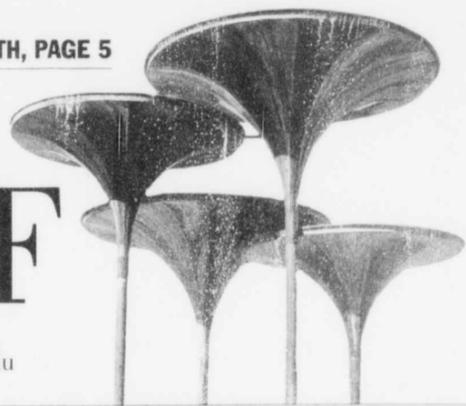


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Today's News

STATE NEWS

DALLAS — A former Dallas narcotics officer accused of submitting false reports and lying to FBI agents in a drug scandal that sent dozens of immigrants to jail was found not guilty of all charges Tuesday.

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AUSTIN — The Texas attorney general's office Tuesday sued 15 companies it says have violated the state's do-not-call law, which forbids most telephone solicitors from calling consumers at home.

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Gender gap a trend at most universities

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER
Staff Reporter

Guys love it, girls hate it, and TCU doesn't know what to do about it.

Over the last 40 years, the percentage of men at TCU has stayed between 38 percent and 43 percent, said Dean of Admissions Ray Brown.

"This is something that I figured last year would be easy to break and that was the one record we did not break," he said. "It was a huge disappointment to me."

TCU had an increase in all applications last school year and the majority were from women, Brown said.

"Guys are doing other stuff," he said. "They are just not going to college like women are."

According to the 2003 TCU Fact Book, 2,820 of the 6,933 undergraduate students this year were male. Last year, 2,850 of 6,851 students were male.

Karen Scott, director of international admission, said more women are in college nationwide and even more women are in private universities.

Nationally, the amount of women in higher education passed men about five years ago, Brown said. The percentage is now about 53 percent, he said.

Ben Alexander, director of admission marketing, said, "We are always trying to encourage men to apply and to express an interest in TCU. But because this is a national trend, it is hard to do."

Yvette Nevarez, a junior English

major, said the imbalance in the genders is not fair to the women at TCU for social and academic reasons.

"It's great that more and more women want to better themselves but depressing that men don't," Nevarez said. "With each new class coming in, you see fewer and fewer men."

Scott said certain majors, such as nursing, education and fine arts, appeal to women more than other majors. These majors are predominant at TCU, she said.

"Not to be stereotypical, but some majors just appeal more to women than to men," Scott said. "A university with a

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TCU's undergraduate gender ratio



On Campus

New bill could reduce the price of textbooks

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A new bill in Congress could ease the pain felt by college students buying textbooks each semester.

Congressman David Wu, D-Ore., and member of the House Education Committee, introduced a bill to the House of Representatives Thursday to have the General Accounting Office, the investigative division of Congress, look into why American students pay more for textbooks than students overseas.

The GAO will also determine why U.S. college bookstores are banned from buying cheaper alternatives, like used books or paperbacks, that universities overseas have access to, according to a statement made by Wu Thursday in Washington, D.C.

"American college students should not have to pay double what overseas students pay for identical college textbooks," Wu said in the statement. "The pricing practices of the college textbook industry defy common sense, and today I am announcing legislation to get to the bottom of it."

Wu started taking action when he talked to Portland State University's bookstore manager about the situation and found out this had been a source of frustration for quite some time, said Cameron Johnson, Wu's spokesperson. Textbooks in the United States can be as much as \$100, whereas the same textbook in paperback overseas is \$50.

— Indiana Daily Student

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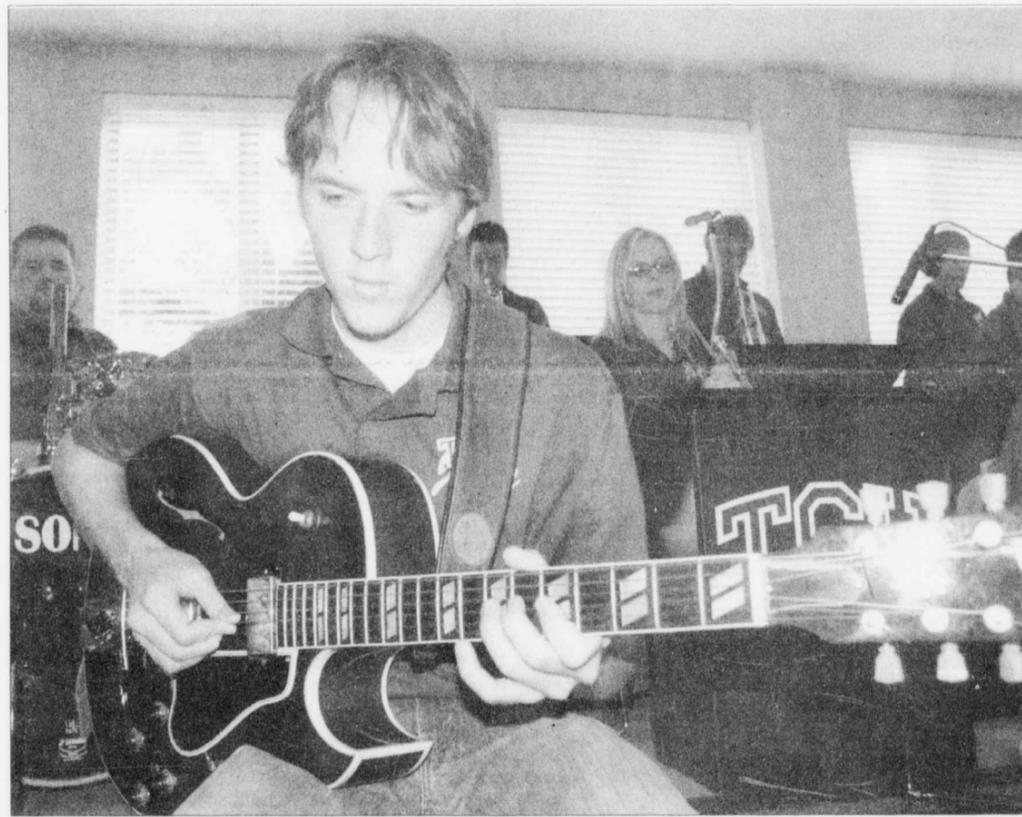
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Looking Back

1922 — In Egypt's Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon become the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen's tomb in more than 3,000 years. Tutankhamen's sealed burial chambers were intact, and inside was a collection of priceless objects.

STRUMMIN' ALONG



Freshman premajor Jameson Cockerell plays a solo piece with the TCU Jazz Band Tuesday afternoon in the Student Center Lounge.

Students wait hours to purchase tickets

Fans anticipate Kansas game at Daniel-Meyer

BY MATT POTTER
Staff Reporter

The line for tickets to the TCU-Kansas basketball game formed in the early morning hours last Saturday.

The tickets were not handed out until 5 p.m., but many faithful Frog fans wanted

to make sure they had seats for the nationally televised game on Dec. 1.

"We planned on getting here at midnight," said Courtney Iverson, a freshman movement science major. "But then we decided that 8:00 a.m. was early enough."

The majority of the crowd began to arrive at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum around 2 p.m. The crowd steadily grew until two lines stretched to the back of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot.

"Ever since the students heard Kansas was coming to TCU, there has been major hype around the game," director of sports marketing Tim George said. "The Kansas

game sells itself, and we haven't had this kind of demand since the Texas Tech game last year."

The Kansas Jayhawks have made it to the NCAA tournament 13 consecutive years. Last year, they made it to the national championship game, losing to Syracuse University.

Head men's basketball coach Neil Dougherty was an assistant coach at Kansas for seven years under Roy Williams before coming to TCU for the 2002-2003 season.

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Davis's success result of trials

BY JESSICA SANDERS
News Editor

From her resume, it might seem that success came easily to Councilwoman Wendy Davis.

In 1990, she graduated first in her class from TCU and continued on to Harvard Law School, where she graduated with honors. Davis returned to Fort Worth to work as an attorney and now represents City Council District 9.

But her record doesn't do justice to the trials she has faced, said English professor emeritus Bob Frye, one of Davis' former professors.

"She was very talented," Frye said. "She's overcome a number of obstacles in her early life and

she just came right through it."

Davis said she was 22 and a single parent attending Tarrant County Junior College when she received a scholarship to go to TCU. Her then 3-year-old daughter, Amber, was enrolled in preschool with an extended-care program while Davis went to TCU full time and worked full time as a receptionist and waitress, she said.

"It was difficult," she said. "It makes you very effective at time management."

Despite the time constraints, Davis was an exceptional student, Frye said.

"In a very good class, she was absolutely the best writer," Frye said. "I was so impressed with

her that I wrote a three-page single-spaced letter of recommendation for her for Harvard Law."

Harvard turned out to be good preparation, not only for a career in law, but also for being on City Council, Davis said.

"Definitely going to law school and practicing law helped me develop analytical skills needed to argue a point," she said. "Sometimes I am a little more long-winded than I would like, but I guess that comes from being a lawyer where you are paid by the word."

Davis' district includes parts of south and southwest Fort Worth, downtown and the TCU area.

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Pie anyone?



Junior radio-TV-film major Courtney Klink picks up a pie from Maria Ortiz in The Main Tuesday evening.

Television station to air in spring

BY KRISTI WALKER
Staff Reporter

TCU's Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization is starting a university TV station next semester that will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provide the campus with up-to-date world news, movies and student programming, said Jason Ruth, president of CEO.

"This station will provide TCU students with a means to learn and understand business in a hands-on environment," said Ruth, a senior e-business, marketing and entrepreneurship major, who had the initial idea of CEO TV.

There will be opportunities for radio-TV-film, broadcast journalism and theater students to work on programming, he said. Opportunities will also be available for advertising and public relations students to get hands-on experience in broadcast production and advertising, he said. Also, the organization has an agreement with Res Life Cinema to show blockbuster movies that have just been released, Ruth said.

"We want to encourage students to create and tape material that they want shown on CEO TV and give it to us to review for programming," Ruth said.

Monica Mahorney, a junior broadcast journalism major, said she thinks broadcasting majors can benefit greatly from the station.

"A cable show that gives students going into the TV market a good tape of their work to show to potential employers would be very beneficial to the department and to students,"

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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■ **TCU Journalism Department** is bringing *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* staff photographer Tom Pennington in to give a presentation on covering the war in Afghanistan and Iraq at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Moudy Building South, Room 280. The presentation will coincide with the opening of the TCU Photojournalism Gallery. Call (817) 257-7425 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.

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

■ **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.

■ **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.

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GENDER

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bigger engineering program would typically have more males."

Allison Liu, a sophomore nursing major, said mainly females are in her major and future profession. Therefore there are only two or three males in each of her classes, she said.

"I would be interested to see how my overall education would change if there were more

males," she said.

Men are interested in majors that deal with science, technology and professions that make more money, Liu said.

Another reason TCU may appeal more to females than males is because TCU is a friendly and safe campus, Scott said.

"Parents like that their daughter can go someplace and have somebody watch over them," she said.

Although there is a big gap between males and females,

Scott said she rarely hears anyone complaining about it.

"I occasionally hear people joking about the gender gap," Scott said.

Brown said in the 1950s, when more men were at TCU than women, it was not a big deal, but now that more women are enrolled, it has become a big deal.

Recruiting more males to TCU is important to the females because women have a smaller chance of marrying a man with the same education, he said.

"One of the huge things that

cause divorce is difference in education," Brown said.

Alexander said the admissions office is trying to recruit more students, especially men, by simplifying the application process.

"Every additional step makes the process more difficult," he said. "We want to make the process easier for everyone to get more students interested."

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TICKETS

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Junior political science major A.J. Jongewaard said he wants to be at the game when Kansas comes to town because he wants to have the chance to watch TCU beat Kansas.

"The fact that we're playing Kansas, a nationally respected team, in a nationally televised game is awesome," Jongewaard said. "TCU athletics doesn't get enough respect and support on

campus and that's wrong."

George said the basketball team has gained more support because of the success of the football team.

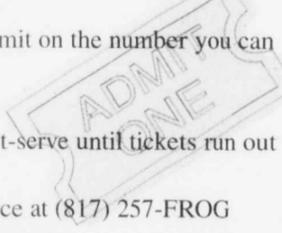
"The students have really supported the football team," George said. "They know it's important for the success of a team. The excitement from football should spread to basketball."

The game will be broadcast on ESPN Monday. Tip-off is set for 10 p.m.

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 First-come, first-serve until tickets run out
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 TCU ticket office at (817) 257-FROG



NewsBrief

SGA passes two new resolutions, tables two

Two resolutions passed while new business was tabled for further debate at Tuesday night's Student Government Association meeting.

The first resolution passed supports Froggie-Five-O accountability.

The bill was submitted by Residential Concerns Chairman Ray Miller and his committee. Miller said there have been complaints about reckless driving and rude comments made by Froggie-Five-O drivers.

"Someone came up to me and told me this was going on," said Miller, a sophomore political science major. "Once it happened, we started getting all kinds of complaints from men and women."

Miller said measures will be taken to raise awareness of identification stickers on carts, which can be called in to report misconduct.

A resolution also passed to recommend possible campus improvements to the TCU administration, which was submitted by Sherley Hall Representative Whitney Graham and the SGA finance committee. The resolution includes suggestions about a parking garage, a possible concert hall and a mass transportation system.

"It is important that we share our ideas as students," said Graham, a freshman biology major. "If not, administration will build buildings with their ideas only."

Two bills were introduced and tabled for next week's meeting because of their length in content, while a resolution failed to be completed due to disagreement.

The resolution called for establishing a Presidential Advisory Committee for the establishment of class officers. Numerous pros and cons were discussed until the meeting was called for not having enough representatives to vote after several members needed to leave.

— Danny Gillham

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Don Mills, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said he has come to know Davis through the council's dealings with the university.

"Councilwoman Davis is an extremely bright, funny, dynamic and charismatic person," Mills said. "She is a great friend to TCU and leader to Fort Worth."

He said that whenever TCU is planning development, administrators always ask Davis' advice on how to present it to the city. She also helps TCU by acting as a mediator between the university and the neighbors at area meetings, Mills said.

"She also tells us when she thinks we should change our plans," Mills said. "She's very honest and that's helpful, too."

Mills said he is working with Davis on the Berry Street Initiative to redevelop and beautify the area around West Berry Street. Plans for the area include an urban village of apartments, shops and restaurants.

Davis said she enjoys helping with economic developments, but she also likes solving the problems for Fort Worth residents.

"I enjoy the day-to-day of helping people in my district with things that don't seem like big issues but are to the people who deal with them," Davis said. "When I was first elected, I helped an elderly woman in my district during record summer heat to receive an air-conditioning unit from an emergency assistance program that we have."

She said she has also helped with other small things, such as clearing illegal dumping, getting new streetlights put up in neighborhoods and working to get donations for park improvements.

Assistant City Manager Charles Boswell said he has worked with Davis on a number of projects in the last 10 years

and admires her dedication.

Boswell said Davis supported public housing residents when they were moved to an apartment complex in her district because she felt it was in the best interest of the residents and the city as a whole.

"I enjoy the day-to-day of helping people in my district with things that don't seem like big issues but are to the people who deal with them."

— Wendy Davis
 councilwoman

"It was not, however, a popular political position, and she had to endure months of hate mail and personal attacks," Boswell said.

"She held her ground and was easily re-elected last May. It took courage to do the right thing, but she did it."

Frye said he still follows Davis' career and admires her accomplishments.

"Even under difficult situations she excelled, and I just have a lot of admiration for Wendy," he said. "I'm very proud of her."

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TV

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Mahorney said. "It will promote TCU students as the up-and-coming market for broadcast journalism."

TCU business majors can gain experience in running a business and handling its finances, since CEO TV will be responsible for managing the station and creating quarterly statements, Ruth said.

Michael Hennig, a sophomore marketing and entrepreneurial management major, said the organization is in the process of developing the financial plan of the station.

The initial startup cost for the station is about \$40,000, which includes money for computers, film equipment and other office expenses, said Hennig, one of the innovators of CEO TV. The remainder goes toward the first month of production, he said. After the first month, the

station will be funded by advertising sales, he said.

Ruth said CEO will request the \$39,800 loan today from Student Government

Association.

"So far the administrative cabinet of SGA has strongly supported the bill," Ruth said.

The bill will be presented, go to the finance committee and then be reintroduced to SGA for a final vote, Ruth said. CEO is requesting a loan instead of a grant in order to gain a true business experience of taking out a loan and paying it back with interest, Ruth said.

Although Ruth said he is optimistic about getting the loan, he said he also has other sources willing to contribute to the project.

CEO is also planning to offer paid internships or paid jobs to students in all majors. He said it will take about 14 students total to run the station in the beginning, since there will be no live feeds.

Doug Newsom, a public

relations professor, said any internships or experiences the advertising and public relations students can gain will be helpful.

"All students who have successfully gotten through the required advertising (and) public relations courses will be well equipped to take on an internship with the station," Newsom said.

The station will be broadcast from Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurs Hall on channel 47, which is an existing, non-working station, he said. CEO's goal is to start broadcasting in March 2004 to a closed-circuit audience of TCU students in dorms, faculty and staff, and on-campus buildings, according to the CEO TV business plan. This will last for three years and during the fourth, CEO TV plans to broadcast on an open circuit to the Dallas/Fort Worth circuit, according to the plan.

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The Skiff View

HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving cheers and jeers

Cheers to football, family and free food.
 Jeers to the official beginning of Christmas shopping.
 Cheers for a holiday that hasn't been swallowed up by commercialism ... too much.
 Jeers for stores that put up their Christmas junk the day after Halloween.
 Cheers for thankfulness.
 Jeers for gluttony.
 Cheers to stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, Mom's green bean casserole and pumpkin pie. You don't need turkey to make a meal.
 Jeers for having almost no Thanksgiving songs.
 Cheers for professors who are not having class on Wednesday because they realize students need time with their families (and they need to be with theirs).
 Jeers to the university for not giving students Wednesday off so they can get home.
 Cheers for Texas vs. A&M.
 Jeers to being forced to watch the awful Detroit Lions play.
 Cheers to a small break before the chaos of finals envelops us all.
 Jeers for busy airports and pushy people.
 Cheers to extended family close enough to spend Thanksgiving with when your immediate family is too far away.
 Jeers to that cousin who wears way too much cologne and always sits next to you.
 Cheers to bringing the family together and having tons of good food.
 Can you honestly have a jeer about Thanksgiving? Cheers!

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Dr. Seuss's Ad in the Hat disturbs moviegoers

What do Burger King, Smucker's, Rayovac, Febreze and MasterCard all have in common?

They're "Cat sponsors." Each of them is one of 12 different companies promoting more than 40 brands that are working hard to try and make a few big bucks off of Universal's newest holiday blockbuster "The Cat in the Hat."

To partner up with the movie, some companies pay anywhere from \$5,000 to over \$1 million. Some extreme examples being Procter & Gamble Co., which has spent an estimated \$25 to \$30 million on advertising, as well as MasterCard International Inc., shelling out 20 percent of its entire advertising budget for the year on promotion in the Dr. Seuss arena.

Mitch Litvak, president of the L.A. Office, a marketing firm that specializes in partnerships between companies and movies, said that while there are no precise numbers on which movie has the most corporate tie-ins, "it's definitely up there when you're talking about the number of different brands involved. I would gamble it's the top."

You may be thinking, so what? Movies have been exploited like this for a long

time, what makes this one so different?

And therein lies the problem. When did it become OK for us to just let these things go by the wayside? Up until a few years ago children's movies had virtually no corporate tie-ins.

The new mindset seems to be that everyone's making a few bucks here and therefore everyone is happy — corporations, stores, parents, kids.

While it may appear that the kids are coming first, they seem to be settling somewhere toward the end of the line.

Who is really benefiting from a Febreze or Swiffer promotion? We don't really think too many kids are all hopped up to buy the latest scented air freshener or Wet Jet.

"The Cat in the Hat" tries to redeem itself by stating that there are no product placements in the movie because the film is "after all, a fantasy."

Well, we're sure Dr. Seuss would be proud. That's what he did best, trying to create a fantasy world just like this film claims to do.

Only Dr. Seuss didn't need fancy, expensive promotions to get his vision across. All he needed was his imagination — and that's all children need too.

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Grant a Christmas wish

I remember Christmas mornings with great affection.

My two sisters and I would rush out of our rooms in our pajamas, wake our parents up and pile into the living room to open our presents. For a little kid, it's pure excitement.



Laura McFarland

Now that I'm older, Christmas is totally different. I no longer rush into the living room or wait excitedly to rip into my presents. I leave that to the younger children in my family. But I still remember those wonderful memories, and I wish all children could have that.

Unfortunately, I know that isn't true. But I also realize there is something I can do to help at least one child have a nicer Christmas.

Every year, Bank One works with Child Protective Services to sponsor the Spirit of Christmas, a program that grants Christmas wishes to children who would probably not receive any gifts otherwise. For several years now, TCU's Order of Omega has participated in the program by getting students to take a card with a child's information on it and fulfill that child's wish. Usually the child has requested a special toy and his or her clothing sizes are on the card as well.

Through the statewide program, more than 44,000 gifts were collected for 20,000 children last year. Just in Fort Worth, 4,000 gifts were collected, and 550 of those came from TCU.

There are thousands of children in foster homes, group homes, foster care and poverty-stricken homes all across Tarrant County who, more than

likely, will probably get very little for Christmas.

Lisa Hill, CPS community coordinator for Tarrant County, said the program is more than just about giving children gifts so they have a nice holiday. It's about hope. She said that most of the children in these situations have had some kind of crisis in their family. Some have been taken away from their parents or their families can barely afford food, much less gifts. For them to know that somebody out there cares enough to make sure they have a nice Christmas means more than we can imagine.

The Order of Omega has cards for 605 children this year. As of early Tuesday, 432 of those cards had been picked up. The organization will have a table set up in the Student Center next Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for people to come pick up the remaining wish cards and make a child's Christmas something really special. The gifts should be wrapped in one box or bag, have the wish card firmly attached to them and be brought to the Holiday Tree Lighting at 9 p.m. Wednesday on the lawn in front of Sadler Hall.

I know money may be tight for some of us right now. Maybe you'll say you don't have the time to go shopping. Those are valid reasons not to participate in the program.

But if you possibly can spare the time and the money, please consider that you have the power to give one child a very merry Christmas. So do what is within your power and stop by the Student Center to pick up a wish card.

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Journalism attracts more liberals than conservatives

Upon first arriving at TCU, I was struck by the general conservative sentiment of students here. While different professors I have studied under have had decidedly different political views, it seemed as if a clear majority of the students I met were politically conservative.



Liddy Serio

Though TCU is less conservative than a university such as Baylor, where students are required to go to chapel, it is in no way a liberal institution. Who could forget last year, while anti-war protests were occurring, how the pro-America rally to support our troops in Iraq got a much larger turnout?

I cannot say I was surprised by this. The fact that TCU is in the South, as well as the fact that its high tuition draws students mostly from higher income brackets, are logical indicators of a conservative campus.

However, I was amazed by the number of liberals I found myself surrounded by in my journalism classes. Working with the Skiff, as well as getting to know journalism professors and students, has only strengthened my belief that journalism is a field composed primarily of more liberally-minded people. I had to ask myself, "why was our journalism department markedly more liberal than the rest of our campus?" The answer may be, quite simply, that liberally-minded people tend to become journalists more than conservatives do.

This answer only seems to provoke more questions as to why journalism attracts more liberals than conservatives. I am unsure about

the answer. For some reason, the act of being a journalist is one which apparently appeals more to people who have liberal political views. Perhaps this is because of a journalist's tendency to always ask questions, to always push the envelope and to constantly challenge the norm. These characteristics seem more conducive to the term "liberal" than the term "conservative."

This is a logical explanation to the often-heard complaint that the media is liberally biased. Simply put, more journalists are liberal than are conservative, and it is practically impossible to report the news without slanting it to one's personal views. Therefore, if more journalists are liberals, it is only natural that the news be reported liberally.

What upsets me most about this situation is the implication that conservatives do not become journalists because conservatives are by nature people who conform to social norms and reject changes. In

political terms, I am a conservative, but I would like to think of myself as someone who questions and challenges social norms rather than simply accepting them, and I hope these are characteristics that will be embraced by more conservatives. It is completely possible for conservatives to maintain their views on matters such as government taxes and regulations without being stagnant. And it is precisely when conservatives stop being so "conservative" that journalists will become more politically diverse, and the liberal media bias will disappear.

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Ethics come after grades

Cheating is an epidemic that ails every college nationwide. One wonders if cheating is more common now because of

COMMENTARY



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the increasing academic competition among students, or because of ever-degrading morality that has become all too common in our country.

Morals often take a back seat to success. Students are taught at an early age that they must be the best at any cost. In grade school, a child might look at his neighbor's paper to get a check plus instead of a check minus on a spelling quiz. When his parents and teachers praise the high marks on his report card, the deceitful ways in which he achieved them seem to be affirmed. In high school the same child might copy his friend's worksheets when his were incomplete or download a paper from the Internet because he didn't have time to finish his, all the while telling himself that a dishonest "A" is better than an honest "F."

For many students, school is not at all about learning; it is about grades. Grades will get them into an Ivy League graduate school or allow them an internship for a six-figure job. Nowhere on a high school or college transcript does a student receive marks for honesty. The cheating students are rewarded, while the honest students with lesser grades are overlooked.

So as students we must make a choice. There are two paths we can choose. One offers everything we could ever want. It has the least amount of work and the highest marks. It will give us glory we did not earn and success we do not deserve. It is the easy way out, the shortcut, the popular route. Company executives cheat on their taxes, domestic idols practice insider trading and they are all making millions of dollars doing it. Everything is moral as long as we profit from it. If we don't get caught, we have done nothing wrong.

The other path is less crowded. It is harder to travel and there are times it may seem like we are the only ones on it. On this path we must earn everything ourselves. This means working harder, longer and probably getting less in return. It means taking the honest "C," letting your stock depreciate and paying the government every cent it is owed. This path is unpopular and, at places, desolate, but however difficult it may be, choosing integrity also means that every award we get, every dollar we spend, every congratulations that is said to us or banquet given in our name, we earned. We worked for it, and we deserve it. It cannot be taken away. The honor we achieve by ethical learning is more difficult, but it validates who we are, and helps dictate who we will become.

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National/State Roundup

Former Dallas narcotics officer found innocent

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas narcotics officer accused of submitting false reports and lying to FBI agents in a drug scandal that sent dozens of immigrants to jail was found not guilty of all charges Tuesday.

Former Senior Cpl. Mark De La Paz was the arresting officer in several cases dismissed after tests revealed the drugs were actually gypsum powder or other legal substances.

Jurors deliberated five hours, starting Monday afternoon.

De La Paz had been charged with five counts of deprivation of rights under the color of law and one count of making false statements to federal officials. He could have received up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors had alleged De La Paz lied about seeing drug transactions take place between four innocent Mexican immigrants and confidential informants.

Paul Coggins, De La Paz' attorney, said De La Paz was duped by a crafty drug informant who masterminded the fake drug scheme. He said it was not a crime to be fooled.

"If you believe Mark De La Paz truly believed what he put in those reports you must acquit him," Coggins said during closing arguments.

Texas attorney general's office sues telemarketers

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office on Tuesday sued 15 companies it says have violated the state's do-not-call law, which forbids most telephone solicitors from

calling consumers at home.

The lawsuits allege the companies have harassed consumers by calling them repeatedly with high-pressure sales pitches.

"Texans are sick and tired of harassing phone calls in their homes," Texas Attorney Greg Abbott said at a news conference announcing the suits. "Texans are sick and tired of telemarketers invading their homes, and I think it's time that we collectively do something about it."

Nearly 1 million consumers have signed up to be on the no-call list since the law went into effect in April 2002.

The lawsuits seek temporary and permanent injunctions to stop the calls. The defendants also are subject to fines of up to \$1,000 for each telephone call made in violation of the law and up to \$3,000 per call if they were made in knowing violation of the law.

Abbott said the defendants' in the suits represent a variety of businesses and services, including financial-planning services for seniors, home improvements, personal dating services and computer repair.

Woman sues funeral company over burial plot

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Years after paying for burial space at a cemetery, a South Texas woman says she's still waiting for her mother's final resting place to be available.

Gloria Lazo said she wants her mother's remains moved from a temporary gravesite at Buena Vista Burial Park to space purchased inside the mausoleum.

"Imagine how I feel thinking about this for years," Lazo told

The Brownsville Herald in Tuesday's editions. "It's not fair."

Lazo and three other Brownsville families sued SCI Texas Funeral Services Inc., the owners of the Brownsville cemetery, in 1999 because they were not able to claim burial spaces for which they had paid.

Another Brownsville woman said earlier that someone else was buried in her mother's funeral plot at Buena Vista Burial Park.

Officials of SCI, the world's largest funeral services company, contend that the problems occurred before they purchased Buena Vista in 1995, blaming bad record keeping by the park's previous owners.

Historians find possible 1700s presidio wall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Excavators at the site of a downtown building have found a buried wall that archeologists say could be part of a presidio dating from the early 1700s.

University of Texas at San Antonio archaeologists who had earlier uncovered two areas filled with artifacts from the 1800s found the limestone wall when they dug deeper.

Archeologists say the 3-foot-high, 30-foot-wide wall could have been the base for a two-story building in the presidio of San Antonio de Bexar, which served as a military outpost for original settlers.

"This is unbelievable," Ann McGlone, the city's historic preservation officer, told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions. "This is as old as we get in San Antonio."

Bruce Moses, a UTSA staff

archaeologist, said the wall probably connected to the Spanish Governor's Palace, now across a downtown street, which was also part of the presidio.

"Potentially, this wall would have connected for one continuous building," he said.

Archaeologists digging in the area several weeks ago in preparation for construction of a community center for San Fernando Cathedral found two middens, or trash dumps, containing the 1800s artifacts. The older discovery came Friday.

"We were surprised to find it," said Steve Tomka, director of the UTSA Center for Archaeological Studies.

Moses said archaeologists will photograph and document the wall, then probably take it apart and move it from the site so it can be studied.

Deaths might be linked to immigrant smuggling

PHOENIX (AP) — Authorities are investigating the deaths of three Hispanic men found bound and shot execution-style in the desert and believe the killings may be linked to increasingly violent immigrant smuggling.

The men, believed to be undocumented immigrants, were found Sunday morning, said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. They ranged in age from 20 to 40.

Nine similar deaths are being investigated. The slayings began in March 2002 and authorities do not know whether one person or group is committing the murders.

Authorities believe the deaths may be caused by organized gangs of "coyotes," who smuggle

people across the border.

The killings come as federal immigration authorities are zeroing in on Maricopa County, which they have described as the nation's underground hub in the human smuggling network.

Hundreds volunteer to look for missing student

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Hundreds of volunteers lined up Tuesday to join the search for a University of North Dakota student who has been missing since Saturday. Police believe she may have been abducted.

Dru Sjodin, a 22-year-old senior in graphic arts from Pequot Lakes, Minn., was last seen late Saturday afternoon, as she was leaving the Columbia Mall in Grand Forks where she worked.

Her mother, Linda Walker, said her daughter was talking to her boyfriend on her cell phone about 5 p.m. Saturday when her boyfriend heard her say, "Oh, my God." Walker said the phone then went dead.

The volunteers were given identification badges and assigned to teams Tuesday morning, then bused to an area east of the city to search for Sjodin.

"I was up all night, because I've just been itching to get out and do this," said Jerrod Arneson, one of the searchers. "You never think something like this would happen here, and when it does, you want to do something."

The search was concentrated on an area around Fisher, Minn., east of Grand Forks, where police had traced a call from Sjodin's cell phone.

Men get probation for distributing marijuana

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three men who pleaded guilty to distributing medical marijuana to seriously ill patients received probation instead of a federal prison term after a judge expressed admiration for their work and called the prosecution "badly misguided."

Scott Imler, Jeff Yablan and Jeffrey Farrington received one year of probation and up to 250 hours of community service. They faced up to 30 months in prison after striking a plea bargain with prosecutors.

"Though it was hard to keep faith in the system throughout this process, I know mine was restored today," Imler said Monday as he thanked U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz for his leniency and prosecutors for treating him with respect.

Matz said he was navigating "somewhat uncharted shoals" in making the downward departure from sentencing guidelines, but the three men did not distribute the marijuana for money or political leverage.

He also said they scrupulously adhered to rules established under Proposition 215, the nation's first medical marijuana law, which allowed Californians with cancer, HIV and certain other chronic medical conditions to grow and use marijuana to ease nausea and other health problems if a physician recommends it.

The 1996 state law conflicted with federal law banning the cultivation, possession and use of marijuana, even for medical purposes. The conflicting laws have led to numerous raids of medical marijuana centers and lawsuits.



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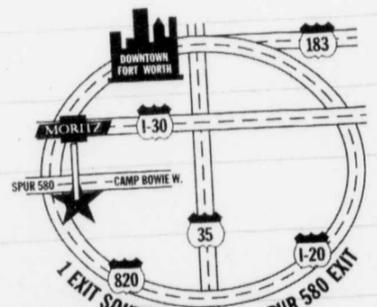
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Britney's album is "in the zone"

New album is energetic, risqué

BY LARA HENDRICKSON
Commentary

I am *In the Zone* obsessed.

Now, if you know me, right now you may be telling your friends that the person writing this article has dressed up as Britney Spears for four consecutive years in a row, whether it's to a theme party or to Halloween or just because I think it sounds like fun. You may tell them that I called Wal-Mart (the only place opened past midnight that sells CD's) to see if they would put her new CD out at midnight Nov. 18 so I could have it before anyone else in Fort Worth (big "no"). You may tell them that I have watched every Britney Spears video so many times I could probably do the highly choreographed dances backwards while signing the accompanying song and painting my toenails.

I know most of the young women reading this article are probably saying that I am a sellout to humankind, that

"But really, *In the Zone* is more than oozing sexuality; it is also the most energetic of all Spears's CDs."

—Lara Hendrickson

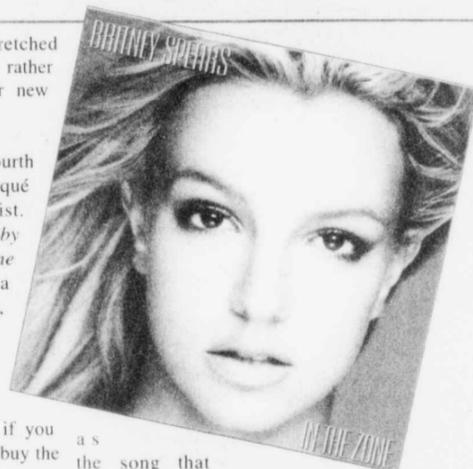
Britney Spears has a wretched voice and that you would rather kill yourself than buy her new album, but seriously ...

It is SO good!

The album, Spears's fourth under Jive records, is a risqué addition to her list. Particularly compared to *Baby One More Time*, *In the Zone* takes sexual innuendoes to a whole new level. In fact, they aren't really innuendoes at this point. Songs like "Breathe on Me" and "Touch of My Hand"

tackle themes of ... yeah, if you need me to explain, you really shouldn't buy the album.

But really, *In the Zone* is more than oozing sexuality; it is also the most energetic of all Spears's CDs. Songs like "Outrageous" (produced and written by R. Kelly), "Me Against the Music" (the ever-so-famous compilation with Madonna) and "I Got that Boom Boom" (for all you Southern boys), make you want to get up and, for lack of a better phrase, jump around. And then there's the oh-so-sweet "Everytime," with a beautiful piano riff and sweet lyrics that Spears wrote herself. She hasn't admitted it's for Justin yet, but I personally like to think of it



as the song that will get them back together. Back up off, Cameron.

So whether you think she is the devil incarnate, or that she lip synchs, or if you just plain think she's hot, you have to give Spears credit where its due — she can make a comeback from a six-month hiatus like no one else. Truly the queen of publicity, the princess of pop and my very favorite blonde in the world (besides myself dressed as her, of course), she's done it again.

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The House of Sand & Fog

Brilliant acting create a film worthy of an Oscar



BY RACHEL COX
Commentary

"The envelope please. ..."

For those who haven't heard the new buzz, you will more than likely be hearing of Vadim Perelman's new dramatic thriller "The House of Sand and Fog," based on the novel by Andre Dubus II, in terms of Oscar buzz soon. Starring Jennifer Connelly and the legendary Ben Kingsley, this movie is one that touches audience members of every gender, race and frame of mind. It is a rare movie that for the first time in a long while dares to convey a message of hope for all mankind.

The central theme of the title ties together the main plot of the story with all the characters. The "fog" refers to the main characters and the actions they take through the film. The fog describes the unknowingness and darkness that many of the characters feel when caught in situations that are very emotionally and physically draining. The contrasting characters, Kathy (Connelly) and Mr. Behrani (Kingsley), portray the fog that seems to cloud their thought processes. Connelly delivers a woman with a "gypsy" mood in the ways she chooses to live her life. She delivers yet another Oscar-worthy performance, as her character is one of vulnerability, mystery and grit. Paired with Mr. Massoud Amir

Behrani, the two forces behind the film are sure to clash straight from the beginning.

Kingsley portrays a former member of the Shah of Iran's elite inner circle. The plot's contrast occurs when Mr. Behrani purchases Kathy's mistakenly foreclosed-on home. After the movie unfolds and we can understand these characters and their lives, we can see that the "sand" signifies their ever-shifting lives.

These days, we see movies that try to convey messages of love, fear and a plethora of other emotions. How we choose to interpret and accept those emotions is up to us. With "The House of Sand and Fog," we are given a plotline that begs the question: If the characters could have cried out to each other in the beginning, could great deals of heartache and grief be done away with? Even though the world is often full of tragedy, and there is always that family barely hanging on or that woman starting over from nothing, we must place hope in them, for their sakes and our own. Both the author and director have come together in harmony to create a very empowering and emotionally moving film.

This movie does an immaculate job of coming together to produce a true work of art that will hopefully touch many lives. The characters' personalities and traits are so raw and powerful that it will be hard for anyone not to relate to the film.

Invading Fort Worth: Howitzer

Rock band brings sounds of Jimi Hendrix, Blink 182, Foo Fighters to The Aardvark



BY NATALIE DOW
Commentary

I am not talking about the bomb. I'm talking about the band. Howitzer has invaded Fort Worth and is marking its territory by playing regularly at clubs and music complexes in the Fort Worth area. However, they come in peace, just wanting to enjoy themselves while doing shows and entertaining their fans.

Howitzer is comprised of three talented Southern-bred boys — Cullen Dansby, bass; Tracy Miller, drums; and Mack Burke, guitar and vocals. They are all about 18; Mack and Tracy are in college, and Cullen is in high school. They met in high school, and the band's present members were officially formed in September 2002. Even though they have

only been together for a year, they have made their mark on the local Fort Worth music scene. If you really want to know more about them, check out their bio's on their Web site, which are some of the most humorous material I've read lately. It is definitely worth one's time to go to a Howitzer show, and there is one Friday at The Aardvark. Howitzer is having their Post Thanksgiving Gobble Gobble Celebration. The show is set to start about 9:30 p.m., but it wouldn't hurt to get there early. If your Turkey Day plans are running over into Friday and you will miss this show, they are scheduled to play again Dec. 5 at Dreamworld Complex.

The band currently has a CD out and is already working on its sophomore follow-up. Their CD was recorded at First Street Audio with the assistance of Bart Rose. The CD's back cover is a take off of The Beatles' "Abbey Road" front cover, which is ironic because that was

"Howitzer has invaded Fort Worth and is marking its territory by playing regularly at clubs and music complexes in the Fort Worth area."

—Natalie Dow

The Beatles last album, and this is Howitzer's first. Although the CD is an accomplished effort, their new material has evolved and is already much better. You can check out the new music at their show or on the Web site. The band was influenced by many bands, including Jimi Hendrix, Old 97's, Get Up Kids, Blink 182 and the Foo Fighters.

When asked what genre he thought the band's music falls into, Miller said, "We keep aiming for old-school rap, but it never comes out right."

I think their music is mid-tempo rock, could be considered punk rock, is melodic with fairly simplistic songs and good lyrics.

I highly recommend going to Howitzer's next show at the Aardvark. It should be great, as usual. However, if you can't make it there, check out their Web site, (www.howitzermusic.com), for more information, their Platinum Club, pictures, contact information and much more.

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Lawyer admits to men's confession

BY ALICIA CALDERON
Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Two men appealing a conviction in the slaying of *San Antonio Express-News* reporter Philip True have suffered a setback with the withdrawal of their attorney and the loss of two key supporters.

Miguel Gatins and Patricia Morales, who had backed the defense of the two Huichol Indians, announced at a news conference Tuesday that they now believe the men are guilty.

Defense attorney Arturo Zamora, who has been elected mayor of nearby Zapopan, said he also had pulled out of the case and asked officials to name a public defender.

"I don't have the slightest doubt today that Juan Chivarra and Miguel Hernandez killed Philip True, for reasons that perhaps will never be explained, in the Sierra Huichol in 1998," said Gatins, who had helped finance the men's defense.

His change of heart apparently was based on Morales's admission that the two men had admitted the killing during a meeting with her two years ago.

Morales, an attorney who had been acting as a defense investigator, said she had earlier been unable to bring herself to report the confession and said she had no way to prove it was accurate.

The Mexico City bureau chief for the *San Antonio Express-News*, True disappeared during a 10-day solo hike through the Sierra Madre

Occidental mountain range. His body was found in December 1998.

Hernandez and Chivarra were convicted in May 2002 but were allowed to remain free while they appeal. Their supporters had pointed to conflicting autopsy results, some of which showed True had been strangled to death while others suggested he could have died in a fall.

Morales said Chivarra told her they had killed True because they thought he was stealing minerals in the mountains, which the Indians considered to be sacred.

"I came to the conclusion I have to report what I know because, while it causes me great pain due to the profound affection I have for the two Huicholes, I do not agree with what they did," she said.

Also attending the news conference was True's widow, Martha, and *Express-News* Editor Robert Rivard.

"We hope that today, once and for all, there will be an end to all the doubts about all the data related to the death of Philip True in Chapalagana five years ago," Rivard said.

The U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Tony Garza, issued a statement on Tuesday expressing support for Rivard and for True's family.

"Given the statements made today in Guadalajara by Miguel Gatins, I repeat our interest in seeing that a full and fair judicial process be carried out," he said.

Teachers protest

Employees say Delay denying them benefits

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hundreds of teachers have protested at the Texas office of U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, saying the House majority leader has refused to bring to a floor vote a resolution that would allow educators and other government employees, who have had other jobs, to receive full Social Security benefits.

About 300 public school employees from Houston, Fort Bend, Brazosport and other school districts rallied at DeLay's Stafford office and turned down the punch and cookies DeLay's office staff offered them.

"We don't want cookies," responded the teachers with a chant. "Give us the dough."

The Social Security Fairness Act has 277 co-sponsors in the U.S. House, including 23 from Texas, with a majority needed to pass. But DeLay had the power to prevent a vote, said John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

He said Texas is one of 12 states that considers teachers public servants and requires them to live off their teacher pensions, even if they had other careers before or afterward.

"DeLay needs to soften his

heart, open his mind, cease being a dictator and let this bill come to a vote," Cole told an applauding crowd.

Randy Elms, who with other educators carried signs like "DeLay denies Teachers," say the current policy is unfair.

"If I would die today, he would get no Social Security benefits," said the 50-year-old middle school teacher, nodding toward his 10-year-old son, Ryan.

Teachers who pay into the Teacher Retirement System receive that pension fund upon retirement, but do not receive full Social Security benefits even if they paid into it and are vested, Texas Federation of Teachers secretary-treasurer John O'Sullivan said at the rally. He said spouses and children of teachers do not receive full Social Security benefits either.

DeLay has said the new bill could bankrupt Social Security. In a written statement Monday, the Republican said, "As the husband of a former teacher, I am fully aware of the sacrifices teachers make on behalf of our children and our future."

O'Sullivan said he knew that DeLay's wife, Christine, taught in Virginia.

"Fortunately for Mrs. DeLay, the state of Virginia pays both teacher retirement and Social Security," he told the *Houston Chronicle* in Tuesday's editions.

Record travel expected

BY HELENA PAYNE
Associated Press

With the economy starting to turn around, millions of Americans will hit the roads and take to the skies during a Thanksgiving weekend that promises to be the busiest since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The AAA travel group expected about 36 million people nationwide would travel 50 miles or more from their homes.

"No, 1, it's the economy. Whenever people feel more confident about their own personal finances, usually you see a little jump in travel," AAA spokesman Mantill Williams said.

A leveling off of gas prices over the past few months and good fall weather across much of the country have also contributed to the boost, Williams said.

Marissa Iden and Mike Boulware chose to beat the rush by leaving Tuesday rather than Wednesday from Minneapolis on a flight to Greenville, S.C. Despite several inches of snow in the Twin Cities this week, their flight was on time and checkpoint lines were short.

"We only got 4 inches," said Boulware, 26. "This is Minnesota. It is going to take a lot more than 4 inches to delay an airplane."

About 31 million people, or 86 percent of holiday travelers, will

reach their destination by car, despite a national average gas price of \$1.51 per gallon — a 9-cent increase over last year, AAA said. About 13 percent will fly, up 1 percent from 2002 but still 10 to 15 percent lower than pre-Sept. 11 levels, the travel group said.

"Since Sept. 11, the entire travel landscape has changed," Williams said. "The whole travel pie has shrunk."

Officials at Boston's Logan International Airport expected 75,000 to 80,000 passengers per day on the peak travel days of Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday and Monday.

"We're expecting long lines," said Phil Orlandella, spokesman for the Massachusetts Port Authority. "Sunday after the holiday will be the busiest day and Monday is expected to be busier than normal."

Amtrak spokesman Dan Stessel said 550,000 passengers were predicted to travel by rail between Tuesday and Monday. To better serve the influx of riders, Amtrak has added 70 extra trains.

Faye and Bill Bartley chose rail to avoid unpredictable Midwestern weather during their journey to Scobey, Mont. "This time of year it's risky to drive because you never know how much snow there's going to be," Faye Bartley said.



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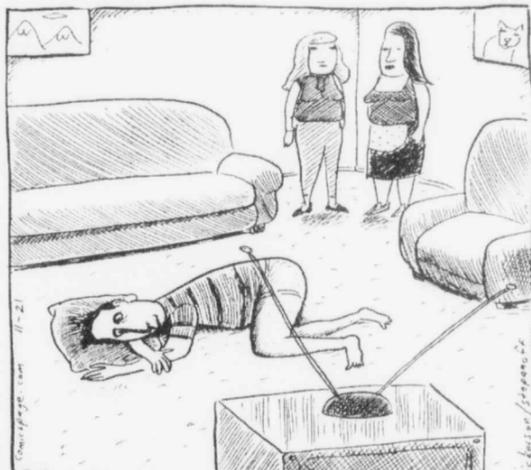
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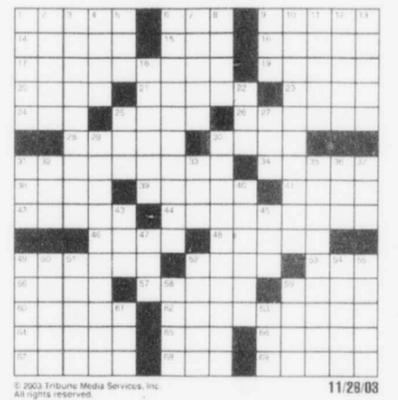
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 15 Cytoplasm letters
 16 Exchange
 17 Farthest point
 19 Unite
 20 Has—
 21 Licorice flavoring
 23 Ripened
 24 Miscalculate
 25 Concludes
 26 Grade-B Westerns
 28 Touches against
 30 Length unit
 31 Produced
 34 Plains dwelling
 38 Killer whale
 39 Brogan parts
 41 Mid expletive
 42 Hammer heads
 44 Eighty-ninth flower
 46 Certain
 48 Adolescents
 49 Small sofa
 52 Sewer segment
 53 NYC winter hrs
 56 Skater Lipinski
 57 Fireplace framework
 59 Feed the pot
 60 Nimble
 62 Displays
 64 Spoons
 65 Born in Marselles
 66 Prepared to propose
 67 Attire
 68 Bradley and Begley
 69 Alleviates



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- DOWN**
 1 West Point beginner
 2 More lenient
 3 Vocal expression
 4 Gull cousin
 5 Mine find
 6 Heart of a mill
 7 Pros' opposition
 8 Calendar units
 9 24-hr. bank
 10 Inhaled
 11 Canal boat
 12 Lawn tool
 13 Kernels
 18 Some rays
 22 Long time
 25 Continental abbr.
 27 Play part
 29 Jack's ladders?
 30 Personalities
 31 Republicans
 32 Before, before
 33 Waiaich of 'The Magnificent Seven'
 35 Imposing personalities
 36 Have a little lamb
 37 Numerical ending
 40 Oozed
 43 Take to court
 45 PGA prop
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 50 Avid
 51 Instant
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The Sideline

Placekicker named to All-America team

TCU placekicker Nick Browne was selected to the 25-man first team All-America squad Tuesday, according to the Football Writers Association of America. Browne becomes the first Horned Frog selected to the first team All-America squad since LaDainian Tomlinson in 2000.

Browne, a senior from Garland, Texas, has connected on eight straight, 20 of his last 21 and is 25-for-28 in field goal attempts this season. He has become the school's all-time single season kicking points leader with 107 this year while setting a school record with 25 field goals. He also set the school's single game record with 19 kicking points against Cincinnati and tied his own mark with five field goals in the win over the Bearcats.

A Lou Groza Award semifinalist for the second straight year, Browne is tied for the nation's lead with an average of 2.27 field goals made per game and is eighth in the country in scoring (9.91 ppg). He has been named the Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Week a record five times this season and nine times in his career. With 284 career points, Browne is ranked second behind only LaDainian Tomlinson in career points at TCU. He is also the school record holder for career field goals made, converting 62 of 78 attempts.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

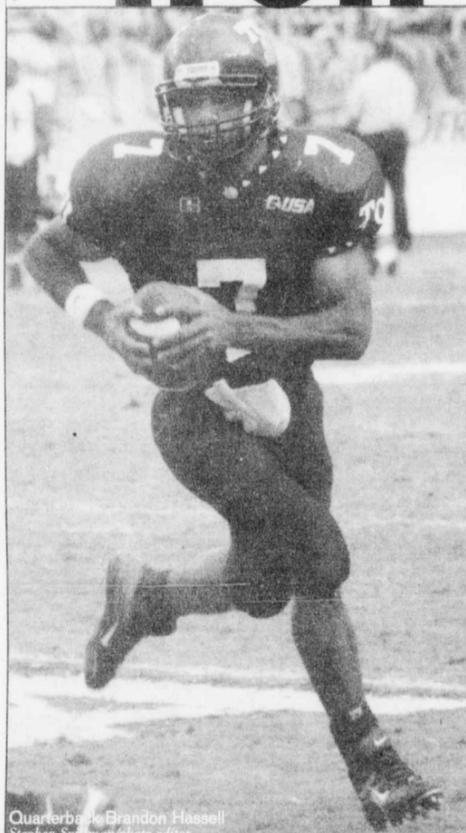
Looking Back

1958 — Maurice Richard (Montreal Canadiens) scored his 600th NHL career goal.

Four years in a row the Horned Frogs have raised the Iron Skillet above their heads following a victory over in-state rival SMU. Saturday afternoon in Dallas, the rivalry continues as the Frogs will attempt to earn Metroplex bragging rights for the fifth consecutive time in the . . .



for the battle Iron Skillet 6



Quarterback Brandon Hassell
Stephen Spillman photo editor

Fans boast that their team could not win a single game all year, but it would not matter if they beat their rival. SMU's winless season puts them exactly in the situation to do just that.

Despite not being a very good team, TCU head coach Gary Patterson feels the SMU game is not going to be a cakewalk.

COMMENTARY "This is a dangerous situation," Carlos Alvarado Patterson said. "They've been off for two weeks preparing and probably been thinking about this game since last year. "This can make their season."

Following TCU's loss to Southern Mississippi Thursday night, this game no longer holds the same significance it held less than one week ago. A victory Saturday against SMU was supposed to give the Frogs an undefeated season and a strong case for inclusion in a Bowl Championship Series bowl game.

However, after falling to Southern Miss 40-28 and losing any remaining BCS dreams the team may have had, Frog nation has been in a somber mood the past few days.

"It's been a funeral," Patterson said. "Not that night but the next two days afterwards."

The Frogs have been tested in many ways this year, having fought through a slew of key injuries. This week's game brings on a new test for this Frog team: dealing with a devastating loss.

Patterson understands that how the Frogs perform will speak volumes for the content of their character, but he is

confident his team will perform well.

"You find out what kind of team you have when you're down," Patterson said. "We've had more guys that have responded well than not."

While the game does not have the national significance it promised to have one week ago, a win is still sought after heavily by both teams. A Mustang win would put a happy ending on what has been a miserable season. A Horned Frogs win would keep the Frogs in the top 20 and set up a possible top 20 showdown with Miami (Ohio) in the Mobile Bowl.

The Frogs are also looking forward to showing their detractors and supporters that this team is for real. The players understand they can only do so much on the field and are confident because they feel they have the right priorities in mind.

"You treat SMU like it's a conference championship game," Patterson said. "We're trying to shut the doors on people who didn't believe in us."

Only one team can win the game Saturday, and the fact that it is a rivalry makes it all the more interesting. Each game carries a different significance for each team, but a loss would be difficult for either to handle.

The Iron Skillet will be given to the team that is able to put the past behind them and focus on winning the game which suddenly means so much after long and different seasons.

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The Edge

TCU PASSING GAME Brandon Hassell's confidence level will be a big factor in the overall performance of the offense. The TCU receivers are talented, fast and capable of making big plays. The distribution of the ball has been pretty even, but only one receiver manages to have a big game almost every week. The unit has struggled picking up the blitz this season, and quick defensive lines pose a challenge for the TCU linemen.



SMU PASS DEFENSE The unit is ranked 73rd in the nation but is not horrid. It held Texas Tech pretty much in check and have held three opponents to under 102 total yards passing. SMU does give up big plays as it allows almost 15 yards a reception while also allowing 2.5 passing touchdowns a game. Senior cornerback Jonas Rutledge is the best player in the secondary, and most teams stay away from him. TCU will not, so something has to give.



TCU RUNNING GAME The TCU running game is at its best when freshman Robert Merrill and sophomore Lonta Hobbs get a high number of carries. When this happens it means they are running well, and the Frogs have sustained long drives. While the passing game has garnered all the attention, the Frogs have won in the past with a commitment to running the football. It is not flashy, nor does it get much respect in the polls, but it wins.

SMU RUN DEFENSE Defensive tackle Allan Adami and linebacker Brian Bischoff are the best players on an undersized front seven. They possess the quickness that has given the TCU offensive line trouble in the past and the speed to contain the TCU option attack. Middle linebacker D.D. Lee leads the team in tackles and will be around the ball most of the afternoon.



SMU PASSING GAME SMU's victory total is a reflection of the amount of production it has gotten from the passing game. Zero. Freshman quarterback Chris Phillips leads a weak-passing attack that has failed to throw for more than 200 yards in a game. It has also been held under the 100-yard mark four times this season. The Mustangs cannot seem to do anything well when throwing the ball with an interception-to-touchdown ratio of 2-1.

TCU PASS DEFENSE The Frogs' pass defense has been drowning all season. Each time it looks like the unit is going to get its act together, it lets up a big play that pulls it right back down. The biggest problem has been the lack of a pass rush. The front four's play and the blitz packages have struggled lately, allowing teams the time to find the open receiver. SMU's inept passing game should give the Frogs some confidence and something to build upon going into the bowl game.



SMU RUNNING GAME SMU has kept some games close at times because of its backfield. Senior running back Keylon Kincaid has had a nice career at SMU and is an NFL prospect. He averages 110 yards rushing a game and 4.1 yards a carry. The offensive line has struggled protecting the quarterback but is built for running the ball.

TCU RUN DEFENSE Brick wall. SMU will find out how difficult teams have had it all year. Sophomore Ranorris Ray is really settling in at defensive tackle, and senior nose tackle Chad Pugh has played well in recent weeks. The linebackers missed some tackles last week, but there is just no room on the ground for teams to run on this defense.

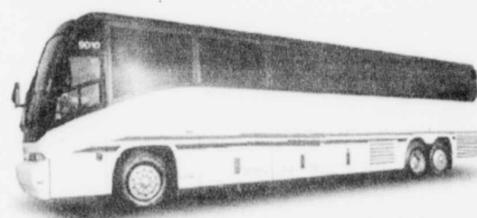


SPECIAL TEAMS Jonas Rutledge is a top kick returner and could be a big difference in the game. TCU's return units need to bounce back from a tough outing as upsets make its roots in special teams play. Freshman Cory Rodgers has big play potential, but the opposing team gunners are rarely blocked and constantly in his face. Nick Browne is the definite edge in this game if it has to come down to a kick.

OVERALL The Mustangs have had two weeks to prepare for a game that could make their season. Rivalry games are always tricky things to predict, especially now as the Frogs are coming off a devastating loss. The Frogs toughest opponent will be themselves. If they fail to score touchdowns early and settle for field goals, SMU might just hang around long enough to put hope in its hearts. Hope is the one thing TCU can ill afford to allow SMU to have. The Frogs are too well coached to let the Mustangs pull off an upset. TCU will be taking out a lot of frustration on the winless Mustangs, and the Iron Skillet will be staying in Fort Worth.

PREDICTION: Braden Howell - Frogs 34-7 Carlos Alvarado - Frogs 48-12

KeyMatchup



TCU Team Bus

So far this year the team bus has been undefeated. It has successfully transported the players to and from Meacham airport with hardly any problems. It faces its toughest opponent this week in treacherous I-30, but if the team bus arrives safely in Dallas with all of the players and coaches on board, the Mustangs don't stand a chance.

Interstate-30

I-30 is perhaps the Mustangs only chance at surviving a meeting with the Frogs. The grueling stretch of highway between Fort Worth and Dallas spans about 33 miles



between the two downtown areas and is riddled with construction, slow drivers and on many occasions, numerous accidents. If the highway is at its most awful best, the Frogs could have a long road trip.

— KeyMatchup and The Edge compiled by Braden Howell and Carlos Alvarado