on display are stored behind the gallery, waiting for their turn to go on display, she said.

The gallery offers students a number of unique opportunities to learn, said Maria Baugh, a senior astrophysics and radio-TV-film major.

"You learn all there is to know about meteorites," said Baugh, who works at the gallery on Saturdays.

Students who tour the gallery learn about more than just the meteorites themselves, Moss said.

"By learning about meteorites, you're learning about the formation of the solar system," she said.

Unfortunately, few TCU students take advantage of the opportunities available at the gallery, Moss said only about 20 to 30 people come in to tour the gallery on an average day and most of those people are not TCU students.

Moss said she has spread the word to the Fort Worth community about the gallery by contacting various service organizations and schools. She said word-of-mouth about the gallery has also begun to spread through the community.

"People tour the gallery then tell their friends and colleagues what an interesting experience it was," she said. "That happens a lot."

Baugh said TCU students do not check out the gallery because they don't know about it.

"Either they don't know the museum is there, or they don't care," Baugh said.

Many students who do come in only do so to get credit for an astronomy or geology lab, Moss said.

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Moss said she has tried to spread word about the gallery across campus. The gallery hosted a see-and-touch Mars night in August and will host a similar night for Jupiter in April, during which students can look at the large gaseous planet through telescopes and see presentations by other students and scientists.

High school students touring the campus have also been brought to the gallery, which Moss said may bring in more students who know about the gallery and can spread word about it.

Moss said students should come to the gallery to learn about space in ways they would otherwise not encounter.

"By coming to the gallery, they're offered a couple of experiences they can get only a few other places," she said.

Of course, one of the biggest draws of the museum is being able to touch rocks that come from outer space, Baugh said.

"When are you ever going to be able to touch a piece of Mars?" she said.

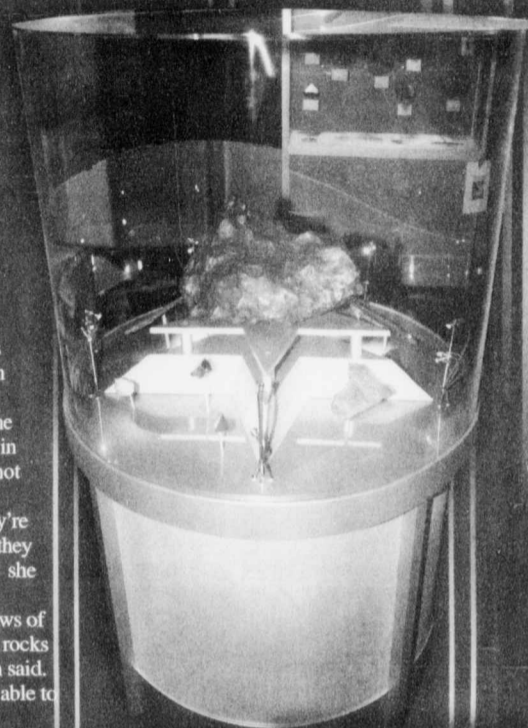
In addition to hosting the

largest collection of meteorites in Texas, the museum offers computer programs that simulate the formation of an impact crater, which Moss said many students find interesting.

Moss said another feature of the museum is a case with photos and articles about meteorites.

"Many people find it interesting to learn the difference between meteorites and Earth rocks," Moss said.

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## Friend or Foe

BY LARA HENDRICKSON  
Features Editor

*The Forces of Evil — Friend or Foe*

Trying to bring back the music genre of ska, The Forces of Evil consists of Aaron Evil on guitar, Chris Evil on vocals and trombone, Derek Evil on the Merciless Bass, Jay Evil and John Evil on trumpet, Jonny Evil on trombone and Justin Evil on drums.

No joke.

It was January of 2001 when the band decided to bring back the old Orange

County ska scene, consisting of light, bouncy horn-infused ska music.

In a press release, Aaron Evil said he does his best to keep the music alive and fans happy.

"It's always cool to see a crowd constantly moving and bumping around all the time," he said.

While the cover of the album may catch some off-guard, (a monkey, bunny and pig holding weapons does not exactly scream "upbeat") the music is surprisingly cheerily tuned, despite the slightly angry lyrics. If you remember when ska ruled, or if you are an old No Doubt fan, The Forces of Evil's "Friend or Foe" is a must-have in a CD player.



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### Military Appreciation Weekend

Today to Saturday  
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## Regulators target pop-up advertisers

BY TED BRIDIS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Regulators disclosed a new legal campaign Thursday against an annoying method for delivering unwanted "pop-up" Internet advertisements, accusing a California company of "high-tech extortion" in its offers for software to block the very ads it was sending.

The courtroom effort by the Federal Trade Commission could dampen some of the most irritating practices by Internet marketers, who have learned ways to display intrusive messages on computer screens using a technology built into most versions of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows software.

"This is a shot across the bow," said Mark Rasch, an expert on technology law and former head of the Justice Department cyber-crimes division.

The FTC obtained a temporary restraining order against D-Squared Solutions LLC of San Diego from a U.S. District Court in Baltimore. The FTC's legal papers accuse D-Squared of unlawfully exploiting Microsoft's "Windows Messenger" feature by sending unwanted ads to

Internet users as frequently as once every 10 minutes.

The director for the FTC's bureau of consumer protection, Howard Beales, said company executives were "creating a problem and trying to charge customers for the solution." He called that "high-tech extortion" and "a fundamentally unfair business model."

The FTC asked the judge to block D-Squared from sending any more advertisements or selling its ad-blocking software. It also wants D-Squared to repay consumers who bought its software, which Beales said represents "hundreds of thousands" of dollars.

The head of D-Squared Solutions, Anish Dhingra, declined to comment on the government's accusations. His lawyer, Jacob C. Reinbolt, did not return repeated telephone calls to his office from The Associated Press.

Windows Messenger — unrelated to Microsoft's instant-messaging software that uses the same name — commonly allows network administrators to display messages on a user's computer screen, such as a warning that a company's Internet connection might be

having problems.

But some Internet marketers have seized upon the technology to display ads for software and pornography, unless computer users manually turn it off or use firewall software to block out unwanted messages. It takes seven mouse clicks to disable the messenger service; the FTC said typical consumers don't know how to do this.

"It seemed like they were appearing every 10 minutes. It completely disabled my computer," said Karen McKechnie of Annandale, Va., who complained to the FTC about pop-up advertisements. "People who are sending these messages are infringing on my rights and everyone's rights to use my computer."

The FTC's legal papers allege the advertisements caused "substantial injury" to consumers, citing lost data, crashed computers, frustration, annoyance and harassment. But Beales distinguished D-Squared's computer messages from other forms of Internet advertising that many computer users find just as nettlesome, such as unsolicited e-mails, unwanted instant-messages and pop-up ads on Web sites.

## Churches boycott companies

BY SHELIA HARDWELL BYRD  
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The National Council of Churches voted Thursday to join two consumer boycotts over conditions for farm workers, one against Taco Bell and the other targeting Mt. Olive Pickle.

The council, an ecumenical group of 36 Orthodox, Anglican and other Protestant denominations, hadn't signed on to a consumer boycott since taking a stand against apartheid 15 years ago. It approved the resolutions at its annual general assembly, held this year in Jackson.

"The hard work is getting out to the local churches throughout the country to say 'no' to Taco Bell ... to say, 'As long as the exploitation continues, we're not going to go to your fast food restaurant,'" said the Rev. Robert Edgar, the NCC's general secretary.

In the case of Mt. Olive pickles, Edgar said church members should say: "We're not going to accept your discounts at the local grocery store."

The NCC's resolution against Taco Bell accused the franchise of purchasing tomatoes from suppliers who paid substandard wages to farm workers. The group said Department of Labor data shows that the average wage is 40 cents per 32-pound bucket, and hasn't changed in

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— Laurie Schalow  
company spokeswoman

more than 20 years.

"We think that it's unfortunate that they have directed their efforts toward Taco Bell," said Laurie Schalow, a company spokeswoman based in Irvine, Calif. She disputed the wage data.

The NCC says the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, a farm workers' union, began the boycott of Mt. Olive in March 1999. The Mt. Olive resolution claims the company has shown "insufficient progress" in improving conditions for farm workers

employed by the companies that supply its cucumbers.

Lynn Williams, spokeswoman for North Carolina-based Mt. Olive, said the demands were inappropriate and unrealistic.

"FLOC wants us to bring farmers to the bargaining table, and then for Mt. Olive to participate in the collective bargaining negotiations on behalf of farm workers," Williams said. "We just don't believe that's an appropriate role for us to play."

Both boycotts are effective immediately.

The Florida-based Coalition of Immokalee Workers called for the Taco Bell boycott in March 2001, saying the chain had refused to address complaints workers made against Six L's Packing Co., one of the nation's largest tomato growers and a supplier to Taco Bell.

Schalow said Taco Bell representatives had met several times with the workers and the grower over the last few years. "We've talked to the supplier of tomatoes, who has assured us that their workers make an average (of) \$9 an hour," Schalow said.

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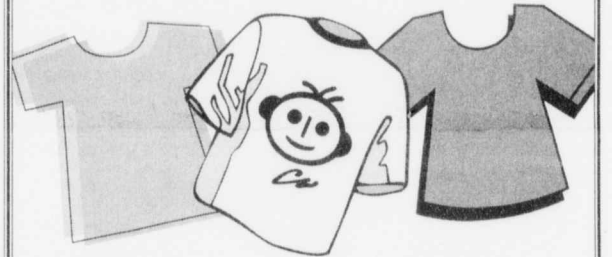
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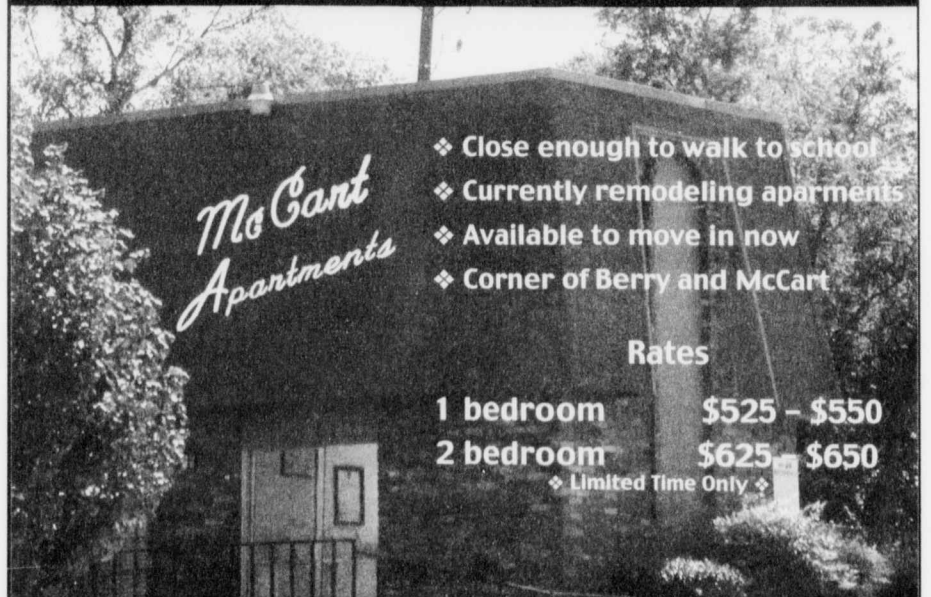


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- Blake Eason, SGA presidential candidate, on being prohibited from speaking to student groups after two election code violations

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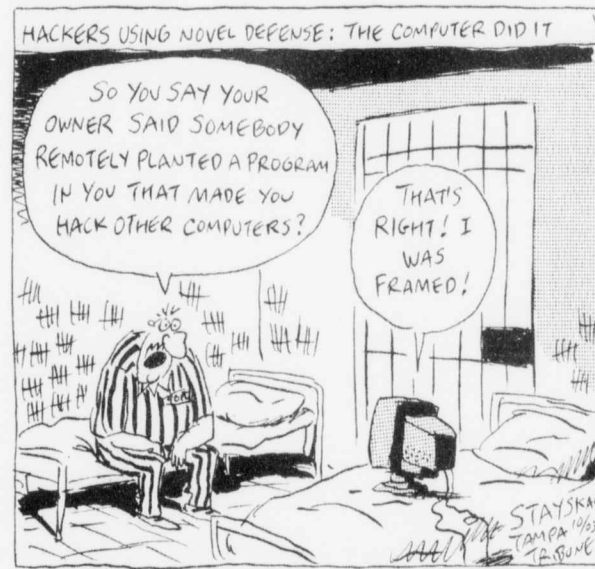
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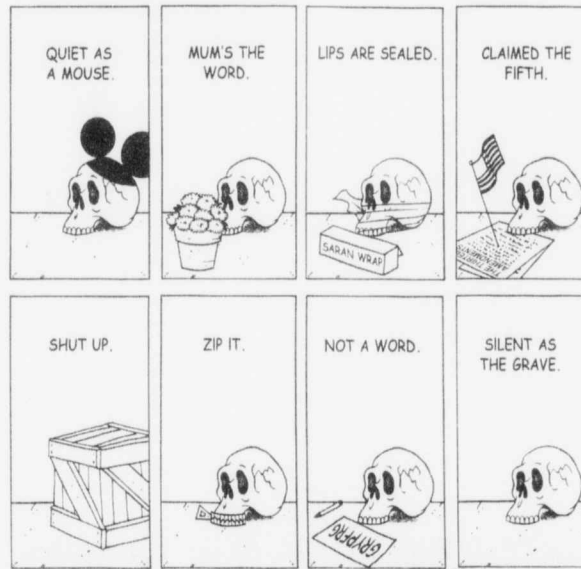
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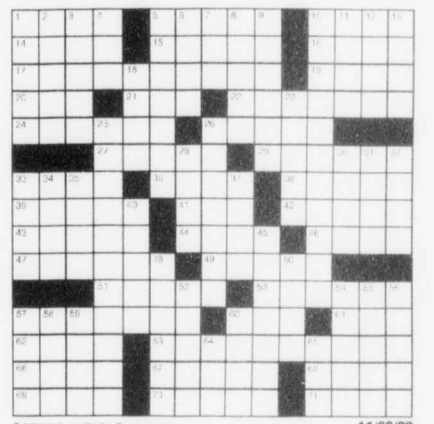
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  - Jordan capital
  - Self-images
  - Backyard structures
  - of the above
  - Saturn mode
  - the season to be jolly
  - Abuja's land
  - Whitecaps
  - Small lanomas
  - The Jungle writer Sinclair
  - Mystery
  - Profound
  - Suckers
  - More aloof
  - Santa's helpers
  - In addition
  - Great brilliance
  - Vigilant
  - Do the crawl
  - GM make
  - Greek letters
  - Spiral-horned antelope
  - Wedding site
  - Taunted
  - Paris of eyes
  - Moines
  - Neath's opposite
  - Address
  - Anderson
  - Ms Bancroft
  - Map on a map
  - The African Queen
  - screenwriter
  - Carson's predecessor
  - Down-and-out
  - Born mistler



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### Thursday's Solutions



- DOWN
- Savory city
  - Use Crayolas
  - Title for Macbeth
  - Oriental sauce
  - Red Guard members
  - Cassowary kin
  - Hesitation sounds
  - Composer Saint-
  - Store as grain
  - DNA sequence
  - Borodin prince
  - Address
  - Cruising
  - Internet address starter
  - Grantor of wishes
  - Huge oil carrier
  - Reigning
  - Feed-bag feed
  - Four fluid ounces
  - Hoover Dam's lake
  - Part of B.A.
  - Without vitality
  - Fashion magazine
  - Mr. Knievel
  - Earth
  - asking
  - freshness
  - Grandeur
  - Berman at home
  - Hatching place
  - Unanimously
  - Blusher
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## The Sideline

### Soccer season ends in first round of tourney

TCU and Tulane's women's soccer teams battled through two periods and two overtimes Wednesday, but neither team could solve the other's defense and the game ended in a 0-0 tie. To decide who advanced, the teams battled it out with penalty kicks. The Green Wave knocked in three goals to the Horned Frogs one to advance to the second round of the Conference USA Postseason Tournament.

After sitting out the entire game, Jessi Moore came in to take the first penalty kick for TCU. Her shot sailed high over the net. Green Wave forward Jessica Mendez buried her attempt, giving Tulane a 1-0 advantage. After a Laura Greenberg miss, Kelley Smith gave Tulane a 2-0 advantage. Jenny Swanson got the Frogs on the board with the third penalty kick taken by TCU and Sims made the stop on Lindsay Morris' shot, leaving the score at 2-1 heading to the fourth penalty kick. Moran Lavi's shot was knocked over the back of the goal, setting up Blair Trickey's game-winning shot. Trickey shot the ball off of Sims hands, propelling the Green Wave into the second round.

TCU wrapped up its season with a 9-8-2 record overall, its first winning season since 2000.

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## BCS must be more equitable

The U.S. occupation of Iraq, the fires in California, not to mention global warming, Medicare and AIDS, have been many of the recent topics discussed on the floor of

**COMMENTARY** Congress. However, amidst all this, senators took the time to discuss the NCAA football championship system known as the Bowl Championship Series.

"It looks un-American. It really does. It looks unfair." Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. said of the BCS. "It looks like a rigged deal."

Football is one of the least important issues facing our country, yet the Senate decided to tackle an issue usually reserved for ESPN and Sports Illustrated. However, it is an issue on a lot of peoples' minds especially fans of the Horned Frogs.

The BCS system has its flaws, but no flaw is larger than the lack of regard it pays to the schools that are not members of the six BCS conferences. The BCS schools, fans and the writers who cover them do not feel that any school outside of their circle is an equal. They look down upon TCU, Northern Illinois and Boise State as if they are some undeserving trash that has found its way into their private club.

The lack of respect is what will keep mid-majors from ever having a fair chance at playing for a national title or playing in a BCS bowl.

Mid-majors will never get enough respect from the pollsters to move up in said polls to be guaranteed a chance to prove themselves. Yes, the mid-majors would like some of the money, but right now they would settle for some respect.

This is why the BCS needs to instill a form of affirmative action. President Johnson

had it right when he decided that someone needed to level the playing field or else the gap between the haves and have nots would grow. While many question the value of affirmative action in our present society, this is the best answer for the current BCS system.

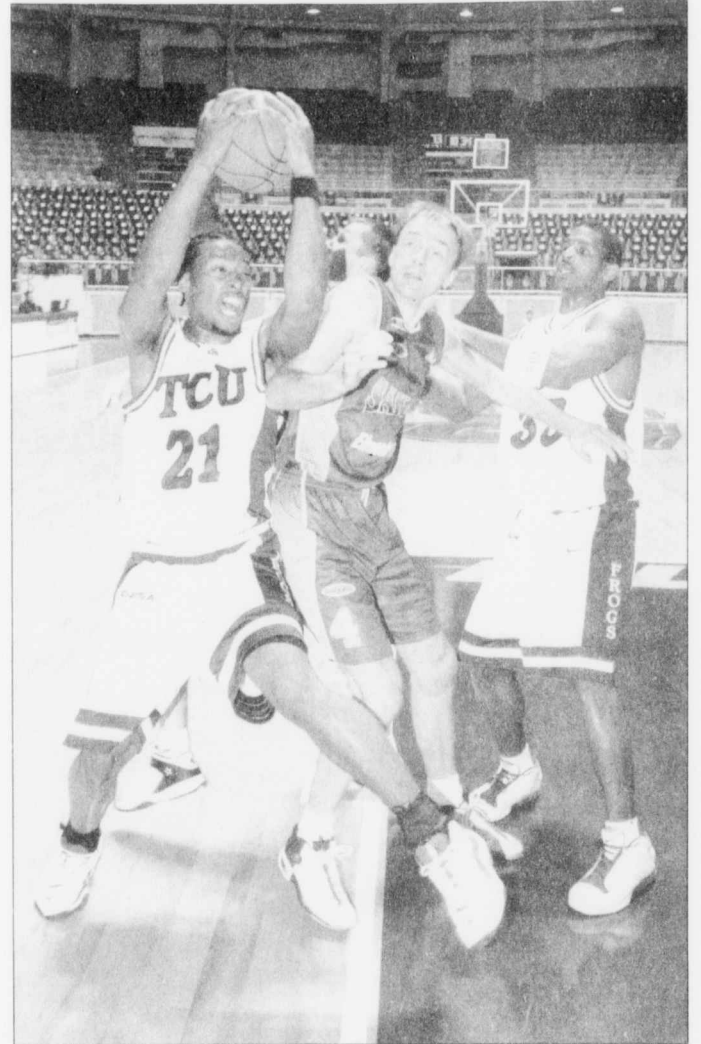
Give the mid-majors a chance to prove themselves year in and year out. Afford the highest ranked mid-major the opportunity to play against one of the big boys year in and year out. Give schools like Marshall, Air Force and Utah something to play for. Yes, they may get creamed, but at least they will get a chance. Right now, these teams have nothing to play for other than the same old bowl games they have been competing in now.

Teams like Gonzaga in basketball have gone from Cinderella to Princess, because it was given a chance and took advantage of its opportunities. How can the TCUs of the nation ever become a national power if they don't get a chance to prove themselves?

The Senate took the time to discuss this issue because something needs to be done. All members of Division I-A football must be given equal opportunity to prove themselves. These members want a chance to be respected, to prove they belong. Inequality is a frustrating and demoralizing situation. How much longer can the mid-majors continue to live like this? The only way to make it right, to make it equal is to give the mid-majors a chance. Equality in an unjust world requires sacrifice. America strives to grant all its citizens an equal opportunity, and the BCS must do so as well.

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## PERFECT START



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer  
Junior forward Aaron Curtis fights his way to the hoop against Vilnius Sakalai Thursday night in exhibition play at Daniel Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs won the contest 101-66. The team will open the regular season against Texas-Arlington at 7:05 p.m. on Nov. 22.

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