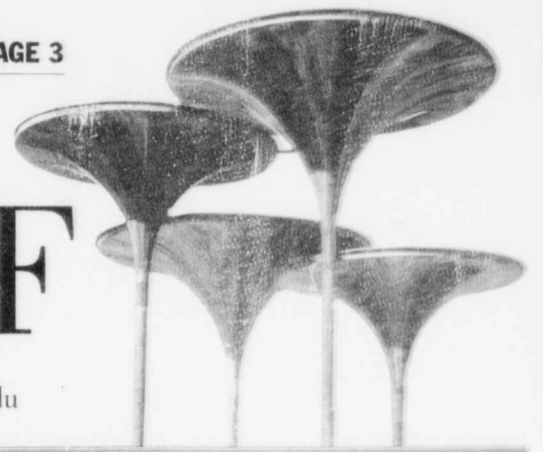


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Today's News

STATE NEWS

EL PASO — Local officials say Fort Bliss has room to expand and could be a winner when the Pentagon announces a realignment of military bases in 2005.

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DALLAS — Some doctors say a heart-monitoring device that faxes information directly to a physician's office from anywhere in the world can save lives, but federal regulators say it could pose a danger to patients.

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On Campus

Petition protests daily DPS patrol of dorms

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — More than 1,600 Brown University students have signed a petition demanding the end of daily dorm patrols. Dorm patrols are a misuse of the Department of Public Safety's resources, according to Jesse Stout, vice president of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, which began circulating the petition three weeks ago.

"Especially with the recent instances of assault, DPS would better serve and protect our community on the streets, where violent crime actually occurs," Stout says. "The outside security and police force is horribly, despicably undermanned."

The petition aims to get President Ruth Simmons to act quickly on her promise at last week's meeting of the Undergraduate Council of Students to eliminate dorm patrols, Stout says.

At the meeting, Simmons reaffirmed her opposition to health and safety patrols. Simmons told the school's student newspaper, *The Brown Daily Herald*, in September 2002 that dorm patrols may be a "local custom" at Brown, but they are not the best use of officers' time.

Stout agrees, claiming the current crime wave could have been prevented if DPS' focus were on neighborhood rather than dorm patrols.

— *Brown Daily Herald*

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 57; Low: 45; Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY

High: 69; Low: 41; Partly cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 66; Low: 34; Sunny

Looking Back

1947 — Film industry executives announce that 10 directors, producers and actors who have refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee will be fired or suspended. The HUAC hearings were part of the "Red Scare" of the late 1940s and 1950s, during which Sen. Joseph McCarthy and others hounded alleged communists, making unsubstantiated allegations against many innocent citizens.

Zeidman wins runoff election

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Staff Reporter

Nearly two weeks after the initial election, candidate Jay Zeidman was voted the new Student Government Association president Friday.

Zeidman, a junior political science and economics major, defeated Blake Eason in Friday's runoff election by a 825-to-445 margin.

"I am just glad that everyone continued to turn out," Zeidman said. "It's amazing in a third-time voting, and on a Friday, that almost 1,300 people would come out and vote."

Freshman business major Patrick Flynn said he responded to an e-mail encouraging students to vote. Though he had not been following the election scandal, friends who knew about the

candidates persuaded him to vote, he said.

He said the elections are important because the SGA president voices students' opinions and influences some of the choices the university makes.



ZEIDMAN

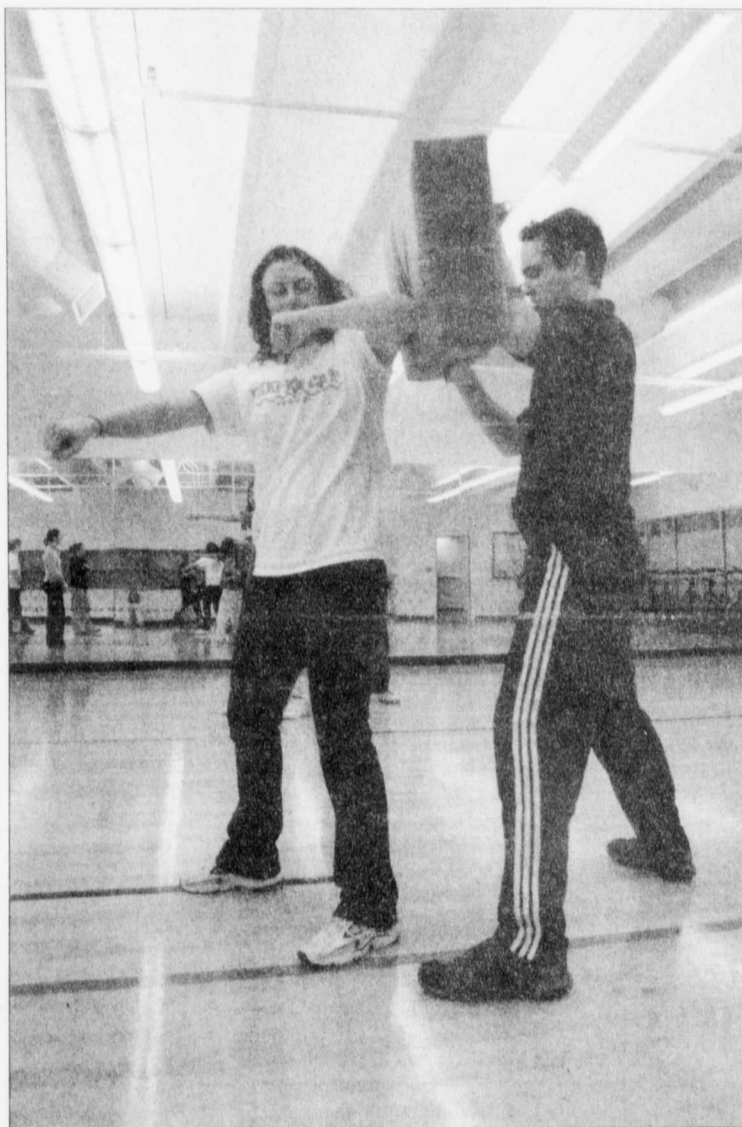
Eason, a junior finance major, said he thinks his voter support fell because it was the third election, and it was done on a Friday. However, the vote was necessary because SGA needed to move on as soon as possible, he said.

"I'm sorry it didn't work out for me, but we as SGA need to unite," he said. "We have been through a lot, and we need to work to begin to restore our image."

Eason had edged Zeidman by a 798-to-795 margin in the original Nov. 11 election. However, campaign violations against Eason and Zeidman resulted in Elections and Regulations Chairman Nick James calling for a new election for the presidency. In the new election, Zeidman and Eason were once again the

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FIGHTING BACK



Freshman nursing major Julie Furniss practices self-defense techniques with TCU police officer Walker Johnson during Rape Aggression Defense Training Sunday afternoon in the University Recreation Center.

Stephen Spillman/Photo Editor

Rape Aggression Defense Training brings awareness

BY AARON KOKORUZ
Staff Reporter

A weekend training course in protection against rape, sexual assault and other violent crimes began at TCU Saturday and Sunday in the University Recreation Center.

Rape Aggression Defense Training is a self-defense training program for women. This program is nationally recognized and is offered by certified instructors.

"There's a huge need for it everywhere, and it's important for all females to protect themselves," said Pam Christian, TCU police officer. "It can happen anywhere."

The course starts with classroom instruction and is followed by hands-on experience.

"I've done martial arts for seven years, so I'm interested in learning new techniques," said Kat Barseth, a freshman premajor who attended the course.

Junior early childhood education major Marcy Maher said she was sexually assaulted last year. She didn't attend the RAD program but said it is a good idea, and every female should get involved.

"I would assume there is a problem with sexual assault at TCU, but there are women out there who are scared to talk about it just like I was," Maher said.

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Rules change for cell service

BY BRUCE MEYERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Phone company ads proclaimed "Bring your number up to speed" and "Your number on America's best wireless network" as new rules went into effect Monday letting consumers switch cell phone service without switching their phone numbers.

The long-awaited rule change, which some called "wireless emancipation," set off a scramble as customers shopped for the best deals and started making the switch without having to change their phone number every time they change carriers.

The rule change also set off a marketing blitz by cell phone companies anxious to keep existing customers and snare new ones from rivals. Forecasts vary, but millions of cell users are expected to switch wireless services over the next year under the new rule.

"We're seeing some survey data that suggests some 21 percent of the population with cell phones may be interested in doing that," the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Michael Powell, said on CBS' "The Early Show."

"You can already see carriers competing very aggressively to get those new consumers," he said.

The nation's two biggest providers, Verizon Wireless and Cingular Wireless, reported brisk activity at stores and on sales phone lines.

The new federal regulations also allow consumers to move their home landline phone number to a cellular phone.

TSI Telecommunication Services Inc., a company that serves as intermediary for the process of switching from one

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Mother tells of daughter's rape, death

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER
Staff Reporter

As Andrea Cooper and her husband walked into their home on New Year's Eve in 1995, every light in the house was on, and music was blaring. They expected to find their 20-year-old daughter asleep in her room after attending a holiday party.

But instead they were living a nightmare. They found their daughter's body in the family room. She had committed suicide.

Kristin Cooper's parents thought she had committed suicide because her boyfriend had broken up with her, Andrea Cooper said. However, after reading their daughter's journal, they found out Kristin was raped by one of her friends over the summer, she said.

"Parents rarely find out when their child has been raped," Andrea Cooper said. "Because of what happened to my daughter, I want to tell everybody about it and possibly help some of you out."

Andrea Cooper, who spoke to an audience in Ed Landreth Auditorium Monday night, said it is healing to talk about her daughter's rape and suicide.

Andrea Cooper's goal is to tell her daughter's story from a mother's point of view, said Alpha Chi Omega President Robyn Windham, a senior speech pathology major.

Andrea Cooper said her daughter was

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Speed limits drive up death rate

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States that raised their speed limits to 70 mph or more saw a dramatic increase in the number of people killed in traffic accidents, according to a report released Monday by an auto safety group funded by insurers.

The study, compiled by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and based on data collected by the Land Transport Safety Authority of New Zealand, determined 1,880 more people died between 1996 and 1999 in the 22 states with higher speed limits.

A separate review of six states by the institute found drivers traveling the fastest they have since long before Congress repealed the 55 mph national speed limit in November 1995. In Colorado, which has a speed limit of 75 mph, researchers observed one in four drivers going above 80 mph. In California, where the speed limit is 70 mph, one in five drivers was clocked at 80 mph.

The New Zealand government agency estimated the death rate for the 22 states that raised their speed limits on rural interstates in 1995 and 1996.

The 10 states that raised limits to 75 mph experienced 38 percent more

deaths per million miles driven than states with 65-mph limits, or approximately 780 more deaths.

The 12 states that raised their limits to 70 mph saw a 35 percent increase, or 1,100 additional deaths.

Geographical differences in states may have contributed to the numbers. The report said, drivers may go faster in Western states where cities are farther apart. The report didn't examine the effects of other trends, such as the increasing number of sport utility vehicles on the road then.

The Insurance Institute said there is no doubt, however, that when

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SWINGIN'



Candice Lester/Staff Photographer

English graduate student Amy Milakovic pushes her daughter Emily on the swing in front of Jarvis Hall Monday.

THE PULSE

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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■ **Tuesday/Thursday Jazz Ensemble** presents Brown Bag Luncheon at noon today in the Student Center. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

■ **TCU Symphony Orchestra and Choir** will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

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

■ **The Center for Writing** is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

■ **Frog Calls** student, faculty and staff directories are available to be picked up free of charge in the lobby of the Student Center.

■ **TCU Community Band** is looking for musicians. The ensemble meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights in the band hall in the Walsh Center for the Performing Arts and is open to all faculty, staff and student musicians. Contact Duane Niles at d.niles@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6702 for more information.

■ **The Horned Frogs** will face Southern Methodist University at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ford Stadium in Dallas.

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More than 50 percent of rapes are planned in advance, and three out of four victims of sexual assault know their attacker, according to the Daniel Webster College RAD Web site (http://www.dwc.edu/studentlife/campusafety/RAD.asp).

Val Lund, a student studying in Spain, said in an e-mail that the courses are especially important for females who travel abroad.

"There are many times I've been walking alone late at night in a foreign city and feel

a little scared," said Lund, a senior speech communication major.

For a female over 14, chances of being sexually assaulted are one in three, according to the Daniel Webster College RAD Web site.

Christian said the next RAD program at TCU will be in late January and is free to all female faculty, staff, students and family members.

For more information on the program, contact Christian at p.christian@tcu.edu or (817) 257-7276.

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Tips to prevent sexual assault

1. Believe your body belongs to you. Don't give into sexual pressure, even from people you know.
2. Set your limits and state them clearly. Say "no" assertively to unwanted sexual attention or advances.
3. Trust your instincts. The moment you feel uncomfortable, act. Protect yourself, and don't worry about making a scene.
4. If a firm "no" doesn't stop the advance, yell for help and physically remove yourself.
5. Limit alcohol consumption to amounts that will not affect your better judgment and help you to maintain control.

Source: Daniel Webster College RAD Web site

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company to another, brought on 200 additional workers to handle the expected workload.

"We've heard estimates as high as 9 million on day one," TSI spokeswoman Helen Harris said. "We believe it will be more in line with 1 million, and we have engineered our systems to handle more than the anticipated volumes."

If the number of requests approaches millions, she said, "It's reasonable to expect some hiccups on day one with an implementation of this magnitude."

Carriers such as Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile hired hundreds of people to deal specifically with the new rules.

Although the FCC has set a target of 2 1/2 hours for cell carriers to complete the transfer of a number to a rival, experts and most of the companies say the process is likely to take at least a

day at first. The number transfer from a landline to a cell phone will take about four business days, Powell said.

"We'll be a heck of a lot better at this on Dec. 30 than on Nov. 30," said Howard Waterman, a Verizon spokesman.

Martin Dunsby, an analyst with the consulting firm inCode Telecom Group, said that it could take weeks before the process is "seamless and speedy" and that problems will persist much longer.

Powell advised consumers who are considering changing carriers to compare services.

"There's going to be a dizzying array of choices here," he said.

Cell phone users also need to review their current contracts to be prepared for any fees that may be charged for getting out of service contracts early.

The process to change companies is easy, Powell said. "You just contact the new carrier you want to switch to and they're responsible for handling the rest."

ELECTION

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top two candidates, with Zeidman having the most votes. Candidates Jason Ruth and Anthony Oppermann finished third and fourth respectively in each vote.

A drop in the amount of votes also occurred between the three elections. While 2,372 students voted in the Nov. 11 presidential election, only 1,723 voted Nov. 19.

Senior speech pathology major Katie Rainosek, said she did not vote in any of the elections but followed the campaign.

"It makes me feel uneasy voting for someone who is involved in a possible scandal," Rainosek said. "I felt that none of the candidates were qualified enough to get my vote."

SGA adviser Larry Markley said the drop in votes for the runoff election was the result of the weekend and bad publicity in the papers, but more importantly due to lack of advertising.

"We probably should have

gone back and brought out the inflatable characters and all that," Markley said. "I think everyone got tired of the election for the same position, and interest kind of waned."

Markley said the election code, which caused confusion with its wording throughout the election, will be looked at beginning this week.

"Nick (James) and I are going to look over where we saw the most problems in relation to the election code," Markley said. "We will then pass those on to whoever is the new (elections and regulations) chair, and have them find out what is necessary to change."

Zeidman said he will now begin to work on rebuilding the trust between the student body and SGA.

"Most students don't know what we do," Zeidman said. "They have read about the violations in the paper and may think we are doing (SGA) to put on our resume. It's not because we really want to make changes that will benefit TCU."

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Fugitive arrested

Associated Press

LUFKIN — A suspect in the murder of an Oklahoma couple who eluded police for weeks was finally arrested in Texas after kidnapping another couple and the husband shot and wounded him, authorities said.

The capture of Scott James Eizember on Sunday brought a sense of relief to law officers who had searched in vain for the 42-year-old suspect. It was one of the longest manhunts in Oklahoma history.

Eizember was accused of killing A.J. Cantrell, 76, and his wife, Patsy Cantrell, 70, on Oct. 18 in Depew, Okla., in the northeastern part of the state.

He is also accused of beating Carla Wright, a neighbor of the Cantrells, and wounding her grandson, 16-year-old Tyler Montgomery, that same day. Wright's daughter Kathy Biggs,

Tyler's mother, is Eizember's former girlfriend, and authorities believe he had been stalking her.

Law enforcement agencies picked up Eizember's trail Sunday morning after he was spotted by a volunteer at the Depew Methodist Church food bank.

The woman, Doyce Pitre, told deputies she was so frightened when she saw an armed man step out of a closet at the food bank that she left her keys in the door as she fled. The man took the keys and drove away in her car at about 9:15 a.m., officials said.

Eizember drove about 200 miles east, where he allegedly kidnapped an emergency room doctor, Samuel Peebles, 54, and his wife, Suzanne, 50, a registered nurse, near Waldron, Ark., Creek County, Okla. Deputy Michael O'Keefe said.

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raped by a friend when she had stayed at his apartment after others left a party. During her fall semester at Baker University located outside of Kansas City, Kan., Kristin Cooper became depressed and told a friend she wanted to kill herself, she said.

"Rape is a crime of the heart for the victim, and a crime of convenience for the perpetrator," Andrea Cooper said.

TCU's chapter of Alpha Chi and Delta Delta Delta's national headquarters were responsible for bringing Andrea Cooper to TCU to share "Kristin's Story: a mother's account of acquaintance rape and depression," Windham said.

Alpha Chi helped bring

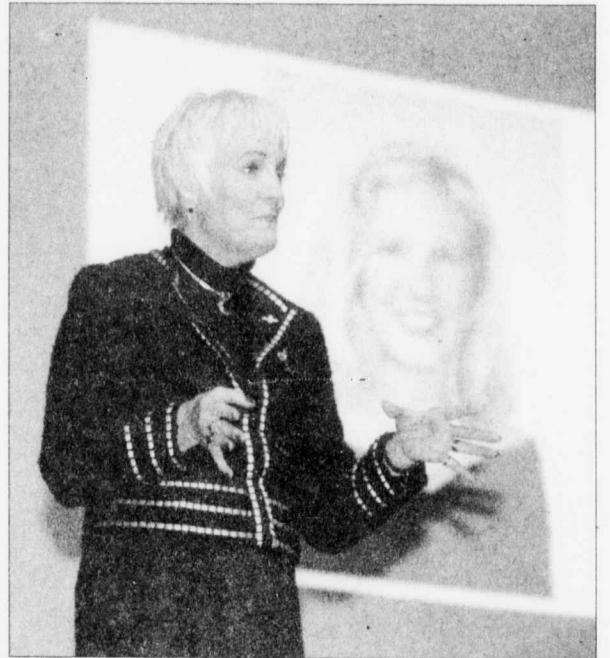
Andrea Cooper to TCU because Kristin Cooper was a member of the sorority, and its national philanthropy is domestic violence, Windham said. It is more meaningful when someone has a personal story than when they talk about statistics, she said.

Jahnae Stout, a sophomore biology major, said that although rape is not something students hear about everyday at TCU, students have to know how to handle the situation.

"Because it is such a personal and private matter, we don't hear much about it," she said. "The stats across the board show that rape happens."

A woman is raped every two minutes and 85 percent are raped by a friend, relative or acquaintance, Andrea Cooper said.

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Ty Hulasz/Staff Photographer

Andrea Cooper speaks about her daughter Kristin's rape and suicide to an audience of mostly female students Monday night in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

LIMITS

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speed limits increase so do deaths. When the national speed limit of 55 mph was adopted 1974, fatality rates dropped, the Insurance Institute's chief scientist Allan Williams said.

The Insurance Institute's separate study of speeds in Georgia, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Mexico, Colorado and California also

found that when rates are raised on rural interstates, speeding increased on urban interstates.

Average travel speeds on urban interstates in Atlanta, Boston and Washington were the same as or higher than on rural interstates near those cities, even though the speed limits on those urban interstates were 55 mph. In Atlanta, 78 percent of drivers on one urban interstate exceeded 70 mph, the report found.

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The Skiff View FROGS

Fans shouldn't abandon their team

As the reality of last Thursday's defeat is still sinking in among the Frog faithful, fans are faced with one of the toughest tasks in the sports world: putting the loss behind them.

The Horned Frog football team does not have time to sulk after its only defeat of the year because it knows it has more work to do. The season is not over, and Frog fans should adapt that same mentality.

It has been said many times since the loss, but the importance only grows: You can never underestimate the importance of what this team has accomplished or what it is on the verge of accomplishing.

This season is by no means a lost cause. Although the Frogs' only remaining game is against a hopeless Southern Methodist squad, it is — in every sense of the word — a milestone game.

A victory will give the team their first 11-win season since 1938. To put that into perspective, in an eight-season span from 1974-1981, the Frogs won a total of 11 games.

The Frogs are also going to a bowl game for the sixth straight year, another school record, and no matter which bowl, they will be facing some stiff competition.

With a chance to accomplish more than any Frogs team in 65 years, the Frogs' fans need to be there to urge them on. Fans should not give up on their team just because of one setback.

We urge all of the Frog faithful to travel across I-30 and prove that Frog Fever is still alive and kicking. Make Ford Stadium at SMU feel like home for the Frogs, and witness history as the Frogs go for win No. 11.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Equality should extend to same-sex marriages

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court caused a nationwide uproar Tuesday when it ruled the state must make civil marriage licenses available to same-sex couples in 180 days. In a 4-3 vote, the court set Massachusetts up to be the first state to legally recognize same-sex marriages.

But Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and other conservative officials are trying to find ways to skirt the ruling. The Department of Public Health has ordered to maintain the status quo and delay the issuing of marriage licenses until the 180 days are up. Romney has suggested the legislature pass a bill that would recognize civil unions, which would offer the same benefits as marriage without the title.

But these people are missing the point. The "sanctity" of marriage is not in crisis, as some vocal opponents would have the public believe. It is impossible to evolve as a society without adapting customs to the new times. In 1948, a California court went against "traditional" marriage by striking down a ban on interracial marriage. At that point, 30 states had individual bans against interracial marriage, but societal progress demanded someone stand up and challenge the status quo.

It's about time someone stood up too. California and Hawaii both offer limited benefits to same-sex partners, but it falls far short of equal benefits. In 1998, a Vermont court took a step forward by ruling same-sex civil unions were legal, but it did not go far enough. Vermont made it clear they were establishing marriage rights only, not licenses.

"While some future case may attempt to establish that ... the denial of a marriage license operates per se to deny constitutionally protected rights, that is not the claim we address today," the Vermont ruling said. "We hold that the plaintiffs are entitled ... to the same benefits and protections afforded by Vermont law to married opposite-sex couples."

President Bush and the national government are now talking about amending the Constitution to ban same-sex marriages across the country. Thirty-seven states already have laws banning same-sex marriages, and if House Bill 272 passes, Ohio will be state No. 38. But these legislators need to realize there isn't a gay agenda being pushed here. This ruling — and its ramifications — are simply about equality, and it's about time everyone was awarded the same rights.

This is a Staff Editorial from The Lantern at Ohio State University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.

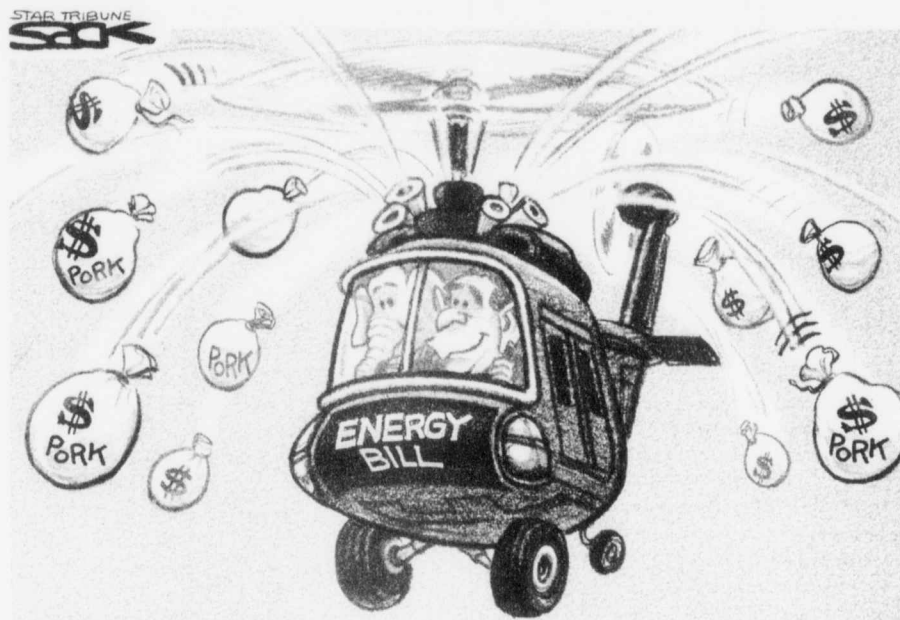
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PROTECTIVE "CHAFF"

Too good for media attention

In a recent article on ESPN.com (BCS glad to see uninvited guest exit, Nov. 20),



Braden Howell

college football analyst Ivan Maisel put in writing what the BCS executives were too afraid to say: The BCS is glad TCU lost. Maisel said there's no way any of the BCS bowls actually wanted to invite TCU, but they would have felt pressured to if the Frogs had finished the season undefeated. In fact, Maisel goes so far as to equate inviting TCU to a BCS bowl to taking your cousin to the prom and that as dates go, TCU has a "real good personality."

I couldn't agree more, but when did that become a bad thing?

TCU is lacking the most important criteria to be considered one of the "Big Boys" of college football: overwhelming media coverage.

But why did everyone want them to lose so badly?

Writers and analysts alike say it's because 1) TCU is not that good, and 2) it is not marketable; you can't name anyone on its team. It's not attractive financially. Therein lies the problem.

TCU did not get all the attention it should have this year until it was time for a controversy.

It's understandable. After all, what kind of story lines does a TCU team have to offer?

This year TCU has not had a public controversy over players

losing their starting jobs. No one player deemed himself a "soldier" and attacked his teammates for not playing hard. None of the players have been involved in off-the-field problems, such as drunken driving, drug possession, assault, theft, or even breaking and entering.

How boring is that?

Look at the "Big Boys" and media darlings of college football. I promise you can find at least one of the above-mentioned problems within their programs. Those problems make headlines and networks like ESPN can't wait to broadcast them.

So there was that one little mishap earlier this year with a TCU assistant coach being involved in a drunken driving incident, and let me tell you ESPN was all over that one. The network actually broadcast that information more than TCU's

victory the same night the incident became known.

Of course, TCU took action and suspended the assistant, who did not appeal or publicly speak out against the university's decision. Where's the drama in that? Fittingly, after that incident, TCU faded back into obscurity among the media.

Love them or hate them, you must start talking about them. Up until Thursday night, the

Frogs had won every game they played in but were nothing more than a thorn inside of the big money bowls.

TCU may not be the media darling you want, but it is a team that college football needs more of.

Down here, egos, awards and individual success don't mean much. The Horned Frogs are a team in the truest sense of the word. Until those writers and analysts take the time to come down here and get to know this team and this program, TCU will remain the team with a "good personality."

What is sad is that in today's money-hungry world of college football, a "good personality" is not marketable.

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'America' is more than U.S. alone

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. ..."

Although most of us grew up singing the lyrics since grade school, most people don't seem to realize what it really means.



Monique Bhimani

First of all let's take the word "American." Why are people and products from the United States only considered American? After all, the Americas actually include every region from Northern Canada to the tip of Chile. However, none of us consciously notice just how much this inference is used. From "Americanization" to the "American dream," this engrained vocabulary will not allow us to associate a country such as Guatemala or Columbia with the word "American."

In spite of this, other languages have created words to make this distinction. For example in Spanish, there is the word, "estauindense." Literally this translates to "United Statesian."

In spite of these distinctions, you hear people from all different cultures say phrases such as "That stupid American" or "You're becoming so Americanized." It seems this one word has become to embody many aspects of this country, from pop culture and blue jeans to the physical characteristics of blond hair and blue eyes. Citizens under

repressive governments see "America" as the land of the free. On the other hand, to some, America symbolizes crime, violence and corruption, which are also images exported as "American." If all one sees of the United States are TV shows like "COPS" or movies like "Terminator 3," the fear of violence here is understandable. Amidst all the negative connotations, people all over the world over admire this country for its material wealth and the comfortable lifestyle the "American dream" brings. After all, in this country even those in poverty have TVs, radios and modern kitchen appliances.

Compare this to countries such as the Philippines, where more than one-third of the population lives in poverty and only four out of every 10 people have electricity. No matter how much you try to avoid saying "American," when you mean

from the United States, it's almost impossible not to.

Now let's take the word "free."

Although the United States guarantees its people freedom in the Bill of Rights (now recently restricted by the Patriot Act), other countries in the Americas give their people significantly fewer freedoms. Cuba, for example, still remains a communist country.

So while I may not be blonde or have blue eyes, I am certainly glad to be a citizen of this country, especially because of the right to freedom of speech in the First Amendment. After all, soy americana morena and proud of it too.

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Careful: the flu season is upon us

Ladies and gents, the season is upon us. The time of year is here where everyone seems to be sniffing more than Courtney

COMMENTARY Love after a week of attempted rehab.
Katie Deatsch

It's the flu season. I can see the signs.

For some reason, it seems that we college folk tend to catch bugs more than any other segment of the population.

Standing in Center Court, I witnessed a sneezer who churned out four doozies in a row, then proceeded to paw through the Saltines at the salad bar as if nothing had happened.

Next, I spotted a hasty hacker who seemed to think raising his hand to cover his mouth was too daunting a task and instead merely turned his head away from his BLT and toward my turkey club. Then I spotted the gold digger who apparently thought there was a treasure to be found in the nasal cavity but briefly interrupted his hunt to sift through a pile of plastic forks to find the perfect one.

I am no longer baffled. College life breeds bacteria.

Just look at the dorm bathrooms. You can snag a piece of old gum off the shower stall as a mid-cleansing refreshment, and wash your hands in a sink displaying more shades of hair than the entire Nice and Easy line. But for some reason, not wearing shoes is seen as attempted suicide.

Walk into a drugstore and you have few options. There's TheraFlu — \$7 tea that tastes like warm urine. You've also got NyQuil, which has cute, sing-songy commercials about helping you get your Zs, but actually puts you into a comatose state so intense its only known cures are a 2x4 applied directly to the cranium or Barry Manilow music.

Fed up with the drugstores, I went to my doctor.

On my first visit, I was told to drink plenty of fluids. Under doctor's orders, I subjected myself to going out every night.

I failed tests, handed in papers late and missed class — all in the name of good health. But no matter how many pitchers I drank, that darned bug just would not go away. I even did a keg stand, and threw in a few beer bong for good measure, but no luck.

So the next year, as a preventative measure, I got a flu shot.

Now, I don't know about those things. Maybe I read the information packet wrong, but I think that damn nurse gave me a shot of the flu! Who the hell goes to the doctor and says, "Yes, I'll take that extra-large syringe chock-full of the flu virus. Actually, do you have super-sized shots? I'm willing to pay the 39 cents. I really have been feeling great for a few months now, and I am in need of some serious nausea, mucus and wheezing?"

I swear, I was fine until I took that thing. But the next morning, I was sporting the bathrobe and pink bunny slippers and watching Jerry Springer. And yes, I even broke out the yummy TheraFlu.

Maybe I will try the surgical mask and gloves idea. I won't have to smell my classmates' Ricola lozenges, and it's a great excuse not to do my makeup.

Katie Deatsch is a columnist for The Bradley Scout at Bradley University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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State Roundup

Fort Bliss has room for expansion of troops

EL PASO (AP) — Local officials say that Fort Bliss has room to expand and could be a winner when the Pentagon announces a realignment of military bases in 2005.

In 2005, the Defense Department is expected to outline a process to realign and close about 25 percent of its military bases. Retired Maj. Gen. James Maloney of El Paso, a member of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, said there is potential to absorb troops from military posts overseas.

"It was recently announced that 20,000 troops will be removed from Korea, but I'm not sure what kind of units they might be," he said. "Fort Bliss could easily accommodate a whole division, which could mean an organization of about 15,000."

Maloney believes Fort Bliss, home to the U.S. Army's Air Defense Artillery, could add Marine Corps or Air Force units as the military looks at future warfare as a joint-service effort.

Local officials say Fort Bliss could help the military meet three types of future missions: research and development, combat, and homeland defense.

Heart-monitoring device poses danger to patients

DALLAS (AP) — Some doctors say a heart-monitoring device that faxes information directly to a physician's office

from anywhere in the world can save lives, but federal regulators say it could pose a danger to patients.

The Federal Communications Commission earlier this year banned the device known as a portable messenger, because of fears it could further clog airwaves already crowded with transmissions from high-tech medical gadgets.

The German-based manufacturer, Biotronik, appealed the ruling and expects a decision by the end of the year. The FCC allowed the 3,000 patients who already had the portable messenger to continue using it.

The ruling offers a glimpse of regulation complications and corporate competitions on the horizon as technology factors more into medicine. Meanwhile, patients may lose out on devices that could help them, some doctors say.

"This information has potentially life-saving consequences. Why should we be denied access to this information?" Dr. Allistar Fyfe, a cardiologist at Medical City Dallas Hospital, said of the portable messenger. He has about a dozen patients using the device.

Protests made against military school on base

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Organizers of a protest at Lackland Air Force Base say they're focusing on a military school for Latin American and Caribbean soldiers on the base.

About 40 people demonstrated

peacefully Sunday at the little-known Lackland training school which protesters describe as a "sister program to the School of the Americas." A larger protest at Fort Benning, Ga., resulted in arrests over the weekend.

Called the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, the Texas program has trained Air Force personnel from Latin America for 60 years. Stefan Wray of Austin, a spokesman for the Military Documentation Project, told protesters that government documents show the academy has been more than a school for mechanics training, as the Air Force claims.

Wray said the program also has trained officials in air intelligence, ground defense skills, search and rescue operations, and other military skills.

Protesters carried signs reading "Your Taxes Train Foreign Terrorists" and "Bush is a War Criminal and an International Hooligan" on Southwest Military Drive near Lackland's entrance.

A few motorists passing the demonstration honked in apparent support, but there were no confrontations with police.

A Lackland public affairs officer told the *San Antonio Express-News* in Monday's online edition that about 800 people from Latin America and the Caribbean are trained yearly at the academy, which has been at Lackland for 10 years. Public Affairs Specialist Ron Scharven said he was unaware of any previous complaints against the school or graduates.

Outside Fort Benning, an estimated 10,000 people protested at the home of the Army's training center for Latin American soldiers. About 50 people were arrested Saturday and Sunday.

Bologna bust made at Paso del Norte bridge

EL PASO (AP) — Border agents last week landed a meaty bust, seizing 756 pounds of bologna arranged into the shape of a car seat and covered with blankets in a man's pickup.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized 81 rolls of Mexican bologna Friday at the Paso Del Norte bridge as the pickup entered the United States.

"It puts the ultimate consumer at risk," said customs spokesman Roger Maier. "Who knows how long these products have gone without refrigeration or without proper handling?"

Children were sitting on top of the illegal load before it was discovered, Maier said. The rear seat had been removed from the extended-cab pickup and the bologna was put in its place.

He said the agency plans to pursue civil penalties against the Mexican man driving the truck. Maier said the agency won't release the man's name until the case goes to trial.

Maier said the bologna goes for about \$1 a roll in Juarez. When it is sold to a customer in the United States, it can go for between \$5 and \$10 a roll, he said.

Jury suggests death penalty for sniper

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Jurors decided Monday that John Allen Muhammad should be executed for masterminding the deadly sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area for three weeks last fall.

As the verdict was read, Muhammad maintained the same unflinching demeanor he had shown through most of his trial. The jury deliberated five hours over two days before reaching the verdict against Muhammad, a 42-year-old Army veteran who had asked police to "Call me God" during the October 2002 spree.

Jurors had convicted him of murder a week ago and then heard testimony in the sentencing phase.

The jury's sentencing recommendation is not final. Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. can reduce the punishment to life in prison without parole when Muhammad is formally sentenced, but Virginia judges rarely do that. Sentencing was set for Feb. 12.

The jury concluded that prosecutors proved both aggravating factors allowing the death penalty: that Muhammad would pose a danger in the future or that his crimes were wantonly vile. He was sentenced to death on both counts he was convicted of last Monday: multiple murders within three years and murder as part of a terrorist plot.

"As we said from the get-go,

the death penalty is reserved for the worst of the worse," prosecutor Paul Ebert said. "We think Mr. Muhammad fell into that category and we think the jury agreed."

The jury also recommended the maximum sentences of 10 years in prison for conspiracy to murder and three years for using a firearm in a felony.

When Muhammad and his teenage co-defendant, Lee Boyd Malvo, were arrested on Oct. 24, 2002, several jurisdictions scrambled to prosecute them. Attorney General John Ashcroft decided to send them to Virginia to stand trial, citing the state's ability to impose "the ultimate sanction."

Only Texas has executed more people than Virginia since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976 — 310 to 89. Virginia is one of 21 states that allow the execution of inmates who committed capital crimes as 16- and 17-year-olds. Malvo was 17 at the time of the shootings.

During the sentencing phase of the trial, defense lawyers sought to portray Muhammad as a caring family man, showing jurors a home movie in which he played with his children and encouraged them to take their first steps. Several witnesses also testified he had a loving relationship with his kids.

The defense was barred from presenting any mental health evidence on Muhammad's behalf, because Muhammad refused to be interviewed by the prosecutors' psychiatrist.

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The Sideline

Cross country thrives despite cold weather

Competing with temperatures hovering in the low 20s and with 20 mph winds blowing, TCU's Mary Kinyanjui and Ami Butler finished 45th and 57th respectively at the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championships, held at the Irv Warren Golf Course in Waterloo, Iowa Monday.

Kinyanjui, who was named the South Central Region Female Athlete of the Year Saturday, completed the 6K course in 20:51.5. The junior from Kiambu, Kenya was the Conference USA champion and the South Central Regional champion. Butler covered the 6K distance in 20:56.3. Earlier this season she earned runner-up honors at the Conference USA meet and was third in the regional competition. Shalane Flanagan of North Carolina won the event in 19:30.4. Stanford captured both the men's and women's team titles.

Kinyanjui and Butler were just the second and third female cross country runners from TCU to compete at the NCAA Championships, joining former distance standout Gladys Keitany.

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Rifle team succeeds in double-header

Rifle had another double-header weekend, and this time it was in Alabama. The team traveled to Jacksonville for the JSU Gamecock Invitational Saturday and then to Birmingham for the Birmingham-Southern Invitational Sunday.

The team placed fourth in the smallbore competition with a score of 4,387 at the Gamecock Invitational and then shot a 1,488 to place fifth in air rifle. Sophomore Celeste Green led the way for the Frogs with a third-place finish in smallbore with a score of 1,159. Her smallbore score tied her previous high score in that event set this season set against Air Force. Green shot a 384 in air rifle to earn an 11th place finish.

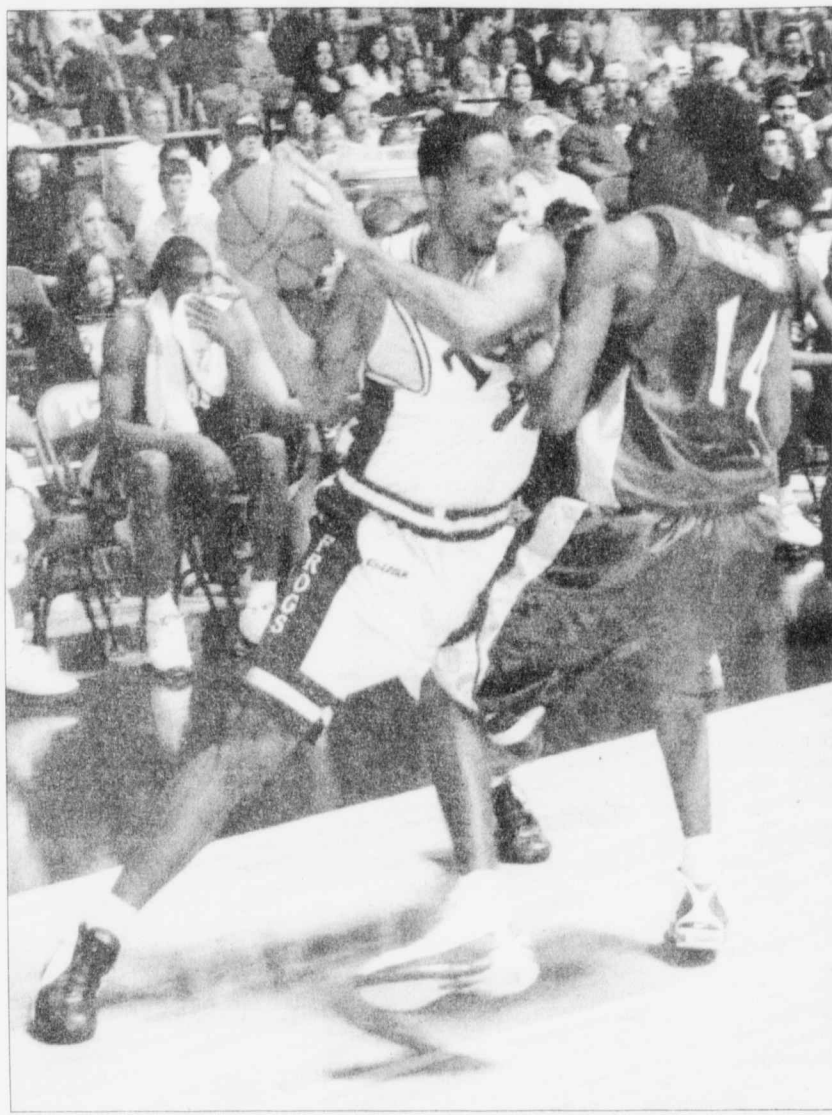
The team went to Birmingham-Southern the next day and placed sixth in the air rifle competition with a score of 1,455. Green was the highest shooter for the Frogs Sunday with a score of 377 to earn a 10th place finish.

Parras had another good day of shooting and came in second among the Frogs with a score of 369. LeCompte shot a 369 to place in the top 25 and Moulder shot a 349.

The Frogs will travel to Lexington next to shoot against Kentucky Dec. 6.

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GOOD START



Freshman forward Blake Adams tries to get around UTA guard Stephen Floyd during the Frogs 87-58 win in the season opener against the Mavericks Saturday. The Frogs were led by junior guard Marcus Shropshire who had 14 points in his first game in a TCU uniform. Next up for the Frogs is the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. They meet Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:05 p.m.

By Halasz/Staff Photographer

Frogs should hop for Mobile Bowl

BY CARLOS ALVARADO
Commentary

Mobile, Ala. in December is cold, wet and just plain miserable. Those who made the trip and witnessed the subsequent loss to Southern Miss in the Mobile Bowl in 2000 remember how uninviting the city can be. The stadium is a glorified high school stadium, and the city offers little in entertainment value.

The Mobile Bowl, however, offers the best possible team left for the Frogs: Miami (Ohio). The Red Hawks, who are currently ranked No. 15 in *The Associated Press* poll and No. 16 in the Coaches' poll are a team many consider to be the best non-BCS team out there.

While many Frogs hope to face a "quality" Big 12 opponent at home in the Fort Worth Bowl, the simple fact is that Miami (Ohio) is better than any of the Big 12 teams the Frogs can face in Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth Bowl offers the eighth best team in the Big 12, which right now could be Kansas or Colorado. Maybe, just maybe, the Frogs can face off against Texas Tech, but look for the Alamo Bowl or the Houston Bowl to snatch up the Red Raiders before the Fort Worth Bowl gets a shot.

The best opponent, save an in-state rival, for the Frogs to face in a bowl game is Miami (Ohio). The Mobile Bowl would be foolish to pass up the opportunity for these two teams to square off in what is sure to be an exciting contest.

The matchup would be the highlight of the non-BCS bowl contests.

A game of this caliber between two top 20 teams on national TV, featuring ESPN's top broadcasting team of Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit, would be the jewel of ESPN coverage that night.

This contest has all the makings of something special.

You may not have heard of this Miami team, but it is good. Miami quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is a talented junior who will garner some Heisman consideration next year if he doesn't forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft. The Miami team will be ranked in the preseason polls next season, as it is young and will return many key starters from a team that gave Ohio State all it could handle in Columbus.

Along with Boise State, this team is held in high regard by many college football observers.

A win over this Miami team would go a long way to keeping TCU on the map and give the Frogs a claim at being the best non-BCS school in the nation.

A win over an eighth place Big 12 team would not be as valuable for the Frogs. Win, and the Frogs are supposed to do that, no big news. Lose, and the naysayers will point and say they never deserved all the attention.

While there is no place like home, and it would be nice for Frog fans and alumni to party hardy before and after the game, Mobile is the best bet for a Frogs' football team looking for respect.

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Rivalries could set record

BY JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' two biggest rivalries have been polar opposites for the current group of Longhorns seniors.

Midway through the season, the seniors earned the dubious distinction of having never beaten Oklahoma. If they beat Texas A&M on Friday, they'll finish their careers having never lost to the Aggies.

A win at Kyle Field by No. 6 Texas (9-2, 6-1 Big 12) makes the seniors not only the winningest class in school history — in total number of victories — but they would also earn the first four-game winning streak over the Aggies (4-7, 2-5) in a generation.

"That would be awesome," said senior wide receiver Roy Williams, who has dogged the Aggies with 18 catches for 290 yards and three touchdowns in the last three meetings.

"But we don't want to talk about 4-0," he said. "We don't want to mess it up."

Nor does coach Mack Brown want the Longhorns to rely on the streak for another victory.

"Streaks are made to be broken," Brown said. "You can't count on them."

The last time Texas won four in a row over A&M was a seven-game

streak from 1968 to 1974. The Longhorns won three straight from 1981-83 before the '84 regular season ended with a 37-12 defeat to the Aggies in Austin.

That started an era of A&M dominance. The Aggies won the next five meetings and 10 of the next 13 in the series before Brown took over at Texas prior to the 1998 season.

Texas has owned the rivalry under Brown, winning four of the last five. The Aggies' only win in that span was their dramatic 20-16 rally to victory at Kyle Field in '99, the year the campus bonfire log stack collapsed, killing 12 people and injuring 27 more.

The latest Texas winning streak really hasn't been close with an average scoring margin of 38-15.

"They've got an unbelievable mark against these guys," said junior quarterback Chance Mock. He signed with the freshman class of 2000 but watched the 'Horns win 43-17 that year while taking a redshirt season.

"When we come in, we all want to go 4-0 against A&M," Mock said. "If we can do it, that would be pretty impressive."

Each of the wins in the streak was significant in its own right.

The rout in 2000 was the nationally televised coming out party for Williams and former quarterback Chris Simms. Simms' brilliant per-

formance that day would have a huge impact on Brown's decision whether to start him or Major Applewhite in 2001.

In a 21-7 victory in 2001 secured Brown's first 10-win season at Texas and ultimately won the Longhorns' third Big 12 South Division title when Oklahoma lost to Oklahoma State the next day.

Last year, Simms became the first UT quarterback since Bobby Layne in 1944-47 to beat the Aggies three straight years, this time 50-20.

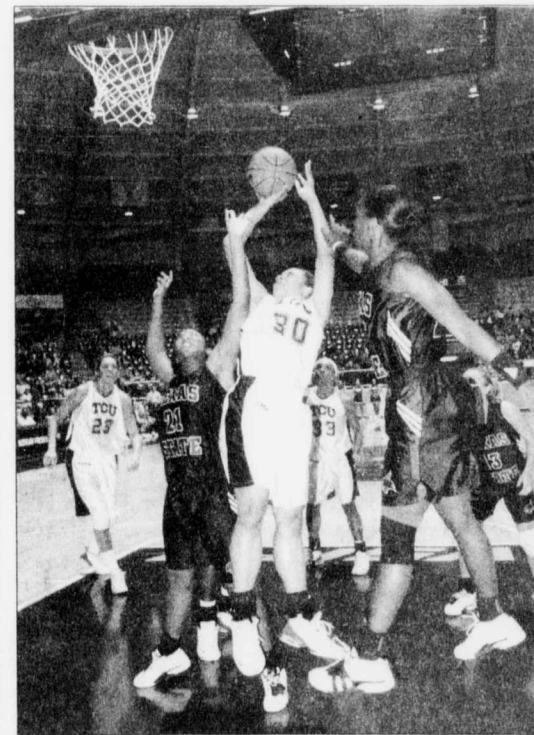
This year, the Longhorns need a win to stay in the hunt for their first bid to the Bowl Championship Series, with the Rose or Fiesta bowls the most likely destinations. Either would cap a remarkable turnaround from their midseason mark of 4-2 after a 65-13 loss to Oklahoma, their fourth straight loss to the Sooners.

A win Friday would be the 41st victory for the Texas seniors, the most for a single class in the era of freshman eligibility, according to school officials. Last year's seniors won 40 games in four years.

"I think this would be the biggest one," said senior cornerback Nathan Vasher, who warned his teammates not to take another win for granted.

"It could all change Friday and catapult our season all upside down," he said.

Two for Two




Stephen Spillman/Photo editor

Senior guard Ebony Shaw goes to the hoop against Texas State Friday. The Lady Frogs beat the Bobcats 86-44 in the season opener at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Redshirt freshman forward Ashley Davis led the Lady Frogs with 14 points, and junior forward Sandora Irvin chipped in with a double-double, recording 13 points and 10 rebounds. TCU beat Southern Methodist Monday night 74-64 to start the season with a 2-0 record.

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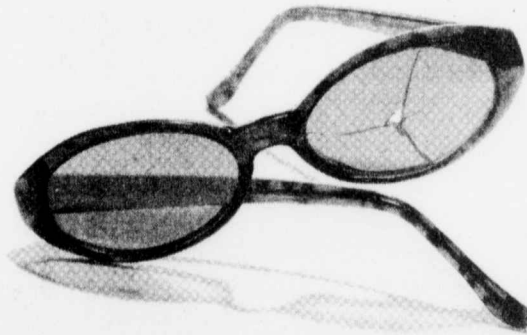


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