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# Faculty Senate looks for ways to reach out

By Jillanne Johnson  
STAFF REPORTER

Learning to understand the values and attitudes of the next generation is key to reaching students as individuals, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, Thursday during a Faculty Senate meeting.

Mills presented a study of Generation Y, those students who were born in 1982 or later, to the faculty representatives. His presentation included an analysis of the personalities and behaviors of the newest students on campus.

## Presentation on Generation Y targets interaction with students

"Generation Y is socially responsible, finds it important to stay connected to others and is tolerant and accepting of difference," Mills said during his presentation.

Mills said the experiences and education of the freshman class create many challenges for faculty. These students entered TCU this fall with high ambitions but unrealistic ideas about how to reach their goals, he said. They also have more access to knowl-

edge but understand less about how their academic careers connect to their real lives than before, he said.

Because this generation values relationships more than those before them, faculty need to increase the individual interaction with students, Mills said.

"TCU needs to respond by enhancing academic engagement, addressing high risk behavior and preparing students for life after

graduation," Mills said.

Several faculty expressed concern that the current reward system valued their research and teaching and did not provide incentive for service. "The faculty reward system is set up for academic disconnect," Andy Fort, professor of religion, said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said some points will be resolved in current issues like core curriculum reform. Others will need to be ad-

ressed as other issues are resolved.

In other business, Art Busbey, associate professor of geology who chaired the Computer and Technology Committee, briefed faculty on the presentation he made to the chancellor Dec. 7, 2000, concerning the university's needs and priorities for technology.

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### Top Priorities

Some of the top priorities of the Computer and Technology Committee, which included faculty, staff and students are:

- building a centralized technology fund to help in fundraising issues
- revising the Intellectual Property Rights policy to specifically relate to electronic ideas
- expanding the use of student ID cards to other, possibly off-campus venues

*"I'm eating off paper plates because I can't wash dishes. It takes a leap of faith to wash my face in the morning because it's so cold."*

— Donna Butler, Park Ridge apartment manager



A maintenance worker at the Park Ridge Apartments works to find a natural gas leak that has caused hundreds of residents to go without hot water for more than a week.

## Park Ridge Apartments in hot water

Gas leaks cause residents to shower in cold water, seek other bathing options

By Alisha Brown  
SKIFF STAFF

TCU student Morgan Epps had to take one too many cold showers this week. Epps, a junior radio-TV-film and business major, and the other residents of the Park Ridge Apartments have been without the luxury of hot water for seven days and counting.

"It's like ice water," Epps said. "I haven't bathed today."

On Jan. 22, Park Ridge Apartment officials found a leak in the 3,000-foot natural gas line which generates energy for the water heaters for a section of the complex, said Jeff Hacker, general council for BNC Real Estate, Park Ridge's corporate managers. A notice was posted on 348 apartment doors letting residents know the hot water would be turned off the next day.

The first notice did not tell resi-

dents the reasons for the shutdown. "If there was any danger to anyone in any area, we shut it down," Hacker said. "As is basically required, you cut off the gas to the areas to avoid any major problems, like an explosion."

The problem was thought to be small and easily corrected, he said. However, three separate leaks were found, which meant more cold showers for residents.

Another notice was posted thanking residents for their patience and further explaining the situation.

The leaks were repaired in a few days, but when the gas was turned back on, there was no pressure in the line, Hacker said.

"There's another leak but we don't know where it is," Hacker said.

As of Thursday, a decision was

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## Deans' council may reconsider printing policy

Council claims new restrictions were not presented adequately

By Chrissy Braden  
STAFF REPORTER

After student complaints and problems with the new printing policy, David Whillock, interim dean of the College of Communication, said he would try to put the issue back on the deans' council meeting agenda after this week.

Whillock said the deans' council approved the new policy for this semester with the understanding that the policy would only go into effect in the library.

"This wasn't presented well to the deans' council," Whillock said. "When we began doing this, we had no idea what the impact would be."

Students are worried about the 200-page limit being insufficient because some classes require more than 200 pages to be

printed from campus computer labs, he said.

Robert Lusch, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said he has heard a lot of complaints from students, especially MBA students.

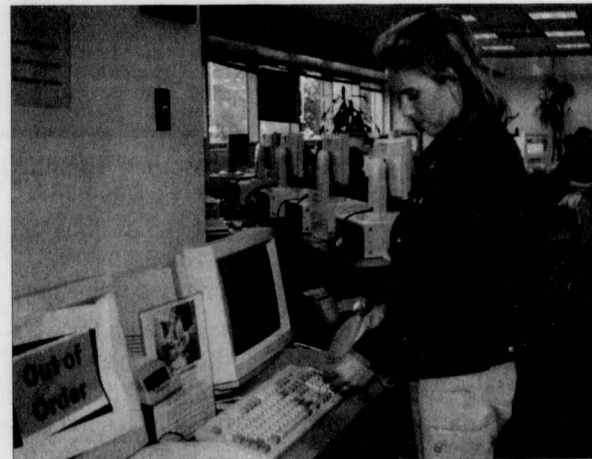
"It's a critical issue," Lusch said. "We may need a larger page limit, but how do we fund that?"

Whillock said he didn't realize how much printing students were required to do for some classes.

"The limit needs to be increased from 200 pages if there are classes that require more," Whillock said. "We tried to take care of one issue and started another one."

Bill Senter, manager of technical services at Information

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Chrissy Braden/STAFF REPORTER

Melinda Edwards, a junior speech communication major, scans her ID Wednesday before printing in the Mary Coumbs Burnett Library. After student complaints and problems with TCU's new printing policy, David Whillock, interim dean of the College of Communication, said he would try to put the issue back on the deans' council meeting agenda next week.

## Jewish students travel to Israel to experience heritage up close

### CULTURAL LEARNING

By Bethany McCormack  
STAFF REPORTER

When Jessica Hartson, a freshman ballet and biology major, decided to travel to Israel during the recent Winter Break, she said she was aware of the recent conflicts in Israel, but she said she didn't really understand the situation.

After returning from the trip, she said she had a better understanding of the country, her heritage and the regional conflict.

Hartson, along with Amanda Wilsker, a sophomore economics major, participated in the trip as part of Hillel, a worldwide Jewish organization located on campus.

The TCU students traveled with 16 other Texas students as part of Regional Hillel of North Texas and about 300 other students from various regions.

Because of the conflict occurring in Israel, some of the students were a little anxious about safety, said Joel Schwitzer, director of Regional Hillel of North Texas.

"When we got there and they

saw that it wasn't like what they saw on CNN, they were put at ease quickly," he said.

Hartson said she never felt in danger on the trip. The group was in constant contact with the Israeli government and had two armed guards with them the entire time, she said.

"At first it felt kind of weird seeing soldiers with guns, but after a while it didn't bother me," she said. "I felt safe knowing that they were there to protect us."

Schwitzer said the only time violence was ever a factor during the trip was when a bomb went off in the city of Netanya the night before the group was scheduled to visit.

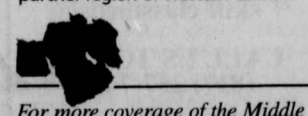
Hartson said the media often makes the conflict in Israel appear worse than it is.

"The media tends to be one-sided and doesn't show both sides of the story," she said. "People think it's an all-out war, but it's not."

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Special to the Skiff  
Jessica Hartson, a freshman ballet and biology major, dances with underprivileged kindergarten students in the city of Acco during the Winter Break. Acco is part of Fort Worth's partner region of Western Galilee.



For more coverage of the Middle East peace process, see  
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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Late Night with David Letterman premieres on NBC in 1982. Letterman left NBC for CBS in 1992, where he currently hosts "Late Show with David Letterman."

### WEATHER

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## Reception to honor religion professor

Lawrence ends 28-year teaching career

By Melissa Christensen  
STAFF REPORTER

As a junior music education major at TCU, Ken Lawrence knew he was going to be a college professor. He just didn't realize how close he already was to that future.

Lawrence, who recently retired as an associate professor of religion, spent the bulk of his teaching career where he made that life decision, right back at his alma mater. Before teaching at TCU, Lawrence served four years with the U.S. Air Force and earned a master's degree at Brite Divinity School and a doctorate at Boston University.

"I had no idea I would return to



Lawrence

TCU," he said. "A career at TCU can be glorious, and it has been for me." The Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the religion department are co-sponsoring a faculty and staff reception in honor of his Jan. 1 retirement at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Faculty Center on the second floor of Reed Hall.

Daryl Schmidt, chair of the religion department, said this is one of the first times the college, in addition to the department, have recognized a faculty member's retirement. Schmidt said Lawrence was key in establishing visual arts as an important component of religious studies at TCU.

"He brought visual arts as another source of learning and made a livelier learning environment," Schmidt said. "He got a lot of

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**PULSE**

campus lines

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

■ **Christopher Young**, head of the organ department at Indiana University, will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall. His program is sponsored by the Sue Wheeler Smith Endowment Fund of TCU and the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Reed Hall, Room 101, or at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Reed Hall, Room 117. Bring paper, pen and your syllabi to the workshops.

■ **The Mortar Board** will have a meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 205. Members are asked to bring pictures or negatives from Mortar Board activities that they would like to include in the scrapbook. For more information call Amanda Gunter at (817) 923-8351.

■ **Campus Conversations on Inclusiveness: International** will be noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 222.

■ **The TCU MBA Open House and Information Session** will be 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 10 in Tandy Hall. Visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/open-house.htm) for more information. To RSVP call (817) 257-7531.

■ **The Second Valentine's Concert** will present the music of Glenn Miller at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in Ed Landreth Hall. Admission is \$8 for the public and \$5 for TCU students, faculty and staff with ID.

■ **TCU students interested in entering a creative writing contest** may pick up contest applications and descriptions in Reed Hall, Room 314, and in Rickel Building, Room 100. Twenty-four prizes totaling near \$3,000 will be given to students who write poetry, fiction, drama and essays. The deadline is Feb. 16.

■ **Clarification:** In the Feb. 1 issue of the Skiff, Gujarat, a state in India hit by the recent earthquake, should have been listed with its location in the western-most part of India.

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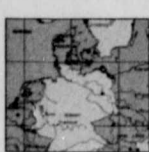


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**WORLD DIGEST**



**Germany to slaughter 400,000 aging cattle**



**BERLIN** — As the European Union criticized governments for taking too long to react to mad-cow disease, Germany said Thursday it would begin slaughtering 400,000 older cattle in a week at the earliest.

Germany's slaughter can begin after slaughterhouses bid to be a part of the program, the Agriculture Ministry said.

Part of a Europe-wide cull, the slaughter will cost \$311 million, the ministry said, with the European Union pitching in just under half the cost.

Germany would usually kill about 4 million cattle a year, but consumers' fear of infected beef has cut demand by half, leaving many farms saddled with unwanted cows over 30 months old — the age group suspected of carrying the disease and targeted in the slaughter.

The EU's top public health official said Thursday that governments were too slow to react to mad cow disease and said he wants EU capitals to provide monthly reports on what they are doing to contain the outbreak.

"It is surely a matter of very great regret that this determination to tackle BSE has taken so long to emerge," EU Health Commissioner David Byrne told the European Parliament.

Other big European beef producers, Ireland and France, are also killing thousands of animals under the program.

**Former Daewoo execs accused of bank fraud**



**SEOUL, South Korea** — Prosecutors arrested three former executives of Daewoo Group on Thursday, accusing them of involvement in falsifying the bankrupt conglomerate's records to take out more than \$8.3 billion in illegal bank loans.

The arrests reflected President Kim Dae-jung's efforts to clean up the murky financial transactions of big businesses and shore up investors' confidence in the South Korean economy, still recovering from the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis.

Daewoo's troubles had burdened Kim's efforts to reform the country's stretched financial institutions, and his three-year-old government recently faced concern that reforms were losing momentum.

After a four-month investigation, prosecutors said various Daewoo subsidiaries concealed debts and exaggerated assets by a total of \$19 billion to illegally take out \$8.3 billion in bank loans before their parent group's collapse in 1999.

Chun Chu-beom and Yang Jae-yol, two former presidents of Daewoo Electronics Co., and former Daewoo Telecom Co. President Yoo Ki-beom

were arrested, accused of falsifying financial records to exaggerate their companies' net worth and taking out a combined \$1.2 billion in badly needed bank loans, prosecutors said.

Kim Se-kyong, a certified public accountant, was also arrested on charges of receiving \$392,000 in bribes from Daewoo executives.

More arrests will follow as other former Daewoo executives and certified public accountants were under investigation, prosecutors said.

Daewoo Group founder Kim Woo-choong, 65, left South Korea shortly after his group's collapse during the Asian crisis. Prosecutors said they were trying to persuade him to return to face charges that he instructed the alleged illegalities.

Daewoo, one of South Korea's largest conglomerates, narrowly escaped becoming the nation's largest-ever bankruptcy in 1999, when domestic creditors agreed to delay repayment of its short-term debt and extend new loans. At the time, the group said its debt totaled \$36 billion at home and \$9.94 billion abroad.

**P.M. Barak halts Israeli, Palestinian peace talks**

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak called off international efforts Thursday to arrange a summit meeting with Yasser Arafat, his aides said, citing continuing violence on a day two Israelis and two Palestinians were killed by gunfire.



One of the aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the proximity of Israel's election Tuesday was another factor in Barak's decision. Some analysts said a summit might have helped Barak's bleak re-election chances. Barak trails challenger Ariel Sharon by a wide margin in polls. Barak's government gave Sharon a pre-election boost Thursday with a report analyzing the beginning of the Palestinian unrest, clearing Sharon of responsibility.

The violence started after Sharon visited a disputed hilltop in the Old City of Jerusalem Sept. 28, declaring the site, where the Al Aqsa Mosque compound sits atop the ruins of the biblical Jewish Temples, belongs to Israel.

In four months of violence, 383 people have died, including 322 Palestinians, 13 Israeli Arabs, 47 other Israelis and one German doctor.

Sharon has demanded that Barak stop contacts with the Palestinians while violence persists. Thursday was the first time since Jan. 15 that at least four people were killed in a single day in the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Palestinians opened fire on a vehicle near the West Bank town of Hebron on Thursday evening, killing an Israeli, the military said. The car was on a road

used by settlers to bypass Palestinian towns when gunmen opened fire next to a Palestinian refugee camp, killing the driver. The Israeli military closed off the area and started searches. Also, a Palestinian was shot and killed, apparently by other Palestinians, near his home in the village of Salfit. Neighbors said he was suspected of collaborating with Israel.

Another Israeli, Lior Atias, 23, was shot and fatally wounded as he picked up his car from a Palestinian garage next to Jenin in the northern part of the West Bank.

Earlier, Ahmed Mouhasim, 22, from the Jabaliya refugee camp next to Gaza City, was killed by Israeli gunfire at the Karni crossing point into Israel, Palestinians said. They charged that Israeli soldiers were firing indiscriminately. The Israeli military said the soldiers were returning Palestinian gunfire.

**Missing USS Cole suspects may be tried in U.S.**

**SAN'A, Yemen** — Suspects wanted in connection with the bombing of the USS Cole will be tried in the United States if they are caught outside Yemen, Western diplomats said Thursday.



Yemen says at least three suspects in the Oct. 12 bombing of the destroyer, which killed 17 U.S. sailors, remain at large and are thought to be abroad.

The United States and Yemen have agreed that any suspects caught by American authorities outside Yemen will be tried in U.S. courts, the diplomats said on condition of anonymity. They did not say when the agreement was reached.

A Yemeni source close to the investigation said U.S. investigators were seeking Yemen's help in tracking down suspects in Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

Yemen has refused a U.S. request that those already in Yemeni custody be tried in the United States. Yemen is preparing to put at least six people on trial for the bombing.

On Thursday, the weekly military newspaper, which is close to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, reported that the criminal investigation was almost over and that the authorities have most of the details of the bombing, including its planning and execution.

These stories are from the Associated Press

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## PEACEFUL STARTS

### Israeli election needs to end violence

President George W. Bush and incoming Secretary of State Colin Powell will be tracking Israel's prime ministerial election Tuesday with an unparalleled intensity.

The outcome of the election could substantially impact the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and change the whole tone of the Israeli government.

If Bush can prove himself as an effective mediator and leader in this conflict, he will gain the respect of the American people and the trust of leaders. If he comes up short in foreign policy, he provides even more ammunition to Capitol Hill democrats ready to shoot him at the first sign of weakness.

In his Senate confirmation hearing, Powell indicated the new administration would take a hands-off approach to peace in the Middle East.

Powell said the President would seek a lasting peace agreement, but there would be a "hard-headed" recognition that the Israelis and the Palestinians are ultimately responsible for agreeing on and maintaining peace.

The Israelis and the Palestinians have been fighting violently and bitterly with each other since the United Nations created the nation of Israel in 1948. Israel's two major parties, the Labour Party, lead by Ehud Barak, and the Likud Party, supported by Ariel Sharon, have been trading power over the years as the Israeli people search for a man who can find peace with Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians.

To these men and the Israeli voters we say: Remember peace, and carry out your elections with dignity and purpose. Select the man you believe will strive with integrity to bring balance and end violence. Then stand by your decision without delay. Your nation and the world will be better for it. We recently learned that lesson the hard way.

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## Re-accreditation taken seriously

### Administration working hard to regain university status, Ferrari says

I read with interest the Skiff editorial Wednesday expressing concern that the university administration may not be taking seriously accreditation matters with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Quite to the contrary, I and others "who have an office on the third floor of Sadler Hall" take such matters very seriously. The self-study process initiated last month is intended to prepare the TCU community thoroughly for a site visit by an external team in the spring of 2003. A steering committee composed of faculty, staff, student, alumni and trustee members and led by Alan Shepard, chair of



Ferrari

the English department, has begun the vital work of planning this comprehensive review. There is no question in my mind that TCU will once again receive full re-accreditation by SACS just as we have since first joining SACS in 1922. Accreditation is a worthwhile and important activity, and the university is investing significant amounts of time, energy and resources to our commitment to continuous improvement. This is not to say that a visiting team in 2003 will not have some recommendations for us. Having been on a number of accreditation site teams over the years, I know this is to be expected with any accreditation visit at any institution. In 1993-94, the SACS team urged that the university develop additional "outcome" measures which can document how well TCU fulfills its mission. This is not always a simple task, and most universi-

ties struggle with developing such measures. Since we have a relatively new mission statement, the steering committee will examine closely how well we "educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community." During the past few years, several of our colleges, schools and programs have received highly favorable re-accreditation assessments in their disciplines, including business, engineering, computer science, nursing, social work, nutrition and dietetics, Brite Divinity School, education and NCAA athletics. The recently completed year-long study of the Commission on the Future of TCU

was an effective planning and evaluation effort that provides a solid baseline for the SACS review. It might be well to keep in mind also that the regional "reaffirmation" (or re-accreditation) process is a standard practice in self-improvement that occurs in every college or university every 10 years. The Skiff editorial states that TCU is "still not in compliance with the accreditation criteria that were set in 1994." This is inaccurate. We are in compliance with SACS accreditation criteria and therefore continue to be fully accredited by SACS. I expect such accreditation to continue in the future.

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## New crosswalk ineffectively placed

### University, city need to combine walkways to help students, staff

Sometime last October, I noticed that a City of Fort Worth traffic construction crew had painted a new crosswalk at the south end of the intersection of Bowie Street and South University Drive. The existing crosswalk at the north end of the intersection, which was in dire need of repair, was simply sandblasted away.



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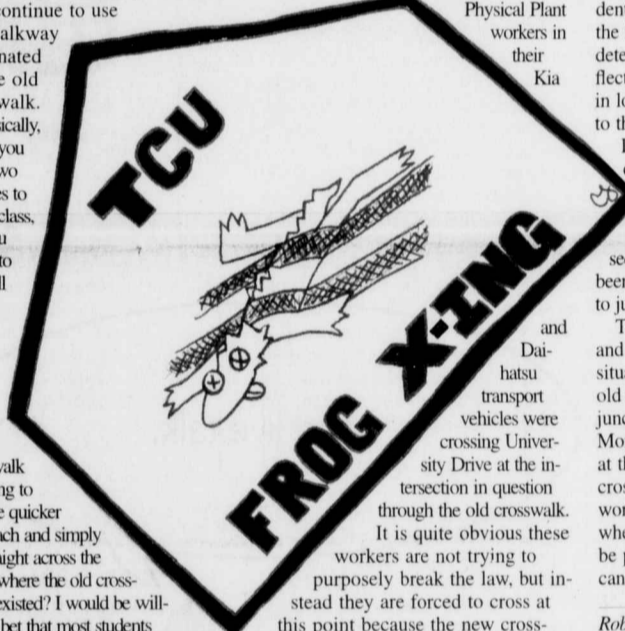
I found this event rather curious since the new crosswalk seemed to only benefit the pedestrians who intended on visiting the retail strip located near the intersection, whereas the old crosswalk served as a major crossing point for students going to classes on the south side of campus. Diana Vazquez, Fort Worth Traffic Operations Coordinator, said the City of Fort Worth worked with Willet Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for Plant Management, and she determined the safest decision for students would be to do away with the old crosswalk and establish a new crosswalk on the other side of the intersection. Additionally, all cars on Bowie Street would be prevented from turning left onto University, which would keep them from driving over

the new crosswalk — thus reducing the amount of oncoming traffic pedestrians would have to negotiate. At first, this reasoning seems to make sense. However, on second thought, it is apparent that even though the new crosswalk has been created to keep students out of harm's way, a majority of students will continue to use the walkway designated by the old crosswalk. Basically, when you have two minutes to get to class, are you going to go well out of your way and use the new crosswalk or going to use the quicker approach and simply go straight across the street where the old crosswalk existed? I would be willing to bet that most students would choose the second option. Therefore, it is imperative the

City of Fort Worth and TCU not compromise students' safety by trying to ignore one of the major walkways of the campus. On another note, it appears this situation does not solely apply to students, but to Physical Plant workers as well. I have noticed several occasions this semester where Physical Plant workers in their Kia transport vehicles were crossing University Drive at the intersection in question through the old crosswalk. It is quite obvious these workers are not trying to purposely break the law, but instead they are forced to cross at this point because the new crosswalk does not have ramp access points on both sides of University

Drive like the previous crosswalk afforded. While this factor may have simply been an oversight by TCU and the city, it still remains as an argument as to why the old crosswalk should be reinstated. Just last year, a car struck a student while he was crossing the street using the old crosswalk. This accident happened in the evening, and the fact that the old crosswalk was deteriorating to the point that its reflective material was difficult to see in low light might have contributed to the accident's occurrence. It seems rather absurd that instead of repairing the reflective material on this crosswalk, the city destroyed it and placed a new one on the other side of the intersection. However, it might have been more cost effective and smarter to just repaint the old crosswalk. To please the students, the city and TCU, the best solution for this situation would be to reinstall the old crosswalk, and use it in conjunction with the new crosswalk. Moreover, ramps should be installed at the entry points for the new crosswalk to benefit Physical Plant workers and any students using wheelchairs. At TCU, safety should be paramount, and this little step can do nothing but further that goal.

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## Bush should be given benefit of doubt before being written off

It's the year 2001, and due to the efforts of our nation's greatest president ever, Bill Clinton, the national debt has been paid, homeless shelters are empty, Americans no longer pay more than 40 percent of their income in taxes, unemployment no longer exists and justice has been restored to the government. On the other hand, after only his first week in office, our new president, George W. Bush, has managed to repeal Roe vs. Wade, re-institute slavery, ban all immigration from Mexico, abolish women's suffrage and start World War III. Oh, and did I mention that the New York Giants won the Super Bowl, O.J. Simpson is innocent and JFK committed suicide?



Sargent

If you don't already get the point, I hereby grant you permission to discontinue reading this article. But, for those less delusional who immediately recognized the obvious exaggerations and outright lies mentioned above, I would like to point out a few things. Throughout the past year and during the last two months, there has been an onslaught of unmerited attacks against the leadership abilities and, to a greater degree, the mental capabilities of our current president. There has also been an incredible amount of undue praise given to our former president. (Disclaimer: I am not nor will I ever be a Republican). The point I'm trying to make is that, as much of a crooked, lying, adulterous, dishonorable, sorry excuse for a leader I thought Clinton was, I can't totally deny he did some good for this country. Likewise, as dumb, inarticulate and conservative as many would like to label Bush,

I think we should at least give him a chance to prove or disprove himself worthy of the position he earned. So many of us were so quick to forgive Clinton for his mistakes but already cannot forgive Bush for the mistakes he hasn't even made yet. In the near future our president will be faced with crucial decisions concerning the military, the United Nations, the Middle East crisis, the present state of the economy, Supreme Court justice appointments, and so many other things. The most appropriate time for making damning judgments against our president would be sometime after he actually makes these decisions. Maybe Bush is the dumbest thing ever to happen to America, or maybe he'll prove to be (and I think he already has begun to) the exact opposite of all that we've expected.

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## Bush contradicts own ideals

As we proudly cross the bridge to the 21st century and survey the landscape before us, I feel queasy. The Chief Executive Officer, civilian head of the military, ultimately the negotiator of treaties with other states, was installed into office by a 5-4 vote by the Supreme Court. Even counting the party line vote of the highest court in the land, George W. still trailed Al Gore by 500,000 votes. Relying on a slogan of "compassionate conservatism" and a plethora of malapropisms and other verbal miscues, Bush managed to quip and sneer his way through what must be described as the most forced and unintelligent debates I've seen since junior high school. George W. presided over the execution of nearly 150 prisoners while he served as governor of Texas, yet this is the man who claimed Jesus Christ was his most influential political philosopher. At least one of these executions violated international law. Other executions were carried out on prisoners whose lawyers were asleep during trial or were carried out on mentally challenged prisoners. Something tells me that Jesus was not a fan of capital punishment, and he would really frown upon a man who would mock a converted member of his flock after her death. If you believe in the sanctity of human life, then

you must believe it for all human lives, regardless of the actions of those people. It follows the same logic as free speech, you must support it all the time. While I'm not from an Ivy League school like Harvard or Yale, I do see a contradiction in his ideas, and I'm not talking subject-verb agreement either. How can a man who excuses his own criminal actions as youthful indiscretions preside over executions where the condemned committed crimes at a younger age than Bush when he, at 27, went AWOL from the Texas Air National Guard? Now I've heard the Vietnam police action got bloody, but really, deserting while fighting to maintain air superiority of Texas? A man with nerves like that has no business leading our country's military. Furthermore, he has completely denied any illegal drug use since 1974. This in effect begs the question: What about pre-1974? Bush was a bachelor jet pilot who rarely completed any assignment given to him in the National Guard, known for his prowling of the Houston upper-crust females. Given the limited criticism of marijuana use by presidents over the years, I don't believe it a stretch that in the parlance of

their times, Bush might have used coke during those crazy disco days. Compassionate conservatism is an interesting philosophy for one such as Bush to espouse. Since I don't see him forgiving any drug users for their sins, in fact stiffening the penalties for first time cocaine possession, I wonder if that phrase means what he thinks it does. Given his propensity for mis-speaking, I assert that the concept he meant is better expressed by the phrase "conservative compassion." That would make more sense in view of his record while proudly serving his country in Vietnam via Texas and again as governor of Texas. If the Republicans can push things like "personal responsibility" onto the poor and youthful of America, then that leaves more for their own youthful indiscretions, in some cases reaching into their 40s. A-ha, the fog slowly recedes, and we see that our emperor wears no clothes (at least in pictures of him dancing on bars). Christ Dobson is a senior history and political science major from Arlington. He can be reached at (c.p.dobson@student.tcu.edu).

## Correction

The TCU Daily Skiff inaccurately identified Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis in Wednesday's paper. Lewis was found not guilty of murder in January.

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### TCU Crime Blotter

Jan. 25 through Jan. 29, 2001

TCU Police reported the following offenses between Jan. 25 and Jan. 29, 2001.

**Computer crime**  
Jan. 26, 12:45 a.m. — A person off campus reported that his computer was hacked into by a user on the TCU server. The hacker changed the complainant's personal password and kicked the complainant off the Internet. The complainant is an employee for an Internet service provider company.

**Disorderly conduct**  
Jan. 25, 8:38 a.m. — A student from the Brite Divinity School called TCU Police after receiving numerous harassing phone

calls. The student said he would just like his phone number changed.

Jan. 29, 2:42 p.m. — Someone had left a death threat on the voice mailbox of a TCU professor. The professor received the call at her office in the Moudy Building South. The professor obtained the phone number of the caller from CAMPUSLINK. The professor told police she called the number back and recognized the voice on its answering machine.

**Property crime**  
Jan. 26, 7:14 a.m. — A student reported that her gray Honda Accord was vandalized. Profane words were written on the window of the car, which was parked at the Foster Hall parking lot. The words

were written with white shoe polish. The damage on the car is less than \$1,500.

Jan. 29, 2:35 p.m. — A female student reported to TCU Police that her car's tires were slashed. The vehicle was parked at the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community parking lot. The damages on the vehicle were estimated at less than \$1,500.

**Traffic**  
Jan. 29, 2:35 p.m. — A car was reportedly struck by an unidentified motorist at the Wiggins Hall parking lot. There was no estimated damage reported.

*This report was compiled by Staff Reporter Ram Luthra.*



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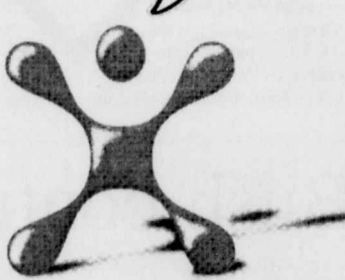



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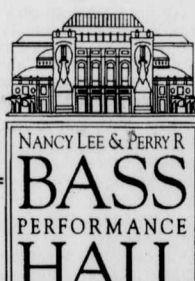
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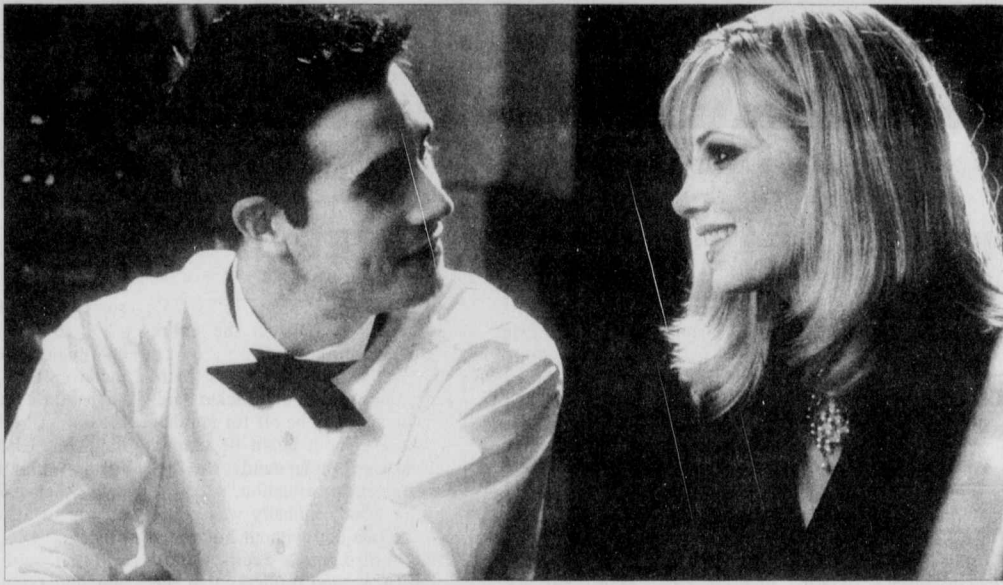
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## Head Over Heels

By Malcolm Ritter  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Head Over Heels" is a romantic comedy about the very complicated relationship between a young woman and a man she comes to suspect of murder. Subtle, it isn't.

You know our heroine Amanda (Monica Potter) is in love when her knees buckle and she gets tongue-tied, babbling, "I've got the runs" when she means to say, "I've got to run."

She meets her true love, Jim (Freddie Prinze Jr.), in an apartment building lobby after a Great Dane knocks her down and tries to get friendly — well, more than friendly — with her.

Later, a group of attractive young models hide in Jim's shower stall — don't ask why — gagging as they and the audience are treated to the sounds of his potty in loud and grotesque detail.

You probably don't want to take mom to this movie. It's also a little too silly to work as a mystery; you never really believe the guy killed anybody.

And the romance at its core doesn't quite click on screen, despite Potter's fine performance. Blame Prinze — handsome as always, but unconvincing as a lover.

But if you like bawdy humor and the chance to ogle four models who spend an awful lot of time dressed very, very well, this movie may be for you.

Potter, who played opposite Robin Williams in "Patch Adams," stars here as an art restorer who's unlucky in love. She shares a fantastic apartment with four models (Sarah O'Hare, Shalom Harlow, Ivana Milicevic and Tomiko Fraser) who need only hold up a restaurant check to make guys scramble for it. Their motto: "We don't pay, we're models."

**Freddie Prinze Jr. and Monica Potter star in "Head over Heels," which hits theaters across the nation today.**

Amanda falls in love with neighbor Jim, whom she can conveniently spy on through her apartment window.

In a shameless rip-off of the Hitchcock classic "Rear Window," Amanda believes she sees Jim kill a woman during one of these spying sessions. The cops don't buy it, so it's up to Amanda and her model friends to find out the truth while she pursues her romance with him.

The plot folds in some international intrigue and finally gets exciting toward the end, including the capture of some genuine bad guys at a fashion show.

"Head Over Heels," a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13. It contains sexual language and sensual images (and let's not forget that Great Dane). It's directed by Mark Waters ("The House of Yes"). Four — count 'em — people are responsible for the story and script: Ed Decter, John J. Strauss, Ron Burch and David Kidd. Running time: 87 minutes.

## Dead of Winter

By Christina Hager  
SKIFF STAFF

One by one, the bodies are found. They are cops, each murdered in a unique yet equally brutal way. Their bodies left beside morbid death cards. The small town of Loon Lake has become target for a psychopath's vengeance, and with each body found, everyone still remains a suspect.

In P.J. Parrish's newest novel, "Dead of Winter," only one man seems fit to solve this puzzle, Detective Louis Kincaid. A young and hardheaded police officer seeking a calmer life in the once-quiet town, Kincaid received a spot on the police force to replace the first victim.

Now, a target himself, he is assigned to the case in a race against time to stop the madman from killing again. However, nothing seems to go Kincaid's way. He is assigned a partner, Jess, who is obviously the chief's favorite member of the squad. However, Jess is wild and unstable, and he thinks with his instincts and fists instead of his head.

Kincaid is forced to rely on this hothead, while trying to understand why the ever-so-posh and intelligent chief would hire, and respect, such a man. This in itself causes great controversy.

While Kincaid is hot on the trail of the maniacal police killer, he is also butting heads with his chief, an ominous and odd character named Gibraltar. He spouts about Haiku and chess in the same breath as threatening to revoke Kincaid's badge. Besides his troubles with the chief, Kincaid also encounters a beautiful and intriguing woman named Zoe, who threatens to take his mind off the case.

However, upon finding out he is a cop, she throws him out of her cabin and refuses to speak with him again. Frustrated and utterly alone in a strange town where even his own chief does not trust him, Kincaid resolves to do anything to find the killer — even if it means risking his own life and badge.

"Dead of Winter" starts off with anticipation and suspense as the killer strikes within the first three pages. From then on the reader is hooked.

The story, gripping and dynamic, twists together details from Kincaid's past with the troubles behind the seemingly quiet police force to create a compelling and creative plot line. The reader is left guessing the killer's true identity until the last pages and is swept away with the author into the deep, darkness of winter.



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## Bestsellers

According to Publishers Weekly

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "A Day Late and a Dollar Short" by Terry McMillan (Viking)
2. "A Darkness More Than Night" by Michael Connelly (Little Brown)
3. "From the Corner of His Eye" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
4. "Special Ops" by W.E.B. Griffin (Putnam)
5. "The First Counsel" by Brad Meltzer (Warner)

### NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
2. "Body for Life: 12 Weeks to Mental and Physical Strength" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (Harper Collins)
3. "Ice Bound" by Jerri Nielsen (Talk Miramax Books)
4. "Life Makeovers" by Cheryl Richardson (Broadway)
5. "An Hour Before Daylight" by Jimmy Carter (Simon and Schuster)

### MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Brethren" by John Grisham (Dell Island)
2. "Hannibal" by Thomas Harris (Dell)
3. "O is for Outlaw" by Sue Grafton (Ballantine)
4. "The Attorney" by Steve Martini (Jove)
5. "The Scottish Bride" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)

### TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus III (Vintage)
2. "We Were the Mulvaney" by Joyce Carol Oates (Plume)
3. "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz (Amber-Allen)
4. "Talking Dirty with the Queen of Clean" by Linda Cobb (Pocket)
5. "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chavaler (Plume)

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## Remember when...

Entertainment highlights from Sunday to Feb. 10:

- In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened on Broadway, with Lee J. Cobb in the role of Willy Loman.
- In 1964, The Beatles made their first live U.S. television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." It's estimated 73 million people tuned in to watch the band perform five songs, including "I Want To Hold Your Hand."
- In 1969, the "supergroup" Blind Faith was formed, featuring Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker and Steve Winwood.
- In 1971, the Bob Dylan film "Eat the Document" was shown at the New York Academy of Music.
- Also in 1971, the Osmonds received their first gold record, for "One Bad Apple."
- In 1980, Pink Floyd performed "The Wall" tour for the first time in the United States. The band only did shows in Los Angeles and New York.
- In 1990, singer Billy Idol shattered a leg and broke an arm when his motorcycle hit a car in Los Angeles. Police said Idol ran a stop sign and wasn't wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.
- In 1992, New Kids On The Block filed a slander suit against a former producer, who claimed they didn't do much singing on the "Hangin' Tough" album or during New Kids concerts.
- In 1993, both Mick Jagger and Paul McCartney released solo albums. Jagger's was called "Wandering Spirit" and McCartney's was titled "Off The Ground."
- Also in 1993, Michael Jackson revealed during a live TV interview with Oprah Winfrey that he has a disorder that destroys the pigmentation of his skin.

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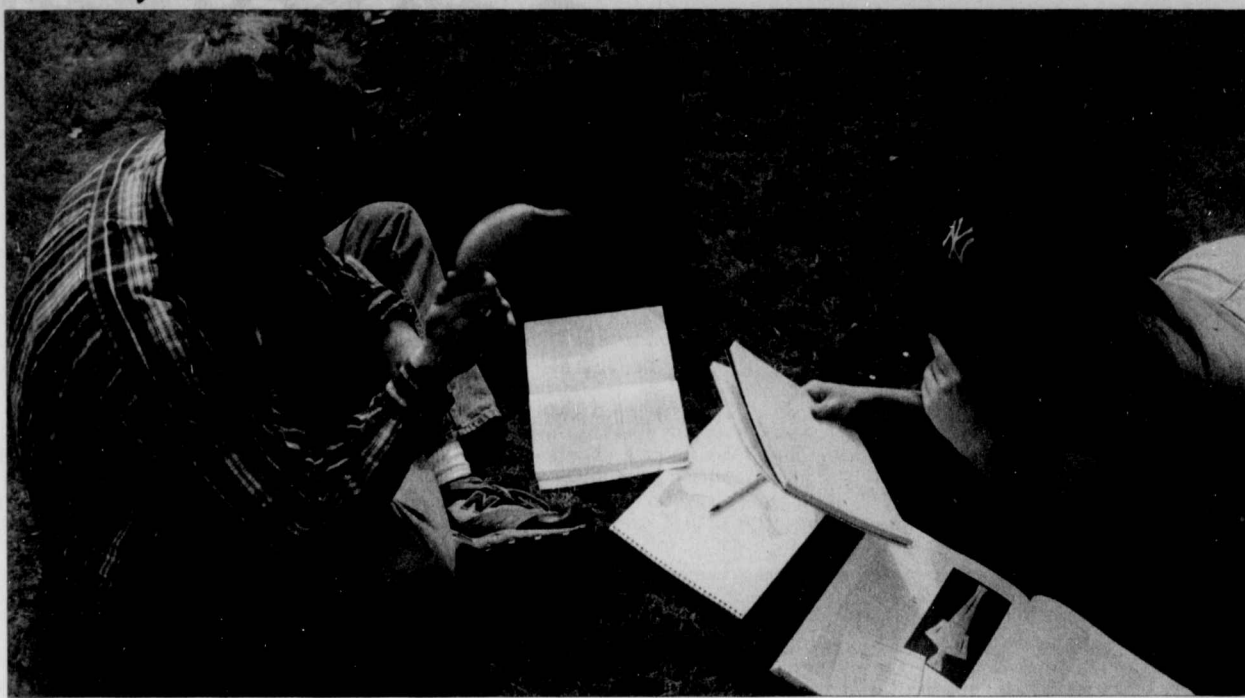
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**What rhymes with banana?**



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Doug Sharkey, a sophomore premajor, discusses poetry about a banana with Correy Jefferson, a freshman graphic design major, Thursday afternoon.

**PRINTING**

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Services, said a possible solution for students in classes that require a lot of printing is to credit their IDs with additional print-outs based on which classes they are enrolled in.

"An option is manual intervention," Senter said. "It would not be easy to implement, but the system would allow it."

Amanda Emerson, a sophomore English major, said she has to print out a lot of essays and copies of poetry for her classes. She said the new policy unintentionally penalizes people for their choice of major.

"I've been talking about it with professors and most of them feel the same way," Emerson said.

Adrienne Anderson, a senior political science major, said that if the new policy was not in place and the additional charges for printing were added to tu-

ition, people would complain about the higher tuition. She said the cost for printing is money saved on other things.

"If people have a lot to print out, then they probably didn't spend much on books," Anderson said.

Senter also said more printers could be added to labs where lines form because of the new system in classes.

Whillock said he hoped the deans' council would discuss other options to limit careless printing on campus, but still keep a printing limit from being an educational obstacle.

"We're working to find the best option for students," Whillock said. "I know what caused this issue, but I don't know how to resolve it."

He said a lot of the problems with the new policy had not been considered when it was approved.

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**WATER**

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made to reconstruct the entire gas system, he said.

"We've got crews out there digging right now," Hacker said. "The gas may be off for another two days or it might be longer. Everyone understands the urgency of this situation."

So what originally was going to be one day without hot water has turned into a week. A third notice warned residents that the hot water may be out for another seven to 10 days.

TCU students who live in the apartments have had to resort to showering at friend's apartments, boiling hot water, taking cold showers or not showering at all.

Roommates Kristen Lawrence, a junior speech pathology major, and Erica Schweer, a junior ballet and modern dance major, said they have been driving to their friends' apartment in Oak Hill to bathe.

"They pay for their hot water," Lawrence said. "So it's an inconvenience for them too. We have to come over when they're home and not at work or school."

Lawrence said there are five people showering there every day.

But not everyone has friends outside of Park Ridge with showers they can use.

The complex is split into two parts. Of the 565 apartments, 217 have electric water heaters, and six of those are unoccupied, apartment manager Donna Butler said. Residents can get a key from the office and use one of the showers in those apartments 24 hours a day. When the office

is not open, the gatekeepers have the keys.

Junior psychology major Jason Helstrum has used the showers from the unoccupied apartments, but he said it is an inconvenience just the same.

"I didn't come here to live in the dorms," he said. "If there's a long line, I have to boil water. I fill up the bathtub halfway with cold water and put the hot water on top of it. It's an hour long process."

Butler said she is concerned and understands, but the situation is out of her control.

"I live here too," she said. "I'm eating off paper plates because I can't wash dishes. It takes a leap of faith to wash my face in the morning because it's so cold."

The problem is being dealt with as quickly as possible, Hacker said, with the safety of the residents being the first priority.

But when it comes time to pay rent, no decision has been made on whether any compensation or deduction will be offered, Hacker said.

Hot water is the only utility that Park Ridge is responsible for providing, Butler said. Heating, electric and phone utilities are handled by individual residents. Helstrum said he would like reduced rent but does not expect it. Other residents are not as understanding.

"I don't know about anyone else, but I'm not paying for rent," Lawrence said. "I worked really hard this summer to be able to move out and be on my own. We pay rent, and we want hot water."

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**RETIREMENT**

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people without artistic inclinations to be interested in the arts."

Schmidt said that knowledge of the arts came from self-teaching, mostly through traveling to and sponsoring student groups in countries such as Italy, Greece, Turkey, France, Germany, England, Scotland, Holland, Switzerland and Kenya.

"He felt that by standing in front of any object, you could learn to see it as a window to an entire culture, almost like a time machine," Schmidt said.

Lawrence received 19 teaching awards during his 28-year career at TCU, including the national T.A. Abbott Award for Excellence in Teaching, the TCU Honors Program Professor of the Year, the Student Foundation Excellence Award and the TCU Student Body Faculty Award four times.

Schmidt said Lawrence's legacy is more than just educational. Lawrence often sponsored dinners at his home for faculty and graduating seniors.

"As a professor, he helped to build a department that appreciates collegiality among the faculty," Schmidt said. "We're more than teachers; we're a group of colleagues."

Lawrence's professional life is

far from over, however. He is currently working as an educational and arts consultant at University Christian Church and is in the process of completing two books.

"I could've taught longer, but there were some things I wanted to accomplish yet," he said. "I really have no intention of living in a quiet village on the coast of Florida."

Lawrence refers to one of the upcoming books tentatively titled "Meaning in Western Religious Art" as his *magnum opus*, his most important work.

"I've written previous articles that were very specific," Lawrence said. "This work is exciting because it is more broad. It helps people to understand how powerfully religions express themselves in the arts."

Lawrence, or Lorenzo as his colleagues and students call him, said he plans to continue his close relationships at TCU, particularly because he works across the street.

"I'll miss students and other professors sticking their heads in my door and saying, 'Hey Lorenzo, what do you think of this?'" he said. "But since I'm not moving away, I can keep those relationships."

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**BIRTHRIGHTS**

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However, Wilsker said she does not believe the media misrepresents the situation.

"(The media) can't make it seem like there is nothing going on when there is so much controversy," she said.

Wilsker said while some people on the trip supported the idea that Israel must be under Jewish control, she does not. She now favors a peace agreement.

"Honestly, I didn't think much about the conflict before the trip," she said. "But going and seeing people worried - something needs to be done."

Wilsker said one highlight of the trip was visiting the Western Wall, also known as the Wailing Wall, in Jerusalem during a mass prayer for peace. She said she

saw hundreds of people praying out loud in Hebrew.

The Western Wall was one of the most religiously significant events of the trip, Hartson said.

Hartson said she chose to go on the trip to learn more about her religion and meet other Jewish students from North Texas. She said the experience made her interested in having a better relationship with God.

The trip was part of the birthright israel program. Schwitzer said the program sends Jewish adults on a free trip to Israel, provided they are between the ages of 18 and 26 and have not previously visited the country in an organized group trip. The program began in December 1999. This was the third cycle of trips for birthright israel.

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## Frogs return to play after nine days off Conference-leading women look for eighth-straight victory, second over Tulsa

By Kelly Morris  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It's been nine days since the Western Athletic Conference-leading women's basketball team played a game, but senior forward Janice Thomas said she is anxious to once again take the court. "The layoff was good for us," Thomas said. "Although we would have preferred to keep playing, we still benefited from the break. We had really good, productive practices where we worked on our offense and defense. "Our time off allowed us to take care of our little injuries and our personal business." With 7.3 rebounds a game, Thomas leads the Frogs in rebounding. Tonight's game at Tulsa will mark the

season's final meeting between the Golden Hurricane and the Frogs. Before the Frogs' layoff, the team defeated Tulsa 71-54 Jan. 23. Freshman guard Ebony Shaw said the team must come out with a stronger start this time as TCU (14-4, 6-0 WAC) allowed the Golden Hurricane to shoot 50 percent from the field in the first half of their last meeting. "We didn't start the game like we wanted to against Tulsa," Shaw said. "After playing the last game, we learned that we have to jump out early and jump out with good defense against (Tulsa) if it's going to be our game." Similar to the Frogs, Tulsa (5-13, 2-5 WAC) hasn't played a game in four days. The game will be the 15th meeting be-

tween the two teams. The Frogs lead the series 8-6, but since Tulsa's first season in the WAC in 1996-97, the Frogs are just 1-3 when playing at Donald W. Reynolds Center. Tulsa is 1-2 at home in the WAC and is averaging 56.2 points a game. Junior forward Leela Farr leads Tulsa, averaging 11.3 points a game. Shaw said even though Tulsa and the Frogs haven't played a game in a few days, she doesn't expect the game's tempo to be affected. "I think if one team had been playing a lot of basketball, and the other had a lot of time off, it would be a problem," Shaw said. Freshman forward Tiffany Evans said she is looking forward to playing on the

road. "From what I've heard, Tulsa is one of the hardest places to play because of their loud fans," Evans said. "Although it's hard to play on the road, we always seem to play well together no matter where we are. "If something goes wrong, there is always someone else there to pick us up. If we stay focused, come out strong and stick to our game plan, we will get a win tomorrow." For the first time in school history, the Frogs received votes in the *Associated Press* Top 25 poll. In the Jan. 22 rankings, the team registered two votes.



File photo  
Junior forward Tricia Payne attempts to drive to the basket in practice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The women's basketball team plays the Golden Hurricane at 7:05 p.m. tonight in Tulsa.

### inside the numbers

**4.7**

Steals a game by junior guard Greedy Daniels. Daniels is leading the NCAA in average steals a game.

**20**

Three-pointers needed by senior forward Ryan Carroll to become TCU's all-time three-point leader.

**65**

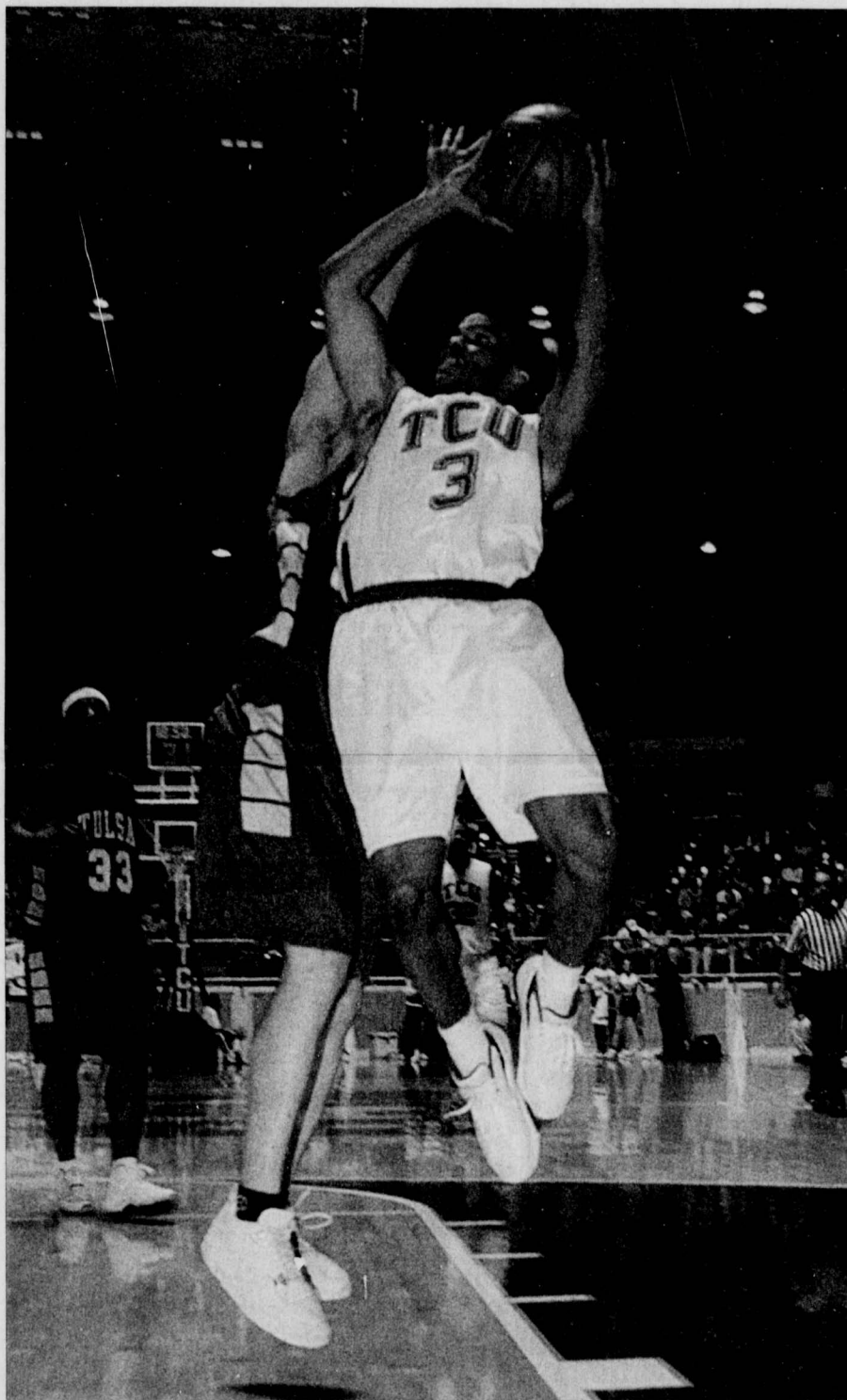
Points needed by Ryan Carroll to surpass Gary Turner and become TCU's seventh-highest scorer in history.

**68**

Blocked shots by senior center Derrick Davenport this season. Davenport is averaging just more than three blocks a game.

**95.1**

Points scored a game by the Frogs going into Thursday night's win over Tulsa. The Frogs are averaging the most points a game in the NCAA, just ahead of Duke.



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior point guard Thomas McTyer draws contact from a Tulsa defender as he makes a layup Thursday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. McTyer scored 12 points as the Frogs defeated the Golden Hurricane 93-87 in overtime.

## Overtime win keeps TCU alive

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

TCU head coach Billy Tubbs turned around and brushed his shoulder. Along with nine Tulsa shots, the monkey had been swatted away. "Is (the monkey) there?" Tubbs asked. "I don't see it anymore." The Horned Frogs defeated Tulsa 93-87 in overtime to end a six-game losing streak to the Golden Hurricane.

With the win, the Frogs move into a tie for second place in the Western Athletic Conference.

Against a team that owned them the previous four meetings, the Frogs managed to hang around and prevent another blowout with timely shooting and hustle around the basket.

Senior forward Ryan Carroll drove into the lane, spun around and nailed a jump shot with 20 seconds left that gave the Frogs their first lead of the second half. Carroll's shot (only his second field goal of the game) was set up by a steal by senior forward Myron Anthony, who played perhaps his best overall game of the season. With Tulsa leading 79-78 with 59 seconds left, Anthony stripped Tulsa's Kevin Johnson of the ball.

Senior guard Thomas McTyer, who scored nine of his 12 points in overtime, said the win gives the Frogs much-needed confidence.

"We know we can play going down the stretch with anybody now, especially Tulsa," McTyer said.

Tulsa had a chance to put the game away in the closing minutes. Leading 79-74 with 1:48 to play, the Golden Hurricane missed on two consecutive one-and-one free-throw opportunities. The Frogs responded with baskets after each miss, and cut the lead to 79-78 on two Davenport free throws.

On Tulsa's next possession, Anthony stole the ball and set up Carroll's jump shot.

Leading 81-79 with four seconds to play, TCU allowed Tulsa's Greg Harrington to drive the length of the court and beat the buzzer with a layup, forcing overtime.

McTyer, who missed a free throw that would have given the Frogs an 82-79 lead, responded in the extra session. McTyer scored nine of TCU's 12 overtime points, including 6 of 6 from the free-throw line. McTyer drained a three-pointer with 1:44 left in the extra session to give TCU a four-point lead that seemed to break Tulsa's back.

TCU outrebounded Tulsa 43-41. Against a team that dominated the Frogs inside last season, Davenport and, Anthony, in particular, responded with much-needed performances. Anthony consistently hustled and fought for rebounds. After recording 14 rebounds in three losses to the Hurricane last year, Anthony grabbed 13

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### Sports glance A look ahead at what's going on in TCU athletics next week.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Women at Tulsa 7:05 p.m.	Men's at UTEP 7:05 p.m.			Women vs. UTEP 7 p.m.		
		Women at Baylor 1:30 p.m.					Women vs. BYU 2 p.m.
	vs. Texas Tech in Houston Enron Field 11 a.m.	vs. Baylor in Houston Enron Field 11 a.m.	vs. Texas in Houston Enron Field 4 p.m.			vs. Missouri Southern 2:05 p.m.	
	Men at Texas 6 p.m.	Women vs. North Texas 7 p.m.					
	Cougar Invitational in Houston						



## TOP FROG

### Davenport's stats

- Points: 26
- Rebounds: 11
- Blocks: 6
- Steals: 2

Senior center Derrick Davenport led the Frogs in scoring with 26 points in Thursday night's 93-87 win against Tulsa. In three games against Tulsa last season, Davenport scored a total of 31 points. He provided the Frogs with a consistent offensive and defensive presence in the low post, something they sorely lacked in the previous four losses.



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# Swimming teams prepare for last meets before championships

By Colleen Casey  
SKIFF STAFF

While the men's and women's swimming teams prepare to finish the regular season this weekend, the championships that will come in three weeks will be on the athletes' minds.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said neither the men nor the women will have to worry about the competition they'll face this weekend.

The women's meet against North Texas Saturday is expected to result in another win, Sybesma said.

Junior backstroke and individual medley swimmer Jamie MacCurdy said she believes the UNT meet will give the women an opportunity to end the season on a good note.

"I think we'll look back and realize that we had a great season," MacCurdy said.

"It will give us an opportunity to swim some off events and just race our best."

MacCurdy's time of 4:26.40 for the 400 individual medley is ranked No. 26 in the nation.

Sybesma said MacCurdy is the top contender for the women to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

The women's most recent meets included a win over Houston 183-109 Friday and a 128-111 loss to conference-rival Rice Saturday.

The men are coming off losses to No. 10 Florida and No. 22 SMU. The men travel to Austin to race against No. 1 Texas today.

Sophomore sprinter and backstroke swimmer Aaron Ewert said he doesn't believe beating Texas is a realistic goal.

"We'll all just go out and fine-tune

our strokes," Ewert said. "This is everyone's last chance to race before the championships."

After Texas, the men will begin shortening their practices for the next three weeks in preparation for the National Independent Championships Feb. 22 to 24. The Independent Championships are the men's equivalent to the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

The men will then return to Austin for the American Short Course Championships before individual qualifiers participate in the NCAA Championships March 22 to 24 in College Station.

Sybesma said he expects two or three qualifiers from both the men and women to attend the NCAA Championships.

"I have individual expectations for everybody on the team," Sybesma said. "Getting to the championships is what we're all here for."

The women will participate in the WAC Championships Feb. 22 to 24 before they too head to Austin for the ASC Championships and then to the NCAA Championships March 15 to 17.

Sybesma said one of the most crucial times for his swimmers is the time they spend focusing on storing the energy they'll need during their final competitions.

"I've never had to baby-sit them," Sybesma said. "They all know they need to be doing the things a champion does."



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Kim Miller practices her butterfly technique during practice in the Rickel Building. The women's swimming team competes against North Texas at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel Building.

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## MEN'S B-BALL

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Thursday night.

"Myron really played well," Tubbs said. "He stepped his game up."

Tubbs said the Frogs' ability to rebound keyed the victory. During their previous four losses, including an 82-66 loss on Jan. 6, the Frogs were outrebounded by an

average of 10 rebounds a game.

Tulsa jumped out to an early 16-9 lead. Throughout the first half, the Golden Hurricane seemed to answer every TCU challenge with a three pointer. The Frogs responded by shooting 0 of 9 from beyond the arc. When sophomore guard Bingo Merriex tied the score at 40 with a three-point play, Tulsa responded with three consecutive three pointers.

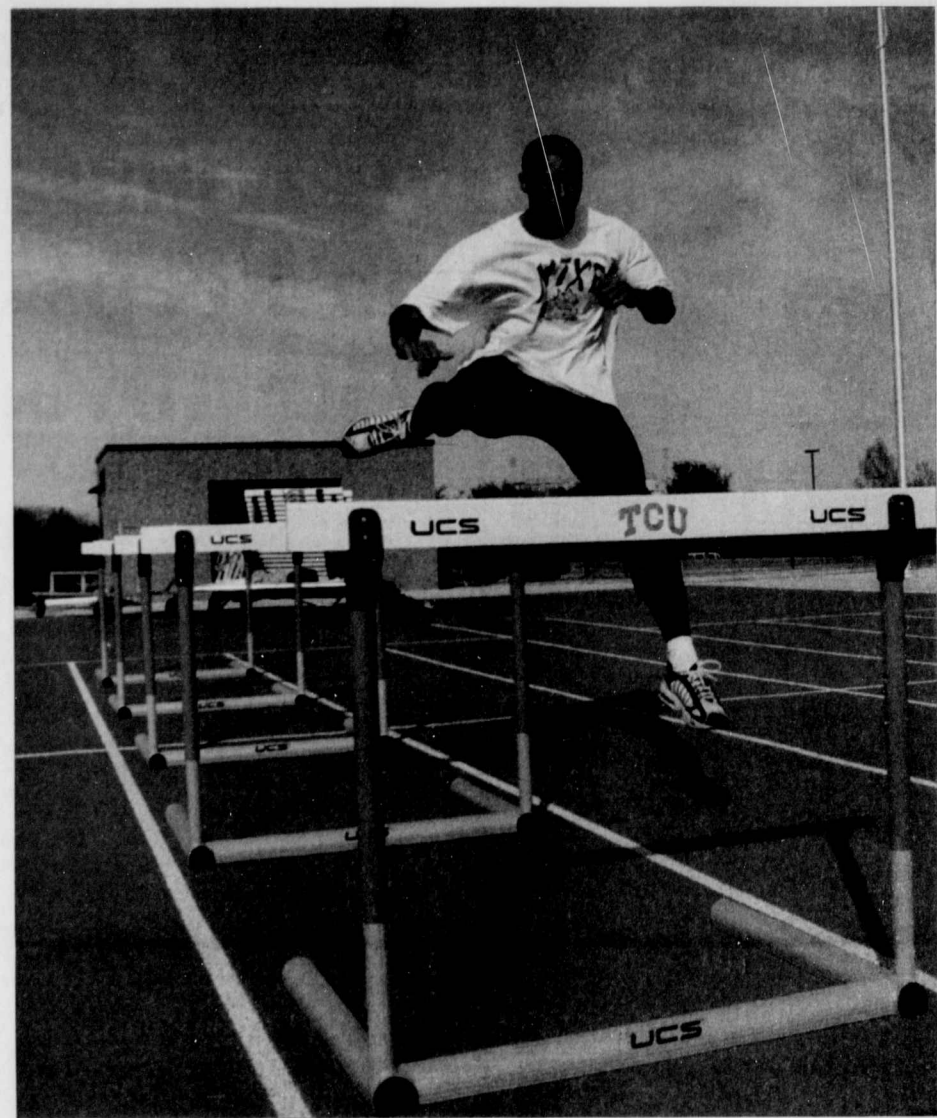
During the second half, TCU

switched from its 2-3 zone to a man-to-man defense and stepped up its pressure. The Frogs held Tulsa to a lower field goal percentage (55 to 52 percent).

"I think that's the best I've seen TCU's half-court defense," Tulsa coach Buzz Peterson said. "They did a good job of double-teaming Johnson inside."

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Freshman Reggie Harrell runs the hurdles in practice Thursday. The No. 2 Flying Frogs compete Saturday at the Cougar Indoor Invitational in Houston. The Frogs are coming off seven first-place finishes at the Oklahoma Indoor Classic. Four TCU athletes recorded NCAA provisional qualifying times in Oklahoma. The Cougar invitational consists of three other squads in the Top 20: No. 1 Arkansas, No. 11 Texas and No. 13 Texas A&M. Next weekend, the Frogs travel to Fayetteville, Ark. to compete in the Arkansas Invitational.

## Internet recruiting allows coaches first-hand look at potential players

By Jaime Aron  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

For years, the merger of recruiting and the Internet has meant rumor-mongering on chat rooms and message boards, or up-to-the-second information from sites that rank prospects and keep tabs on where they're headed.

Now, there's a new breed of Web sites that coaches are actually turning to for help — recruiting databases.

These services are the online equivalent of newspaper want ads, listing all sorts of information from players across the country who are searching for scholarships. Think of it as eBay listing 18-year-olds for auction to the college with the best offer.

From zero to \$90, players can post their athletic resume, some pertinent academic details and some personal facts. Most sites charge extra for upgrades such as video clips.

Each site tries to be unique. FootballProspects.com does mass mailouts to schools across the country. College Recruiting.com gives players their own e-mail address and makes it easy to e-mail as many

schools as they choose. A bonus for recruiters are the filters many sites offer that enable them to scan for variables such as position, size and grades.

The companies make no guarantees to their clients. All they offer is exposure.

"Once the communication process begins, we've done our job," said Nick Cohen, president of CollegeRecruiting.com. "Our goal is just to get the student noticed and give recruiters opportunities to find the right students."

Before Dustin Hall signed up with Cohen's company, he'd heard from about five schools. Since then, the lineman from Midland Christian has received more than 30 letters.

Although he's made several campus visits, he's still waiting for an offer.

"I've e-mailed schools through the system and I've written personal letters," Hall said. "I've found out that the more you send them, the more they think you're interested."

Carlous Stone is another believer. The coach of Class 5A San Benito has seen the Internet provide his players with more exposure than

guys usually get in the Rio Grande Valley, an area that produces fewer college standouts than the rest of the state.

"How many bushes can you actually beat?" he said.

Stone has six players listed on FootballProspects.com, including his son, Caleb, who plans to attend Division I-AA Stephen F. Austin. The other players are of lower-caliber, but are being wooed by NAIA colleges from Kansas and Iowa.

"Those schools got their information from somewhere," Stone said. "The only place I can attribute it to is the Internet."

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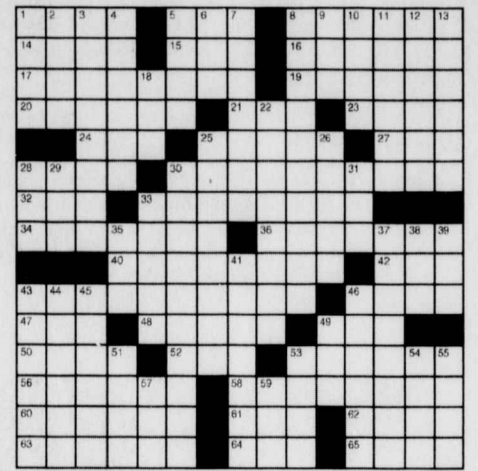
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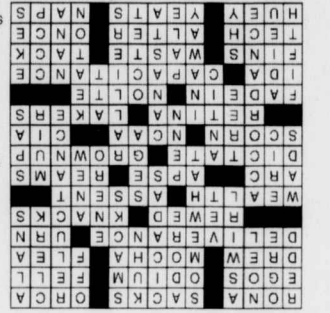
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"The peace process has been going on since 1993, and the men involved are bound by the agreements that have been made and the steps that have been taken in negotiations. You can't just derail the process. It's a matter of who is willing to negotiate for what — who gets what and who gives what."

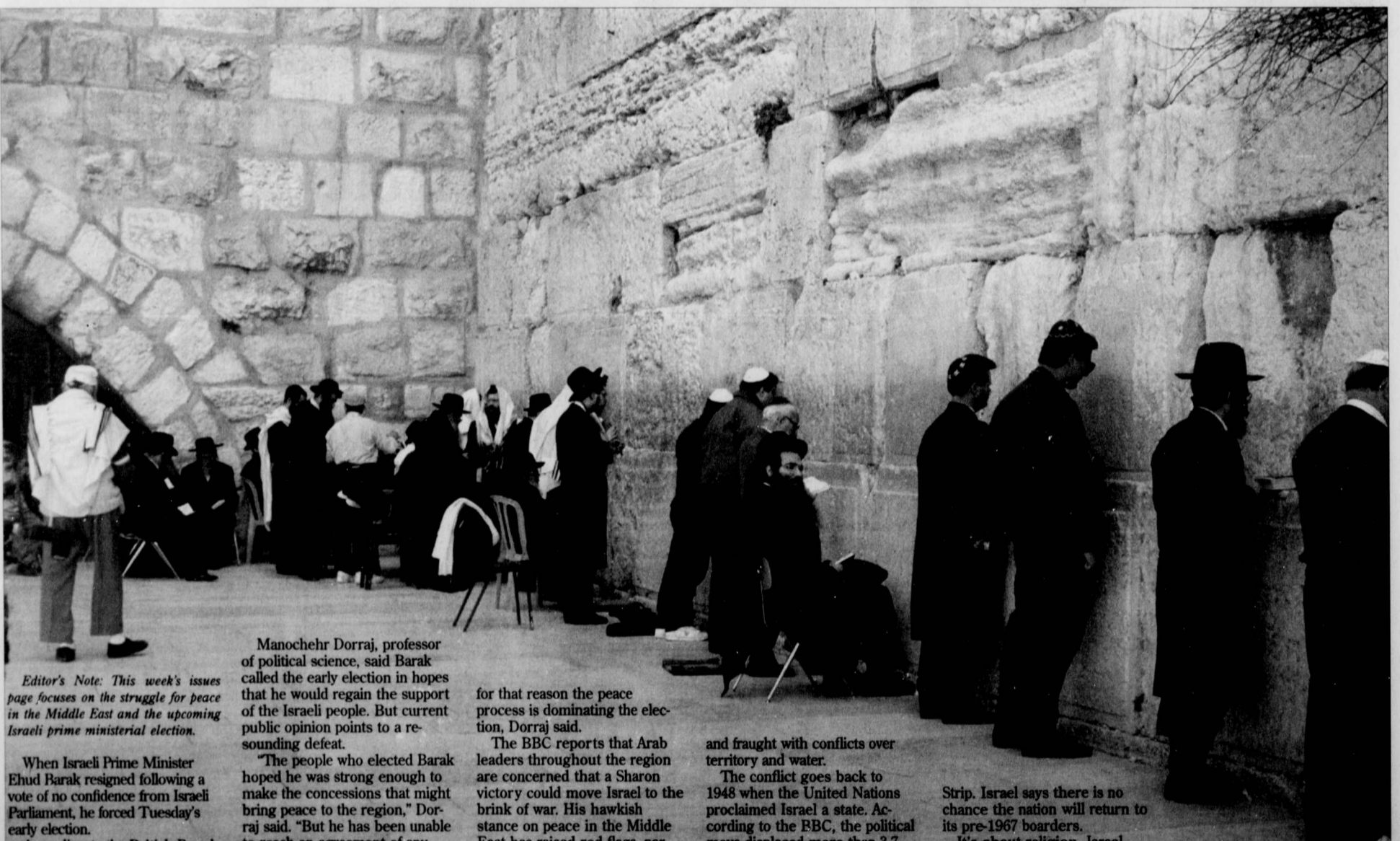
Manochehr Dorraj  
Professor of Political Science



The Israeli flag waives at the Israeli-Egyptian border near Eilat.



# PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?



Editor's Note: This week's issues page focuses on the struggle for peace in the Middle East and the upcoming Israeli prime ministerial election.

When Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak resigned following a vote of no confidence from Israeli Parliament, he forced Tuesday's early election.

According to the British Broadcasting Company, his decision offers Israeli citizens a chance to either renew their faith in him or select his opponent Ariel Sharon, the head of the main right-wing party, the Likud.

Barak, the leader of Israel's Labour Party, was originally elected as prime minister in 1999 on the platform he would bring peace to the region, but violent conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis has continued to escalate.

Manochehr Dorraj, professor of political science, said Barak called the early election in hopes that he would regain the support of the Israeli people. But current public opinion points to a resounding defeat.

"The people who elected Barak hoped he was strong enough to make the concessions that might bring peace to the region," Dorraj said. "But he has been unable to reach an agreement of any kind. The Israeli people have begun to question his legitimacy as a leader, and he may not be able to recover those votes."

Polls indicate Barak's challenger, Sharon, has a commanding lead in the race, with the *Jerusalem Post* reporting "nothing short of a miracle will ensure a Barak victory."

Barak's inability to reach a peace agreement with the Palestinians is one of the major catalysts for the early election, and

for that reason the peace process is dominating the election, Dorraj said.

The BBC reports that Arab leaders throughout the region are concerned that a Sharon victory could move Israel to the brink of war. His hawkish stance on peace in the Middle East has raised red flags, particularly in Lebanon, where he led Israel's invasion of the country in 1982. Sharon, whose recent visits to Jerusalem's holy sites sparked a cycle of violence in the region, said if he is elected he will reverse most of the concessions Barak has made to the Palestinians.

Israeli society is no stranger to deeply-rooted, derisive political battles. In a country riveted by political strife, politics are weighed with religious overtones

and fraught with conflicts over territory and water.

The conflict goes back to 1948 when the United Nations proclaimed Israel a state. According to the BBC, the political move displaced more than 3.7 million Palestinians. For the two sides the conflict is about land. Israel captured East Jerusalem in 1967. Although the Israeli government has proposed giving municipal powers to the approximately 310,000 Palestinians who live in the region, Palestinians want total control.

It's about policy. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat wants Israel to return the territories it seized in 1967, which include the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip. Israel says there is no chance the nation will return to its pre-1967 borders.

It's about religion. Israel wants to annex portions of the West Bank for Jewish settlements. Arafat wants the communities to be dismantled.

It's about fresh water. Both groups rely on the water aquifers that run through the West Bank. Palestinians want more access. Israelis say the area cannot give up the land.

Dorraj said the election is of global importance because the overall political stability of the region could be dependent upon

who wins the election.

"The world will be watching," he said.

"Who ever is elected may hold the key not only to the continuation of a peace agreement, but also to whether or not, in a worst-case scenario, there would be a further polarization of the various parties."

# Breaking new ground

A special section of the *TCU Daily Skiff*  
Friday, February 2, 2001

With head coach Lance Brown starting his 15th season at TCU, Horned Frog baseball appears to be changing. A new baseball facility is on the horizon, but the Frogs must make adjustments to keep up with the changing college game



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The Horned Frogs are coming off their worst season under head coach Lance Brown. The Frogs were 22-34 last season.



**The Starting Nine**  
 > Player Name: Jason Price  
 > Height: 5-10  
 > Weight: 175  
 > Position: Catcher  
 > Key 2000 stat: .290, 53 hits, 3 HR and 27 RBI



[Breaking New Ground]

# Pondering change

*After years of coaching with his mind on the offense, Brown is forced to coach 'small ball'*

By **Brandon Ortiz**  
SKIFF STAFF

All-time winningest coach with 420 wins.

Two Southwest Conference Coach of the Year honors.

One SWC title.

Took TCU to its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1956 in 1994.

Head coach Lance Brown has been able to accomplish some impressive feats in his time at TCU.

When Brown was hired in 1986, the Frogs were on their fifth coach in 12 years. Brown is now in his 15th year as coach.

"I am pleasantly surprised at being able to stay here as long as I have," Brown said. "Maybe if we get our new field we will move into a new era."

The highlight of his coaching career came in 1994 when his team went 14-4 in SWC play and won the title.

Times have changed, and the game has changed at TCU.

Since the 1994 season, the Frogs have only finished above .500 twice in conference play. The Frogs suffered through their worst overall season with Brown as head coach last season, going 22-34 and finish-

ing next to last in the Western Athletic Conference.

The next step was to figure out where the problems were and fix them.

**If you build it...**

"It's gotten difficult the last three or four years to recruit because of facilities," Brown said. "We have gotten a lot of good athletes to come in here but when they see the facility — I think maybe that is the most important single item you have in recruiting.

"If you can't play at night, if you don't have a big-time stadium like these other people have, it just makes each year a little more difficult to get the top quality athletes in here."

Brown said the lack of a "big-time" stadium has led to the program's inability to attract top recruits. TCU can no longer compete for local area talent like it once did in the mid 1990s, he said.

"Years ago when (we were getting some of the) great players in the area, our facilities were as good as anybody other than Texas or (Texas A&M)," Brown said. "We were on a run where we were recruiting this area and recruiting it well. (But), we have started losing out on those people and it has accumulated. You start to lose out on one or two people every year.

"So you sort of keep it together, but you sort of see it going downhill at the same time because you are not getting the same quality that you have before."

But lack of a new stadium did not hinder Baylor and Rice, both nationally ranked programs, from having success before building new stadiums. Baylor posted a 41-20-1 record in 1998 and was 50-15 in 1999 after upgrading the Baylor Ballpark.

Rice went to the College World Series in 1999 at 59-15 and in 1998 with a 46-17 mark.

Brown said programs out of state, like Alabama, Louisiana State and Southern California, have also dipped into the Dallas/Fort Worth area talent pool.

"If you look at where (the top) players are going, they signed with

(the top programs)," he said. "But if you bring a person over here that can go to Alabama, or to LSU, and you show them our facility (they're not going to come here). I don't care where they live. They could live one block from the campus, and they are not going to come here because they got better opportunity."

Baylor managed to pluck Dallas/Fort Worth area gems like pitcher Chad Hawkins (11-5, 1.82 ERA) of Fort Worth Southwest and closer Zane Carlson (1-2, 2.28 ERA, 15 saves) of Highland Park. The Bears also recruited Jason Jennings, who was 1-3 with a 3.44 ERA at Double-A and 7-10 with a 3.47 ERA at Single-A last year in the Colorado Rockies' minor league affiliates.

In its annual draft report card for the Rockies, *Baseball America* reported that Jennings had the best debut, best power and was closest to the majors.

Rice recruited serviceable righthander Jeff Nichols from Duncanville. When Nichols was healthy, he was 15-4 with a 4.84 ERA in 1999.

Brown said he did not know if the promise of a new stadium is enough to get top recruits to TCU.

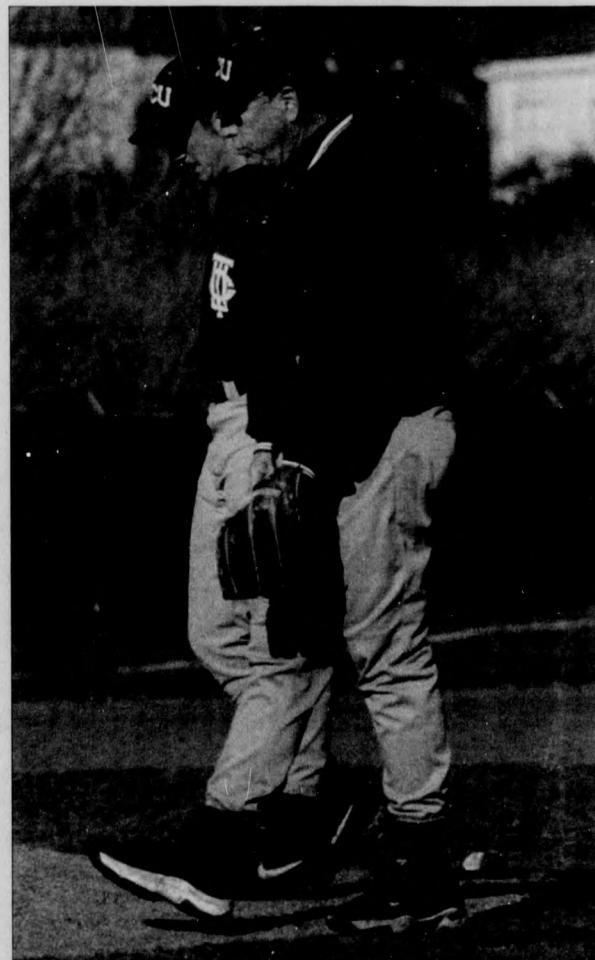
"It has been a struggle, and I don't know if we can get people on the promise of a new stadium or if we have to get the stadium to get the people in here," Brown said.

Until the new stadium is built, the program will try to develop players already on the squad and fill in holes with freshmen and junior college transfers, Brown said.

"Where we are right now, which is a fairly good situation, is that this year we may only lose one or two of our nucleus of players," Brown said. "So if we just bring in a few players, I think we are at a good point because we do not have to replace a whole squad. Hopefully we can get a few names in here to fill in and by the time the stadium becomes a reality, then you are at a point where you can bring in large numbers (of freshmen)."

Senior pitcher Chad Durham said the new stadium will be a tremendous help to recruiting.

"That is the only thing we are missing," Durham said. "A lot of



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Head coach Lance Brown is starting his 15th season at the helm of TCU's baseball team. He is the Frogs all-time winningest coach with 420 wins.

high school players are immature, and they only care about where they play. Once we get the stadium (it should help)."

Durham said playing night games in front of big crowds is a big deal, too.

**Changing to small ball**

Brown's teams have always been characterized by the long ball. Lots of them.

Under Brown's watch, the Frogs have broken most every major offensive record in program history. The 1996 squad broke school records in runs scored (538), hits (739), RBI (478), doubles (151), total bases (1110), stolen bases (134) and base on balls (382). The 1998 team broke team records with 76 home runs and 33 triples.

But the Frogs have also set a school record in errors (130 in 1996)

and posted an ERA over 6.00 four times with Brown as head coach.

The Frogs continued to win, however, because of their offense.

"Our track team is known for its sprinters, and we were known for our bombers," Brown said. "If you wanted to beat us, you were going to have to score 11 or 12 runs."

After the NCAA changed regulations for aluminum bats to reduce offense just before the season started last year, the Frogs run production fell dramatically. The pitching did not improve significantly, and the team ranked last in the WAC in pitching with a 5.53 ERA.

They were 6-29 when opponents scored more than five runs, but 15-6 when they held opponents to less than five runs. The team's fielding was not much better than the pitch-

**Brown's Box**

*Lance Brown has spent 14 years as the head baseball coach at TCU. Below is a look at some of his baseball accomplishments.*

- All-time winningest coach at TCU with 420 wins
- Two-time Southwest Conference Coach of the Year
- Led TCU to NCAA Regionals in 1994
- Has produced six major league products from TCU
- One of two to be named both SWC Player and Coach of the Year
- All-American pitcher who spent three seasons in the Chicago Cubs organization
- Threw batting practice at the 1995 All-Star Game at the Ballpark in Arlington



### The Starting Nine

- ▶ **Player Name:** Walter Olmstead
- ▶ **Height:** 6-4
- ▶ **Weight:** 225
- ▶ **Position:** First baseman
- ▶ **Key 2000 stats:** .239, 1 HR, 7 RBI and .980 fielding percentage



[Breaking New Ground]

### Around the Horn

The Frogs were 6-29 last season when opponents scored more than five runs, but 15-6 when they held opponents to less than five runs.

### C-USA Teams

**Alabama-Birmingham**  
Location: Birmingham, Ala.  
Enrollment: 15,850  
Founded: 1969  
Nickname: Blazers  
Colors: Green and gold  
2000 Record: 28-32

**Cincinnati**  
Location: Cincinnati  
Enrollment: 35,000  
Founded: 1819  
Nickname: Bearcats  
Colors: Red and black  
2000 Record: 35-25

**East Carolina**  
Location: Greenville, N.C.  
Enrollment: 17,479  
Founded: 1907  
Nickname: Pirates  
Colors: Purple and gold  
2000 Record: 46-18

**Houston**  
Location: Houston  
Enrollment: 30,757  
Founded: 1927  
Nickname: Cougars  
Colors: Scarlet and white  
2000 Record: 48-18

**Louisville**  
Location: Louisville, Ky.  
Enrollment: 22,000  
Founded: 1798  
Nickname: Cardinals  
Colors: Red and black  
2000 Record: 17-37-1

**Memphis**  
Location: Memphis, Tenn.  
Enrollment: 20,052  
Founded: 1912  
Nickname: Tigers  
Colors: Blue and gray  
2000 Record: 15-37



Shortstop Eric Macha



# New Surroundings

## Baseball team begins final trek through WAC

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

TCU coaches have tabbed the 2001 baseball season as one of adapting. Adapting to a young pitching staff and a lineup of position players relatively short on experience.

However, the real adaptation will come next year when, along with all TCU athletic teams except soccer, the Frogs will move into Conference USA. Once there, TCU will have to adapt to new competition, a new media environment and a new travel schedule.

Not that TCU has not been there before. Fifteen-year head coach Lance Brown, who guided the Frogs into the Western Athletic Conference following the breakup of the Southwest Conference in 1996, said he anticipates the move.

Brown said C-USA's commitment to improvement is what sold him on the league.

"The atmosphere is so much better because C-USA is determined to be one of the best baseball conferences in the nation," Brown said. "The WAC sort of evolved into one, but I don't think it set out to be. C-USA is determined to make TCU baseball big-time."

Junior second baseman Erick Macha said he looks forward to playing in C-USA.

"The WAC's a good conference, but we're leaving for a better one," Macha said. "It will be good to go to the East Coast."

Along with TCU, East Carolina will join C-USA baseball in 2002. The conference will then field 12

baseball programs: Houston, Tulane, Southern Miss, North Carolina-Charlotte, South Florida, Cincinnati, Alabama-Birmingham, Louisville, Memphis and Saint Louis.

Houston, which joined C-USA as a charter member in 1996 after the SWC disbanded, has seen its baseball team thrive in C-USA. Head coach Rayner Noble, who led the Cougars to a 48-14 record last year, including the C-USA regular and postseason championships and a berth in the NCAA Super Regionals, said C-USA is slowly developing into a strong conference.

"C-USA is getting better, but it still isn't quite as strong as some of the top leagues like the (Southeastern Conference)," Noble said.

Though now enthusiastic about the expansion, Noble said he did not like the idea initially.

"I was a little concerned with who would be invited," Noble said. "I think (C-USA) will benefit, though. ECU is one of the premier teams in the nation. In TCU, I see a program that could evolve."

During the previous two seasons, competition in C-USA has been tough. Noble said parity throughout the league has been the norm.

Last year, Houston and Tulane advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Tulane has made four consecutive NAAs, and last year Houston became the first C-USA team to advance to the Super Regional round.

Since forming in 1996, C-USA has averaged two berths in the NCAA Tournament and all 10 schools have posted at least one

winning record.

The WAC, however, has three College World Series berths while C-USA is still looking for its first. San Jose State advanced last year, and Rice in 1998 and 1999. Houston came within a game of the CWS, losing to San Jose State.

Noble said C-USA plays a traditional style of baseball, one rooted in pitching and defense.

"We're not a flashy league," Noble said. "We don't try and reinvent the game. Personally, I think that's the way the game of baseball should be played."

When TCU accepted a bid from C-USA in October of 1999, officials said increased media coverage would be one of the primary benefits. C-USA has schools in media centers like Chicago, New Orleans and St. Louis.

Noble said C-USA has increased Houston's national media exposure and has benefited the program.

"It gave the program a breath of fresh air," Noble said. "We got out from under the shadow of Texas and Texas A&M. Once we put together a strong schedule and won, it put us on a national stage."

Brown and TCU anticipate a similar reaction, primarily in recruiting and exposure.

"It's hard for us to (compete east of Texas) because no one wants to go to a school they've never seen play," Brown said. "Maybe now we can get a kid from Mississippi or Alabama because they'll have seen us play or seen teams in our conference."

The hardest part of the transition for the Frogs will come in having to learn an

entirely new set of opponents. Brown, who guided TCU's transition into the WAC, said the Frogs will spend more time this year scouting C-USA teams. TCU will play C-USA members Houston and North Carolina-Charlotte this season.

"The WAC plays a little more of a California-style of ball: bunting and hitting," Brown said. "We'll be watching to find out what styles they play in C-USA."

Brown said players tend to worry more about bad hops and wind when playing in new ballparks.

"Each field is different: how the wind blows, how the ball carries, if the park is deep or small," Brown said. "The more you play there, the more comfortable it becomes. Then the worries become about the other players, not the field."

Getting to those fields proved difficult in the WAC. With teams on the Pacific coast, the WAC's most consistent complaint became travel.

Noble said travel in C-USA is not much better.

"It's serious travel, especially being on the southwest edge of the conference," Noble said. "(Travel) is probably the biggest negative about C-USA. It's hard for our fans to come see us."

Brown said the C-USA travel schedule would be an improvement over the WAC in several areas. Brown said the Frogs would make five trips (six counting the conference tournament), which is the same number they make in the WAC. However, Hawaii will not be on the list.

While Macha lamented

### C-USA Teams cont'd

**North Carolina-Charlotte**  
Location: Charlotte, N.C.  
Enrollment: 16,395  
Founded: 1946  
Nickname: 49ers  
Colors: Green and white  
2000 Record: 32-25-1

**Saint Louis**  
Location: St. Louis  
Enrollment: 11,100  
Founded: 1818  
Nickname: Billikens  
Colors: Blue and white  
2000 Record: 19-34

**South Florida**  
Location: Tampa, Fla.  
Enrollment: 37,000  
Founded: 1956  
Nickname: Bulls  
Colors: Green and gold  
2000 Record: 29-29

**Southern Miss**  
Location: Hattiesburg, Miss.  
Enrollment: 14,000  
Founded: 1910  
Nickname: Golden Eagles  
Colors: Black and gold  
2000 Record: 32-26

**Tulane**  
Location: New Orleans  
Enrollment: 11,300  
Founded: 1834  
Nickname: Green Wave  
Colors: Olive green and sky blue  
2000 Record: 38-22-1

—Compiled from  
(www.c-usa.org)



Senior pitcher  
Chad Durham

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**Around the Horn**

In 1996, the TCU offense broke seven team records: runs scored, hits, RBI, doubles, total bases, stolen bases and walks



**The Starting Nine**

- Player Name: Rudy Ontiveros
- Height: 5-8
- Weight: 180
- Position: Second baseman
- Key 2000 stat: Transferred to TCU from New Mexico State



[Breaking New Ground]

# Power adjustment

*Once relentless, TCU offense takes on new look*

By Colleen Casey  
SKIFF STAFF

With the absence of consistent power hitters in the lineup this season, head coach Lance Brown said his philosophy of relying on home runs to build the team's offense has gone down the drain.

Last season, college players had to adjust to aluminum bats that had been altered to hit similar to the wooden bats used professionally.

Because of this adjustment, Brown said this season he's focusing on the quality, not quantity, of long-range hitting.

"We have changed our philosophy from day one," Brown said. "We have a better knowledge of the strike zone, and we're not as free-swinging."

Since the equipment change last season, the team made shifts in the way players, such as graduates Mark Hamilton, Levi Groomer and Shaun Wooley, played.

With those hitting contributors, Brown said he felt comfortable allowing them to swing away, especially with the bases loaded.

"We had a team with individuals that did well," Brown said. "(This season) we're equipped to bunt, hit and run and be effective with the new equipment."

Brown said the quality of hitting he's seen during practices has gone up and down.

"All our players are not familiar with bunting and hitting with the new equipment," Brown said. "Our recruits have had to adjust, since they were really recruited as power hitters."

Brown said his top three hitters are junior shortstop Eric Macha, senior catcher Jason Price and senior outfielder Tom Bates.

In 2000, Bates hit .340 with six home runs, and Macha hit .316 with eight triples and 16 stolen bases.

Price, another contributor last season, said the team hasn't lost much offensively, and he said the adjustment will not limit the team's capability.

"We won't necessarily look for replacements (for departed players)," Price said. "I don't see the adjustment to the bats to be a

problem at all either."

Price said he expects the team to adopt a philosophy based more on strategic hitting, which is not dependent on home runs. However, he also said home runs will not be completely abolished from their game.

Bates said this philosophy will help make the team hit better, make smarter choices and not commit costly errors. "This season we're definitely on the upside," Bates said. "We won't see as strong of leaders, but the middle of our line up is strong."

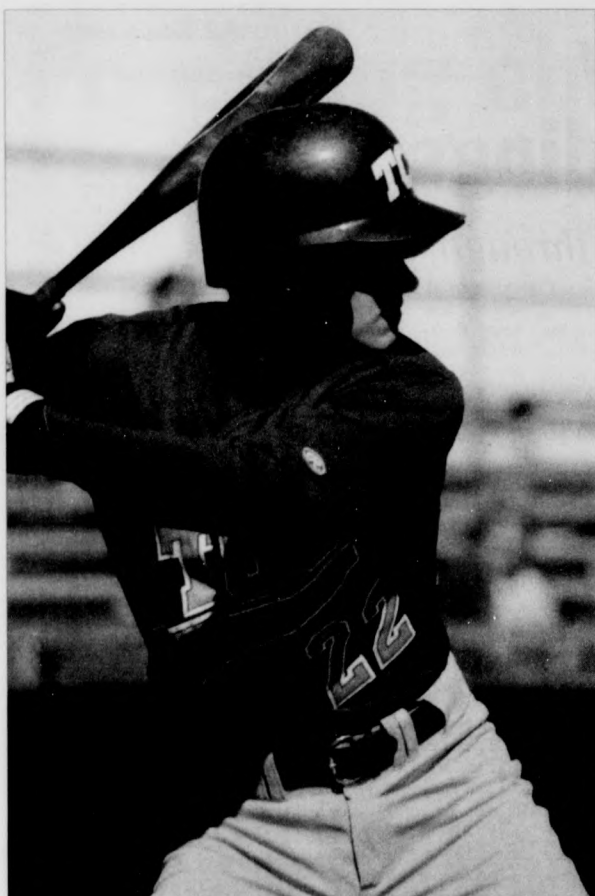
Bates said there isn't one strong point to the team, but he said he thinks this team will be successful as long as they continue to improve the quality of offense, defense and pitching.

"I think our pitching has improved since last year. We have very good assets in all areas, and we'll always be looking to improve them, especially our offense."

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**"This season we're definitely on the upside. We won't see as strong of leaders, but the middle of our line up is strong."** —Tom Bates, senior right fielder



Erin Munger/SKIFF STAFF

Junior shortstop Erick Macha hit better than .300 last season and was fifth in the Western Athletic Conference in stolen bases.

# WAC BASEBALL STATS

TEAM BATTING									
G	Avg	OB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	
Nevada	57	.342	.429	512	707	82	467	262	350
Rice	66	.296	.364	376	660	50	350	214	389
Fresno St.	61	.293	.372	384	623	33	352	232	322
TCU	56	.291	.372	310	548	44	279	188	375
Hawaii	56	.283	.374	307	531	8	260	223	350
S.J. State	65	.273	.375	361	586	35	317	262	387
Hilo	51	.245	.304	203	390	8	165	188	348

INDIVIDUAL BATTING									
G	Avg	OB	AB	R	H	HR	RBI		
1. M. Hamilt, TCU	54	.370	458	200	48	74	9	41	
2. B. Gemoll, FS	60	.367	399	248	43	91	6	52	
3. J. Ruiz, SJSU	65	.354	459	246	44	87	3	46	
4. L. Groomer, TCU	49	.353	469	173	36	61	7	28	
5. E. Arnold, Rice	65	.347	392	262	49	91	15	59	
7. T. Bates, TCU	37	.340	353	147	24	50	6	32	

HITS				
CL	G	H	H/G	
1. Eric Arnold, Rice	SO	65	91	1.40
2. Brandon Gemoll, FS	SO	60	91	1.52
3. Junior Ruiz, SJSU	SO	65	87	1.34
4. Brandon Macchi, SJSU	JR	65	77	1.18
5. Anthony Acevedo, FS	SR	61	77	1.26
9. Mark Hamilton, TCU	SR	54	74	1.37

HOME RUNS				
CL	G	HR	HR/G	
1. Eric Arnold, Rice	SO	65	15	0.23
2. John Fagan, SJSU	JR	63	13	0.21
T3. Mark Hamilton, TCU	SR	54	9	0.17
T3. Anthony Acevedo, FS	SR	61	9	0.15
T5. Levi Groomer, TCU	SR	49	7	0.14
T5. Shaun Wooley, TCU	SR	44	7	0.16

RUNS SCORED				
CL	G	R	R/G	
1. Brett Smith, Rice	SR	66	57	0.86
2. Jason Gray, Rice	SR	65	56	0.86
3. Anthony Acevedo, FS	SR	61	52	0.85
4. Nick Garcia, FS	JR	61	51	0.84
6. Mark Hamilton, TCU	SR	54	48	0.89

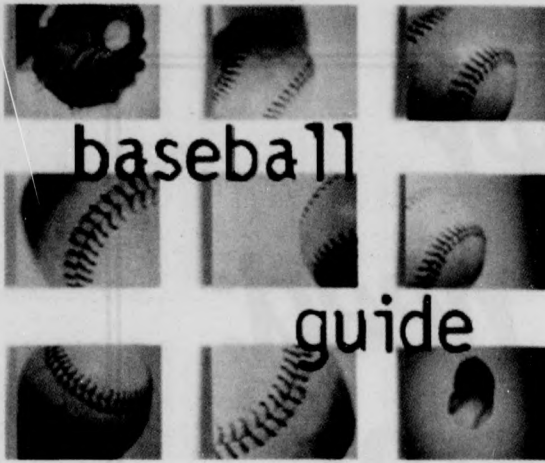
RUNS BATTED IN				
CL	G	RBI	RBI/G	
1. Eric Arnold, Rice	SR	65	59	0.91
2. Anthony Acevedo, FS	SR	61	56	0.92
3. Brandon Gemoll, FS	SO	60	52	0.87
4. Mike Bowlin, FS	SR	59	49	0.83
10. Mark Hamilton, TCU	SR	54	41	0.76

STOLEN BASES				
CL	G	SB	SB/G	
1. Brian Rooke, Hawaii-Hilo	JR	45	23	0.51
2. Sean Takamori, Hawaii	SR	38	21	0.55
3. Brandon Chaves, Hawaii-Hilo	SO	47	20	0.43
4. Ryan Petersen, Hawaii-Hilo	JR	51	17	0.33
5. Erick Macha, TCU	SO	52	16	0.31

WALKS				
CL	G	BB	BB/G	
1. Brett Smith, Rice	SR	66	37	0.56
2. Junior Ruiz, SJSU	SO	65	35	0.54
3. Tom Creighton, FS	SO	60	34	0.57
4. Nick Garcia, FS	JR	61	33	0.54
5. Tony Tognetti, SJSU	SR	65	33	0.51

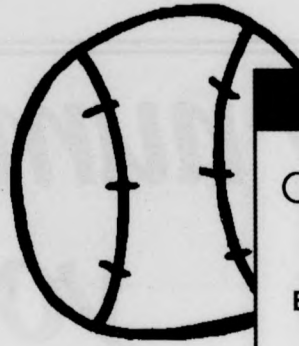
ON BASE PERCENTAGE							
CL	G	AB	H	BB	HBP	OBPct.	
1. L. Groomer, TCU	SR	49	173	61	13	26	.469
2. J. Aloy, Hawaii	SR	54	146	50	28	6	.464
3. J. Ruiz, SJSU	SO	65	246	87	35	14	.459
4. M. Hamilton, TCU	SR	54	200	74	24	10	.458
5. M. Bowlin, FS	SR	59	198	65	23	13	.421

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE								
CL	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	SlugPct.	
1. E. Arnold, Rice	SR	65	262	91	21	3	15	.622
2. M. Hamilton, TCU	SR	54	200	74	11	5	9	.610
3. L. Groomer, TCU	SR	49	173	61	13	2	7	.572
4. S. Wooley, TCU	SR	44	117	34	7	2	7	.564
5. M. Bowlin, FS	SR	59	198	65	20	5	5	.556



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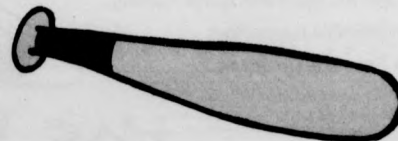


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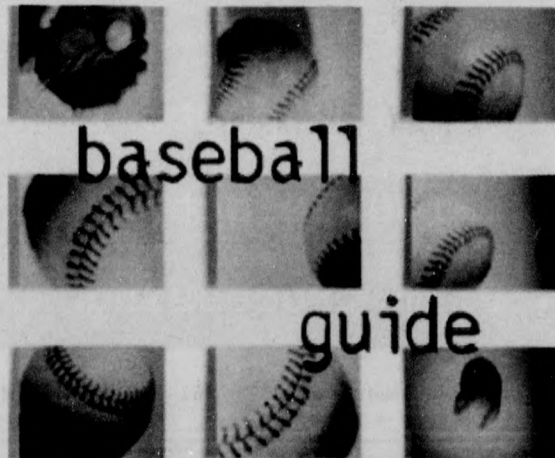
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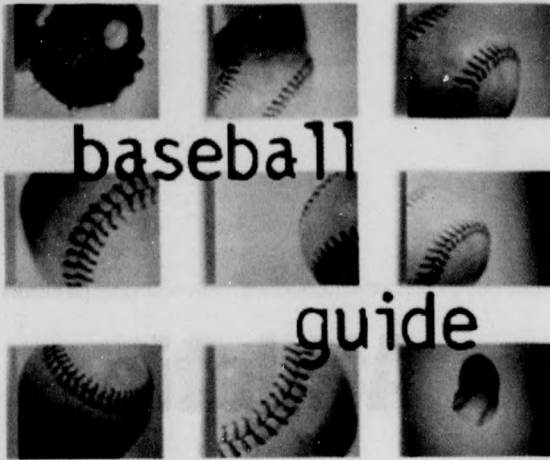
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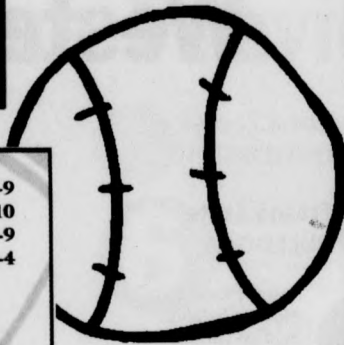






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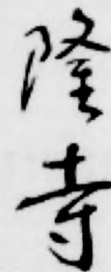
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**The Starting Nine**

- ▶ **Player Name:** Mike Settle
- ▶ **Height:** 6-0
- ▶ **Weight:** 196
- ▶ **Position:** Third baseman
- ▶ **Key 2000 stats:** .353, 1 2B, 6 RBI

[Breaking News]

# Western Athletic



**Rice OWLS**

**Team:** Rice  
**Mascot:** Owls  
**Student enrollment:** 4,320  
**Location:** Houston  
**Home field:** Reckling Park (3,500)  
**2000 record:** 43-23

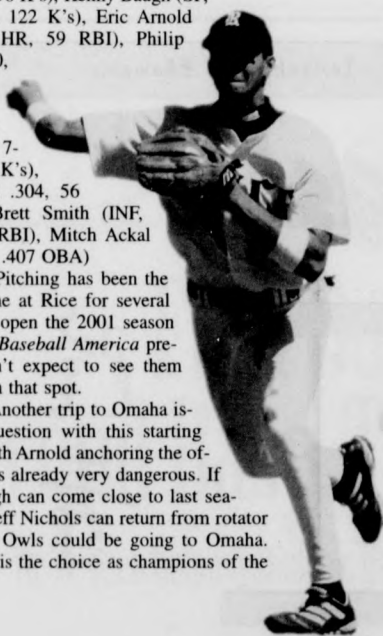


**Key players:** Jon Skaggs (SP, 12-2, 3.07 ERA, 90 K's), Kenny Baugh (SP, 12-2, 2.22 ERA, 122 K's), Eric Arnold (INF, .347, 15 HR, 59 RBI), Philip Barzilla (RP, 4-0, 4 saves, 3.06 ERA)

**Key losses:** Marc Gwyn (SP, 7-7, 3.14 ERA, 132 K's), Jason Gray (OF, .304, 56 runs, 11 SB), Brett Smith (INF, .290, 8 HR, 34 RBI), Mitch Ackal (OF, .354, 7 HR, .407 OBA)

**Extra bases:** Pitching has been the name of the game at Rice for several years. The Owls open the 2001 season at No. 12 in the *Baseball America* pre-season poll. Don't expect to see them stray too far from that spot.

**Predictions:** Another trip to Omaha isn't out of the question with this starting pitching staff. With Arnold anchoring the offense, this team is already very dangerous. If Skaggs and Baugh can come close to last season, and senior Jeff Nichols can return from rotator cuff surgery, the Owls could be going to Omaha. That's why Rice is the choice as champions of the WAC in 2001.



Rice's Eric Arnold



**Fresno State BULLDOGS**



**Team:** Fresno State  
**Mascot:** Bulldogs  
**Student enrollment:** 18,902  
**Location:** Fresno, Calif.  
**Home field:** Pete Beiden Field (6,575)  
**2000 record:** 40-21

**Key players:** Brandon Gemoll (INF, .367, 91 hits, 6 HR, 52 RBI), Nick Garcia (INF, .329, 51 runs scored, .412 OBA), Ben Fritz (SP, 1-1, 2.60 ERA), Beau Hintz (SP, 5-3, 3.45 ERA, 75.2 innings)

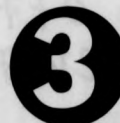
**Key losses:** Mike Bowlin (OF, .328, 5 HR, 49 RBI, .421 OBA), Anthony Acevedo (OF, .313, 9 HR, 56 RBI), Shawn Hannah (SP, 7-4, 3.47 ERA), Hans Smith (RP, 8-2, 9 saves, 2.56 ERA)

**Extra bases:** Head coach Bob Bennett, in his 33rd season, brings back 21 players to a team that won 40 games and made a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2000. Bennett has led the Bulldogs to 24 consecutive winning seasons.

**Predictions:** It's going to be a close race atop the WAC with Fresno challenging Rice for No. 1, but the Bulldogs will fall just short. Another trip to the NCAA Tournament is a definite.



**San Jose State SPARTANS**



**Team:** San Jose State  
**Mascot:** Spartans  
**Student enrollment:** 26,628  
**Location:** San Jose, Calif.  
**Home field:** Municipal Stadium (5,200)  
**2000 record:** 41-24

**Key players:** Tim Adinolfi (8-3, 3.29 ERA, 82 K's), Junior Ruiz (OF, .354, 87 hits, 459 OBA, 11 SB), Brandon Macchi (OF, .298, 8 HR, 47 RBI)

**Key losses:** Chris Key (SP, 13-4, 3.04 ERA, 119.2 innings), Joey Baker (SP, 8-8, 3.64, 96 K's), Tony Tognetti (INF, .274, 4 HR, 39 RBI)

**Extra bases:** San Jose opens its new stadium this season, one year after surprising the college baseball world by earning a berth in the College World Series.

**Predictions:** While the Spartans probably won't return to Omaha, they will definitely compete for the WAC title. The Spartans will fall short, but will be one of four WAC teams that gain spots in the field of 64.



**Nevada WOLF PACK**



**Team:** Nevada  
**Mascot:** Wolf Pack  
**Student enrollment:** 12,500  
**Location:** Reno, Nev.  
**Home field:** William Peccole Park (3,000)

**2000 record:** 38-19

**Key players:** Freshman All-American Darrell Rasner (SP, 14-2, 3.52 ERA), Alex Rangel (3B, .354, 7 HR, 50 RBI), Josh Laidlaw (OF, .352, 7 HR, 39 RBI)

**Key losses:** All-American Joe Inglett (.435, 103 H, 10 HR), Matt Ortiz (C, .377, 15 HR, 76 RBI), Don Price (1B, .343, 17 HR, 60 RBI), Ryan Church (OF, .382, 14 HR, 62 RBI), Chad Qualls (SP, 11-4, 3.88 ERA, 113 K's)

**Extra bases:** Head coach Gary Powers brings Nevada to the WAC fresh off a Big West Conference title in 2000. They lost a lot of fire power, but he's not thinking rebuilding.

**Predictions:** With Rasner returning to lead the pitching staff, there is automatically stability. With the loss of 56 home runs, 246 RBI and 249 runs scored in the batting order, the fire power won't be the same, but they still have more offense than most which should mean a third-place finish this season.



SJSU's Junior Ruiz



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Junior Ruiz

### The Starting Nine

- > Player Name: Chris Bradshaw
- > Height: 6-4
- > Weight: 220
- > Position: Pitcher
- > Key 2000 stats: 4.52 ERA, 5 wins, 67 SO



# Conference Preview

## Hawaii WARRIORS

**5** Team: Hawaii  
 Mascot: Warriors  
 Student enrollment: 17,353  
 Location: Honolulu  
 Home field: Rainbow Stadium (4,312)  
 2000 record: 28-28

**Key players:** transfer Gregg Omori (2B, .357, 20 HR, 103 RBI in two years at San Francisco), Danny Kimura (1B, .297, 43 RBI),

**Key losses:** Kenn Wakakuwa (C, .337, 2 HR, 39 RBI), Jamie Aloy (OF, .342, .464 OBA; SP, 7-5, 4.14 ERA, 108.2 innings), Randon Ho (SP, 8-7, 4.40 ERA, 102.1 innings), Sean Takamori (OF, .301, 21 SB, .421 OBA)

**Extra bases:** Long-time head coach Les Murakami, who was recently inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame, will miss the start of the season after suffering a stroke in November. The date of his return remains in question.

**Predictions:** This team lost its entire starting battery from 2000. Senior Gavin Garrick and sophomore Chad Giannetti are the only two starting pitching prospects who have actually logged innings at Hawaii. The catching position is even more up in the air with the loss of Wakakuwa. Losing Wakakuwa, a stable force behind the plate, could have more affect than anything. Without ever having a strong offense, Hawaii, now without stable pitching, should finish sixth.

## TCU Texas Christian HORNFROGS

**6** Team: TCU  
 Mascot: Horned Frogs  
 Student enrollment: 7,600  
 Location: Fort Worth  
 Home field: TCU Diamond (1,500)  
 2000 record: 22-34

**Key players:** Chris Bradshaw (SP, 5-7, 4.52 ERA, 95.2 innings), Tom Bates (OF, .340, 6 HR, 32 RBI), Erick Macha (INF, .316, 37 runs scored, 16 SB), Jason Price (C, .290, 3 HR, 27 RBI),

**Key losses:** Mark Hamilton (INF, .370, 9 HR, 41 RBI, .458 OBA), Levi Groomer (INF, .353, 7 HR, 28 RBI, .469 OBA), Shaun Wooley (DH, .291, 7 HR, 23 RBI), Shawn Thompson (SP, 7-5, 4.30, 111.0 innings pitched)

**Extra bases:** TCU, in much need of pitching depth, appears to have brought in some bodies that could pick up innings. Junior college transfers Justin Crowder and Patrick Newburn will be expected to log serious innings from both the starting and relieving roles.

**Prediction:** TCU has historically been about the home-run ball. The Frogs lost last season's offensive leader in Hamilton and the pitching leader in Thompson. TCU must find ways to fill those two vacancies before thinking of competing against some of the pitching-heavy teams in the Western Athletic Conference. Without answers, the Frogs will finish sixth at best, but probably seventh.

## Vulcans HAWAII-HILO VULCANS

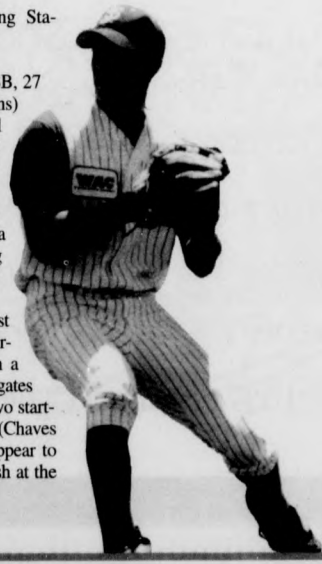
**7** Team: Hawaii-Hilo  
 Mascot: Vulcans  
 Student enrollment: 2,795  
 Location: Hilo, Hawaii  
 Home field: Francis Wong Stadium (2,400)  
 2000 record: 17-34

**Key players:** Brian Rooke (OF, .285, 23 SB, 27 runs), Ryan Peterson (OF, .272, 17 SB, 28 runs)

**Key losses:** Thomas Ford (SP, 5-6, 2.71 ERA, 86 K's), Kaholo Rickard (SP, 4-6, 3.52 ERA, 94.2 innings), Brandon Chaves (INF, 3 HR, 24 RBI, 20 SB)

**Extra bases:** This team has never been blessed with offense. Head coach Joey Estrella must find a way to replace the lost pitching and develop a threat of some kind in the batting order.

**Predictions:** Things weren't very pretty last season for the Vulcans. They had the conference's least productive offense coupled with a pitching staff that constantly opened the floodgates to the opposing offense. After losing its top two starting pitchers and its leading home-run hitter (Chaves with three), Hilo's 2001 campaign doesn't appear to look bright. The Vulcans will once again finish at the bottom of the WAC.



SJSU's Brandon Macchi



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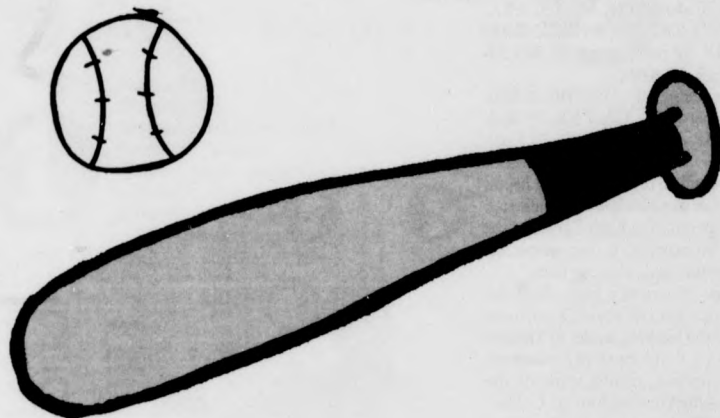
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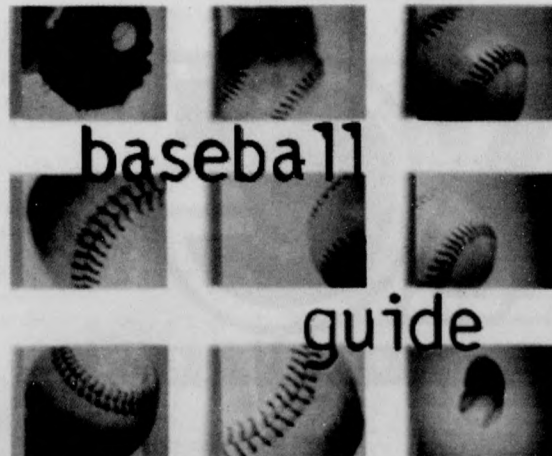
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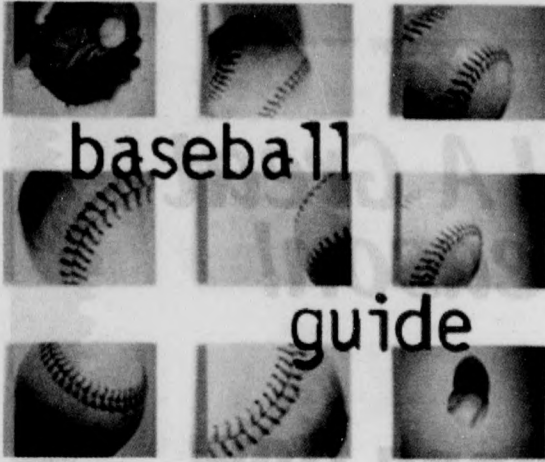
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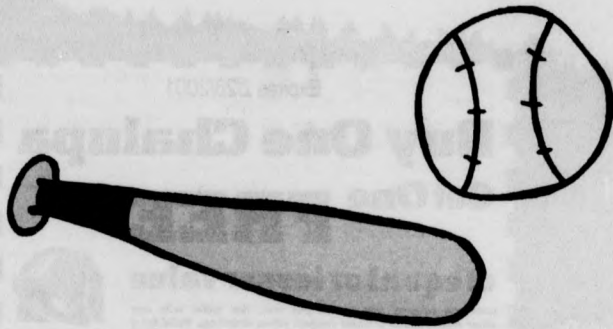
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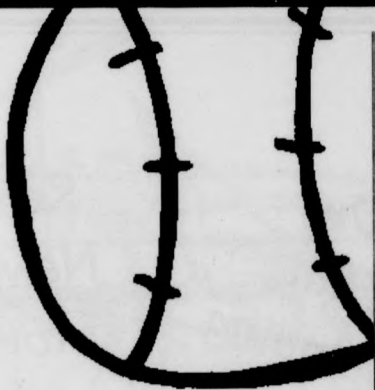
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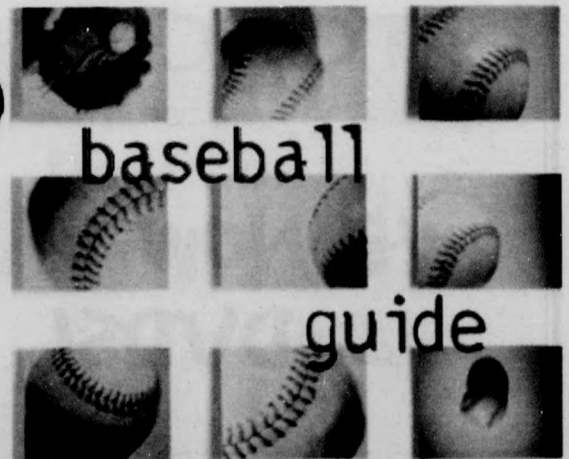
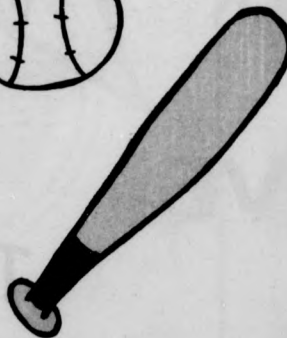
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**The Starting Nine**

- ▶ **Player Name:** Erick Macha
- ▶ **Height:** 6-1
- ▶ **Weight:** 180
- ▶ **Position:** Shortstop
- ▶ **Key 2000 stats:** .316, 37 runs scored and 16 SB



**Around the Horn**

Head coach Lance Brown is beginning his 15th season at the helm of TCU baseball as the all-time winningest coach.

[Breaking New Ground]

# Trying something new

*Pitching has never been a priority under Lance Brown, but times have changed*

By Kelly Morris  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After building the TCU baseball team's offense for many seasons, head coach Lance Brown said this season will have to be different.

"This year we have a totally different team and philosophy," Brown said. "Five to seven years ago, with our baseball park being as small as it is, we decided we had to get in the hitting business, or we weren't going to win. Now since the home runs are on the decline, we have to put more emphasis on defense and pitching."

Last season, the Frogs finished in last place in both pitching and defense in the Western Athletic Conference. While the Frogs managed to score 310 runs last year, they gave up 358 in the process. When holding their opponents to less than five runs, the team was 15-6, but when they allowed their opponents to score five or more runs, they were only 6-29.

Senior pitcher Chris Brad-

shaw said the pitching shouldn't take all the blame for the team's unsuccessful seasons.

"Our pitching isn't the main reason why we have struggled the past few seasons," Bradshaw said. "More importantly, it's because we didn't come together as a whole team. One game we would have great pitching and no hitting while in another game, we would have great hitting and no pitching."

"We have, however, lacked depth in our pitching staff in the past."

This season the Frogs will be without strikeout record holder Shawn Thompson who graduated last season. Thompson started 17 games last season and recorded a 4.30 ERA and 76 strikeouts. He went 7-5 for the year.

Despite Thompson's absence, Bradshaw said the team will look to its experience and depth in the bullpen.

"We have a lot of older guys on this pitching staff that have learned a great deal from Shawn and have been through



Photo by Erin Munger

Junior college transfer Justin Crowder is one newcomer to the mound for Horned Frogs this season. The pitching staff will be relied upon more this season than normal.

a lot," Bradshaw said. "They know what it takes to win and know how to deal with adversity. Although Shawn was a great competitor and a very smart pitcher, and we would love to have him back, (his absence) won't be a huge loss because we always have the guys that can step in and fill people's spots."

In an effort to improve pitching and defense, Brown said adjustments in recruiting were crucial.

"We have more pitchers than we ordinarily have on this team," Brown said. "This year we want to be more defense-oriented and work to upgrade defense and pitching. Because we have 13 seniors on this

team who were recruited more for their offense than for their defense, the adjustments may not show until the end of this season or next season.

"We didn't recruit many players this year because we had most of the crew coming back, but we'll try to make the transition the best we can with the players we have on this team."

Of the 17 pitchers who are on the Frogs' current roster, four of them are transfers.

Brown said he sees seniors Chad Durham and David Tombrella, junior Justin Crowder and Bradshaw as the top starting pitchers for this season.

Senior pitcher Stan Newton said the team will need at least 10 to 11 reliable pitchers to reach its goals.

"To have the season we're expecting, we need to have at least 10 pitchers who can fill in any time and get the job done," Newton said. "With a 62-game season, we need many pitchers so the others can rest."

Newton said tremendous strides were taken in the fall to better the defense and pitching.

"We're working on throwing more strikes and off-speed pitches for strikes because we gave the other team too many extra opportunities to get on base last year," Newton said. "When looking at defense, you pitch a lot better when you have confidence in your defense. I'm not afraid to let (the opponent) hit it on the ground because I know the infield is going to make the play."

Bradshaw said the team's new depth in pitchers has allowed for more variety.

"Every pitcher on this team is different," Bradshaw said. "Whether they throw hard, straight, side-arm or left-handed, the pitchers add variety to this team. From that, it gives us a lot of options that can fit in certain situations we may have."

Kelly Morris

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— Chris Bradshaw, senior pitcher

# WAC BASEBALL STATS

TEAM PITCHING									
	G	ERA	BAvg.	W	L	H	CG	BB/9	SO/9
Rice	66	3.29	.248	43	23	533	17	3.50	7.78
S.J.State	65	3.75	.276	41	24	599	20	2.86	6.42
Fresno St.	61	4.06	.266	40	21	556	6	2.98	6.94
Hawaii	56	4.29	.282	28	28	553	7	3.86	5.21
Nevada	57	4.98	.279	38	19	550	11	3.69	7.43
Hilo	56	5.33	.286	17	34	474	9	4.38	5.33
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INDIVIDUAL PITCHING									
	G	GS	ERA	BAvg.	W-L	IP	H	ER	
1. K. Baugh, Rice	22	20	2.22	.229	12-2	141.2	118	35	
2. H. Smith, FSU	33	0	2.56	.258	8-2	70.1	66	20	
3. T. Ford, Hilo	16	16	2.71	.211	5-6	99.2	73	30	
4. J. Skaggs, Rice	19	15	3.07	.251	12-2	111.1	104	38	
5. C. Key, SJSU	22	16	2.08	.279	13-4	119.2	126	41	

STRIKEOUTS			
	CL	G	SO
1. Marc Gwyn, Rice	SR	21	132
2. Kenny Baugh, Rice	JR	22	122
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4. Jon Skaggs, Rice	JR	19	90
8. Shawn Thompson, TCU	SR	19	76

OPPONENT BATTING AVG.				
	CL	G	AB	H Avg.
1. Thomas Ford, Hilo	SR	16	346	.73
2. Marc Gwyn, Rice	SR	21	439	.97
3. Kenny Baugh, Rice	JR	22	516	1.18
4. Chris Sherman, SJSU	JR	20	277	.65
10. Shawn Thompson, TCU	SR	19	422	1.11

TEAM FIELDING				
	PO	Assists	Errors	Pct.
Nevada	1512	576	64	.970
Fresno State	1642	681	73	.970
San Jose State	1721	802	83	.968
Rice	1721	774	89	.966
Hawaii	1497	673	84	.963
Hilo	1306	549	76	.961
TCU	1445	639	96	.956

WINS			
	CL	G	W-L
1. Chris Key, SJSU	SR	22	13-4
2. Jon Skaggs, Rice	JR	19	12-2
3. Kenny Baugh, Rice	JR	22	12-2
4. Hans Smith, FS	SR	33	8-2
5. Tim Adinolfi, SJSU	SR	27	8-3

SAVES			
	CL	G	Saves
1. Hans Smith, FS	SR	33	9
2. Tim Adinolfi, SJSU	SR	27	7
3. Jared Sandler, SJSU	SR	19	6
4. Philip Barzilla, Rice	JR	27	4
T5. Chad Durham, TCU	JR	21	3
T5. Stan Newton, TCU	JR	21	3

INNINGS PITCHED				
	CL	G	IP	IP/G
1. Kenny Baugh, Rice	JR	22	141.2	6.44
2. Joey Baker, SJSU	JR	22	122.1	5.56
3. Marc Gwyn, Rice	SR	21	120.1	5.73
4. Chris Key, SJSU	SR	22	119.2	5.44
6. Shawn Thompson, TCU	SR	19	111.0	5.84

**Around the Horn**

The Horned Frogs last conference championship in baseball came in 1994 as a member of the Southwest Conference.



**The Starting Nine**  
 ▶ **Player Name:** Tom Bates  
 ▶ **Height:** 6-1  
 ▶ **Weight:** 200  
 ▶ **Position:** Right field  
 ▶ **Key 2000 stat:** .340, 14 doubles, 6 HR and 32 RBI



[Breaking New Ground]

# Fund-raising gets underway for field

Athletics department raises 37 percent of \$7 million needed

**Seven Fund-raising Stages**

**Leadership gifts**

Donated by alumni and individuals  
**\$1.355 million**

**Corporation naming**

Donated by local corporations for right to name the field  
**\$3 million**

**Gifts in kind**

Labor contributions in design and construction of the field  
**\$735,000**

**Name a suite**

Donated by individuals for right to name luxury suites, dugouts and press box  
**\$150,000**

**Battle for the ballpark**

Portion of ticket sales for game played by Frogs at The Ballpark in Arlington against Texas  
**\$60,000**

**Chair recruits**

Alumni recruited to donate by project chairman Roger Williams  
**\$25,000 each**

**"Grass roots" phase**

Any contribution from individuals or corporations amount less than \$10,000

**By John Weyand**  
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In an effort to raise enough money to build a new baseball field, TCU has just rounded first base.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said since fund raising began in November, the TCU Athletics Department has raised \$2.612 million, 37 percent of the \$7 million the new facility will cost.

"We're hoping to have half by March 1," Davis said. "We're hoping to have it all by the end of April."

Once funds reach 50 percent, Davis said TCU will approach the Mabee Foundation for a grant. The foundation, centered in Tulsa, Okla., is named for TCU alumni J.E. and L.E. Mabee.

Davis said TCU policy requires 70 percent of the total cost of a facility be raised before construction can begin.

Davis went on to explain a seven-stage fund-raising strategy already in motion, which includes an offer to individuals and local corporations for the stadium's naming rights. Davis said the name of the stadium should sell for a contribution of about \$3 million.

In addition to naming the field, TCU will give donors the opportunity to name specific parts of the facility. Benefactors will be able to purchase naming rights to the new luxury suites, dugouts and press box.

Another phase of the fund-raising plan is dedicated to funds donated by individual alumni. So far, leadership gifts total \$1.35 million.

Davis said the reason for creating the seven-stage strategy was to get the stadium built in as little time as possible.

"We felt we had to do it quickly," Davis said. "We want (TCU) to look great as soon as it can."

Head baseball coach Lance Brown said he is eager for TCU to have an attractive facility for recruiting reasons.

"The last four or five years (recruiting) has been pretty tough," Brown said. "TCU has to have a facility that can compare to any facility in the country. It is key in baseball recruiting."

Rice baseball coach Wayne Graham said he agreed with Brown's opinion that new facilities are critical to the success of a program.

"If we hadn't built ours, we

wouldn't be able to keep up with other programs, let alone move on," Graham said. "The new stadium hasn't given us an advantage, it's just let us stay with everyone else."

In the 2000 season, Rice University opened Reckling Park.

Graham also said Rice is among several universities who have to decide quickly if the baseball programs should keep pace with the country's top programs by building a new facility.

"It's put up or shut up," Graham said. "You want a winning program or you don't. A stadium could mean the difference."

In addition to having suites and a press box, the stadium will seat about 3,500, and will feature concessions, batting and pitching cages, indoor locker rooms and lights.

Brown said TCU baseball will reap several benefits from its new stadium, including a rise in attendance because of the ability to play night games.

"Players don't get nearly as pumped up to play at 2 p.m. in front of 200 people as they do to play at night in front of 2,500 people," Brown said.

Brown said the stadium's effect

on attendance will make a significant difference in the Frogs' success.

"The new facility will give Fort Worth a chance to establish some enthusiasm for TCU baseball," Brown said. "It could give us as many as three or four more wins a year."

Brown said he's also excited for the NCAA ramifications the new stadium will hold, especially after TCU's departure from the Western Athletic Conference.

"The NCAA rewards good facilities," Brown said. "And moving into Conference USA, we may get a conference tournament in our first conference year."

"Players from all over America will look forward to coming (to TCU), and the field will be a reward for everyone who gets to play there."

Once the stadium is built and in use, Davis said the current baseball field will connect to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. An indoor complex will contain an 80-yard football field, a track, basketball courts and indoor baseball practice facilities.

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## BROWN

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ing, as the Frogs were last in the WAC in that category as well with a .956 fielding percentage.

Overall, the Frogs were outscored by 48 runs for the season.

The Frogs did not get the new bats until a week before the start of the season and were not able to adjust to a different style of play, Brown said.

"When we started, we were hitting balls that we thought were going to go out," Brown said. "All fall we were hitting a lot of home runs and all of a sudden the ball is not going anywhere. Once we started (working) on bunting and stuff it was too late. We just didn't have the material to do that kind of offense."

"All of a sudden we were out of our element and not very equipped to change. We did not have the personnel. We had bigger people that were not that fast."

With college baseball changing,

Brown said his team will look for different kinds of athletes to recruit. The team will no longer go after big burly power hitters as in the past.

"You look at a totally different athlete," Brown said. "The guy who hits a lot of home runs — you just can't look at that anymore. You have to see if he can play defense, can he do a few other things because he is not going to come in here and hit 25 to 30 home runs. I don't think anybody is going to do that anymore."

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said it is important for coaches to be able to change when necessary.

"I think the coach has to be able to adapt to be successful," Hyman said. "I think anybody in any profession (has to)."

Brown will try to make the change from an offensive-oriented philosophy to one that emphasizes pitching, defense and small ball.

"We worked very, very hard recruiting and working in the fall on pitching and defense," Brown said. "We will look a lot more at defense

from our position players to make sure they can play and then hope they can hit good enough to get us going."

With junior Erick Macha starting the season at shortstop, Brown said he thinks the defense will be better.

An improved defense will benefit the pitching staff immensely, Durham said.

"A good defense is a pitchers dream," Durham said. "People think that good pitchers strike everyone out. Good pitchers get ground balls and let the defense (handle things)."

**Tougher schedule ahead**

The Frogs were 12-5 in 1999 against teams that eventually left the WAC when it split. The loss of lower division teams gave the Frogs a tougher schedule by forcing them to play more often against programs like Rice and San Jose State, which have combined to appear in the last three College World Series.

The team's conference record dropped from 18-10 to 12-18.

"We had a good league and I told

people that I thought we were going to have one of the top leagues in the country," Brown said. "There is not one team you can go out and slop around and expect to win."

The program will also have a tough non-conference schedule, facing schools like Texas, Texas Tech, Baylor and Oklahoma. The Frogs will play eight teams that reached the NCAA Regionals and two that made it to the College World Series.

"We have maybe five or six games we should win, and other than that we are going to have to play good every time," Brown said. "It is difficult for us to make a huge won/loss difference in a season because we play so many good teams."

Hyman said he expects the team to take steps to move forward "to national prominence."

"That is key," Hyman said. "We need to move forward."

Brown has more humble expectations. "I just want us to get back to the point where we played good baseball and hustled and gave a good effort

everyday," Brown said. "I think this last year was the first year since I have been here that I felt we didn't really get after it every game."

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Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR  
 Head coach Lance Brown will try to make the change to a defensive-oriented philosophy this season.





### The Starting Nine

- ▶ **Player Name:** Marshall Wilson
- ▶ **Height:** 5-11
- ▶ **Weight:** 180
- ▶ **Position:** Center field
- ▶ **Key 2000 stats:** .251, 9 SB, 19 runs scored and 24 RBI



### [Breaking New Ground]

### Around the Horn

First-year assistant coach Tom Hardgrove holds the single-season homerun record at TCU with 23.

**WILL  
TO  
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IT ALL**

**"People have  
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to make  
your dreams  
come true."**

**— Tom Hardgrove,  
assistant coach**

## Hardgrove makes connection in first season

By Victor Drabicky  
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Quit your job, forfeit your income and volunteer to be a baseball coach.

While this is not something most men would expect their wife to suggest, TCU's new assistant baseball coach Tom Hardgrove said his wife played a key role in his decision to take the job.

"We had talked about it for a while," Hardgrove said. "Ultimately, I think she actually suggested it."

Hardgrove said his family was more than supportive of his decision to quit his job as R.L. Paschal Senior High School head baseball coach to volunteer at TCU.

"People have dreams and goals, and sometimes you have to make sacrifices to make your dreams come true," Hardgrove said.

Hardgrove spent six years at Paschal before quitting to join TCU for the 2001 season.

Hardgrove said TCU was the perfect place for him to go after Paschal.

"I had a few other options that just didn't work out," Hardgrove said. "I didn't want to sell my house or move, and I had kept in touch with (TCU's head) coach (Lance) Brown and knew he had confidence in me. Coach Brown said it would work out when the time was right, and it did."

Hardgrove played the 1989 season with the Frogs before being drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. In Hardgrove's one season at TCU, he hit 23 home runs, tying him for most home runs in a season by a TCU player.

Brown said Hardgrove was a natural choice as a Horned Frog coach.

"We were short coaches and he wanted to coach (on the collegiate level)," Brown said. "It didn't look like we would get any more assistant coaches in the next five years, and he was willing to volunteer. He has done well with the players."

Junior shortstop Erick Macha said

the players are responding well to Hardgrove.

"He's a positive guy and brings a great attitude to the team," Macha said. "He really cares about the team and really wants us to do well."

Macha said Hardgrove's experiences as a TCU player help him to relate with the current team.

"He's a good hitting coach," Macha said. "I think he's had so much success because he knows exactly what we are going through."

Hardgrove said after playing baseball all his life, coaching came naturally.

"I have been a part of the game for so long, and I enjoyed working with high school kids so (college coaching) was a natural choice," Hardgrove said. "Young kids have to play for so many coaches that they don't buy into a coaching philosophy right away. But the players here have been great."

Macha said players see Hardgrove as more than just a coach.

"He's brought a lot of energy to the team," Macha said. "He's easy to talk to, and he loves to talk baseball with us."

Hardgrove said in addition to the players, Brown played a major role in his decision to rejoin TCU.

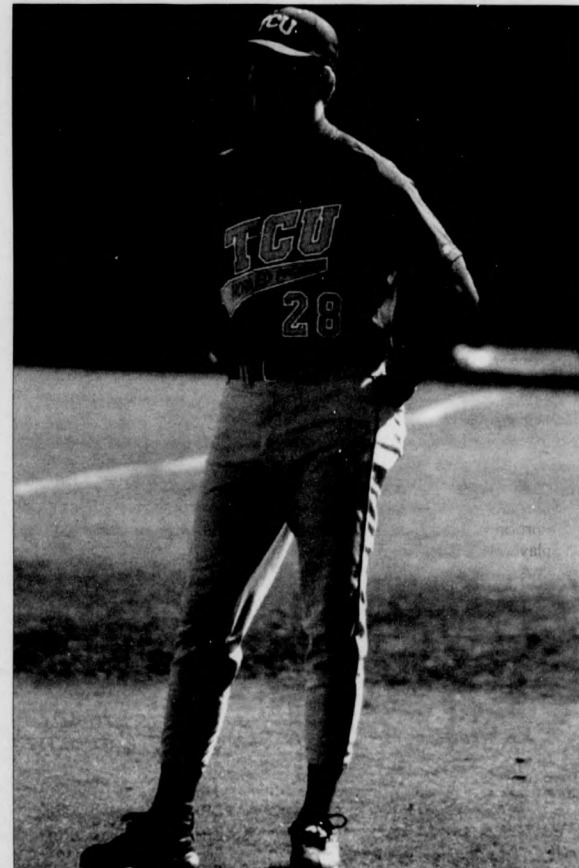
"I had a really positive experience when I was here," Hardgrove said. "Coach Brown has always done well with the players, and TCU has always had a strong program."

Hardgrove said now is the perfect time for him to join the TCU baseball program.

"It's a very exciting time at TCU," Hardgrove said. "The new stadium will be a huge plus."

Despite the facility changes, Hardgrove said he tries to keep the players focused on playing the game.

"Facilities don't make a great team," Hardgrove said. "Whether it's a \$10 million stadium or the TCU Diamond, you still have to go out and



Erin Munger/SKIFF STAFF

Assistant coach Tom Hardgrove spent six years at R.L. Paschal Senior High School before quitting to volunteer at TCU for the 2001 season. He played for the Frogs for a season before being drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies.

play baseball, and that's what we intend to do."

Hardgrove said although the natural tendency is to try to see what the future holds for his coaching career, he is focusing on the present rather than the future.

"I'm going to try not to look too far ahead," Hardgrove said. "I'm just going to try to rely on my faith (to take care) of my future."

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## C-USA

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While Macha lamented the loss of the annual trip to Hawaii, Brown did not. Brown said the trip to Honolulu and Hilo — the WAC schedules games against Hawaii and Hawaii-Hilo during the same trip — costs \$40,000 and takes 11 days.

Any financial savings will be offset by having to travel to the C-USA tournament, Brown said.

"Things will almost balance out," Brown said.

While the C-USA travel schedule does not include Hawaii, Brown said the biggest convenience will come in reduced delays. The closer proximity of C-USA schools will allow TCU students to attend more class, Brown said.

"A lot of times, we can't get flights out on Sunday night, so we have to wait until Monday morning," Brown said. "The WAC is a travel mess."

Moving to C-USA could also impact the proposed baseball facility.

TCU and the baseball team have been attempting to raise funds for a state-of-the-art facility that would be on par with Rice's Reckling Park.

C-USA Commissioner Mike Slive cited TCU's recent upgrades to its athletic facilities as a major reason why the C-USA board voted unanimously to offer TCU admission. Construction of the proposed baseball facility would fit under TCU's upgrade plan, Brown said.

Macha said TCU needs updated facilities.

"It would be huge for the program," Macha said. "With a first-class facility, we could better compete."

While entering C-USA will not ensure the completion of the proposed facility, Brown said he hopes it speeds the process.

"The university said if we're going to go into C-USA, we're going to compete at the highest level," Brown said. "We're going to have to have the facilities if we want to compete with the Tulanes and the Houstons."

When TCU entered the 16-team

WAC in 1996, concerns existed about how the Frogs would adapt and how rivalries would build. While many of those same questions exist this time around, at least TCU will see a familiar face in its new surroundings.

"Anytime you have the chance to rekindle a rivalry with an old opponent, I think is a good thing," Noble said. "I think TCU and Houston could grow into something."

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# 2001 TCU baseball schedule

Fri.-Sun.	Feb. 2-4	Enron Field Classic	TBA
Fri.	Feb. 2	vs. Texas Tech	11 a.m.
Sat.	Feb. 3	vs. Baylor	11 a.m.
Sun.	Feb. 4	vs. Texas	4 p.m.
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>vs. Missouri Southern</b>	<b>2:05 p.m.</b>
Fri.-Sun.	Feb. 9-11	Express College Classic	TBA
Fri.	Feb. 9	vs. Kansas	6 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 10	vs. UNC Charlotte	2 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 11	vs. Southwest Texas	3 p.m.
Tue.	Feb. 13	@ Sam Houston State	2 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>vs. Hawaii-Hilo*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>vs. Hawaii-Hilo*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>vs. Hawaii-Hilo*</b>	<b>2:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>vs. Oklahoma</b>	<b>2:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>vs. Texas-Arlington</b>	<b>2:05 p.m.</b>
Fri.	Feb. 23	@ San Jose State*	9 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 24	@ San Jose State*	3 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 25	@ San Jose State*	3 p.m.
Tue.	Feb. 27	@ Texas Tech	2:30 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>vs. Texas-Pan American (DH)</b>	<b>12:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mar. 4</b>	<b>vs. Texas-Pan American</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
Tue.	Mar. 6	@ Texas	2:30 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 7	@ Southwest Texas	3 p.m.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>vs. Nevada*</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>vs. Nevada*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mar. 11</b>	<b>vs. Nevada*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Mar. 14</b>	<b>vs. Iowa State</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
Sat.	Mar. 17	@ Hawaii*	4:05 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 18	@ Hawaii*	6:05 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 19	@ Hawaii*	10:35 p.m.
Thu.	Mar. 22	@ Hawaii-Hilo*	10 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 23	@ Hawaii-Hilo*	10 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 24	@ Hawaii-Hilo*	4 p.m.
Wed.	Mar. 28	@ Texas-Arlington	2:30 p.m.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>vs. Rice*</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 31</b>	<b>vs. Rice*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 1</b>	<b>vs. Rice*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
Tue.	Apr. 3	@ Oklahoma	6:35 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 6	@ Nevada*	4 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 7	@ Nevada*	3 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 8	@ Nevada*	3 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 14</b>	<b>vs. Hawaii*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 15</b>	<b>vs. Hawaii*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>vs. Hawaii*</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
Tue.	Apr. 17	Texas (@ Ballpark in Arlngtn)	7:05 p.m.
Fri.	Apr. 20	@ Fresno State*	9 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 21	@ Fresno State*	9 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 22	@ Fresno State*	3 p.m.
Tue.	Apr. 24	vs. Texas Tech	2:35 p.m.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	<b>vs. San Jose State*</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	<b>vs. San Jose State*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	<b>vs. San Jose State*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>vs. Fresno State*</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>vs. Fresno State*</b>	<b>2:35 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>vs. Fresno State*</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
Sat.	May 12	@ Texas-Arlington (DH)	3 p.m.
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>vs. Texas-Arlington</b>	<b>1:05 p.m.</b>
Fri.	May 18	@ Rice*	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 19	@ Rice*	2 p.m.
Sun.	May 20	@ Rice*	1 p.m.

(DH) denotes double header  
Home games in bold  
\* indicates WAC opponents



## Baseball America preseason Top 25

Team	2000 W-L	Final 2000 Ranking
1. Georgia Tech	50-16	6
2. Southern California	44-20	5
3. Louisiana State	52-17	1
4. Miami	41-19	13
5. Nebraska	51-17	8
6. Arizona State	44-15	12
7. Florida State	53-19	3
8. South Carolina	56-10	4
9. Notre Dame	46-18	NR
10. Clemson	51-18	7
11. Auburn	41-20	25
12. Rice	43-23	NR
13. Florida	43-23	20
14. Stanford	50-16	2
15. Cal State Fullerton	38-21	22
16. Georgia	32-26	NR
17. Central Florida	43-19	NR
18. Pepperdine	36-23	NR
19. Tulane	38-22	NR
20. Baylor	45-17	14
21. Mississippi State	41-20	15
22. Long Beach State	31-25	NR
23. East Carolina	46-18	NR
24. Minnesota	38-24	NR
25. Southern Miss	32-26	NR

College baseball has been dominated over the past decade by a select few schools, namely LSU, Miami, Southern Cal, Stanford and Florida State. For the most part, the top 25 polls in college baseball don't change. There is always a solid mix of programs like Florida, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Arizona State, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State found among the nation's elite.

This year's preseason *Baseball America* poll features 10 teams that weren't even ranked at the end of the 2000 season. Notre Dame starts the season at No. 9 while Western Athletic Conference favorite Rice is preseason No. 12. Future Conference USA foes Tulane, East Carolina and Southern Miss ranked No. 19, 23 and 25 respectively.

That fact alone lends respect to what has already been deemed a challenging baseball conference for TCU in 2002. If Houston cracks the top 25 and those programs remain strong, C-USA suddenly looks extremely formidable.

As if Louisiana-Lafayette's surprising performance in Omaha last season wasn't enough, seeing the likes of Minnesota, Southern Miss, East Carolina and Central Florida (typically viewed as football schools) in the top 25 in baseball goes to show that the game has changed — probably for the better.

— Danny Horne