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Search continues for Crane

Two suspects were arrested in connection with a retired professor's disappearance.

By Lori Russell
Staff Reporter

Law enforcement officials were still searching Monday night for retired professor Laura Lee Crane after her car was discovered in Oklahoma City and two suspects arrested in connection with her weekend disappearance.

Crane, 77, left her Bellaire Drive South home around 11 a.m. Friday to buy groceries and cash a check at the Tom Thumb supermarket at 3050 S. Hulen, Lt. Abdul Pridgen said. Crane stopped to visit a friend on the way to the grocery store around 11:15 a.m. and hadn't been seen since, Pridgen said.

While a Fort Worth man and woman have

been arrested, Oklahoma City police and Oklahoma County sheriff's office accounts differ regarding their capture.

Lt. Roger Dixon told a WFAA reporter that they were arrested at about 1:15 a.m. Monday morning after police pulled the Nissan Sentra over for a suspected illegal right turn. The two were also expected to be charged with auto theft and aggravated kidnapping, Dixon said.

However, a jailer at the Oklahoma County jail said that the suspects were taken into custody at 1:08 a.m. Sunday. Fort Worth police declined to comment on the conflicting



Crane

information Monday night.

Edward Busby, 31, of Fort Worth, was being held on suspicion of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving under suspension and improper right turn, the jailer said.

Kathleen Latimer, 39, of Fort Worth, was being held on suspicion of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of controlled drug substances and possession of drug paraphernalia, the jailer said.

The FBI was called into the investigation because Crane's ATM card was used to withdraw cash Friday, Pridgen said. Authorities have not been able to determine where the transaction was made, he said.

Pridgen said two search teams have been

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Board of Trustees approves tuition increase of 11.9%

Tuition and housing costs will increase beginning fall 2004.

By Lacey Krause
Staff Reporter

Tuition and fees for the 2004-05 school year will increase 11.9 percent, from \$17,590 to \$19,710, the Board of Trustees announced last week.

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Tuition and fees for students enrolled prior to March 2001 who are still on the hourly plan will increase from \$570 to \$640.

Part-time students will pay \$685 to \$835 an hour in tuition and fees, depending on the number of hours enrolled. On-campus housing costs will increase 4 percent, from an average of \$5,780 to \$6,010.

"On any tuition issue, this is never an easy decision," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "We just try to balance how we could provide you with the best possible education at the lowest possible price."

Tuition has risen more than 60 percent since the 1999-2000 academic year, from \$12,290. Flat-rate tuition and fees began for incoming students in fall 2001 was \$15,040, and has increased 30.9 percent since then.

Tuition will still remain below the national average for four-year private institutions, said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor

for finance and business. The College Board, a nonprofit organization that provides information about colleges, estimated private school tuition and fees rose, on average, 6 percent during the 2003-2004 academic year, from \$18,596 to \$19,710. The College Board has not yet released the averages for 2004-2005.

"TCU continues to provide students with an above-average educational experience at a below-average cost," Boschini said in a press release. "Even with the increase, TCU will remain among the lowest-priced private, comprehensive universities in the southwest and just below the national average tuition price for private institutions."

The cost of a TCU education will remain less than the cost of an education at a peer school, Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said.

"Even with this increase, however, we remain — at least in cost — well behind SMU, our primary private school competitor, and Baylor, our second most frequent competitor," Brown said.

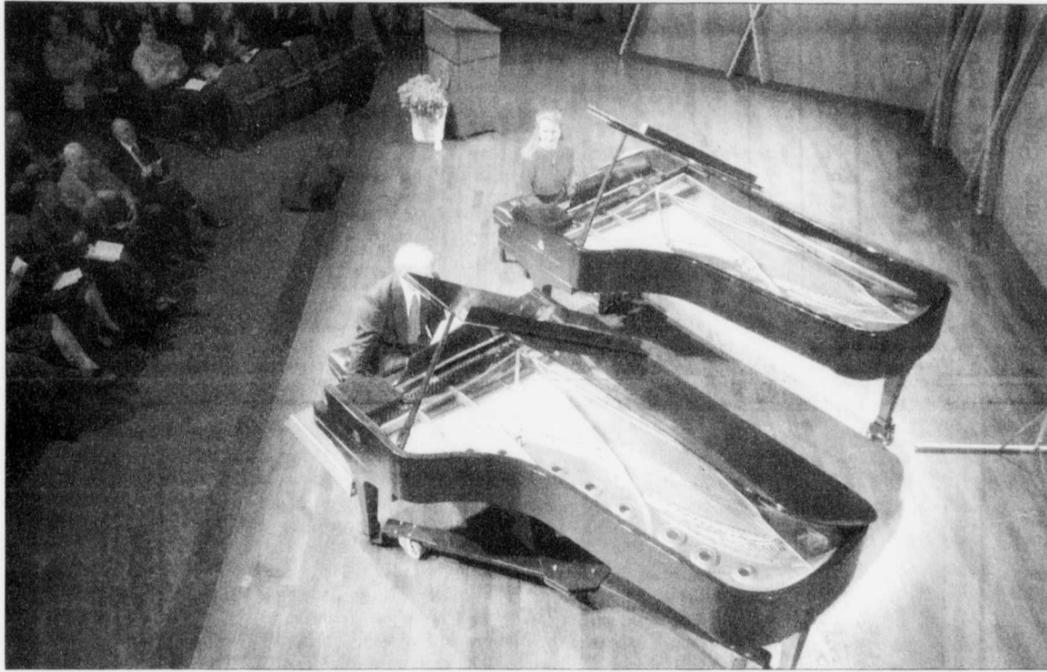
Financial aid will also increase to help offset the raised tuition costs, Campbell said.

"We're always very concerned about losing students," Campbell said.

Financial aid will increase at least \$4.5 million, raising the total amount of financial aid

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Strike a chord



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Pianists Dale Fundling (bottom left) and Jo Boatright perform a Mozart sonata for a packed house Sunday afternoon in PepsiCo Recital Hall in remembrance of former TCU faculty member Lili Kraus.

Concert celebrates the life, work of pianist Lili Kraus

An internationally renowned pianist and former faculty member was remembered this weekend by an overflow crowd at PepsiCo Recital Hall.

By Julia Mae Jorgensen
Staff Reporter

Through video clippings and classical piano pieces, pianist Madame Lili Kraus came to life Sunday to celebrate what would have been her 100th birthday.

"I am just overwhelmed," said Jo Boatright, co-founder of the Walden Piano Quarter and Voices of Change in Dallas. "It brought tears to my eyes." Sunday's concert featured some of Kraus's favorite pieces by

Mozart, Franz Schubert and Béla Bartók. Boatright and José Feghali, a 1985 Cliburn gold medalist, performed solos. Dale Fundling, a graduate of the TCU School of Music and a teacher at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, joined Boatright for a Mozart performance.

The celebration also featured video clippings of Kraus's live performances, including her critically acclaimed concert of the 25 Mozart concertos.

"She was a real unique soul," Boatright said. "She lived for music."

Born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1903, Kraus began studying

piano at the age of 6. Throughout her life, she performed on six continents and continued touring until 1981, just five years before her death.

Kraus came to TCU in 1962 to serve on the first jury of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. She returned again in 1967 to join the faculty at the School of Music where she was artist-in-residence and professor of piano until 1981.

Feghali, current artist-in-residence, performed in the second half of the program. He said Kraus's music served to inspire the early days of his musical career.

"My teachers in Brazil highly admired Madame Kraus' work," Feghali said. "I had the opportunity to hear some of her recordings very early on, which were quite inspirational."

Taiko Pelick, a freshman piano performance major, said she attended Sunday's performance out of curiosity and admiration.

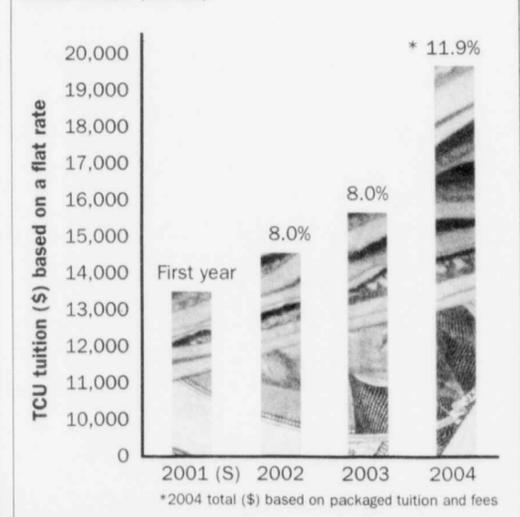
"I really didn't know much about Lili Kraus," Pelick said, "but I wanted to know more."

The Lili Kraus Centennial Celebration filled PepsiCo Recital Hall and left several audience members standing.

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QUICK FACTS

Tuition increase (flat rate)



Breast exposure causes uproar from FCC

By Jonathan D. Salant
The Associated Press

The chief federal regulator of broadcasting said Monday he was outraged by the Super Bowl halftime show in which Justin Timberlake tore off part of Janet Jackson's costume, exposing her breast, and said he was ordering an immediate investigation.

Timberlake blamed a "wardrobe malfunction," but Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell called it "a classless, crass and deplorable stunt."

MTV, which produced the show, and CBS, which broadcast it, both said they had no idea that their halftime show Sunday night would include such a display.

"CBS deeply regrets the incident," spokeswoman LeslieAnne Wade said.

The two singers were performing a

flirtatious duet to end the halftime show, with Timberlake singing, "Rock Your Body," and the lines he sang at the moment of truth were: "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song."

With that, Timberlake reached across Jackson's leather outfit and pulled off the covering to her right breast, which was partially obscured by a sun-shaped, metal nipple decoration.

The network quickly cut away from the shot, and did not mention the exposure on the air.

Powell said, "I am outraged at what I saw during the halftime show of the Super Bowl. Like millions of Americans, my family and I gathered around the television for a celebration. Instead, that celebration was tainted by a classless, crass and deplorable stunt. Our nation's children, parents and citizens

deserve better."

He told the commission to open an investigation that could result in a fine of up to \$27,500 or in the millions.

Messages left with Jackson's record company and her personal publicist were not returned Monday morning.

MTV, CBS' corporate cousin in Viacom, issued an apology, saying the incident was "unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional and was inconsistent with assurances we had about the content of the performance."

Timberlake said he did not intend to expose Jackson's breast.

"I am sorry that anyone was offended by the wardrobe malfunction during the halftime performance of the Super Bowl," Timberlake said in a statement. "It was not intentional and is regrettable."

Cowboys on ice



Raveen Bhasin/Staff Photographer

Mike Finn, a freshman history major, and Andrew Norman, a junior political science major, literally "chill in the pool" Monday night in the Frog Polar Bear Freeze Fest at the University Recreation Center. They spent 30 minutes in the outdoor pool to win the prize.

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Campus Lines

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

■ **Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs** are now enrolling. To enroll, come by Sadler Hall, Room 16, to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit by Feb. 27. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **Up 'til Dawn team** members can pick up and drop off fund raising letters all week long! Stop by Smith or the Main from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to participate. See you there! Questions? E-mail Abby Crawford at a.b.crawford2@tcu.edu.

■ **Mortar Board**, a senior National Honor Society that recognizes students for leadership, scholarship and service, is now accepting applications. Students can pick up applications at the information desk in the Student Center or in Student Center, Room 220, and should turn them in by 5 p.m. Feb. 12. For more information contact Megan Cederburg at m.m.cederburg@tcu.edu.

■ **Career night** for the spring semester will be from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Center ballroom. This event is for students to network with local businesses, search for an internship or look for their first job out of college. Dress is business casual. Bring resumes. For more information, contact Career Services or call the Skiff advertising department at (817) 257-7426.

Corrections

In a page 1 story Friday, the Fiji nickname for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity was misspelled.

In a news brief on Friday's page 2, the date for the Lili Kraus Centennial Celebration was incorrect. The event was Sunday.

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News Briefs

TCU band alumnus dies

A member of the TCU band hall of fame who died last week was remembered for his dedication to the university band and his commitment to band programs across Texas.



Tatum

Funeral services were held for Thaddeus Alto Tatum, 91, at 2 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Longview. He was born Feb. 19, 1912, in Morgan and died Thursday in his home, his daughter Judith Wright Tatum Cabeen said.

"I remember when I met him. I

had to take him to the Brigham Young football game," said Orville Kelly, a close friend of Tatum. "I've known him for 53 years.

"He had a wonderful time the evening he was recognized as the next TCU hall of famer. At least 100 people were there."

Tatum was inducted into the TCU band hall of fame Oct. 26, 1996.

"He was a strong leader and organizer of the state (University Interscholastic League) competition for band in 1950," said James Jacobson, former TCU band director and friend of Tatum.

Tatum is well-known in the music industry and among band directors as a person who worked hard to promote band programs. He is recognized in

East Texas as one of the most outstanding band directors as well as a music leader, teacher, counselor and friend, Cabeen said. He was also inducted into the Texas Band Masters Hall of Fame.

Also received his bachelor's and master's degrees from TCU. He played trumpet in the TCU band, the TCU orchestra and the ROTC band.

He played professionally with the Fort Worth Symphony, the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Band and throughout the Fort Worth-Dallas area, Cabeen said.

— Erika Parker

Concert performers selected

The best of the best have been chosen to perform for the Concerto Competition Series.

The symphony consists of two of three winners chosen to perform their winning pieces accompanied by the orchestra, said German Gutierrez, orchestra director. Students competed in early December to determine the soloist and the pieces for Concerto.

"This is such a wonderful chance to showcase the talent of the students," Gutierrez said.

The TCU symphony, in which placement is decided at the beginning of the fall semester on an audition basis, is highly competitive.

The Concert Competition Series will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall.

— Natalie Mattem

Increased budget to provide for future

The Board of Trustees set the budget for 2004-05 and discussed strategic planning for TCU's future in its meeting Friday.

By Jarod Daily
 Staff Reporter

In addition to voting to increase tuition 11.9 percent and joining the Mountain West Conference, the Board of Trustees Friday approved a \$248 million budget for the 2004-05 academic year.

Tuition was increased to help the university pay for the \$18 million budget increase, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said.

"There was a long discussion about the budget for next year, and with that, discussion of tuition increase," he said.

The expansion of the budget will be used to support many aspects of the university's operation, including:

- \$4.5 million added to scholarship and financial aid. More

money may be allocated after examination of whether this amount is sufficient to help students out with the tuition increase.

- \$3.1 million allocated to improving academic excellence at the university, including hiring 16 new faculty members, upgrading technology, adding to the library, extending faculty development grants and supporting academic programs.

- \$2.1 million to improve parking and increase bus service to remote parking and housing areas.

- About \$750,000 to support student services such as University Career Services, orientation and Frog Camp.

Chancellor Victor Boschini stressed the importance of hiring new faculty.

"This will reinforce our students' educational experiences by enabling them to engage in research with faculty either directly or in the classroom," he said in a press release. "Additional faculty

also means smaller learning environments, a critical component in teaching and mentoring."

Boschini said the Board spent a lot of time discussing Vision in Action, a strategic plan for the future of TCU.

"That was probably the biggest item," Boschini said. "Talking about how TCU might look five years from now, 10 years from now."

Vision in Action is a new planning initiative to improve TCU's standing in various areas including athletics, diversity, community connections and technology improvements.

"VIA will clarify our students' educational experiences, opening doors to creative learning and leadership opportunities that are global in scope, real-life connections in the community and world, and adventures in ideas that exceed the boundaries of thought," Boschini said.

Other topics the board discussed

include an increase in student body size by 2 percent over last spring's enrollment numbers and resolutions honoring former chancellor Michael Ferrari and the late Cecil Green, a TCU trustee.

"We're doing everything we can to make the university better," said Malcolm Loudon, a trustee. "That's the overriding thing."

Loudon said he wants the best for TCU, since he attended the school, his oldest son attended his school, his younger son is a freshman and he hopes his daughter will also attend the school.

"I voted to pay it (the tuition) myself," Loudon said.

Mills said he was not surprised by any decisions made by the Board because each issue had been discussed for some time before the meeting.

"The real work of the trustees is done in committees," he said.

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CRANE

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working on the west and east sides of Fort Worth.

Earlier Monday officials were cautious about disclosing information about the Oklahoma City developments.

"The location of the recovered vehicle and other information regarding the dynamics of this investigation are too sensitive to release," Pridgen said. "We are concerned about the safety of individuals and the potential destruction of evidence."

Crane is 5 feet 8 inches tall, with brown eyes and gray hair. She was last seen wearing black slacks,

a red sweater and a black jacket. Anyone with information is asked to call 911 or the nonemergency number, (817) 335-4222.

Crane worked at TCU for 28 years, first as a professor of education and later as director of the Starpoint School, according to a human resources representative.

Many of the teachers at Starpoint now were her students at TCU, said La Jean Sturman, administrative assistant at Starpoint. "Her roots here run long and deep," said Shelley Cochran, a Starpoint School teacher.

For many years Crane served a dual function, teaching most of the special education classes at TCU and directing the Starpoint

School, Cochran said. Her students at TCU also received teaching experience at Starpoint. This brought great continuity and consistency, Cochran said.

"She is very ingrained in this building and the people who work here," Cochran said.

After retiring from Starpoint in December 1990, Crane decided to tutor, Cochran said. She tutors all ages from elementary school through college and any subject, Cochran said.

"She is able to teach so many subjects because she shows students the strategists to break things down so they can be understood," Cochran said.

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INCREASE

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awarded to \$43.6 million. This figure includes TCU scholarships, federal and state funds and federal loans.

"It (financial aid increase) will be at least an amount prorated to the increase in tuition," Campbell said. "We will be taking a hard look to see if that amount is sufficient."

The tuition increase will not affect the number of applicants for fall 2004, Brown said. However, the increase could impact the number of applications for fall 2005.

"They're the ones who will see the large increase in cost from the beginning of their college search," Brown said. "Every percentage increase in tuition can and will eliminate at least some people from the consideration set that would include TCU."

The increase is a "double-edged sword," Boschini said. Students will have to pay more for their education, but the quality of their education will improve. For example, the increase will help fund 16 new faculty members, Campbell said.

"It provides the compensation to attract and retain top faculty, and it allows programs to im-

prove," she said. TCU tries to spend frugally and cut costs wherever it can, Boschini said.

"In general, I have tried to encourage people to do as much as they can, and I think they are," he said.

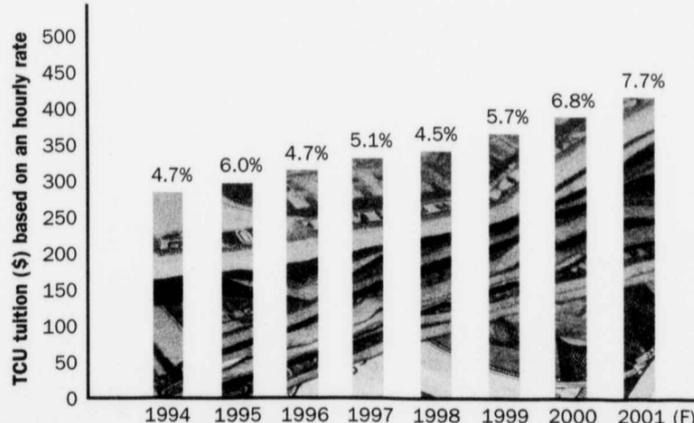
The tuition increase will help TCU grow as a university, Board of Trustees member Malcolm Loudon said.

"We're doing everything we can to make the university better," Loudon said. "That's the overriding thing."

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QUICK FACTS

Tuition increase (hourly)



TCU Campus Recreation

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 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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 Sun.: 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Rippit Schedule
 Free Classes the wk of Jan 20 • Semester Passes Only \$80

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30		Rm 1 Pilates Express-Stephanie Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm-Bill		Rm 1 Pilates Express-Stephanie Rm 2 Cardio Blast-Erin	
Noon	Rm 2 Faculty and Staff Training- Kelly Rm 1 Pilates Express-Lindsay	Rm 2 Yoga Butt and Thigh-Sara	Rm 2 Faculty and Staff Training- Kelly/Shana Rm 1 Kickboxing-Chris	Rm 2 Power Stretch 20-Sara	Rm 1 Pilates Express-Lindsay Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm-Babette
12:30		Rm 2 Power Stretch 20 min-Sara 12:40pm START		Rm 2 Yoga Butt and Thigh-Sara	
4:00	Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm-Mike/Babette		Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm-Brooke Rm 1 Power Yoga-Sara	Rm 1 Cardio Blast-Amy	
4:30	Rm 1 Below the Belt-Shana	Rm 1 Cardio Blast-Shana/Kelly/Amy		Rm 1 Upper Cut-Amy	
5:00	Rm 1 Six Pack-Adrienne	Rm 1 Six Pack-Brandi	Rm 1 Six Pack-Adrienne Rm 2 Fat Burner Cycle Circuit-Stacey	Rm 1 Six Pack-Brandi	
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The Skiff View

Good and bad during Super Bowl

From commercials to halftime to game time

CHEERS: The funny commercial with the dog
JEERS: The Cowboys weren't in the Super Bowl.
CHEERS: The game was close and hard fought.
JEERS: To Phil Simms commentating. Intelligence doesn't run in this family.
CHEERS: The Super Bowl was played in Houston.
JEERS: Unimaginative and sorry commercials
CHEERS: Tom Brady in the huddle
JEERS: Troy Brown's bloody nose
CHEERS: Beyonce singing the second longest National Anthem, EVER!
JEERS: Video game-like camera work
CHEERS: The special effects used in the introduction of the offensive and defensive lines
JEERS: For using old songs during halftime
CHEERS: Jake Delhomme came into his own
JEERS: Patriots winning the game
CHEERS: Jerry Jones and Bill Parcells singing
JEERS: CBS Broadcasters. With the exception of Jim Nantz, they're pure torture.
CHEERS: Torturing the pizza delivery guy by having him deliver eight pizzas to one house
JEERS: The pizza guy took an hour and a half
CHEERS: For wanting to be a Clydesdale
JEERS: Not taking the Panthers on the spread
CHEERS: For beer (yes, it rhymes!)
JEERS: All the movie preview commercials
CHEERS: To Justin Timberlake (from the women)
JEERS: To Justin Timberlake (from the men)
CHEERS: To Super Bowl parties
JEERS: To almost being the only Super Bowl to go into overtime

Your View

Letters to the editor

Marriage not a tax refund

I would like to clarify the much-maligned position of religious conservatives on homosexual marriage. In societies worldwide, marriage practices are inextricably tied to religious beliefs; in America, even the most secularized citizens tend to want church weddings. Since the Bible clearly proscribes homosexual practice, more "conservative" Christians (such as I) tend to view the phrase "homosexual marriage" as an oxymoron.

The argument in favor of marriage for homosexuals relies upon the assumption that marriage is fundamentally civil, thus available to all citizens. If so, marriage should indeed be accessible to all citizens, since it is essentially a civil contract entered into for tax purposes. If, however, marriage is indeed a religious practice, as I contend, then we are dealing with a basic violation of the First Amendment "establishment" clause: governmental regulation of protected religious practice.

Given the stalemate between the two sides of this debate, the only solution may be to divide the current "marriage" status into parochial and secular components: "civil unions," which would be legal between any two or more citizens and binding in the eyes of the government, and marriage, between a man and a woman (if the church so believes) and binding in the eyes of God.

— Ben Graber, sophomore religion major

Success is earned, not given

I'm writing this letter in response to the article entitled "Money must be put into public schools, not taken." I want to encourage the author of this opinion to venture outside the city lines of Fort Worth and notice the other public school districts in Texas.

What he will find is that the vast majority of them aren't threatened by "hooligans" or private schools, but instead identify themselves with some of the finest school districts this country has to offer. I do agree that money needs to continue to be put forth toward public schools in America, which President Bush is doing. I don't agree, however, with the oh-so-familiar liberal slant that we conservatives are enjoying our undeserved paychecks in private schools and gated communities while prescribing unavoidable damnation to all you underrated public school "hooligans."

Students succeed in schools today not because they happen to attend private schools or live in gated communities, but instead because they have a willingness to learn. I'm discouraged to see that the author would take such a beligerent, unsubstantiated (the inexact dollar amounts for vouchers, private school tuition and bank loans) view on one of the most serious and sensitive debates in this country.

— Zac Thompson, senior communication studies major

I do not believe homosexuality is a sin. Call me a sinner, derelict, pagan or whatever you see fit, but I do not believe one can make a credible case against homosexuality from the Bible. You might ask, of course, "What does the Bible matter? Isn't this a secular social issue?"



Kip Brown

Every person I have ever known who is unambiguously opposed to homosexuality takes that position on the basis of the Bible or an implicit support from what they think the Bible has to say on the issue. I admit, I do have one friend who does just that from a natural law basis, believing homosexuality is unnatural.

Well, yeah, so is mowing your lawn, agriculture, and, um, heterosexual monogamous marriage.

I can just imagine the hate mail that I will receive after that comment, so I will get back to the issue at hand. The Bible has

been used at one point or another to support physical and institutional violence against homosexuals, women, Jews and blacks. One does not have to look very far to see it being committed against homosexuals.

Considering the violence the Bible has supposedly sanctioned against homosexuals, one would think that there would be a great deal of material within its pages on the subject, but this is not so. As biblical scholar Peter J. Gomes once pointed out, homosexuality is not mentioned in the Ten Commandments, or in the Summary of the Law. No prophet or even Jesus makes mention of the subject.

One has to look very hard to find the scant material on this issue, and to do so, you had better have the help of a concordance. Considering you cannot even find the word 'homosexuality' in a Bible in any language before 1946 (because the word homosexuality is a late 19th century invention), the issue is a lot less clear-cut than

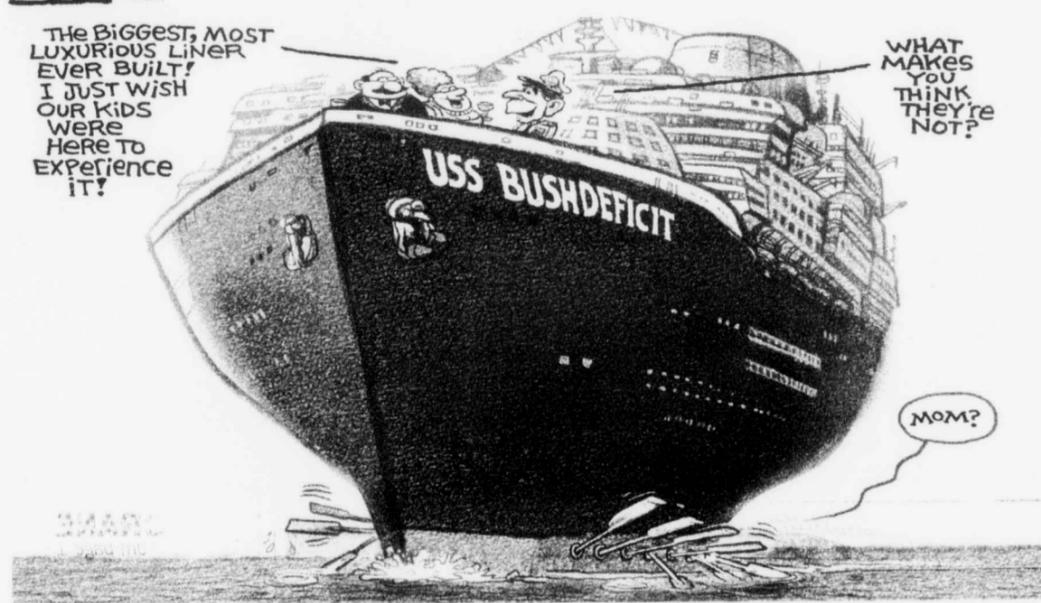
most people would lead us to believe.

A theological analysis of this issue would far outnumber the 500 words I am allotted on each of my columns (Walter Wink's masterful "Homosexuality and the Bible" is easily accessible online). Nevertheless, in short, I believe the Bible has no sex ethic. Instead, it has a variety of cultural sexual mores that have little or no bearing on the Bible's central love ethic. Moreover, as Christians, there are many sexual practices the Bible prohibits that we ignore, and others with which we selectively agree.

The sexual mores we pick and choose tell us more about ourselves than the Bible because, if we are sufficiently historically conscious and critical, we discover that the Bible's treatment of this issue is highly ambiguous. Whatever the case, I believe it is clear that the Bible should never be used to justify institutional or physical violence against people that make us uncomfortable.

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STAR TRIBUNE



MTV, VH1 need to go back to musical roots

I, like many people today, currently subscribe to cable television. While most of the channels



Eugene Chu

might still be able to provide entertainment, one genre of television has unfortunately gone downhill. Music Television and Video Hits One, better known as MTV and VH1, have decayed to the point of boredom. While it's true that they still show music videos, the programming is often supplemented or replaced by too many irritating shows. In my opinion, those channels seem to have lost their renaissance-like spirit of music.

In the 1980s, when MTV first debuted, its primary focus was

on music videos. In the '80s, music was definitely not classical, but the music video still made it artistic. In the 1990s, when MTV moved on to things besides music videos, VH1 picked up the slack. Even as late as 1997, I can still remember when the essence of VH1's core programming was still the music video.

Today, they have moved on yet again, and while supplementary MTV and VH1 stations still primarily play music videos, the originals have quickly forgotten their roots.

While looking at Yahoo's Web site for TV listings, I discovered a few disappointing facts. On a typical Monday, both MTV and VH1 stop their music video shows in the afternoon and evening. In fact, VH1's music

video programming only runs from 2 to 10 a.m., a time when most people are sleeping. On both channels, supplementary shows have replaced the music video that used to give it definition.

Even though I might not believe these stations should play music videos 24 hours a day, some of their supplementary shows are utterly disappointing or downright disgusting. VH1's "Behind the Music," which usually discusses the breakup of various bands, has become so boring that "The Simpsons" even did a parody of it.

Teens have unsuccessfully imitated the ludicrous stunts from the MTV show "Jackass," sometimes ending up in the hospital afterward. On rare occasions, there are decent shows such as

MTV's "Ultimate Video Game Countdown" special that ranked video games and discussed their diverse genre; but while a few shows are still entertaining, MTV and VH1 shows are more and more the rule rather than the exception.

When MTV and VH1 first debuted, an audience flocked to see their music videos. Sadly, the audience today sees less music and more waste of television airtime. While some believe the TV channels are catching up with the times, I believe they are slowly forgetting their cultural origins. So many bad supplementary shows and so few music videos leave me with only one thing to say: "I don't want my MTV."

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Internet serves as launching pad for many organizations

The Internet is a great place for contagion of all sorts. Viruses, ridiculous quizzes, inspirational chain e-mails and urban myths have always spread on the Internet at an alarming pace. Recently, however, the Internet has come into the public eye as a breeding ground for a certain contagious form of political activism.

In the past few months, Salam Pax, the famous Iraqi blogger, published his own book. Howard Dean achieved temporary "front-runner" status in the Democratic primaries through a successful Internet grassroots campaign, and Amazon.com even set up a special page through which shoppers can make presidential campaign donations online to anyone who signed up to be on that page, including Lyndon LaRouche and various "independent" candidates.

When the conservative American Family Association put a gay marriage poll on its Web site, people on the Internet who were in favor of gay marriage circulated messages via mass e-mails, message boards and Weblogs, exhorting like-minded readers to vote on the AFA's poll. In only days, such Internet activists managed to

flood the poll, which soon had registered twice as many respondents in favor of gay marriage than against it. The AFA, unsurprisingly, canceled the poll's results within a couple of weeks.

This is the power of the Internet: People with similar opinions are able to communicate instantaneously with each other, thus spreading ideas and calls to action at an impressive rate. Through reading the "blogs" of people who have similar viewpoints to their own, Internet denizens can find news articles that are relevant to their pet issues without having to dig through the back pages of more mainstream, corporate news sources. Advertisements that were deemed "too controversial" to air on broadcast television can still reach a large audience on the Internet, and pundits who haven't broken into the mainstream media may still find a substantial Internet readership.

However, when people are able to settle into niches, they develop increasingly different subcultures. Although The Washington Times and The New York Times will give a reader very different takes on current events, such gaps pale when compared to the differences in leanings

among independent Internet news sources, which are better equipped to cater to niche demographics. Viewpoints among Americans are increasingly polarized, and tensions among different demographics have become more pronounced, causing people with a variety of political viewpoints to declare that a "culture war" in America is either ongoing or imminent.

The Internet has clearly played a large part in setting the stage for such a culture war and in providing a kind of virtual battleground. Even better, while one has to pay for a subscription to those obsolete, bulky "newspapers" and must watch television at specific times of the day in order to catch broadcast news shows, the Internet is free for us college students, and most Web sites are available 24-7. So, while the rest of the campus watches primaries coverage on the dorm televisions, I'm staying glued to the computer (at least until November), reading my blogs, forwarding mass e-mails and nervously looking at online real estate in Canada.

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Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Democratic candidates fire financial potshots

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry and John Edwards swapped charges as their South Carolina primary fight shaped up to be key to Kerry's dreams of sweeping seven states Tuesday and seizing command of the battle for the Democratic nomination.

On the eve of a cross-country contest, Howard Dean joined Edwards in calling the front-runner a friend of special interests. But there were fresh signs of weakness in Dean's campaign, and Kerry went for the jugular against Edwards, questioning the North Carolina senator's credentials and electability.

"This is not the time for on-the-job training," Kerry told South Carolina reporters Monday via satellite from Albuquerque, N.M. In a speech, the four-term Massachusetts senator looked confidently beyond the nomination fight to a potential race against President Bush.

"Like father like son. One term only," Kerry said. "Bush is going to be done."

Though they would agree with that point, Kerry's chief rivals said he is not the candidate best suited to stand up to Bush.

"It's going to take one tough hombre," Wesley Clark said while courting Hispanic voters in New Mexico. "And I'm one tough hombre."

So nobody would miss the point, Clark spoke a bit of Spanish and told voters about his 5-week-old grandson — Wesley Pablo Oviedo Clark — whose mother, the wife of Clark's only son, is Colombian.

Clark, Edwards, Dean and Sen. Joe Lieberman faced long odds trying to slow Kerry's momentum. Polls showed him with solid leads in Missouri, Arizona, New Mexico, Delaware and North Dakota. Kerry was within reach of victory in the remaining two states, South Carolina and Oklahoma.

In South Carolina, where Edwards needed to eke out a victory to keep his candidacy alive, election officials dropped the requirement for voters to sign an oath binding them to the Democratic Party. Strategists said the move could increase turnout of black voters, a bloc trending toward Kerry, because oaths carry a stigma of times past when poll taxes and literacy tests were used to keep minorities from voting.

Edwards, who has promised to run a positive campaign, criticized Kerry's acceptance of contributions from lobbyists and his free-trade policies.

"I don't take contributions from lobbyists, and he obviously does," Edwards told reporters after a speech at the College of Charleston. "If we want real change in Washington, we need someone who hasn't been there for 15-20 years."

Dean chimed in from New Mexico, where he conducted 21 satellite interviews with stations from seven states.

"He's gotten more money from special interest than any other senator in the last 15 years," he said of Kerry. "That is exactly why we're not getting anywhere in Washington."

While on the mark in detailing Kerry's record, Edwards and Dean ignored their own deep ties to special interest money.

Clark, a former lobbyist himself, hopes to salvage his candidacy in Oklahoma, where polls show him in a three-way race with Edwards and Kerry.

Dean, who just three weeks ago was considered the race's front-runner, has not advertised in the seven states voting Tuesday. The cash-strapped candidate also decided against advertising in Michigan, the delegate-rich state holding caucuses Saturday. And he likely will to forgo advertising in Washington state, Maine, Tennessee and Virginia.

Dean is saving his money for an ad blitz in Wisconsin, site of a Feb. 17 primary.

Aides said Dean is raising about \$200,000 a day, enough for Neel to lift a payroll freeze.

The candidates roundly criticized Bush for his \$2.4 trillion election-year budget, featuring a \$521 billion deficit and cuts in domestic programs. "We can't afford another four years of the same destructive fiscal leadership," Lieberman said.

Explosives kill soldiers in Iraq

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Four soldiers stationed at Fort Hood were killed over the weekend when their vehicle struck a homemade explosive device near the northern Iraq city of Kirkuk, the Defense Department reported Monday.

The soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division were identified as Sgt. Eliu Miersandoval, 27, of San Clemente, Calif.; Cpl. Juan Cabralbanuelos, 25, of Riverdale, Utah; and Pfc. Holly McGeogh, 19, of Taylor, Mich.

All three were light-truck mechanics assigned to the Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, officials at Fort Hood said. Their vehicle hit the improvised mine while traveling as part of a convoy about 27 miles south of Kirkuk.

Dan Hassett, a Fort Hood spokesman, said Monday that another soldier from the post near Killeen was killed Sunday in a separate incident, but that person's identity has not been released.

About 20,000 troops from Fort Hood are scheduled to return home from Iraq this spring, while some 20,000 other soldiers from the post are preparing to be deployed.

Counting the yet-unnamed casualty, 54 soldiers from Fort Hood have been killed in Iraq since the war started nearly a year ago, Hassett said.

Miersandoval, born in Mexico, joined the Army in 1998 and spent nearly all of his military career at Fort Hood.

Cabralbanuelos, also born in Mexico, enlisted in 1996 and had been at Fort Hood since 1999.

McGeogh became a soldier in 2002 and was assigned to Fort Hood last March.

The Army provided no other details about the fatal blast, but it said the incident was still being investigated.

Mars images show robotic arm is working

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Opportunity rover sent back its first 360-degree color panoramic image of the surface of Mars on Monday, and extended a robotic

arm that will touch the planet's surface.

The Mission team unveiled a photograph showing a wide expanse of red soil and the bumpy edge of a crater where the craft sits. "It provides us with a real sense of you are there," said Jeff Johnson, of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Opportunity's robotic arm includes several instruments that can be used to study materials found on the planet's surface. Engineer Joe Melko said photographs showed that all the pieces of the arm are in place.

"The arm is working well," he said. Opportunity already spied a mineral called gray hematite in the soil at its landing site. Preliminary evidence suggests the iron-rich mineral is of a variety that forms in liquid water, providing the first evidence that the site was wetter and maybe hospitable to life long ago.

Opportunity's twin, the Spirit rover, was a week away from rolling on Mars again because of a software problem. Engineers deleted more files from Spirit's so-called "flash memory" but delayed reformatting it completely over the weekend, giving them more time to diagnose the rover's problems, mission manager Mark Adler said.

Engineers believe at least one and maybe both of the 384-pound robots may last at least twice as long as their planned 90-day lifetimes. A 15-watt heater that's been turning on unnecessarily on Opportunity may curtail its extended mission, however.

Once under way, the two six-wheeled rovers could cover thousands of yards apiece, rolling from target to target like no other mission to Mars ever has.

NASA scientists said the two solar-powered spacecraft have ample time to roam far and wide across the very different locations into which NASA plopped them.

"With the duration these missions are going to have, with the scientific riches at each site, the best is still ahead of us," said Cornell University astronomer Steve Squyres, the mission's main scientist, in a recent interview.

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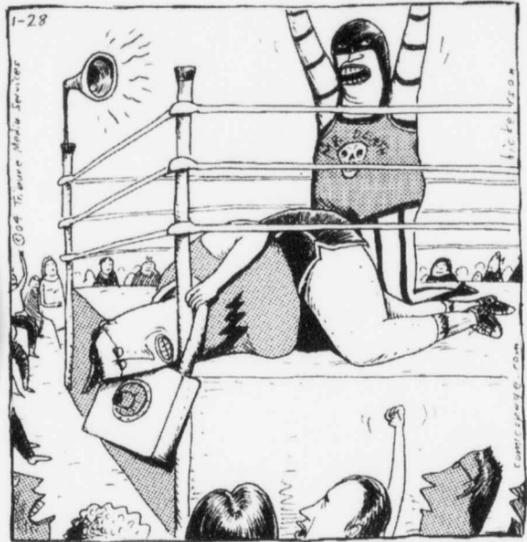


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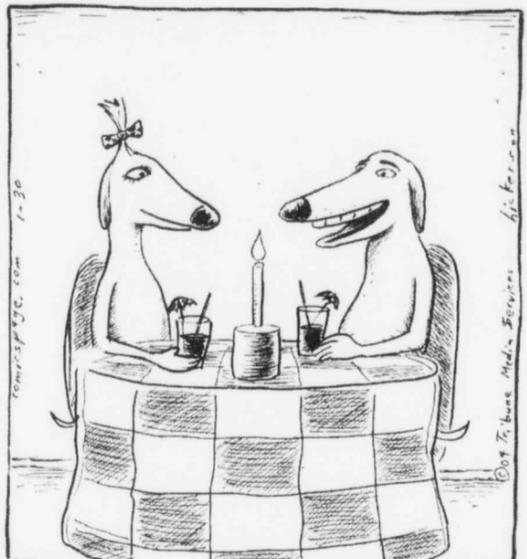
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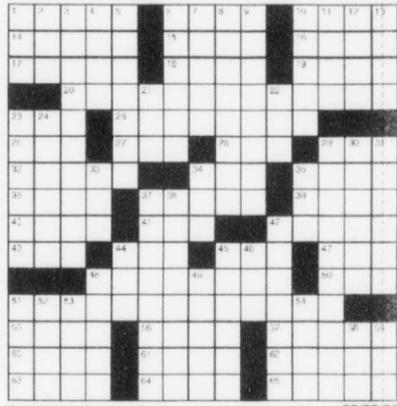
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Sideline

Super Bowl spurs betting

Sports books were Super Bowl winners, too.

A favorable point spread given to the Carolina Panthers and a belief that the New England Patriots would win the NFL title game produced a significant increase in Super Bowl betting.

Bob Scucci, sports book director at the Stardust hotel-casino, said the Stardust took more than \$1 million in bets, most coming in the 48 hours before kickoff.

Frank Streshley, a research analyst with the state Gaming Control Board, said the amount wagered in Nevada might be released Tuesday. Last year, \$71.6 million was wagered on the Super Bowl, short of the \$77.2 million betting record set in 1998.

David Caruthers, chief executive officer of Beton-Sports.com, an offshore gambling company in Costa Rica, said his site totaled \$23 million on 459,000 wagers on this year's game, an increase of about 206,000 from last year.

Scucci said many bettors took the Panthers without the seven points oddsmakers had favored the Patriots by.

When the Panthers lost and the Patriots failed to cover the spread, the sports books won.

Odds makers also had placed the game's total at about 38 points, meaning fans could bet on whether the teams combined to score more or less points. The 61 points surprised many experts who had forecast a defensive struggle.

Wagers at the Stardust ranged from which team called the first time-out to whether there would be overtime.

Scucci said the overtime proposition was one of the most popular and drew a lot of \$10,000 and \$20,000 bets. Most believed there wouldn't be an overtime, he said.

They were correct. No Super Bowl has gone to overtime.

—The Associated Press

Pudge signs for \$40 million

Ivan Rodriguez stared through a window at the snow-blanketed ballpark he will now call home and answered the question many have asked.

Why would he go from the World Series champion Florida Marlins, to the worst team in baseball, the Detroit Tigers?

"The owner showed me respect, and that is the reason I'm here," Rodriguez said Monday after finalizing a \$40 million, four-year contract.

The Tigers lost an American League-record 119 games last season.

But thanks to owner Mike Ilitch's checkbook and general manager Dave Dombrowski's leadership, the Tigers appear to have a chance to be respectable in 2004.

Their new catcher is a 10-time All-Star, a 10-time Gold Glove winner and was the MVP of the NL championship series last season.

It didn't come cheap.

Rodriguez gets \$7 million this year, \$8 million in 2005 and \$11 million each in 2006 and 2007, according to contract information obtained by The Associated Press. The Tigers have a \$13 million option for 2008 with a \$3 million buyout.

Rodriguez would get \$50 million over five years if the option is exercised or \$40 million over four if it's declined. Rodriguez had a \$10 million, one-year deal with the Marlins last season. He asked for a \$40 million, four-year contract from Florida, which broke off talks Dec. 7.

Rodriguez, 32, said the reported offer of \$24 million over three years from the Marlins was inaccurate. Some of the money in that proposal wasn't guaranteed and much would have been deferred.

Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, said his client was excited about playing in the AL Central.

The Tigers have been active this offseason, but they had not signed an undisputed star such as Rodriguez.

—The Associated Press

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It's this year's Gold Rush

Switch brings tougher schedule

Schools in the Mountain West Conference are looking forward to the stiff competition and national media exposure TCU will provide.

By Erin Clark
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs are officially headed west, and their new Mountain West Conference peers say TCU's presence will bring added competition and media coverage.

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously Friday to accept an invitation from the MWC, which includes Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, Nevada-Las Vegas, San Diego State, Utah and Wyoming. TCU will leave Conference USA for the MWC in fall 2005.

Wyoming assistant athletics director Kent Noble and New Mexico spokesman Greg Remington said TCU's addition to the MWC mix will improve the conference at all levels.

"(TCU's) football program is very successful and it can't help but raise the level of competition,"

Noble said. "Without question, TCU's addition strengthens the conference, both academically and athletically."

In the 2003 season, three MWC teams played in a bowl game: Utah, Colorado State and New Mexico. Utah was the only MWC team to win its game, defeating Southern Miss 17-0 in the AXA Liberty Bowl.

One benefit to the MWC members could be an increased strength of schedule. Had TCU been affiliated with the conference last year, the MWC would have been the fourth-rated conference in the nation, behind only the Southeast Conference, Big Ten, and Big 12, TCU's athletics director Eric Hyman said.

This will be TCU's fourth conference switch in the last

decade. TCU joined the Western Athletic Conference in 1996 after the Southwest Conference split up and then they moved to C-USA following the 2000-01 season.

Craig Thompson, commissioner of the MWC, said six out of the eight teams in the conference have played in at least one bowl game and that the addition of TCU will only increase that number, resulting in an even more competitive league.

Remington said the biggest advantage TCU brings to the MWC is its nationally ranked football team.

"We recruit in the Dallas-Fort Worth market, so it's good for those kids to get some publicity close to home," he said. "We'd be kidding ourselves if we said TCU's football program wasn't a huge deal."

"New Mexico recruits heavily in Texas for all sports, so the change will help our parents with (their) kids coming back home to play."

Other MWC schools said they are also looking forward to the national attention TCU will bring to the conference. New Mexico said the Frogs will provide the conference with greater media coverage.

"Not only does TCU strengthen the conference, but it also brings along the Dallas-Fort Worth television market," Remington said.

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Acceptance to conference leaves students in limbo

TCU students have varying opinions on whether they want to party in the Mountain West.

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The student body had mixed emotions on the first day back to classes Monday since TCU's decision to leave Conference USA for the Mountain West Conference.

In response to the changing lineup of teams, a senior economics major Todd Dalrymple said the decision was a good one.

"Conference USA blew up, and we are going to bigger and better things."

John Walls, a junior advertising/public relations major, said the move would do great things for exposure and increase the competition.

"Changing conferences is necessary to prove TCU can play with the big kids," Walls said.

Abby Schneider, a sophomore fashion merchandising major and TCU Showgirl, said the move would not directly affect the Showgirls although it would be exciting to play new teams.

The decision to leave did not satisfy all TCU students though.

Shannon Eurich, a senior marketing major, said all the conference movement is unsettling.

"We can't seem to find our place," Eurich said.

The MWC, on the other hand, had no doubt in its mind that it made the right decision.

"There is one best fit in the country and that is Texas Christian University," said MWC commissioner Craig Thompson.

TCU held a press conference to announce the Board of Trustees' decision to accept the invitation Friday afternoon.

At the conference, Cecil Samuelson, BYU president and chairman of the MWC board of directors, passed out MWC hats

to John Roach, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Victor Boschini, and Eric Hyman, athletics director.

As Roach put on his new hat, a reporter from the crowd asked, "Does the hat mean a yes?"

Roach smiled and tipped his hat to the crowd, making the move official.

Roach said the MWC has all the right elements, including a strong initiative in regards to its athletic and academic programs and a vision for the future. He said all these elements made the MWC attractive.

Roach, Boschini and Hyman said TCU's experience with C-USA was wonderful and that they hope to continue playing those teams.

Hyman said whether TCU accepted the invitation or not, it would still enter a "new" conference for the 2005-06 year.

Due to the shifts in Division I-A athletics, which caused Louisville, Marquette, South Florida, Cincinnati, and DePaul to leave for the Big East, C-USA would have never been the same, Hyman said.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said conference realignment will not affect his team.

"We're just like soldiers," he said. "Just tell me where to fight."

Thompson said the MWC has no plans for further expansion. He said the issue will go back to the conference's board of directors though.

"Now we will hold it at nine," Thompson said.

As TCU made the switch official, Boschini offered the student body one piece of advice, saying "With apologies to Horace Greeley: 'Go Mountain West young men and women.'"

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QUICK FACTS

2003 records in new conference: Mountain West vs. C-USA

Mountain West

1. TCU 11-2*
2. Utah 10-2*
3. New Mexico 8-5*
4. Colorado State 7-6*
5. Air Force 7-5
6. San Diego State 6-6
7. UNLV 6-6
8. BYU 4-8
9. Wyoming 4-8

2003 Overall record: 63-48, .568

2003 Bowl teams: Four

*Indicates a bowl appearance

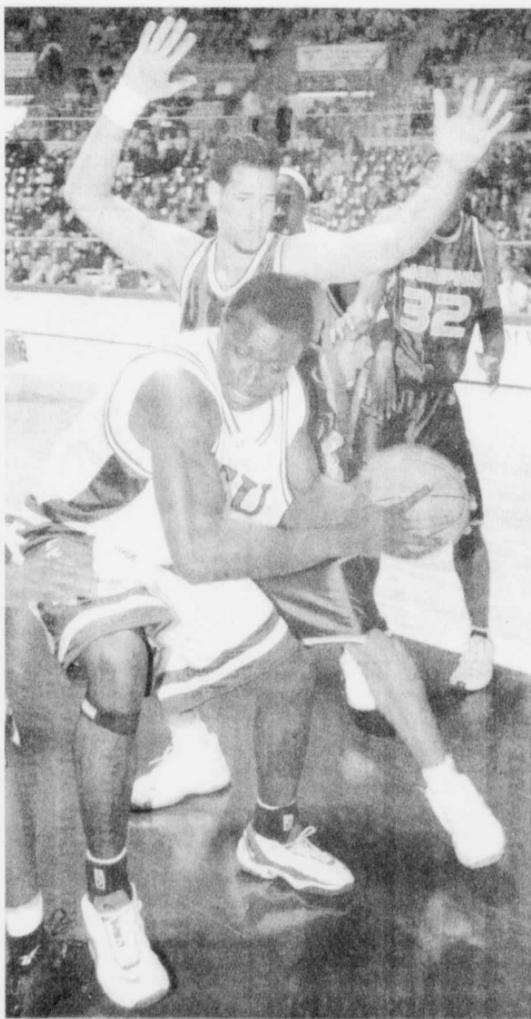
Conference USA

1. Southern Miss 9-4*
2. Memphis 9-4*
3. Marshall 8-4
4. Tulsa 8-5*
5. Houston 7-6*
6. UAB 5-7
7. Tulane 5-7
8. Rice 5-7
9. Central Florida 3-9
10. East Carolina 1-11
11. SMU 0-12

2003 Overall Record: 60-76, .442

2003 Bowl teams: Four

Fighting for the board



By Halasz/Staff Photographer

Freshman center Femi Ibikunle pulls down a rebound against Memphis Saturday afternoon in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs lost out to poor officiating and the Tigers 75-69.

Lady Frogs stumble in double overtime

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jessica Dickson hit a 35-foot desperation shot to end the first overtime, then added nine more points in the second to lead South Florida past No. 18 TCU 89-84 Monday night.

Dickson, a freshman forward, had 20 of her 36 points in regulation as the Bulls (9-12, 2-6 Conference USA) rallied from an 11-point early deficit.

Dickson made two free throws with 22 seconds left in regulation to give South Florida a 66-64 lead, but TCU's Ebony Shaw answered with a layup 8 seconds later to force overtime.

A pair of free throws by Tracy Wynn gave TCU (16-4, 5-2) a 74-71 lead with 8.8 seconds left in the first overtime, but Dickson connected at the buzzer to force another extra session.

Dickson's jumper with 2:06 left in the second overtime put South Florida ahead to stay, 82-80. Anetra Gilmore had 17 points and Rachael Sheats added 13 for the Bulls, who won for only the second time in eight games.

Sandora Irvin had 24 points and grabbed 21 rebounds to lead TCU, which hurt itself by committing 26 turnovers on the night.

Natasha Lacy and Wynn each scored 10 points for the Horned Frogs, who lost for just the second time in the last eight games.

The Frogs last loss came against Houston 61-59 Jan. 18 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The loss to South Florida was the Frogs first defeat on the road in Conference USA play this season.

Ashley Davis hit back-to-back

3-pointers midway through the first half to give TCU its biggest lead of at 28-17, but Dickson led the Bulls back.

TCU

Shaw 4-13 1-3 9, Wynn 3-8 4-7 10, Irvin 7-16 10-14 24, Lacy 4-6 2-5 10, Ortega 2-8 2-2 7, Pack 2-5 1-4 6, Evans 0-2 2-4 2, Newton 0-0 2-2 2, Ross 3-5 0-0 6, Davis 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 28-68 24-41 84.

SOUTH FLORIDA

Parsons 0-0 1-2 1, Dickson 12-30 10-14 36, Miller 3-11 3-9 9, Sheats 6-13 1-2 13, Gilmore 6-13 5-6 17, Lochmann 4-7 1-5 9, Tape 0-1 0-0 0, Armstrong 0-0 2-2 2, Tanksley 0-0 0-0 0, Cambridge 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 32-77 23-40 89.

QUICK FACTS

Weekend sports followup

Sport	Gameday	Opponent	Score
Baseball	Saturday	Alumni Team	Varsity 6, Alumni 2
(M) Basketball	Saturday	Memphis	Memphis 75, TCU 69
(W) Basketball	Saturday	UAB	TCU 96, UAB 66

Weekend Highlight

• For the third consecutive week, junior forward Sandora Irvin earned the weekend's top performance award. In the Lady Frogs' commanding 96-66 victory over UAB Saturday afternoon, Irvin had a game for the ages. The forward recorded another double-double, scoring 27 points and grabbing 11 rebounds, while shooting 10-of-13 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free throw line. Irvin also had four steals and three blocks on the day against the Blazers, keeping the Lady Frogs perfect on the road in Conference USA.