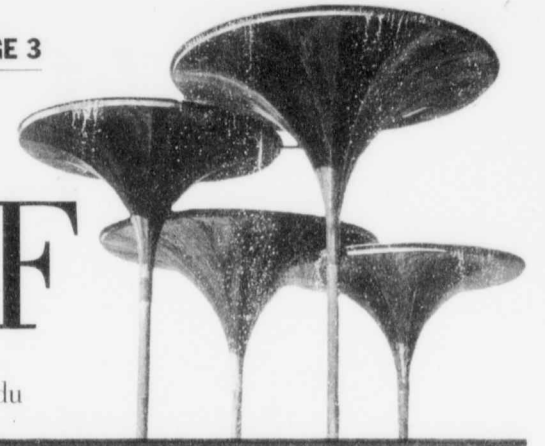


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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

**SAN ANGELO** — A ninth person has died from injuries suffered when a bus from First Baptist Church in Eldorado slammed into a parked tractor-trailer rig on a Louisiana highway last month.

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**DALLAS** — State regulators have fined a North Texas funeral home which is one of the state's busiest for allowing an unlicensed employee to embalm hundreds of bodies.

News Digest on page 4

## Campaign to kick off in January

BY BLAIR BUSCH  
Staff Reporter

With one fund-raising campaign finished and another just starting, TCU still needs \$19 million to finish paying for two new buildings, according to university records.

The university needs \$4 million to finish paying for the Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurial Hall and \$15 million to pay off a loan to

build the University Recreation Center.

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Bronson Davis said a building project can begin when the total goal amount has been pledged, but the university does not have to have the cash at hand. Money to guarantee the maintenance of the building is incorporated into the goal for each project.

"When we open a new building, there is always an

increase in the operating budget," Davis said.

Davis said the fund-raising goal for a project is based on the price of construction, the money it costs to endow the maintenance of the building and the additional costs of carrying a loan until all the pledges are paid in full.

For instance, if a building costs \$5 million, an additional \$1 million is sought for a

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### TCU Special Projects

Project	Goal	Received	Outstanding Pledges	Total
School of Education Building	\$10 mil.	\$504,053	\$968	\$505,021
Brite Academic Complex	\$13 mil.	\$160,799	\$264,401	\$424,100
Center for Texas Studies	\$21.5 mil.	\$661,280	\$1,425,000	\$2,086,280
Basketball Practice Complex	\$5.646 mil.	\$452,200	\$4,508,970	\$5,747,700
KinderFrogs School	\$3 mil.	\$2,576,544	\$185,965	\$2,762,510
Smith Building - Second floor	\$5.5 mil.	\$147,000	\$513,000	\$660,000
Dr. Stan Block Endowed Chair	\$2 mil.	\$265,597	\$505,233	\$770,830
Distinguished Lecture Series	\$2 mil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Football Turf Field	\$1.5 mil.	N/A	N/A	\$190,100
Diversity Initiatives	\$2 mil.	\$160,565	\$40,822	\$201,386
Student Media Center	\$3 mil.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buschman Theatre Renovation	\$800,000	\$500,000	N/A	N/A

Source: Special Projects budget list

## OnCampus

### Football team send-off to take place today

The TCU football team encourages students, faculty, staff, alumni and fans to attend a send-off rally at 2 p.m. today in front of the John Justin Center.

The Horned Frogs are scheduled to board their buses at 2:15 p.m., before they depart to Hattiesburg, Miss. to take on the Golden Eagles of Southern Miss Thursday night.

### Students stage protest outside Office Depot

**STANFORD, Calif.** — Ten Stanford University students staged a protest outside of East Palo Alto's Office Depot store on Saturday afternoon, as part of a national grassroots attempt to encourage the office supply chain to be more environmentally friendly.

"Office Depot wants to preserve its image to maximize profits, so if it believes the loss of profits from the public awareness exceeds the cost of implementing the changes, it will make the environmental improvements," said junior Timothy Telleen-Lawton, president of the Stanford Greens, an environmental advocacy group.

Many believe that Office Depot should stop its practice of using paper harvested from endangered forests. Two non-profit organizations — ForestEthics and Dogwood Alliance — spearheaded "The Paper Campaign" in 1999 to encourage Staples and Office Depot to stop using paper products from endangered forests.

— The Stanford Daily

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### TODAY

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### THURSDAY

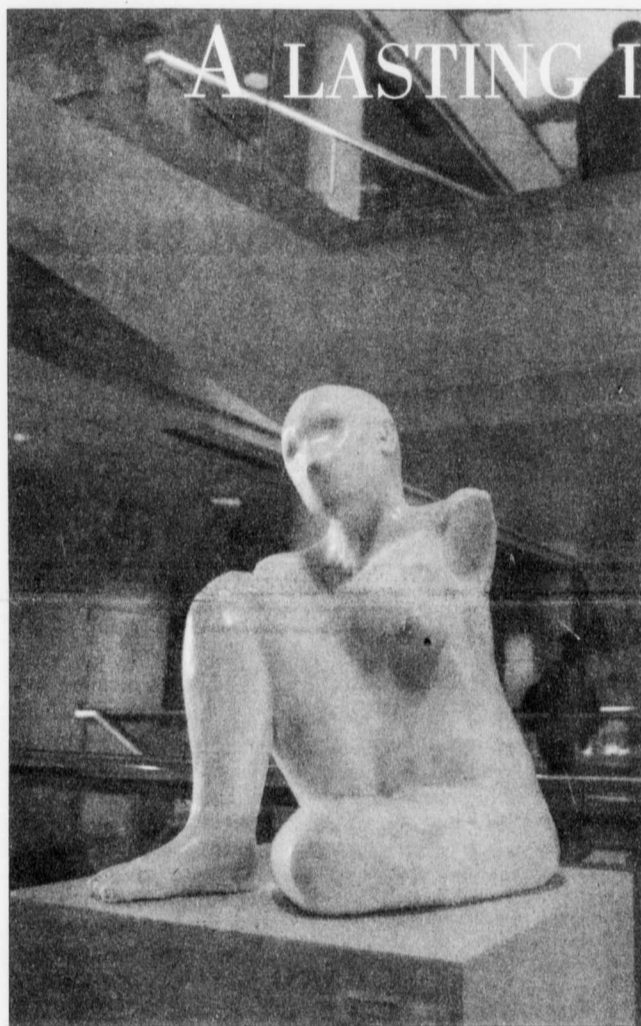
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### FRIDAY

High: 71; Low: 53;  
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## LookingBack

**1864** — Nearly a week into the famous March to the Sea, the army of Union General William T. Sherman moves toward central Georgia, destroying property and routing small militia units in its path. The march began Nov. 15 and ended Dec. 21. Sherman led 62,000 troops for 285 miles across Georgia.



(Left) Senior accounting major Adam Stone takes a look at the painting "Swimmer #2" by Katherine Skanse, and (right) Craig Miller, a junior finance accounting major, enjoys the photo illustration "Palm Cross" by Mike Cocanower. (Above) "Lean" is on display in Tandy Hall.

Photos by Stephen Spillman/Photo Editor

## A LASTING IMPRESSION

### Art students display work in Tandy Hall until end of spring semester

BY MEGHAN YOUKER  
Staff Reporter

Senior painting major James Lassen was inspired by a crazy night at an art and music event at the Wreck Room, a local bar. His painting, "Experiencing the Art of Music," captures his friends recovering on the stage at the end of the evening.

Now, Lassen's painting is one of 26 pieces of artwork being shown in Tandy Hall.

Mark Muller, assistant dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said faculty and staff in the building appreciate seeing the artwork.

"The building is a boring place to work without it," Muller said. "It is crying out for work to be displayed in it."

For the third year, the paintings, sculptures, prints and photos will remain on display throughout the spring semester.

Priced at \$2,100, Lassen's painting is one of the most expensive. The highest priced artwork, "Tree.3," is \$2,500, while some other pieces are not for sale.

Muller said business students come to a liberal arts college to be exposed to more than just accounting or finance. Business students can learn from art, just as art students can learn about business by trying to sell their work, he said.

"The business community supports public art," Muller said. "Our hope is that business students will support the arts when they graduate."

Students were invited by professors to display their work, said Ron Watson, chairman of the art and art history department. More students' artwork is being displayed this year than ever before, he said.

Watson said the display gives the students the opportunity to show their work in a beautiful setting where there is a high volume of traffic.

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## SGA to vote on honor code

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER  
Staff Reporter

The integrity of TCU was the topic of discussion by students, faculty and staff members Tuesday during a joint meeting.

The Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and the Staff Assembly met to discuss work on establishing an honor code at TCU, said Nadia Lahutsky, Faculty Senate chair.

The goal of the joint meeting was to get a broad idea of what people thought of integrity at TCU, said Katie Gordon, founder and chair of the Integrity Council task force.

Gordon has been working to create an honor code for TCU for about two years, she said. The code is in the draft stages and will be voted on in the House of Student Representatives within the next week, she said.

The task force wants to create an honor code to establish integrity throughout the university, said Gordon, senior electrical engineering major.

"Integrity is not something that is written in a book," Gordon said. "It has to become a part of the university's culture."

Establishing an honor code would make students' degree more

(more on HONOR, page 2)

## Auto burglaries decrease

BY BECKY BRANDENBURG  
Staff Reporter

The trend in auto burglaries on campus has taken yet another turn, and TCU police detective Kelly Ham said he hopes it continues.

Only one auto burglary has been reported in nearly three weeks, following three months of high numbers.

According to TCU police records, August through October motor vehicle burglaries numbered 84 this year — more than eight times the number of burglaries for the same period in 2002.

Gini Connolly, a planner in the Fort Worth Police Department of Research and Planning, said Fort Worth is seeing an overall decrease in motor vehicle burglaries this year, though numbers for October have not been compiled.

"Over the past few years, there has been a steady decline in nearly all crime statistics for Fort Worth," Connolly said. "The increased number of burglaries at TCU are hard to explain."

TCU police attributed some of the increased criminal activity earlier this fall to greater foot traffic during the day because of construction, more cars staying in the lots and unlocked vehicles, and cars parked on nearby neighborhood side streets.

Fort Worth officer J.D. Phillips and TCU police chief Steve McGee both said the legislative change from felony to misdemeanor for vehicle motor burglary in 1995 is responsible for much of the increased burglary activity.

"First time offenders are just given a slap on the wrist

when they're caught," Phillips said. "There is no deterrent any more."

Ham said TCU security guards who walk the university between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. have been giving more attention to the hardest hit freshman parking lots.

"Increased security on foot may have helped, or thieves may have found it easier to hit area shopping malls," Ham said.

TCU police made several arrests, issued criminal trespass warnings and thwarted several attempted break-ins this semester.

In August, a TCU police dispatcher spotted a suspect looking into vehicles with a flashlight via the video monitor in the freshman parking lot. Two officers were dispatched

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## College student for a day



Amanda Kreller/Staff Photographer  
Eighth-grade students from Smithfield Middle School in North Richland Hills wait for their bus Tuesday. The students are members of National Junior Honor Society and were touring the campus to see what life is like at TCU.

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■ **Word of Truth Gospel Choir** presents "Prime Time Praise" at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The concert will be free and open to all students.

■ **TCU Jazz Combos** will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in PepsiCo Recital Hall. Concert attendance will cost \$3. The student jazz/rock band Prophets On Trial will also perform. E-mail c.wilson@tcu.edu or call (817) 257-7232 for more information.

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

■ **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.

■ **Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs** are now enrolling. Those wishing to enroll need to come by Sadler Hall, Room 16 to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit. Contact l.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 in the lobby of the Student Center.

## BUDGET

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maintenance endowment and \$200,000 is added to carry a loan until all the pledges are paid. The fund-raising goal for the \$5 million building then becomes \$6.2 million.

In January, TCU will begin a seven-year campaign to raise \$230 million. The university will not build a new building until they get the money for it, Davis said.

Among the proposed projects are a School of Education Building, Brite Divinity Academic Complex, Center for Texas Studies, Ed and Rae Schollmaier Practice Complex, KinderFrogs School, the MBA Center, Dr. Stan Block Endowed Chair, distinguished lecture series, football turf field, Diversity Initiatives, Student Media Center and the Jerita Buschman Theater renovation.

Construction of the basketball

practice facility started in July. The school has raised \$452,200 for the facility and has outstanding pledges of \$4.5 million.

"We usually take pledges for five years, and so outstanding pledges represents money that has been committed, but not yet paid," Davis said.

Athletic donors have given \$190,100 toward the \$1.5 million turf football field project. The Board of Trustees approved immediate construction on the project Nov. 7.

The fund-raising goal for the School of Education building is between \$10 and \$12 million. The school has raised \$505,021 toward that goal.

Education students would like to have classes in their own building instead of being spread out in other buildings across campus, said Stacy Davidson, a senior early childhood development major.

"A new building would provide the opportunity for the (School of Education) to start their own school," Davidson said.

"It would be a demonstration to the students that we are being taught to be excellent teachers."

A new Student Center is one of the projects under consideration and is estimated to cost more than \$25 million. No money has been raised for the project yet, according to university records.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the university is still deciding about whether to make renovations to the existing Student Center or to build a completely new facility.

The most expensive current project for the second phase is the Center for Texas Studies. The center will cost more than \$21 million and the university has only received a little more than \$2 million for the project.

The Center for Texas Studies was established during summer 2002 in an effort to better archive the state's history. History professor Gene Smith and Mary Volcansek, dean of the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, started the center.

Smith would not comment on

how the \$21 million will be used.

Cornell Thomas, professor and special assistant to the chancellor, said the university's Diversity Initiative has a goal of \$2 million to create a Center for Inclusiveness. Donations and pledges toward the center total more than \$200,000.

The center would provide scholarships, hold annual conferences on inclusiveness and sponsor workshops and seminars to broaden the perspectives of students and residents in the Fort Worth community.

"It will be unique to the university," Thomas said. "I don't know of any other university that has a center like this."

Davis said he has hopes the new campaign will meet its goal ahead of schedule.

"This is supposed to be a seven-year campaign, but we will be halfway through raising money by the beginning of next fall," Davis said.

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## CRIME

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and found the suspect hiding under a vehicle. He was arrested and charged with possession of criminal instruments and public intoxication other than alcohol.

In October, Ham was assisted by Fort Worth officers and the Air One police helicopter in apprehending a suspect. The suspect and three

other white males fled the freshman parking lot into the residential area north of the lot after being observed looking into vehicles around 2 a.m.

For the nine-month period, January to September 2003, Fort Worth has documented 3,603 motor vehicle burglaries compared to 5,580 for the same period in 2002.

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## ART

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The artwork on the second and third floors was organized by painting graduate student Terry Suprean. He said it was difficult because there is no specific formula for arranging artwork.

"It was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle," Suprean said. "You just have to get all the work into one room and start playing with it."

Suprean said he began by separating the socially motivated pieces from the abstract pieces, but eventually intermixed the themes of

pieces based on their size and color.

Junior Kyle Draper, a former business management major, said while he did not notice the art at first, it does make the building's environment more visually appealing.

"I don't think it's teaching me anything," Draper said. "But it is more interesting than just plain white walls."

Lassen said it is exciting to have his work displayed in a gallery-type setting.

"I like to know that people will be walking by my painting," Lassen said.

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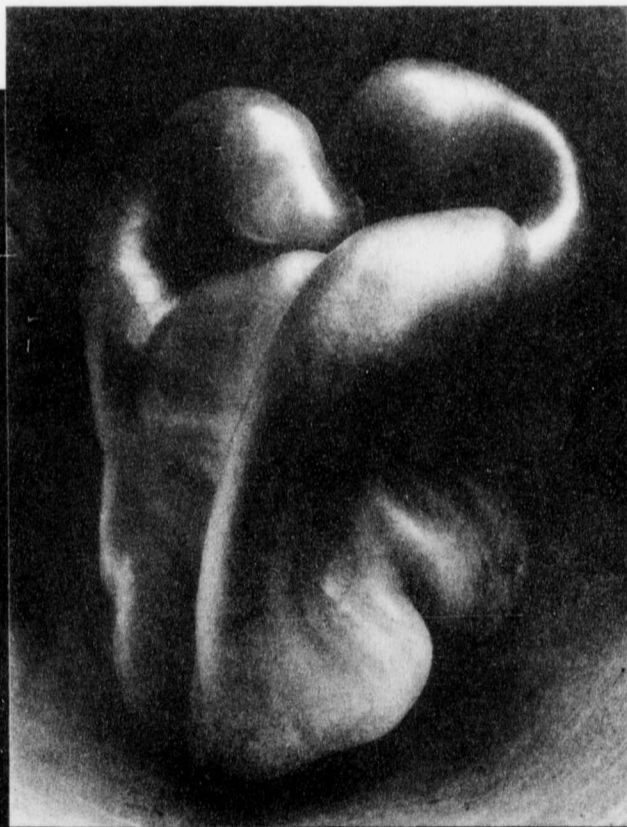
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## HONOR

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valuable by changing the ethical climate and culture at TCU, Lahutsky said.

"Students play an important role in the integrity at TCU and the way we view integrity," Gordon said.

The honor code would hold all students responsible for the integrity of the university, she said. An honor code gives students a guide for what to do if they witness another student cheating on a test, Lahutsky said.

One question the council wanted answered was whether the current culture at TCU supports the mission statement of the university. Interior Design Technician Messina Gray said the mission statement is visible

in different places, including classrooms, throughout the campus as a way to remind students of it.

Another question was whether an honor code could be a means for culture change at TCU.

Thomas Guidry, an SGA member, said the proposed honor code needs improvement because there is no follow-up after the code is signed. For example, students should receive fines for extreme cases of cheating, he said.

Another possible solution would be for first-offense violators to have a formal counseling session, said Kathryn Dawson, a math major and task force member.

Overall, faculty, staff and students present wanted to ensure the code was reinforced throughout a student's time at TCU and

not forgotten after their freshman year.

Staff Assembly Chairman David Grebel said it is important for the staff to be involved with the discussion for the integrity of the entire university.

"Integrity and ethics are more than just in the classroom, they deal with how we relate to one another," Grebel said.

The three groups have met with each other at least once a year for the past three years to discuss things that are of interest to the university, Grebel said.

The draft of the honor code is posted at www.frogpages.com/HonorConceptDraft2.doc, and feedback may be sent to k.r.gordon@tcu.edu.

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## NewsBriefs

### Re-elections to occur with original candidates

SGA adviser Larry Markley said Tuesday he did not agree with the decision made Monday by the Student Organizations Committee reinstating Blake Eason into the SGA presidential race.

Markley said it's nothing personal against Eason, but he said the decision should lie with the House Judiciary Board.

"(The SOC) didn't consider the board's interpretation of the (election code) as relevant," Markley said. "While we all agree there are holes in the election code, all you can do is interpret the rules in the spirit of which they were written. The people on the board weren't there in (1998 and 1999) when these were written."

The re-election for SGA president takes place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with all four original candidates in the race.

In a campus wide e-mail sent out Tuesday, Elections and Regulations Chairman Nick James said voting will take place online, by logging onto my.tcu.edu.

— Danny Gillham

### Ortiz returns as Skiff's editor for next spring

After a semester as Image Magazine editor, Brandon Ortiz, a senior news-editorial journalism major, is returning to the Daily Skiff as editor-in-chief.

Ortiz said he is sad to leave Image, but looks forward to new challenges at the Skiff. "I hope to freshen up the

design and make the paper easier to read," Ortiz said.

Ortiz has served in several positions at the Skiff, including sports editor in fall 2001, editor-in-chief in fall 2002 and opinion editor in spring 2003.

Image Magazine announced openings for editor and managing editor for the spring 2004 semester.

Image design editor Sarah Krebs, a junior news-editorial journalism major, said applicants for the two positions should be organized and open-minded to new design approaches.

Robert Bohler, student publications director, is accepting applications until noon today. Applications can be picked up in the Skiff newsroom, room 291 Moudy Building South.

— Becky Brandenburg

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## The Skiff View

### ENERGY

Bill's bad qualities outweigh good

It wouldn't be the United States Congress without some sort of shenanigans going on.

The latest occurred in an energy bill passed by the House of Representatives Monday. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill will cost John and Jane Q. Taxpayer \$32 billion over 10 years, with other estimates exceeding even that gaudy number.

In and of itself, that's not too bad. We like energy as much as the next media outlet, but the problem lies in where the money is going.

The bill does next to nothing to promote the conservation and the introduction of renewable energy sources. More than that, most of the tax incentives go towards propping up oil, gas and coal producers. This action helps block the entry into the market of firms that utilize renewable energy.

Gasoline companies must now use twice as much ethanol, a corn-based fuel additive, in their product. Boy, you'd think a key election state like Iowa produced a lot of corn and a presidential caucus was coming up. No, that couldn't be the reason.

The bill also released companies that make MTBE from any lawsuits. MTBE is a gasoline additive that has contaminated drinking water in upwards of 28 states.

Despite its shortcomings, the bill does do some good. Measures are put into place under the new plan to make the operators of electrical transmission lines more accountable for blackouts like the one that gripped New York and a sizable portion of the northeast this summer. Energy efficient homes and owners of gas-electric hybrid cars get an extra tax break under the new plan.

The bill, like anything else, has its good and bad parts. But as it stands, the bad outweighs the good.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Major League Baseball weak on steroid usage

On Thursday, results of anonymous steroid tests among major league baseball players were released. To the surprise of very few, between 5 and 7 percent came back positive.

As a result of this year's tests, Major League Baseball will begin mandatory steroid testing this upcoming season. Every player on a major league roster can be tested at least once, while a group of only 240 can be tested a second time at random.

But while baseball officials have taken the right step in requiring testing, the penalties players will have to suffer are sending the wrong message.

A first positive test will result in the player being required to undergo treatment, and a second positive test will result in a 15-game suspension or fine of up to \$10,000. The punishment for a third positive test goes up to a 25-game suspension or a fine of up to \$25,000, a 50-game suspension or fine of up to \$50,000 will be the punishment for a fourth positive test. It isn't until the player tests positive a fifth time is a year-long suspension or \$100,000 fine allowed.

Even if a player tests positive, he isn't automatically suspended. Baseball officials can either suspend a player or levy a fine, but not both. Fines won't

scare players as it is simple pocket change when compared to the multi-million dollar contracts. The fight against steroid usage has turned into a management-labor issue which means progress in the fight against steroid usage will be difficult. Baseball officials have realized steroid performance enhancing drugs are a problem in their sport, but questions remain on whether or not they are willing to launch an all out fight to stop usage of steroids.

Under the anti-doping agency's code, which has been adopted by most Olympic sports, an athlete faces a minimum two-year ban for a first positive result on a steroid test and a lifetime ban for a second positive. These penalties are a real attempt to stop steroid usage unlike baseball's lax penalties.

Major League Baseball officials have recognized the problem of steroid usage among players, but sadly it appears as if they are fearful of the effects a strict policy against steroid usage would have on the game. As long as fans continue to clamor for home run sluggers and high-scoring games, baseball leaders may never feel the need to fully eliminate the steroid problem.

*This is a staff editorial from The Lantern at the Ohio State University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.*

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## SGA won't succeed without our respect

Not so long ago, on a campus close to our hearts. There were candidates, fliers and all those campaign parts.

With each November comes election season. A possible change is all the reason.

To get out, be proactive and make your choice. Cast that ballot and have a voice. But this time around things were odd. Candidates filed violations claiming fraud. Donuts and speeches were the cause of this. In one foul swoop they took away election bliss.

It takes a lot to get students to vote. I have some advice for these boys, a little side note. Politics is what they call it, and it's time to realize. You campaigned for strength but are leading to SGA demise.

Step back and take a look, be careful what you do. The students are watching, and it's time you get a clue.

I thought this poem would lighten the campus mood. Perhaps make a difference and change some attitudes.

It was just a week ago I urged you all to participate. In the process, student government and all the debate. But all it's done is bring such woe.

As some candidates sink entirely too low. To find those loopholes, the ones they can pass. Trying to look smart but portraying themselves as men with no class.

This year's vote was around 2,200 strong. Way to go TCU, why's it taken so long? It's a shame our votes Tuesday have turned so lame.

As Wednesday rolled around, we saw the score of the game. We had a treasurer, a secretary and two VP's. Wait a minute, where's the president? Oh where could he be?

There's a reason it's called the election code. So candidates don't mess up and travel down that road.

Where their hopes of high office turn sour. And all options erode for them to obtain a higher power. Who knows what tomorrow will bring.

Maybe another ridiculous violation because a candidate can't sing? It's time to end this, you've made this a joke. We're sick of this, and it's our trust that you've broke.

I understand you have your pride on the line. But it's time you comprehend something, allow me to define.

We are the people, and you are the rep. You won't get anywhere if you don't have our respect. It's true that you have to do what you have to do.

But in the interest of integrity, pick us, pick TCU.

As some candidates sink entirely too low. To find those loopholes, the ones they can pass. Trying to look smart but portraying themselves as men with no class.

This year's vote was around 2,200 strong. Way to go TCU, why's it taken so long? It's a shame our votes Tuesday have turned so lame.

As Wednesday rolled around, we saw the score of the game. We had a treasurer, a secretary and two VP's. Wait a minute, where's the president? Oh where could he be?

There's a reason it's called the election code. So candidates don't mess up and travel down that road.

Where their hopes of high office turn sour. And all options erode for them to obtain a higher power. Who knows what tomorrow will bring.

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It's true that you have to do what you have to do. But in the interest of integrity, pick us, pick TCU.

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## Culture, history being erased

After a one-day trial the nine-member Court of the Judiciary voted unanimously to remove Chief Justice Roy Moore from office this past Thursday.

Moore was removed from office for refusing a federal judge's order to move a 2.6 ton monument containing the Ten Commandments from the state Supreme Court building in Alabama back in August. The order came after U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ruled the monument was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. Even though Moore refused to abide by the order, he was overruled by his eight colleagues. After the ruling on Thursday, Moore said he was not taken aback by the decision of the ethics panel.

The case has become a lure for discussion and dispute among religious conservatives across the country. In fact, according to a poll by CNN-USA Today-Gallup, only one in five

Americans agreed with U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson's order to remove the monument.

The heart of this debate revolves around the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting free exercise thereof." It does not take a law degree to figure out that planting a monument does not even come close to the government establishing a religion. However, one would need a law degree to argue that it does. Lawyers and judges have defied the wording and logic of the First Amendment for decades and have thus achieved things that would never be possible through legislation. It is absurd for the government to take this statement of separation of church and state a la carte. We cannot display a religious monument in a federal building, but one can swear on the Bible before they stand trial.

I see the removal of this monument as a reminder of culture and history. In the current times of political correctness, instead of stripping

our country of any culture that might be displayed so that no one is offended, why don't we simply add to what is already there? We are a diverse nation, and I think it is time that we celebrate this diversity. I think as a society we have been conditioned to a knee-jerk reaction that we must remove every article representing any religion as if we are shunning others or perhaps trying to convert those who do not follow a particular way of life. The United States of America is based on tradition and history. For the sake of preserving this misunderstood portion of the Constitution we are wiping out history. In fact, this is exactly what is happening. A survey by the University of Connecticut shows that 80 percent of college students from top universities could not score a passing grade on a basic United States history test. If the United States loses its tradition and history, what will we stand for? In the direction it looks as though we are heading, I hope someone has some ideas.

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## Middle class burden ignored

Democrats always miss the boat. Though their pitches for ever greater government spending are plaintive and heart-tugging, they are still wrong.

As a college student, I would find it incredibly convenient for the government to give me \$20,000 every year. Yet why should the government take money from others to subsidize my college education?

This applies, in a more general sense, to all such government programs. Corn farmers in Iowa continually clamor for ethanol subsidies. The elderly demand prescription drug coverage. Advocates for the poor argue for vast increases in the welfare state.

The problem with this is that the federal government simply wastes most of the money it spends. Though this is widely acknowledged, actual numbers are hard to come by, since liberals have long opposed attempts to measure such waste. According to the Cato Institute, estimates of government waste are as high as 90 percent.

According to Brian Reidle, Heritage Foundation Federal Budget Fellow, "Medicare overpayments top \$12 billion annually. Medicare also pays up to eight times the price that other agencies pay for the same drugs and medical supplies... [The] Department of Education recently gave \$55,000 in student aid to a fictitious college. [The] federal government simply cannot locate \$17 billion it spent in 2002."

The \$17 billion simply vanished. This vanished amount could nearly have paid for the Iraq reconstruction -- \$20 billion. Where is the liberal outrage over this?

The federal government dispenses a vast amount of money, roughly \$2.7 trillion. Social Security will cost \$500 billion next year. Medicare, more than \$250 billion. Medicaid, \$192 billion. Most of this money is wasted or spent on overhead—employees, paperwork, etc. Wasteful social programs, funded by your tax dollars, are eating this country alive.

Liberals don't care about the middle-class tax burden. Howard Dean is running on a promise to increase middle-class taxation. Liberals would rather play the "soak the rich" shell game, promising to punish the wealthy, while robbing the middle class.

In the real world, most federal money must be taken from the middle class. The rich just aren't rich enough to pay for all the liberal programs.

To liberals, middle-class tax breaks are "trickle-down economics." In reality, liberal social programs are "trickle-down compassion." We pay full price for these wasteful programs, but get very little in return.

In the face of ample evidence that federal programs are wasteful and inefficient, calls for more spending are cynical and callous exercises in political gamesmanship.

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# NEWS DIGEST

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## National/State Roundup

### UT approves tuition hikes on all campuses

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas System Board of Regents on Tuesday approved tuition hikes at all nine campuses beginning next spring.

After making broad cuts to higher education, the Texas Legislature in June gave public universities in the state permission to set their own tuition rates. "The cuts we have suffered are astounding," UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof said. "It's clear to everybody that tuition is going to have to go up significantly."

The hikes will affect about 178,000 students enrolled in campuses in Arlington, Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso, Odessa, Tyler, San Antonio and Edinburg.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst last week asked Texas universities to wait to implement tuition increases until lawmakers could review the impact. He said many of the proposals were higher than he anticipated.

### Ninth man dies from injuries in bus crash

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A ninth person has died from injuries suffered when a bus from First Baptist Church in Eldorado slammed into a parked tractor-trailer rig on a Louisiana highway last month.

Billy Frank Blaylock, 78, died Monday at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Thirteen passengers and two drivers were on a 16-day trip to Pennsylvania when the bus

crashed Oct. 13. Driver Kenneth Thomas, 66, told Louisiana authorities he fell asleep at the wheel.

Six of those killed were members of First Baptist Church in Eldorado.

Blaylock "was one of the nicest people you could ever dream of meeting," John Callison told the San Angelo Standard-Times. "He would do anything for anyone at anytime. He was my best friend."

Blaylock stayed active although the World War II veteran had lost a leg at the battle of Iwo Jima, Callison said.

"You would never know he had been hurt," Callison said. "He was a rare individual. You would never hear him say a curse word. Everything about him was positive."

Blaylock also was a Boy Scout leader, saddle maker, retired rancher, avid sportsman and deacon of First Baptist Church in Eldorado.

### North Texas funeral home, director fined

DALLAS (AP) — State regulators have fined a North Texas funeral home which is one of the state's busiest for allowing an unlicensed employee to embalm hundreds of bodies.

The Texas Funeral Service Commission has issued \$6,000 in fines, with Golden Gate Funeral Home to pay \$2,000 and funeral director John Beckwith Jr. assessed \$4,000.

Dallas lawyer Carlyle H. Chapman, who represents Golden Gate Funeral Home and Beckwith, said Monday that

Thursday's decision by the commission will be appealed.

"The Funeral Service Commission issues its recommendations without comment on the part of the funeral home in question," Chapman told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's editions. "Golden Gate has not been heard yet."

In May, Leonard J. Moses Sr., a former employee of the funeral home, voluntarily filed a complaint stating that he had been allowed to perform embalming duties at Golden Gate without a license.

Moses, in his complaint, said Beckwith knew he lacked a license.

Beckwith denied the allegation. Moses, 45, has since moved from the Dallas area.

He said he embalmed more than 350 bodies while working for Golden Gate during parts of the last two years.

He has a funeral director's license in Louisiana. But he said it was suspended at the time because of a drug charge.

Golden Gate has 30 days from the date of the sanctions to appeal, said O.C. "Chet" Robbins, executive director of the commission.

He said if the funeral home does not notify the commission within that time, its license would be suspended for six months.

Depending on the nature of the appeal, the commission could reduce or rescind the fines.

### Whooping crane death under investigation

DALLAS (AP) — The death of an endangered whooping crane

is under investigation by state and federal officials.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokeswoman Kristen Everett said Monday she could not yet release details of when and how the death occurred, the location or other information. But she said the investigation had begun.

The birds, which spend the winter in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge near Corpus Christi, are now migrating from their summer home in Canada.

Whooping cranes, at five feet tall, are North America's tallest birds and one of the world's rarest. The world population of whooping cranes is about 450, both in the wild and in captivity. Their numbers dwindled to 15 in 1941.

Young cranes are sometimes killed by predators, but the leading cause of mortality for those making the lengthy migration comes from electric power lines, said Tom Stehn, whooping crane coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He said 104 cranes have already arrived near Port Aransas.

"That's about half of what we're expecting," Stehn told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's online edition.

Deaths from hunters, he said, are "a very small percentage."

Spring and fall migrations, which cover more than a thousand miles, are the most dangerous times for the cranes, which have wingspans of seven to eight feet.

### Schwarzenegger sworn in as California governor

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger took charge of California immediately after he was sworn in, repealing an unpopular car tax hike and calling the Legislature into a special session to deal with the state's budget mess.

But political observers agree: keeping his pledge to fix the state's beleaguered economy will be a formidable task for the political newcomer, who faces a budget deficit he believes is already more than \$24 billion and a business climate he has cast as the nation's worst.

Despite his overwhelming win in the Oct. 7 recall election, Schwarzenegger also faces a Democrat-dominated Legislature that may not grant his wishes.

"He's got a tough challenge on his hands," said former Republican governor George Deukmejian, who attended Schwarzenegger's swearing-in ceremony Monday. "I don't envy him."

With his wife, Maria Shriver, holding a Bible, Schwarzenegger took the oath of office from California's chief justice in a short ceremony on the steps of the state Capitol.

An immigrant from Austria who arrived in the United States 35 years ago as a body builder dreaming of fame and fortune, the 56-year-old Republican invoked former Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan and called himself "an idealist without illusions."

As he was sworn in, Schwarzenegger was accompanied

by four of the five living former governors of California, including Gray Davis, who he replaced. Only Reagan, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, was not present.

### Dean's brother's body possibly uncovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said Tuesday that it has uncovered remains from the site in Laos where Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean's younger brother was believed to have been killed nearly 30 years ago.

The remains have not been identified, but are being shipped to Hawaii, said Larry Greer, spokesman for the Pentagon office in charge of POW and MIA issues.

Charles Dean was a 24-year-old graduate of the University of North Carolina when he and a companion, Neil Sharman of Australia, were arrested in Laos by the communist Pathet Lao that was fighting a U.S.-supported government.

The two were detained Sept. 4, 1974, while traveling down the Mekong River, and held in a small, remote prison camp for a few months before being killed. They apparently were suspected of being spies, although the U.S. and Australian governments said they were merely tourists and strongly protested their detention.

"Either he tried to escape or they just executed him," Dean said last year as he prepared to visit Laos to see where investigators believe his brother was killed and buried.

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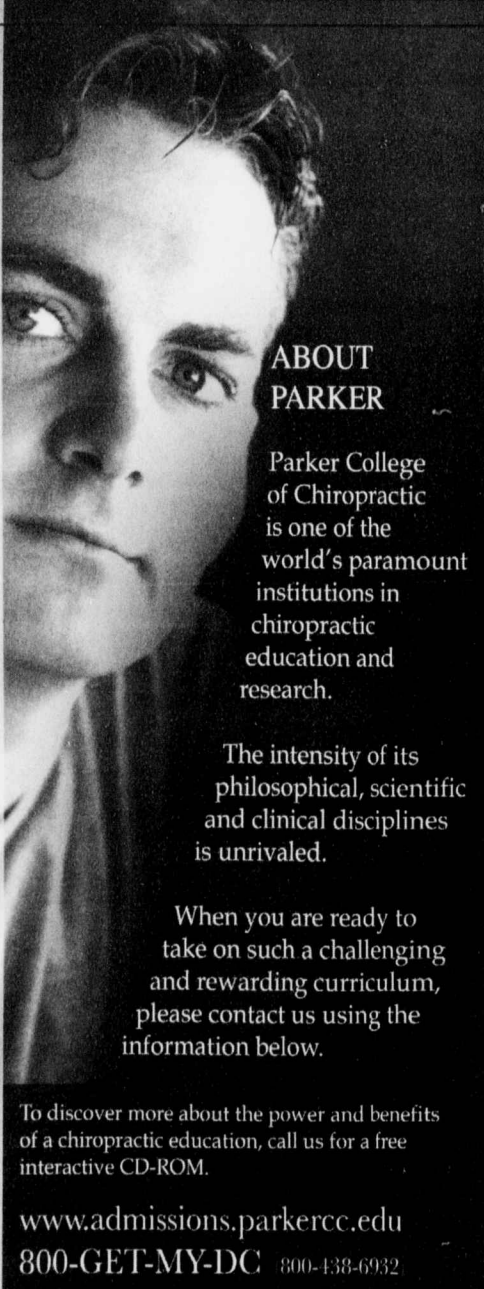
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## Gay marriage opposed

BY WILL LESTER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The public is evenly divided on whether gays and lesbians can alter their sexual orientation, with white evangelicals the most likely to think homosexuals can change, a poll released Tuesday found.

Most Americans, 55 percent, say they feel that homosexuality is a sin, while 33 percent do not. Nine in 10 highly committed white evangelicals and nearly three-quarters of black Protestants say homosexual behavior is sinful.

"Evangelicals are far more likely to say homosexuals can change, Catholics and mainline Protestants fall in the middle and more secular people are most likely to say they cannot change," said Scott Keeter, a pollster with the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, which conducted the survey on attitudes about homosexuals.

The poll also found that opposition to gay marriage has grown since midsummer, with 32 percent favoring it and 59 percent opposing it. In July, 53 percent said they opposed gay marriage.

Massachusetts' highest court ruled Tuesday that same-sex couples are legally entitled to wed under the state constitution, but stopped short of allowing marriage licenses to be issued to the couples who challenged a ban on gay marriage. The Supreme Judicial Court's 4-3 ruling ordered the state

Legislature to come up with a solution within 180 days.

The poll reinforced the finding that religious attitudes sharply affect feelings about gays. Those with a high level of religious commitment oppose gay marriage by 80 percent to 12 percent.

Four in five of those who say they would vote to re-elect President Bush oppose gay marriage, while those who prefer that a Democrat win the presidency are evenly split on the question.

Younger adults were far more likely to say they favor gay marriage, while those between ages 20 and 30 were about evenly split. Opposition grew steadily as people's age increased. Among those in their 60s and 70s, opponents outnumber supporters by more than 4-to-1.

Americans with college degrees were closely divided on the question of gay marriage, with 49 percent opposed and 44 percent in favor of allowing that option.

Roughly half those polled said they have unfavorable opinions of gays and lesbians. The survey found widespread opposition to discrimination against homosexuals.

The poll of 1,515 adults was taken Oct. 15-19 by the Pew Research Center on behalf of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

## Peterson to stand trial for murder

BY BRIAN MELLEY  
Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. — Scott Peterson will stand trial on murder charges that could bring the death penalty in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and her unborn son, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Superior Court judge Al Girolami said prosecutors presented enough evidence over 11 days of testimony to show probable cause that Peterson killed his wife and dumped her body in San Francisco Bay.

Prosecutors presented a web of circumstantial evidence that pointed toward Peterson from the moment he phoned his in-laws after returning home from what he said was a fishing trip on Christmas Eve last year.

The remains of his wife and son washed ashore in April about three miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing.

The defense contends that police suffered from tunnel vision once they locked their focus on Peterson.

The judge set an arraignment for Dec. 3 in Modesto.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos said he would ask to move the trial out of Modesto and dismiss the charges.

Geragos criticized the preliminary hearing process, which allows police to testify about statements witnesses made during the investigation, without

those witnesses being subject to cross-examination.

"The standard, unfortunately, in California, and I say it jokingly, is 'Is the defendant breathing?'" Geragos said.

A battle over a 6-inch strand of dark hair dominated the four weeks of testimony, with prosecutors winning the right to introduce a disputed form of DNA analysis to link the hair to Laci Peterson. The hair was found aboard the boat prosecutors believe Scott Peterson used to ferry her to a watery grave.

During the hearing, Laci Peterson's sister had testified that Scott Peterson said he had golf plans on Christmas Eve, throwing into question his story about going fishing the day his wife vanished. And detective also testified that officers found a loaded gun in Peterson's truck and that he initially denied having an affair.

Peterson was arrested in April, not far from the Mexican border. He was carrying \$10,000 and his brother's driver's license and had dyed his hair blond.

On Tuesday, prosecutors presented their final two witnesses, investigators who said they had tracked Peterson's cell phone calls on the day his wife vanished and found more than 240 calls between Peterson and his mistress in the three months surrounding Laci Peterson's disappearance.

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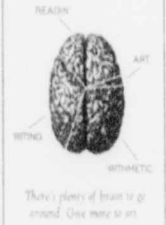
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# Military court hears threat case

BY JIM GOMEZ  
Associated Press

TIKRIT, Iraq — A U.S. military court opened a hearing Tuesday into accusations that an American lieutenant colonel manhandled and threatened to kill an Iraqi detainee, allegedly firing his gun near the man to get information on a possible plot to kill him.

Lt. Col. Allen B. West — the most senior officer of the 4th Infantry Division to face such a proceeding — attended the hearing with his lawyer in a U.S. military base in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

The 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Hood in Central Texas, controls a large section of northern Iraq.

West is accused of punching and firing a pistol near the prisoner, Yahya Jhodri Hamoodi, on Aug. 20 while he was being interrogated in Taji, according to Lt. Col. Jimmy Davis, who presided over the hearing.

West also allegedly threatened to kill the detainee if he did not talk, Davis said, reading from a fact sheet. The hearing is to determine whether West should face court-martial.

A preliminary investigation alleged that West's actions were in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. West remained in Iraq after the incident and was assigned to other duties in the division, officials said.

Maj. Robert Reginelli, who investigated the case, testified during the Tuesday hearing that the detainee, who is an Iraqi policeman, alleged that West pointed a gun at him during questioning. Other soldiers covered Hamoodi's face with a shirt and began punching him in the body and head, Reginelli quoted the detainee as saying.

The soldiers warned Hamoodi that he would be killed if he did not talk, Reginelli said. At one point, West led the detainee out of the detention facility into a weapons' cleaning area.

West allegedly grabbed the detainee by the neck, forced him down on the sand and fired a round near him, Reginelli said, quoting Hamoodi.

The detainee insisted he was not aware of the assassination plot, Reginelli said.

West's driver, Pfc. Michael P. Johnson, testified he saw the officer fire into the sand near the detainee but he did not believe the officer really planned to kill him.

"He was just scared," Johnson described the detainee. "I knew it was wrong."

West's lawyer, Neal Puckett, refused to comment on the accusations. He said West would testify Wednesday in his own defense.

Last weekend, three American soldiers were ordered to stand trial in January on charges of abusing Iraqi prisoners of war at the detention center at Camp Bucca in southern Iraq.

The charges grew out of an alleged incident May 12 in which the three soldiers from the

320th Military Police Battalion allegedly punched and kicked Iraqi POWs. The soldiers said they acted in self-defense, that conditions were chaotic at Camp Bucca, and that guards had been harassed and assaulted daily by unruly prisoners.

The three soldiers, Master Sgt. Lisa Marie Girman, 35; Staff Sgt. Scott A. McKenzie, 38; and Spc. Timothy F. Canjar, 21, are accused of dereliction of duty, cruelty and maltreatment of enemy prisoners of war, filling false official statements, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

A fourth soldier originally held on the same allegations, Sgt. Shawna Edmondson, 24, has received an other-than-honorable discharge from the military, which she requested rather than face martial proceedings.

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# Martha Stewart denied dismissal

BY ERIN MCCLAM  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge Tuesday refused to dismiss a securities fraud charge that accuses Martha Stewart of deceiving her stockholders when she publicly declared her innocence in the insider-trading scandal.

Eight weeks before the home-decorating authority goes to trial, U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum brushed aside defense arguments that the charge violates Stewart's free-speech rights under the First Amendment.

"Such false factual statements are not protected by the

First Amendment," Cedarbaum said.

The judge also refused, for now, to dismiss an obstruction of justice charge. She said it would be appropriate for the defense to make such a request only after the government had presented its case to a jury.

Stewart, 62, is accused of conspiracy, obstructing justice, securities fraud and two counts of lying to investigators about her 2001 sale of about 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems just one day before a negative decision from the Food and Drug Administration sent the stock plummeting.

Prosecutors contend she was

tippled that the family of ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell its shares. Stewart has denied that, claiming she had a standing order with her stockbroker to sell the stock when it fell to a certain price.

Stewart, wearing brown high heels and a brown wrap atop her black pants suit, breezed through courthouse security, then chatted with aides.

The securities fraud count accuses her of deceiving shareholders when she publicly declared her innocence and said she was cooperating with investigators.

Her lawyers also said the obstruction count should be dismissed because none of

Stewart's statements to investigators could have hindered the federal investigation into her stock sale.

The government said both charges were proper.

In the case of the securities fraud count, "Stewart did not merely express a belief that she would be cleared of accusations of wrongdoing," prosecutors said in court papers. "Instead, Stewart gave a forceful, detailed and false explanation for her sale of ImClone."

The charges against Stewart carry a potential prison term of 30 years, although she would get far less under federal sentencing guidelines.

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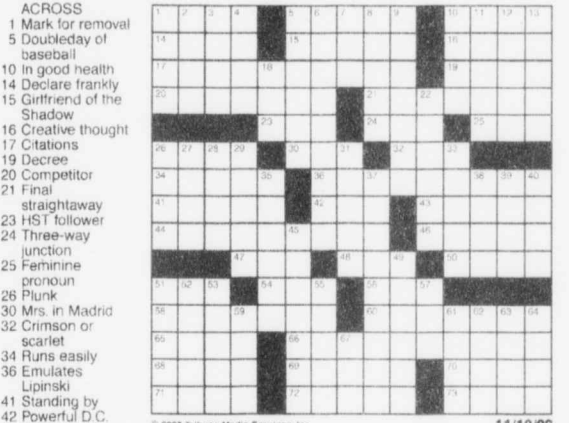
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## Team headed to New Orleans

BY MARY HOLLIS  
Skiff Staff

The TCU women's volleyball team completed its regular season schedule with a victory over East Carolina last weekend, increasing the Frogs record to 19-12 and 5-8 in Conference USA.

The 19 victories are the most wins compiled by a TCU volleyball team in the program's history.

Now, the team must forget about the program's record-setting season and shift its focus to the C-USA tournament in New Orleans, La. where the Frogs are the 10th seed.

*"I'm really looking forward to showing the other teams what we are made of and how hard we've worked."*

— Jessica Fleming  
Senior defensive specialist

The tournament in New Orleans will not only mark the end of a successful season for the Frogs, but it will also mark the end of two TCU collegiate volleyball careers. Senior defensive specialist Jessica Fleming and senior setter Tori Barlow will play their final few matches in a TCU uniform this upcoming weekend.

Fleming said this year has been a great year for the team and that the Frogs have come a long way from the beginning of the season.

"Throughout the season we have improved mentally, physically and have been able to adjust to (head) coach Prentice

(Lewis's) strategy, which is why we have been so successful," Fleming said.

She said she is looking forward to the upcoming tournament, and the opportunity TCU has to demonstrate what kind of team it is.

"I'm really looking forward to showing the other teams what we are made of and how hard we've worked," Fleming said. "We will need to play to our potential."

Barlow said in regards to this season, she has really enjoyed her role as a leader on the team and has seen many new strengths in the team this year.

"My role on the team has been different being a senior because it puts me in a leadership role, and I like that role," Barlow said. "The chemistry on the team has been exceptional this year. Even though we are young, we were deeper in talent."

Barlow also said the work ethic of her teammates has been another reason the Frogs have been so successful this year. She said every team will present a tough competition in the tournament.

"We have to go into it with an attitude of nothing to lose," Barlow said. "We have to go out and play our hardest and continue to play hard and work together."

Lewis agreed with Barlow, adding that every team will be a tough opponent.

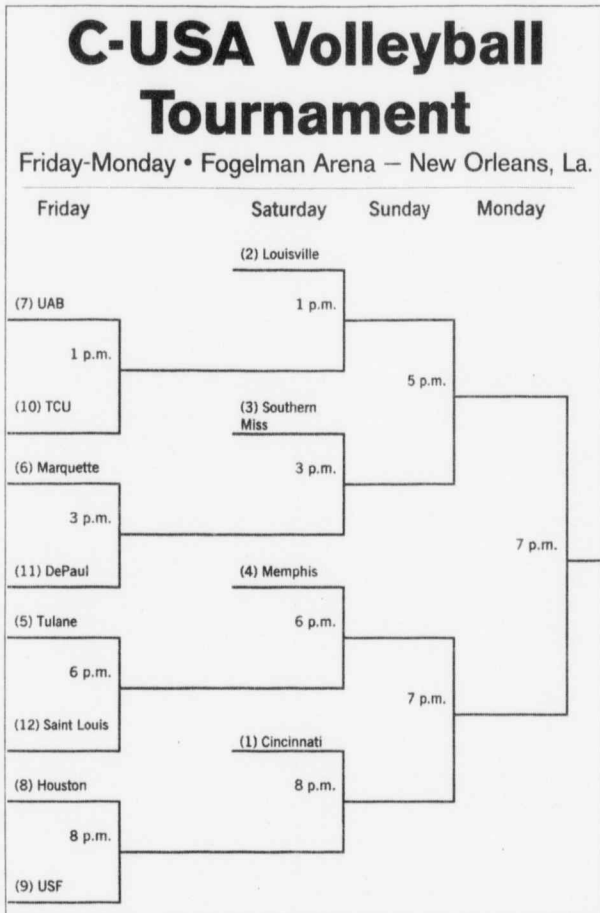
"It's great going into the tour-

nament with two recent wins," Lewis said. "It has been a long, tough season, and it's not easy to get up for that many matches, but all the players have been playing well."

The C-USA tournament begins Friday in New Orleans. The

Frogs will be facing Alabama-Birmingham in the tournament's first round, who they defeated three games to two in the only regular season meeting.

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## Patterson's posse focus on next game

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES  
Staff Reporter

Reporters and cameras from ESPN and local news stations gathered to listen to head coach Gary Patterson's thoughts on the Bowl Championship Series at his weekly media luncheon Tuesday afternoon.

Patterson made it clear to the media how little he cares about the BCS standings right now.

"The only thing we worry about is Southern Miss," Patterson said.

For Patterson and the Horned Frogs, it was just a typical Tuesday, even though the team fell two spots in the latest BCS standings.

Patterson said the drop from No. 6 to No. 8 in the BCS standings means nothing to the team. Instead, he said the Frogs only care about Southern Miss Thursday night.

"Nothing is going to matter if we don't go 2-0 for the rest of the season," he said.

This is another short week for the Frogs, but Patterson said the players have done a good job and that injuries should not be a problem.

Patterson said the two teams have developed a good rivalry over the past couple of seasons, and he expects the Golden Eagles to come out trying to prove something.

"It's not a hate rivalry,"

Patterson said. "It is more of a respect rivalry."

Junior quarterback Brandon Hassell said the team understands the importance of the final two games this season.

"We have to go out there, stay focused and do what we know we need to do," Hassell said.

Hassell said the offense is playing with a lot of confidence right now, and everybody is doing their job.

It was not the offense that needed to gain confidence though.

Senior defensive end Bo Schobel said the defense regained its confidence against Cincinnati.

Patterson said the Horned Frogs and the Golden Eagles are coming into the game only worried about winning the C-USA title. He said the players are doing what it takes to win the important game.

"We very easily could have quit and the wheels fallen off," Patterson said.

Patterson said Thursday's game is so important and compares it to the 1998 Sun Bowl when the Frogs upset Southern California.

"That game put us on the map," Patterson said.

Whether a victory over Southern Miss in front of a national audience can put TCU on the BCS map is still to be determined.

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