



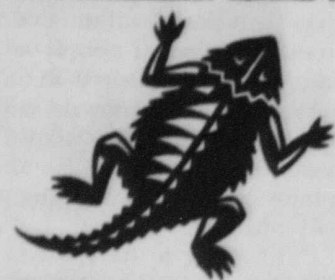
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## Tickets for Tech game popular; high potential for scalping

By MORGAN BLUNK  
Staff Reporter

So you still want to go to Saturday's TCU/Texas Tech game? You may need some deep pockets.

Tickets for the game at Amon Carter Stadium, which seats more than 44,000, have been sold out for three weeks, say university officials. But electronic ticket outlets like eBay and StubHub! have been offering 50-yard-line seats this week for as much as \$300 each. A search Tuesday on StubHub!, a Web site that offers tick-

ets for sporting events and concerts, displayed four tickets in Section V, Row 45 that were selling for \$300 each. A search Thursday afternoon indicated that those tickets were no longer being offered.

Section V is a designated student section in the stadium, and associate athletics director Ross Bailey said somebody purchasing those tickets might not make it into the game.

"The student ticket is marked in bold letters 'student ID required', so if somebody was to show up with that

ticket and not have an ID, they would not be admitted," Bailey said.

Students were given until 2 p.m. Thursday to pick up one free ticket each in the Student Center with a valid student ID. Approximately 6,000 tickets were set aside for students, and as of yesterday's deadline, all had been accounted for, said Sean Conner, director of ticket operations.

"We have used every single ticket in the stadium," Conner said. "We ended up guessing the amount of tickets needed pretty well."

Tech fans are apparently as eager as TCU students to get into the game, and quickly sold out of their allotted 5,000 tickets in the northeast corner of the stadium, Bailey said.

Brad Beard, president of the Texas Tech Alumni Association in the Fort Worth area, has been planning what he calls the "Southwest Conference Reunion Weekend" since the spring. He said he hopes the game will bring back the rivalry of the Southwest Conference.

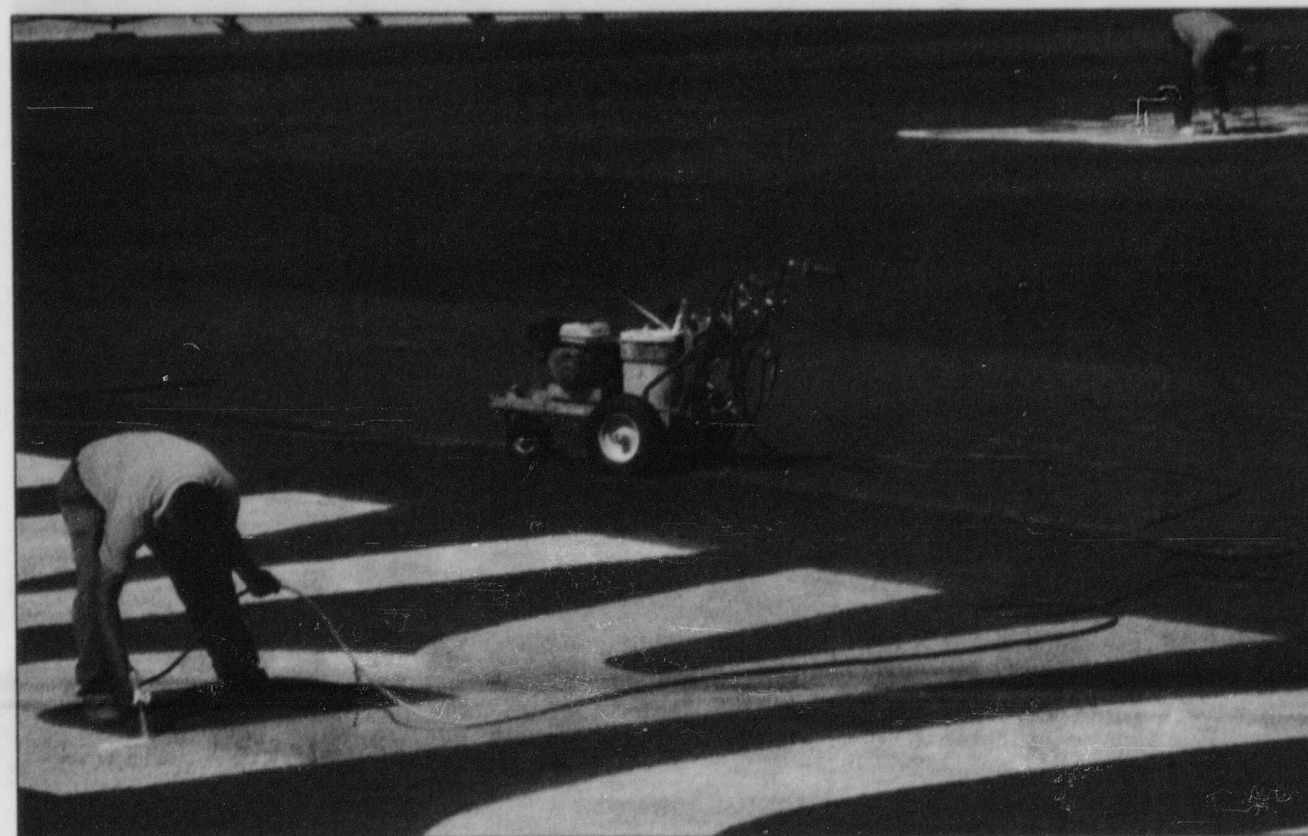
"It's that in-state rivalry that we

miss — we're definitely going to draw a crowd in there," Beard said. "We See **TICKETS**, page 2

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## GROOMING THE GREEN



LAUREN JOHNSON / Staff Photographer

TCU maintenance staff paints the end zone and field for Saturday's game against the Texas Tech Red Raiders. The sold-out game, which an estimated 44,000 people are expected to attend, starts at 4:30 p.m. For a full preview on this weekend's game, check out page 12.

## Plus/minus approval pending, professor says

By JOHN BOLLER  
Staff Reporter

The outcome of the plus/minus grading system could be determined soon, said a senator on the Faculty Senate Academic Excellence Committee.

The proposal, which will allow professors to use a plus or a minus after a letter grade, must still pass before the University and Graduate councils later this month at a date and time still to be determined, said David Grant, a member of the Faculty Senate Academic Excellence Committee.

Grant, professor and chairman of the religion department, and Bob Neilson, a chemistry professor, met with the Student Government Association Sept. 6 to hear students' comments and concerns about the plus/minus system.

Jace Thompson, SGA vice president and chairman for campus advancement, spoke at the meeting on behalf of his peers.

"I feel that there will be too many inconsistencies in the plus/minus grading system, since not every teacher has to grade a certain way," said Thompson, a junior management major.

Students are concerned about the plus/minus grading system because it

puts a stronger emphasis on grades, Thompson said, rather than allowing students to focus on the learning experience.

SGA also asked Grant to provide the reasoning behind plus/minus grading.

Grant said it is all about finding a better way to evaluate students' academic performances.

"This will give us a better tool in which to evaluate and better distinguish the exceptional students," Grant said. The faculty wants to give students the credit they deserve, he said.

With the current system, a student who receives a high B in a class is given the same mark as a student that makes a low B, he said.

"That is not a positive direction," Grant said. "We are not truly giving the credit due to some students, and some are getting more credit than they deserve."

Both Grant and Neilson said the faculty as a whole agrees with the plus/minus system and said they voted 4-1 in favor of the plus/minus system last March.

"It is not because we are trying to compete with other schools," Grant said. "It is because we as a school have decided that it is

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## Lieutenant colonel recalls wartime prison past at remembrance ceremony

By RACHAEL RILEY  
Staff Reporter

A retired lieutenant colonel spoke to ROTC students and their guests Thursday about the challenging experiences of war as part of the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Remembrance Ceremony.

Lt. Col. John Yuill talked about his personal experience of being a prisoner of war in North Vietnam to about 85 people in the Robert Carr Chapel.

"War is hell, but it's worth dying to protect fellow Americans," Yuill said.

People will complain about war, but survival is up to brothers and sisters in arms, Yuill said.

Yuill spoke about Dec. 22, 1972 — the night his B-52 plane was shot down, lost power and caught fire in North Vietnam.

He continued by saying after the crash, he made the decision to bail his crew and himself out of the plane. They were then captured and held as prisoners, but all returned home to the U.S. a year later, he said.

"God forbid any of you become POW's, but if you are, I hope you will be as fortunate as I was," Yuill said.

Leland Foland, a veteran of the 99th Airborne Air Commandos, attended the ceremony because he was invited by the TCU Air Force ROTC and because he has friends who are still missing in action, he said.

It is important to remember those who served, Foland said.

"If you can speak English, thank a teacher. If you enjoy your freedom, thank a soldier," Foland said.

Emily Grinsfelder, a senior kinesiology major, said she thought the ceremony was an inspiration.

"My grandpa was in war," Grinsfelder said, "so this meant something to me."

Alicia Davis, a junior management major and ROTC member, said she thought this year's ceremony was a success and had a better turnout than in prior years.

"It was more personalized because the speaker was an actual POW," Davis said.

Adrian Delacruz, a TCU ROTC member who attends the University of Texas at Arlington, said he learned a lot about what it was like to be a POW.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Jordan Kaul, sophomore TCU ROTC member and history major, helps other cadets fold the American flag after removing it from the flag pole outside of Sadler Hall Thursday afternoon. ROTC members have been standing guard at the flag since Wednesday evening.

"Yuill was great at describing his experiences with emotion," Delacruz said. "Being a POW must be a humbling experience."

Jessica Murray, a commander of Arnold Air Society, See **POW/MIA**, page 2

## Weekend of food, festivities awaits students, parents

By LAUREN PICK  
Staff Reporter

Parents attending this year's Family Weekend and football game against Big 12 opponent Texas Tech University have an opportunity that hasn't been available since 1984 — a sold out game at Amon Carter Stadium.

Marc Jansing, a sophomore environmental science major, said his parents are excited to be a part of this year's events because "they didn't come last year and felt like they really missed out."

In addition to the game, Programming Council has planned family events throughout the weekend.

More than 800 tickets have been purchased for the pre-game barbecue that will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, said Vanessa Flores, vice chair of PC, adding that there may be some tickets still available Saturday. Tickets cost \$9.

Since this year's theme is "The Magic of TCU," a magician will perform during the barbecue, said Megan Vroman, director of Family Weekend. In addition to the catered barbecue lunch and magic show, there will also be a pep rally before the 4:30 p.m. football game, she said.

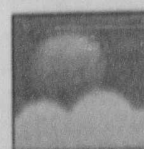
Like many activities previously held outdoors, the Family Weekend pre-game activities have been moved this year to indoor facilities due to construction. The barbecue, magic show and pep rally will be held in the University Recreation Center gym, Vroman said.

For students wanting to take their families off campus, trolleys will be running from the visitor parking lot outside the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community to Billy Bob's in the Fort Worth Stockyards, Vroman said. The trolleys will run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and no prior registration is necessary, she said.

"This is especially an opportunity for freshmen who may not know Fort Worth that well," Flores said.

PC also collaborated with various restaurants and vendors in order to provide coupons in the Family Weekend packets that registered families can pick up today, Flores said.

Something new at this year's family weekend will be the showing of a radio-TV-film production made in Italy last summer. The film will be shown at 4 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Ballroom, See **FAMILY**, page 2



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-Associated Press

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necessary to develop a better grading system tool when evaluating student performance."

Jason Ratigan, a senior history major and SGA representative, said he agrees the plus/minus system is something TCU should have.

"It's an excellent system, or at least far better than the one we have now," he said. "It does exactly what professors want it to do, which is being able to better pinpoint student performance."

Neilson also gave the SGA some facts about schools and the plus/minus system.

Out of 120 of the top universities in the nation, Neilson said, 83 percent are using the plus/minus system.

Neilson added this will benefit TCU students because when they graduate they will be able to be compared with students from these top universities, whether or not a student is applying for a job or to a graduate school.

Currently, Southern Methodist University and Baylor

University use a plus/minus grading system.

SMU has been using the plus/minus system for the past 20 years. John Hall, SMU registrar, said SMU faculty decided to use the plus/minus grading to have a more accurate way of grading students.

"The faculty wanted to have a more precise measure when averaging and determining students' grades," he said.

SMU stopped using the plus/minus system after students complained, he said.

The university then waited two years until they brought back the plus/minus system because this allowed students to prepare for the change, Hall said.

The Faculty Senate wants TCU to be using the plus/minus system by next fall, Grant said.

Grant said the faculty, not the students, determines how the grading system will work and the faculty has chosen the plus/minus system. However, it is still not finalized and there is no specific time as to when the final say will be given, he said.

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expect to have half the stadium filled with Texas Tech fans."

Beard said he wasn't surprised by the price ranges quoted on the StubHub! Web site.

"I have not talked to anyone who's paid that kind of money, but I'm sure people have," Beard said.

Beard said he has heard of

Tech fans buying TCU season tickets just for this one game but hasn't heard of anyone reselling their extra tickets on eBay.

Some Tech fans appeared to be purchasing the TCU season ticket package just to get the Tech game ticket, and then tried to sell the rest of their tickets on eBay, Bailey said.

"I saw one set on eBay for sale that said, 'excludes Tech game,' and a guy from Lubbock was bidding on them,"

Bailey said. "I hope he doesn't end up with five more TCU games and no Tech game ticket."

When sophomore business major Weston Gouger heard how much tickets for the Tech game were going for, he said he would have considered scalping his online.

"My ethics teacher might be (upset), but yes, I would sell my ticket online," Gouger said.

Fort Worth Police Lt. Paul

Jwanowski said that if people want to scalp tickets or pay high prices online, that's their business. If people are caught scalping tickets in the city, however, Jwanowski said the Fort Worth Police Department will issue a general complaint citation for violating a city ordinance.

"I'm going to have a couple of undercover officers out to enforce the city ordinance against scalping," Jwanowski said.

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said TCU's ROTC has held ceremonies for more than 20 years to honor POW's and those missing in action.

"We want to raise awareness, because not everyone realizes that all those who go to war don't come home," Murray said.

Yuill was chosen to speak because he lives in Fort Worth, and flew out of Carswell Air Force Base before his plane was shot down in 1972, Murray said.

After the speech, ROTC members lit candles while repeating the oaths of the POW code of conduct. The ceremony then moved to the flag pole for a three gun salute, followed by the playing of Taps.

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and will be followed by academic discussion groups directed toward parents, Vroman said. One of the topics planned for discussion is travel abroad opportunities, she said.

"We've gotten feedback that academics were ignored in past family weekends, so we're trying to change that this year," Vroman said.

Alina Tennie, chair of PC, said most

families attending these events are visiting relatives who are freshmen.

"Family weekend is a good way for students to explain to their parents and siblings why they love TCU," Tennie said.

The final scheduled event for the weekend is a brunch at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom, Flores said.

As for having Family Weekend overlap with the Texas Tech game, PC considers it a stroke of luck.

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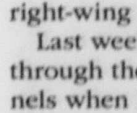


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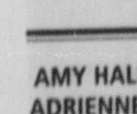
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**COLLEGE SHOOTING**

Kimveer Gill, 25, went on a shooting rampage Wednesday at a college in Montreal, killing one and injuring 19 others. Six of his victims are in critical condition, two of which are in extremely critical condition.

-Associated Press

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Student-run board more effective**

**T**CU has taken an extra step toward making the treatment of all students more equal.

As reported in the Skiff earlier this month, all students may now appeal alcohol citations to a committee comprised of five to eight students and a residential staff member. The students who serve on the committee are members of a 32-student board representing every dorm on campus with the exception of Brachman Hall, which had a lack of applicants.

Before the fall 2006 semester, alcohol citations received by Greek students were handled differently than those issued to non-Greek students. Whereas non-Greek students could appeal their citations to a peer discipline board, Greek students were only allowed to explain their case to one of two assistant deans of Campus Life: James Parker and Shelley Story.

Imagine having to explain yourself or your tequila ticket before a man or wom-

an who hasn't lived in a residence hall in quite some time; it would be difficult to convince them of your innocence, whether true or not.

Additionally, having only one person assess your appeal is too subjective.

The peer discipline board is more effective and more comfortable for students appealing a citation; most students would rather explain what happened to a fellow student.

In order to properly handle alcohol citation appeals, it's necessary to have a panel that students can relate to. This way, the process is more efficient, and the decisions reached are more consistent.

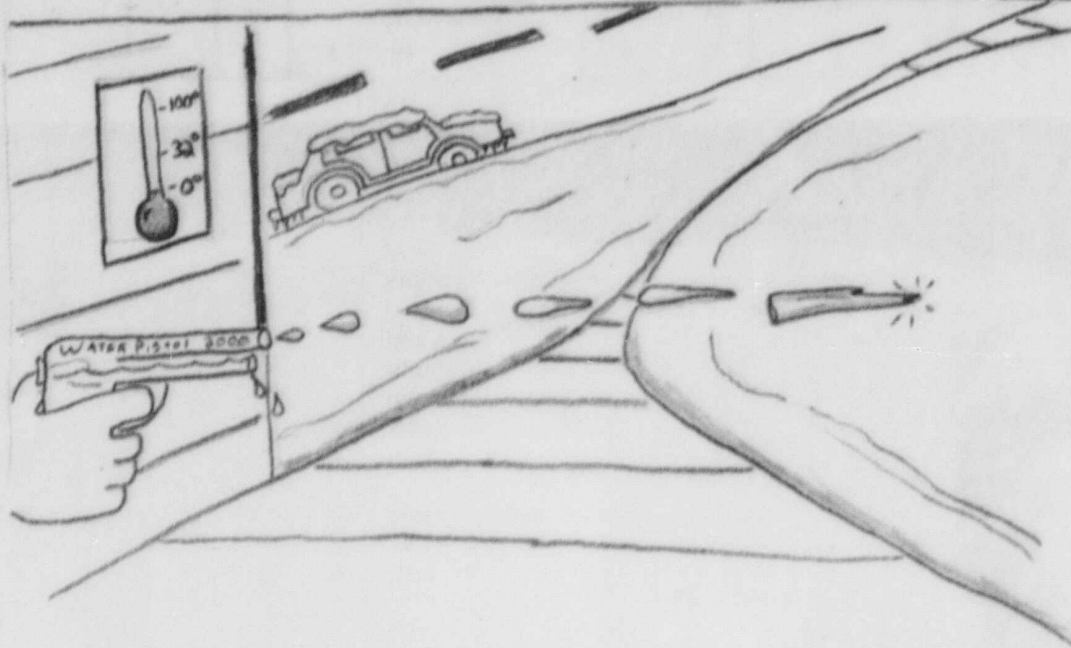
Every student on campus should be treated the same regardless of whether or not they are Greek.

Greek or non-Greek, we all deserve the right to a fair trial, even if it does only involve having two Keystone Lights in our dorm minifridge.

-News editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board

**OOOFSPOOF • ROLF NELSON**

Turns out, Canadian school shooting was just a prank gone horribly wrong



Rolf Nelson

**Politics, media distort Christianity**

A tragic thing has happened in the last century of American Christianity. It has been hijacked. Not by slick televangelists, sex-abusing priests or careless clergy, but

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Erick Raven

by politics and the media.

Somehow, over the last several decades, mainstream Christianity has become the poster child of right-wing propaganda. Last week, I was flipping through the television channels when I came across a program called "A Nation Adrift" running on Trinity Broadcasting Network, one of the national Christian networks. The program basically accused Franklin D. Roosevelt, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Supreme Court of being unAmerican and pawns of the Communist Party. It went on to decry the moral crisis the nation has been in since the removal of prayer, Bible teaching and the Ten Commandments in public schools. It seemed to advocate a day before secular humanists and socialists destroyed the nation (i.e. a time when blacks and Jews were being lynched by the hundreds in the South — though, of course, that aspect was never mentioned).

I've heard such rhetoric before from the likes of the Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nation and Archie Bunker from "All in the Family", but I

didn't expect to hear it from a prominent Christian television network whose signal goes worldwide. It seems to me that, if a religion is trying to gain more converts, it should showcase some of the more enlightening aspects it has to offer, not attempt to appeal to narrow-minded bigots' intent on returning to a time full of hypocrisy and communist witch hunts.

Unfortunately, for many when the word Christian is mentioned, what immediately comes to mind is some intolerant, fundamentalist image at odds with the central message of the Christian faith.

The ironic linkage of Christianity with right-wing propaganda goes back to the early 20th century when an influx of immigrants threatened American identity. Historian Eric Foner describes the process of Americanization as the "conscious creation of a more homogeneous national climate," in his book "The Story of American Freedom." Thus, to offset the influence of Catholicism and Judaism, among others, a narrowly focused Protestant religion was promoted as American Christianity, indeed it practically became the national religion. So-called American values became synonymous with the Christian religion, forging a Faustian deal that has been nearly impossible to unravel. The cross, to some, symbolized the sacrifice for the sins of all mankind, but for others

— indeed, many in power — it symbolized Anglo-Saxon, American identity.

Thankfully there came a brief reminder of progressive Christianity during the Civil Rights movement. The idea of Christianity as a liberal, revolutionary movement harkened back to the days of the Second Great Awakening when anti-slavery, women's rights and child labor reform were aligned with a religion dedicated to social change.

Unfortunately, the fervor and idealism of the Civil Rights era waned, and the conservative, American-Christian movement came back with a vengeance. You know the leaders of this movement, and you know the kind of power they have now and have held for the better part of 100 years.

It is time that for an alternative view of Christianity to be re-presented to the rest of the country.

I firmly believe that many, in fact most, American Christians actually do hold more progressive, alternative views than have been let on by the media. Sadly, whether because of fear or plain laziness, they will not let their voices be heard. And, unless their voices are heard, the same kind of misrepresentation that has dominated the political arena and the media will continue to the detriment of Christianity, not only in this country, but in the rest of the world.

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**On-campus swipers beware**

A Pepsi and a Milky Way bar? Swipe it! A new calculus book? Swipe it! Thirty seven bottles of Pepto-Bismol and a copy of Ann Coulter's newest political book? Well, you get the picture.

Today, seemingly anything that one could want on campus

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David Hall

is available via the use of our student ID card. Cool? I guess.

An indoctrination into a system of plastic over cash that will one day launch our nation into a second Great Depression? You bet.

I will admit that the card is vital for gaining entrance to the dorms and deducting from the meal plan. Without it, we would be running around sans shelter and possibly eating each other for sustenance. Somehow, I don't think that kind of environment would haul in a ton of National Merit Scholars and blue-chip football recruits.

The real problem lies in the manner in which we are all using our cards, we non-chalantly buying unnecessary items at Frog Bytes and the bookstore. As for the unpleasant matter of the bill, it oh-so-conveniently goes home to mom and dad.

Sweet deal, huh? Actually, not so much. One day, we will all leave the hallowed halls of TCU and go out into the real world. There, we will be inundated with credit card offers from MasterCard, American Express and others. Needing to establish a credit rating for big purchases such as homes and cars, we will inevitably ink a contract with the creditor of our choice.

Armed with an arsenal of plastic and a dearth of money, Joe McFrog is still going to be used to the good old days of yore, and will continue charging without a sense of obligation. However, instead of answering

to Mr. and Mrs. McFrog, Joe now has to answer to his new parents: Visa and Discover. Unlike his old parental units, these new folks won't hesitate to send his debt-laden butt cheeks to prison. Once in the big house, Joe will no longer be chasing coeds, he'll be the coed. Ouch!

Ok, so maybe Joe's situation is a little extreme, but does it really seem that far-fetched? Is there one among us that still feels any sort of pain when we pull out our swipe card? I know I don't.

The average American has more than \$9,000 in credit card debt, according to ABC News. That's hardly a small chunk of change. What's more, as a separate report filed by the United Business Media shows, 45 percent of those debtors are making either the minimum payment or none at all. Such appalling statistics should raise a red flag to the future cardholders of tomorrow. Yet, the swiping continues.

How can you avoid the trap? Simply put, use cash or check for all purchases. This way, you'll feel the money leaving your funds and going into the hands of whatever greedy merchant you choose to do business with.

Conversely, every time you use your credit card, the money magically disappears from your bank account without the chance for you to really register the loss. Plus, whenever you charge items, a cute little puppy goes missing. Well, not really, but it's best to think of it as such.

Perhaps world-renowned rapper and political activist Sean "P. Diddy Puffy McDaddy Mac" Combs said it best: "It's all about the Benjamins."

Truer words were never spoken, my friends. Straight-up gangstas don't pay for stuff on credit, and neither should you.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears every Tuesday and Friday.

**Five years later, war on terror not warranted**

Five years ago during my 8th grade U.S. History course, I vividly remember watching two American Airlines flights violently crash into the World Trade Center on TV, sending cascading smoke and debris into the air.

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Matt Buongiorno

My dad is an American Airlines pilot who was flying to an unbeknownst destination on Sept. 11. With no possible way to contact him, 9/11 was initially more than a national catastrophe to me — it was a personal disaster. To me, going to war was originally a practical and well-founded idea. At age 14, my reasoning guided me to make a decision based on vengeance — to repay the potential harms that could have been inflicted on my father that day.

Five years later, those feelings have since blossomed from the realization that Iraq is still part of our political agenda. I begin to ask myself, how far are we willing to go to end terrorism?

Our first response to 9/11 was to deploy troops to Iraq with the goal of overthrowing Saddam Hussein. According to the Sept. 12 issue of The New York Times, "Iraq had nothing to do with the war on terror until the Bush administration decided to invade it."

In his address to New York and the citizens of the United States on Sept. 6, Bush said, "While Hussein wasn't directly connected with the 9/11 attack, he and his government still posed a risk."

Nonetheless, he has failed to offer the United States a substantive reason as to why we're still in Iraq.

Would the decision to leave Iraq augment the determination of Shi-

ite and Sunni militias, or is it a better decision to continue fueling backlash in the Muslim world, thus, making these militia groups even more radical in their intent to maintain their own individual sovereignties?

The problem also traces back closer to home, especially in regards to the airline industry.

In the last five years, airports have become increasingly stringent about their rules. For example, recently implemented regulations prohibit people from carrying liquids onto the cabin of the plane. These regulations, which were implemented in an attempt to avoid the transportation of dangerous chemicals, crosses a new, unexplored border.

To follow suit with previous "cause and effect" regulations, the next predictable action of the airline industry would be to ban any

and all liquids from all areas of the aircraft. But just how many freedoms are we willing to sacrifice to end terrorism? By giving up more and more rights in response to terrorists' threats and attempts, are we not giving terrorists exactly what they want?

Terrorism also creates negative reflections on our already tarnished international reputation. Bush's recent concession that the CIA has been detaining 9/11 conspirators in secret prisons in Eastern Europe, including 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, stirs new debate.

If we are truly a democracy, and we the people rule this nation by our voice and by legitimate representation, then how can the government even attempt to argue practicing detainment in secrecy? Is it by the voice of the people if we do not know it's happening?

If this decision is in the government's hands alone, how much democratic decision-making was actually involved?

The Bush administration also suggested passing an 83-page bill geared toward justifying the detainment of these terrorists, as well as the proposition of fiercer treatment of prisoners, according to the Sept. 8 issue of The New York Times.

So where do we draw the line in fighting terrorism? Dartmouth constitutional law professor Martin S. Lederman suggests that we change our mindset from Bush's opinion that God is on our side to a more humble, less invasive grassroots declaration by Lincoln that says we should earnestly worry about whether we are on God's side.

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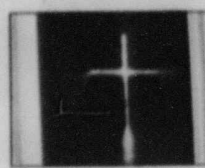
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# Where in the World?



DAKOTA GRING

Montgomery, Texas, which borders Dobbin, is one of the oldest cities in Texas, and many consider it to be the "birthplace of the Texas flag." Dobbin is located approximately 45 minutes north of The Woodlands in Houston.

## Cowgirls may get the blues, but not this small-town girl

By JEFF ESKEW  
Features Editor

Imagine growing-up in a town where cattle easily outnumber the city's population.

Now imagine your town's name actually means a horse, especially a quiet, plodding horse for farm work or family use, according to dictionary.com.

If you are wondering what town this could possibly be, look no further than Dobbin, Texas, which is approximately 45 minutes north of The Woodlands.

Dobbin is the hometown of Dakota Gring, a junior finance and accounting major, who said she could not be happier about growing-up in a small town.

"I never regret growing up in Dobbin because it adds so many characteristics that you just don't get when you were raised in a town like Fort Worth," Gring said.

She said a great thing about being raised in such a small town is that your classmates become more like family.

"I went to a private high school, and I knew everything about everyone and their families," Gring said. "You couldn't go anywhere without seeing someone you know."

She said another positive thing about her high school was that she was able to be a part of any organization or sport because there wasn't any competition.

Gring said her town is so small that some of the students from other towns in the local public high school had never heard of it.

Another way to put her town's size in perspective for her college friends is that the road to her house doesn't even have a name. Instead, every road in Dobbin has a farm market number assigned to it.

"Dobbin is basically nothing more than an intersection in the road, and if you blink you will be in the next town over," she said.

Gring said she sometimes claims she is from Montgomery, a nearby city, because it is the closest town with a population sign, which only reads "489."

She said moving to Fort Worth was quite an experience since she was used to planning to meet a friend an hour in advance.

"It was weird moving here because everything is literally right down the

road," Gring said. "It is also really cool being able to meet a friend for dinner quickly."

She said in Dobbin if you wanted to meet up with someone, you had to plan at least an hour ahead since most things are around 45 minutes away.

Gring said there are not many businesses located in Dobbin, and those are family-owned places where people would just gather to drink.

She said if there is one thing Dobbin had plenty of, it's livestock.

"We had cows and our neighbors had cows," Gring said. "So, when the fence would fall down, we had to call them and say, 'Your cows are in our yard.'"

She said one advantage to having a lot of land is that her friends would come over and ride four-wheelers, fish and sometimes go hunting.

Gring said another favorite pastime was going "mudding" after it would rain.

"Everyone drove these huge monster trucks and it was very rare to see a nice car anywhere close to Dobbin," she said.

Gring recalls one weekend that could only happen in a small town. "People came over, and on the way home, three trucks got stuck in the mud," she said. "I had to actually start up this old rusty tractor to pull them out."

Dobbin might have plenty of cows and mud to go around, but one of the many things Dobbin does not have is a police department.

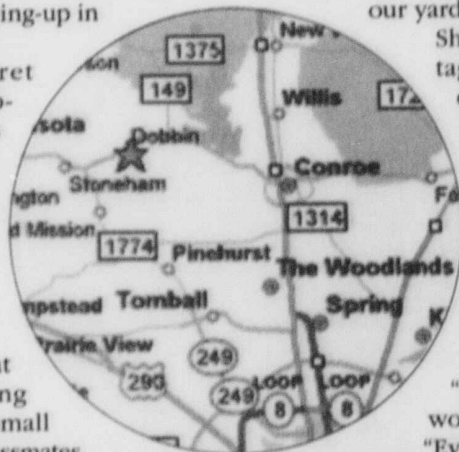
If there's an emergency in Dobbin, Montgomery County sheriff's office would dispatch officers to Dobbin.

She said most Dobbin residents would often travel to Montgomery to get the supplies they needed for the week.

"Montgomery got a Wal-Mart and a McDonald's the year after I left, so that is where most people went if they needed something or wanted to eat out," Gring said.

She said the only thing the town had before the McDonald's was a place called "Yo Mama's Pit Bar-B-Que." Gring added it wasn't a place anyone wanted to go.

Though many TCU students claim towns with more cattle than people as their home, many of them wouldn't have wanted to grow up anywhere else.



DAKOTA GRING

One of the only restaurants in Dobbin, Yo' Mama's Pit BBQ, is not recommended by Dakota Gring, junior finance and accounting major.



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Montgomery, established in 1837, is about one square mile. First State Bank, a Texas landmark, caters to Montgomery's 489 residents.

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# Jazz festival helps improve Camp Bowie

By MICHELLE THOMAS  
Staff Reporter

The fourth annual Jazz By The Boulevard Music and Arts Festival, scheduled for this weekend, will offer an expected 50,000 music lovers various types of jazz and cultural performances, said the event's producer.

"There's something for everyone," said festival producer Donna VanNess. "And it's for a good cause."

According to the Jazz By The Boulevard Web site, the festival is a fundraiser to preserve and beautify the Camp Bowie district, which is the historic site of museums, shops and restaurants.

Three hundred volunteers will help produce the event, including six members of TCU's Chi Omega sorority.

Students in Chi O volunteered at last year's festival and are excited to be helping again, said Katherine Martin, Chi O's community service chair.

"It's fun volunteering and interacting

with people in the community," she said. "Students should attend to hear the talent of the musicians and to experience local culture."

Joey Carter, an adjunct professor in the school of music, and his band will perform a concert tribute to jazz artist Thelonious Monk at 5 p.m. Friday on the Heritage stage.

"Culturally, the jazz festival is a great thing," Carter said. "It's a fun place to hang out and hear a wide variety of world-class musicians."

In addition to exposing the public to the culture of Camp Bowie, VanNess said the goal of the festival is to appreciate the arts.

"We hope to make people aware of the history and culture of jazz," VanNess said.

Booths will be set up for 70 professional artists, and the event will also include a cooking carnival pavilion including wine seminars, specialty food vendors and

cooking demonstrations by area chefs.

Exhibits of jazz archives, memorabilia, photos, art and video documentaries of legendary Fort Worth jazz musicians will be displayed, as well as art showcases and wine seminars, VanNess said.

Some of Fort Worth's Hurricane Katrina evacuees will be performing in a musical parade at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The fundraiser will be produced by Historic Camp Bowie, a non-profit organization that works to revitalize Fort Worth's historic district.

### Additional Information:

- General admission to the event is free to the public, with VIP and reserved table seating available to purchase.

- Jazz By The Boulevard will be Friday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the lawn of the Will Rogers Memorial Center.



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Preservation Hall Jazz Band will perform at Jazz By The Boulevard at the Heritage Stage at 1 p.m. on Saturday. With a focus on New Orleans Jazz, band members discuss the music featured in their concert and put the music in a social, historical, and cultural context by relating their own, personal experience and history in music.

# FrogJobs updates Web site to better accommodate students

By RACHAEL RILEY  
Staff Reporter

Job hunters who are not affiliated with TCU can no longer access job listings on FrogJobs, the University Career Services' online job database, UCS staff members said.

FrogJobs, which lists full-time and part-time jobs both on and off campus, was updated over the summer, said Lynne VonRoeder, a graduate intern for UCS. Now, only TCU students and alumni can access it, she said.

"Non-TCU students were accessing it and not complying with the rules," VonRoeder said.

Karen Dunn, a Career Services recruitment coordinator, said the database has also been updated with new features for both students and employers.

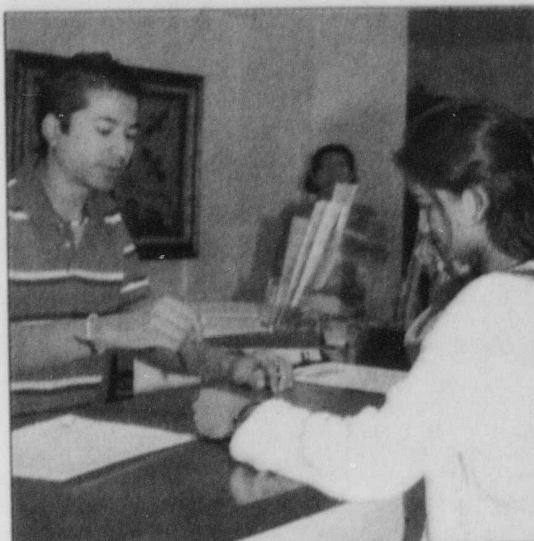
"The job search agent allows students to save their criteria and have postings e-mailed to them," Dunn said.

Another noticeable change is that the order of jobs in the listings. Now, the most recently added jobs added to the Web site are now shown first.

Also, job postings will only remain on the Web site for about 30 days, unless employ-

ers request otherwise, said Kimshi Hickman, associate director of UCS.

A new career events section provides stu-



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor  
Kaushal Amatyia, sophomore psychology major, helps Rasika Vengurlekar, kinesiology graduate student, with her work payments at the Career Services office Thursday afternoon.

dents with direct access to employers' Web sites and tells them when companies will be on campus, Hickman said.

Students can also upload resumes with templates that target specific employers, she said.

"I think both students and employers will be satisfied with the upgrades because they can interact with each other faster," Hickman said.

The registration process for Frogjobs has changed as well, Hickman said.

Before students and alumni can use the Web site, they are required to fill out a consent form in the Career Services office and a registration form on the database, she said.

Filling out a consent form means students agree to abide by the rules, and allows TCU to release their resumes to potential employers, VonRoeder said.

While some students know what FrogJobs is, not all take advantage of what it has to offer.

Tricia Tedford, a senior music education major, said she looked at FrogJobs once in the past, but found an on-campus job though

the library instead.

Daniel Jinkerson, a theological studies graduate student, said he intended on using FrogJobs, but also found a job through the library.

"I can't get most of the jobs on there because I'm not a work-study student," Jinkerson said.

Dunn said Career Services has started offering group orientations this semester so students can learn more about the system.

### University Career Services main office:

- Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Drop-in hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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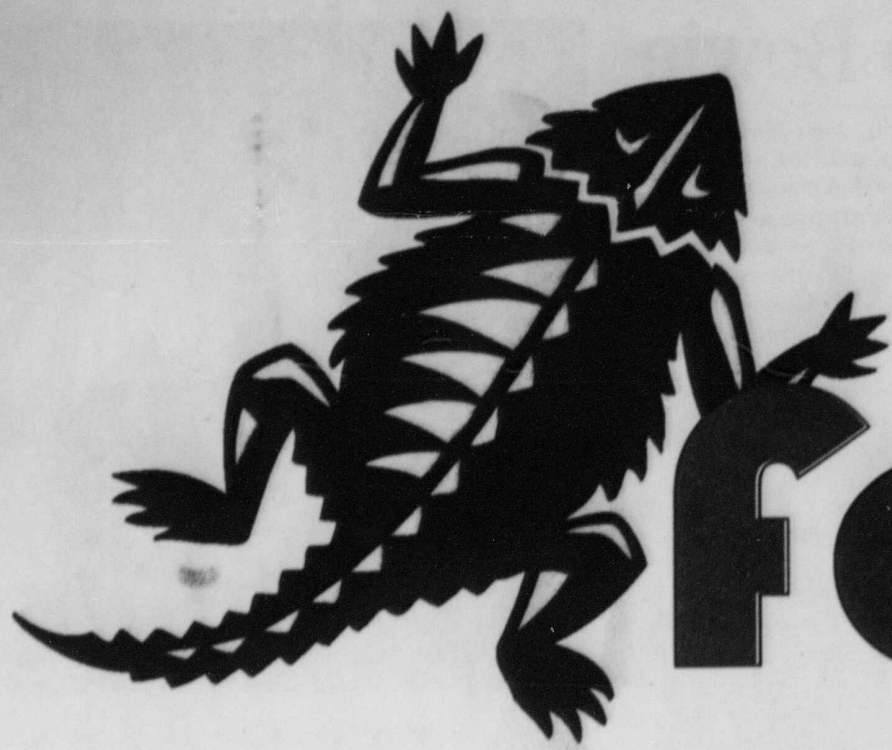
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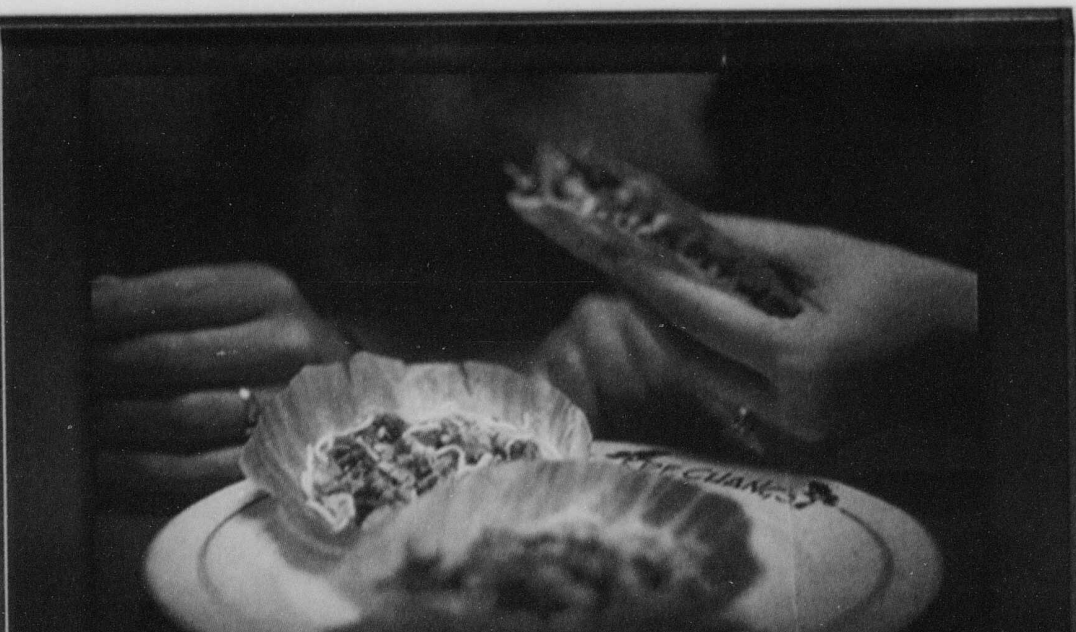
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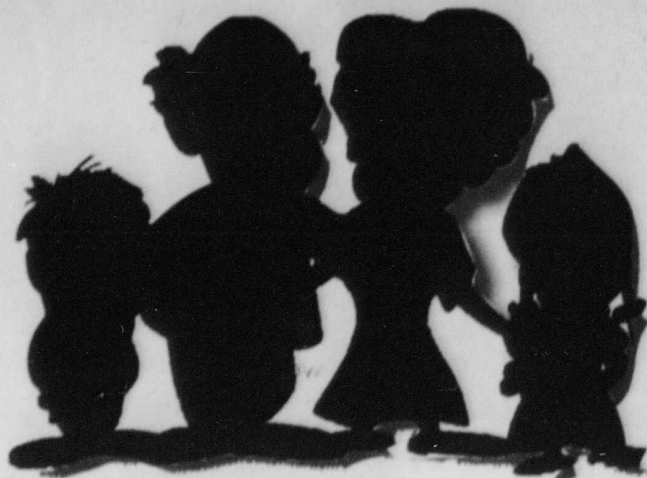
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# House votes to build 700 miles of fence along the U.S.-Mexico border

By DAVE MONTGOMERY  
McClatchy Newspapers

The House voted 283-138 on Thursday to construct more than 700 miles of two-layered fencing along the porous Southwest border, but most Democrats denounced the plan as blatant political posturing in advance of the Nov. 7 congressional elections.

Afterward, House GOP leaders unveiled a package of other relatively non-controversial border-security initiatives, expressing confidence that they could win passage in the Senate and advance to the president's desk before lawmakers quit work at the end of the month to campaign

for re-election. But the Senate outlook remained quite uncertain, as senators of both parties and President Bush have insisted that tough border security measures should be passed only if part of more-comprehensive legislation.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., hinted that House leaders might be willing to consider more-contentious elements of immigration legislation - including Bush's proposed guest-worker program - if they are satisfied that Congress first has moved aggressively to secure U.S. borders.

"If we get a virtual no-pene-

tration program on the border, then we can look at a lot of different things," Hastert said.

But other lawmakers said that, with time running out, it appears virtually impossible for the House and Senate to find common ground on divisive immigration issues that have kept them deadlocked for months.

House leaders have refused to consider a comprehensive Senate-passed bill that would put millions of illegal immigrants on a path toward permanent legal status and U.S. citizenship. The measure also includes a version of the president's guest-worker plan, as well as stiffer border-enforce-

ment measures.

Bush, who met Thursday morning on Capitol Hill with Republican House members, this week renewed his call for a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's immigration laws. His administration has embraced limited fencing as a partial solution to strengthening the border, but not to the extent proposed by the House.

The fence proposal is identical to one that was included in an immigration enforcement bill that the House passed last December. With that measure sidelined in the stalemate with the Senate, House leaders resurrected the proposed \$2.2 billion barrier as the first element of their latest border security package.

The "Border Security Now" agenda recycles several provisions from the stalled House and Senate bills, including \$2.3 billion for 1,200 new Border Patrol agents next year, a crackdown on smugglers and criminal aliens and stiff penalties for the construction of border tunnels.

Sixty-four Democrats joined 219 Republicans in voting for the fence; 131 Democrats and six Republicans voted against it.

# Senate panel defies Bush on detainees

By RON HUTCHESON AND MARGARET TALEV  
McClatchy Newspapers

Ignoring threats and warnings from President Bush, a defiant Senate committee approved legislation Thursday that would ban abusive CIA interrogations and make it easier for terrorist suspects to defend themselves at trial.

The Republican-led Senate Armed Services Committee voted 15-9 to send the legislation to the full Senate. Four Republicans, including Sen. John Warner

chairman, backed the bill over Bush's objections, as did the panel's 11 Democrats.

The split in Republican ranks widened as former Secretary of State Colin Powell joined the dissidents against his former boss.

"The world is beginning to doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism," Powell wrote in a letter to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has teamed up with Warner and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., in opposing Bush. Pow-

ell is former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. McCain was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Warner is a former secretary of the Navy. Graham is a judge in the Air Force Reserves.

Bush made a rare visit to the Capitol to lobby House Republicans for his approach and declared that "the American people will be in danger" if lawmakers continue to defy him.

**"The world is beginning to doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism."**

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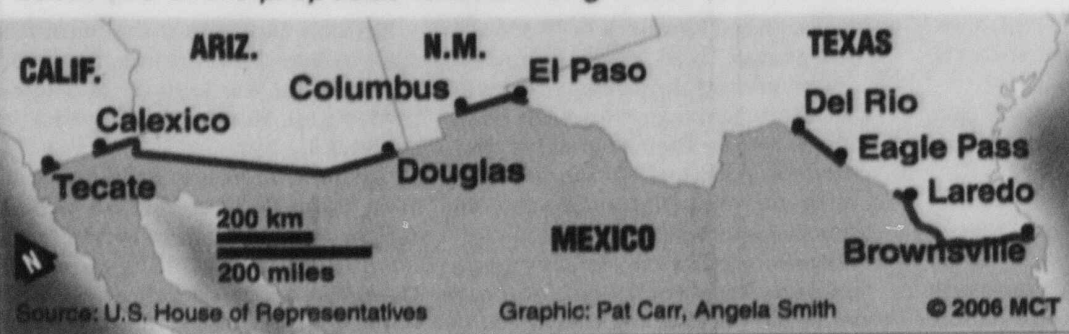
Bush said CIA interrogators should have wide latitude when questioning terrorists, as long as they don't engage in torture.

The Senate bill would ban abusive techniques that the Bush administration doesn't consider torture, such as water-boarding, which simulates drowning.

"In order to protect this country, we must be able to interrogate people who have information about terrorist attacks," Bush told reporters after his closed-door visit with House Republicans. "I will resist any bill that does not enable this program to go forward with legal clarity."

## Proposed border fences

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# Soccer team focuses on teamwork, intensity

By KYLE ARNOLD  
Staff Writer

The Lady Frogs soccer team will be looking for a more consistent team effort when they face the Sam Houston Bearkats and the Nebraska Cornhuskers this weekend.

The team will kick off their weekend by facing the Bearkats Friday night at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium, and then will travel to Lincoln, Neb. to play the Cornhuskers Sunday.

Senior defender Karissa Hill said the Frogs (3-3) will need to work on staying focused from start to finish.

"I think mainly, we need to make sure we keep our focus and intensity," Hill said. "We need to keep having strong, consistent performances from everybody."

Freshman midfielder Michelle Nguyen said the players are becoming a cohesive unit.

"As the season has progressed, I think we are connecting a lot better, and we are starting to find each other on the field a lot better, too," Nguyen said.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said that ball possession will be one of the keys to success this weekend. "The biggest thing we are going

to try and do is keep the ball," Abdalla said. "We just want to try and maintain possession. If we can do that, I think we are going to be very successful."

Coach Abdalla said that one of "the fun parts" of this team is that he can look to more than one player to make a big play when needed.

"We have Lauren Pope who has been scoring a lot of goals and also, Lizzy Karoly, Chelsea White, and Michelle Nguyen," Abdalla said. "All those kids can make an impact at any given time."

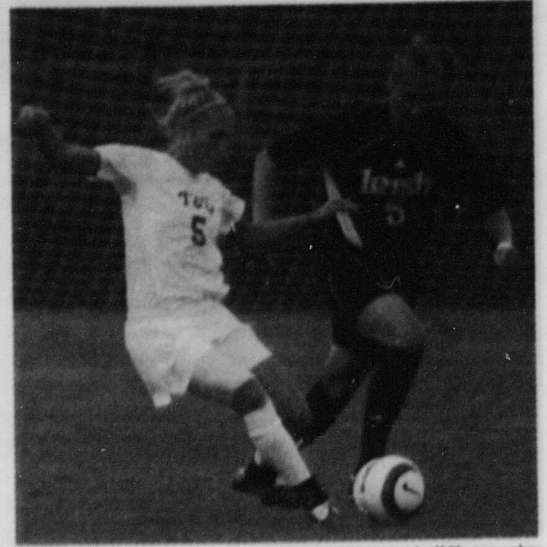
Even though the team is rel-

atively young, Hill is confident when comparing this year's squad to previous teams.

"I think just overall, we have a better team, technically," Hill said. "We are a lot more skilled this year than we have been in the past."

The Frogs have high hopes for their season, but both Abdalla and Hill agree that the main priority for this season is to improve from last season's 6-11 record.

"We just want to be better than we were last year," Abdalla said. "If we do that, we are going to put ourselves in a position to maybe make a run for some things."



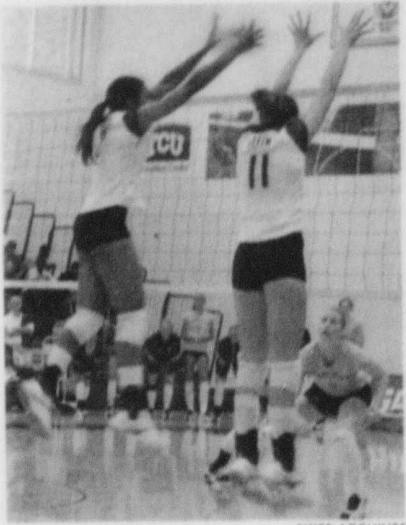
STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer  
Senior defender Breanne Kaldheim works to keep the ball from Notre Dame forward Amanda Cinalli last week.

# Women's volleyball team bounces back with win over Texas State

By RACHEL MCDANIEL  
Staff Reporter

The TCU Volleyball team earned an easy victory Wednesday night as it eased past the Texas State Bobcats in three games at the University Recreation Center.

The 11-2 Frogs came off a disap-



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Freshman middle blocker Courtney Edwards, left, and junior right-side hitter Emily Allen jump up to block the ball against Texas State Wednesday. The Frogs won after 3 games.

pointing loss to the University of Mississippi, but returned to sweep the 3-8 Bobcats 30-24, 30-17, and 30-25.

"It's the best we've played in two consecutive games," head coach Prentice Lewis said.

The Frogs had 49 kills in the game, led by junior outside hitter and middle blocker LeMeita Smith's team-high 12 kills.

"LeMeita did a really great job blocking and hitting," freshman defensive specialist Katelyn Blackwood said.

The Frogs came out strong in the first two games, but struggled to hold off the Bobcats in the third.

"Yes, we won the third game, but we missed some serves," said Lewis. "It wasn't as crisp as I would have liked."

Smith said she agreed the Frogs had trouble serving.

"We could have served a little better," she said. "That's something we really struggled with."

Even with four blocks, Lewis said the Frogs could have done a better job.

"We didn't block as well as I wanted us to, but we did touch a lot of balls," she said. "If we're getting the ball to our defense, then we can run a play."

Despite the few missteps, Lewis said she was happy with the game.

Blackwood said she thinks they were able to sweep the Bobcats because it was a team effort.

"We really played as a team," Blackwood said. "No one played as an individual."

Smith added she was happy with her team's efforts to make as few errors as possible.

"Everyone was just really focused," she said.

Freshman outside hitter Lauren Otto led the team with 16 points, followed closely by Smith's 13 points and senior Anna Vaughn's 11 points.

"Overall, I think the intensity was really great, and we went out there and got it done in three," Blackwood said.

The Frogs will face the University of Wyoming Cowgirls at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Rec Center.

# Wins encourage men's, women's golf

By KELLY FERGUSON  
Staff Reporter

Strong starts for the men's and women's golf teams earlier this week have given them momentum to begin a new weekend of tournaments, players and coaches said.

The men's team placed second out of 15 teams in Toledo, Ohio, and the women placed fourth out of 17 teams in Albuquerque, N.M., earlier this week.

Sophomore Jon McLean and senior Catherine Matranga won the individual titles in their respective tournaments. Although it was her first collegiate win, Matranga said she hopes to win again.

"I've wanted to win for three years, and everyone kept telling me it was just a matter of time," Matranga said. "I hope I keep playing really strong."

Women's head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said good preparation contributed to Matranga's win, and she thinks she will win again this season.

"Once you win your first tournament, the next win comes easily," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "She's been hitting the ball the best I've ever seen."

Matranga said she would also like to see the team win tournaments as the season continues.

"We just have to go out there and do what we did in the first tournament," Matranga said. "We have a lot

of momentum right now."

The team did well in the tournament because they were in good shape physically and mentally, Ravaoli-Larkin said.

"Everyone was just taking care of business," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "Attitudes were really good throughout the tournament."

Ravaoli-Larkin said the team has a good chance of winning their next tournament, the Jeannie McHaney Invitational, Monday and Tuesday in Lubbock.

"I think we're going to be the best team there," Ravaoli-Larkin said, "but we have to show up and play hard to win."

Ravaoli-Larkin said she wants her players to focus on achieving individual goals, because if they play their best individually, a team win is bound to happen.

Men's golf head coach Bill Montigel said that having McLean succeed individually in the first tournament helped the entire team perform well.

"When we have a guy winning, then the team is in a good position," Montigel said.

The men's team will play in the Carpet Capital Collegiate Friday through Sunday in Rocky Face, Ga.

Montigel said the team will face strong competition, but he expects the team to do well.

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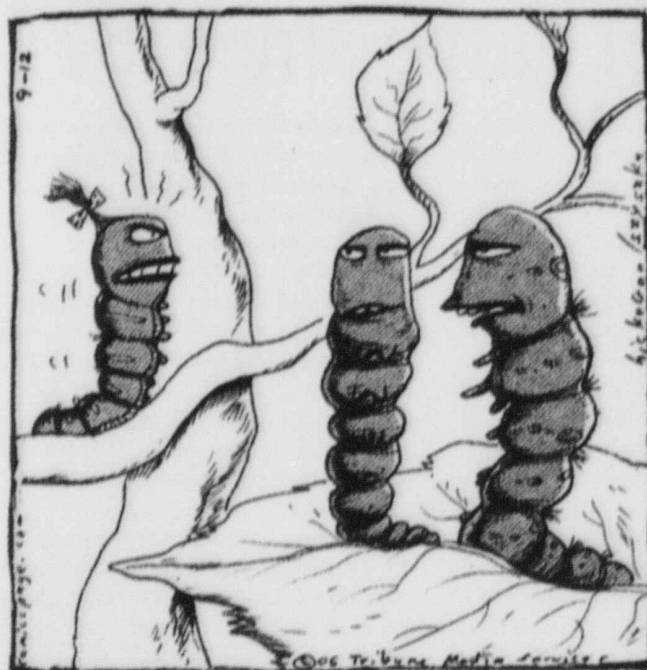
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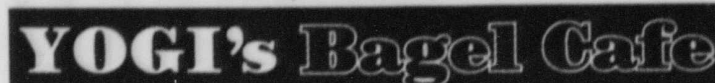
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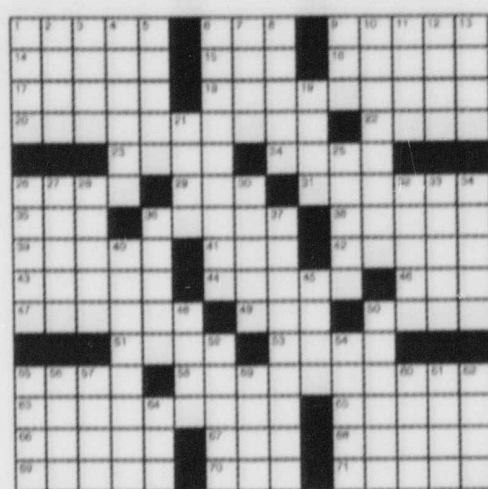
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## Frogs defend ranking against Raiders

By BILLY WESSELS  
Staff Reporter

TCU will put the nation's longest winning streak on the line Saturday when it hosts No. 22 Texas Tech in front of a sold-out crowd at Amon Carter Stadium.

With their win last week, the Frogs extended their winning streak to 12 games, which is three games ahead of the winning streaks of West Virginia and Ohio State.

"Anytime you're first in the country that's special," sophomore line-backer Jason Phillips said.

In order for that streak to continue, the Frogs will have to get past the tough Texas Tech Red Raiders, who are ranked No. 22 and No. 24 in the USA Today and Associated Press polls, respectively.

The game will be the first regular season match-up of teams ranked in the top 25 at TCU since 1984, when No. 12 TCU lost to No. 10 University of Texas.

This will be the first meeting between the two schools since the Frogs visited Lubbock in 2004 when the Red Raiders won 70-35.

The Frogs will enter this game riding a wave of confidence after opening the 2006 campaign with back-to-back wins, including a win over the Baylor Bears, another Big 12 opponent and former Southwest Conference nemesis.

TCU has won three straight games versus the Big 12, including wins dating back to last season's opener at Oklahoma. The Frogs also defeated Iowa State in the 2005 EVI.net Houston Bowl to close the season at 11-1.

Both teams have shown a strong offense so far this season. Through two games, both the Frogs and the Red Raiders are averaging over 30 points per game. Tech is No. 9 in total offense, averaging 490 yards per game, and TCU is averaging 396 yards.

"We're on the right track right now,

we just gotta keep building, building, building our offense to be where we were last year and even better than that," said Aaron Brown, running back.

The Frogs, averaging 184.5 yards per game on the ground, will have the edge rushing the ball in this week's game, while the Red Raiders average just 120.5 yards.

The real test for the Frogs will come when Tech goes to the air. They led the nation in all passing categories last season except for touchdowns in which they were tied for No. 3 in the nation. Tech is also ranked No. 2 this season averaging 369.5 yards per game and have scored seven touchdowns through the air so far in 2006.

In their first two games, the Frogs have allowed just one touchdown pass, but have allowed an average of 255.5 yards per game through the air.

But when Tech turns to the rush, TCU should have the edge when it



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The Class of 2010 sings the alma mater at the UC Davis game. The Frogs play at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

comes to stopping the run. The Frogs are ranked No. 7 in the nation in rushing defense, allowing an average of 36.5 yards per game.

The Red Raiders will have their hands full trying to stop the Frogs' rushing game. Tech's rushing defense allows an average of 119 yards per game.

Even with the Frog's defensive advantage, look for this to be a high scoring game that will test where the Frogs stand among the nation's best.

"I'm sure it will be a thrill a minute," head coach Gary Patterson said.

All stats taken from NCAA.com and the game press release from TCU Media Relations.

## University prepares for families, first sold-out game since '84

By MORGAN BLUNK  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs have their hands full.

Saturday's home football game at 4:30 p.m. against the Big 12 Texas Tech Raiders has meant extra preparation on behalf of the TCU administration, athletics department, Student Government Association and the TCU and Fort Worth Police. Not to mention, Family Weekend kicks off today.

The game, which has many fans excited for a chance to beat Tech after a failed attempt in Lubbock in 2004, is sold out. TCU has been prepping for crowd control for the program's first sold-out home game since 1984.

In case of potential problems between TCU and Tech fans, TCU and Fort Worth Police officers will be maintaining a high visibility in the stands, and extra officers will be positioned in possible problematic areas, Fort Worth Police Lt. Paul Jwanowski said.

In addition to adding 30 more police officers and two more EMS teams, extra temporary rest room facilities are being brought in, said Ross Bailey, associate director of athletics. Also, Sodexho, the TCU concessions contractor, is adding 30 more vendor locations inside the stadium so items like bottled water can be purchased easily, Bailey said.

The stadium isn't the only facet of game day getting a face-lift.

After the positive feedback from the first student-produced tailgate, SGA president Trevor Heaney said the tailgate committee has been working on getting more space in the Brachman Hall parking lot to help accommodate more people at the tailgate.

"We are going to increase the number of people checking IDs to expedite the process," Heaney said. "We're increasing the number of rest rooms, and we're going to open the tailgate earlier this time for setup and tailgating."

The tailgate is also running a GoVision television screen for the entire

game so people who didn't get tickets can stay at the tailgate and watch the game from the parking lot, Heaney said.

TCU fans won't be the only ones tailgating Saturday, said Brad Beard, president of the Texas Tech Alumni Association for the Fort Worth area.

Raider alumni have rented out the Alice Carlson Elementary School lawn on West Cantej Street for their pre-game party, which starts at 1:30 p.m., Beard said.

"The Lubbock band, the Hogg Maulies, will be out there playing all day, and a Hummer company is going to be there with a customized Hummer in Tech colors," he said.

A lack of area hotel rooms, however, has altered some of the Tech fans' plans, Beard said.

Wednesday, according to Expedia.com, every hotel within a 10-mile radius of TCU's campus was booked full for the weekend. This included hotels near downtown, the Stockyards, Ridgmar Mall and Hulen Street.

Bailey said because of all the extra planning, he thinks TCU is ready for the weekend and the sold-out game.

"Anytime you sell as many tickets as we did, the amount of services you have to provide increases," Bailey said. "I have to know that we've got good people working for us."

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