

Bragging rights

Both the Texas Longhorns and the Oklahoma Sooners are set for the Red River Classic on Saturday at the Cotton Bowl.

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Fort Worth, Texas

PeopleSoft not people friendly, some university officials say

By Sarah McClellan
STAFF REPORTER

Entering the wrong query into PeopleSoft caused the admissions office to overestimate the number of freshman minorities to enroll in Fall 2001, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

Another error occurred in Spring 2001 when \$40,000 was mistakenly put into the Student Government Association's account because the year-book payments were given the same

code as SGA fees, said controller Cheryl Wilson.

Administrators say these errors are a result of PeopleSoft's complex design. They blame it on user-difficultiness rather than human error.

"It's taking our office a long time to come up to speed with it," Brown said. "It's not as easy (to use) as some other programs out there."

The university began using the PeopleSoft program for its admis-

sions, student financial, and human resource records in 1999 because the old software, Information Associates, was not Y2K compliant, said Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for information services.

Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support, said one of the main difficulties with PeopleSoft is entering queries or requests for particular sets of information.

"The software itself is hard to con-

ceptualize," Munson said. "But basically, if a piece of information gets in the wrong table and you ask a query, you get the wrong answer."

Jim Littlefield, director of product marketing for PeopleTools and technology for PeopleSoft, said the request must be asked properly for a query to work.

"It's how you ask the question," Littlefield said. "In designing a query, you get different answers depending

on how you ask the question."

Michael TenEyck, manager of administrative systems at TCU, said employees take "query classes," which helps teach users to put together complex reports.

"The person putting in the query has to be smart enough to get it all together," TenEyck said.

TenEyck said if a faculty or staff member needs to make a complex query and hasn't taken the class yet,

there is a liaison or, "power user," in each department to help.

Coding data correctly is also an issue, Munson said.

"All numbers have to be coded correctly for anything to be right," Munson said. "The access of information is not easy."

Lisa Sion, public relations manager for education and government for

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

SGA passes bill to donate money to Air Force ROTC

The House of Student Representatives passed a bill Tuesday to donate \$1,000 to the Air Force ROTC budget.

The donation will benefit the Area Conclave (ARCON) Conference to be held in downtown Fort Worth Oct. 26 and 27.

AFROTC requested the donation after National Headquarters cut its budget from \$15,000 to \$13,000, cadet 1st Lt. Josh Hawkins said

Lectureship created for 'values and ethics'

Chancellor Michael Ferrari announced Monday the formation of a new lectureship about values and ethics scheduled to begin next year.

The Dorothy Garrett Martin Lectureship in Values and Ethics will host one speaking event each year and was funded primarily by two granddaughters of Dorothy Martin, former TCU Delta Gamma sorority members.

The Martin family donated a \$50,000 challenge grant toward the lectureship and Delta Gamma sorority alumnae raised more than \$58,000.

COLLEGE BRIEFS

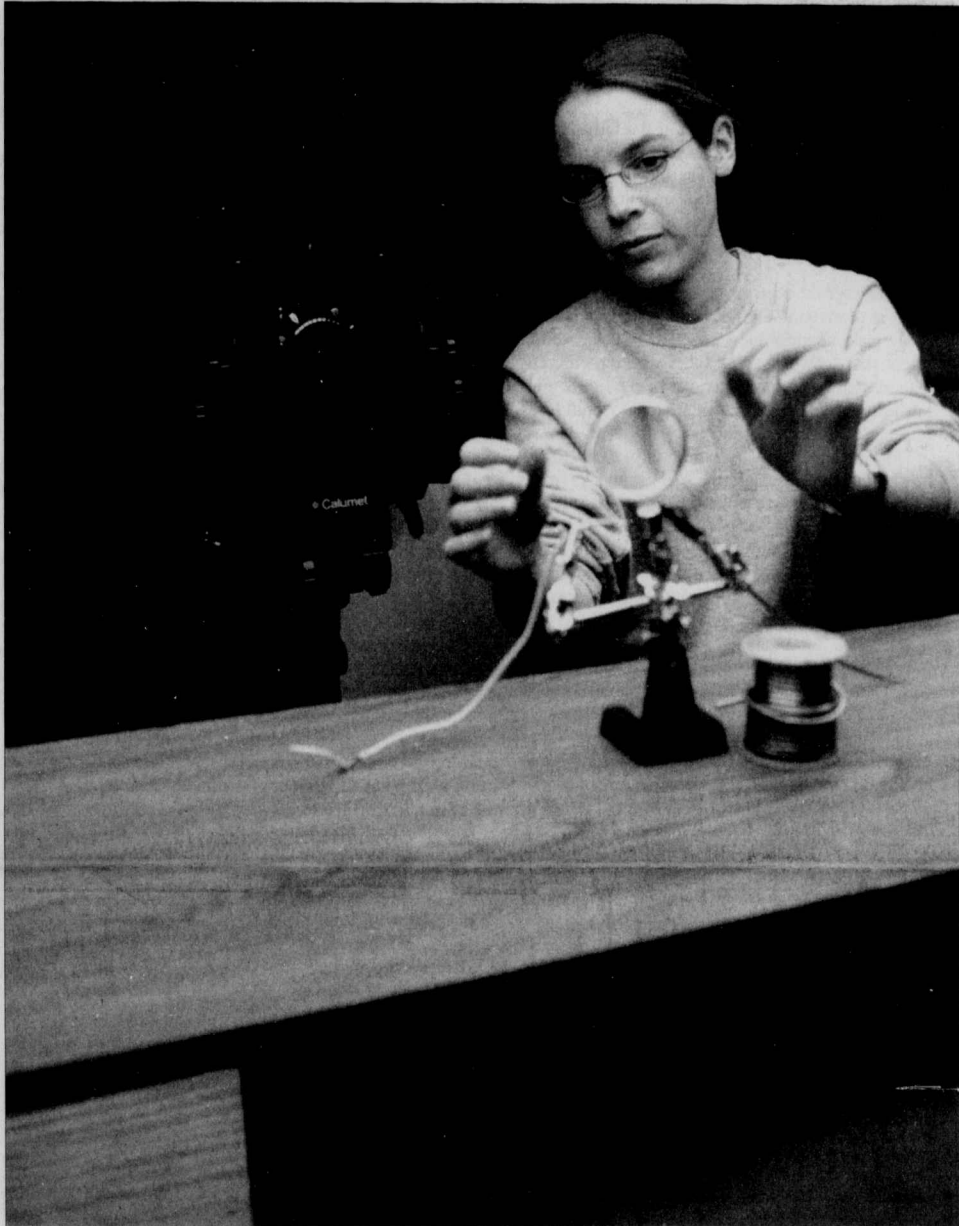
Senator seeks to suspend new student visas

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, one of the U.S. Senate's leading voices has decided to seek a six-month moratorium on the issuance of new student visas to international students seeking to study in the United States.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced late last week that she would introduce legislation to reform the U.S. student visa program — which currently is easily abused, she said.

— Harvard Crimson

ARTISTIC LICENSE



Senior graphic design majors Marian Cohl and Steven Gose set an installation for a lay-out project as part of a photo illustration class Tuesday.

U.S. gauging international ties

By Jordan Blum
STAFF REPORTER

The terrorist attacks against the United States on Sept. 11 has sent shock waves through the world of international diplomacy, forcing America and foreign nations to re-evaluate their relationships.

Political scientists said the attacks have put the United States into a position where it must seek support from previously unfriendly countries. Different tactics are required to gain that support.

Israeli Vice Consul Dan Shalom said nations such as Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Libya and Sudan may pledge some degree of support to the United States, but they cannot be trusted in the long term.

"These countries have fought us all the way and they've praised terrorist attacks on Israel and the United States for years," Shalom said. "Only now, when this horrific attack on Sept. 11 took place, did people even begin to understand the horror of terrorism."

"Many of these countries have pledged their support to the United States, but their support is very

limited," Shalom said. "It's just a shame such an awful terrorist attack had to occur for people to realize peace talks may be the answer and violence means nothing."

Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger of the Beth-El Congregation in Fort Worth said strong U.S. relations with Israel have caused anti-U.S. sentiment in Islamic Middle Eastern nations, but the primary reason many of these nations are against the United States is because they hate the Western style of life.

"Religious issues with Israel is a fundamental factor of their hatred," Mecklenburger said. "But the West is the 'Great Satan' so if Israel didn't exist they would still hate the West."

According to *The Associated Press*, President Bush said Tuesday he envisioned a Palestinian state, and Mecklenburger said Israel has been willing to compromise with a Palestinian state.

Mecklenburger said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is to blame for a lack of peace because Israeli

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Taliban warned to give up bin Laden

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that Afghanistan's ruling Taliban will suffer certain consequences for the Sept. 11 attacks on America unless it meets his demands that it turn over Osama bin Laden and his followers. "There is no timetable ... there are no negotiations," he warned.

Bush also announced that Reagan National Airport in Washington, the only airport still closed because of the Sept. 11 attacks, will reopen Thursday under intense security. Flight patterns take planes close to the White House, Pentagon, Capitol and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Three weeks after suicide hijackings stunned the nation, Bush used the announcement to urge Americans not to shrink from the threat of terrorism. "There is no greater symbol that America is back in business than

the reopening of this airport," Bush said. "Terror will not stand."

Bush's toughly worded warning to the Taliban, made at a White House meeting with congressional leaders of both parties, was matched on the other side of the Atlantic by British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Taliban must "surrender the terrorists or surrender power," Blair said in a speech to his Labor Party in Brighton, England. "This is a battle with only one outcome. Our victory, not theirs," Blair said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the administration "welcomes the prime minister's comments."

But he stopped short of warning, as Blair did, that the Taliban would "surrender power" if they did not heed Bush's demands.

"The president has said repeatedly that the United States

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Former senator to speak about international conflict

By Kristin Campbell
SKIFF REPORTER

Former U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell will speak about international conflict and resolution at the TCU Fogelson Honors Forum at 8 p.m. tonight in Ed Landreth Au-



George J. Mitchell

ditorium.

The event is free and open to the public.

Kathryne McDorman, honors program director, said Mitchell was chosen because he is considered to be the premier peacemaker in the world.

McDorman said she could not see how Mitchell's remarks would not be altered by the events of Sept. 11.

"He will have a great deal to say about the attacks on America," she said.

Ralph Carter, a political science pro-

fessor, said he expects Mitchell to address current American issues and tensions surrounding the attacks on the United States.

"I expect he will talk candidly about difficulties in dealing with deep-seated animosities," Carter said.

Three faculty, three students and three alumni are on the Fogelson advisory committee, which nominated Mitchell in spring 2001, she said.

McDorman said Mitchell was originally nominated because of his expert-

ise on the ongoing conflict in Northern Ireland and on the hostilities between Israelis and Palestinians, since the outcomes of these conflicts directly affect American foreign policy.

"I think Mitchell can throw some light on reasons why we are hated," she said. "He has tremendous sensitivity for both sides."

Alison Trinkle, assistant to the honors program director, said the conflict

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Metroplex implosions halted indefinitely

By Sam Eaton
STAFF REPORTER

Implosions of both the Bank One Tower downtown and the Hyatt Regency at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport have been postponed as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center towers. The projects have not been rescheduled.

Lydia Gujardo, a spokeswoman for Sundance Square Management, said the image of the Bank One Tower, a landmark skyscraper in Fort Worth, being destroyed so soon after the terrorist attacks would be in bad taste.

Clay Paslay, executive vice president of business and commercial development of D/FW Airport, said the airport did not want to upset anyone who might mistake the explo-

sions as a terrorist attack. Paslay said the implosion will occur late at night, when there is less traffic around the airport. The airport will tell each airline to inform travelers of the implosion so they will not be scared, he said.

Original plans for the Bank One Tower implosion allowed the public to view the demolition from a "safe distance," Gujardo said. No spectators will be allowed near the site, but when the building eventually comes down, it will be broadcast live on television, she said.

Gujardo said the city was working on a contract with Controlled Demolition Inc. to implode the building.

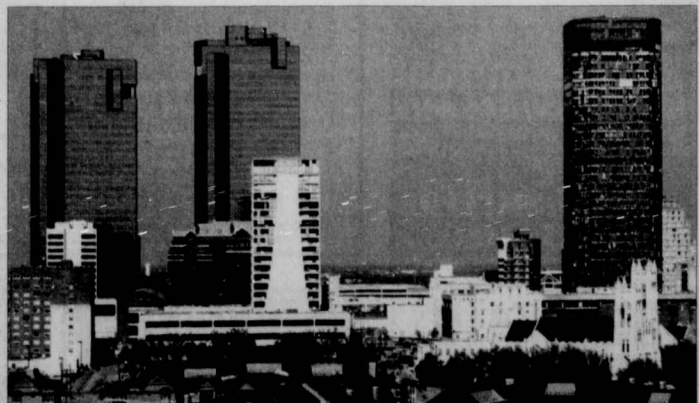
"Once the contract is secured, then we'll start trying to identify a date for the demolition," Gujardo said.

Tina Sharp, D/FW Airport's public affairs officer, said the demolition of the hotel was scheduled for Sept. 16, but was postponed due to the attacks.

Steve Roth, spokesman for Interstar, Inc., the company hired to implode the hotel, said the terrorist attacks had a hand in postponing the demolition because security issues became an airport priority.

"The airport had other things that they needed to be working on, so (the implosion) got postponed," Roth said. "The construction at the airport stopped briefly, but has begun again, so at this point I don't know about the status of the demolition."

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The absence of the Bank One Tower will eventually leave a hole in the Fort Worth skyline, but presently the implosion has been delayed. No date has been established.

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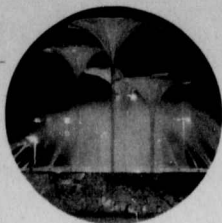


Today in history

1990 — On this day, just four days away from the 41st anniversary of the forming of the East German state, East and West Germany came together again.

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **Up 'til Dawn will be accepting team registrations and 99.5 the Wolf** will be giving away free goodies from noon to 1 p.m. today at Frog Fountain. There are six members to a team and registration for Up 'til Dawn is due by Oct. 12. For more information call (817) 926-2415.

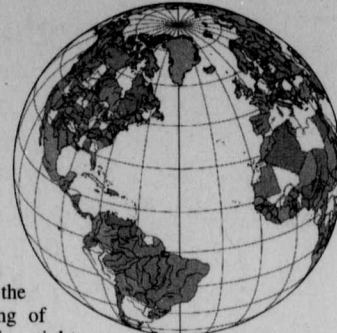
■ **The Organization of Latin American Students** presents the third annual Salsa Dance Contest from noon to 1:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Come see what salsa dancing is all about. First prize will be \$200.

■ **Delta Sigma Theta sorority Inc.** will present the third annual "Steps to Success" high school step show at 7 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Hall. Sorority members will be in the Student Center selling tickets to the competition for area high school step teams for \$4 from noon to 1 p.m. today until Friday. For more information call (817) 257-5869.

■ **The annual Major/Minor Fair** will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Student Center Lounge. The fair is hosted by the Center for Academic Services and provides students an opportunity to speak with representatives from various departments on campus. Students may also sign up for door prizes. This year the door prizes are two first-day enrollment passes for the spring 2002 semester. For more information call (817) 257-7486.

■ **The Office of International Education** will have an informational Study Abroad table at the Major/Minor Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Student Center Lounge.

WORLD DIGEST



Prime Minister Blair warns Taliban, pledges to support U.S.

BRIGHTON, England — Prime Minister Tony Blair forcefully made the case for an assault on Afghanistan's Taliban regime, warning Tuesday that they must "surrender the terrorists or surrender power."

In an emotional speech to his Labor Party, Blair positioned Britain squarely with the United States and delivered the toughest warning yet by a European leader.

The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, dismissed the threats by the United States and its allies, telling a news conference in Quetta, Pakistan, "Only Allah changes the regime, and only Allah brings the others instead of us."

The White House welcomed Blair's remarks.

The British prime minister spoke just hours after President Bush had warned that "there will be a consequence" if the Taliban fails to turn over Osama bin Laden and his network and destroy his training camps. U.S. officials said the White House had coordinated with Blair about what he would say.

Speaking to 3,000 delegates at his party's annual conference, Blair said the Taliban had ignored demands to hand over bin Laden, prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, but he stopped short of declaring that military strikes against Afghanistan were inevitable.

"I say to the Taliban: surrender the terrorists, or surrender power. It's your choice," Blair said.

"Be in no doubt, bin Laden and his people organized this atrocity," the prime minister said. "The Taliban aid and abet him. He will not desist from further acts of terror. They will not stop helping him."

"Whatever the dangers of the action we take, the dangers of inaction are far, far greater," Blair said.

He gave no indication of when military action might start, and Blair and other government officials sought to reassure anxious members of their left-leaning party that humanitarian aid would be as important as military strikes.

Drawing on themes of community close to his heart, Blair called the aftermath of the attacks in the United States a chance to "reorder this world around us."

"There is a coming together," he said. "The power of community is asserting itself. We are realizing how fragile are our frontiers in the face of the world's new challenges."

He called for campaigns to lift Africa out of poverty and halt climate change, and said the world would not abandon Afghanistan once the Taliban was removed from power.

Pledging Britain's support for the United States during its time of crisis, Blair said the international coalition being formed to combat terrorism would win.

"This is a battle with only one outcome — our victory, not theirs," he said.

Blair said the Taliban regime had no "moral inhibition" about slaughtering innocent people and added: "There is no compromise possible with such people, no meeting of minds, no point of understanding with such terror."

"There is just a choice: Defeat it or be defeated by it and defeat it we must," he said.

Blair stressed that any military strikes against the Taliban would be "proportionate, targeted" and would strive to avoid civilian casualties.

"We are not the ones who waged war on the innocent. We seek the guilty," he said.

The specter of military action has cast a pall over the three-day meeting. Labor conferences are traditionally combative affairs at which the party's still-active left wing takes the government to task over its alleged betrayal of Labor's social-democratic roots.

A peace protest on Sunday drew fewer than half the 10,000 demonstrators organizers had predicted.

Palestinian militant kills two Israelis during an Gaza attack

JERUSALEM — Two Israelis were killed when a militant Palestinian gunman broke into a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday night and seized a house, the army said.

In a highly unusual breach of security, the attacker crossed into the Alei Sinai settlement on the northern tip of the Gaza Strip, shooting at several residents and soldiers before entering the home, the army spokesman said. Two youths were killed and five other people injured, three of them soldiers, the spokesman said.

Israeli soldiers and the attacker were exchanging heavy fire as troops rushed to the area and army helicopters flew over the settlement, Israeli radio stations said.

Channel Two TV reported the gunman had taken four hostages inside the home.

But the army said it was not immediately clear if any Israelis were in the building.

"We heard shooting and we quickly brought the children into the bathroom," settler Eli Bohadana told Israeli television. Bohadana's home is just a few yards from the house the gunman attacked. "We heard a real gunfight in the settlement, shooting between houses, and we knew it was something unusual."

An army officer among troops surrounding the home called out to the militant in a megaphone, asking him to surrender. His request was answered with a burst of gunfire, the army said.

About 6,000 Jewish settlers live in closely guarded enclaves in Gaza, home to more than 1 million Palestinians. It was not immediately clear how the gunman managed to get past the Israeli security

at the entrance to the settlement. The shootings marked the first killing of Israelis in eight days.

The shooting was the latest violence since a shaky cease-fire announced last week. "This is a very grave incident," said army spokesman Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz.

The assault could shake a truce to which both sides earlier had said they remained committed despite continuing violence that has left 18 Palestinians dead in less than a week. The truce completed a four-day trial period Tuesday.

It came as both sides reacted to word that the United States — looking for calm in the region as it tries to build an anti-terror coalition — had been planning a new peace initiative. The plan was put on hold by the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States and is only now beginning to take shape again, a senior U.S. official said Monday.

Speaking in Washington on Tuesday, President Bush called for an end to the bloodshed. Looking toward hopes for the renewal of peace talks, he said "the idea of a Palestinian state has always been a part of a vision so long as the right to an Israeli state is respected."

Bush's administration has kept its distance from the Mideast conflict, in contrast to the President Clinton, who was actively involved as a mediator.

The Palestinians, who have been urging the Bush administration to get more involved, welcomed word of a new initiative. "I think it's a very important statement," Palestinian Cabinet member Saeb Erekat said of Bush's remarks. "I think it's time for the American administration to declare its support for a Palestinian state next to the state of Israel."

Israeli reaction was more cautious. Daniel Ayalon, foreign policy adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said Israel's most immediate priority was ending a year of violence. "Everything will be put off until the violence stops," he said.

Asked about Bush's comments, Ayalon said: "It can't be an imposed solution. It has to be accepted by both sides."

Sharon has often said that he would be willing to seek a long-term interim agreement with the Palestinians, but does not believe a final settlement is possible at present. He has raised the possibility of a Palestinian state, but has not detailed his plans.

The Palestinians are seeking a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as their future capital.

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PROBLEMATIC

Errors need to be evaluated, fixed

When \$40,000 originally earmarked for yearbook was accidentally given to the Student Government Association, university officials blamed the PeopleSoft conversion.

When the Admissions Office reported an increase in freshman minority enrollment, only to find out later numbers actually decreased, officials cited PeopleSoft as the cause.

The university has been trying to work out the system's kinks for the last two years. But the program is so complicated errors — big errors — keep happening.

The issues with PeopleSoft don't revolve around who is to blame for the mistakes TCU has already made. The real issue is why has TCU spent so much time, money and energy working to understand a program so complex it still requires "power users."

Further training would decrease user-error, in turn increasing our ability to find what we need from the system.

PeopleSoft's complexity could be an asset if university officials helped staff capitalize on the programs capability. The only way to make PeopleSoft effective is to help the staff become effective with it. If we are going to rely on PeopleSoft for all of our major data, we need ensure everyone with access to the system knows how it works.

Either the administration needs to decide it will allocate the resources that will be required to train our staff properly, in detail, or we need find a program software that is easier to use.

Granted, no system of this kind can be understood overnight. But many nights have passed since the program was installed. University officials have been trying to solve their problems through crash-course training sessions. Then they point fingers at the software package when things go wrong.

TCU has admitted, although somewhat quietly it went about the initial implementation hastily. It is time we move past decisions related to Y2K and start making decisions that will help decrease user error and increase the system's efficiency.

If we decide no amount of training can save us from our current PeopleSoft woes, let's admit it. If the program was a mistake, better to move on now than to hold out for the new version.

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War on terrorism anything but simple

Organized military attacks show the world power, but does not restore security

By declaring war on terrorism the United States government set a dangerous chain of events in motion without understanding the full consequences of such a battle.

Commentary



Jaime Walker

Retaliation against suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden is certainly warranted. His hands are covered in the blood of thousands of Americans. But eliminating bin Laden won't rid the world of evil. It won't even cure the scourge of terrorism. Taking action against him might only provoke further acts of violence.

Osama bin Laden is not a demented millionaire with a hatred

for capitalism and democracy. He is a smart man with worldwide connections. In an ideal scenario, the U.S. military would track and kill bin Laden. But that is not going to happen.

America is preparing to attack Afghanistan's Taliban for harboring bin Laden. If we do we are in for a war unlike any we have ever fought, against a foe we don't understand. At first leaders of the Taliban militia said bin Laden was a "guest." Now, they say they know where he is, but we are too chicken to find him. They are not about to release him without a fight. And they won't be the only ones taking up arms for bin Laden.

Militia groups around the world are lining up to battle our fortress of capitalism. They aren't the soldiers of old. International law and the rules of war mean nothing to them.

We can't fight this kind of evil with organized attacks. Terrorism

is an entirely different animal. Bin Laden is a different kind of terrorist. In the past, attackers didn't turn hijacked planes into weapons of destruction. They negotiated. They didn't deny association with attacks. They admitted involvement.

Bin Laden does the opposite. Three weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks he sent a video to the U.S. government and media agencies warning a strike was eminent. He did the same thing before the bombings of the USS Cole, the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and World Trade Center in 1993.

If bin Laden is not leading these efforts, someone will. And we might be forcing a sort of natural selection. Bin Laden's

successor will learn from failed attacks. He will be smarter and more well funded. His plan will be bulletproof, and no amount of CIA intelligence will stop him.

Our war on terrorism is not a simple one. Our battle will help avenge the dead. It will reassure the world we are indeed a powerful nation. In the long run, war or rumblings of war could even

boost our economy. But no war on terrorism will help us regain our security. Any battle fought against terrorism and evil will be long, costly and almost certainly futile.

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Commentary

Dara Purvis

Two weeks ago, Bill Maher, host of "Politically Incorrect," got himself into some perilously hot water during a discussion on his show regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Author Dinesh D'Souza, a guest that night, said she took exception to the description of the hijackers responsible for the terrorist attacks as "cowards." Maher concurred, saying "We have been the cowards, lobbing cruise missiles 2,000 miles away. That's cowardly. Staying in the airplane when it hits the building, say what you want about it, it's not cowardly."

The blistering response following the show cowed him into an immediate and abject apology. Two major companies pulled advertising from the show, and ABC issued an official condemnation of Maher's remarks, but not to pull the show itself, though.

But why did his remarks draw such heat? They were certainly not very politically correct, but then again, look at the name of the show. And they didn't pass judgment on the moral right- or wrong-ness of the attack or our response; he simply agreed that there's a big difference between pressing a button and committing an act that will necessarily re-

sult in your own death. The widespread outcry about his remarks is simply the most extreme manifestation of the patriotic ardor sweeping the country at large. There are flags and ribbons on every other backpack on campus, flags on fire trucks and slogans like "God Bless America" plastered in every fast food window you pass. The sudden appearance of red, white and blue everywhere isn't the only symptom of our newly invigorated "patriotism." Reference to the terrorists as anything but inhuman, satanic monsters is now un-American.

Nobody should be questioning why the terrorists acted as they did, because any consideration of their motives is immediately pounced upon as "blaming America." We don't need to "understand" terrorists, and killing them all will eliminate any further threat.

Now is not the time to disagree with the President. We must uncritically stand behind any and all actions Bush sees fit to take. Even if we give up certain freedoms.

There is a large problem with this kind of attitude. Unquestioning, unthinking loyalty is un-American.

The point of fundamentally American documents like the Bill of Rights is safeguarding minorities from the majority. The founders saw some ideals as so vital to a functioning democracy, that they must be protected even when they're unpopular. Even when most of the country might be willing to give them up. Even in times of threat, even in times of war, even in the worst times we could possibly imagine.

We fight to preserve these rights

because attacks upon America are most effective and most destructive when they erode our commitment to the democratic of the United States.

Hatred, fear and the understandable desire for retribution must never make us unwilling to listen to the voices of dissent. When publicly-enforced conformity and unthinking adherence to what the government tells us we should be doing precludes any contrary opinion from being expressed, we're little better than the "evil forces" we're fighting.

In Saira Shah's documentary "Beneath the Veil," a horrific report on the oppression of women in Afghanistan that was rebroadcast recently on CNN, a member of the Taliban's "Vice and Virtue" police describes who he's supposed to arrest. The list includes anyone who disagrees with the Taliban, anyone who has ever said a word contrary to Taliban policy.

National unity does not require everyone to agree. We can stand with our countrymen and bring those responsible for the attacks to justice without agreeing completely with every policy advanced by the president, without supporting loss of the civil liberties John Ashcroft thinks we should give up and without refusing to even consider why people like Osama bin Laden hate us so much. We can even be patriotic without wearing a flag. That is the true American way.

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Pageant is nothing to be proud of

There she is, Miss America. There she is, your ideal. The dream of a million girls who are more than pretty can come true in Atlantic City. For she may turn out to be the queen of femininity."

Commentary



Julie Ann Matonis

Stop. Back up. That is what the lyrics to that song really say? What kind of symbol does that make Miss America? Last week in Atlantic City, N.J., Miss Oregon Katie Harman was crowned the 81st Miss America. The pageant went on despite the recent terrorist attacks, because pageant officials hoped the show would be a reminder of American spirit and patriotism. It was a lofty goal that fell short of expectations because the telecast focused on gimmicks and glitz, at the expense of the 51 contestants and the American public.

The pageant was created in 1921 to promote the true American way — making money. Hotel owners along the boardwalk needed a way to attract tourists after Labor Day. Of course, to do that, females had to parade around in bathing suits.

Thankfully some of the barbarity has diminished as the pageant has evolved.

Scholarships have been offered since 1945 and pageant officials stopped giving out the con-

stant's measurements in 1986. But in our culture, skin sells and even helps raise ratings. Making money in television is dependent on ratings. Higher ratings lead to higher advertising revenues.

Reality TV is the latest ratings blockbuster. Hoping to capitalize on that success, the Miss America pageant incorporated elements of "Survivor" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Contestants "thrown off" the telecast (aka, not in the top ten) were put in a room with microphones as they watched the rest of the pageant.

What is even more aggravating was the pageant's focus on reality-TV during a time in our nation when all the public sees is reality on television. You can't get more real than firefighters mourning their fallen colleagues or a husband listening to an answering machine message from his wife while she was trapped in the World Trade Center. It is a slap in the face when Miss America tries to be more "real." Or as real as you can get on-stage on national television in an evening gown and plastered-on smile.

The Miss America Web site says the pageant has "reflected ideas about national identity, community and moral standards, as well as beauty femininity, and the roles of women." If the pageant was really about national identity, there would be more minority representation. Of this year's contestants, three women were African American, one woman was Asian American and

one woman was Hispanic. Not a very accurate picture of the composition of the United States.

If the pageant was really about upholding moral standards, viewers would not have to sit through song and dance routines and gawk at women in two-piece bathing suits as they parade in high heels. That is not relevant to moral character nor does it demonstrate leadership ability. If the pageant was really about the roles of women in society, there wouldn't be a swimsuit competition to begin with. (My mistake, they're calling it poise and fitness these days.)

Despite the pageant's questionable standards, the contest went on in times of war. During World War II, pageant officials refused to cancel the event, saying it strengthened the American spirit. This year's pageant attempted to do the same. Host Tony Danza did deliver a solemn speech urging people to support the United Way fund. The audience did recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The new Miss America even told reporters, as part of her platform this year, she would try to lift American spirits.

Since the pageant itself did not accomplish the swell of patriotism it intended, let's hope the new Miss America has better luck during her reign.

There she is, and she is not moving out of the spotlight.

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BUSH

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and our friends from all terrorist attacks," Fleischer said.

As Bush urged Americans to go about their business, western leaders were focusing increasingly on the Taliban, the militant Islamic organization that controls most of Afghanistan and which has harbored bin Laden.

At NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, the alliance's secretary general, Lord Robertson, said the United States presented "clear and compelling evidence" tying bin Laden and his al-Qaida organization to the terror attacks.

"It is clear that all roads lead to al-Qaida and pinpoint Osama bin Laden as having been involved in it," Robertson said Tuesday after a classified briefing given to NATO's ruling council by U.S. Ambassador at Large Francis X. Taylor.

"I have said that the Taliban must turn over the al-Qaida or-

ganization living in Afghanistan and must destroy the terrorist camps. They must do so, otherwise there will be a consequence," Bush said. "There are no negotiations. There is no calendar."

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., emerged from the meeting with Bush carrying a message of his own for the Taliban: "I think the time's running short."

Three weeks after the deadly attacks on New York and Washington, Bush said America is still vulnerable.

"I say America needs to be on alert, but we've got to get back to business. Americans know their government is doing everything it can," Bush said during the Oval Office session. "We're on full alert in America."

The president announced that he would reopen Reagan National Airport, the only commercial airport still closed after the Sept. 11 attacks. Increased security will accompany the reopening.

In Washington, Bush met with congressional leaders to discuss

legislation to spur the ailing U.S. economy. The meeting came hours before the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve, was expected to reduce interest rates for the ninth time this year to prod the economy.

The president wants to cut taxes of individuals and businesses. He is open to Democratic demands to raise the minimum wage, increase job training and ensure health insurance and unemployment benefits to laid-off workers.

"There is agreement that we've got to come together with a vision about how big the package ought to be to make sure we affect the economy in the short run in a positive way, but don't affect it in the long run in a negative way," Bush said.

In a brief question-and-answer session, the president also said the idea of a Palestinian state has always been part of the peace process "so long as the right to an Israeli state is respected." He said some progress has been made toward peace in the Middle East.

Edmondson said TCU's two-year conversion to the system was fast, Y2K made a longer conversion impossible.

"In our haste we made some errors," Edmondson said.

TenEyck said one of the reasons for the change was because systems like Information Associates are so old it is hard to fix them. He said another reason to use PeopleSoft is because TCU wants to take advantage of the Internet. FrogNet is an example of what TCU has already done with PeopleSoft and the Internet.

Farella said TCU is going to upgrade to PeopleSoft 8, which is easier to use because it is completely Internet based.

Edmondson said he anticipates fewer problems with the installation of the new version because they will provide conversion scripts, programs needed to convert data from one format to another.

He said PeopleSoft didn't provide conversion scripts for the 1999 implementation because they didn't know anything about the former program.

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PEOPLESOFT

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PeopleSoft would not comment about complaints the program is difficult for users to understand. She also would not comment about whether the program has a check mechanism for identifying errors.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, said he does not think PeopleSoft is a difficult program.

"I firmly believe PeopleSoft is easier to use than our old system, but it was difficult to adapt to something new," Scott said.

Scott said the ability to get data out of the PeopleSoft system is better than the old system because you can get an answer to "virtually any question you want to know."

"What PeopleSoft has done is enable computer users to get data for themselves rather than relying on a computer services person," Scott said.

Adriana Farella, director of product planning for PeopleSoft, said she thinks the product is easier to use than old systems.

"(PeopleSoft) might give areas of functionality that (a university)

didn't have before," Farella said.

However, admissions office staff members, as well as other campus offices, went through extensive training to use PeopleSoft, Brown said.

"Originally, we started training just a couple of people in the office with the idea that they would train the rest of us," Brown said.

"That didn't work."

Sion said PeopleSoft has roughly 610 higher education customers across the nation.

Cleveland State University implemented PeopleSoft in 1999, as reported in the *Cleveland Stater*.

According to a Nov. 24, 1999 article, CSU had problems with the implementation, mainly in the financial aid office.

Nathan Sheeren, former reporter and editor in chief for the *Cleveland Stater*, said financial aid problems caused students to be dropped from classes and charged late fees.

The Cleveland State University Board of Trustees contemplated suing PeopleSoft for the problems, but instead decided to "demand immediate assistance from the PeopleSoft company," according to another article published on Nov. 24, 1999.

IMPLOSIONS

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Paslay said the west tower of the Hyatt Regency inside the airport is still being imploded. The airport plans to build a new parking garage for Terminal D in the hotel's place.

The decision to postpone the implodings mirrors public reaction.

Liz Pennington, a Fort Worth resident who works at the Bennigan's Restaurant a block from the Bank One Tower, said people's attitudes have changed regarding

the implodings since the terrorist attacks.

"A lot of people were looking forward to it before, and a lot of people now have mixed emotions," Pennington said. "I think people will be awestruck, but instead of cheering, they'll just stand in somber silence in respect for the victims of the terrorist attack."

Junior history major Ed Adams said he did not think seeing the demolition would matter to the public, but said they should be informed about the implodings.

"I think it would be incredibly important to let people know that not only was it a deliberate ex-

pllosion, but it would be controlled and safe," he said.

Tonda Doty, a Sherman resident who traveled through D/FW Airport last week, said seeing implodings at the airport would not frighten her, as long as the airport told her what was going on ahead of time.

"I would hope that the airlines told me before I boarded the plane that they were doing something along that line," Doty said. "They ought to give passengers at least that courtesy."

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Fundraising campaign on target

Advancement hopes to raise \$230 million by May 2007

By Jill Sutton

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University Advancement officials are proceeding with "The Campaign for TCU" despite delays because of the terrorist attacks, said Bronson Davis, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement.

The attacks briefly disrupted the campaign to raise funds for University Advancement but the fundraising resumed Sept. 17, he said.

Davis said the campaign, which raises funds for capital improvement projects, is still on target for meeting its \$200 to \$230 million goal. The effort, which hopes to raise twice as much money as TCU's "The Next Frontier" campaign is scheduled to run until May 31, 2007.

"We have raised all but \$500,000 for the \$7 million baseball stadium, and the Recreation Center will be in for \$15 million, which is half the goal, and the other half will come from University borrowing," said Davis.

Davis said raising funds for the Smith Entrepreneurs Hall is the

most critical component of the campaign. It will include a \$4.5 million addition for the MBA program, in which \$10.5 million of the \$15 million has already been raised.

"The Smith Entrepreneurs Hall is critical because it will relieve the space stress presently being experienced by the School of Business," Davis said.

"This will be the center for our new program in entrepreneurship, and then we are also developing a new center for the MBA program. This building is central to the School of Business' future and the ground will be broken in January," he said.

The university is still working on how the renovation of the School of Education building would develop, and the possibilities of expanding

Rise and Starpoint schools was being discussed, Davis said.

"We are fairly certain a new building will be in there for a new and/or renovated building for the School of Education and something involving Starpoint and Rise. How all that will be put together, we are still not certain."

Davis said they are interviewing 300 of TCU's leaders and top donors who will be key contributors to any campaign that would be launched, and this

will actually put them in a better position for achieving their goals.

"We have completed about half of the interviews, and we are taking the pulse of this key group who are giving us ideas and reactions connected to our plans," said Davis.

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FRIENDS

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President Ehud Barak was willing to concede part of Jerusalem during peace talks organized by the Clinton administration.

Political science professors Manojeh Dorraj and Ralph Carter agreed that the strong relationship between the United States and Israel is an element of the anti-Western sentiment among Islamic fundamentalists.

However, Dorraj said the Sept. 11 tragedy may serve as a turning point for the United States to re-establish relations with many former enemies.

Dorraj said countries that had rocky relationships with the United States, like Iran and Libya, see this as a diplomatic opportunity to approach the United States. The United States is in a position to reassess its attitudes and to come out with new foreign policy toward these countries, he said.

"Other nations like Sudan and Libya harbored radical politics contrary to U.S. interests and, in some instances, they were implicated in some state-sponsored terrorist activities," he said. "But I think they are now realizing that is a self-defeating and detrimental policy to their own international interests."

Carter said nations are supporting

the United States primarily to benefit their own national interests and that very few countries will assist with military support.

"It's politically correct for nations to say they want to help, but I think we're reasonable in wondering what their help will actually amount to," Carter said. "Our most likely support won't come from the Middle East but our allies in Europe."

The United States has already lifted restrictions on India and Pakistan to gain their support and may also need to grant concessions to nations like Russia to secure their full support, he said.

Carter said Russia has given verbal support but hasn't come close to offering military support. He said the United States may have to accept Russia's conflict with Chechnya as a war on terrorism.

Carter said anti-U.S. sentiments may prevent some countries from openly lending support.

"In Jordan, King Abdullah wants to be reasonable and his father was pro-West, but that view may be unpopular in Jordan, so he may help behind the scenes with intelligence," he said.

Both Carter and Dorraj agree China could be a wild card.

Carter said China says they want to help but have actually made friendly gestures towards the Taliban.

"The Chinese aren't our friends so anything that works to our disadvantage many in China will like," Carter said. "So they may think a long sustained U.S. war in Afghanistan is wonderful."

Dorraj said China disagrees with terrorism, but they may not want an active role in an anti-terrorist campaign.

"As an emerging global power, China knows terrorism could visit its doorstep next, but they fear giving full support would lead to a backlash in the Muslim world against them," Dorraj said. "So I think their support is more moral than ideological."

However, Carter said it's hard to know what any nation is going to do in the long run.

"It's popular and chic for nations to say they support us, but what that's going to end up meaning is hard to tell," Carter said.

Dorraj said no nation has any reason to side against the United States in the war on terrorism.

"I think all nations have something to gain by combating terrorism because random hideous terrorist acts like this serve no nation and everyone has something to lose because of it," he said.

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SENATOR

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in Ireland is important to many Americans because of the large Irish-American population and because the United States has close alliances with Great Britain.

Mitchell serves as Chairman of the Peace Negotiations in Northern Ireland and negotiated a peace accord.

He is also chairman of an inter-

national fact-finding committee that is investigating violence in the Middle East and recommending long-term resolutions.

He was appointed to the Senate in 1980 to complete the term of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie. He was elected to a full term in 1982 and eventually completed a 14-year career in the Senate. Mitchell was voted "the most respected member" of the Senate for six consecutive years.

Mitchell currently is an attorney

at a Washington firm and serves on the board of directors of several companies.

The Fogelson Forum has been at TCU for five years. McDorman said the annual forum is funded by the \$1 million Fogelson endowment. The money came as a gift from E. E. Fogelson's estate and fortune he accumulated in the Texas oil industry, she said.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Shuert named C-USA Golfer of the Month

Senior Steve Shuert was named the Conference USA Men's Golfer of the Month for September Tuesday. Shuert is the No. 2 golfer in the nation, according to the *Golfweek/Sagarin* ratings system. The Frogs play at the Red River Classic Oct. 8-9 in Dallas.

Men's basketball announces schedule

Men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs announced the men's 2001-2002 basketball schedule Monday.

The Horned Frogs will open the season on Friday, Nov. 16 against Northwestern State (La.) in a seeding game for the inaugural Las Vegas Invitational tournament. The team will also play eight teams that took part in postseason play.

In addition to the tournament, the Frogs will play two nationally televised games on ESPN and ESPN2. The team plays against Texas Tech on Dec. 1 on ESPN and takes on pre-season conference favorite Memphis Jan. 9 on ESPN2. In conference play, the Frogs will be in the National Division of Conference USA along with Houston, Memphis, South Florida, Southern Miss, Tulane, and UAB. In addition, the team will also take on four teams from C-USA's American Division, playing at Louisville and Marquette and hosting East Carolina and DePaul. The Frogs' first conference game will be at South Florida on Jan. 5. The C-USA tournament is set for March 6-9 in Cincinnati.

Greenberg scores in double overtime in win

Freshman forward Laura Greenberg scored her team-high fifth goal of the season in double overtime Tuesday to lead the women's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Texas-El Paso Tuesday in El Paso.

Greenberg's goal was her fourth in her last four appearances. Her game winning goal improved the Frogs record to 5-5-0. Texas-El Paso dropped to 2-5-1.

The Frogs play Centenary 3 p.m. Friday in Shreveport, La.

Volley Frogs lose to Mustangs in four games

The TCU volleyball team lost 3-1 to Southern Methodist Tuesday to drop its fourth consecutive match.

The Frogs (3-10, 1-3 Conference USA) won game three, 30-28, after dropping the first two games. SMU came back to win game four and secure a Mustang victory.

The Frogs play Memphis 7 p.m. Friday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Cowboys troubled with injuries

IRVING (AP) — Dallas linebacker Dat Nguyen suffered a hand injury in Sunday night's 40-18 loss at Philadelphia.

Coach Dave Campo said Monday the injury was still being evaluated and that it was too early to determine his status for next weekend's game at Oakland.

Orantes Grant, another linebacker, is still bothered by a right ankle injury. Grant didn't play at Philadelphia, and while Campo said he would be working into practice drills, it still appears doubtful Grant will play this week.

Tight end Jackie Harris, who missed Sunday with a strained groin, is expected back at practice this week and is listed as questionable to play against the Raiders.

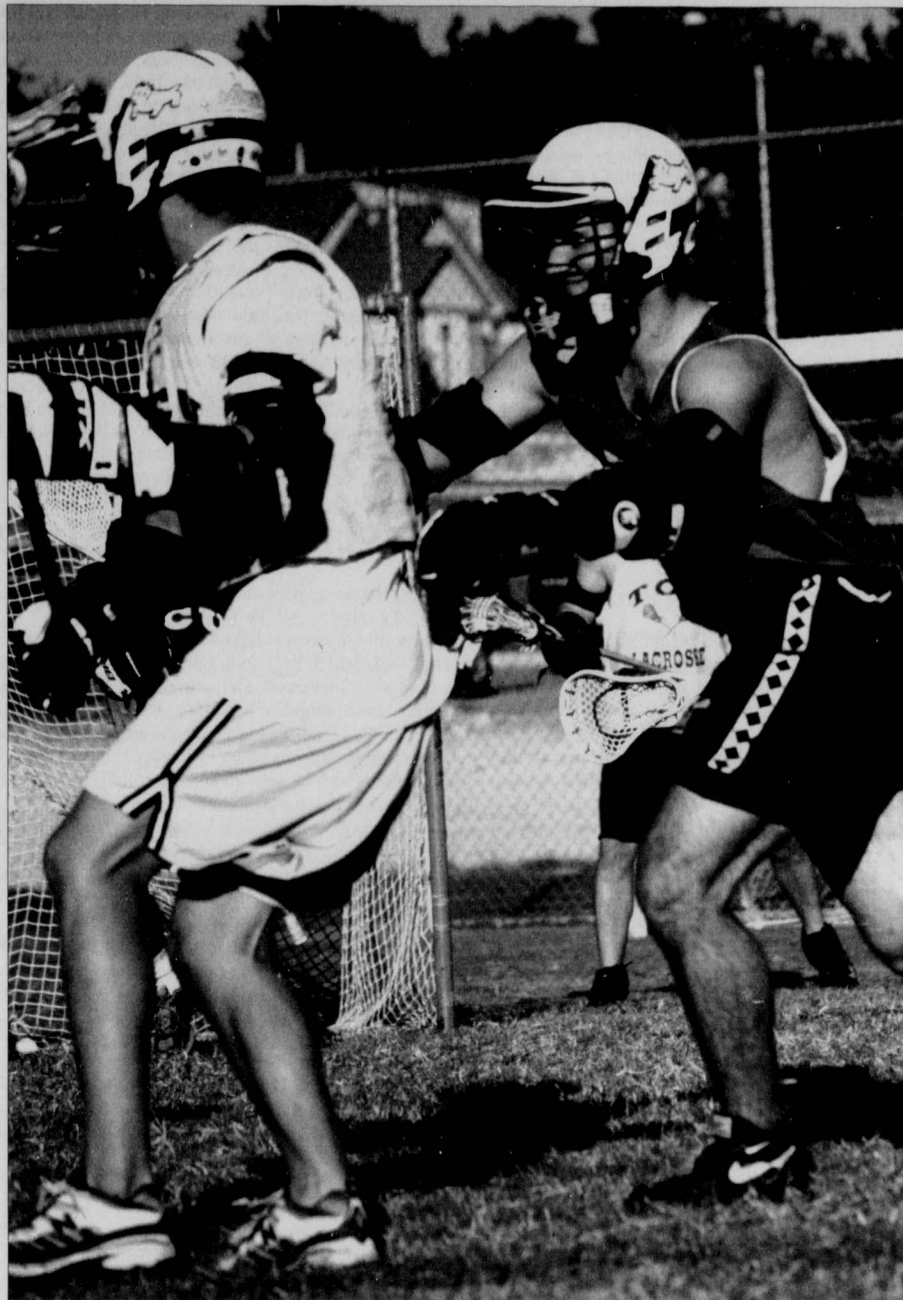
today in sports history

1951 — "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants are the champs of the National League!" Listeners were hearing the voice of the New York Giants play-by-play legend Russ Hodges on the ninth-inning heroics of Bobby Thomson. Thomson's dramatic home run (off Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca) gave the Giants the pennant as they beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-4.

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TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS



Neil Duchon checks Drew Burgoyne as he attempts a shot on goal during lacrosse practice Tuesday.

Wisconsin gets 5 years probation

Investigation showed shoe store gave athletes discounts

By JR Ross
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin was put on five years probation and lost some football and basketball scholarships Tuesday after an investigation found a shoe store gave discounts to athletes.

The NCAA, however, did not strip the school of any postseason awards, including its 2000 trip to the men's Final Four.

The NCAA said the university failed to adequately monitor its athletic programs, especially since this was the school's third major rules violation in eight years.

"Given the institution's recent history of major violations of NCAA legislation, the committee believed that the university should have had a heightened sense of vigilance with respect to strict adherence to NCAA legislation," the NCAA said in its report.

In April, the university put itself on three years probation, penalized itself \$150,000 and stripped five scholarships over the next three years — four from football and one from men's basketball.

In addition, the NCAA reduced

the number of football scholarships the university can offer in the 2002-03 and 2003-04 school years from 25 to 20. It also ordered the school to cut a men's basketball scholarship in 2003-04.

Chancellor John Wiley said the school will not appeal the committee's decision. "We want this to be over," he said.

The university's investigation found that 157 athletes in 14 sports violated NCAA rules by accepting at least \$23,000 in unadvertised discounts from The Shoe Box, a store 25 miles from Madison in Black Earth.

In some cases, athletes received no-interest credit arrangements that weren't generally available to other students. A report in the Wisconsin State Journal prompted the university's investigation.

The university has since banned athletes, coaches and athletic administrators from shopping at the Shoe Box.

"This was hundreds of kids involving thousands of dollars. That's significant," said Tom Yeager, a member of the NCAA Division I Infractions Committee.

Yeager said the committee considered stripping the university of its 2000 Final Four appearance, among other sanctions, but did not because of measures the university took.

All the athletes were ordered to pay a charity the amount of their improper discounts. Some athletes were suspended and ordered to perform community service.

Because the university was put on probation in 1999 for its second major rules infraction since 1994, the school was subject to the NCAA's repeat offender clause.

But Yeager said the university did not face stiffer penalties for its third infraction because the three violations differed from one another.

Wiley also reprimanded athletic director Pat Richter and compliance officer Tim Bald for their failure to properly investigate the accusations. Both received letters of reprimand, and Richter's salary was frozen for one year.

All three major rules violations occurred during Richter's term as athletic director.

NFL, auto dealers still negotiating

By Mary Foster
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Even though the mayor of New Orleans was all but certain the Super Bowl would be played there on Feb. 3, the NFL and an auto dealers group were still working Tuesday to resolve problems with switching dates.

"This is not a done deal yet," said David Hyatt, spokesman for the National Automobile Dealers Association. "We have logistical problems. We have some other problems."

Hyatt said a NADA committee sent a reworded copy of the latest NFL proposal back to the league for what he called "technical clarifications." He would not elaborate.

He said four major hotels, including the Hilton, have not returned agreements guaranteeing NADA rooms on their new date. The Hilton is to be their con-

vention headquarters. Another hotel, the Fairmont, has told NADA they will have rooms available, but not the space needed for convention functions.

New Orleans mayor Marc Morial said Monday that the switch was "99 percent certain."

But NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the deal had not been completed. "We've asked them to get back to us and we haven't heard yet," he said.

NADA wanted the NFL to cover its multimillion-dollar expenses and losses of shifting its convention.

The Super Bowl had been scheduled for New Orleans on Jan. 27, but the NFL wants to delay the playoffs a week because of the week it took off after the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington. Its other alternatives are playing Feb. 3

in another city or condensing the playoff schedule to have teams play as many as three games in 10 days.

Morial said he talked to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue twice on Monday and "he indicated they were very close" to a deal.

"There are still details that are to be worked out, but my feeling is very good about this situation," he said.

A switch with the auto dealers involves arrangements with hundreds of exhibitors and thousands of delegates, all of whom have reservations and schedules in place.

On Sunday, Tagliabue said Giants Stadium in New Jersey was under consideration for the title game as a way to help New York recover from the terrorist attacks. The NFL was also considering Los Angeles, Tampa and Miami.

Simms, 'Horns ready for OU

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas quarterback Chris Simms did not get in the game against Oklahoma last year until the score was already 28-0.

His third pass was intercepted by linebacker Rocky Calmus and returned 41 yards for yet another touchdown, putting the Sooners ahead 35-0 as they stomped their way to a 63-14 victory.

"I added to the butt-kicking," Simms said.

He can make jokes about it now as No. 5 Texas (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) prepares to meet No. 3 Oklahoma (4-0, 1-0) again Saturday. None of it seemed very funny then.

"We were just in shock. We didn't know what to think, what to say, didn't even know what happened," Simms said.

"It was unbelievable. It was so out of my control, just sitting there watching the game," Simms recalled. "We couldn't stop them 'em, and we couldn't get anything going."

He went in the game thinking, "OK, we'll just go down there and get a little drive going." And then he threw the interception when Calmus fooled him into throwing the wrong way.

"He schooled me. He really did," Simms said.

Simms has learned a lot since then. And the critics who believe Major Applewhite should be the Longhorns' starter are shrinking in number.

Brown named Simms his starter in the spring, but limited what he could do early this season. Simms spent most of the first two games handing off or throwing short routes to receivers.

Simms finally got to open things up two weeks ago in a win over Houston. After a few misfires in the first half, he finished with his first

300-yard passing game of the season and tossed three TDs.

He was even better last week in a 42-7 victory over Texas Tech, going 21-of-26 for 224 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for two scores.

"I think he's 10 times the player he was at this point last year," said Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops. "That just comes from playing. You can see the improvement game in and game out."

Simms didn't expect any kind words from the Sooners. He had been used to hearing much worse.

"Wow! He said that?" Simms said. "I'm shocked. That just made my day."

Stoops was the same OU coach who used a preseason interview with a Chicago-based national radio show to question whether Simms was even the best quarterback on UT's roster. The Sporting News, which put Simms on its cover, "must think he's Phil Simms," Stoops said.

Texas' last two opponents took some verbal jabs at Simms and paid for it.

Houston players said they wanted to play against him because they thought Applewhite was the better player. Texas Tech coach Mike Leach criticized the media for hyping players other than his own quarterback, Kliff Kingsbury. He didn't mention Simms by name, but it was easy to read between the lines.

Simms shrugs it off. He has led Texas to its first 4-0 start since 1983 and the Longhorns' highest ranking since 1990. He and OU quarterback Nate Hybl lead the Big 12 in TD passes with six each, and Texas' 45 points per game is tops in the league.

"Right now, I really feel comfortable and confident," he said. "This is the biggest game of my career."



Junior wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar eludes Cougar cornerback Jason Parker Saturday in the Frogs 34-17 win. The victory started the Frogs off 1-0 in Conference USA play.

C-USA roundup

Football

	C-USA games				All games					
	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Ntrl.	Strk.			
Southern Miss	1	0	1.000	3	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	W3	
Louisville	1	0	1.000	4	1	.800	3-0	1-1	0-0	W1
TCU	1	0	1.000	3	2	.600	0-1	3-1	0-0	W1
East Carolina	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500	1-1	1-1	0-0	L1
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	1	2	.333	0-1	1-1	0-0	W1
UAB	1	1	.500	2	2	.500	2-0	0-2	0-0	L1
Memphis	0	1	.000	2	2	.500	2-0	0-2	0-0	L1
Tulane	0	1	.000	1	4	.200	1-2	0-2	0-0	W1
Houston	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	0-3	0-0	0-0	L3
Army	0	2	.000	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2	0-0	L3

Last week's results

East Carolina 30

Syracuse 44

Memphis 21

Louisville 38

Southern 7

Tulane 41

UAB 0

Southern Miss 3

TCU 34

Houston 7

Army 10

Boston Colleg 31

Southern Miss at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Tulane at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.

East Carolina at North Carolina, 2:30 p.m.

Last week's players of the week

Special teams — Southern Miss punter Mark Haulman; punted eight times for a 42.4 yard average. He placed two kicks inside the 20-yard line and had two kicks longer than 50 yards, including a career-best 62-yard punt.

Offensive — TCU running back Corey Connally; carried 30 times for 199 yards and a touchdown in the Horned Frogs' 34-17 win against Houston. Connally, a third-string running back, also had an 80-yard run, the eighth longest in school history.

Defensive — TCU weak safety Charlie Owens; forced three fumbles that led to 13 points in TCU's victory at Houston. Owens' second forced fumble was recovered in the end zone for a Horned Frog touchdown. He was also credited with five tackles on the night.

United, American to add steel securitybars

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — American and United, the nation's two biggest airlines, said Tuesday that they will immediately begin installing steel bars on the cockpit doors of all their planes. Other airlines are set to do the same to protect pilots and calm nervous passengers.

United spokesman Joe Hopkins said the airline is already talking with suppliers and the bars should be on doors within a matter of weeks.

"We've gotta do what we've gotta do right now," said Herb Hunter, a United pilot and spokesman for the airline's branch of the Air Line Pilots Association. "It's a wonderful first step."

President Bush has recommended the fortifications. A Transportation Department task force said Tuesday that airlines should begin installing stronger cockpit doors within 30 days.

American, the nation's No. 1 airline, said it has installed prototypes of the devices on an MD-80 and a Boeing 757, and will install them on all other aircraft types flown by American and TWA within 30 days.

The devices are designed to

"immediately secure the cockpits while the FAA explores ways to further enhance cockpit security," the airline said.

Other airlines, including Continental and Alaska, were prepared to begin installing the crossbar locking devices on their cockpit doors but were awaiting a more formal directive from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The steel bars are designed to prevent forced entry into a plane's control center, something that may have happened Sept. 11 on the four hijacked airliners that were taken over by terrorists.

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The devices, however, have raised other safety concerns.

Aircraft maker Boeing expressed reservations

about retrofitting planes with locking devices. The bars could prevent evacuation of the cockpit in an emergency, some airline industry observers say, and flight attendants have expressed concern about not being able to get into cockpits if pilots became incapacitated.

Hunter and others said the steel bars are an interim solution and more comprehensive and long-term security procedures that could address those concerns are needed.

Sen. Thurmond collapses in chamber

98-year-old Congressman remains hospitalized Wednesday after fainting

By Jesse J. Holland ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, 98 and ailing, fainted in the Senate chamber Tuesday and was taken to a hospital.

While Thurmond has been to the hospital several times — including a February stay for fatigue — this was the first time health problems affected him while in the Senate chamber.

Thurmond reported feeling weak to colleagues and then slumped over at his desk shortly after 10:30 a.m., said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., who was presiding over the Senate at the time.

After an aide called for help, the senior Republican was moved to

the floor in the aisle between the Senate desks, where Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a heart surgeon, and several medical personnel worked on him for several minutes.

"Dr. Frist checked his response and the best way to describe his condition was that he was woozy," said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo.

After Thurmond's legs were raised, "he started getting less woozy," Allard said. "Senator Thurmond was conscious the entire time."

Thurmond was later taken from the Senate in a wheelchair. He waved before being taken away in an ambulance to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"Are they really making all this fuss for me?" Thurmond said, ac-

ording to Frist spokeswoman Margaret Camp.

How long Thurmond will remain in the hospital was not immediately known, said his spokeswoman, Genevieve Erny.

The Senate recessed for 20 minutes after Thurmond fainted, and Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., ordered the chamber cleared. Capitol Police also clamped an extraordinary ring of security around the chamber, the corridors surrounding it and even the parking lot outside the Capitol, refusing to allow people near.

Born in December 1902, Thurmond was first elected to the Senate in 1954 as a Democrat. He switched to the Republican Party in 1964. In 1996, at the age of 93, he

became the oldest person ever to serve in Congress.

Thurmond has gradually scaled back his duties in recent years as his health declined. Until June, when Democrats regained majority status in the Senate, he was third in the line of succession to the presidency, behind Vice President Dick Cheney and House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

Thurmond has had bouts of dizziness before and has been to the hospital several times, the most recent in February, when he spent a weekend in Walter Reed suffering from fatigue.

Aides also say a degenerative hip condition keeps Thurmond from traveling extensively. His last time in South Carolina was last Christmas.

Rumsfeld to visit Middle Eastern countries

By Robert Burns ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will travel to the Middle East for talks with political and military leaders as the Bush administration presses its war on terrorism, spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Tuesday.

Rumsfeld is making the trip at the request of President Bush, Clarke said. He'll hold "a series of meetings on defense-related efforts in the war on terrorism" and discuss other topics, she said.

Which countries Rumsfeld will visit and which officials he will meet are still being arranged, Clarke said.

"This is to continue the consultations that have already started," she said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Rumsfeld's mission will be to share information and consult with friends. Asked why Bush chose to send Rumsfeld to the region rather than Secretary of State Colin Powell, Fleischer replied, "Because he's the appropriate person to go."

Many of the U.S. forces in the region are based in Saudi Arabia, and others are in smaller Persian Gulf countries such as Bahrain and Kuwait. Saudi officials reportedly have expressed reservations about the use of bases on their soil to launch retaliatory strikes against Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network.

Support for the anti-terrorism campaign in Muslim countries is considered important to counter claims by bin Laden supporters that the

United States is waging war against Islam.

"We want to make sure we have the consultations at the highest level," Clarke said. "It's a very strong sign of the importance we place on the region and on the coalitions."

Rumsfeld's trip comes as the United States continues to beef up its military presence in the region. Clarke said about 30,000 American military members are in the region, including two aircraft carrier battle groups and 350 planes.

In addition to the naval forces in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea, the Pentagon has dispatched more than 100 additional Air Force planes to the region since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They are based in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and other Gulf nations.

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In recent years, Senator Mitchell has headed commissions seeking to negotiate peace between warring factions in Europe and in the Middle East.

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A former Skiff editor in chief takes time to reflect on the past weeks and his time as editor in spring 2000

On Sept. 11, journalists across the country went into crisis mode. They did not have time to think about the tragic events that were unfolding around them. They had no time to cry. They had no time to face the frightening situation in our country. They just did their job — they brought information to a society that wanted to know "why?"

Commentary



Joaquin Herrera

When hijacked airplanes crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania, journalists were faced with a catastrophe no one wants to cover. As a student at TCU a few years ago, I certainly never thought I would have to be a part of a tragedy like this either.

In the spring 2000 semester, I was a graduating senior at TCU. With a job lined up at the San Antonio Express-News, I was ready to live my life outside academia. I entered college knowing that journalism was my calling, and I felt, at the time, that I was fully capable of handling any situation I would be faced with.

That covering a tragedy is not easy. Kim Jones, a TCU alumna who served the church as a youth group leader, was one of those killed. Covering the shooting would test our ability to be sensitive to family and church members. It would drill us on what is appropriate to report.

Although I think we effectively covered that event, I had hoped we would not be faced with something like that again. But during the next semester, on March 28, 2000, an F-2 tornado missed our campus and hit downtown Fort Worth, killing four people and injuring several others.

This time, we would be covering a tragedy while risking our own lives. When word spread of the bad weather, we immediately sprung to action. While we were making assignments and decisions, the electricity in the newsroom went out. We immediately evacuated part of the newsroom while continuing to send out people. A photographer and a reporter headed for downtown Fort Worth with a camera and a reporter's notebook filled with questions. Some reporters headed for the main campus residence halls, while others stayed behind and waited for the building to regain electricity and for our computers to get back online. While reporters probed the feelings of those in dormitory basements, designers and editors back in the newsroom were deciding how to present our information.

Our campus was untouched and hall directors and resident assistants took all the right steps to ensure the safety of students. In downtown Fort Worth, however, lives were lost and many people were hurt, not to mention the millions of dollars in damage caused by the tornado in the area. The next day, we found out two TCU students had helped to rescue a man trapped in some of the rubble. Of course we reported it, as well as giving our readers a visual documentation of the damage.

Events like these are certainly tragic. When you step back and think about it, you wonder why people want to be a part of a tragedy like this. I ask myself the same questions daily. Why do journalists take on this role? Why did we want photos of the destroyed buildings in downtown Fort Worth? Why did we try to call the brother of Kim Jones after she was killed in the shooting at Wedgwood Baptist Church? Why do we stick microphones in people's faces as they watch two 110-story buildings crumble to the ground? Why do we take photographs of people falling to their deaths from the burning buildings? And why do we watch tragedy show over and over again on television? I really don't know the answers to my own questions. But I do know that when tragedy struck America on Sept. 11, I couldn't get myself to stop watching the news — or asking myself "why?"

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 2000 67th Year - Number 61 High 71 Low 55 Partly cloudy TOMORROW High 69 Low 51 TCU DAILY Skiff TODAY As tornado rages, TCU's chief negotiator in residence, Tomlinson, hopes for Heisman contention. Sports, page 8

Twister rips downtown, misses campus

Students forced to take shelter during storms

A tornado that caused extensive damage in downtown Fort Worth Tuesday evening forced students on campus to take shelter in basements and lower-level floors of residence halls and buildings. At least one student was injured and several others were treated for minor injuries. The storm, which was on the ground for about 10 minutes, passed over the campus area and struck downtown Fort Worth, according to the National Weather Service. TCU Police reported that the powerful winds caused no damage on campus. During the storm, police officers were sent out to check on the safety of students and staff on the lower level of each building, said Don Carter, a TCU police officer.



Employees work in clear debris at the Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau, 415 Throckmorton St. A tornado ripped through downtown Fort Worth Tuesday night, damaging several office buildings.

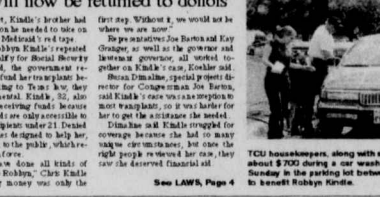
Tornado damages buildings, kills 4, injures at least 36

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Kindle wins battle against Medicaid, Social Security

Checks made to Nebraska Medical Center will now be returned to donors

Nebraska Medical Center (NMC) has announced that it will no longer accept checks from donors for Medicaid and Social Security. The center's chief financial officer, Steve Kindle, said the decision was made because the center is unable to process these checks due to a lack of funding. He said that the center has been unable to pay the bills for these programs for several months. Kindle said that the center has been unable to pay the bills for these programs for several months.



TCU bookshoppers, along with several of their family members, raised about \$200 during a car wash held on the campus Tuesday night to benefit the book store.

Program targets rep outreach

Members encouraged to involve students through e-mail, phone

The House of Representatives is launching a new outreach program to involve students through e-mail and phone. The program is designed to help students get involved in the legislative process. House members will be using e-mail and phone to reach out to students and encourage them to get involved. The program is designed to help students get involved in the legislative process.

Women's Center to host annual symposium

TCU Women's Center will host its annual symposium on Thursday

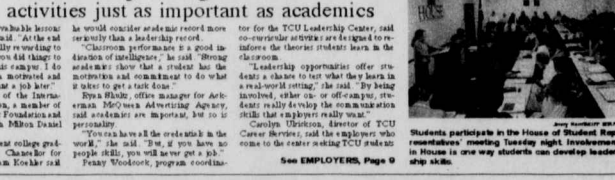
The TCU Women's Center will host its annual symposium on Thursday, October 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The symposium will focus on the theme of "Women's Leadership in the 21st Century." The event will feature a keynote address by a prominent woman leader, as well as panel discussions and networking opportunities. The event is free and open to all TCU students.

THURSDAY MARCH 30, 2000 67th Year - Number 62 High 71 Low 56 Partly cloudy TOMORROW High 62 Low 53 TCU DAILY Skiff TODAY Students usually spend four years before they graduate. They need to get a job before they graduate. They need to get a job before they graduate.

Being well-rounded key to job success

Employers say outside class activities just as important as academics

Students who participate in extracurricular activities are more likely to be hired by employers, according to a survey conducted by a major employer. The survey found that employers value well-rounded students who have developed leadership skills and teamwork abilities through their involvement in campus organizations and community service. The survey also found that employers value students who have developed strong communication skills and a strong work ethic.



Students participate in the House of Representatives meeting Tuesday night. Involvement in one way, students can develop leadership skills.

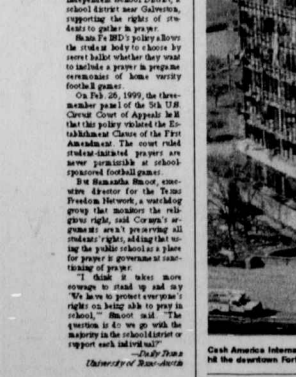
PULSE

Texas Supreme Court to hear appeal of state's abortion law. The Texas Supreme Court will hear an appeal of the state's abortion law on Thursday. The law, known as the "Heartbeat Bill," prohibits the destruction of a human embryo or fetus at any stage of development. The case is expected to be a landmark decision for the state.

AFTER THE STORM

Students get caught in path of twister; two rescue man trapped in rubble

Students who were caught in the path of a twister in downtown Fort Worth Tuesday night are now being treated for injuries. Two rescue workers were trapped in rubble during the storm. The storm caused extensive damage to buildings in downtown Fort Worth, and several people were injured. The rescue workers were trapped in the rubble of a building that was destroyed by the storm. They were rescued after several hours of search and rescue efforts.



Cash America International Inc., 1000 E. Seventh St., was severely damaged by the F-2 twister that hit the downtown Fort Worth area Tuesday night.

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Task force aims to cater to all types of alumni

Students polled about post-grad expectations

A task force is being formed to cater to all types of alumni. The task force will be composed of students and alumni who will be polled about their post-graduate expectations. The task force will be responsible for developing programs and services that meet the needs of all types of alumni, including those who are pursuing graduate degrees, those who are entering the workforce, and those who are returning to school. The task force will be working closely with the university's alumni office to develop these programs and services.

CRUNCH TIME

New vice chancellor arrives just in time for budget process

A new vice chancellor has arrived at TCU just in time for the budget process. The vice chancellor will be responsible for overseeing the university's financial operations and will be working closely with the president and the board of trustees to develop the university's budget for the coming year. The vice chancellor will also be responsible for overseeing the university's financial reporting and will be working closely with the university's internal auditors to ensure the accuracy of the university's financial statements.

INSIDE SMASHING HIT

The No. 24 women's basketball team will face a tough test on Saturday

The No. 24 women's basketball team will face a tough test on Saturday as they play against a top-ranked opponent. The team will be looking to improve their record and will be hoping to secure a win against the opponent. The game will be a crucial one for the team as they look to move up in the rankings. The team will be looking to improve their record and will be hoping to secure a win against the opponent.

FINAL CHANGE

TCU students likely to see a change in the way the university is run

TCU students are likely to see a change in the way the university is run. The university's leadership is planning to implement several changes to improve the university's operations and to better serve its students. These changes include restructuring the university's administrative departments and implementing new policies and procedures. The university's leadership is confident that these changes will result in a more efficient and effective university.

The Wednesday March 29, 2000 edition of the TCU Daily Skiff examined the destruction left by an F-2 tornado that ripped through downtown Fort Worth the night before killing four people and leaving dozens injured.

Staff Reporter Kathryn Garcia was immediately dispatched to cover campus measures during the tornado while Photo Editor Sarah Kirschberg left campus to survey the immediate damage done in the streets of downtown.

Two stories about the tornado graced the front page of the Skiff. One story was from The Associated Press and detailed the destruction left by the twister.

The other story by Garcia reported what safety measures were taken at TCU in the buildings and in the residence halls.

"It was amazing to be in the newsroom that night," Garcia said. "Everyone was working together to get the story. It was the first time I had ever seen the newsroom so unified. It was a good day to be a journalist."

The Thursday March 30 edition of the Skiff had continuing coverage of the effects of the storm on Fort Worth. Staff reporters Courtney Roach and Jaime Walker recounted students' first-hand stories and the city's efforts to recover.

Staff Reporter Chris Gibson also gave a first-person account of his experience during the storm in his downtown apartment.

"Looking west into the horizon, I could see and hear the effects of the tornado," Gibson wrote. "Sirens were blaring, and fire alarms could be seen flashing in buildings now mostly without outer windows, all amidst a puzzling calm sky. I knew we had just witnessed something serious."

