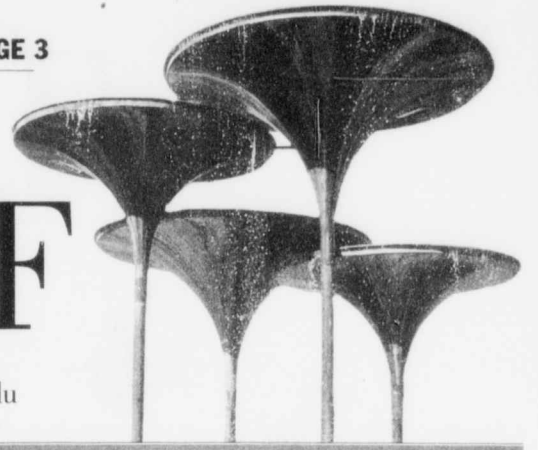


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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

**COLLEGE STATION** — A conservative group at Texas A&M University plans to protest the arrival of a new campus diversity leader by holding a bake sale featuring different prices for cookies depending on race and gender.  
*News Digest on page 4*

**FORT WORTH** — The City Council set a bond election Feb. 7 on a \$273.5 million package to raise money for street repairs, parks, fire stations and community centers — the largest bond package ever proposed for Fort Worth.  
*News Digest on page 4*

## On Campus

### Fraternity under fire due to theme party

**AUSTIN** — The Interfraternity Council Judicial Board will begin to investigate next week as to whether an Iraq war-themed Zeta Psi party violated the code of conduct of the IFC Constitution.

The fraternity has come under fire for a "Bombs Over Baghdad" themed party held Saturday. Party-goers dressed in camouflage, and the house was decorated with sandbags, model airplanes and a "landing strip" painted on plywood, said Zeta Psi Vice President Gabriel de la Garza.

Flyers for the party distributed on campus showed photographs of a crying child splattered in blood, a man clutching a child's lifeless body and a mutilated dead man.

De la Garza, a biology senior, said the fraternity had nothing to do with the flyers. He said a student came to the fraternity house claiming he created the flyers and distributed them after seeing a billboard in the fraternity house's front yard advertising the party. The student was not available for comment Monday.

"In my opinion, it was mostly an anti-war flyer," said Zeta Psi President Thomas Madaelil. "They made it, because they thought the intent of the party theme was to promote innocent people dying, which was not our intent at all."  
*— Daily Texan*

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## The Weather

### TODAY

High: 76; Low: 50; Sunny

### FRIDAY

High: 76; Low: 59; Sunny

### SATURDAY

High: 72; Low: 54; Partly cloudy

## Looking Back

**1945** — Twenty-four high-ranking Nazis go on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, for atrocities committed during World War II.

**1990** — The owners of Guinness Beer hoist a toast to celebrate their \$1 billion purchase of Spain's biggest brewer, La Cruz del Campo (Cruzcampo).

## SGA election down to two

**BECKY BRANDENBUR**  
Staff Reporter

And your Student Government Association president is ... going to be decided in a runoff election Friday.

None of the four candidates garnered 51 percent of the vote required for SGA officer elections, so the top two candidates, Jay Zeidman and Blake Eason, will face off in one more election.

Zeidman, a junior political science major, led Eason, a junior finance major, 756 votes to 452. Zeidman's votes comprised 44 percent of the total 1,723 cast.

Senior entrepreneurial business major Jason Ruth and Anthony Oppermann, a junior radio-TV-film major, took 249 and 242 of the votes respectively.

In the first election, 2,372 students voted.

Oppermann said he was not

surprised by the weaker voter turnout Wednesday and does not anticipate as many voting Friday.

"I think the lack of professionalism, the lack of communication in the election, effected voter turnout," he said.

Ruth said he was disappointed more voters did not turn out, but the loss would not affect his willingness to serve the incoming president in whatever

capacity he might be useful.

Both Zeidman and Eason said they are excited about the election Friday and intend to campaign today and encourage students to cast their ballot.

"I hope that kids will show up and vote," Zeidman said. "I have great respect for all the candidates who have run this difficult race."

*(more on SGA, page 2)*

## Students want longer breaks

**BY ROBYN KRIEL**  
Staff Reporter

TCU's winter break is 22 days long this year. Two years ago, it was 30 days.

Chris Kotze, a sophomore kinesiology major and a swimmer for the TCU men's swim team, said it takes him 24 hours of flying to get to his home country of South Africa.

"The swimming team has a training session in Colorado for a few days during the break anyway," he said. "So if I went home, I would probably only be there for about four days."

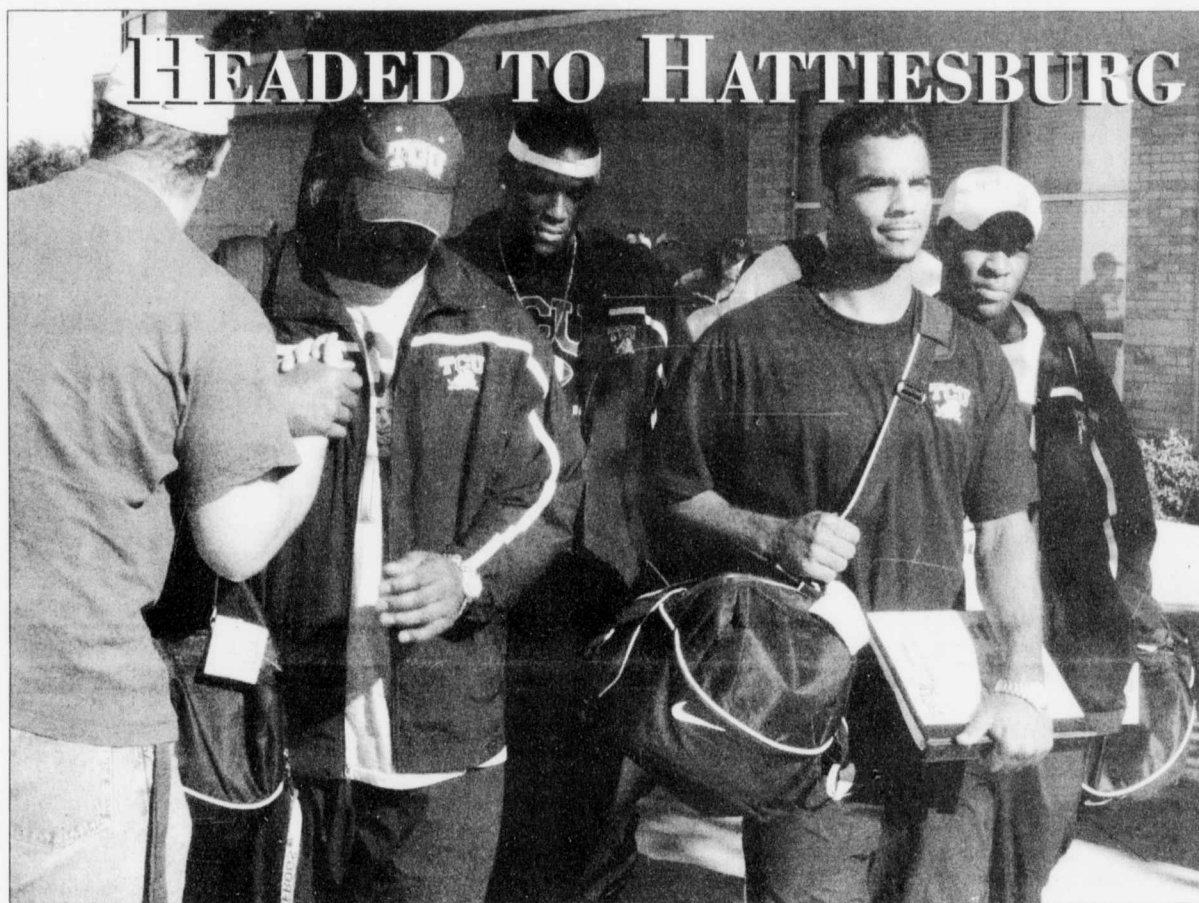
Kotze said he would not be returning to South Africa for Christmas because of the shortened break, so he will not see his parents until next summer.

Registrar Patrick Miller said there are slight variations in the length of the Christmas break, but it is virtually impossible to lengthen it because of the school's summer class schedule.

"It is because of the three-week mini-mester and the two five-week sessions after that," Miller said. "These make it very hard to shorten the summer at all, and so we end up shortening the winter break instead."

Miller, who has been the registrar for 15 years, said the three-week mini-mester and five-week sessions are very popular with both the students and faculty.

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Senior defensive end Robert Pollard (left) and junior quarterback Brandon Hassell make their way to two buses waiting to shuttle them and the rest of the Frogs to Fort Worth's Meacham Field Wednesday afternoon for their flight to Hattiesburg, Miss. TCU takes on Southern Miss tonight at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.

## Annual smokeout day

### Students to learn risks of smoking, benefits of quitting

**BECKY BRANDENBUR**  
Staff Reporter

Today is the 27th annual Great American Smokeout, an event geared toward educating the public on the health risks associated with tobacco use and the benefits of quitting.

TCU's Hyperfrogs, sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, are manning a Smokeout program from noon to 5 p.m. today in the lobby of the University Recreation Center.

Hyperfrog Rachel Walters, a freshman advertising and public relations major, said the program will offer lots of information, brochures, giveaways and surveys.

"It will be a positive event where students can

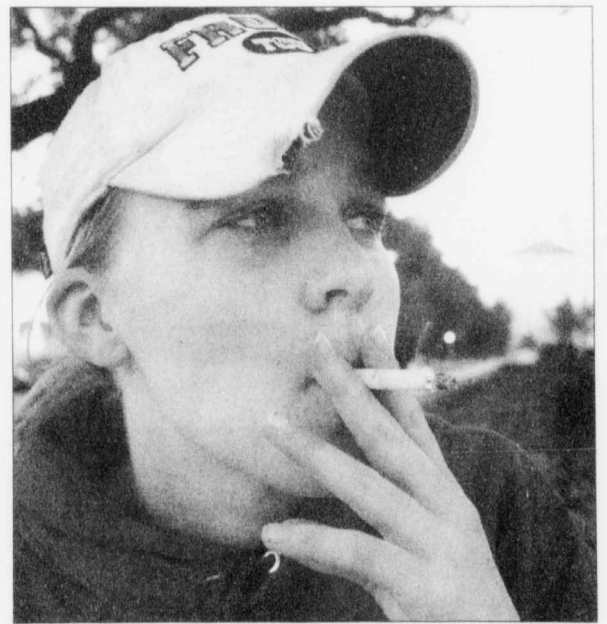
get information about what smoking does and how they can quit," Walters said.

Freshman premajor Shannon Chambers, another Hyperfrog volunteer, said she has family members who smoke and respects that quitting is a personal decision, but that students should have all the information about smoking and what it does to the body.

Cigarette smoking is responsible for 30 percent of all cancer deaths and 87 percent of lung cancer deaths according to the Cancer Prevention & Early Detection's 2003 Cancer Facts & Figures list. The same statistics show that secondhand smoke may be responsible for 3,000 lung cancer deaths and almost 40,000 cases of heart disease in non-smoking adults.

According to the 2000 National Health Interview Survey, there were an estimated 46.5 million adult cigarette smokers in the United States. The survey also indicates that 80 percent of smokers began smoking before age 18, and more than one-third of them began smoking daily by age 18.

*(more on SMOKEOUT page 2)*



Junior social work major Taylor Harry takes a smoke break Wednesday evening before work. Hyperfrogs will offer an anti-smoking program from noon to 5 p.m. today in the University Recreation Center.

## Grants encourage student leadership

**BY CARMEN CASTRO**  
Staff Reporter

This fall, three Leadership Curriculum Development grants are funding courses in the English, history and education departments, said Cyndi Walsh, director of the TCU Leadership Center.

The TCU Leadership Center and the Center for Teaching Excellence created these grants to encourage professors to develop collaborative projects in course curriculum that promote leadership, Walsh said.

English professor Billie Hara proposed a collaborative writing project

among sophomore composition students and elementary students at three local elementary schools this summer.

Students enrolled in nine English courses, write letters to the elementary school students and discuss social issues through visual writing, Hara said.

"There are commonalities between someone who is 20 years old, from Ohio, and an 8-year-old who is a second language learner from Mexico,"

said Hara. "At first glance, students would not have thought it."

As part of this same proposal, students in Mike Sacken's Education 20003 course read to the elementary school students on Fridays, Hara said.

**— Billie Hara**  
English professor

"The student is able to see that there is a place for everyone to do some sort of social action kind of work and that

college is accessible," Hara said. "A good bit of these students are second language learners, so they are able to practice their English this way, too."

The two other faculty proposals were awarded grants this fall, including Todd Kerstetter's Indians in the U.S. history course.

Kerstetter, an assistant professor of history, said he tried to bring a different twist to the course and decided to apply for the leadership center grant.

"I talk about leaders, we read about leaders," Kerstetter said. "But we

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■ **Radio-TV-film** presents "Anne of Green Gables," a part of the Thursday Night Movies series, at 7 p.m. tonight in Moudy Building South, Room 164. Call (817) 257-7630 for more information.

■ **Senseless Acts of Comedy** will perform from 9 to 11 p.m. tonight in Moudy Building North, Room 141.

■ **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 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.

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## Hinckley asks for fewer restrictions

BY SAM HANANEL  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two psychiatrists testifying for the government said Wednesday that John Hinckley Jr., the man who shot President Reagan, should only be allowed to leave a mental hospital unsupervised if he is under more restrictions than

previously proposed.

Robert Phillips and Raymond Patterson both agreed that Hinckley could see his parents unescorted as long as it was a short visit in the Washington area, security procedures were put in place, his parents agreed to supervise him, both he and his parents provided feedback to the St. Elizabeths Hospital

medical staff treating him, and the trip was reviewed by an administrative board.

"If this is done well, then this will work," Patterson said. "If things don't go well, it could be tragic for Mr. Hinckley certainly and others potentially."

Overnight trips in the Washington area and visits to

the Hinckleys' home some three hours away would have to wait until the hospital staff and administrators evaluated how well the short day visits had done.

Both the hospital and Hinckley's lawyers had proposed a more relaxed rule governing unsupervised visits, including some overnight trips.

## SMOKEOUT

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"I started smoking at 14," said Rumen Cvetkov, a junior music performance major from Bulgaria. "Everyone smokes back home, in the coffee shops, restaurants ... it is hard to quit when everyone around you is smoking."

Cvetkov said when he came to the United States, fewer people smoked, making it easier for him to quit.

"It has improved my health and my viola performance," Cvetkov said.

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## BREAK

From page 1

Southern Methodist University and the University of North Texas each have 31 days for their winter break, a full nine days more than TCU.

"We usually match up pretty well with the state schools," Miller said. "I am surprised to see a significant difference."

Miller said he has just finished constructing the 2007-08 academic calendar.

"I go 'til the end of the fall semester and find the Saturday closest to Christmas that is no later than the 22nd of December," Miller said. "Then I work backwards from there on a calendar-year basis."

Nilson Goes, a senior marketing major, said he

thinks the Christmas break should be lengthened so students can enjoy more time with their families.

"During the summer, we get so caught up in internships and jobs," Goes said. "Christmas is really the time that we can be with our families, especially for those students who do not have the luxury of having their families 30 minutes away."

Bria Lanzara, a senior kinesiology major, said that she actually prefers having a longer summer break and does not mind the shorter winter break.

"I like getting out earlier than the other schools during the summer," Lanzara said. "It means we get a head start with internships and jobs, and that is a definite plus."

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## GRANTS

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never really consider leadership as such."

The grant money was used to purchase a class set of the book "The New Warriors:

Native American Leaders Since 1900," which covers Native American leaders up to the late 20th century, Kerstetter said.

At the end of the semester, after the students complete a research paper on a Native American leader, the students will donate the books to a tribal school of their choice.

A proposal submitted by Carolyn Cagle and Suzanne Lockwood, from the school of nursing, is still being processed.

The proposal involves developing a study of global health care issues among a diverse community, Walsh said.

The proposals were each awarded \$1,000 and the professors must carry out their project ideas within a year, Walsh said.

The TCU Leadership Center awards eight to 16 grants each year, according to the 2004 grant proposal application. Seven proposals are currently being

reviewed for the spring semester. Grant recipients will be announced Dec. 1, Walsh said.

The selections committee consists of the directors of the Leadership Center and Center for Teaching Excellence, the associate vice chancellor for student affairs, as well as two to four additional faculty and staff members.

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## BENCH WARMER



Lauren Johnson/Staff Photographer

Junior marketing major Jane Houser studies for a test outside near the Mary Coats Burnett Library Wednesday afternoon. Many students are taking their last exams before finals week starts Dec. 15.

## SGA

From page 1

Zeidman said he feels any credibility that was lost in the first election must be restored as soon as possible.

The winner will join the officers: House Vice President Megan Brown, a sophomore political science major; Programming Council Vice President Sebastian Moleski, a sophomore international economics major; Secretary Corrie Lockhart, a sophomore advertising and public relations major; and Treasurer David Watson, a sophomore entrepreneurial management major.

The re-election was a result of election code violations by candidates for president during the campaign and on election day Nov. 11.

Blake Eason, a junior finance major, was initially removed from the presidential

race for violating code 3.2.12, which prohibits "unauthorized presence" on university premises. Eason and supporters campaigned door-to-door in residence halls without permission from the hall directors or the election administrator, said Nick James, a junior political science major.

Donuts, which qualified as campaign materials, were handed out by Zeidman and Brown. Their actions violated code 3.11, which prohibits handing out campaign materials on election day. Code violation charges were dropped when the unidentified person who filed the charge withdrew it.

James said he and the Election and Input Committee have worked hard this election.

"Being a part of SGA, we each work to help representatives be heard and achieve their goals and our own," he said.

James said he encourages students to cast their votes Friday and

looks forward to beginning next semester with the new officers.

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### Official SGA Presidential Re-election Results

Jay Zeidman	756
Blake Eason	452
Jason Ruth	249
Anthony Oppermann	242
Abstentions	15
Write-ins	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,723</b>

### Official SGA Election Results Nov. 11

Jay Zeidman	795
Blake Eason	798
Jason Ruth	382
Anthony Oppermann	353
Abstentions	26
Write-ins	18
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,372</b>

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## The Skiff View

### QUIT

Stop smoking today, not later

To all of you out there who vow time and time again that you aren't addicted to cigarettes, here's your opportunity to prove it.

Today is the Great American Smokeout, and the national goal is for everyone to put out their cigarettes and help keep the world smoke-free for a whole day.

Easier said than done? Maybe. But while diehard smokers aren't likely to pay any attention to this day, we realize that there are smokers who haven't graduated to a full-blown addiction.

Some of you may know social smokers on or near campus — the people who smoke only on the weekends, only in the bars or only when their friends are doing it.

While these social smokers generally think they don't have a problem, social smoking can turn into something much greater than they ever bargained for. It becomes a cigarette in the car. It becomes a cigarette during a study break. It becomes a cigarette after eating.

Let's just say it adds up to a lot of cigarettes.

College may be the time we are most susceptible to social smoking. It is also the time we can most easily stop.

Think of how many times you have said to yourself, "I don't have a problem," and remember that no one thinks they have a smoking problem to start with. Hate to break it to you, but if you find yourself fighting the need to have a cigarette several times a day, chances are you have a problem.

Put out your cigarettes for the Great American Smokeout. If it's so easy, prove it to yourself, the world and your lungs.

They'll all thank you in the long run.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Now is time for Bush to fix mistake, end tariffs

The World Trade Organization ruled Monday that U.S. steel tariffs are illegal and ordered the taxes terminated "without delay." The European Union has threatened to start a massive trade war if the United States refuses.

What a perfect time, then, for President Bush to finally reverse a shoddy and widely criticized decision his administration made 20 months ago.

Bush and his advisers claim the tariffs were necessary to give the steel industry, which had lost more than 50,000 jobs since 1999, some breathing room to restructure. Bush's critics claim the taxes were all politics, an attempt to curry favor from steel-heavy states that would be critical in the congressional and presidential elections.

But whatever the reason, the tariffs deeply offended even America's staunchest allies. And who could blame them for believing Bush when he claimed to be a champion of free trade and free markets? Russia, which stood to lose \$1 billion from having its steel exports blocked, responded in kind by cutting off American poultry exports. Russia claimed salmonella had been found in recent shipments. But the fact the ban hit American poultry producers to

the tune of almost \$1 billion made it obvious the American ally was seeking revenge.

Perhaps the wrecking of international relations and the undermining of the administration's credibility would be worth it if these heavy-handed taxes did what Bush claimed they would do: strengthen the economy.

But they haven't. A study by the Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition in February estimated the tariffs had cost 200,000 manufacturing jobs. And in September, the International Trade Commission reported the economy lost \$680 million due to the steel taxes.

The largest irony, though, is that if the tariffs were indeed nothing more than just a bald attempt to solidify his voter base in the steel industry, then Bush's plan backfired. The United Steelworkers of America, the largest steel union, endorsed Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., over Bush for president, because his policies were preferable to the "reactionary policies of the current administration."

For the good of the country and its manufacturing industries, it's time for Bush to end the steel tariffs immediately.

*This is a staff editorial from the Iowa State Daily at Iowa State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

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## Dishonesty in SGA election hurts reputation and trust

Ick. Last week saw one slimy Student Government Association election. The

election was so unappealing: One candidate was temporarily kicked off the ticket, three people got fines and the student body had to re-vote for the president.

Here is an example: Presidential candidate Blake Eason was booted out of the election for strolling around residence halls without permission in order to campaign. He told the Skiff he didn't realize he was violating election rules. Maybe so, but this is his third violation. He got in trouble for announcing his run for the election early and for putting up campaign signs before it was allowed.

Ignorance of the law is not a good defense.

Here's some more bad campaigning: Sebastian Moleski, vice president-elect of Programming Council, used

\$100 of the Programming Council's money to buy donuts to hand out to potential voters.

The money was left over from a promotional campaign. It was not part of a "buy donuts for voters" fund. Sounds to me like a case of misappropriation of funds, at the least.

Let's all hope his punishment of having to repay a third of the cost of the donuts will keep him from using PC money for non-PC purposes again.

TCU is a great place with friendly people and a serene ambiance. And then this election volcano erupts. SGA is supposed to represent the students and our needs. It is supposed to act as a voice for its representatives. We, the represented, aren't slimy, so why do some of them act like they are?

Students need SGA to bring in entertainment, to keep the campus feeling like a family,

to help student groups pay for trips and other events and to keep the legislation of campus rolling. We need representatives who care about us and who aren't just interested in

fluffing up their résumés. And most importantly, we need to be able to trust SGA. I don't see

how anyone can expect us to trust SGA completely — especially when it gets a nice chunk of our tuition payments — after what happened with this election.

And unfortunately, the honest candidates must suffer the consequences caused by their inconsiderate counterparts. The credibility of all of SGA has been damaged, and for the sake of the honest candidates, I hope it doesn't take too long to rebuild the trust that has been lost.

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Emily Baker



Jessica Sanders

This afternoon, I found out that high-heeled shoes are not made for walking.

I resentfully trekked what seemed like a mile from my remote parking space to the Moudy building, thinking only of the time that was wasted because I couldn't find a closer spot.

But as I walked, I began to notice things that so easily escape me from the car — The entertaining bumper stickers on cars parked along the street, the rustle of autumn leaves, a stray cat about to fall face-first into a trash can. Yes, the little things of life that are so easily missed from the driver's seat of a car.

For me, a good walk functions as a coffee break for the brain. When work, school and life are too stressful, a walk provides a respectable excuse to temporarily run away and contemplate the color of the

sky. It is a chance to chat with neighbors, befriend dogs and become part of the scenery we so easily ignore.

My friends who have traveled abroad say they marveled at how Europeans walk everywhere. When gas prices are high, public transportation is good and streets are pedestrian-friendly. Traveling on foot just makes sense.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, choosing to walk instead of drive to places like the store and school helps reduce the air pollution created by unnecessary automobile use.

Sadly, many American cities are so spread out that, unless you like skipping down the freeway, walking everywhere is pretty much out of the question.

So, for many of us, that leaves walking for recreation. Fort Worth has a number of excellent running trails, such

as those along the Trinity River, that provide a wonderful place to get exercise and contemplate life.

Nutrition instructor Chris Ranelle said walking is an excellent way to burn calories, and that taking a stroll outside is better exercise than plodding on a treadmill.

"Your body has to adapt to changes in temperature and landscape; you have to walk

uphill or run away from a dog," Ranelle said. "You never know what the day will bring."

Save yourself some gas and walk to Albertson's. Stroll around our lovely campus instead of running on a treadmill like a human hamster. And, this might sound rash, but park far away and check out some of those witty bumper stickers as you walk to class. For your own good and the good of the planet, take a hike.

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## Driving drunk simply not worth risk

"I started to drive away mom. As I pulled into the road, the other guy didn't see me and hit me like a load. I

lay there on the pavement mom. I hear the policeman

say, 'The other guy was drunk,' now I'm the one to pay."

This is an excerpt from a poem I found by Amy Cain. This poem always brings tears to my eyes. Every year too many innocent people die of drunken driving. In this poem, the girl went to the party and did not even drink, but she was the one to pay.

The point is to make teens and young adults aware of how dangerous drunk driving is. However, as my mother always says, "You always have to watch out for the other person." In many cases the drunk driver hits you, and you have to pay.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 40 percent of all traffic crash fatalities were related to alcohol, versus 38.3 percent in 1999. This problem is not getting any better. It's only getting worse. In order to fix this problem, we need to create awareness that drinking and driving result in death.

Everyone likes to go out to the bars and go to parties. However, at the end of the night, they do not realize when they are getting into a car and driving drunk, they are becoming a statistic. The highest intoxication rates in fatal crashes were recorded for drivers that were 21 to 24 years old. This is affecting us college students.

In order to fix this, there needs to be other alternatives for people that have been drinking. There are other options, but people are not aware of them. We live in a big city. There are tons of taxi companies. If people know they are going to be drinking, they should put the number in their cell phone, make a call and save a life.

Another option for the drunken college student: Call a friend. There is always someone to help — especially with how big and popular our Greek system is. Call that sober sis or that brother you share a special bond with. There is no reason to get behind the wheel if you have been drinking. There are always other options. It is better to save a life and get someone out of bed than driving under the influence.

All we need to do is create awareness and make people think before they start the car when they have been drinking. The National Commission Against Drunk Driving says, "On an average day, 46 people die in alcohol-related traffic crashes, accounting for 41 percent of traffic deaths." Too many people die because someone had too much to drink and decided to get behind the wheel. All you have to do is call a friend, or call a taxi.

Whatever you do, do not get into that car if you have been drinking. You will save your life and maybe someone else's.

*Lori Ritchey is a columnist for the Daily Forty-Niner at California State University-Long Beach. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

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## National/State Roundup

### Bake sale protests new campus diversity leader

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A conservative group at Texas A&M University plans to protest the arrival of a new campus diversity leader by holding a bake sale featuring different prices for cookies depending on race and gender.

A similar sale at Southern Methodist University was shut down by the school. But A&M officials say they plan no action regarding the bake sale by Young Conservatives of Texas A&M.

"This is a freedom of speech and freedom of expression issue, and the university obviously honors those provisions of the Constitution," Bill Kibler, interim vice president for student affairs, said in a statement quoted in Wednesday's edition of the Houston Chronicle. "Thus, no action is planned regarding the activity proposed by this particular group, provided it does not interfere with any ongoing university activities or violate any university rules or regulation."

The conservative group held a similar bake sale at Texas A&M at the beginning of this semester.

Organizers say white males at the new sale must pay \$1 for a cookie, while the same kind of cookie will be sold to white females for 75 cents, to Hispanics for 50 cents and to blacks for 25 cents.

Young Conservatives' chairman, A&M senior Matthew Maddox, said the bake sale is being held to protest the creation of the new position of vice president of institutional assessment

and diversity. James A. Anderson, the former vice provost for undergraduate affairs at North Carolina State University, was to assume the new post.

### City Council sets bond package for Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — The City Council set a bond election Feb. 7 on a \$273.5 million package to raise money for street repairs, parks, fire stations and community centers — the largest bond package ever proposed for Fort Worth.

Final approval of the proposal, which officials say would not require a property tax rate increase, came Tuesday after negotiations to avoid separate votes on the funding for public art, the proposed Southwest Parkway toll road and other projects.

"This is a critical step toward the future of this city," Mayor Mike Moncrief said.

Councilman Clyde Picht, the lone dissenter, said he opposed the package because it sets aside 2 percent of the total package, or more than \$5 million, for public art projects.

Bond elections are typically called every four or five years to raise money for building or improving long-lasting facilities.

The latest bond package would be the first since 1998, when voters approved a \$120 million package for new streets, a library, fire stations and improvements to the Fort Worth Convention Center. In 1993, voters approved \$60 million for street and

drainage improvements.

But residents have rejected more than a dozen bond propositions in the past 40 years.

The last time a bond item failed was in 1990, when voters rejected a plan to tear down Will Rogers Auditorium and build a \$34 million concert hall in its place.

The new package sets aside \$232.9 million for streets, \$21.6 million for parks, \$12.6 million for fire stations, \$4.5 million for a library, \$1.2 million for radio towers and \$665,000 for a new animal surgical unit.

### Judge to take down pics before beginning of trial

WACO (AP) — A Central Texas judge who will hear the wrongful death lawsuit filed by the father of a slain Baylor basketball player against the university says he plans to remove some pictures from his courtroom before the trial begins.

State District Judge Ralph Strother, a Baylor law graduate, said Tuesday he would probably take down courtroom photos of Old Main and Pat Neff Hall, two prominent university buildings.

Earlier this month, attorneys for Baylor were granted their request to move the case from Houston to Waco, the university's home. A trial date on the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, has not been set.

Strother declined to comment Tuesday on the lawsuit that also names former basketball coach Dave Bliss, school president Robert Sloan, former athletic director Tom Stanton and others.

Patrick Dennehy, 21, was missing about six weeks before his body was found July 25 near a gravel pit southeast of Waco. An autopsy determined he had been shot twice in the head.

His friend and former teammate, Carlton Dotson, 21, has pleaded innocent. He remains jailed in Waco without bond after his arrest and extradition from his home state of Maryland.

Richard Laminack, a lawyer for Patrick Dennehy Sr., has contended that the athlete was killed by someone other than Dotson but has not elaborated.

Dennehy's father, in the lawsuit, says his son became the target of "violent threats" after saying he might expose wrongdoing in the Baylor men's basketball program and that Baylor ignored his requests for help. The suit says the younger Dennehy was "lured to his death" by another player but does not identify the player.

Baylor officials have acknowledged that illegal tuition payments were made to Dennehy and another player in violation of NCAA rules.

### Former police officer acquitted of charges

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former police officer who shot a woman during a traffic stop was acquitted of attempted murder and aggravated assault charges.

Jurors deliberated about 90 minutes Tuesday before clearing Shawn Nance, 27, who had been an officer in Pelican Bay, in the 2000 shooting of Donna Butler.

Butler, 42, had refused to pull

over for police, who suspected her of drunken driving. Nance set up a partial roadblock, and Butler stopped.

Nance got out of his patrol car, and Butler accelerated in his general direction, according to testimony. Nance fired four shots at Butler's car, hitting her in the face and abdomen.

Butler, who has health problems, was in the courtroom when the verdict was announced.

During closing arguments, defense attorney Jim Lane said Nance acted heroically by risking his life to get a dangerous driver off ice-slick roads.

Prosecutors argued that Nance knew that the driver was Butler, who had filed two complaints against him with Pelican Bay police. Nance testified that he did not know who was driving until after the shooting.

Prosecutors also said Nance violated the policies of the Pelican Bay Police Department, a small community near Fort Worth, by joining a pursuit initiated by officers in neighboring Azle. They said that Butler was traveling slowly in a neighborhood when Nance tried to stop her and that his actions were not reasonable.

### Company pays only a fraction of benefits

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska company has agreed to pay \$20 million to settle claims that it sold cancer insurance to people nationwide but paid only a fraction of the benefits when they got sick.

Central States Health and Life

Co. of Omaha will pay \$7.5 million to about 1,240 people who were denied coverage and \$2.5 million to attorneys. The remainder will go into a fund to pay future medical expenses for the 1,400 people who filed claims or any of more than 18,000 other people nationwide who bought the policies but have not developed complaints.

The settlement was approved Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Karen E. Schreier in Sioux Falls, S.D., where one of the original complaints was filed.

Central States sold policies guaranteed renewable for life that said the company would pay for chemotherapy, radiation treatments, immunotherapy surgery and some travel expenses needed to get treatment, the lawsuit said.

Policyholders who developed cancer found that Central States used such a narrow interpretation of the policy language that most of their bills were excluded, said attorney Michael Abourezk of Rapid City, S.D. The company refused to pay for services associated with radiation treatment, such as dose calculations and the use of lead blocks to protect non-cancerous tissue from radiation, he said.

"They have to calculate exactly how they are going to apply the radiation — you can't just shove them in front of a machine and flip the switch," Abourezk said. "But the company would only pay for shoving them in front of the machine and flipping the switch."



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# Eight memorial plans remain

BY AMY WESTFELDT  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The eight designs unveiled Wednesday as finalists for a World Trade Center memorial remember the dead with quiet gardens, reflecting pools, inscribed names and lights for lost lives.

All eight designs, selected from a pool of 5,200, list the names of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, as well as the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The names are inscribed on granite walls, glass panels and stone columns, some alphabetically and others according to where the individuals died.

"We have sought designs that represent the heights of imagination while incorporating aesthetic grace and spiritual strength," the jury that chose the finalists said in a statement.

The finalists, whose identities were made public for the first time Wednesday, range from local artists to international architects. The eight proposals were picked by a 13-member jury, which will choose the winning design by the end of the year.

John Whitehead, chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, which is overseeing the rebuilding of the site, praised the organic connections shared by all the entries. "Their designs draw upon the

elements of light, water, earth and life itself," Whitehead said at a news conference where the proposals were unveiled.

One design proposes an open air structure with cathedral-like vaults and a glass walkway overhead where thousands of lights illuminate engraved names of the victims. It groups the rescuers' names separately in a ribbon that loops through the other names.

Another suggests votive lights suspended over a reflecting pool, with each light representing a victim.

One design includes a park sloping from street level to 30 feet below, a garden where the south tower stood, and a structure where the north tower stood

with a staircase waterfall.

The proposals include private areas for relatives of the victims and a tomb for unidentified remains of people killed when the twin towers were hit by hijacked planes and collapsed. One design envisions a blue light projected upward from the place where the unidentified remains are entombed.

The remains of about 60 percent of the 2,752 people killed in the twin towers attack have been identified.

All of the designs preserve the huge wall that once formed the trade center basement, the only surviving remnant of the original complex.

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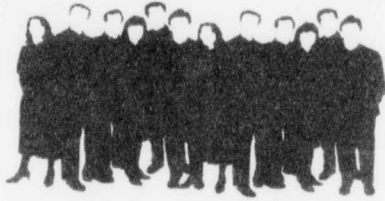
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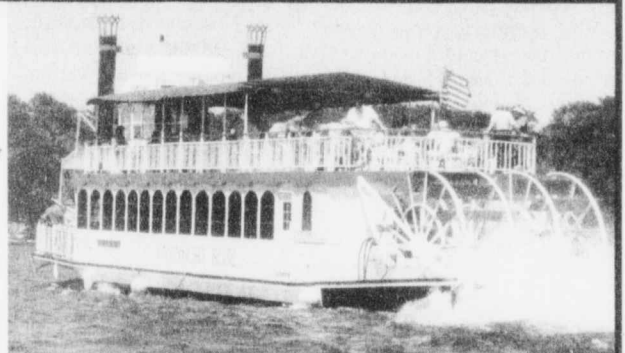
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# Energy bill one vote away from passing

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is a vote away from sending a massive energy bill to the White House, but it could still hit a snag in the Senate over a dispute involving a gasoline additive that has contaminated drinking water in more than two dozen states.

The Senate began debating the bill Wednesday, after the energy legislation won solid backing from Republicans as well as a surprising number of Democrats on Tuesday at it whizzed through the House by a 246-180 margin.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he expects senators to work through the weekend and possibly until early next week on the energy bill and other issues.

The measure, covering some 1,100 pages, would provide \$23 billion in tax incentives and other measures to produce more coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear power and double the need for corn-based ethanol, a bonanza for the Farm Belt states.

The boost in ethanol production to 5 billion gallons a year has broad Republican and Democratic support and is viewed as a key to getting the bill passed.

But some Senate Democrats are counting votes to see if they might be able to derail the legislation — the product of 2 1/2 months of sometimes bitter negotiations between House and Senate Republicans — by a filibuster. They want stripped from the bill a provision that protects makers of MTBE from product liability lawsuits arising from the gasoline additive fouling drinking water.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who has many other problems with the bill as well, calls the MTBE measure "a get out jail free card" for the oil and chemical companies leaving water cleanup costs to communities across the country. She and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said

they have a number of Republicans ready to support a filibuster over the MTBE liability waiver.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who had insisted on the MTBE waiver during negotiations over the bill with the Senate, said Tuesday the MTBE liability protection is "vital" to stop lawsuits against a product that was used to meet a gov-

ernment requirement for air quality.

"In the last few weeks the trial lawyers have been on a rampage, filing suits all over the place" against MTBE manufacturers, said DeLay.

Senate Republican supporters of the bill said they weren't worried about the MTBE issue. They suggested while some Republicans may oppose the bill over MTBE, many more Democrats will vote for the legislation because of what it contains.

"I don't think it's a showstopper," Frist said.

When senators begin "to feel the grass roots" and hear back from their states, they will vote for the energy legislation, said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the bill's floor leader.

Still, a number of Republican senators, especially from the Northeast and far West, have expressed frustration about the overall bill — a blueprint for the nation's future energy agenda — and the size of the tax subsidies, which are three times what President Bush had wanted.

"It's full of subsidies and I think not likely to produce much more energy," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., on Tuesday. "They basically had to go shopping for votes and at this stage ... those votes come very expensive and the taxpayers pay the price."

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the bill will cost taxpayers nearly \$32 billion, including about \$23 billion in tax subsidies. Some private tax advocacy groups have put the cost at twice that.

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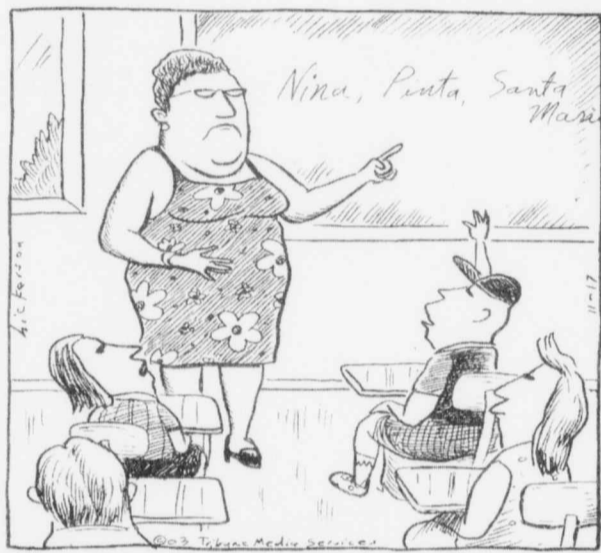
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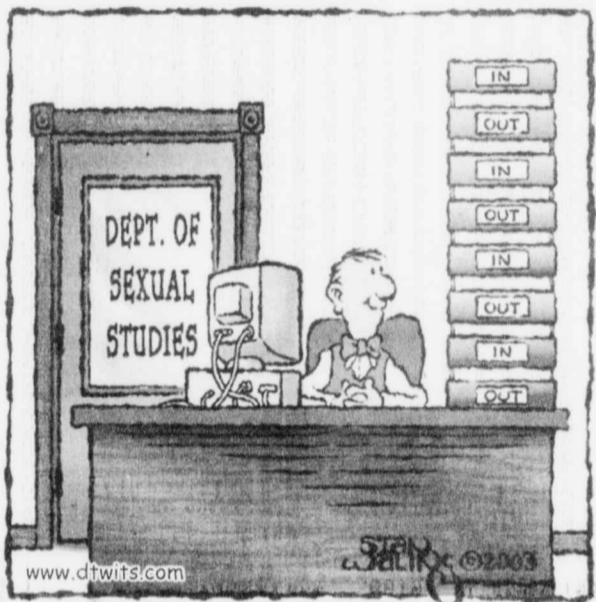
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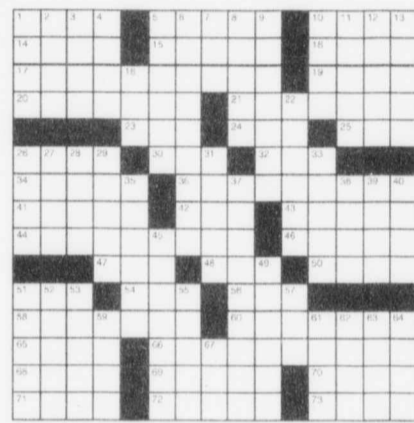
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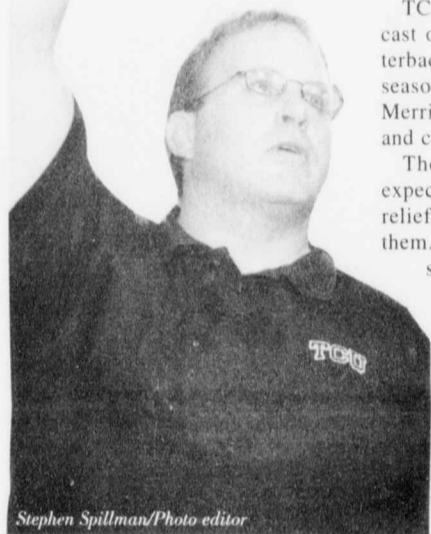
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## Former backups key to winning season

'Unknowns' lead Frogs into national spotlight, to possible 11-0 season

BY CARLOS ALVARADO  
 Commentary

A Conference USA game will never mean as much on the national level as tonight's showdown between the TCU



Stephen Spillman/Photo editor

Horned Frogs and the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles.

In a game billed as the C-USA championship game, a TCU win would put the Frogs one game closer to an undefeated season and give the Frogs their second consecutive C-USA championship. It could also put them on the brink of entrance into an elusive BCS bowl.

TCU storms into the contest with a cast of unlikely heroes. Junior quarterback Brandon Hassell started the season on the bench, as did Robert Merrill, Chris Peoples, Ranorris Ray and countless other Frogs.

They were players who were expected to play here and there, in relief of the star players in front of them. No one saw them as the reasons why the Frogs would be on the verge of greatness.

After a tough spring, Hassell was not seen as an answer but merely as a stop-gap, definitely not the quarterback to lead this Frogs team to BCS glory.

All the naysayers were affirmed when the offense struggled early with Hassell at

the helm, including a 13-10 overtime squeaker over inept Arizona.

"I was a bit nervous and I had a lot of jitters," Hassell said of those early games. "I needed time to settle down and relax."

Hassell was unsure if he would receive any more playing time because Tye Gunn's return from injury put him back on bench.

*"Once I got more comfortable and got more repetitions, I got rid of the jitters, and the game has slowed down."*

— Brandon Hassell  
 junior quarterback

The stay would not be for long; Gunn severely injured his groin against UAB forcing Hassell into the limelight once again — this time for good.

Unlike those early games, Hassell has taken the offense to new heights. He has accumulated a 146 passer rating and given the offensive coordinator Mike Schultz the ability to run any play any time.

"Once I got more comfortable and got more repetitions, I got rid of the jitters, and

the game has slowed down," Hassell said.

Hassell is the symbol of an entire team of backups playing beyond expectations as many key Frogs have been lost for the season.

Patterson feels players like Hassell have kept the team together.

"Very easily, we could have quit, the wheels fallen off," Patterson said. "When they were asked to fight, they fought."

TCU's season has been filled with obstacles and challenges carrying with it a movie-like aura.

"This story is about a bunch of kids that have overcome a lot of things," Patterson said. "One of my favorite movies is 'Hoosiers' and this season's kind of like that."

Hassell and company will do their best to ensure the season ends much like a good movie with a win tonight in Hattiesburg.

— Carlos Alvarado  
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## The Edge

**TCU PASSING GAME** Brandon Hassell brings a versatility to the offense that allows the team to move the chains when things break down. His two interceptions last week were only his third and fourth of the season because he rarely makes bad throws and does not focus on one receiver. The entire unit gets a shot to catch the ball, and he will need to distribute the ball well in order for the Frogs to have success against the USM secondary.

**USM PASS DEFENSE** This unit is one of the best in the country. Safety Eric Pruitt has played at an All-American level for two years and poses the greatest threat to the Frogs attack. The unit will come after the Frogs in much the same way the Frogs attack on defense. The Eagles pass unit will not give the Frogs much.

**TCU RUNNING GAME** The running game must be able to gain yards up the middle as well as on the outside this week. One dimensional running attacks do not fare well against a defense that can move. Brandon Hassell must make smart, quick decisions on the option, and Robert Merrill and Lonta Hobbs must find a way to gain yards after first contact. Every yard is going to count and whatever they can gain after they are first hit will make a big impact on the overall success of the running game.

**USM RUN DEFENSE** If there is a weakness on this defense, it is against the run. The Golden Eagles have given up 164.3 yards a game on the ground this season. Rod Davis is regarded as the finest linebacker in the nation and is not very popular because he rarely gets on TV. He will be playing with fire and intensity and can blitz, stuff holes and run sideline to sideline. He will be active and will find ways to disrupt the Frog offense. If the Frogs cannot run up the middle, the option and outside running plays will meet an untimely demise at the hands of Davis.

**TCU PASS DEFENSE** TCU played well against a pass happy Cincinnati team by doing some of the things it did well early on in the year. The Frogs must get to Almond and contain him when they don't. They will give up a big play or two, but for the most part, should hold USM in check. Almond just doesn't have enough weapons to make a difference unless the Frogs make big mistakes.

**USM PASSING OFFENSE** Quarterback Dustin Almond is a freshman who has improved steadily over the course of the year. The last three games have been his finest of the season, and he is geared up for a big performance. His athletic ability is high, but he will beat the TCU defense with his legs only if the Frogs do not play fundamentally sound football. Almond has struggled with accuracy, but the receiving corps has made up for it with big plays. Four of his top five receivers average more than 12 yards a catch.

**TCU RUN DEFENSE** The run defense has been the only constant all year. It hits hard and closes holes so fast that running backs hoping to break a big gain become disappointed very quickly as Martin Patterson or Josh Goolsby fill in with force. The secondary doesn't get left out of the mix either. Brandon Williams and company fill in any gaps left behind by the line and linebackers. Look for a lot of third and longs as the Golden Eagles will not get much on the ground.

**USM RUNNING GAME** Anthony Harris is the leading rusher on a unit that doesn't scare many people. It will try to keep the game honest with the running game, however its lack of gamebreaking speed will hurt against a speedier TCU defense. It gains very few yards on first and second down often putting the team in a third and long situation, where it has converted only 33 percent of the time on the year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** The quality of the defensive play will mean that whoever makes plays in the special teams area will come out on top. Fortunately for TCU, its unit came off its finest game of the season, has a dangerous returner in Cory Rodgers, and clutch kicker in Nick Browne.

**OVERALL** Southern Miss rarely loses at home. "The Rock" will be rocking and rolling and most teams falter under the pressure. TCU has been a target all year and this week is no different. The team is focused, loose and ready and is more than up for the challenge. TCU has the edge in offensive playmakers and special teams play which will allow the Frogs to squeak by the Golden Eagles. Nick Browne will not be a bystander in this game and will more than likely be the difference.

**PREDICTION:** Braden Howell - Frogs 24-10 Carlos Alvarado - Frogs 20-13

## Key Matchup

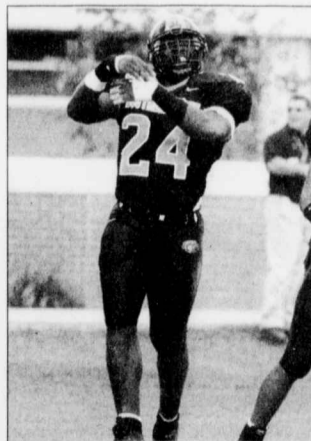
Hassell will need to minimize his mistakes against the Southern Miss defense, of which Davis is the leader. Keeping the ball away from Davis will be a key factor in the Frogs ability to move the offense. Hassell will always have to know where Davis is in order for the Frogs to be successful.

**Brandon Hassell**  
 7 QB



**Rod Davis**  
 24 LB

Davis is a pure playmaker. He is on every major defensive award watch-list and is widely regarded as one of the best defensive players in the country. He is the most complete defensive player the Frogs have faced this season, and his size, speed and strength make him a menace on the field. If he is able to disrupt Hassell's ability to run the offense, the Southern Miss defense could have a field day with the Frogs.



— The Edge compiled by Carlos Alvarado  
 Key MatchUp compiled by Braden Howell

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