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AddRan offers new writing degree following students' requests

By DIANA ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

For students who want a future in writing, a new major has been added in the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Writing is available as a major for the Bachelor of Arts degree and as a minor for both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

There are only 60 to 70

universities in the nation that offer the major, said Brad Lucas, director of undergraduate studies in the English department.

In Texas, the University of Texas at El Paso is one of the schools that has a program very similar to the one offered by TCU.

"At the same time we started coming out with ideas to bring this major together, we

found out that the University of Texas at El Paso was doing the exact same work," Lucas said.

The addition came after a series of inquiries from undergraduate students wanting more writing courses than the English department offered, Lucas said. The writing major was officially added to the program in July.

Students must complete 31

hours in English for a major in writing and 18 hours for a minor. Also, each student consults with a faculty adviser in English to form a program of study.

The major was added in a collective effort to emphasize the area of interest, Lucas said.

"There's a lot of schools that offer courses in creative writing or professional writing,

but our students were asking about more writing courses in general," Lucas said.

To attract more students, traditional advertising methods will be used as well as flyers, visits to English classes and the newspaper and radio, Lucas said.

"I think word-of-mouth will be our best method," Lucas said.

Seven students declared

the major before it was announced to the rest of the university.

Austin McCutchen, a freshmen writing major, said he switched right away after an adviser said the major was available.

"I plan on becoming a novelist, so a major that specifically focuses on the area of writing is definitely ideal,"

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HOT DOGS



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

Fort Worth firefighter Jimmy Carter and Engineer Troy Clark treat two puppies for smoke inhalation at the Royale Orleans North Condominiums after a fire started Monday.

Area apartments struck by lightning, caught on fire

By AMANDA SHIMKO
Staff Reporter

Lightning is to blame for a two-alarm fire Monday at the Royale Orleans North Condominiums at Bellaire Drive and Hulen Street, fire officials said.

Lt. Kent Worley of the Fort Worth Fire Department said the fire started around 11:30 a.m.

Monday and was extinguished a few minutes after noon, causing \$230,000 in damage.

Lightning struck the attic of unit 201 and the fire was contained to that area, Worley said.

Officials said there was no one inside the apartment at the time of the fire. However, two dogs in the unit below were rescued

and treated for smoke inhalation at a nearby veterinary center, fire officials said.

Paul Northcott, a resident of the condominiums, said he heard what sounded like a shotgun before his cable went out.

"I smelled smoke and heard the alarm go off," Northcott said. "I grabbed my animals and ran

out the door, only to be choked by the smoke outside."

Smoke and water damaged condos around the unit, Worley said.

Many of the residents gathered around had not been in their condos at the time of the fire but were called by friends or family to alert them of the event.

\$1 million gift funds oncology center

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS
Staff Reporter

The new TCU oncology center opened this year when it received a \$1 million donation from the University of Texas Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Foundation in Fort Worth.

Suzu Lockwood, director of the Center for Oncology Education and Research, said TCU was notified by the foundation last spring of the donation and the gift was funded Sept. 1. She said the gift will be dispersed over a five-year period.

Lockwood said they submitted a proposal to the foundation for the creation of the oncology center. She said the donation was the "seed money" for getting the center started. She also said the donation was consistent with the foundation's mission to improve the care of patients.

"The center will be very interdisciplinary. To take care of oncology patients and their families, it needs more than nurses, but a variety of different people."

Suzu Lockwood

director of the Center for Oncology Education and Research

"The goal of the funding and the purpose of the center specifically is to increase the number of nurses who go into oncology and stay in oncology," Lockwood said.

Sara Kearns, a junior nursing major, said she is very interested in oncology not only because of its growth rate in America, but because many of her family members have been diagnosed with cancer.

"Just helping one person

in the fight against cancer is worth the time and effort you put into it," Kearns said.

Lockwood said the funding will also go to research, education programs, certification and courses.

The first class for credit will be offered in the spring for undergraduate nursing students, Lockwood said. She also said the department is developing an undergraduate nursing certificate that will focus on oncology.

Kathy Johnson, a junior

nursing major, said she is very excited about the donation and the oncology center. Johnson said she is interested in taking the course since she has worked with cancer patients before and enjoyed the experience.

"I want to have further teaching before I graduate," Johnson said, "especially since I don't know what I want to do yet in the nursing field."

Lockwood said there is no name for the course yet but it will count as a special problems elective course.

"If they incorporate a cancer class into our curriculum, then students would be prepared to deal with cancer patients," said Alenna Figueroa, a senior nursing major.

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Colleges work toward better alert systems

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

The Virginia Tech massacre has created an industry.

The idea for a modern source of communication during emergencies has evolved into universities trying to better the warning systems, including TCU.

Right now, the university has four sources of communication during an emergency: campus e-mails, a recorded information line, the TCU home page and the media.

Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication, said the chancellor has formed a committee to examine mass notification systems, which sends a message to a device that notifies multiple recipients. However, a decision has not yet been made, she said.

Informing faculty, staff and students in emergency situations is the priority, Syler-Jones said.

"We are just augmenting the systems we already have," Syler-Jones said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the goal is to be able to notify people immediately either by text or e-mail. He said no

"We are just augmenting the systems we already have."

Tracy Syler-Jones

associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication

matter how fast these messages are sent, they may not be received directly.

Mills said the committee is working on a loudspeaker-outdoor system as well as a phone messaging system.

TCU is right on the heels of other universities, Syler-Jones said.

Bob Wright, director of public affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington, said the three primary communication sources that UTA uses are campus-wide e-mails, an indoor loudspeaker system and a text messaging system through the company Mobile Campus.

UTA is in the process of expanding the current loudspeaker system to outdoors as well, Wright said. He said the system can be zoned to

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Groups attend trial to raise awareness

By SONA THAPA
Skiff Reporter

The federal government's efforts to prosecute members of a Richardson-based foundation that allegedly funds a Middle East terrorist group are misunderstood, said students who plan to attend the trial in Dallas today.

The Muslim Student Association and Interfaith Council and Community are trying to raise awareness about the Holy Land Foundation, which was shut down by the U.S. government in December 2001, said the vice president of MSA.

MSA Vice President Fidaa Elaydi said the Holy Land Foundation, a Muslim charity, was declared a major financial source for Hamas, an extremist group, without any evidence. Five members of the foundation were accused of supporting Hamas and their trial has been going on since July 24, Elaydi said.

Elaydi and some members of MSA plan to go to Dallas today to watch the trial.

According to the Web site launched by the defendants' family members, the men involved in the trial are Ghasan Elashi, Shukri Abu-Baker, Mufid Abdulqader, Abdulrahman Odeh and Mohammad El-Mezain.

Elaydi said four of the five defendants are U.S. citizens of Palestinian origin.

In a December 2001 press release, President George W. Bush said the assets and accounts of the Holy Land Foundation were frozen because the money raised by the foundation was used by Hamas to support schools that recruit and train children to become suicide bombers.

"Hamas is an extremist group that calls for the total destruction of the State of Israel," Bush said. "Hamas has obtained much of the

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McCutchen said. "Any old school can give a guy an English major, but most of the other universities don't have as wide of a variety of fun and fulfilling courses as TCU."

Diana Dunigan, a freshman writing major, said she heard of the major at orientation and immediately made the switch from an English major.

"I changed it last minute," Dunigan said. "It came as an

added bonus at orientation."

Theresa Gaul, an associate professor and associate chair in the English department, said the major will help students focus their attention on the craft of writing for the future careers.

"Students who want to incorporate writing into their future work lives will find that a writing major will prepare them extremely well to write in a variety of circumstances," Gaul said.

SECURITY

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certain campus locations from the UTA police dispatch center and the UTA Police Department headquarters.

Lee Arning, director of emergency management at Southern Methodist University, said SMU uses a variety of different high-tech and low-tech systems to notify students in an emergency situation.

"You can't count on just one; you have to have redundancy," Arning said.

That's why SMU provides its building managers with walkie-talkies and bull horns in addition to mass notification systems, such as phone e-mail, text messaging and loudspeaker systems, Arning said.

He said a siren was installed that can be used as a loudspeaker to inform everyone in the complex as well.

Arning said Virginia Tech is the "Columbine" for higher education and all colleges should be reading and watching the Virginia Tech after-

math with a learning intent.

In addition to better TCU campus security, Craig Allen, director of residential services, said, the dorms side-doors are only open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to eliminate tail-gaters — people who follow residents into the building.

Within the next couple of years, Allen said, phase-2 of security development is to eliminate use of the side-doors and eventually phase-3 will allow an alarm to sound at the use of the side-doors.

CENTER

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Lockwood said the funding is to focus on nursing, but the center will expand outside of that as well.

Lockwood said she wants the center to educate health care professionals on how to take care of oncology patients and families, including people in kinesiology, social work and other departments. She said she wants to collaborate with other areas.

"The center will be very interdisciplinary," Lockwood said. "To take care of oncology patients and


their families, it needs more than nurses, but a variety of different people."

Lockwood said they will continue to apply for funding and grants during and after the five-year period, seeking out different agencies in addition to the UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Foundation again.

According to the center's Web site, the Moncrief Cancer Center was established in 1958 and is known as one of the nation's first community radiation therapy facilities. The center became affiliated with UT Southwestern in 1999.

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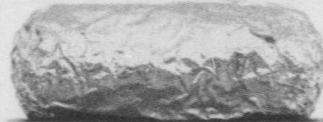
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty."
— President John F. Kennedy

THE SKIFF VIEW

Voting glitch an amateur error

Technology is of good use only when prepared, organized people are behind it.

The Mr. and Ms. TCU voting that was scheduled to be available on my.tcu.edu on Thursday did not start working until Monday.

Natalie Boone, assistant director of the Student Government Association, said the initial reason for the delay was that not all of the photographs of the nominees were available by Thursday. Then, SGA decided to hold off voting Friday because of the number of students traveling to Austin, Boone said.

The Web site was finally up Monday, but a coding error delayed voting for another hour.

Mr. and Ms. TCU is an annual homecoming event that is only meaningful with high student participation. Poor planning and preparation threatened this tradition last week. Simply not having photographs ready in order

for voting to occur on time isn't acceptable. As if the four-day delay wasn't enough, a computer coding error further impeded the TCU tradition.

Technical complications like these frustrate the students who would have excitedly voted otherwise.

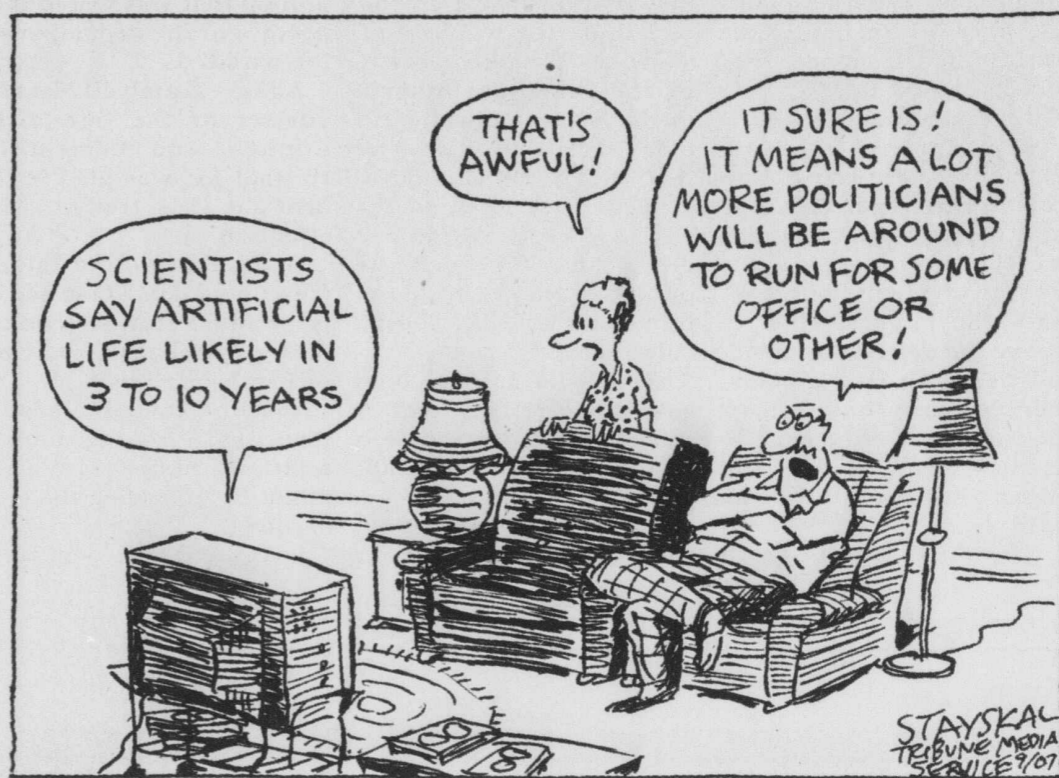
After a few frustrating, failed tries, it is inevitable that students will lose interest.

Take photographs ahead of time. Test and make sure the code for the page works. These are basic guidelines that we learn to apply to any type of job we take on: plan and prepare. Meet deadlines. The missed deadlines added another thorn in the side of people wanting to cast their votes for Mr. and Mrs. TCU.

Although in high school our failure to practice such rules resulted in a penalized grade, the university's failure to do so the past week jeopardized the student body's interest in a university tradition.

Features editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Scant parking frustrating, inconvenient for student schedules

You squint your eyes hard. Your fingers grip the steering wheel with predatory intensity. The tires slide smoothly on the pavement, expectant. Any second now.

You drive through the corridor, looking for an empty space. Suddenly, your eyes detect an anomaly in the landscape. Your pulse shoots up as you step on the gas pedal triumphantly. But as you approach your heart sinks. There is no emp-



Julieta Chiquillo

ty slot, but only a vehicle strategically hidden between two others. An expletive escapes your lips as you rejoin other students — competition cruising the lot.

The parking situation at TCU deserves its own show on Animal Planet. The same principles that rule in the jungle govern behavior in the parking lot.

It's no secret why. Parking is scanty and inconvenient. "Parking is like pulling a tooth," said Heather Carlson, a sophomore mechanical engineering major. "It's a necessary evil."

Other students share the

sentiment.

Laura Lee, a sophomore nursing major, said she thinks twice before driving anywhere.

Suddenly that Taco Bell chaluja just isn't a good enough reason to give up your parking spot.

Students complain about having to walk 10 to 15 minutes to get to their cars. Although this march will hardly draw parallels to the Exodus, a 10-minute walk can be a hassle while on a tight schedule.

The recent bout of crime alerts near and on campus makes the idea of a 10-minute walk even less appealing.

Granted, shuttle services and Froggie-Five-O provide some comfort, but this effort is not enough to appease all, especially those students who have to wait for an escort late at night.

The construction of a parking garage is a viable solution to the school's parking problem. A strategically placed parking garage would provide more parking spots within a close distance to residence halls.

How would the project be financed? TCU is expecting revenue from a recent deal that will allow an oil company to drill for natural gas on school

grounds (on a parking lot, to be precise). School authorities should wisely invest this money on a parking facility.

Because a parking garage entails heavier maintenance and more security personnel, parking permit fees will increase.

Baylor University and Southern Methodist University, both of which offer garage parking, charge students \$175 and \$230 for annual permits, respectively. Because not all students will be willing to pay higher parking fees, a separate garage parking fee should be offered to students who are interested. Space will open up in the sur-

face lots for students with regular parking fees.

Even if the administration resists building a parking garage, the parking problem should be addressed. If money is being funneled toward a new sports facility — and we have plenty of those — then cash should also go toward parking, an investment that will benefit a larger portion of the student body.

Heed our call, school authorities. Parking is not a whim — it's a necessity.

Julieta Chiquillo is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from San Salvador, El Salvador. Her column appears Tuesdays.

Find your own way to remember 9/11

Last year, on Sept. 11 and 12, the front pages of newspapers reflected and helped set the predominant tone today's date holds for many of us: grief.

The New York Times emboldened "Grief" on its cover; "Grief Endure(s) Across

Region" appeared on The Washington Post's; Americans were "United in Grief" according to top headlines from both the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the Press of Atlantic City. From coast to coast citizens were united.

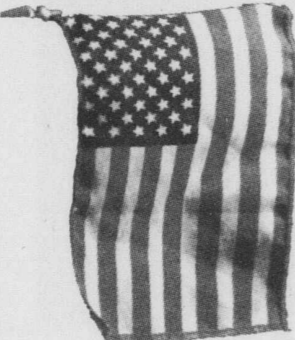
The San Francisco Chronicle's front page told us "The grief cycle is endless ..." for some families who lost relatives in the Flight 93 crash. Perhaps the tenor we as a society give 9/11 each year perpetuates their sadness.

Must today be, as Franklin D. Roosevelt said of Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor — "a date which will live in infamy?"

Of course, we cannot evade the implications of the past and experiencing grief has its place.



Douglas Lucas



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Nor can we lighten today's mood fully with tributes to the lives lost on 9/11, or to 9/11's heroes or to anything else. But, we can try to clear at least some of the fog that envelopes Sept. 11, 2007.

If you don't feel as much grief today as you think you should, don't feel pressured to — you have a right to your life apart from the atmosphere society sets. But, whatever happiness you might have, spread it somehow: volunteer for a cause you support, smile at a stranger or thank a teacher.

Remember that about 10,000 Americans were born on Sept. 11, 2001. They do not replace the lives lost, nor do they negate the grief. But they do represent America moving on.

Douglas Lucas is a senior English and philosophy major from Fort Worth.

Conspiracy theories trivial in long run

You've probably heard by now: The attacks on Sept. 11 may be the result of a government conspiracy.

And you shouldn't care. It becomes clear after looking into the conspiracy theories about Sept. 11, there are many things concerning the attacks that can't be explained.

It disappoints me to see so much effort being put into proving something that is essentially unexplainable.

And for what? Has anything been resolved from the creation of countless documentaries, Web sites and activist groups dedicated to exposing the "truth about Sept. 11?"

I'm not saying these theories aren't true — they very well might be — and I'm certainly not suggesting in the slightest way that the events of Sept. 11 were trivial. It just seems that it's diverting attention from more important issues.

There are so many problems that should be more of a priority than uncovering a far-fetched conspiracy that took place six years ago.

Think about how much energy has been put into trying to figure out who killed John F. Kennedy or what happened in Roswell in 1947. What if all that energy were

put into solving real problems?

The attention these conspiracy theories have received might be more justified if the evidence were stronger. After considering the arguments presented by Sept. 11 conspiracy theorists, I found myself saying, "That's an interesting point, maybe you're right."

And I think most people who think critically about the theorists' claims never get past "maybe."

In the unlikely event that any of these theories were proven true, what difference would it really make? A few government officials might be tried and sentenced. There would be a huge media frenzy. It would probably be the end of the Republican Party, but damage has already been done.

We need to step back and look at what is really important. If we genuinely want to make positive change and do some good, we can't let our intentions be diverted by searching for unattainable truths.

If you really think the system is flawed enough to allow something so incredibly evil to happen, then focus your energy on something that might actually have a chance at making positive reform.

Figure out what you think government officials are cur-

rently doing wrong or figure out what you think is wrong with the current political system and focus your energy on changing those kinds of things, not on developing questionable, six-year-old conspiracy theories.

Stop posting Internet videos analyzing close-ups of low-resolution video stills accompanied by unnerving music in attempts to demonstrate how science can't explain why certain things happened the way they did.

You will find that the majority of the conspiracy theory arguments are examples of how it's impossible to scientifically explain why certain things unfolded the way they did during and after the attacks.

They then fill in the holes they have created by pointing out these "unexplainable occurrences" with explanations that make even less sense: It must have been a missile that hit the Pentagon, the collapse of the World Trade Center was a controlled demolition, the videos of the event had to have been doctored in some way, the government collaborated with al-Qaida — the list goes on.

Even in controlled scientific experiments in the best laboratories there are always unexplained phenomena

and strange coincidences. So when considering the event in which a plane is flown into a skyscraper, of course there will be unexplainable things.

This doesn't prove there wasn't some sort of government conspiracy; it just means the scientific evidence these videos are presenting has very little credibility.

But there are believers. Thirty-six percent of the American public thinks it is "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that federal officials participated in or chose not to stop the attacks on Sept. 11, according to a Scripps Howard/Ohio University poll.

After considering the evidence presented, I might even fall into the "somewhat likely" category, but there are issues we are facing right now that are more than just "somewhat likely."

Innocent people are suffering and dying all over the world — that's reality — and while we're here we can do things to improve it if we stay focused on what's important.

Being skeptical of authority is good. Asking questions is absolutely essential. But there is no use dwelling on a question when the answer is out of reach.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrity TV news unavoidable, not deserving of commentary

Mr. Hall's commentary, "Celebrity news not real news," was insipid at best.

I agree that the coverage of pseudo-celebrities and their comings and goings are not news. I agree that it is insulting for Nancy Grace to endeavor

to convince us that brutal attacks on the innocent are appalling as if we didn't know.

What I don't understand is why David Hall chose to fill news space with commentary on these annoyances.

Obviously some people —

unfortunately — watch and enjoy these programs, or else they wouldn't be aired. I knew very little of the celebrities Hall mentioned and their recent drama, perhaps because I don't watch those programs that comment on

them. I suggest you do the same — watch programs that deal with areas you find relevant and leave the other programs to the people who care about celebrities and their anorexia/cellulite. Trashy news will never go away and

you'd be a simpleton to expect that. Long before television, the gossip train healthily chugged through the station bringing news of who among the fashionable in town was embroiled in some scandal or another and I'd imagine that

even in hieroglyphics there is some mention of what the queen wore. Television is just a more adept tool to propagate mindless banter. Do your part, editorialize smart.

Amanda Morin is a social psychology graduate student.

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TRIAL

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money that it pays for murder abroad right here in the United States, money originally raised by the Holy Land Foundation." Elaydi, who has attended about eight trials, said the men are from Palestine and have familial relations to some of the people in the infrastructure of Hamas. He said the lawyers tried to prove the defendants' familial ties with Hamas members in court. However, just because they are related to Hamas members does not mean they are guilty, she said.

The foundation came during former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon's visit to the U.S. in December 2001, Elaydi said.

"I think the whole decision was strongly backed by the Israeli government or the Israeli lobbyist but I think mostly it was out of fear after Sept. 11," Elaydi said. "I have been to the trial and I've seen the evidence and I've seen the point that they're trying to prove and it really doesn't make sense."

Elaydi said no one could establish that the money raised by the foundation was sent to the militant group.

She said the foundation, which was founded near

Los Angeles in 1989, was the largest Muslim charity. Before it was shut down, it had an annual budget of \$14 million that was sent to the needy and the poor all over the world.

Adam Gamwell, staff adviser of the Interfaith Council and Community, said he was glad MSA brought this trial to his attention.

Gamwell said the Interfaith Council and Community promotes inter-religious dialogue and helps facilitate peace through that.

Yasmine Javeed, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, said she might be attending the trial today.

Javeed said TCU promotes

the idea of globally-aware citizens and knowing about this trial helps students understand things that are happening around them.

If people do not pay attention to what is happening inside their country, they cannot push kids to pay attention to what is going outside, Javeed said.

"Martin Luther King Jr., when he was in Birmingham prison in 1963, he said injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, and this is a threat to justice for everybody here," Elaydi said. "Our Constitution is at risk right now."

Elaydi said it does not affect Muslims or Arabs of Palestine alone. It affects all Americans, she said.

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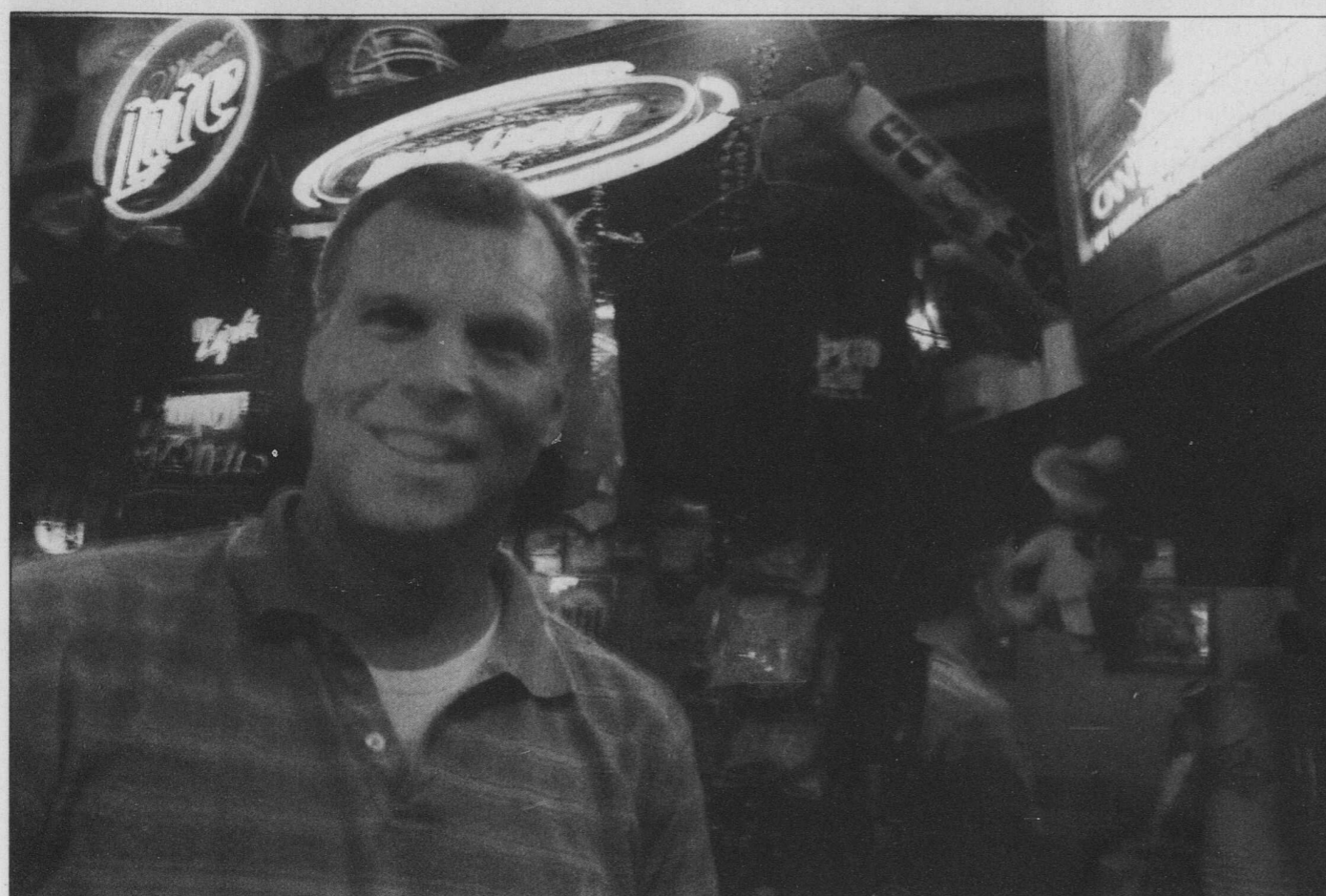
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RAISING THE BAR



Dave Mitchell, 55, has seen cycles of "Pub Rats" walk in and out of The University Pub for more than eight years. Polaroids and various pieces of college paraphernalia capture the years spent at The Pub on its walls.

Owner a part of history at local student hangout

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**
Associate Editor

Not everyone famous in the TCU microcosm needs to wear a tie to work.

Known only as "Dave" by patrons of The University Pub, Dave Mitchell, 55, has been a regular face behind those wooden doors for more than eight years, with father-like wisdom and a third-eye that watches over all who enter.

Dry rot covers the wooden door outside his office. A faded sign in red and white paint reads, "The University Pub, Hours Mon-Sat 4 P.M.-2 A.M."

Former bartender Jorge Davila described Mitchell with admiration. He said Mitchell's advice handed down to all patrons and employees stems from Dave's life experience in both the restaurant business and his days of being a college student.

Davila, 24, a 2005 alumnus, has been a fixture in The Pub as a bartender since the time of his graduation.

A Different View

When not shaking hands, giving high fives and tumbling drinks, Mitchell is sometimes sequestered to the realm behind the bar.

"I see people in a jaded way, because I look at them from back here," he said as he motioned toward the wall of liquor bottles behind him.

What he sees is from a different perspective, where he is in charge, and everything that takes place can be seen. Though he is not atop a throne, his towering physique gives him a bird's-eye view of all the goings on during a crowded night.

"I've always been pretty good about first impressions," Mitchell said.

If he gets the impression there is a lack of respect for him and his position, he will give no sympathy.

"I know there are people I can turn my back on," Mitchell said. "I can tell somebody that there are other places that will be glad to take their money, I'd want their money but there are other places to go."

Mitchell's prior careers have kept him working in bars and restaurants since his days at Texas Tech University, and he said that makes him no stranger to the different personalities who enter his bar.

"Sometimes there is a fine line between black and white, but if you have been here for a while, I'll let you get away with some stuff," Mitchell said.

When tempers flare and alcohol is involved, it requires a mediator to keep the evening running smoothly.

"Dave will get upset and kick somebody out, but for the most part he is the one on an even keel," bartender Mary Wrench said.

The Facts of Life

Mitchell has been working around the TCU community since the winter of 1999, and since then he has seen his share of "Pub Rats" walk through the doors and sit on the frayed barstools. One policy that is constant through Mitchell's tenure in The Pub is how he goes about letting his employees go. If a bartender has been working at the Pub for two years after graduation, he tells them to find a new career.

He said he doesn't mean for it to be a harsh action, but he needs a constant turnover of TCU students to keep an eye on the bar.

"I try to hire TCU kids and in this business we can tell by somebody walking in the door whether or not they are of age and allowed in," Mitchell said.

Wrench, 24, has been working for about a year and a half, and Davila is now a patron instead of an employee.

"I understand it," Wrench said of the two-year rule. "We're all in college and have degrees, and it's a smart business move on his part. It makes you realize there is an end to the job."

Davila said he realized the purpose of the two-year policy because some of the younger faces in the pub are already escaping his memory.

"It's perfect, because in order to have a fresh face that connects with the people that come in here, we need to keep getting some new workers," Davila said.

When the average age of a patron of The Pub falls into the 21 to 25 demographic, Mitchell said he needs to keep the younger employees there, rather than hiring from his own crowd.

"They can't work here until they are 30," Mitchell said. "I'm the only one who

gets to be old and work here."

Faces Rather Than Names

Polaroid photographs adorning the walls of The Pub tell a 26-year history of when the bar was run before Mitchell's era. He doesn't remember the name of the former owner, but the tradition continues with photographs still covering the wall, freezing moments that are part of the Pub Rats' history.

Sometimes a local celebrity will pass through the doors of The Pub, but the people who stand out to Mitchell are not the professional athletes or local radio personalities. Instead, the ones who still have a place in his heart are the first crew of regulars.

"The most surprising thing I've learned is that my first group of Pub Rats are turning 30 years old, and I still see them as being 21 or 22 years old," Mitchell said.

"I still think of them as students even though they are off in their own careers. I don't remember their names, but I remember their faces. I see their souls (in pictures) on that back wall."

If It Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It

The wood still flakes off the front door, but Mitchell said he will fix it next year.

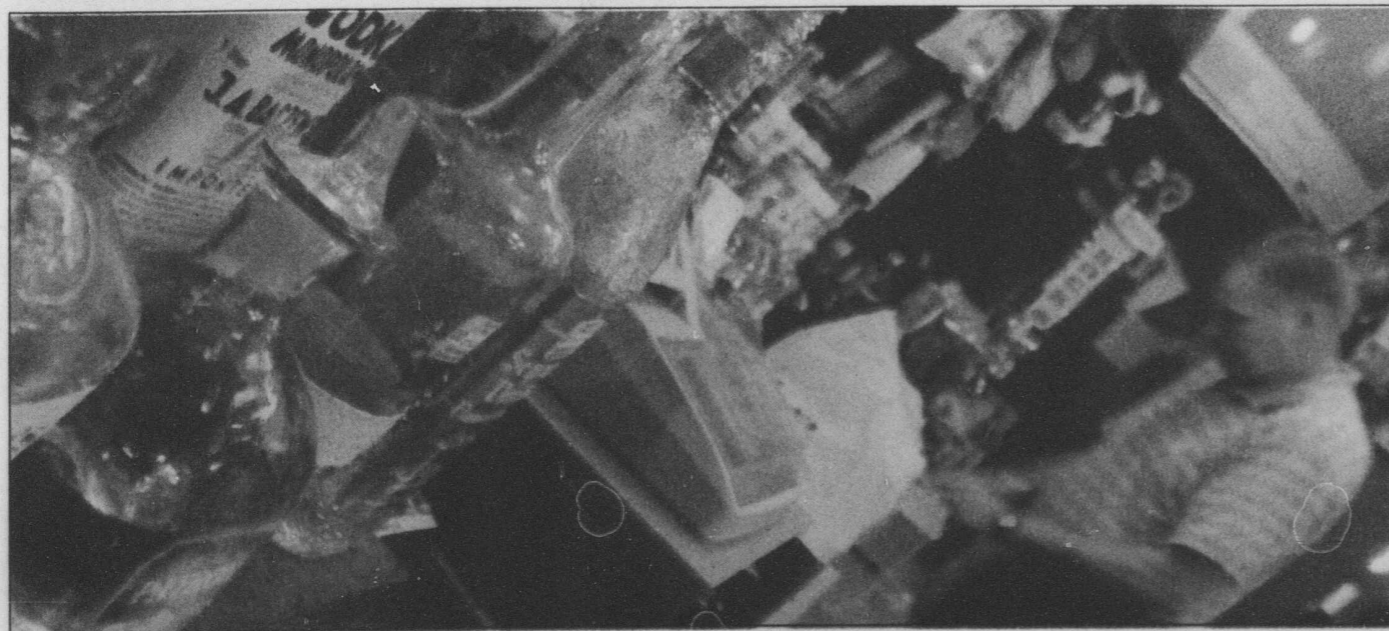
"I wish it was a little bit flashier outside, and I don't want the area to look like a dump," Mitchell said.

Every year a small improvement or adjustment will be made to the bar, so that change is minimal, because he said the patrons like things as the status quo. Last year, Mitchell repaired the women's bathroom, a couple years prior the back doors were touched up.

"My whole idea is to not change something unless it needs to be," Mitchell said.

The wood still flakes off the front door, but Mitchell said he will fix it next year.

Flags from Texas Tech, TCU, Louisiana State University and the University of Texas at Austin still hang from the ceiling. The Pabst Blue Ribbon neon sign buzzes on the wall. Cigarette smoke hangs in the air, and the stools that have seen eight and a half years of Mitchell's Pub Rats sit awaiting the newest group of regulars to come in and order their first drink.



Business at The Pub goes in waves during the week. Mitchell's hours range from stocking and unloading at 3 p.m. and running the bar during prime hours from 11 p.m. until close. Mitchell does not remain sequestered behind the bar while at work; instead he takes the time to meet and entertain the patrons.

9/11

Are we safer?

Sept. 11, 2001, marked the end of thousands of lives. It also marked the beginning of a journey the U.S. embarked on to conquer terrorism. Despite continuous talks of troop withdrawal, the war is far from over, and public opinions continue to change. Six years later, members of the university reflect on the changes the country has gone through. Are we further protected from terrorism today?

"I never really felt that the world was a safe place anyway. The same threats that were out there before Sept. 11 are still out there now. We always took precautions, and we still were attacked. Because we are involved in this war, we are now angering not just the Middle East, but nations everywhere."

-**Lauren Randle**, sophomore political science major

"I do feel safer in post-Sept. 11 America, because I think that we are more aware now. My brother served and I have heard from him firsthand what is going on."

-**Travis Bowles**, senior communication studies major

"I feel safer because, before, we did not expect anything like Sept. 11 to happen, and now we are taking steps to prevent it from happening again."

-**Jodi Prachyl**, freshman movement science major

"I feel much safer after Sept. 11 because of increased security in various areas around the country. I think it makes everyone more cautious and more aware of what is going on around them."

-**Ruthie Clements**, junior psychology major

"I felt safer before Sept. 11, because of our involvement in places like Iraq. We are turning it into a training ground for terrorists. We have created more enemies than friends. The germ is out of the bottle now. Suicide bombing and the innocent killing of civilians is no longer taboo. In fact, political violence by political extremists is now mainstream. Therefore, we are not safer, we are more likely to become the random target of politically inspired violence."

-**Manochehr Dorraj**, political science professor

"In some ways I think it is safer; in others, I feel that we are more at risk. Domestic travel certainly is more safe — airport security has definitely improved as has our consciousness of vulnerability. I think we are less secure as international views of the United States have become increasingly hostile and critical. I think we are now aware that we are vulnerable whereas before we didn't have this strong of a sense that violence and foreign terrorism could strike our country."

-**Joanne Green**, associate professor of political science

"We are marginally safer because we all have been exposed to and forced to acknowledge that there is a threat against this country. This has prompted the government to take an active role against terrorism. The problem is that, as a whole, America has a very short memory. We are all too willing to forget that there are people out there who simply hate us. There is nothing that we can do to appease them, and they will continue to try to kill us. Most of the country is perfectly willing to live under the illusion that if we leave them alone, they will go away and not harm us. We were 'leaving them alone' before Sept. 11 and they still attacked us. Basically my answer is, yes we are safer, but we are quickly falling backward into being unsafe again."

-**Lance Willingham**, junior political science major

VOLLEYBALL

Squad to face Colorado State

By BRIAN LAUDERDALE
Staff Writer

The volleyball team will look to continue its winning ways Wednesday when it travels to Fort Collins, Colo. to face Colorado State in its conference opener.

The squad won its eighth consecutive match when it downed Denver in the finals of the Molten/LaQuinta Invitational Saturday, hosted by TCU.

The Horned Frogs are

10-1 in the early stages of the season and prepare for a Colorado State team coming off of a tournament victory of its own at the Hilton Classic on Saturday in Fort Collins, Colo.

In the midst of the winning streak, the team is excited about its early success, said head coach Prentice Lewis.

"I am so proud to have a team that represents me and everything I stand for,"

Lewis said.

The win matches the best start in school history and the second straight season the team has gone 10-1 out of the gate. Going on the road and achieving victory against a Colorado State team that is 5-0 at home will be tough, Lewis said.

"To them, everything is important and every point is important," Lewis said. "It makes you feel good when see that in your team."

SEASON

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much more important.

I am going to go ahead and say it: I am petrified of this game. With a new head coach with NFL coaching experience, a newfound stability on both sides of the ball and a group of players that feel they have to prove something on every down this season, Air Force wants to do what Utah did a year ago when it took advantage

of the Frogs the week following a crushing defeat to BYU.

The UT loss aside, this season still has potential to be something special. Adjustments need to be made, but it's not like the team is Britney Spears and in need of a head-to-toe overhaul. Being able to adjust to Saturday's misfortunes is just the next step in a journey that is, from here on out, whatever you want it to be.

Before I bounce, remem-

ber that the UT game was just that: a game. We should be grateful knowing that sports can still provide a distraction from reality. You are going to hear a lot about that tragic, midsummer day in New York City today, so I will keep this brief and say that I am as proud as ever to be a New Yorker by birth, and that sports has made the six-year healing process that much easier.

By comparison, a kick-to-the-groin type of loss does not hurt as much, does it?

GAME

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center, quarterback Andy Dalton threw for 208 yards, but struggled to get into a rhythm, and the redshirt freshman found himself throwing an interception and getting sacked three times.

The offense's inability to do much of anything against a UT defense that created four turnovers was frustrating, junior center Blake Schlueter said.

Even though he said the offense could have done more to help out the defense, Schlueter said he gives credit to a Texas defense that simply put up a better fight on Saturday.

"We came out here wanting and expecting to win," Schlueter said. "Texas pulled it away. Texas has a great defense."

The Frogs of the past might have considered playing well for the first half

against a program such as UT as a moral victory, but Patterson said he would hear nothing of it with the present-day Frogs.

"I think TCU is past that," Patterson said. "We came here to win. We didn't come here to (just) play well."

SOCCER

Coach: Team to work on unity heading into conference games

By MARY SUE GREENLEAF
Staff Writer

After a heartbreaking 1-0 double overtime loss to the Rice Owls, Horned Frogs' soccer returns home for a 7 p.m. match against the UT-San Antonio Roadrunners.

With the first conference game less than a month away, the team is primarily focused on building team unity and preparing for conference, head coach Dan Abdalla said.

"We are using these games as preparation to teach the team how to win once we get into conference," Abdalla said.

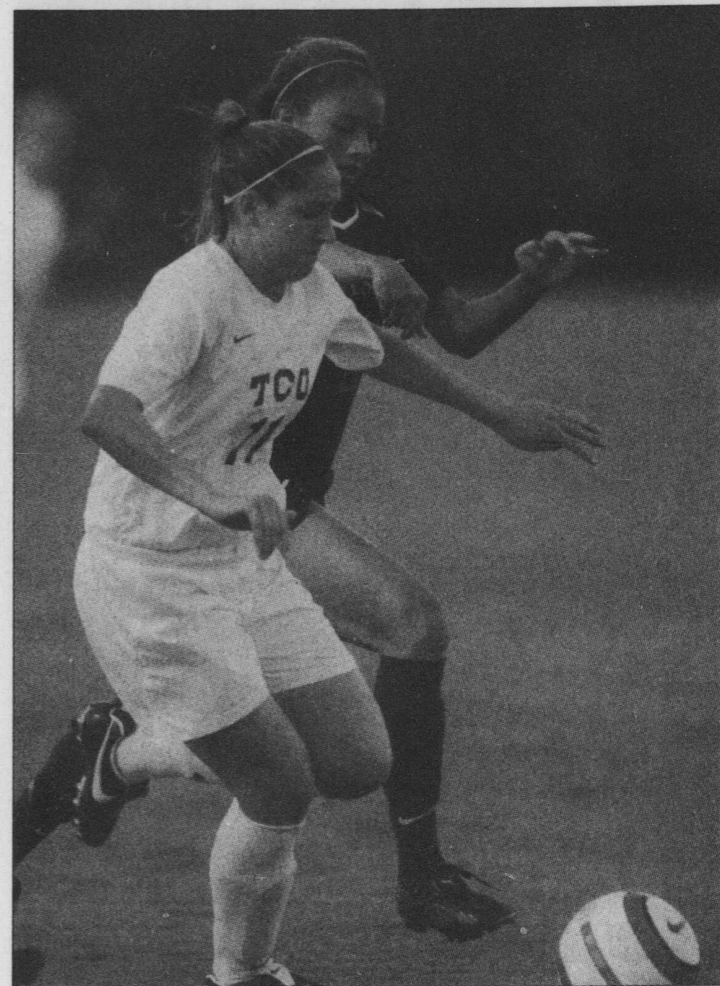
The team, which is still integrating 12 new players into its regular rotation, is sporting a 1-2-0 record in nonconference play heading into tonight's match.

Abdalla said the team has already started to develop good chemistry and unity on the field, but it will be an ongoing process heading into conference play.

With Monday's rain and showers expected to carry on into today, Abdalla said the weather could play a role in the match against the Roadrunners.

"It could make it interesting," Abdalla said, "but it will be good practice to deal with that adversity and see how we handle it."

Although UTSA is battle-



Lizzy Karoly tries to get past Veronica Najera of UTSA in Fall 2006. TCU took the victory 3-0. SKIFF ARCHIVES

tested thanks to two early-season matches against Big 12 opponents in Baylor and Texas Tech, Abdalla said the team will be ready and hungry for a win when both

teams hit the field.

Last season the Horned Frogs beat UTSA 3-0 at home and then-freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Vross notched her first career shutout.

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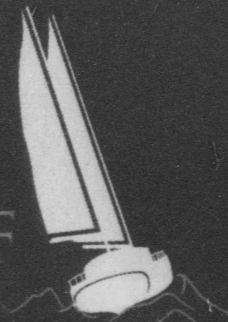
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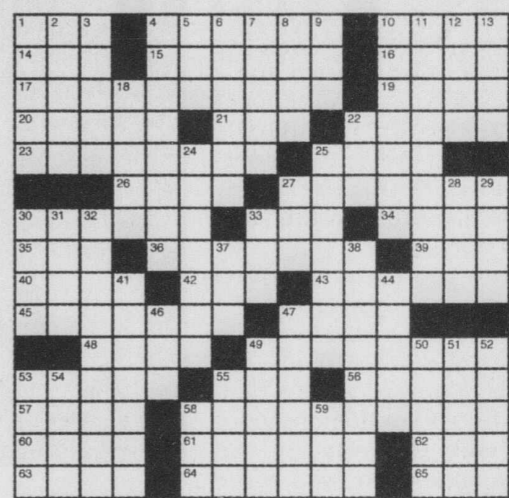
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GAME DAY

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Frogs stumble against UT

By **TIM BELLA**
Sports Editor

Though it started as a dream for the Frogs and their fans, the game against the Texas Longhorns on Saturday turned into a nightmare: a 34-13 Texas-sized Longhorns rout.

After going into halftime with a 10-0 lead highlighted by senior cornerback Torrey Stewart's 45-yard interception return for a touchdown, the Longhorns would go on to outscore the Frogs 34-3 in the second half with 24 of the 34 points coming in the final quarter.

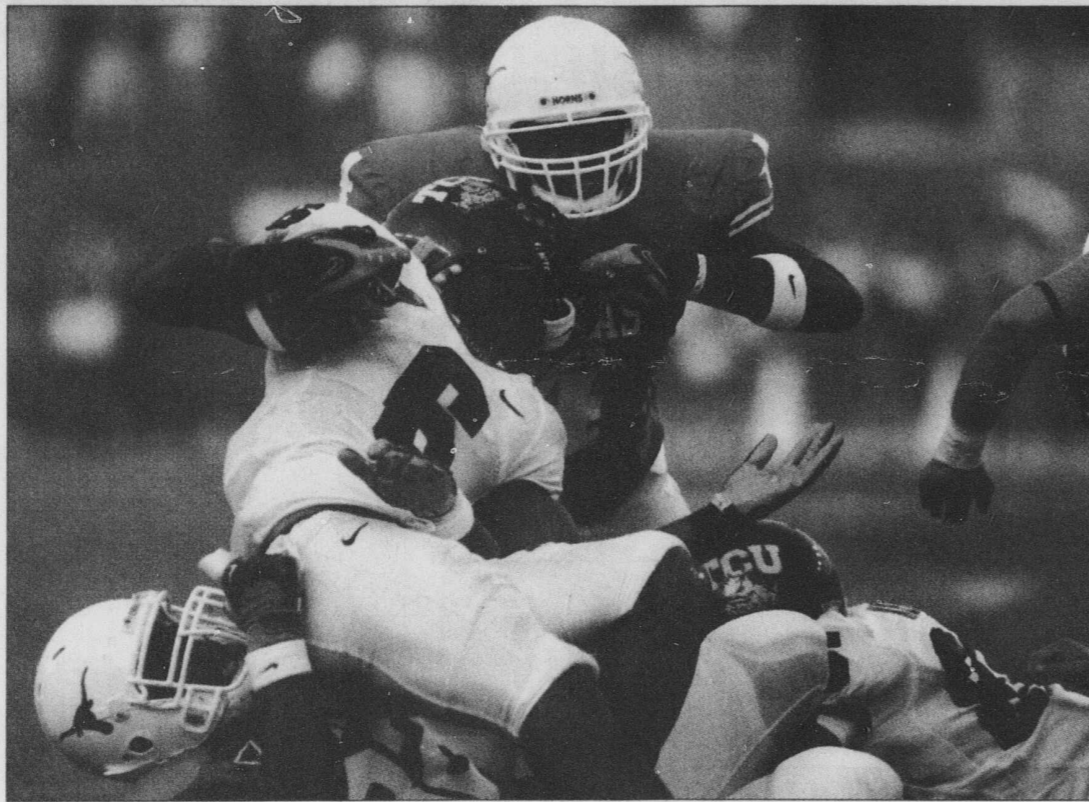
The game's momentum might have shifted at the end of the third quarter, when the Frogs recovered what appeared to be a fumble by UT sophomore quarterback Colt McCoy. An official review was made on the play, and it was overturned giving Texas a field goal opportunity instead of a TCU possession.

Head coach Gary Patterson said he regretted not having the team call another play before the previous play could be reviewed.

"We should have called a play, got it on and ran it," Patterson said.

Players such as senior linebacker David Hawthorne agreed with Patterson. He said the reversal took a toll on the team's collective mindset.

"Yeah, it took a little energy out of us," Hawthorne said. "You've got to be prepared for things like



Brian Bonner is tackled by Rashad Bobino on a punt return at Darrell K. Royal Stadium on Saturday. The Texas Longhorns beat TCU, 34-13.

that in the game and we weren't."

Junior running back Jamaal Charles led the way for UT, going for 140 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries. It was the first time since Oct. 1, 2005 that the TCU defense allowed a 100-yard rusher — a span of 21 games. The junior went wild on the vaunted Frogs defense in the fourth quarter, running for 82 of his 140 yards.

The Frogs' running game, on the other hand, was held to 43 yards on 32 carries — an average of 1.3 yards per

carry. Although junior running back Aaron Brown was in uniform, he was held out of the game, still feeling the effects of a knee injury he received against Baylor in the season opener.

Even the return of senior defensive end Tommy Blake was not enough to stop a Texas offense that went for 279 yards in the second half en route to snapping TCU's nine-game winning streak.

The drop in intensity from the first half to the second half was obvious by TCU's play on the field,

Hawthorne said. He said the volume of mistakes made Saturday against UT cannot be expected if teams hope to triumph in Austin. Blake had three tackles, including a tackle for a loss in what was considered a difficult assignment in going against UT tackle Tony Hills.

"There are some times we gave up a little more than we should," said Hawthorne, "but Texas is a good team and you can't really blow assignments and stuff against a program like Texas."

In his second start under

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TIM'S TAKE

Humbling loss should be a painful reminder

By **TIM BELLA**
Sports Editor

As a sea of burnt orange erupted following the touchdown off a fumble by the punt team, you could

COMMENTARY



TIM BELLA

feel it. No, I am not talking about the mayhem caused by 80,000 Longhorns fans or the cannon being shot off after Texas seemingly put the game out of reach at 27-10.

What I refer to is the collective cringe and gasp felt by players, coaches, students and everyone else associated with TCU football. Now, I was an unbiased spectator in the press box, but I could imagine that the second half felt like a swift kick to the groin after a French kiss for a first half. Do you think Jamaal Charles and the Texas defense thought to themselves at halftime, "I'm gonna punch (TCU) in the ovary, that's what I'm gonna do. A straight shot. Right to the baby-maker?" I am pretty sure even Veronica Corningstone felt Charles' 39-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run from San Diego.

Needless to say, I avoided listening to "Tiny Dancer" when it popped up on my iPod following the game.

Saturday's running game was as frustrating as any collective performance I

have seen in my three-plus years at TCU.

When one of my friends makes a pass at a girl and he does not get a phone number within 15 minutes, it is an obvious sign that he's not making himself enough of a presence to get the girl's attention and subsequently, her phone number.

In the case of the running game, the offensive staff kept pestering UT's rush defense hoping they would break through and get a phone number, or in this case, substantial rushing yards. Although fumbles by Andy Dalton and Derek Wash skewed the final rushing totals, it was clear that the rushing presence or lack thereof without Aaron Brown exposed the Frogs' backfield as a point of concern for the rest of the season if Brown cannot bounce back.

Even with the humbling performance in Austin, Gary Patterson and Co. are not feeling bad for themselves and the TCU community should not feel bad for them either. Immediately following the game, the team was talking about Thursday's Air Force game, and quite frankly, I do not blame them. Even if the Frogs won, Thursday's game would have still be considered the ultimate "trap" game, and with a loss, it just makes the game that

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