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Ferrari presents new budget models to Senate

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

If TCU maintains its current budget model, the university will be running deficits by the 2002-03 academic year, Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari told members of the Faculty Senate.

Speaking at the final Faculty Senate meeting of the semester Thursday, Ferrari updated members on the November Board of Trustees meeting. As part of the Commission on the Future of TCU, the Board discussed the university budget and what role it plays in helping the university

Maintaining current budget would lead university to run deficit, chancellor says

move to the next level of academic distinction. The commission will study how TCU can feasibly move to that level.

Though he discussed five budget models, Ferrari has not presented or decided on one single model. He said the discussion phase is underway.

"Right now we're just trying to understand how all these complex issues interact," he said. "We have to look at how all these things flow together. You can't talk about size

without talking about tuition and diversity."

Ferrari said four key factors are being weighed in the budget models: the size of the university, price, percentage of endowment used in the budget and debt. Currently, the university uses 5.8 percent of its estimated \$800 million endowment in its annual budget. Also, the university does not undertake debt on building projects because projects are not begun until all funding is raised,

Ferrari said.

Under the current model — what Ferrari called the "stay-the-course" model — TCU would continue to progress at the rate it has: 5 percent annual increase in tuition, continuing to use 5.8 percent of the endowment, 5 percent increase in financial aid and slight increases in faculty and staff members. If TCU continues this model, it will enter the red in three years.

Four of the five budget models would place TCU in deficits with-

in three years.

Some members of the TCU community have said that TCU is underpriced and that to move to the next level, the university needs to increase tuition and decrease enrollment. Ferrari presented this as the "prestige plan." Under this plan, TCU would have 100 fewer students, 10 percent annual tuition increases, 20 percent financial aid increases and hold faculty and staff constant. This plan would result in substantial deficits in

three years, Ferrari said. The one plan that would result in surpluses would require TCU to apply what Ferrari called "multiple factors." TCU would annually increase tuition 3 percent on top of inflation, lower the endowment percentage to 5.5 percent, increase athletic income to 5 percent, increase financial aid to 12.5 percent and enter debt service for facilities.

In other matters, the Senate updated procedures for the nomination and selection of honorary

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CAMPUS

Jam Before You Cram to be held 8 p.m. Wednesday

Programming Council is offering students a chance to party one last time at the fourth annual Jam Before You Cram at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom.

There will be food, music and prizes at the event designed to allow students to take a break before they have to study.

"It is a chance for students to let loose before they have to sit down and take their finals," said Larry Markley, the faculty adviser for PC.

A dee jay from radio station 104.5 will be on hand to provide dance music for participants. Markley said the event was to be in the Student Center Lounge, but it was moved back into the ballroom to make room for the overflow traffic from Frog Bytes. He also said having the event upstairs will not interfere with people who want to study in the lounge.

Meredith Kilgore, a senior criminal justice major and director of programming, said the program will let students have a chance to forget about finals for a little while.

"It's just going to be a great time for the student body to hang out before finals," she said. "It's a good time to be with everybody."

Markley said he expects about 250 people to attend. He said test supplies, such as scantrons and bluebooks, will be given out as prizes.

COLLEGE

Remains found may be those of U. Texas student

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — Authorities believe they have found the body of Jeff Lea, a University of Texas student who disappeared nearly two months ago, but are waiting for medical officials to positively identify the body.

Two hunters found the body at about 5 p.m. Monday on private property northeast of Abilene in Shackelford County. The body was taken to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner in Fort Worth Monday night.

Lea, a 22-year-old Plan II senior, was reported missing Sept. 27 after his car was found abandoned on a rural road in West Texas. Lea was traveling home to Midland Sept. 24 when he stopped in Waco around 11 p.m. to rest. He called his parents, who advised him to stay overnight. No one has reported hearing from him since.

Ed Krevit, captain of the public safety division of the Midland County Sheriff's Department, said until investigators get forensic tests and dental records that confirm the body's identity, it's too early to say whether the body is Lea's.

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A jazzy evening



David Dunlap/PHOTO EDITOR

Jacob Glatz, Chris Inners, John Dyer, Jeff Dazey and Chris Popielski, members of the Tuesday-Thursday Wilson Jazz Ensemble, perform Thursday night in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The concert was a fundraiser benefitting the jazz ensemble's trip to Europe.

Alumnus moves from cutting grass to teaching

Minor returns to university after starting \$12 million lawn company

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

After turning a one-man lawnmower business into a \$12 million company, alumnus David Minor will return to TCU next semester as the director of the entrepreneurial center.

Minor spent his last two years at TCU attending business administration classes in the morning and mowing lawns in the afternoon at what is now the M.J. Neeley School of Business. However, since graduating from TCU in 1980, Minor has hired more than 275 people for his company — Minor's Landscape Services.

"It seems pretty funny to me going from studying at TCU and loading up my lawnmower every afternoon, to coming back almost 20 years later and teaching classes at the same university," Minor said.

As director, Minor will be working closely with the business undergraduates, MBA students and local entrepreneurs in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Classes will be offered through the entrepreneurial center in the Neeley school for TCU students and the community.

"This is a great hire," said William Moncrief, interim dean of the business school. "He will do a lot to bring some national attention to the school. We couldn't do better in a million years."

Chuck Williams, interim associate dean and chairman of the management department, said Minor was chosen because of his creativity, ability to get things done and his strong relationship with the Fort Worth community.

"When we spoke with Minor and then found out he was interested in the position, we knew he was the right person," he said. "Minor has done the research and outreach over and over in this area. Everything just seemed to fit."

Minor said he hopes some day the program will expand to include an entrepreneurial degree at the undergraduate level. In the meantime, organizers from the Neeley school are still developing the program for the center.

"You must have a commitment level to do whatever it takes to make your ventures successful," he said. "It may not be the most comfortable way to begin a career outside of college, but the rewards could be tremendous on a personal and professional level."

Minor sold his business for an undisclosed amount in 1998 to TruGreen-ChemLawn and then became that company's landscape division vice president. Now, Minor will be working full-time at the entre-

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Honor society recognizes work of professors

Preferred Prof's Dinner commemorates work of those who had significant impact on students

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

Two people enter a classroom dressed in long black robes. After a brief presentation, the professor teaching the class begins to cry. But these are tears of joy.

When the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society selected faculty members for its annual Preferred Prof's Dinner, that is exactly what happened.

The annual dinner, held at Blue

Mesa Cafe Thursday night, is a chance for students to honor the professor they think has had a significant impact on them during their time at TCU. Mortar Board members select a faculty member for the dinner, who is then notified through a formal tapping process.

Joel Heydenburk, president of Mortar Board and a senior finance major, said being tapped is an honor for faculty members.

"I did a couple of the tappings,

and I had a couple of the professors cry when we told them they were chosen," Heydenburk said. "It is a very big honor because some professors just don't ever get recognized. They see it as a big honor when they do."

Heydenburk said two Mortar Board members enter the professor's classroom while class is in session and read a description of Mortar Board. Because this is the same process by which Mortar

Board members are tapped, it is not until the members read a description of the faculty member's academic achievements that the professor knew he or she was selected for the dinner, he said.

"They were in the middle of lecture, most times," Heydenburk said. "They were all very gracious, especially the ones who didn't know we were coming. And they were even more surprised when they found out it was them

because that is how we tap for membership. We read something about Mortar Board then we read something about the person."

Joelle Martin, a senior economics major, selected Rob Garnett, an instructor of economics, as her faculty member.

"He spends a lot of time in his office and is available to students," Martin said. "And he is a

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97 years of campus news coverage

REFLECTIONS

Editor's note: This week-long installment will look back at headlines that ran on the front page of the TCU Daily Skiff since 1902.

LOOKING BACK

Racism, tuition, parking top campus news from last 25 years of century

Racism allegations investigated Sept. 3, 1980

TCU administrators launch a plan to address race relations on campus. The effort comes as a result of strong student reaction over a professor's recent guest column in the Skiff attacking the Greek community for its allegedly racist membership selection practices.

Controversy over tuition increase March 1, 1983

The TCU Board of Trustees plan to

raise tuition rates to \$140 a semester hour. In a forum with Chancellor William Tucker, students and parents complain that some students may be forced to leave school as a result of the higher cost.

Alcohol guidelines change Aug. 28, 1986

In the first Skiff issue of the fall semester, TCU administrators discuss the new alcohol guidelines in the residence halls, which were put into effect when the halls

opened in mid-August. The guidelines reflect a new Texas law that takes effect Sept. 1 and raises the legal drinking age from 19 to 21.

Council denies garage request Feb. 15, 1989

The Fort Worth City Council denies a request by University Christian Church to build a three-story parking garage and retirement center on land located just north of TCU, at the corner of Rogers and Cantey streets.

Neighborhood residents and some TCU students were opposed to the proposed structures, which would replace four houses and two parking lots currently on the site.

Campus reacts to attacks on Iraq Jan. 18, 1991

The morning after President Bush ordered air strikes to begin on Iraq, students gather in the Student Center

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CAMPUS LINES

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

■ Air Force ROTC offers open-enrollment during the spring semester for college freshman and sophomore students interested in becoming commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force. Once enrolled in the AFROTC courses, eligible students may apply for two- or three-year scholarships that could pay up to \$15,000 an academic year beginning in the Fall 2000 semester. There are no service requirements for the AFROTC freshman and sophomore courses. For more information, call 257-7461 or e-mail (J.Aleman@tcu.edu).

■ National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarships for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad during Summer 2000 through Spring 2001 are available. The deadline is Feb. 7. For applications, call the NSEP office at 1-800-618-NSEP or e-mail (nsep@iie.org).

■ SHARE! High School Exchange Program needs families to host high school exchange students for the spring semester of the 1999/2000 school year. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information, call Sharon George at (915) 533-5808 or the Education Resource Development Trust Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

■ TCU Bookstore will start purchasing books Thursday, the first day of dead days. This year the bookstore will offer a new service, Online Textbook Reservations. Students have two options: to reserve books and prepay with a credit card or to reserve books without prepaying. When students who have prepaid pick up their books, 5 percent of the total cost will be returned. For more information, call the TCU Bookstore at 257-7844.

■ Finals for the fall semester will be held Monday, Dec. 13 to Friday, Dec. 17. For a schedule of dates and times check out the TCU web page at (<http://www.reg.tcu.edu/reg/calendar.htm>).

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News

ROUNDUP

World

N. Ireland's new Catholic and Protestant government has historic first meeting

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — On a day of historic firsts and defining moments, Irish Republican Army supporters sat down with their Protestant antagonists on Thursday in a new Northern Ireland government.

That first meeting produced no decisions but encouraged great hopes that three decades of bloodshed may truly be at an end.

"It seems we are at the end of a terrible era of violence and suffering, and at the beginning of a new era of life here," said Seamus Mallon, the Catholic deputy leader of the new government. "People are almost afraid to express that hope."

In that cautious spirit, the day passed in Belfast without the sort of big celebrations that followed the IRA cease-fire of 1994, which didn't last, and without the kind of mass protests that killed a short-lived attempt at power-sharing in 1974.

"It was a good start," said Martin McGuinness, the former IRA commander who now is responsible for education. He called the meeting "cordial, respectful and businesslike."

"It is now possible to believe the day of the gun and the bomb are in fact over," President Clinton said in Seattle. It was Clinton's man, former Sen. George Mitchell, who prodded the parties to make the concessions necessary to form a government.

Earlier in Dublin, the Republic of Ireland amended its 1937 constitution to drop its territorial claim to the British province. Britain and Ireland also signed treaties to create all-Ireland and British-Irish institutions envisaged in the Good Friday accord of 1998.

In Belfast, 10 Protestant and Catholic ministers of the new power-sharing Cabinet sat down around a circular table inside Stormont Parliament Building to discuss, for 80 taboo-shattering minutes, how their unique coalition would work.

They have to operate a government with broad domestic responsibilities, though the British government retains control of foreign affairs, taxes, policing and criminal justice.

At midnight Wednesday, the British government ended 27 years of "direct rule" — a system imposed in place of a Protestant-dominated Stormont Parliament that governed Northern Ireland from 1921 to 1972. In the long and

bloody troubles, in which 3,600 people died, 1972 was the worst year of all, with 467 deaths.

Nation

Approved MLK Jr. monument will be first dedicated to individual African-American

WASHINGTON — A four-acre site for a monument to Martin Luther King Jr. was approved Thursday by the National Capital Planning Commission — not far from the Lincoln Memorial where he delivered his "I have a dream" speech in 1963.

It would be the first monument to an individual African-American in the National Mall area.

The site is at the northwest point of the Tidal Basin, on a line about halfway between the memorials to Presidents Jefferson and Lincoln. The new memorial to Franklin Roosevelt is just to the south, nearer the Potomac River.

"This site puts Dr. King in a place of tranquility, vision, historic significance, and in a visual line of leaders, between Lincoln and Jefferson," said John Carter, project chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation.

Last July the commission turned down, 7-5, a slightly larger plot for the King monument on the same spot. On Oct. 21 Carter agreed to a letter from Reginald W. Griffith, the commission's executive director, laying down specifics for the design. Thursday's vote of approval was 10 to 0, with two members absent.

Some officials wanted the King memorial more closely associated with the Lincoln Memorial, and two witnesses spoke in favor of that at Thursday's session. Carter disagreed.

"We think that King should have his own place," he told reporters. "We did look at a lot of sites ... but when you look across that water and you look at the positioning in between those two presidents, it's clearly where Dr. King belongs."

The letter says the memorial cannot be taller than 20 feet and no more than three cherry trees can be removed of the approximately 3,000 around the Tidal Basin and in nearby Potomac Park, a favorite tourist site at blossom time. There is to be no museum or bookstore.

Ku Klux Klan approved to adopt a highway in Missouri as state plans to appeal decision

ST. LOUIS — The Ku Klux Klan's national director on Wednesday defended Missouri's decision to allow the group to take part in the state's Adopt-A-Highway program, saying he sees nothing contradictory between white supremacy and environmentalism.

After five years of legal battles, Missouri transportation officials reluctantly granted the Klan an Adopt-A-Highway application Tuesday. A federal judge had ruled that the state could not

deny the Klan from participating in the litter-control program. Missouri is appealing the ruling.

"Most decent people are concerned about the environment," said Thomas Robb, director of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. "People are not running out to sign up for the program. It's a legitimate right to want that recognition."

The two brown signs along Interstate 55 recognizing the Klan's participation did not last long. The signs read: "Adopt-A-Highway. Next mile adopted by Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Missouri."

One of the signs was cut down Tuesday, and highway workers put it back Wednesday morning. By nightfall, both signs had been removed.

Some community leaders are suggesting that Missouri drop the program altogether to avoid future conflict with the Klan and save the state from embarrassment.

The state transportation department may consider ending the program, spokeswoman Linda Wilson said, but "we really don't want to do that because we have 4,700 adopters who are helping us."

In Adopt-A-Highway programs, private citizens clean up a section of highway that they sponsor.

State

New custody issue arises in Texas as courts determine who has rights to embryo

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court has been asked to determine whether a man has a parental right to his ex-wife's daughter, whose birth resulted from a frozen embryo the couple created while still married.

But the justices will have to make their decision — which is expected next year — with little legal guidance. The state has no laws directly addressing the rights attached to an embryo created in a laboratory.

"This is truly a case where technology is outpacing the law," said attorney Lynne Liberato. Liberato is representing Mildred Schmit, the mother of the girl.

Houston auto dealer Don McGill and Schmit divorced in August 1996 after a 20-year marriage. Schmit wanted another child and McGill agreed that she could use a frozen embryo they produced in 1994.

Schmit claims the embryo was implanted only after her ex-husband promised that he wouldn't pursue parental status. But McGill denies making such a promise.

Their daughter was born in June 1997. McGill, who is listed on the birth certificate as the father, sued for parental rights.

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SAFETY FIRST

A few important holiday precautions

Two weeks from today, final exams will be over. The Main will close — it's gotten pretty good at being closed this semester — and we will line up at the bookstore to get a few extra bucks for the holidays.

And at noon on Dec. 18, Residential Services will give on-campus residents the boot, kicking them out on the road to home.

Whether your home is a 15-minute drive away or a 15-hour flight away, we ask that you have a safe trip home and a safe break. If you're driving home, follow the basic safety principles: Wear your seat belt, and don't speed.

Try not to get too angry at the jerk who cuts you off. After all, you're in Texas. Expect it to happen.

If you choose to drink on New Year's Eve — or any day, for that matter — do so responsibly. But whatever you do, please don't drink and drive.

Although people between 16 and 24 years old comprise only 20 percent of the total licensed population and 20 percent of the total vehicle miles traveled in this country by all licensed drivers, they cause 42 percent of all fatal alcohol-related crashes, according to statistics compiled by the U. S. Department of Transportation.

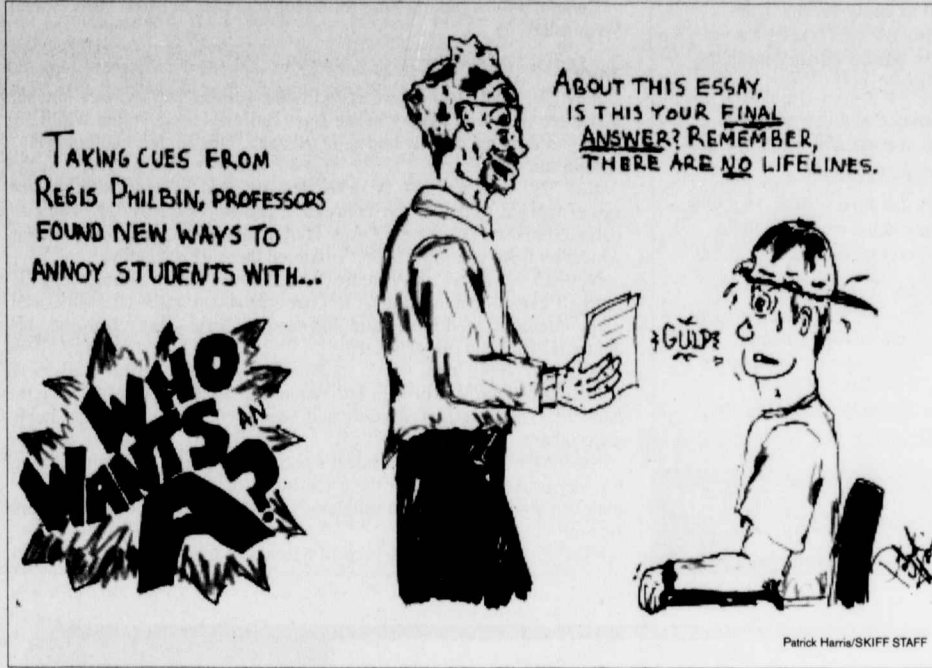
It's just not worth the risk. Find a designated driver. Be a designated driver.

Enjoy your break from classes, but make a point to make it back here next semester. You'll be back just in time to line up at the bookstore again.

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Celebration from afar

Christmas in another country to teach true value

Tradition is a big part of my family's Christmas. My mom bakes fruitcakes. My grandmother bakes pies. Lots of pies. We bring out this old calendar that tells the Christmas story as we open one little window at a time. Every year on Christmas Eve we read the Christmas story from Luke.

While our family traditions changed a little when we moved to Texas (no more of Grandmother's pies and snow), they have stayed basically the same.

But this Christmas, that all changes. I will be spending Christmas in Hyderabad, India. And I have no idea what Christmas will be like.

I will be interning at Hyderabad Baptist Church for a month over the break when I will help teach English in the all-girl's orphanage that the church runs. I am so excited about going, but when I hear my sister say, "So, you'll be gone for Christmas?," I hesitate.

Of course I want to go to India. But I am scared Christmas day will find me thinking of my mom baking fruitcakes, my sister decorating the tree and both of them reading the Luke story.

While I am certain I will miss my family, I am also a little eager to see what Christmas in Hyderabad will be like.

Will there be Christmas decorations, Christmas music, Christmas trees? I am guessing there won't be that Christmas snow, but I doubt Texas will have any either.

If there aren't Christmas celebrations and traditions in India, will it still be Christmas? Although I love Christmas songs and family traditions, I remember the saying that "sometimes the good keeps us from the best."

There is definite value in family traditions — I am learning that the time I spend with my family is limited, and I want to take advantage of it all. But maybe I let family traditions become Christmas, rather than a way to celebrate Christmas. And maybe being away from my family, I will see Christmas differently.

I will be staying at the church compound when I am there with the pastor and his family close at hand. They will be celebrating the very same event but probably not in the same way. Maybe I will learn that Christmas isn't really those yummy peanut butter cookies with melting Hershey's Kisses on them. Maybe it isn't about going out in the cold to cut down a tree and then analyzing its peculiarities.

And Christmas might take on a different meaning. Although tradition is usually part of Christmas and something most of us desire, maybe it is also limiting. Experiencing Christmas in a different country or cultural context might be strange, but it could also help us understand what Christmas means to others.

Try to find a way to experience Christmas a little differently this year, whether it means celebrating with a family from a different country or simply learning how other people are celebrating.

Now how do you say "Merry Christmas" in Telugu?

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Commentary



TARA POPE

A fair revocation

Incompetent grads should be degree-less

Degrees earned at TCU should be revocable by the Board of Trustees for five years or the first five jobs after graduation, whichever comes first. If a TCU graduate goes into the work force and demonstrates incompetence or dishonesty, then the university can declare the diploma null and void. If any student embarrasses the university, they just return the diploma. Doesn't it seem like an intriguing idea to explore in this day and age?

Ethicist Gary Pavela explores this issue in the Oct. 23 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. He says that "confirmation of good conduct and development of character are part of the informal curriculum [and are] therefore proper consideration when deciding whether to award a degree."

There is an underlying current in the academic community that TCU sometimes graduates people who are not ready for the workplace. So what does an academic degree portray to the community? Certainly an employer should get more than four years of residence on campus in Fort Worth. A degree represents a certain level of academic excellence.

Pavela argues for revoking degrees if the university finds that the student cheated or commits a disciplinary offense on campus that is not discovered until after graduation. It seems like there should be other reasons.

If a student graduates from the School of Education and cannot pass a competency test in his or her field of study, the degree should be revoked.

Certainly even during a time of grave teacher shortages, no one wants to send an unfit teacher into a classroom. This should give the School of Education great distress and the degree should be returned.

There are those who might feel an incompetent engineer might return his diploma to TCU. Should we set the same standards of ethics for a journalist who writes irresponsibly or a theologian who preaches heresy? Perhaps it is time to look at why we award degrees at this university.

Pavela argues that when a student leaves college and enters the work force, "an institution assures potential employers that the [graduate] has developed some basic degree of emotional intelligence and social responsibility."

So if a student does not have employable skills, it is fair for the Board of Trustees to revoke the diploma. It would send a message to each and every student that this university is serious about education.

The Board of Trustees has the authority to award degrees. Just completing the required number of hours certainly does not qualify a student to don a cap and gown and be sent into the world. There has to be a higher bar of excellence that must surpass before graduation is a foregone conclusion. Pavela believes that the extra requirement should be integrity.

Perhaps so. If the task forces of the Commission on the Future of TCU have any courage, they will set the highest possible standards for this university. The litmus test for TCU students needs to be intelligence, common sense, integrity and character.

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QUOTE unquote

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The following quotes appeared in Skiff news articles or opinion columns this semester. These are the few, the proud, the best quotes that members of the TCU community have given.

- “Folding tissue paper really brings people together.”
Libby Zey, junior social work major on the unifying effect of pomping during Homecoming festivities
- “I can turn on my sprinkler and run it for 20 hours against the side of my house, and it doesn't come in my living room. Why is that a problem here?”
Brian Youngblood, interim associate director of bands on flooding in the Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Center for Performing Arts
- “I'd like to see something happen to them. I don't know if they should be kicked out of school, but something should be done. Otherwise, it will be open season on outdoor sculpture.”
Thad Duhigg, a professor of sculpture on the person(s) responsible for stealing a modern art sculpture from the area behind the Moudy Building
- “There were about 500 people there. I wasn't actually at the party, but if you figure a 10th of the student body was at one party ... it was more of a TCU party.”
Carl Long, Pi Kappa Phi vice president on the definition of an official fraternity function
- “The lines in this place are awful. It's like Disneyland in here.”
Charles Sizemore, a senior finance major on the lines in Frog Bytes
- “It's good for the university to bring in high-profile speakers ... when they actually show up.”
Brian Estrada, a sophomore political science major on Maya Angelou's Oct. 6 cancellation
- “Everyone knows what soccer is, and it's fairly uncomplicated.”
Elizabeth Rainwater, Sigma Kappa public relations chairwoman on Sigma Kappa's "Kick in the Grass" tournament benefiting Alzheimer's disease research
- “I want all those schools that didn't recruit me to say, 'Man, we should have tried to recruit him.' When we play schools like Arizona and Northwestern, it motivates me to rip their defense up.”
LaDainian Tomlinson, junior tailback on earning some R-E-S-P-E-C-T
- “He's a lot bigger. I still can't believe how huge his head is. It's, like, three feet wide.”
Stacy Fresh, a senior psychology major on the new SuperFrog
- “When I went to Eden's North with mad eats, I left satisfied. The new Deli does not satisfy me. I need to be satisfied.”
Myles Hayes, senior photography major on all-you-can-eat Eden's North

Skiff-ing breeds insanity

Eat. Sleep. Skiff. We on the Skiff staff have worked long and hard to bring the paper to you every Tuesday through Friday this semester. For the past 55 issues (that's about four months in normal people time), we lived and breathed newspaper. What a sad, sad life we lived.

Some would say we didn't work hard enough. OK, our adviser is probably the only one who would say that. But we still like her because she bought us pizza when we made deadline. Both times.

To everyone who braved the crude jokes and the endless Disney World references to help produce the newspaper, we appreciate your help. We couldn't do it without all of the reporters, production staff and advertising staff. And, yes, even the copyeditors came in handy every now and then.

To my roommate who I've hardly seen all semester, I'll be home this afternoon. Maybe we can take the cool bus to Taco Cabana for some quality roommate time.

To my parents who moved to a new house in Shreveport, thanks for giving me the smallest bedroom. There's no reason for me to mention this here other than the fact that I remind them of this any chance I get.

To everyone who picked up a copy of the Skiff — even if only for the crossword puzzles and to read my witty columns — thanks for giving us a chance to test the waters of journalism.

As future journalists, we must be prepared to enter the world with experience and reporting skills. The Skiff is our vehicle for those purposes, and you continue to allow us to improve our reporting. Most of our goals for the campus newspaper have been met. Our staff reporters covered breaking news, features, profiles and much, much more.

We covered the shooting at Wedgwood Baptist Church, the Commission on the Future of TCU and everything in between. Some of the things we did were fine examples of journalism. Others were not, but we learned from everything that happened. After all, that is why we're here.

Best of all, we came together as a staff and had fun while we were producing a daily paper. And sometimes we had too much fun — fun that continued well into the early morning hours of the next day. But somehow, we always made it back to Moudy South to produce another paper for you.

We know that you read it. If you had not read it, we wouldn't have gotten letters to the editor almost every week.

All the Skiffs would not have been stolen two consecutive days in early November. To everyone who picked up 4,600 copies of the Skiff in one day, thanks for not dumping them in an obvious place. We would have found them. (We still haven't figured out why the Skiff was so popular right around election time for Student Government Association officers. All we can guess is that it was a damn good crossword puzzle.)

Thank you for your time, your letters and your patience with us. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

I hope you enjoy your time at home, even if your parents gave you the big room.

Opinion Editor Laura Head is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Shreveport, La. All of the other editors are jealous of her incredible knack for slamming doors. She can be reached at (lhead@delta.is.tcu.edu).

Commentary



LAURA HEAD



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Police BLOTTER

Campus Police reported the following offenses between Nov. 17 and Wednesday.

Theft

Nov. 30, 3:50 p.m. — Two crystal wine goblets and a crystal pitcher that were part of a display in the Bass Building were stolen while the party building the display had gone to lunch. The goblets had gold rings around the rim.

Nov. 29, 4:33 p.m. — A radar detector and compact disc's were stolen from a student's car between 7 and 9 p.m. Nov. 25. The car, parked on North Drive near Foster Hall, had a small hole in its rear windshield. An unknown object shattered the entire window.

Nov. 26, 3:32 p.m. — A student's wallet was stolen during the TCU football game when the student left her coat unattended. The wallet had a key chain attached with dorm and mailbox keys, along with the student's ID card and driver's license.

Nov. 21, 10:43 p.m. — A student's car parked in the University Christian Church was broken into sometime between 9 and 10:15 p.m. Nov. 21. The right rear window had been broken out and some items were taken.

Nov. 20, 6:09 p.m. — A student's car parked in the coliseum parking lot was broken into during the early hours of Nov. 20. A stereo faceplate, an amplifier, a pair of sunglasses and 12 CDs were taken from the student's car.

Nov. 17, 2:37 p.m. — A bicycle belonging to a Milton Daniel Hall

resident was stolen between 9:30 a.m. Nov. 9 and 8 a.m. Nov. 16. The bicycle was locked to the bicycle rack.

Vandalism

Nov. 29, 7:16 p.m. — The windshield of a vehicle was hit 11 times by a pellet gun sometime between 9 p.m. Nov. 28 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29. The vehicle, parked in the coliseum parking lot, was also hit on the hood.

Nov. 29, 12:58 p.m. — The passenger side door of a car parked in the freshman lot was keyed sometime between the 11 p.m. Nov. 22 and 3 p.m. Nov. 23. The car's door had also been dented and the antenna was missing.

Nov. 23, 2:30 p.m. — Eight vehicles parked in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community lot were vandalized sometime during the night. The cars were all severely keyed. One had a windshield shattered and a flattened tire and another was missing the driver-side mirror. The owners of the vehicles were notified by police.

Harassment

Nov. 24, 6:18 a.m. — An officer was dispatched to the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community after a student received a harassing phone call from an unknown man who said he was on his way to the student's room. The student told police she had been receiving phone calls for two months from a man using a French accent.

Nov. 21, 11:06 p.m. — A Jarvis Hall resident received a harassing message on her answering machine from an unknown male. The message made suggestive inquiries as to when he and the resident were going to meet.

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SPOTLIGHT

MILLSAP LIVENS UP LONDON EMBASSY

Student intern stays dedicated to work but makes time for play

By Reagan Duplisea
SKIFF LONDON CORRESPONDENT

LONDON — He's been called a prankster, a good vocalist and a devoted big brother — so what is Joel-Patrick "J-P" Millsap doing at the U.S. Embassy in London?

Millsap, a junior international finance major and student in the TCU London Centre, is wrapping up his semester as intern in the embassy's International Marketing Centre, Division of Commercial Service. He is one of nine interns in the TCU London Centre program working in London this semester.

But despite working in such a prestigious place, Millsap said he has found ways to liven things up.

"I am a walking example that a little bit of comedy mixed in with a lot of dedication can smooth over any problem or crisis," Millsap said.

Angela Evelyn, secretary of the IMC, said Millsap was a lot of help in the office, but he kept her on her toes.

"He's a prankster," Evelyn said. "You always have to stay one step ahead of him. Sometimes I'll be really deep in

work, and he'll ring me up and say, 'I've had a complaint about you. You're being too loud. Can you be quiet, please?'"

While Millsap has enjoyed his internship, he said it has brought

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—J-P MILLSAP, junior international finance major

with it some obstacles to overcome.

"The biggest challenge is being able to prioritize, such as if I'm working on a project and something bigger comes up," Millsap said. "It's only a thing you learn in the business world."

Millsap said he would eventually like to go into a sales career.

"This is why the IMC fit because I get direct contact with people," Millsap said. "I love to work with people."

John Cunningham, a junior English major and Millsap's roommate since their sophomore

year, said Millsap's people skills helped him succeed at the embassy.

"He's a people person," he said. "If he gets a chance to work with people, that's where he

thrives."

Although Millsap said he sees his future in the business world, his dream job would be the stage.

He said his favorite thing about London is the theatre, citing his favorite shows as "Phantom of the Opera" and "Blood Brothers." Millsap said he would play Mickey in "Blood Brothers" if he had the choice of any role.

Dustin Kisler, Millsap's close friend from high school, said one thing that many people may not know about Millsap is that he is a great vocalist. He and Millsap

participated in several musicals in high school together.

Millsap said he plans to join the choir at TCU next semester. He said he would also like to add Alpha Phi Omega, ultimate frisbee and taekwon do to his list of extracurricular activities, which currently include Pi Kappa Phi, being a devoted football and basketball fan, the Honors program, working as an assistant librarian at the Mary Coats Burnett Library reference desk and the House Elections and Regulations Committee.

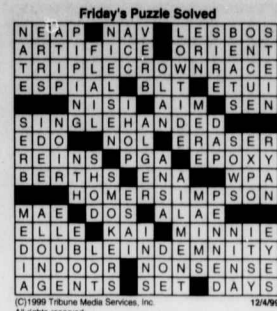
Kisler said Millsap can be counted on outside of work and extracurricular activities.

"He's a true blue friend," he said. "If you have a problem with your parents, your girlfriend, you need to be picked up. I know I can call J-P no matter what."

Cunningham said he admires Millsap's optimism.

"He's got the most positive attitude I've ever seen," he said. "If he had a bad day, you'd never know. He'd turn it into something positive."

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MINOR

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preneurial center.

Minor said the Neeley School is a good mixture of professionals with practical and academic experience.

"It is nice to help influence students," he said. "I have some very distinct ideas about how they should treat their employees and what their responsibilities are in the communities they serve. This is kind of my way of giving back to the TCU community that helped me."

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SENATE

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degrees. The procedure has not been updated since 1974.

Roger Pfaffenberger, chairman of the Faculty Senate and a professor of finance and decision science, said updating the policy was a much-needed change.

"I think we've only given one honorary degree since 1986," he said. "(Ferrari) wants to get us back on track in doing honorary degrees, and we should. It's something that's distinctive and important for a university to do."

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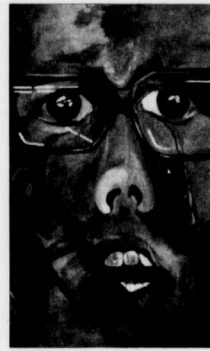
really great teacher."

Garnett said his selection was a "tremendous honor" because it means he has reached his students.

"It's a funny thing about teaching," Garnett said. "You're never quite sure what's happening. You spend a lot of time and you do a lot of work and you work with a lot of students, but you're never quite sure what's coming across. It's nice when you find out that things have gone well."

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Panhellenic Council
Scholar of the Month

Sarah King

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Sarah is a Junior Radio TV Film major and has been striving to excel in both her studies and her classwork.

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Panhellenic Council
Chapter of the Month

Sigma Kappa

The ladies of Sigma Kappa have been working hard this semester contributing to all other chapter events as well as their own. A few things they've accomplished include hosting the first ever "Kick in the Grass" soccer tournament, planning an "Exec Dinner Exchange" at Pappasito's and organizing a party for residents of the Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Home. Congratulations Sigma Kappa for your excellence this month.

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REFLECTIONS

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lounge to watch an address by President Bush on two large televisions brought in for the occasion. A prayer vigil was held, but the only visible sign of protest on the campus was a banner displayed on Clark Hall proclaiming, "Peace Through Peace, Not Through War!"

Cable TV, Internet debut in dorms Aug. 23, 1995

Students and administrators are quoted in the *Skiff* as being "excited" about a new wiring system installed in the dormitories by a company called Campuslink. The system will allow students to receive cable television and Internet access in their rooms, two services which were not previously available. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said, "Three or four years from now I would like to see every student on the Internet."

KTCU broadcasts from the beach March 12, 1993

The *Skiff* reports that university radio station KTCU has been selected with four other Texas college radio stations to broadcast live from a Coca-Cola-sponsored party during Spring Break at South Padre Island. A KTCU disc jockey will spend several days on the island, making live reports through-

Compiled by staff reporter Alan Nelson.

Lighting the season



David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR
Aaron Goldfarb, president of Hillel, lights a candle on the menorah for Hanukkah. The Jewish holiday is observed for eight days and nights in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem.

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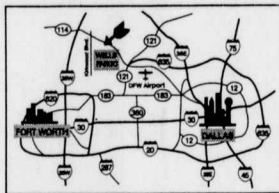
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PASADENA, Calif. — After two NASA missions to Mars over the past six years ended in sudden failure, the stakes are especially high today for the Mars Polar Lander, and the list of things that can go wrong is long.

"It's about as do-or-die an event as they come," flight operations manager Sam Thurman said.

The Polar Lander is set to touch down this afternoon roughly 500 miles from the Red Planet's south pole. Scientists hope to learn about Mars' climate by studying layers of dust and possibly ice during the 90-day mission. Instruments will measure vapor in the atmosphere, while a claw on the spacecraft will collect samples to be cooked and analyzed for water.

But there are many mission-ending scenarios: The spacecraft's parachute or descent thrusters could fail.

It could land on a rock that

causes it to tip over. Or it could touch down into the quicksand-like permafrost in the never-explored south polar region.

In September, NASA's \$125 million Mars Climate Orbiter vanished as it approached the Red Planet.

Investigators blamed the loss on scientists' failure to realize that English-style units of measurement — feet and inches — had not been converted to the metric system.

And in 1993, the Mars Observer, a \$1 billion NASA spacecraft, disappeared just before going into orbit around the Red Planet. It is believed to have exploded as its fuel lines were being pressurized.

"The tension on the team is up by several factors because of what happened," said Richard Cook, spacecraft operations manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

In the weeks since the Mars Climate Orbiter's failure, con-

trollers for the \$165 million Polar Lander mission have reworked and reviewed plans to deal with the myriad of things that could go wrong at the end of the 157-million-mile voyage.

They have put together hundreds of contingency plans for nearly every possible glitch.

"When we're working on contingency plans, we're thinking gory details about everything that can go wrong," Thurman said.

The Polar Lander will deploy a parachute and fire a dozen retro-rockets, slowing from about 15,400 mph to 5 mph as it lands on the surface.

A few minutes before landing, it will break off communication with Earth. The highest priority is making sure the probe can re-establish contact.

NASA said there is a 50 percent chance that even if the spacecraft lands safely and deploys its camera, weather mast and antenna, it will fail in its first attempt to contact home.

Crowd backs jailed Seattle protesters

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SEATTLE — Billed as a "festival of resistance," World Trade Organization protests Thursday for the first time seemed more like a party than a pitched battle with police.

After a Pike Place Market rally, at least 1,000 people marched to the King County Jail at the south end of downtown to express support for those arrested this week. Motorcycle police escorted protesters to the site, which is blocks away from the WTO meetings. A huge puppet on wheels, with a gag across his mouth, also led the throng.

"We're here because there are over 100 non-violent protesters (inside) who were arrested for exercising their right to free speech," said one man on a bullhorn. Most of those arrested are being held elsewhere. "The guards

are telling them they have no support."

"Free the Seattle 500," read one sign.

"Let them go!" chanted the crowd. People inside the jail waved to the cheering protesters.

Police were acting differently, said David Roman, 26, an organizer with the umbrella group Direct Action Network. Where Wednesday some were "out of control," they were cooperative Thursday, he said.

The rally at the market was one of the first peaceful demonstrations since Tuesday's vandalism downtown and police response Wednesday with tear gas and rubber bullets.

"These people are standing up for a good cause," said market spokeswoman Sylvia McDaniel of the 2,000 or so who gathered peacefully in noon sunshine.

Activists were wary of renewed

police efforts to distinguish between vandals and criminals and those engaged in peaceful protest and civil disobedience.

"It's never too late to say you're sorry," said Lori Lofton, 25, of Portland, Ore., walking with about 300 other demonstrators as the market crowd dispersed into smaller groups.

But then she added of police: "Many of them should be punished. An apology is not enough."

For activists concerned about WTO power to override national laws protecting the environment and workers, this week's meeting was supposed to be a historic showdown between civil society and the forces of corporate globalization.

Instead, the battle has been between protesters and police, with concerns about human rights, labor and the environment taking a back seat to allegations of police brutality.

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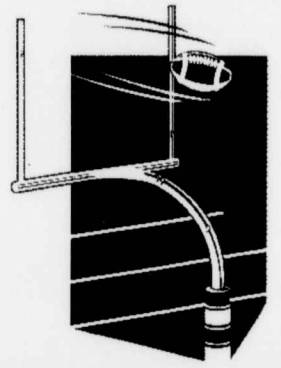
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Semester in Review

Story by Jeff Meddaugh/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Photos by David Dunal/PHOTO EDITOR

Enthusiasm and progress, tragedy and healing marked an adventurous fall semester for members of the TCU community.

Sweating from a summer that again brought triple-digit temperatures, students arrived on campus that was soon to feature a cool new eatery — recently named “Frog Bytes” — that loaded upon students various menu options, computer stations and, of course, a wave of new grumbings against Marriott food services. And the state of Texas brought something else to the table: a drinking law that lowered the legal blood-alcohol limit from .10 percent to .08 percent, perhaps keeping some bar patrons from spending less at their favorite watering hole.

TCU sports fans kept some of the stands full this fall as they helped to ring in yet another bowl berth for head coach Dennis Franchione and the Horned Frog football team. The inaugural Mobile, Ala., Bowl will host the team — including record-breaking running back LaDainian Tomlinson — as it battles the East Carolina Pirates Dec. 22. But don't forget the rebirth of an old, familiar sight. A leaner, meaner SuperFrog replaced a former, “flabby” get-up that many said “had a little potbelly his TCU shirt was fighting to cover.”

That's not to mention TCU's acceptance to join Conference USA, a move that is sure to set a different pace for many of the university's athletic programs beginning in Fall 2001.

Sept. 15 brought an unimaginable event that shattered a community — and once again, the nation — with violence and tragedy. Seven people were killed and seven other injured when a gunman opened fire at prayer rally at Wedgwood Baptist Church in southwest Fort Worth, several miles from the TCU campus. Students, faculty and staff seemed to draw even closer after one of their own — Kim Jones, a December 1998 graduate — was killed in the attack. And a week later, thousands of mourners from across North Texas gathered to pray for hope and healing at Amon Carter Stadium.

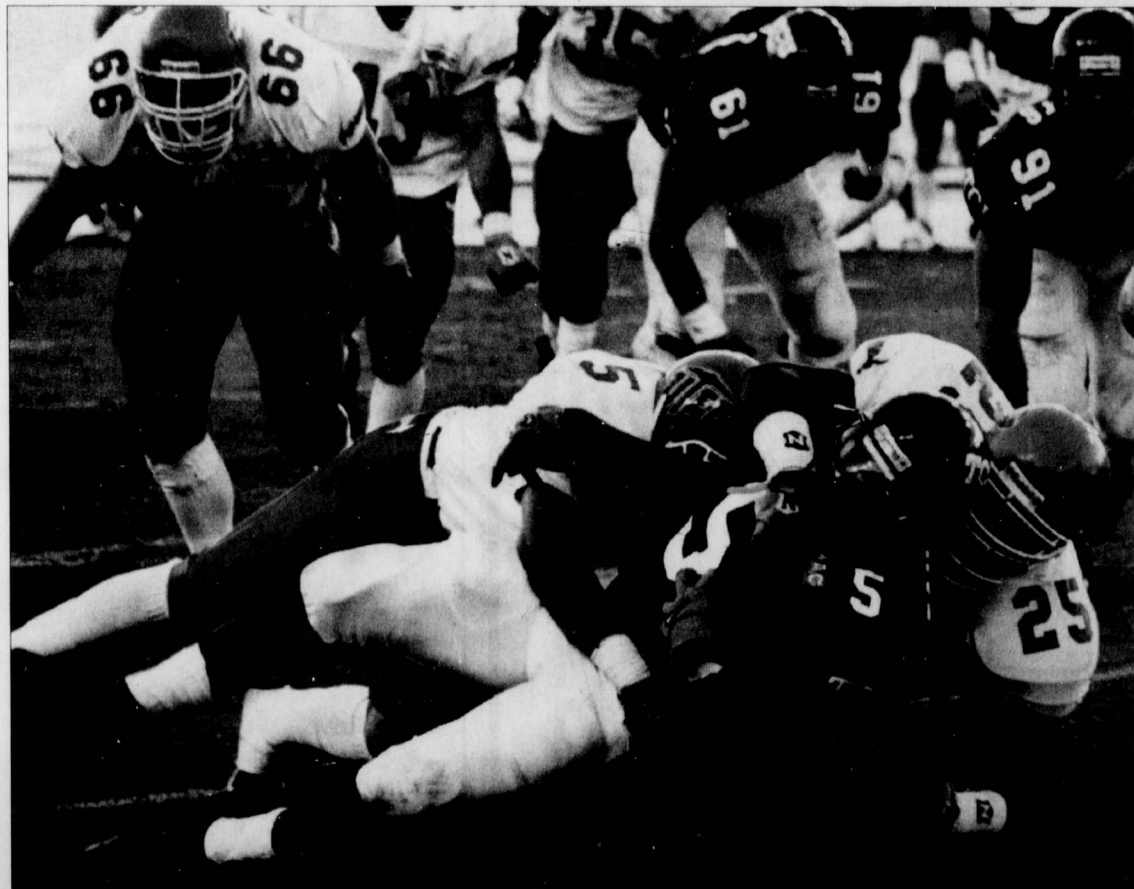
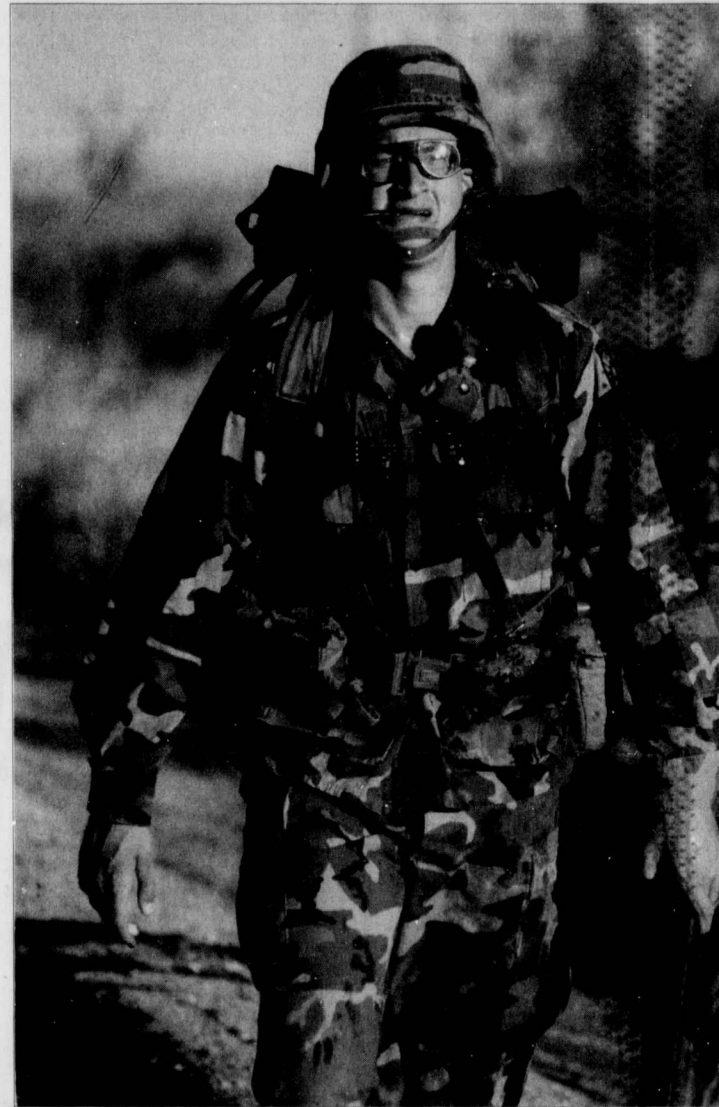
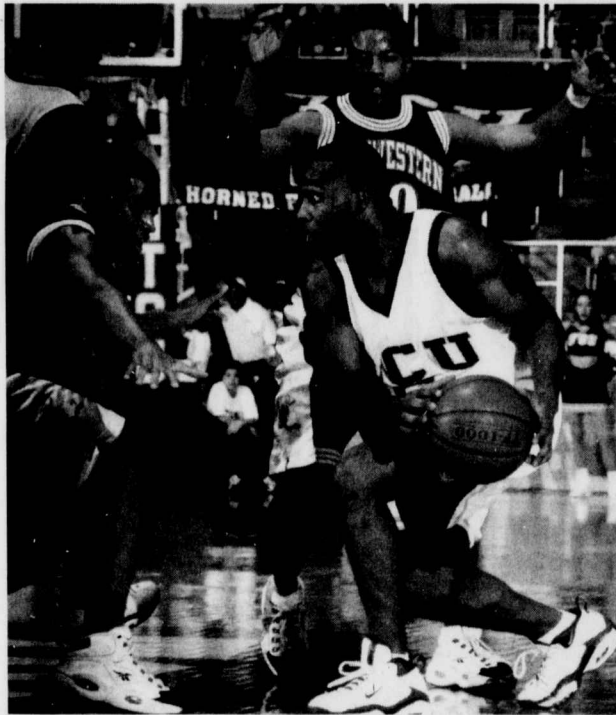
Prompted by the lack of activism on campus, a number of students in October formed the Leftist Student Union, a group hoping to provide an outlet for free-

dom of thought. That same month, TCU librarians made an intriguing discovery in the basement of the Mary Coats Burnett Library: 8mm film of some of President John F. Kennedy's final hours in Fort Worth before his assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

TCU increased its traffic on the information super-highway with its decision to switch all university mailings from paper to e-mail. The grueling processes of advising and registration also turned paperless, followed by the first online elections for Student Government Association officers in November. For SGA, the primary “e-election” rallied nearly 1,900 students to cast their vote, an impressive 63 percent increase over voter turnout last year.

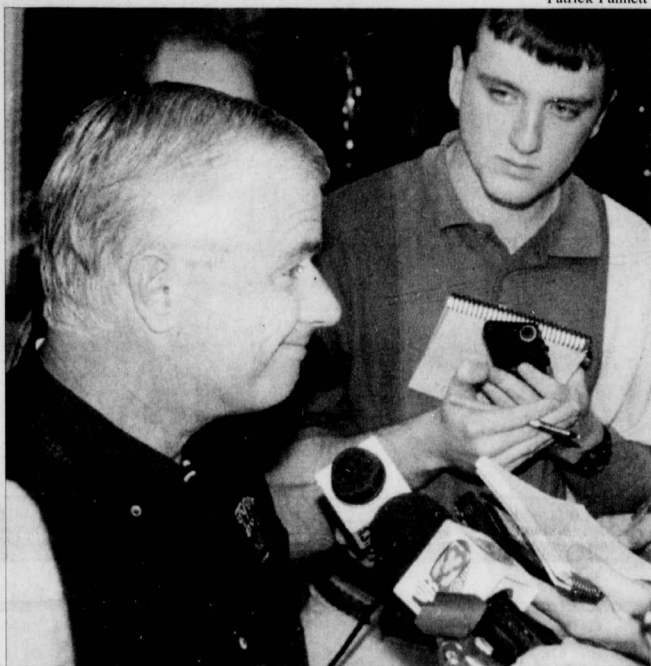
Many students also combined their efforts to pour money and time into Hunger Week, a time meant to walk in the shoes of the less-fortunate, while hundreds also gave gifts to needy children as Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari lighted a festively decorated Christmas tree Dec. 1.

And trying to redefine the “TCU way,” university officials launched a bold initiative in the Commission on the Future of TCU. The assembly of students, faculty, community members hopes to take the university to “the next level” — and wherever else that progress may take us.





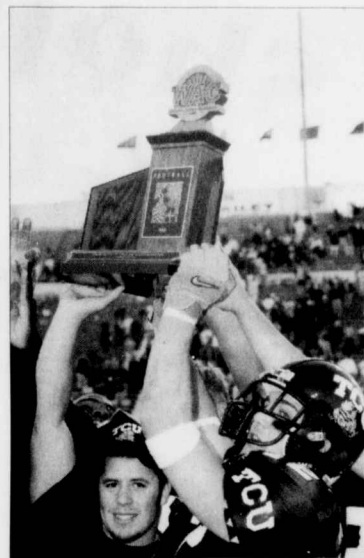
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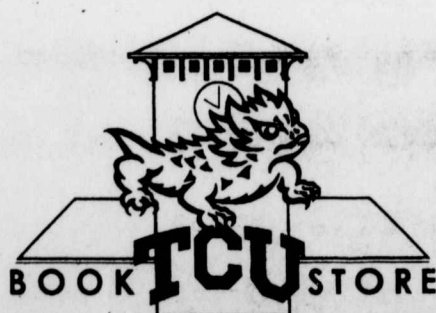
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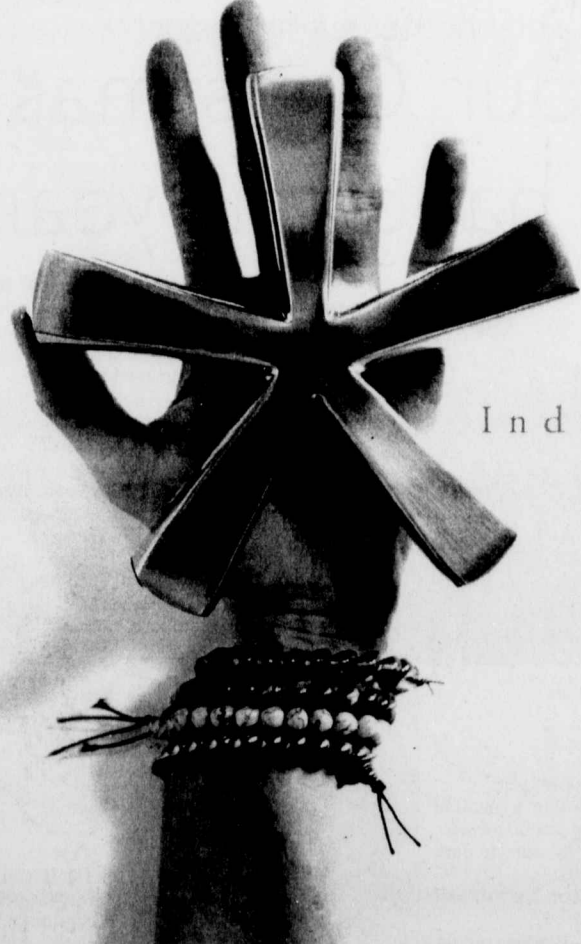
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Short stories offer quick fix of literature

By Jill Craig
STAFF REVIEWER

Short stories. Quite possibly the best thing for frazzled college students since Kraft Easy Mac. They offer escape and demand little brain power.

I forgot the temporary charm and fast satisfaction of short stories until I picked up Alice Adams' "The Last Lovely City."

Adams, an award-winning author, has been called a "master of the genre." She doesn't dress her descriptions up with flowery, wasteful adjectives, yet "The Last Lovely City" still manages to fit into the "chick book" category.

Yes, just as there are "chick flicks," there are "chick books" as well. If you liked "Beaches," then this might just be the short-story collection for you.

Adams' stories always have a few things in common — San Francisco, for example — but the 13 tales that make up the collection each retain their own identity and tone.

First is the story of a man named Carter and his relationships with his wife and his wife's best friend in "His Women." Woven through this 15-page tale is a common theme of clinging to things that are familiar.

On a shorter, yet touching, note is a story called "A Very Nice Dog," in which a woman plans to get to know a man through his dog.

"The Islands" is my favorite selection. It's not really about islands at all, but this story is about a woman dealing with the loss of

her cat. Ironically, she mourns the passing of Pink, a gray Manx, more than the death of her husband Andrew.

She acknowledges her feelings and attributes them to her belief that she and Pink seemed to be one and the same. Somehow, she manages to avoid the neurotic qualities of people who tend to treat their pets like their children, and she is instead honest and sensitive.

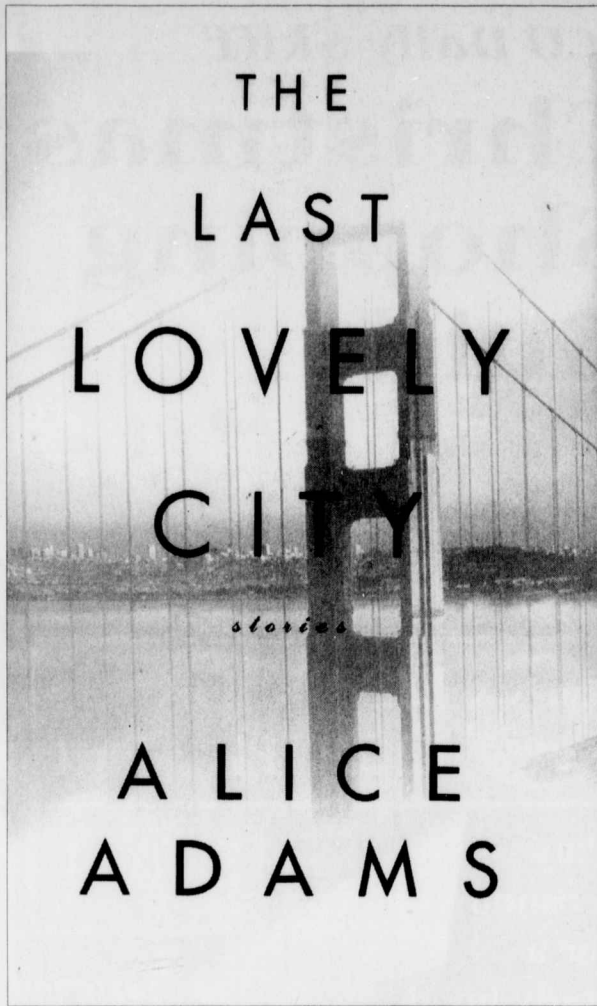
Anyone who has ever lost a pet will identify with the passage in which she describes memories of her deceased pet when on a vacation in Hawaii.

The second half of "The Last Lovely City" reads a little like a novel as it explores the story of two couples and their interwoven marriages, affairs, careers, betrayal and passion.

Told via four separate stories — "The Drinking Club," "Patients," "The Wrong Mexico" and "Earthquake Damage" — the story comes together to give scope and dimension to the characters.

Although this is the story of some middle-aged professionals, the message is universal and applicable to all ages.

If you are seeking a short, easy read, check out "The Last Lovely City." If you are in the mood for something a little less touchy-feely, but still enjoy a hassle-free, one-sitting style read, do not overlook the quick, yet fulfilling, short story. Just like people, there is sure to be one out there for you. And I promise you the library is a lot less scary than the dating pool.



Success just on the 'Horizon'

By Kristen Naquin
CAMPUS EDITOR

If you hadn't heard of Vertical Horizon before, you may have become familiar with the band since the June release of its RCA Records debut album, "Everything You Want."

The 70,000 of us "grassroots fans" who purchased one or more of the band's three self-released, or independent, albums recorded since its formation in 1991 will notice the same self-awareness but a new music-business knowledge, which comes in handy with a major-label debut.

For the rest of the world, however, "Everything You Want" and VH, in general, are well-kept secrets worth discovering — and sharing.

VH began as an acoustic duo comprising lead vocalist/guitarist/producer Matt Scannell and vocalist/guitarist Keith Kane, both Georgetown University undergraduate students at the time.

The band's first album, "There and Back Again," was released in 1992 and was followed by "Running on Ice," which featured additional instrumental accompaniment, in 1995. Drummer Ed Toth and bassist Sean Hurley joined in 1996, and a live set, "Live Stages," was released in 1997.

Scannell himself said that returning to his "roots as a rock-based music writer" will help the band increase its fan base and national and international prominence, especially since "Top 40" radio stations are reluctant to give air time to folksy, acoustic musi-

cians. "We hope to gain new fans now with a little harder sound," he told a *Billboard* magazine reporter in May.

And based on the album's opening track, "We Are," it appears the band will succeed. The vocals, especially the harmony between Scannell and Kane, are energetic, and the title is chanted in a way that drills the song in your head for a long time, begging you to listen again and again.

The guitars are well-arranged throughout the entire album. The simple, choppy guitar part in the chorus of "You're A God" animates the entire track and makes you glad you listened that far. Although "Shackled" is heavily guitar-driven, with two — instead of just one — solos, the playing proves that VH is better than a lot of the bands it will inevitably be compared to.

But the honesty and sincerity that characterize much of VH's work is not lost in the transition from acoustic to electric.

In fact, many of us can probably say that the track, "Best I Ever Had (Grey Sky Morning)," which chronicles a failed relationship, describes a similar experience in our own lives.

VH offers something for everyone, mainly because its songs tap into the feelings we all feel, without getting too specific. That is, the lyrics always leave the doors open for interpretation.

The band's latest album, "Everything You Want," is no exception. It truly is an album that can be enjoyed from start to finish.

Japanese anime not G-rated cartoons

By Guy Bickers
STAFF REVIEWER

Japan. Land of 110-foot monsters. Home of countless killer robots. Creator of the most bizarre — and addictive — animation the world has ever seen. The thrust of my final thoughts for the year lean toward the latter end of the list: cartoons.

Mention cartoons and most Americans get images of tunneling rabbits and ACME rocket sleds in their minds. Others think of scantily clad fish-women singing underwater. Some even imagine giant robots battling vampires in the recesses of the Neo-Tokyo sewer system to save an enclave of women from the evil tentacle machines.

Guess which one I am. Japan turns out some of the most incredible animation in the world, both the stories and the art. Correction: That should be the most incredible, period.

Now, when I say "Japanese animation" most of you conjure up visions of Speed Racer, Astro Boy or Pokémon. (A few probably think fondly of Dragonball Z, but that's

the same few who really need to quit drinking.) While these series represent the style of Japanese animation (anime), they don't hold a candle to the diversity of the genre as a whole.

Raise your hand if you've seen Princess Mononoke. Cool, three h a n d s . Disney's PG-13 import is the most incredible animation ever committed to celluloid.

Disney ain't got nothin' on this. It has everything the recent Disney films don't: a plot, a distinct setting, clothed women and decapitations.

And there ain't no singin' horsies in this one! Studio Ghibli, the creators, agreed to let Disney show it in U.S. theaters on one condition: No editing, hence the PG-13 tag.

Anime is not made for kids. Sure, some of it is like Pokémon, but the vast majority is made with

grown-ups in mind. Look at Speed Racer. The original Japanese series had people dying in every explosion and a healthy dose of sexual innuendo.

Not here. It was sterilized and sold to 5-year-olds. Funny stuff.

On the completely opposite end of the spectrum is the stuff like Cool Devices or Angel of Darkness. Shows like these, called hentai, are absolutely, positively NOT FOR KIDS!

Japan loves violence in its anime almost as much as sex, which is where the hentai comes in — overly graphic sex.

The stories also run the gamut. One of the most popular genres is high-school drama, with a very funny twist. Usually one of the characters has some sort of superpower or a serious problem — such as vomiting whenever he sees a girl in any state of undress. A series

will chronicle an adventure or two and often doesn't have a neat, tidy wrap-up.

The other major genre is sci-fi. However, it ain't as cut-and-dried as you might think. Again there has to be some sort of twist. Some series, such as Gundam Wing, are deadly serious. Others, such as Cowboy Bebop or Outlaw Star, are really sitcoms wrapped up in a sci-fi world.

One thing common to almost all anime is the love triangle. It seems Japan has some obsession with guys being forced to choose between two hot girls. (I'm in the wrong country.) This is often merely a side gag thrown in for laughs, but some series make it the crux of the series.

Anime is possibly the most diverse genre of film in the world. As anime catches on in the United States, Disney will find itself playing catch-up. If you're jonesing for good sci-fi, go rent Ghost in the Shell. Even the Matrix can't keep up, it's that good. And there's a lot more where that came from.

And now for my parting thought: 42.

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Local band breathes new life into Beatles' style

By Lisa Perdue
STAFF REVIEWER

I had been hearing the rumors for a while. Despite what I'd heard, I was still skeptical that Me & My Monkey, a local band, will really sound anything like the Beatles. Everyone knows the Beatles are a magical part of history — a part that's gone forever except in the memory of those who lived it.

As I took my seat at the bar, I just hoped that I wouldn't be too disappointed. Five minutes after Me & My Monkey hit the stage, I caught my breath and realized that I'd just found a way to turn back the hands of time.

For anyone who's ever loved rock and roll, Me & My Monkey promises sheer excitement. Kyle Creel, George Jara, Rodney Bollinger and Michael Daniel make up this ultimate Beatles tribute band that's understandably taking the Dallas/Fort Worth area by storm.

Everything about them is Beatles — the sound, the look, the excitement. From the vintage Vox amplifiers, guitars and gray Ludwig drums to the classic black suits, this band specializes in authenticity.

Their sound is so real, so full of energy, that it's easy to forget what decade you're in. They ease through "Day Tripper," "Help," "She Loves You," "Oh Darling" and "Come In Through the Bathroom Window" as everyone sings along.

One of the highest points in the performance is the cuts from "Magical Mystery Tour." To the

amazement of die-hard Beatles fans, Me & My Monkey actually performs "I Am the Walrus," an extremely difficult piece that few bands have attempted to cover. Lead guitarist George Jara recalls that

"When we first decided to try it, everyone agreed to just go home and work on how they thought their part was supposed to sound."

They put it all together, and the results are indeed magical.

The personality of this band is a treat in itself. With their British accents come plenty of humor and clowning around between songs. Even someone who never enjoyed the Beatles would have fun with these guys. As they play "Drive My Car," "Twist and Shout," "Ticket To

Ride" and "Rocky Raccoon," it's apparent that they're having just as much fun as the audience.

Me & My Monkey puts on a show that is pure entertainment in every sense of the word. From the awesome guitar riffs and drum solos to the magnificent vocals, its genuine adoration for the Beatles is obvious in every move it makes. Hanging just behind the band on stage are five posters of its famous heroes. No doubt they would be proud.

You can discover Me & My Monkey for yourself every Thursday night at Papa G's Sports Bar and Grill on Rufe Snow, or visit the band's Web site at (Meandmymonkey.com).



The band members of Me & My Monkey imitate a famous picture of their idols, The Beatles.

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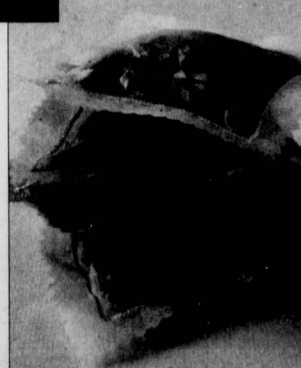
Directions:
1.) Oil an 11-inch by 17-inch baking pan.
2.) Stir sugar, vinegar and water in a medium saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves.
3.) Cook without stirring until mixture is dark amber, 18 to 25 minutes. Stir in nuts.
4.) Pour into pan. Let set until firm but still soft enough to cut.
5.) Unmold onto a cutting board. Working quickly, use an oiled-chef's knife to cut into six rectangles. Store in an airtight container up to one week.
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For a gift for your more whimsical friends and family members, try making your own organza sachets. These are great for tucking into your linen closet or anywhere else you want to keep safe from moths.

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"Ebenezer Scrooge" at Pocket Sandwich Theatre



"Scrooge and the Christmas Ghost" at Casa Mañana

TCU movie channel

<p>New movies start this week on the movie channel. Here's your chance to check out what's showing on a TV near you.</p> <p>American Me - The story of L.A. Chicano gang members who are arrested and sent to prison. When one of the members is released after many years, he must adapt to life outside of the bars.</p> <p>Antz - A strange worker ant tries to break from the dictatorship of his ant colony while trying to win the love of the princess. Features voices of Sylvester Stallone and Sharon Stone.</p> <p>Instinct - Dr. Powell (Anthony Hopkins) is lost in an African jungle for two years. When he is found, he murders 3 men. A psychologist (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) tries to get Powell to speak and possibly stand trial for his crimes.</p> <p>It's a Wonderful Life - The all-American classic Christmas film that has Jimmy Stewart as a man down on his luck who learns that his life is truly important.</p> <p>The Joy Luck Club - Based on the best selling novel by Amy Tan, which describes a modern day Japanese-American family of women who reminisce about the journeys of their lives.</p> <p>Life is Beautiful - The 1998 Academy Award winner of Best Foreign Language Film and Best Actor for Roberto Benigni tells the story of a man during World War II trying to entertain and brighten the spirit of his son during the horror of the Holocaust.</p> <p>The Love Letter - A love letter is mistakenly sent to many people around a small town who now think their friends and neighbors are expressing their love towards each other. Starring Kate Capshaw, Tom Selleck, and Ellen DeGeneres.</p> <p>Major League - The owner of the Cleveland Indians hires the worst baseball players in the league to finish dead last in hopes to move the team. A classic baseball comedy starring Charlie Sheen and Wesley Snipes that gives the true meaning to hard work and dedication.</p> <p>The Mighty - Kevin helps tutor his neighbor, Max, who has a learning disability. They encounter many adventures within their readings. Sharon Stone gives the best performance of her career as Kevin's mother.</p> <p>Out of Africa - The 1985 Best Picture demonstrates the complicated life of an African plantation owner, Karen Blixen (Meryl Streep). She must deal with the problems with her arranged marriage, war, natives, and her true love (Robert Redford).</p> <p>Playing By Heart - An all-star cast including Gillian Anderson, Sean Connery, and Angelina Jolie as eleven articulate LA people who realize their lives are actually quite similar.</p> <p>Real Genius - Two brilliant teenagers and their classmates develop a laser for a class assignment. After they learn their professor is selling it to the government as a weapon, they decide to ruin his plans.</p> <p>The Santa Clause - Tim Allen plays a businessman with no holiday spirit until after the death of Santa, when a certain clause entitles Allen to become Old Saint Nicolas.</p> <p>Tombstone - The adventures of Wyatt Earp (Kurt Russell) and Doc Holliday (Val Kilmer) which eventually leads up to the shoot-out at the OK Corral.</p> <p>When Harry Met Sally - A love story starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan about the search of love in all the wrong places when it is staring them in the face.</p>	<p>Friday, Dec. 3 2 p.m. Major League 5 p.m. Playing By Heart 8 p.m. When Harry Met Sally 11 p.m. Antz</p> <p>Saturday, Dec. 4 2 p.m. American Me 5 p.m. Out of Africa 8 p.m. The Love Letter 11 p.m. Life is Beautiful</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 5 2 p.m. Real Genius 5 p.m. Instinct 8 p.m. Antz 11 p.m. The Santa Clause</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 6 2 p.m. When Harry Met Sally 5 p.m. The Love Letter 8 p.m. Life is Beautiful 11 p.m. Out of Africa</p>	<p>Tuesday, Dec. 7 2 p.m. Instinct 5 p.m. The Santa Clause 8 p.m. Major League 11 p.m. American Me</p> <p>Wednesday, Dec. 8 2 p.m. The Love Letter 5 p.m. When Harry Met Sally 8 p.m. The Joy Luck Club 11 p.m. It's a Wonderful Life</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 9 2 p.m. American Me 5 p.m. Instinct 8 p.m. The Mighty 11 p.m. Real Genius</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 10 2 p.m. Tombstone 5 p.m. Antz 8 p.m. Out of Africa 11 p.m. Playing By Heart</p>
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Information compiled by David Reese/Staff Reporter.

dinner and a movie . . .

dinner: Oven Fried Fish

Ingredients
3 tablespoons margarine or butter
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 to 1 teaspoon onion salt
dash of pepper
1/2 to 3/4 cup crushed cereal flakes, crackers or bread crumbs
1 lb. fish fillets

Directions
1.) Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2.) In a 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish, melt margarine in oven. In a medium bowl, combine egg, water and lemon juice.
3.) In a shallow pan, combine flour, onion salt and pepper. Coat fish fillets with flour mixture; dip in egg mixture.
4.) Roll in cereal flakes.
5.) Place fish in baking dish; turn to coat with melted margarine.
6.) Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Microwave Directions
1.) In a shallow microwave-safe bowl, microwave margarine on HIGH for 45 to 60 seconds or until melted.
2.) In a medium bowl, combine egg, water and lemon juice. In shallow pan, combine flour, onion salt, pepper and 1/2 teaspoon paprika.
3.) Coat fish fillets with flour mixture; dip in egg mixture.
4.) Roll in cereal flakes.
5.) Dip in melted margarine. Place fish on microwave-safe roasting or bacon rack.
6.) Microwave on HIGH for 6 1/2 to 8 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Tips
1.) For an fun, Americanized version of fish-n-chips, make some french fries and serve with vinegar for dipping.
2.) If you want a lighter meal, try serving with a fresh garden salad or green beans.

From: The Pillsbury Cookbook

going out: Toy Story

By Kristen Naquin
CAMPUS EDITOR

After a semester of being grown-up, responsible college students, "I think it's time to return to the innocence of childhood." And Disney's and Pixar's "Toy Story 2" provides the perfect outlet, although there's definitely an important message for all of us in it.

The sequel to the 1995 blockbuster "Toy Story," this movie begins with Andy's (John Morris') departure for Cowboy Camp. With Andy gone, the toys are left to fend for themselves until Al McWhiggin (Wayne Knight) — an obsessive toy collector and owner of Al's Toy Barn — kidnaps Woody.

In captivity, Woody (Tom Hanks) finds that he is a valuable collectible from a 1950s TV show. Woody meets his co-stars from "Woody's Roundup," Jessie the cowgirl (Joan Cusack), Bullseye the horse and Stinky Pete the Prospector (Kelsey Grammer).

The movie is full of scenes with light-hearted humor and clever one-liners. For example, in their attempt to rescue Woody, Buzz and the gang must cross a busy, four-lane highway, using individual traffic cones to shield themselves from traffic. Oblivious to what is going on outside the cones, the toys cause a massive, hundred-car pile-up.

Cynical Hamm — (John Ratzenberger) actually a piggy bank — provides the classic one-liners in a manner reminiscent of "Friends" Chandler. While quickly flicking through TV channels,

Hamm passes the one for which he is looking. When his friends point out that he passed it and explore him to go back, his witty response is, "We're already in the 40s, have to go around the horn again. It's faster."

But just like Hamm's double-meaning name, the entire movie is a statement of something much deeper.

There are witty allusions to "Star Wars" in Buzz's arch enemy Emperor Zurg (Andrew Stanton), who, at one point, says "I am your father" in a deep voice strikingly similar to Darth Vader's.

But, more importantly, the movie — like most things in life — is a statement of love and loss. During one scene, which is vocally accompanied by Sarah McLachlan, Jessie laments the loss of her former owner, Emily, who eventually replaced dolls and stuffed animals with nail polish and music posters.

Woody must choose whether he will spend the rest of his life in a collector's museum in Japan or return to Andy, his best friend. Although Jessie reminds him that

Andy will eventually grow up and neglect him, Woody must decide if the time he currently has with Andy is worth the pain of loss and rejection.

It's as if a toy with a ripped arm is reminding us that it's better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all. And no matter how old — or young — we are, we all need to hear that message often. "Toy Story 2" is not just a kids' movie. In fact, it may be more of an adults' movie after all.



The toys are back in town! Above, Buzz Lightyear leads the gang in an attempt to rescue Woody. Far above, Woody meets his 'Roundup' partner, Jessie.

RUDY

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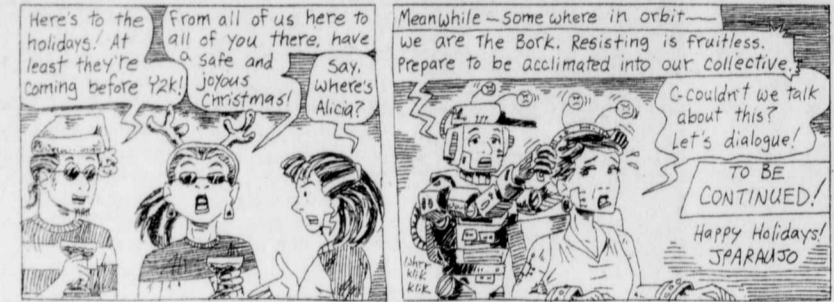
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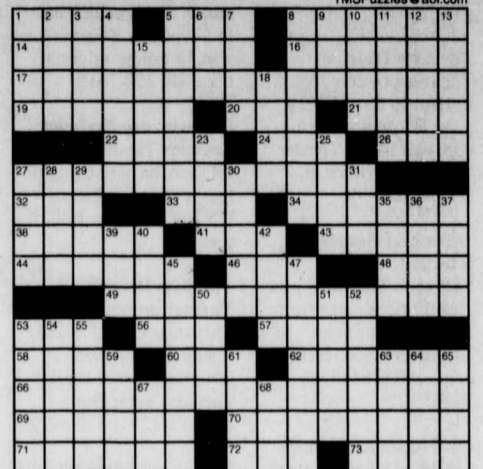
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- ACROSS**
- Tidal situation
 - Branch of the mil.
 - Sappho's birthplace
 - Ingenuity
 - East
 - Belmont or Preakness, e.g.
 - Discovery
 - Three-letter sandwich
 - Needle case
 - Unless, in law
 - Set sights
 - Bigwig in DC
 - Unassisted
 - Tokyo, once
 - Lon ___ of Cambodia
 - Chalk wiper
 - Horse controls
 - Org. of Love
 - Adhesive substance
 - Ship bunks
 - Alfonso's queen
 - New Deal org.
 - Bart's dad
 - Ginnie ___
 - Hair fashions
 - Winglike structure
 - "Vogue" rival
 - Bandleader
 - Winding
 - Mickey's mouse
 - Life insurance policy provision
 - Homebound
 - Bosh
 - Players' representatives
 - Ready to go
 - Week units



By Patrick McConville
Manassas Park, VA

12/3/99

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN**
- Archibald or Thurmond
 - Drops the ball
 - Leaning precariously
 - Water works?
 - Leslie of "Mr. MaGoo"
 - Coll. sports grp.
 - Action word
 - Shoreline state
 - East ender?
 - Father
 - Pulsations
 - When to enter
 - Pewter mug
 - Thrash about
 - Heroine of "The Good Earth"
 - Acronym of a restaurant chain
 - Nothing more than
 - Croat's neighbor
 - fixe
 - Roulette bet in Monte Carlo
 - Heroic Horatio
 - Fly-fishing action
 - Scatters seed
 - Montreal ballplayer
 - Nolan or Meg
 - Final degree
 - Like broken horses
 - Latin handle
 - Some inhalers?

- Malady
- Morales of "Bad Boys"
- Disfigures
- Produced literary work
- Newspapers, e.g.
- Beside
- Circumvent
- Black in poetry
- Rustic hotels
- Singer Simone
- Minuscule
- Looks at
- Fate
- Female deer

PURPLE poll



Q. DO YOU THINK THE NEW MILLENIUM STARTS IN 2000 OR 2001?

A. 2000 37 2001 63

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

Answers to today's THE Daily Crossword can be found on page 5. Enjoy!

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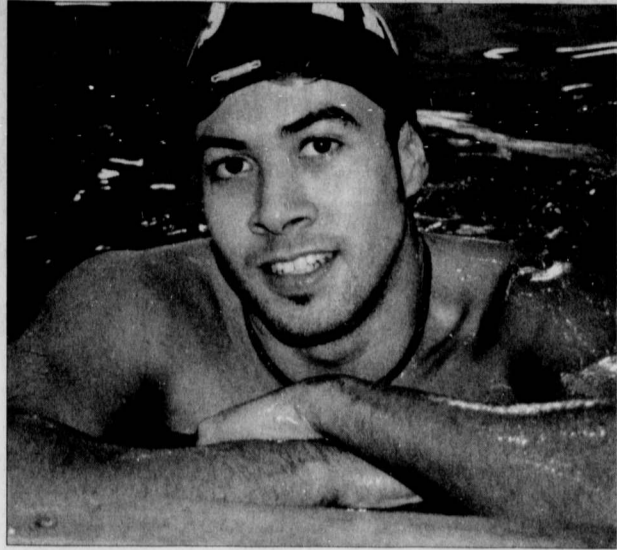
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Swimmer Adrian Velasquez remembers beginnings as Olympic hopeful



Alisha Wassenaar/SKIFF STAFF

Senior swimmer Adrian Velasquez started his swimming career because his mom wanted to keep him out of trouble. Now, with a successful collegiate career under his belt, it's tough to find Velasquez out of the pool.

Senior's roots in Mexico help him appreciate the level of competition in U.S.

By Gibbs Colgin
STAFF REPORTER

When Adrian Velasquez was 9 years old, he came home from school one day, bruised and beaten.

His mother grabbed him, threw him in the car and drove him to the country club. Velasquez had been getting into trouble constantly, so his mother decided to do something about it. When they arrived at the country club the only sport in season was swimming, so she signed him up.

That's where senior Adrian Velasquez started his swimming career.

Velasquez grew up in Juarez, Mexico, the border town across from El Paso. After his freshman year in high school the swimming coach at Cathedral High School in El Paso offered him a scholarship, so Velasquez started swimming for Cathedral his sophomore year.

At age 10, he joined the U.S. swim team in El Paso.

"That's where I started developing my swimming," Velasquez said. "If you want to improve, you go and compete in the U.S."

TCU swim team's head coach, Richard Sybesma, said he recruited Velasquez because he had many successful swimmers from El Paso in the past. He also said Velasquez's high school coach and other El Paso swimmers already on the team helped Velasquez choose TCU.

"Adrian is one of our team's toughest competitors," Sybesma said. "He is one you can count on, and we are fortunate to have him in our program here at TCU."

Sybesma said Velasquez also selected TCU based on academic programs and the scholarship he was offered.

In 1996, Velasquez went to the Olympic trials in Mexico. He finished first in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 23:9 but wasn't chosen to go to the Olympics in Atlanta.

Velasquez said usually the first-

and second-place swimmers in the trials go to the Olympics.

"In Mexico, there are a lot of politics involved in sports," he said.

It was after the trials that the officials changed the qualifying times. They told Velasquez he needed a 23:5 to be on the Mexican Olympic team. Velasquez said the reason he thinks he did not get to go is because he finished ahead of the son of an established sports business man. Also, he said he thinks the officials changed the qualifying times because most of the events were won by swimmers who had gone to the United States to train.

Officials from the Mexican National Olympic Committee could not be reached for comment.

Only two swimmers ended up competing for Mexico in the 1996 Olympics. One was from the University of Texas and one was from the University of Georgia.

The swimmers who did not make it to the Olympics were sent to a

national meet in Florida.

"It had absolutely nothing to do with the Olympics," Velasquez said.

The two swimmers who did go to Atlanta to swim for Mexico were sent without coaches or any kind of support.

Velasquez said he probably will not try to go to the Olympics in 2000 in Sydney, even though Sybesma is willing to prepare him for the trials.

"With everything that happened last time, it's just too discouraging," Velasquez said.

Sybesma said Velasquez should be able to go to the Games.

"Adrian has worked hard for the opportunity to compete in the Olympics, but the selection system in Mexico is not like other countries," he said.

The men compete in the University of Texas Invitational in Austin Dec. 3-5.

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FOOTBALL

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TV needs, a showdown in one of its premier bowls, featuring the country's 22nd ranked team.

■ The Mobile Bowl? What, exactly, is that? And who is the sponsor for a bowl game in Alabama? Ol' South Pancake House or the Ku Klux Klan? If TCU wins, do they get to take home replicas of the Confederate flag that flies atop Alabama's state capitol? To me, bowl games that start before Dec. 31 are the parsley of a three-course meal.

■ Talk all you want about the exploits of Florida State's magnificent wideout Peter Warrick. The Heisman? Ha-ha. Dillard's spokesmodel? Hee-hee. Come April, Warrick, the best player in college football according to my novice eyes, will be a multimillion-

aire after being a first-round NFL draft pick. Do you think he really cares if he can't shop at the department store version of Wal-Mart? Besides, it's not like he shot the president or anything.

■ TCU fans, LaDainian Tomlinson is a wonderful tailback. He deserves his fair share of acclaim, but the Heisman? Not so fast. Ron Dayne rushed for the bulk of his 1,834 yards, just 16 less than Tomlinson, in probably the nation's second-toughest conference. Like it or not, Tomlinson did rush for 1,153 of his yards against Texas—El Paso, San Jose State, Arkansas State and Tulsa, teams that will never be confused with Michigan or Penn State.

■ Three players from TCU on the WAC all-conference team.

Hmmm. Four from Southern Methodist and UTEP. Hmmm. Do you think the WAC is just a little bit upset at TCU's bolt from the conference? Oh, and adding Louisiana Tech and Boise State was just perfect. It's kind of like adding Adam Sandler to the cast of Dumb and Dumber. Laughs all around. Embarrassment, too.

■ Hey, if the WAC gets three bowl teams, then shouldn't other football-playing leagues get some too? I mean, the Texas Class 5A state champ or the local YMCA flag football champion deserves as much of a chance as Hawaii.

■ Who doesn't belong in this list of bowl teams? Wake Forest, Oregon State, Kentucky, Boise State, Louisville and Hawaii. Answer: None of them.

■ Remember when bowl games didn't have sponsors attached to their name? It was the Cotton, not Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl. The Sugar, not Nokia Sugar Bowl. All I'm waiting for is the Tidy Bowl 2000. Oops. That's the unofficial name of something called the "Motor City Bowl."

The college football season is almost over. It officially ends when Texas Tech's athletic department frees itself from the grasp of NCAA investigation or when Minnesota's basketball players write their own papers. Oops. I guess it's on into the new millennium.

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BOWL

From Page 16

bowling championships will put aside its normal schedule to put our own Horned Frogs in the spotlight for a couple of hours.

So with the Horned Frogs taking center stage, what will happen if the they lose?

The last time the TCU football team played a ranked opponent was the first week of the season when they blew a lead and lost to Arizona. Now, TCU is pitted against No. 20 East Carolina, and will be tested for the first time since Sept. 5.

However, to add fuel to the fire, the game will be played at Ladd-Peebles stadium which has not seen a college football game in 50 years. But, as the Mobile Bowl public relations committee will proudly tell anyone interested, Ladd-Peebles stadium regularly hosts high school football playoffs

and numerous concerts.

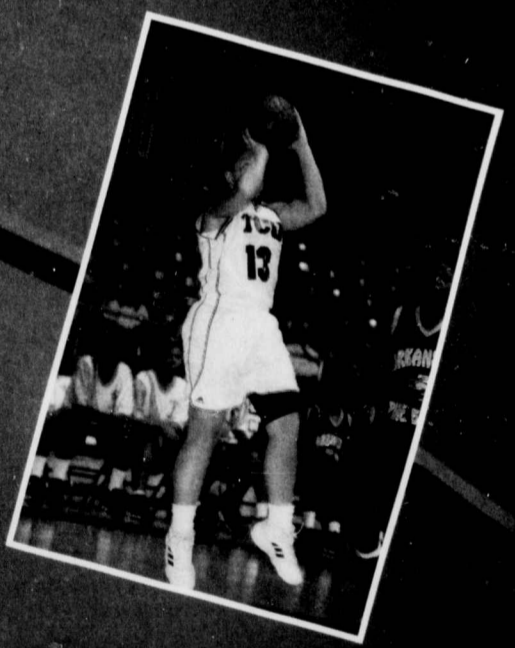
In addition to the stadium's lack of experience with college football, at full capacity, the stadium holds only 40,000 people. That means that TCU's own Amon Carter Stadium holds more people than the beloved bowl site.

The team will still play with the same enthusiasm and vigor as they have all season long, and the athletic administration will still be happy with its decision to stick TCU in a second-tier bowl game as it continues to struggle to get an underrated football team the exposure it deserves.

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Watch the 3-Point Attack

TCU Women's Basketball competes this weekend in the Cook Children's Invitational



TCU vs. Colgate

Friday Night at 8pm


Jackson State vs. Arkansas State

Friday night at 6pm

Saturday

Consolation Game 6pm
Championship game 8pm

Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
Students in free w/ ID



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REFLECTIONS

TCU reaches bowl game for first time since 1957

1984-The Frogs finish 8-3 on their way to the Bluebonnet Bowl. Along the way, the Frogs defeat Arkansas 32-31 for their first win in Fayetteville since 1955. They lose the Bluebonnet Bowl, 31-14, to West Virginia.

Quarter century of domination ends

1992-TCU defeats No. 20 Texas, 23-19. Texas had won the previous 24 meeting. The Longhorns entered the game averaging 42 points per game.

TCU sweeps WAC Pacific Division; lands NCAA birth.

1997-98-Led by seniors Malcom Johnson and Mike Jones and junior All-American Lee Nailon, Billy Tubbs' Horned Frogs finish 27-6, climbing as high as No. 15 in the AP poll. Seeded No. 5 in the Midwest Region, the Frogs lose in the first round, 96-87, to Florida State.

Frogs win first bowl game since 1958

1998-First-year coach Dennis Franchione takes a team that finished 1-10 the year before to a 28-19 victory over Southern California in the Norwest Sun Bowl. Led by receiver-turned quarterback Patrick Batteaux and tailback Basil Mitchell, the Frogs jump out to a 21-0 lead. The TCU defense holds the Trojans to -29 yards rushing, the lowest total in USC's storied history.

The road to Mobile



Senior quarterback Patrick Batteaux battles with SMU linebacker Jason Simonton for a few extra yards in TCU's 21-0 victory over the Mustangs last Friday. The Frogs' sights are now on East Carolina, their opponent in the Mobile Bowl Dec. 22.

David Duna/PHOTO EDITOR

Edge Box

TCU

Pass Offense: One of the nation's top 10 freshmen, as voted by *Sports Illustrated*, quarterback Casey Printers has given opponents something else to think about. The Frogs' passing attack is effective enough to open up room for the rushing game. **Edge:** ECU

Pass Defense: TCU's leading pass defender is sophomore linebacker Chad Bayer with two interceptions. The Frogs have produced nine interceptions this season, but have given up 183 yards a game and 13 touchdowns. The Pirates average 236 yards passing per game led by quarterback David Garrard. The TCU secondary is improving, but has been susceptible to the big play. **Edge:** ECU

Rush Offense: For the first time in TCU's history, a Horned Frog running back ended up as the leading rusher in the nation. Tomlinson is having a record-breaking year and with another stellar performance against East Carolina, he could receive some attention as a Heisman trophy candidate. The offensive line is doing a remarkable job opening up holes for Tomlinson. **Edge:** TCU

Rush Defense: The TCU defense is one of the stingiest in the nation. They are ranked sixth in overall defense. Junior defensive end Aaron Schobel, junior tackle Shawn Worthen and the whole linebacker crew stop opposing teams dead in their tracks. The Frogs give up 100.9 yards a game rushing, but the East Carolina run game averages 170 yards a game. **Edge:** TCU

Special Teams: Punter Royce Huffman has excelled this season, averaging 40.4 yards punting a game. But, better yet, he has placed 23 punts inside the 20-yard line, giving opponents less than desirable field position. Kickoff returner Reggie Hunt is one of the best in the Western Athletic Conference in returns, averaging 34 yards a return and has scored one touchdown. **Edge:** TCU

Intangibles: The Frogs are going to their second consecutive bowl game and are riding the high of having a record-breaker in Tomlinson. But, the Frogs have yet to face a team this good this season. East Carolina is ranked No. 18 in the country. But, these Frogs have heart and will find a way to win this game. **Edge:** TCU

Prediction: TCU by 9

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East Carolina

Passing Offense: East Carolina quarterback David Garrard will pose a multiple-offensive threat to the Horned Frogs' defense. But if TCU could handle pass-happy offenses like Hawaii and Texas-El Paso, then ECU should pose a minimal threat. Like most games this season, TCU will win the pass defense battle with its swarming pass rush. **Edge:** TCU

Passing Defense: With no definitive stars in their secondary, the Pirates have still managed to assemble the country's 10th best pass defense. TCU freshman quarterback Casey Printers wasn't asked to do much in the last two games of the season, but if called to duty, he is up to the task. Still, ECU's secondary should pose a problem for the Frogs. **Edge:** ECU

Rushing Offense: ECU has a solid rushing attack, led by running back Jamie Wilson's 865 yards. Garrard also can keep the chains moving with his scrambling ability. But TCU boasts the country's 14th-ranked run defense and has pretty much choked the life out of most of the running attacks they've faced this year. **Edge:** TCU

Rushing Defense: TCU's offensive strategy: Run, LaDainian, run. Tomlinson, a junior, who carries the weight of the Frogs' offense on his shoulders. But the Pirates have linebacker Pernell Griffin, who has 121 tackles and 3.5 sacks this season. The Frogs' offensive line allows Tomlinson running room most games. This one shouldn't be any different. **Edge:** TCU

Special Teams: ECU has everything a coach could want in a special teams unit, except a solid field goal kicker. ECU has connected on only five of eight field goal attempts this season. And despite TCU kicker Chris Kaylakie's struggles this season, he is a proven commodity. If the game comes down to a kick and it probably will, TCU has the advantage. **Edge:** TCU

Intangibles: Without the presence of Tomlinson, this game would be devoid of any game-breakers. But both teams do offer solid, ground-bound, hard-hitting football. ECU played a tougher schedule, including their come-from-behind defeat of nationally ranked Miami (Fla.). And as always, big-game experience counts. **Edge:** ECU

Prediction: ECU by 7

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Bowl game not as important as originally planned

The Horned Frog football program is filled with joy, but not because the holiday season is approaching. The football team is heading to their second straight bowl game, an accomplishment that has been unmatched since 1959. But the question the program has failed to answer is, who cares?

Granted 1999 is the inaugural year for the Mobile Bowl, but in comparison with the rest of the college bowl games, the Mobile Bowl is less than respected.

The Mobile Bowl's key sponsors are the city of Mobile and other local vendors. Most major bowl games have a nationally renowned sponsor such as the Nokia Sugar Bowl and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Instead of a major sponsorship, the Mobile Bowl is proud to be supported by the Hampton Inn at Pensacola

Beach, Godfather's Pizza and Dr. Albert Haas. Without major sponsorship, the Mobile Bowl's payoff and national exposure is greatly reduced.

For their efforts, the TCU football program will receive approximately \$750,000. In comparison, teams playing in the Sugar Bowl and Fiesta Bowl will receive between \$11-\$13 million. However, in addition to the financial boost to the program, each player will receive approximately \$300 worth of gifts including a commemorative football and a "nice" warm-up suit.

But TCU will get tons of national exposure to counteract the low payoff right?

Nope. The Mobile Bowl is being televised at 6:30 p.m. the Wednesday before Christmas and is being broadcast on ESPN2. Call me crazy, but not many people have a meaningless bowl game featuring an unranked team on their mind the week before Christmas.

Yes, the network which regularly covers bass fishing tournaments, major league soccer games and

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Analysis



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Senior guard Diamond Jackson squares up for two of the 14 points a game — her average this season. The Frogs host the Cook Children's Hospital TCU Hoops Invitational beginning Friday. The opening round will pit Arkansas State vs. Jackson State at 6 p.m. and TCU vs. Colgate at 8 p.m. The championship game at 8 p.m. Saturday will match up TCU head coach Jeff Mittie and his former team, Arkansas State.

College football is being taken over by technological 'geeks'

Let us imagine for a minute that student Arthur J. Nerd is ranked No. 1 in his graduating class at Anytown High School.

He has a sparkling 4.0 GPA and the necessary requirements to ascend to his rightful rank as class valedictorian.

But in the days before the graduation ceremonies... "Uh, excuse me Mr. Nerd," says the school principal, "according to our latest computer rankings, your strength of schedule wasn't good enough to be valedictorian. Although he finished with a 3.8, George R. Geek took a much harder load of courses. Sorry, but how does salutatorian sound?"

Yes, in this last season of the 1900s, college football has caught the wave of the future. Computers, run by computer geeks, are as important in the national championship race as tailbacks with 4.4 speed.

Nebraska no longer has much of a

chance to make an appearance in the Sugar Bowl, but the fact that they could have usurped undefeated Virginia Tech's shot at Florida State is still the disturbing by-product of the NCAA's infatuation with technology.

What's next?

Purdue quarterback Drew Brees or Microsoft lord and mega-geek Bill Gates in the 2000 Heisman race?

■ Did anybody outside of Fort Worth really care that TCU is joining Conference USA in 2001? I mean who can really get excited about the prospect of games between Alabama-Birmingham and Southern Mississippi? In fact, name one person on any team in the C-USA? Could you tell the difference between its all-conference team and a lineup at Tarrant County Jail?

■ I saw where the Rose Bowl will pit Wisconsin, who boasts probable Heisman Trophy winner tailback Ron Dayne, against Stanford, who not only lost to lowly San Jose State and to Texas by 52 points, but has the nation's 110th-ranked (out of 114 teams) defense. The "Granddaddy" of all bowls is suffering from arthritis. Just what national

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