

Campus

House to discuss election policy

The House of Student Representatives will introduce two new bills at its meeting today.

Among them is one to revise the election code for the election of student body officers as a slate, which means the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will be elected as a group. This would mean that if there were three people who wanted to run for president but only two who wanted to run for any other office, there could only be two complete slates and thus two presidential candidates.

Carl Long, vice president for programming; Will Leaverton, Academic Affairs chairman; and Dina Mavridis, University Relations chairwoman, will introduce the bill. According to the bill, the change in procedure is an attempt to meet the changing needs of the student body.

If the bill passes, the new procedure will begin with the November House elections.

The other bill is to purchase 40 brass and green-glass study lamps for the library. The bill asks for \$1,598.

The bills will be tabled this week and voted on next week. All bills must be tabled to one of the committees for a week before it can be voted on by the House.

A resolution to move the administrative reserved parking spaces in front of Tom Brown Hall will be voted on as well.

Although resolutions cannot directly evoke change, they can make student concerns and praises known to the administration, which can make changes deemed necessary.

The meeting will be at 5 p.m. in Student Center Room 222. All House and committee meetings are open to students.

Colleges

California professors to walk out for cause

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Professors at every University of California campus will kick off a series of protests in defense of affirmative action by voluntarily walking out of their classes Wednesday and Thursday.

Many professors are planning to conduct their classes in the Royce quad, where they will discuss issues of diversity and affirmative action with their students. Other professors will proceed with their scheduled coursework but will still hold class in the quad to support for the demonstrators.

"We're going to try to communicate to both the (university) administration and to the students that the faculty continues to support affirmative action goals," said Victor Wolfenstein, a professor of political science and walkout participant.

On Wednesday, there will be a rally at Meyerhoff Park to begin the day's events. There will also be a forum where students and faculty can express their opinions, and later there will be a meeting of various faculty members to determine what can be done about the situation at UCLA.

Thursday will see numerous speakers on the campus, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, State Senator Tom Hayden and community activist Joe Hicks.

Students are planning to help organize the workshops and rally, said Stacy Lee, Undergraduate Students Association Council president.

"It's our way of showing solidarity with the professors," she said.

This action is the latest in a series of protests that have been ongoing since 1995, when the UC Board of Regents passed resolutions SP-1 and SP-2, which banned the use of race or gender in admission considerations.

Those resolutions foreshadowed Proposition 209, California's statewide initiative that passed in 1996, banning the consideration of race or gender in all state hiring.

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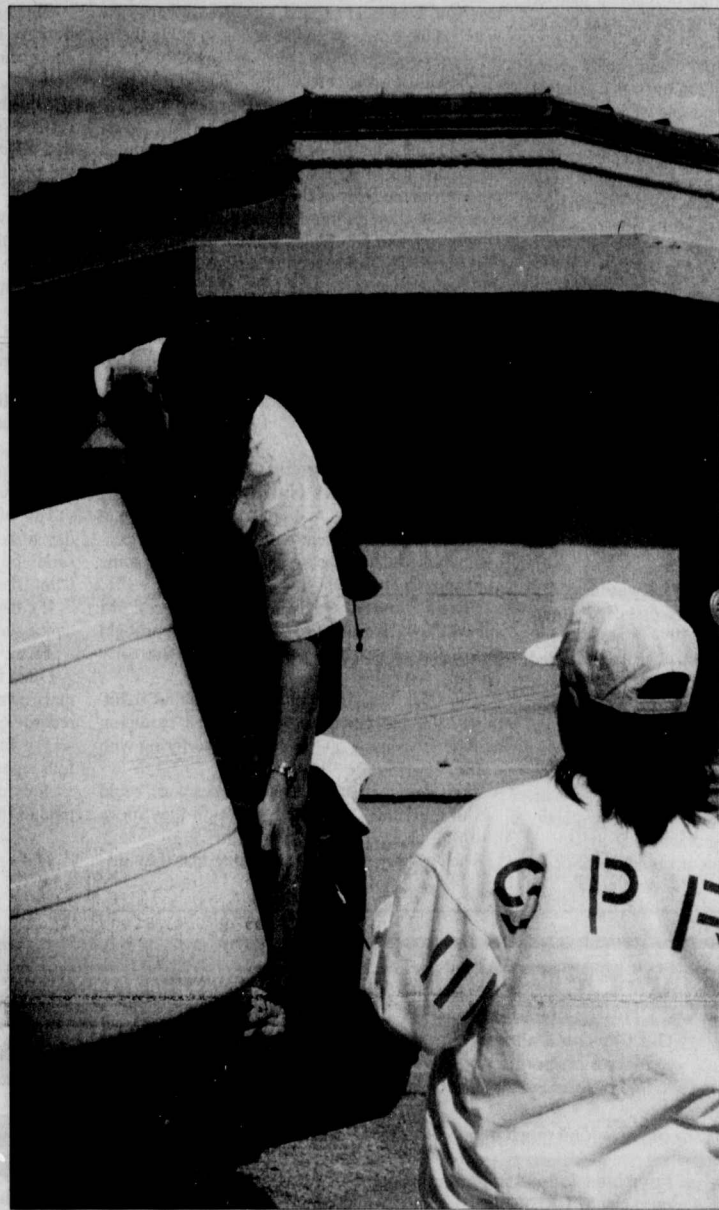
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Walk the WALK



Ty Schepis (left), a senior neuroscience major, and Katie Hale, a freshman arts and sciences premajor, help at the CROP WALK on Sunday near Amon Carter Stadium. The University Ministries-sponsored 5K race helped raise money to fight world hunger.

'Newsradio' star to bring laughs

◆ Andy Dick's PC-sponsored comedy concert to highlight Homecoming events.

By Joaquin Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

Actor Andy Dick, who stars on NBC's "Newsradio," is coming to TCU.

Programming Council's Homecoming Committee will hold a comedy concert at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Allison Serafin, a senior political science major and Homecoming Committee co-chairwoman, said the event will be different.

"He's not the traditional Family Weekend comedian," she said. "He's a comedian for our generation. He's on a TV show that appeals to college students, and he's funny."



Courtesy of NBC
Andy Dick

Serafin said the show will consist of mature subject matter, including sexuality, abusive relationships and adoption. She said some students may be offended by the subject matter or language used but said she encourages students to listen to his performance before they judge.

"If we can't discuss (these issues) at a comedy level, then when can we discuss them?" she said. "As a society, we have to be more accepting. As college students, we have no excuse for ignorance. It's about growing up. We face these things every day on a college campus."

Naomi Horvath, a sophomore business major and Homecoming Committee co-chairwoman, said advertising for the event will begin immediately. The committee will give tickets to local radio stations to give out and will advertise in local colleges' newspapers. Tickets to the event will be \$5.

"The fact that he's on 'Newsradio' is a plus, as far as advertising is concerned," she said. "Everything's been so last-minute that

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Retreat focuses on a diverse campus

By William Thomas Burdette
SKIFF REPORTER

TCU needs a more diverse student body, according to workshop-style discussions at the University Retreat held Friday and Saturday at the Clarion Hotel downtown and sponsored by the House of Student Representatives.

Willy Pinnell, House vice president, said diversity was a major issue during discussions and that race isn't the only important type of diversity.

"All of us felt like TCU needed to go in the direction of diversifying the student body — that does not just mean African-Americans or minority students," he said. "It's not just based on where you are from or

the color of your skin. Diversity can come in a number of forms," he said.

The retreat used a theme of perceptions vs. reality to discuss issues such as diversity. Pinnell, who organized the event, said Darron Turner, director of minority affairs and commuter student services, did a good job leading the discussion about diversity. One of the conclusions students reached was that the perception of diversity doesn't always add up to the reality at TCU.

"TCU can probably do a better job at that when marketing itself," Pinnell said. "Right now, we say we are a very diverse campus, and a lot of times we use percentages

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Students encourage responsible drinking

◆ Campus campaign to promote alcohol safety, consumption awareness.

By Robyn Barthelemy
STAFF REPORTER

Some TCU students are hoping to change the negative media image concerning alcohol on college campuses. Along with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, the Students Reaching Out (SRO) program is sponsoring a cam-

paign this week to encourage students to be responsible when drinking.

The Not Here campaign is a chance for the campus to unite and inform the public that the majority of TCU students are making responsible decisions, despite college stereotypes, said Marianne M. Graham, a junior speech communication major and president of SRO.

"I think it is important to show that college is not just about out-of-

control drinking," Graham said. "We do not have to accept what the media is saying."

The campaign consists of three activities: Pledge card signing, Not Here Proclamation signing and a round table discussion.

Pledge card signing will continue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in the Student Center. Cards will also be available in the Worth Hills cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. Students will have the option to sign the cards according to

different levels of responsible drinking.

"I think that the campaign is a good idea because underage drinking sometimes gets out-of-control," said Christine Ward, a junior broadcast journalism major. "I just don't know, realistically, how many people will sign a card."

The second activity is a proclamation signing for campus organization presidents. Faculty, staff and community members will witness the signing at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday. Organization presidents were chosen as representative of campus leaders' willingness to drink responsibly.

Tehan Scully, president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and a senior advertising/public relations major, said she will sign a proclamation.

"I believe the idea of signing is a good idea," said Scully. "I think it will heighten awareness and hold a

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Event to showcase graduate schools

By William Thomas Burdette
SKIFF REPORTER

Students interested in continuing their education beyond the undergraduate level are invited to attend Career and Professional School Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

Graduate and professional schools from around the country — about 33 schools — will have tables set up on site to answer questions from students interested in graduate school.

The event, sponsored by the Career Center and Golden Key National Honor Society, will allow students to meet with representatives from graduate schools, most of whom are from Texas and Oklahoma.

Melissa White, Assistant Director of the Career Center, said the forum will help anyone who is considering continuing their education.

"It is for anybody who thinks they might ever want to go to

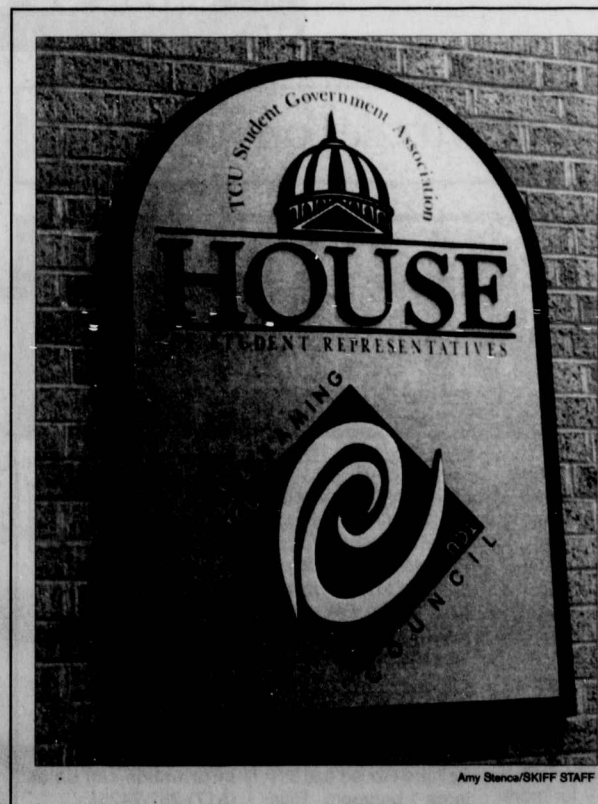
graduate school," she said. "It's a great opportunity for students. Where else are you going to have 33 schools in one spot where you can go and gather all this information without having to travel to all these different places?" she said.

White said the event can be valuable for students of all classifications, even those who may not want to go to graduate school right after completing their undergraduate studies.

"If they don't want to go now, students can still go and talk to these schools about what their program is like, what the application process is like, what types of credentials they're looking for — just basically any questions anybody has about the graduate school process," she said.

A wide representation of areas of study will be represented. The event will showcase "everything from law schools and medical schools to general graduate pro-

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The House of Student Representatives installed a new sign outside the House offices Friday. The sign, which was supposed to cost more than \$800, was discounted because the company that made it took too long.

The sign should have been completed by the beginning of the school year.

The discount, which Willy Pinnell, House vice president, said amounted to \$300, quelled much debate about the cost of the sign. Last year, a bill was passed for a new sign in the amount of about \$600. But when the announcement about the new sign was made earlier this year the cost was cited at around \$800, Pinnell said.

In addition to the discount on the sign, the House got a 30 percent discount on its next T-shirt purchase.

"We usually place an order for around \$1000, and so if you (figure) we get a 30 percent discount next time, that's another \$300 we saved," he said. "We almost had the sign pay for itself."

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Pulse

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PARABOLA meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in Winton-Scott Hall Room 145.

TCU LONDON CENTRE applications are available in the International Education Office (Rickel Building 109). Spring 1999 applications are due now, and fall 1999 applications are also being accepted.

FROG FOLLIES tickets are on sale at the Student Center Information Desk. Cost is \$3.

HOMECOMING — Organizations wishing to participate must contact the Programming Council office for information at 257-5233 or stop by the Student Center Information Desk to pick up a rule book.

ALL-CAMPUS SERVICE DAY — Organizations wanting to participate should contact the PC office at 257-5233.

WASHINGTON INTERNSHIPS for fall 1999 are available in the political science department for all majors.

DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE at the Student Center Information Desk for area activities including movie theaters and the zoo. Call 257-7927.

STUDENT FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS available at the Student Center Information Desk. Deadline is Oct. 23.

LAW DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in Towne Hall in Austin and gives free information for those interested in law school. Contact Donald Jackson.

In The News ...

World

Fire sparked by thieves siphoning gas leaves 500 dead, 100 injured

JESSE, Nigeria — Hundreds of scavengers trying to siphon gasoline from a pipeline sparked an inferno that swept several villages in southern Nigeria. Officials said today at least 500 people died and 100 were injured.

The fire, which began late Saturday, continued to blaze in some places this afternoon while relatives of victims searched for their loved ones. Many of the dead were charred beyond recognition.

Military officials said today that the fire, which began in Jesse, a town 180 miles southeast of Lagos, killed at least 500 people and left at least 100 hospitalized.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported that the gasoline theft had been going on for days before the explosion.

The Concord newspaper said holes were punched in the pipeline as it ran through a concrete well, and as many as 1,000 people were lined up to scoop out the fuel when an explosion occurred.

An official for Nigeria's state petroleum corporation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities believed the thieves' tools sparked the explosion, setting the pipeline afire. Some newspaper reports, however, said a lit cigarette may have started the conflagration.

Among the dead were many of the thieves whose corpses were found still clutching plastic cups and cans to collect fuel.

Nation

Two white men plead guilty in beating death of 13-year-old black boy

CHICAGO — Two white men accused of brutally beating a 13-year-old black boy who ventured into their neighborhood pleaded guilty to reduced charges Monday and were let off with probation and community service.

Victor Jasas, 18, and Michael Kwidzinski, 21, had been charged with attempted first-degree murder and other offenses in the 1997 attack that left Lenard Clark brain-damaged. Instead, they pleaded guilty to battery.

A third man, Frank Caruso Jr., 19, was convicted last month of aggravated battery and a hate crime, and got eight years in prison.

Lenard was attacked after riding his bike into the mostly white Chicago neighborhood of Bridgeport. The boy had crossed a bridge into the neighborhood from the housing project where he lived.

The three young men were accused of knocking

Lenard from his bicycle and kicking and pummeling him until he was unconscious.

Prosecutors' case against Jasas and Kwidzinski was hampered by the killing of one witness in an apparent robbery attempt and the disappearance of a second witness believed to be the only person who could place the two at the scene.

Circuit Judge Daniel Locallo sentenced Jasas to 2 1/2 years probation on two counts of aggravated battery, and Kwidzinski received two years probation on two counts of misdemeanor battery. Both men must serve 300 hours of community service.

Tickling self impossible because brain knows better, researchers say

NEW YORK — Why is it so hard to tickle yourself?

Because one part of the brain tells another: "It's just you. Don't get excited," say researchers who watched the brains of people trying to tickle themselves.

The killjoy is the cerebellum, found in the lower back of the brain, the researchers suggest.

The brain is already known to predict what a person will feel when his or her body does something. That way, it can ignore expected sensations like pressure on the soles of the feet while walking, and save its attention for more important things, like the feeling of a foot bumping a stone.

Prior studies implicated the cerebellum in telling the brain what to expect from the body's own movements.

The study on self-tickling was reported in the November issue of the journal *Nature Neuroscience* by researchers including Ph.D. student Sarah-Jayne Blakemore at University College London.

100 years after landing, peacock flock overwhelms California town

ARCADIA, Calif. — A gold miner's decision to brighten the environment with a few colorful peacocks more than a century ago has created some contemporary headaches.

Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin, the founder of this suburb about 20 miles east of Los Angeles, brought in six pair of peacocks and peahens in the early 1880s.

The flock has since multiplied to about 1,200 turkey-size birds that lately have been stomping across roofs, dining on gardens and interfering with traffic.

"You can compare it to a deer problem," said Abdul Sitabkhan. "They're pretty until they move into your backyard."

Their shrieks were so earsplitting that they dis-

rupted a local performance by the California Philharmonic Orchestra.

Arcadia has published a brochure, "Our Neighbors the Peacocks," which suggests ways to discourage the birds from taking over. One idea: Water hoses.

Castro admits in CNN interview that Cuba has placed spies in U.S.

MIAMI — Cuban leader Fidel Castro has admitted in a television interview to sending people to the United States to spy on anti-Castro political groups but denied there was an attempt to gather military information.

Ten alleged Cuban spies were arrested in Florida last month in what authorities say is the largest Cuban spy ring uncovered in the United States since Castro came to power in 1959.

They were charged with trying to penetrate U.S. military bases, infiltrate anti-Castro exile groups and manipulate U.S. media and political organizations.

In an exclusive interview to be broadcast today on CNN's WorldView, Castro responded to a question about the arrests, acknowledging possibly for the first time that Cuba placed spies in the United States.

"Yes, we have sometimes dispatched Cuban citizens to the United States to infiltrate counterrevolutionary organizations, to inform us about activities that are of great interest to us," Castro said from the Ibero-American Summit in Portugal.

State

Fair attendance tops 3.4 million for second consecutive year

DALLAS — The State Fair of Texas topped the 3.4 million mark in attendance as it wrapped up a 24-day run Sunday.

Fair officials reported a big crowd on the final day to hear Tejano superstar Emilio, the last in a series of free concerts that also included singers Clint Black, the Dixie Chicks and LeAnn Rimes.

It's the second consecutive year that fair attendance surpassed 3.4 million. Officials didn't report a precise total Sunday night.

Other fair totals included \$500,000 paid for animals owned by young exhibitors. That includes a record \$65,000 paid for the grand champion steer.

The final day of the fair brought accolades to four competitors, including Albert Olivas, who ate 14 fiery peppers in 30 seconds to emerge as champion of the Jalepeño Eating Contest.

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SOBER PROMISE

Students pledge to drink responsibly

Students across campus are pledging this week — not to Greek organizations but to themselves and the TCU community. They're pledging to drink responsibly.

The purpose of the Not Here campaign is partly to show that media stereotypes of colleges as party havens are inaccurate, and that students are in fact making safe, responsible decisions regarding alcohol use.

A respectable goal? Yes. A positive outcome? Not necessarily.

TCU's Alcohol and Drug Education Center organizes many good programs throughout the year that show the dangers of excessive drinking and point to alternatives to alcohol. But this attempt to make college seem less of a drinking danger zone may actually be a step backwards, sugar coating the drinking that does exist and therefore subverting the work the center has done to make the dangers known.

Perhaps TCU's alcohol problem isn't as bad as it is portrayed by the media. And calling attention to those who promise to act responsibly can be a good way to show that drinking isn't a staple of every student's life. But downplaying the drinking problem at TCU is a mistake.

Calling attention to responsible drinking is a positive thing, but when it comes at the expense of ignoring the problems that do exist, this campaign may do more harm than good.

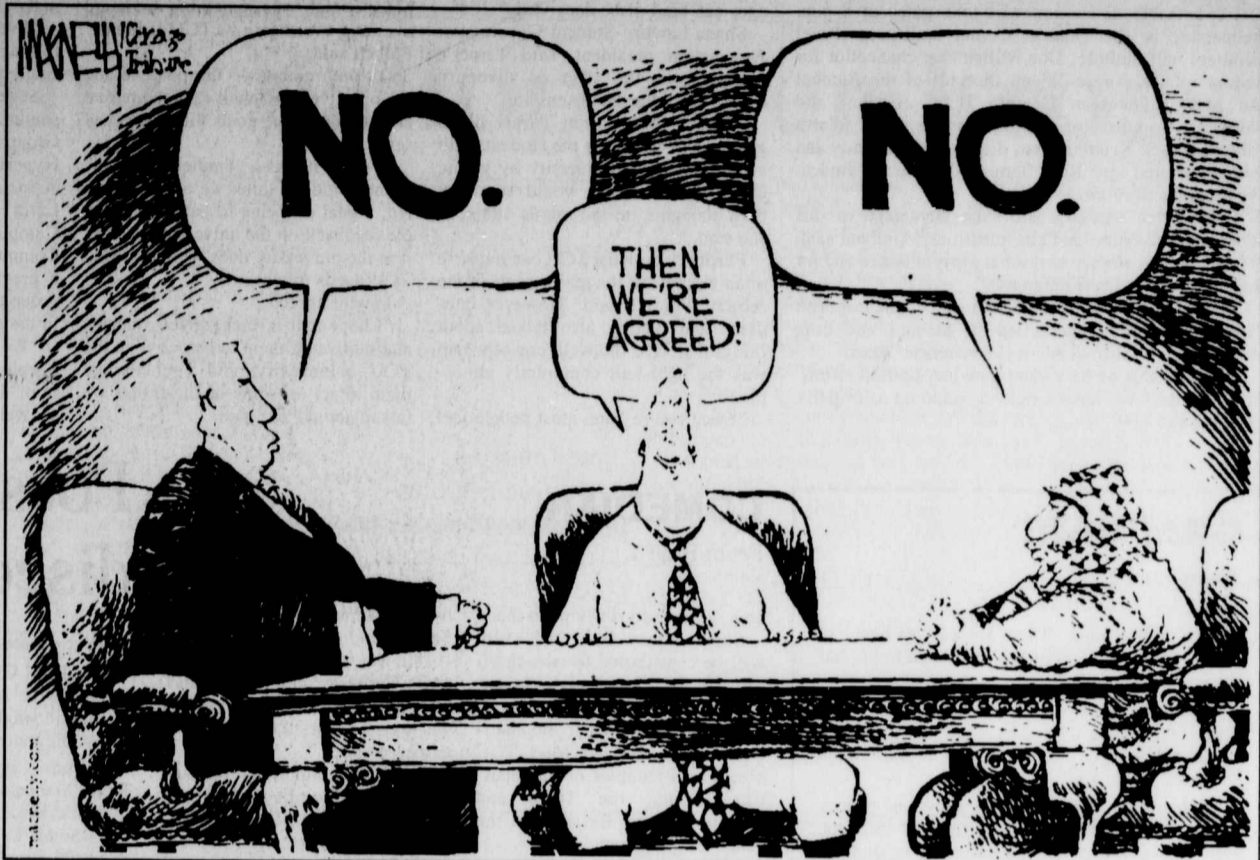
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Names change, not policies

The Southern Baptist Convention is considering changing its name — a move that really has no purpose.

Commentary



ERIN BRINKMAN

According to the Baptist Standard, the convention's executive committee is considering two motions: One that recommends a study on changing the name and another that asks to change the convention's name to the Baptist Convention of North America.

The reason some members of the convention have requested this, according to the Standard, is the impact the name has on the convention's work in areas outside the Bible Belt.

I don't think changing the conven-

tion's name will alter anyone's perception of the denomination. Current perceptions about the Southern Baptist Convention have evolved because of actions it has taken in the past (does the name Disney ring a bell?).

People aren't stupid. When they hear something about the Baptist Convention of North America, they will remember, "Oh, yeah, that's the new name of those Southern Baptists;" and the perceptions about gospel-singin', grits-lovin', anti-black, Disney-hatin', woman-subjugatin' Southerners will still exist.

One of the ministers at my Baptist church said the most recent expansion in the convention has been to the north and the west. I guess I can understand why churches in these areas don't want the convention's negative regional associations.

However, these associations come part and parcel with the other notions about the Southern Baptist Convention that won't vanish with a

mere name change. It will take a noticeable overhaul of the convention to change people's minds, if their minds are firmly against the convention to begin with.

Denominations aren't as important as some make them out to be. We could do away with such things, and Christians would be better off. I have been a Southern Baptist all my life, and it hasn't affected me all that much. When the convention boycotted Disney, I didn't have a say in that decision, and I didn't support it. I still saw "Hercules" in the theater.

The only purpose of a religious denomination is to make the individual feel secure. Being moral and faithful is all that matters — not whether you are dunked or sprinkled in baptism, or if you raise hands in worship. God loves everyone, and which building you worship in, or whom you worship with, does not make a difference.

I have always gone to a Baptist church — and I probably always will — but it's not because I think all non-

Baptists are going to hell. I grew up with Baptist traditions, so I am more comfortable in that environment.

It is easier for me to worship in a Baptist service than a Catholic service because I don't have to worry about unfamiliar (though perfectly acceptable) customs, songs and litanies. Individual comfort level is the only purpose denominations should serve in the Christian life.

When I am asked my denomination, my point of view is, "I'm a Christian. I just happen to be attending a Southern Baptist church."

Whether the Southern Baptist Convention changes its name is irrelevant. They will still be the same organization. They should focus on the big things in life — following God's plan and ministering to his people — instead of the unimportant details.

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Giving works best when it comes from the heart

Would you try a little experiment? Reach into your pocket, purse, fanny pack or wallet and pull out all the money you have. Go ahead, try it.

Now, with all the need in the world, do you have too much money? If you are like most of us, I'll bet you do.

Commentary

DAVID BECKER

I was once in a Methodist worship service in which evangelist Oral Roberts was preaching. When it came time for the offering, Roberts said to the congregation, "Reach into your pocket and take out the biggest bill you have. Now ... put it into the offering plate." A gasp went up from the congregation.

Often when we give, we write a check to have good records. We usually don't

think about giving cash, and we do not like to go unrecognized.

So, how much better would you feel about yourself today if you gave a little more to others and spent less on yourself? Let me tell you how it's done:

1. Open a checking account. A lot of banks let you open them for free, you know. When they print the checks, have them leave your name and address off the checks. You now have an opportunity to give generously to whatever cause you want and nobody will be the wiser.

2. Take 5 percent of the money you get from your job or the loans you get from your folks back home (maybe even 10 percent) and put it in that checking account. Now, sit back and wait for someone to ask you for a donation. Have you ever been asked to donate and you had tell the person, "No," because you were out of money? Think about the opportunity to

always be able to say, "Yes!" What an opportunity!

3. Are you ever a bit suspicious that the people asking you for money are really using the money for a good cause? If so, get on the Internet at www.guidestar.org. This Web site provides profiles on more than 600,000 nonprofit organizations and charities. Or go to www.give.org, which lists the top 400 charities and whether they meet stringent standards on the use of your money.

4. Giving is really good for morale. TCU students don't need to go far off campus to see homeless people — just look down Berry Street. It might be enlightening to visit a used clothing store on West Berry called Worth Repeating. All the money they collect goes to benefit the Women's Center in Tarrant County in employment services and rape counseling. And they will take your used clothes, fur-

niture and "stuff" in addition to your money.

This is the time of year church congregations across the country hear stewardship sermons. Every year the pastor of each church is mandated by the congregational leadership to go to the church services and raise money to fill church budgets.

Meeting the church budget is vital to service in the community. And giving is important. But did you know giving is also biblical? In fact, we are called to form a partnership with God to take care of one another. "Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

I always thought that passage of Scripture was so cool. It says very plainly that if we are reluctant to give or feel forced

to give, then God does not want our money.

Even country music talks about giving. Several years ago, there was a song called "It Comes From the Heart." The lyrics said: "You got to sing like you don't need the money./You got to love like you'll never get hurt./You got to dance like nobody's watching./You really don't mean it unless it comes from the heart."

Giving is very much like that. It must come from the heart. It is not just giving to a church that is important. Give money to the Red Cross. Give to the United Way. Give something. There are so many worthy causes and hurting people in the world that there is no shortage of places to give.

Give your money to any worthy cause, but give from the heart.

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NBA players' lockout belittles plight of lesser-known groups

The NBA has decided to cancel the first two weeks of the season. This means no Jordan, Shaq, and thankfully, no comical Mavericks' moments.

So what is the big deal? The NBA is, at a basic level, men of gigantic proportions running and chasing a round object on a hardwood floor, occasionally making attempts to throw it into a net.

This is not a crisis situation like Kosovo, where people are being maimed and murdered at an alarming rate.

This is millionaires arguing with fellow millionaires. We feel their pain.

To be fair, not all NBA players are millionaires. There are many men who sit on the bench, sign 12-day contracts and scrape to make ends meet just to keep their hopes of playing in the NBA alive without playing in Europe or the Continental Basketball Association.

Some small-market owners believe teams in big markets have an unfair advantage. The big markets mean more viewers and more people in the arenas. It is easier to support a basketball team with more revenue.

The public does not see these people. We see Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett demanding a six-year, \$126 million contract and getting it from the management in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

It's hard to listen to people complain when one person receives \$126 million. If Garnett is so concerned about his fellow players, why doesn't he donate some of his

salary? If the Timberwolves don't have a large market compared with New York, how can they justify \$126 million for one person?

New York Yankees, baseball would still be a thing of the past.

The labor grievances of baseball and basketball are a mockery of

The labor grievances of baseball and basketball are a mockery of other labor issues. Some important job positions in our daily lives earn very little compared to professional athletes there would be serious repercussions if any teachers or police officers went on strike.

This situation is comparable to the baseball strike of 1994. The players wanted more money, the owners wanted more money and no one in the inner circle of baseball really cared what the fans wanted.

The "National Pastime" became a thing of the past. Had it not been for the heroic feats of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Kerry Wood and the

other labor issues. Some important job positions in our daily lives earn very little compared with professional athletes. There would be serious repercussions if any teachers or police officers went on strike.

Elementary and high school teachers guide young minds. They instruct the next generation how to read, write, spell, count and every-

thing in between.

A teacher would have to work many lifetimes to earn Garnett's \$126 million.

Police officers, as well as firefighters and other public workers, keep our streets and houses safe from harm. If they went on strike, chaos would result.

The streets would no longer be safe for law-abiding citizens. Simple tasks such as going to the grocery store would be difficult. No one would catch speeding cars on the street, answer fire alarms or keep order in chaotic situations.

These public workers, whom we often take for granted, are very valuable. They are paid a very small fraction of what men running around chasing a ball are paid.

Labor strikes happen much more often than publicized. Workers are fighting to keep themselves and their families afloat. The stories of these workers are almost hidden to the public because they provide

safety and security and not 15 points a game.

The NBA lockout will resolve itself soon, as owners feel financially threatened and players realize they cannot live extravagant lifestyles without a steady paycheck. The fans will be angry, boycott and vow to stay away from the game, but they will return in a few years to the stadiums and pay high prices for admission, food and parking.

The teachers and police officers will continue to instruct and keep order and struggle to live on their steady paychecks without much acknowledgment from the public.

With luck, when a lesser-known group strikes in the future, the public will pay more attention to the plight of hard-working citizens and less attention to arguing millionaires who play a ball game for a living.

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commitment, since it will be in writing." A roundtable discussion will take place at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom. Panel members will include: Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs; Angie Taylor, director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center; Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission representatives; Fort Worth Police officers; Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs; and Rick Barnes, director of Student Organization Services. "I hope that students will take advantage of this opportunity to come and ask questions," Graham said. "This is a great chance to discuss current issues and for students to voice their opinions." Graham said the campaign is not in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, dedicated to alcohol and drug awareness, or National Alcohol Awareness Week. "We want this to be a campus-wide, unified effort," Graham said. "We have a right to stand up to negative stereotypes."

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instead of numbers, and those percentages can kind of be deceiving." Shana Lawlor, Student Government Association president, said Turner's approach to the idea of diversity helped facilitate the discussion. "I think that Darren Turner did a great job of initiating the students into a conversation on diversity by giving them questions that would stimulate their thoughts on the whole subject," she said. Feedback on what TCU can improve upon was one of the major goals of the retreat, Pinnell said. However, students and faculty also talked about things that TCU did well, one of which was the tight-knit community atmosphere. "Once you're here, most people feel

like it's a very warm and welcoming place, which was something we heard over and over again — TCU is home," Pinnell said. On both counts — the positive and the negative — Pinnell said the retreat accomplished the goals the House had set. "I think it was a complete success," Pinnell said. "I think we achieved our No. 1 goal of trying to get out of people feedback on the university — what it is the university does well and what TCU needs to work on." Lawlor agreed. "I hope that it re-energized students and motivated them to be active in the TCU community, and I encourage them to act on some of the things we talked about," she said.

Pinnell said participation helped make the discussions valuable. "Everyone was very actively participating in the discussions and the small groups," Pinnell said. Several campus groups were represented, and 192 students attended. Groups represented included Circle K, Hyperfrogs, International Student Association, Legacy, Organization of Latin American Students, United Campus Ministries, United Asian Community and others. Lawlor said in a previous interview that the largest group that had ever attended the retreat in the past was 132. "We did not expect that so many people were going to be so interested in it," Lawlor said. "I think that it went so well, and people were so excited

about it. I think it is going to end up growing in the next couple years." Lawlor said Allison Holt, director of admissions marketing, did a great job as the main faculty facilitator of the retreat, and that her ideas about perceptions and reality made an impact. "She made a great point at the end when she said that everyone's perception of TCU is different and everyone's reality of TCU is different. "When someone tells you their story and their experience at TCU, it's different from yours and you need to be empathetic to that," Lawlor said. "Everyone's experience at TCU is going to be different, and even though you may not have experienced that, it doesn't mean that that's not what TCU is all about."

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grams," White said. "There are a lot of business schools coming, a lot of health-related fields and several law schools." This is the sixth year the event has taken place. Part of the reason it has continued year after year is that the schools benefit from it as well as the students, White said. "Schools love it because they love the chance to get their name out there in front of students, and answer questions, and educate the students about the process of applying to graduate school," she said. "It's, I guess you'd say, a symbiotic thing," she said. "Basically, they pay a small fee to come and then that pays for all of our expenses so it's a pay-for-itself type of event."

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now we have to really push this." Some money from the event will be contributed to two charities of TCU students' choice. Each will get \$1,350. Students will choose the charities during Mr. and Miss TCU elections. Examples of the charities include the Town and Country Animal Rescue and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "The whole idea of Homecoming is to increase school spirit and pride," Serafin said. "Giving money to a non-profit organization exudes school pride. This is an excellent way, as an entire student body, to give back to the community." Dick's agent is excited about

the comedian coming to TCU, Serafin said. "He was very wary because we are a Christian school," she said. "But I told him that even though we may be Christian, we're not narrow-minded." Other PC committees donated money from their budgets to help finance the event. Although some money is being contributed, Serafin said the committee will have to charge for tickets in order to break even. Tickets are being distributed by Dillard's ticketing. Serafin said the \$5 tickets will go on sale as soon as Dillard's prints them. They will be available at the Student Center Information Desk.

Possible murder-suicide discovered in parked car

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HALTOM CITY, Texas — A man and a woman were found dead in a parked car Sunday in what police are investigating as a possible murder-suicide. Haltom City Assistant Police Chief Roger Macon said police found the bodies of Mark Lee Lewis, 36, of Haltom City, and Rhonda L. Lewis, 37, of Keller, in her red 1995 Honda Civic at about 2:20 p.m. behind an ice cream parlor in a strip shopping mall. Ms. Lewis had been shot several times; Lewis had been shot once. Ms. Lewis, also known as Rhonda Wadleigh, was a former resident of Snyder in West Texas. She was a security manager for Albertson's. Lewis was a stocker for a Tom Thumb grocery store.

"It appears that he pulled out a gun and shot her and then shot himself," Macon told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said the couple were divorced. Autopsies were pending. Macon said the Lewises had driven separate cars to the Fossil Creek Park shopping center and parked behind a Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Store. When the bodies were found, Ms. Lewis was in the driver's seat of her car and Lewis was on the passenger side, he said. A Braum's employee said none of the workers there heard any shots, the Star-Telegram reported. A man walking near the store heard shots and called police, Macon said.

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Football

Post-game notes from TCU-SMU contest

- Junior punter Royce Huffman had his longest punt of the season against Southern Methodist University with a 65-yarder in the second quarter.
- Sophomore kicker Chris Kaylakie needs two more field goals to move into a tie for the third most field goals for a season on the TCU charts. Kaylakie is 10 of 12 on the season.
- SMU now leads the series with TCU 38-34-7, including a 22-16-2 advantage in games played in Dallas. The Mustangs have won 13 of the last 16 meetings in Dallas.
- The last three games for the Iron Skillet have been decided by a total of 10 points.
- TCU won back-to-back games against SMU in 1994-95, but the feat has not been repeated by either school since then.

Nation

Cooper, Kwan named Sportswomen of Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Cynthia Cooper is eyeing a third WNBA title next summer. Michelle Kwan is dreaming of an Olympic gold medal in 2002.

Both those goals will take time. But on Monday, the basketball player and the figure skater were honored as Sportswomen of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Cooper, the two-time league MVP on the Houston Comets, was chosen in the team category. Kwan, the silver medalist at the Nagano Olympics, was chosen in the individual category.

Known for her "raise the roof" gesture, Cooper scored 23 points to lead Houston to its second consecutive WNBA title over Phoenix last month. She also earned her second scoring title, averaging 22.7 points a game.

After a 13-year professional basketball career in Spain and Italy, and dominating the WNBA, Cooper is looking ahead, on the court and beyond.

"I'd like to be a general manager, maybe the next president of the WNBA, maybe a broadcaster," the 35-year-old guard said. "Maybe a three-peat. Hey, Michael Jordan won six championships. I want to be like Mike."

Kwan had a strong performance at the Nagano Olympics, but the gold medal went to U.S. teammate Tara Lipinski, who has since turned pro. That has Kwan looking toward Salt Lake City.

"One of my dreams is to go to the Olympics in 2002. It's in the States and my whole family will probably come," Kwan, 18, said. "I'm just hoping that everything will go right, and I'll be ready for that competition."

Kwan won her second world championship in March — one of five titles she took this year. She added another U.S. title and received 15 perfect marks in her short and long programs, the most by any skater.

Mustangs gallop over Frogs

◆ **Anemic offense hurts scoring potential during Saturday's 10-6 loss.**

By Todd J. Shriber
STAFF REPORTER

DALLAS — Here's a simple riddle for TCU football fans:

What's a Horned Frog's least favorite thing during football season?

Answer: Playing against a team with red uniforms in bad weather in a low-scoring game.

In a game that was a mirror image of the Frogs' Sept. 17 loss to Oklahoma, TCU fell to cross-town rival Southern Methodist University 10-6 at the Cotton Bowl on Saturday.

After three consecutive weeks in which the Horned Frogs made plays in the fourth quarter to net wins, the law of averages caught up with them, and it was the Mustangs

making the game's biggest play with a little less than five minutes left in the contest.

Mustang tailback Kelsey Adams broke a 55-yard touchdown run for the game's only touchdown and the win in what was primarily a defensive battle.

The game had all the makings of defensive war as both teams struggled to get their offenses going in the first half. The score was knotted at 3-3 at the end of the first half, and both teams had combined for a total of 140 yards in total offense.

Defenses taking over the game didn't surprise TCU coach Dennis Franchione and his players, though.

"I thought it would be a defensive game," Franchione said. "They've (SMU) got an outstanding defense. Our defense played good, but we have to give (their) defense credit."

TCU had success running the

"The next game is the most important now. We were the better team, but the better team didn't win today."

— Kam Hunt, senior defensive end

ball all season long but ran into SMU's defensive buzzsaw. The Horned Frogs had only 39 yards on 18 carries in the first half and finished with just 146 yards on the ground.

TCU's anemic offensive performance was hurt by bad field position and an inability to capitalize

when they got into Mustang territory. With their back to wall twice deep in their own territory, the Mustangs held TCU to field goals when it looked like the Frogs should've gotten touchdowns.

Senior running back Basil Mitchell, who had a 65-yard run in the third quarter, said defense was the difference in the game.

"We knew it wasn't going to be a blowout," he said. "Both teams have great defenses, and that was the difference. It's not too often you give up 10 points and lose. That's just the nature of this series."

The running wasn't alone in its struggles Saturday afternoon, as the passing game never really left the ground. Junior quarterback Patrick Batteaux had only 39 yards passing and two interceptions, the second of which came on TCU's final drive of the game after the Adams touchdown.

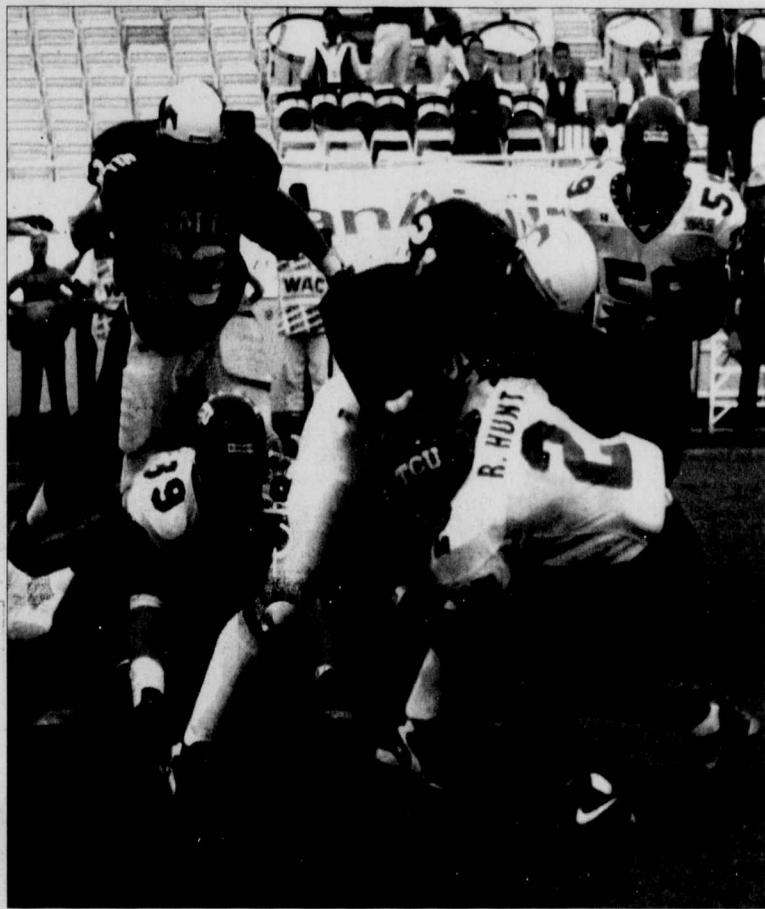
It looked as though the Horned Frogs might pull off another late-game miracle after Batteaux completed a 20-yard pass to junior Royce Huffman and a 12-yarder to Mitchell, but his next pass found its way into the hands of SMU cornerback Donald Michell, shattering any hopes of victory for TCU.

Batteaux admitted the game was decided by who made the plays in the fourth quarter.

"SMU played a good game and fought to the end," he said. "It came down to a couple of plays in the fourth quarter, and that's what did it."

Senior defensive end Kam Hunt said it's important that the team learn from its mistakes and focus on the game with Colorado State.

"Let's go on and learn from our mistakes because the next game is the most important one now," Hunt said. "We were the better team, but the better team didn't win today."



Junior safety Reggie Hunt makes a tackle on Southern Methodist University tailback Kelsey Adams in Saturday's game at the Cotton Bowl. Adams scored the game's only touchdown on a 55-yard jaunt in the fourth quarter, vaulting the Mustangs to a 10-6 victory over the Horned Frogs.

Report Card

By Matt Weinek
SKIFF STAFF

Passing Offense: Saturday's showing against the Mustangs was probably the worst quarterback Patrick Batteaux has performed all season. He completed just seven passes for 39 yards — 20 of those coming on one play — and threw two interceptions. The last interception, an ill-advised throw by Batteaux, ended the Frogs' last attempt to win the game. Batteaux looked uncomfortable in the passing game; he missed wide-open receivers on several occasions and wasn't patient with the ball. **Grade: D**

Passing Defense: SMU quarterback Josh McCown completed eight of 19 passes for 77 yards. Cornerback Greg Walls and safety Curtis Fuller both made good plays to break up passes. The short screen pass continued to hurt the TCU defense, but overall the defense made the passing game a non-factor. Linebacker Joseph Phipps led a Horned Frog pass rush with two of the five sacks. **Grade: B+**

Rushing Offense: Tailback Basil Mitchell's 65-yard run in the third quarter was the one bright spot of the day for the Horned Frog rushing attack. The Frogs gained only 146 yards for the game, led by Mitchell, who had 77 yards. TCU just couldn't get anything going due to the lack of a passing attack. SMU stacked the line against the run and stopped the Frogs dead in their tracks. **Grade: C**

Rushing Defense: The Mustangs were

just as inefficient as the Frogs in the first half, but they picked it up in the second, finishing the game with 221 yards. The game-winning touchdown by running back Kelsey Adams came on a 55-yard run down the left sideline after a missed tackle. Fuller led the defense with eight tackles, and defensive end Aaron Schobel continued to make big plays at and behind the line of scrimmage. **Grade: C+**

Special Teams: Kicker Chris Kaylakie provided all the points for TCU, hitting two field goals of 22 and 36 yards. Receiver Mike Scarborough came up with a big play on punt coverage — a flying tackle in the second quarter to keep the Mustangs behind their own 20-yard line. Punter Royce Huffman continued to struggle — he averages only 39 yards a punt — but he boomed off a wind-aided 65-yard punt, his longest of the season. **Grade: B**

Coaching: Coach Dennis Franchione couldn't keep the Iron Skillet in his first meeting with SMU as the TCU coach. Whether it was the rain or SMU's defense, the offense continued to struggle, which should cause some concern going into this week's game against Colorado State. The lack of a passing game and questionable play calling — numerous quarterback draws that went nowhere — aided in the loss to the rival Mustangs. For the Frogs to be successful, a passing game needs to be developed to open things up for the running game. **Grade: C-**

Rival writer enjoys his moment of glory

Editor's note: This column was written by the sports editor of The Daily Campus, the student newspaper at Southern Methodist University, and is being published in the Skiff as a result of an arrangement between the two papers. Letters to the editor of The Daily Campus can be sent by e-mail to dc@mail.smu.edu. However, the Skiff is not encouraging TCU students to respond to this attack on the predestined superiority of Horned Frogs. Really.

I haven't eaten candy, cookies, cake or ice cream in over a year, and I love things that are sweet. But I have never tasted anything sweeter than Saturday's victory over TCU.

They say revenge is sweet, and I must now wholeheartedly agree.

The Mustangs tasted perhaps their sweetest moment so far this season. It might be their only sweet taste for the entire season (as well as mine), but at least it was against TCU.

Yes, I can't help not wiping the smirk off my

face and laughing out loud.

Let me begin by saying that SMU is just all around a better college.

Yes, last year TCU tore down the goal posts after humiliating us and destroying a chance for us to go to a bowl game.

How pathetic. You make me sick. Tearing down goal posts is a time-honored tradition that is reserved for a major upset, not for your only win of the season. But I won't dwell on last year.

I'll just gloat with the Mustangs' 10-6 win Saturday. Granted, we might not be the best team in college football this year, but you guys seem to think you are. I heard all this trash-talking, and your team couldn't even back it up. You talk, you spray

paint, but you couldn't win. Talk all you want, but the score won't change and neither will this basic fact: SMU is better than TCU.

Let's examine the fantastic Mustang 10-6 victory.

Wow! You had a total of 185 yards for the game. SMU had 298. Hmmm ... SMU wins there. We had 14 first downs, you had ... seven. I won't bore you with statistics. I will just continue to enlighten you little Horned Frogs.

By the way, your mascot is ridiculous. What in the world is a Horned Frog?

First off, it's ugly and horrible-looking. It probably scares little kids. Well, your campus probably does, too. That's another thing. You completely stole our sign. We have pony ears, and all you did was take pony ears and curve your fingers in. How unique, huh? Must have been a TCU graduate that came up with that one.

All joking aside, when I really lost respect for TCU was last Monday when I drove by our

temporary athletic building. Spray painted on the wall was, "f-- SMU and f-- Doak Walker." Now, the first one I don't care about, but who had no class to say that about one of the finest and most respected individuals to ever play college and professional football? I mean, have some respect. I was so embarrassed for both schools, especially when people came to visit our campus.

I know only a couple people were responsible for it, but how can you say that? I mean, go spray paint the grass or something, but don't say that about Doak Walker.

Anyway, I have enjoyed writing this column and I hope all of you little Horned Frogs have learned a lesson. Revenge is sweet.

In fact, I think it's sweeter than any piece of cake I've ever had.

Justin Keiter is the sports editor of The Daily Campus, the student newspaper at Southern Methodist University.

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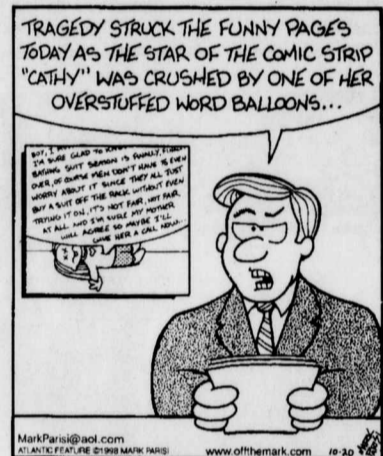
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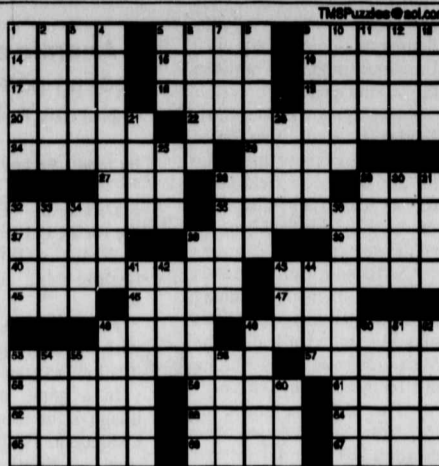
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 - 58 Type of committee
 - 59 Personal perception
 - 61 Dead Sea kingdom
 - 62 Tuscany city
 - 63 ___ mater
 - 64 Goose on Oahu
 - 65 Writer Madame de ___
 - 66 More limited in quantity
 - 67 Horn honk
- DOWN**
- 1 Behind bars
 - 2 Dwelling



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Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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38 Ancient
41 Like DNA strands
42 Mild cheese
43 Broadcast letters of old
44 Gulf of the Ionian Sea
48 Old hag
49 Flower holders

50 Roundup finale
51 Image: pref.
52 Celestial body with a tail
53 Bulk
54 Prune text
55 Ostrichlike bird
56 River of Sudan
60 Used to be

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