



#### AIR FORCE ROTC 2

Lieutenant General will speak at cadet recognition banquet.

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Senior Jerome Pena sprints back to first base to avoid an out during Wednesday's game against UT-Pan American. Pena went 0-2 with two walks in the game.

#### PAIGE MCARDLE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Frogs ride five-win streak into weekend series

#### By Crystal Galvan

Staff Reporter

Fresh off their fifth-straight win and a two-game sweep of UT-Pan American, No. 15 TCU will conclude their 13-game homestand against Mountain West Conference-rival New Mexico.

The Frogs (20-9, 5-1 MWC) are

in the middle of a stretch of five games in six days. The seven-inning performance of junior pitcher Erik Miller in a 2-0 in over UT-Pan American Tuesday may pay dividends in the upcoming weekend series with New Mexico after junior Kyle Starratt was scratched from his slated start Wednesday against the Broncs. "Having five games this week, we needed a starting pitcher to go and be out there for a while," head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "I needed [Miller], to go at least seven, and he did a great job of that."

TCU added more freshman pitching depth, however, after Schlossnagle decided to pull freshman Nick Frey's redshirt status and play him Wednesday after Starrat could not pitch. The decision resulted in a 5-1 victory and the first collegiate victory in Frey's career.

"I think the story of the last two nights has been outstanding starting pitching from two guys who weren't even projected starters coming into this season, along with great defense," Schlossnagle said. "We had one error tonight, but I thought we played really good defense in the infield.

"Nick Frey wasn't in the discussion for anything 36 hours ago, we had planned on redshirting him

See **BASEBALL** 10

#### CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of the *Skiff*, former Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr's name was misspelled in a Q&A with mayoral candidate Jim Lane.

Board of Trustees committee looks at new housing for 2013.



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**AIR FORCE ROTC** 

# USAF general coming to speak

**By Brett Anderson** Staff Reporter

A three-star general in the U.S. Air Force will visit campus Saturday for the annual Air Force ROTC Dining Out event to honor tradition and celebrate its graduating members.

Public Affairs Officer Joseph Phillips, a freshman criminal justice major, said the opportunity to hear from Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Owen, a high-ranking officer, is a unique opportunity that reemphasizes the closeness of the Air Force as a program.

"The fact that he's coming

to talk to us makes the Air Force feel small and personal," Phillips said.

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she said.

Allie Garner, Air Force ROTC director of special projects, said Dining Out

was intended to raise morale,

honor members and bring

members together as an or-

ganization to celebrate. Thirty minutes of the program

would be spent recognizing

senior members specifically,

Garner, a senior broadcast

journalism major, said that

while planning the event

had been stressful, she val-

ued the tradition of the pro-

gram and the opportunity to recognize her fellow seniors. Each senior will be honored individually by an ROTC faculty member who will speak

about his or her accomplish-

ments while in the program.

She said the seniors will be escorted by someone that is important in their lives.

<sup>•</sup>Dining Out is definitely

all about tradition, and that's

something that means a lot

to me because it's the lifestyle

that I've chosen," Garner said.

"I think it's going to be a great

cap to the end of a great year

Garner said she would de-

ploy in July for Combat Sys-

tems Officer training in Pen-

"I think [Dining Out] is

a great opportunity for our

organization, not only for ourselves," Garner said. "But

hopefully people will recog-

nize how important ROTC is

and a great four years."

sacola, Fla.

Less than 0.5 percent of commissioned officers make it to the top three ranks in the Air Force, Phillips said, Lieutenant general is the secondhighest rank in the entire Air Force, he said.

According to Owen's biography on the Air Force website, he is currently the commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. He entered the air force in 1978 after graduating from the Air Force Academy, according to the biography.

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#### Holocaust exhibit adds The Dining Out event is a new features to its display military tradition dating back to George Washington, Phil-

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Three exhibits from last year's Holocaust Museum are displayed. This year is the fourth year Hillel, the organization for Jewish campus life at TCU, has organized the museum.

not doing this to reveal

#### **By Kayla Travis** Staff Reporter

Holocaust survivor Max

Glauben and an exhibit expansion centered around children of the Holocaust will provide a new viewpoint to this year's Holocaust Museum, Hillel President Kyle Orth said.

Hillel is the organization for Jewish campus life at TCU and has organized the museum for four consecutive years.

"We're planning on adding a bit more to the exhibit this year," Orth, a sophomore piano performance major, said. "We should have some new sections on different topics to keep it fresh for people who have already been."

The expansion would include greater coverage of children who suffered during the Holocaust, he said. Orth said he felt the Holocaust is a topic that is often forgotten and that the museum is something people should see.

A press release for the event defined the Holocaust as the genocide of approximately 6 million European Jews by Nazi Germany during World War II. The release said other victims of the Holocaust included Soviets, the Roma, the disabled and political or religious dissidents.

"It's not necessarily a matter that people are ignorant," he said. "We're

new information to people, but it's a matter of just remembering and honoring those who have perished. We don't want to forget and grow complacent."

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**Kyle Orth** Hillel President

Arnold Barkman, Hillel adviser and an associate professor of accounting, said students who attended in previous years can expect a slight change in the lineup this year. This year's guest speaker, Glauben, will have no problem captivating the audience, he said.

Glauben was born in 1928 in Warsaw, Poland, according to the release. He and his family were forced into the Warsaw Ghetto in 1939. Later, his family was transported to the Majdanek gas chambers and crematoriums, where most of his family died, according to the release.

Glauben and his father

were selected to provide slave labor in a concentration camp and his father was killed three weeks later. Glauben was freed by the United States Army and moved to New York in 1947, according to the release.

Barkman said, "I have personally heard him talk and the way in which he describes his experiences, his use of language and his ability to grab people's attention, makes him a great speaker."

Orth said he thought the event was happening at a crucial time with the events that are taking place in the world today, such as the violence and political unrest in the Middle East, he said. People of this generation would be the ones that would have to stand in the gap if what happened at the Holocaust were to ever happen again, he said.

"And from the looks of what's going on in the world today [in the Middle East], it is happening today," he said. "It's happening now."

#### Hillel Holocaust Museum

When: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday Where: Brown-Lupton University Union – Room 3301 C and D

Admission is free and open to the public.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Board committee talks housing

based on the university's

growing freshman class

size and growing number

of upperclassmen who have

wanted to live on campus in

Even if the new housing

were to be completed by the

fall of 2013, Mills said the

VIA goal of 5,500 on-cam-

pus beds for the projected

8,000 undergraduates would

still fall short. The total

number of on-campus beds

available would be 4,791, or

a little less than 60 percent

according to the slides Mills

Aside from housing, Mills

also brought up the bill

passed by the Texas House

of Representatives in March

that would allow anyone

with a concealed handgun

license to carry a gun on

the state's college campuses.

Mills informed the com-

mittee that if a similar bill

passed the State Senate and

became law, university ad-

ministrators wanted to take

advantage of a provision

that gives private institu-

tions the choice to opt out

previous years.

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#### **By Marshall Doig**

Associate/Opinion Editor

Even with plans for construction of a new sophomore residence hall and a new Greek village, the number of beds available to students living on campus still would not reach the Vision in Action goal of two-thirds of the university's projected enrollment. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said Thursday at a meeting of the Student Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The committee did not vote on any proposals or resolutions, including any concerning housing, during the meeting.

Mills showed the committee slides with diagrams of a proposed site for a sophomore residence hall that would be expected to add 300 beds at the corner of Bellaire Drive North and Stadium Drive, along with plans for where a new Greek village housing would be along Bellaire. He also showed slides with

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projected housing figures of the law.

Before coming to a final decision on what the university will do, Mills said the university would hold a town hall meeting on April 28 in the Brown-Lupton University Union to hear the opinion of students, faculty and staff on the issue.

Other events at the meeting: Mills introduced his successor, Kathy Cavins-Tull, for the post of vice chancellor for student affairs at the beginning of the meeting.

Student committee members made a presentation titled "Building the Alumni of Tomorrow" to other committee members that addressed such issues as a need for more space in the Brown-Lupton Health Center, academic advising, student use of Career Services and financial aid. Student members included Student Body President Jackie Wheeler, Student Body Vice President Brett Anderson, Interfraternity Council President Matt Ngo and Panhellenic Council President Jenny Mason.

# AWARENESS **Tunnel of Oppression begins** third year by adding changes

#### **By Luis Ortiz** Staff Reporter

The Tunnel of Oppression will be back on TCU's campus for the third year with new features, a committee member for the event said.

As it has done in past years, the Tunnel of Oppression will consist of several student groups who will "sponsor" a room in the tunnel, Kristin Harris-McDonald, a counselor at the Brown-Lupton Health Center and a staff member on the Tunnel of Oppression committee said. She said the rooms will focus on different forms of oppression that occur in the world.

Participants will be guided through the maze-like tunnel, spending three to five minutes in each room. After completing the tunnel in a total of about 30-45 minutes, participants can discuss the experience with the creators and each other.

Harris-McDonald said the committee requested that student group sponsors showcase a different perspective on oppression than they have in the past.

something new about issues that aren't discussed much," Harris-McDonald said. "We anticipate that this year's tunnel will be a different experience from previous years."

TCU's Gay-Straight Alliance is one of the organizations that will participate in the Tunnel of Oppression, Jamal King, president of the organization, said. The GSA has been a part of the tunnel since it first made its appearance in 2008. In past years, GSA has focused on forms of oppression, such as LGBTQ name calling, King said.

This year, the organization will focus on legal aspects of oppression, such as gay marriage and equality in the workplace. In an effort to get the message across, King said he had a general idea of what he wanted GSA's room to look like. It plans to display pictures of people who identify themselves as LGBTQ, gay families, individuals who have had difficulty adopting children and people who have been fired because of "don't ask, don't tell," he said.

"We're going to make sure that we have faces of GSA members, of other people

who identify as LGBTQ," King said. "That way we could really put a face to the issue."

Continuing the traditional format of the tunnel, the committee will again have a "Wall of Change," Harris-McDonald said. The wall will be a place for participants to write down their reflections or what they have learned by going through the tunnel.

The Tunnel of Oppression first began at Western Illinois University in 1993, Harris-McDonald said, as was a way to inform people about oppression and offer possible ways to do something about oppression.

#### **Tunnel of Oppression**

Where: Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom When: Begins at 7 a.m. Tuesday–Thursday

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#### The Skiff View

# Students should try walking to class

common mantra heard from TCU students when asked why they chose their school is ■ the campus's tight-knit feel. Take a stroll across Texas A&M or Texas Tech's campus, and the walk from Worth Hills to Tandy Hall seems like it's a piece of cake.

When on-campus parking spaces dwindled further this semester, assistant professor of mathematics Loren Spice probably would tell students living close to campus to just start walking and stop fighting the parking situation and leave those spots for the real commuters — Spice walks his daily commute, rain or shine, seven miles round-trip.

Many off-campus students commute by car one-quarter of the distance of Spice's commute. There likely wouldn't be parking issues on campus if students who could feasibly walk or bike to class would make the trek to campus by foot or by bike.

Take a page out of Spice's life lecture notes: save the hassle of driving to class, if feasible, and ease the parking situation. The exercise likely won't hurt freshmen moving off campus who are trying to lose their added 15, either.

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# Students should be aware of hazards of Facebook



**KC** Aransen

Facebook is in your face about pretty much everything - how many friends users have, what those friends did this weekend or what their day-to-day goings-on include.

Facebook users may be used to this and many know how to ignore what they don't want to see. Even so, according to a March 28 article from the Los Angeles Times, doctors and researchers are now warning about a new condition with social networking sites that doctors are calling "Facebook depression."

Though researchers disagree on whether it is directly caused by the site or just an extension of depression that already existed, they do agree that the addition of Facebook may increase depression in youth who already feel that way in social situations, according to the article. Facebook can enhance the feeling of social connectedness among well-adjusted children, but can do the opposite to those who are more prone to depression.

*Researchers cite that a large* problem with Facebook is that it is like a big popularity contest who has the most friends or the most tagged pictures.

Researchers cite that a large problem with Facebook is that it is like a big popularity contest — who has the most friends or the most tagged pictures. Another problem with the site is the commonality for people to post rude comments on pictures, walls or through messages about someone.

This is a major part of cyberbullying, but it can lead into this "Facebook depression" when the posts and comments are being directed toward someone who is already prone to depression or is already depressed.

How would one combat this feeling of

depression caused by social networking sites? The most obvious answer would be to deactivate your account, but with so many people on Facebook, that's probably easier said than done. With Facebook being so addicting by giving someone more information about his or her friends than he or she probably would ever want to know, it's hard to just "turn it off."

Another option would be to block those profiles — either block the person entirely or just from the newsfeed — so someone wouldn't have to have them constantly clogging his or her newsfeed with updates. Parents could also talk to their kids when they decide to get a Facebook account, letting them know the dangers of cyberbullying and of Facebook depression. Parents and friends should look for signs of depression

Though Facebook may be an easy way to keep in touch with past friends and faraway family, there are also some dangers to the site that people should be aware of before they get too addicted.

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# GOP budget counterproductive



**Alex Apple** 

The biggest challenge for House Speaker John Boehner is controlling more than 80 GOP freshman House members.

The freshmen are new to the public policy-making field, and they are driven by a strict conservative ideology that pushed them into Washington. They are gung-ho for slashing budgets, cutting programs and balancing the budget, but their knowledge of what is politically feasible is small.

Paul Ryan, the congressman from Wisconsin, is the new budget hawk on Capitol Hill. He is taking a hatchet to the federal budget and cutting anything and everything. He released his budget plan on behalf of the GOP earlier this week, which came with some evepopping numbers.

Ryan's budget plan would slash \$6 trillion in the next 10 years, reform the "politically untouchable" Medicare and Medicaid and even cut taxes while removing loopholes that allowed companies like General Electric to pay no taxes last year.

Ryan's plan also returns spending to 2008 levels, which is a dramatic cutback but not quite as far as the 80 freshmen GOP House members promised in their campaigns - some Republicans promised to roll back spending to 2006 levels.

Ryan's proposal also suggests defunding the Affordable Care Act, which will give health care to about 30 million more Americans.

According to Politico, the seventh-term GOP congressman's Medicare and Medicaid plan proposed that block grants be given to states to fund Medicaid. This proposal would shift control of Medicaid from the federal government to the states. The block grants would serve as a federal grant for each state to fund their citizens who are on Medicaid.

Ryan's budget plan to cut the deficit proposes no new ways to increase revenue for the federal government, and cuts next to nothing out of the Pentagon's budget for defense spending.

Is the budget politically feasible without placing these two issues in the proposal? No.

Political analysts know Ryan's timing to reveal his proposal was curious. Revealing the budget this week was politically risky as the government is in danger of shutting down. Revealing such a staunchly partisan and strictly conservative budget with no compromise at all with Democrats is risky to say the least.

President Barack Obama continues to hold meetings at the White House with Democratic and Republican leaders to strike a deal that will fund the government for the rest of 2011. On Thursday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said a budget deal is close but that he was not optimistic. Democrats want to cut \$33 billion for the rest of this

fiscal year, and Republicans want to make \$40 billion in cuts.

One would think that a deal could come about with a compromise around \$37 billion, but Republicans and Democrats have ideological disagreements about where those cuts should come from.

Ryan's budget will pass in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives but has a 0 percent chance of passing in the Senate. A budget deal will come from a bipartisan agreement, not from what Democrats would call a radical, politically unfeasible proposal like Ryan's.

As I ponder the proposal and the entire budget debate, it is terribly apparent that the entire Congress has taken its eye off providing any type of economic recovery proposals. Republicans came into office stressing jobs, jobs, jobs, but it seems as if the "Party of No" has become the "Party of No Jobs" in the eyes of still outof-work Americans.

Balancing the budget will be a political hot topic for vears to come in the United States, and it is important that American leaders not try to make a full-court shot right away. A sports team chips away at a deficit, making its comeback piece by piece and bit by bit it. The federal government must do the same. Political rhetoric and making speeches about cutting the budget is easy, but the time has come to make some tough decisions.

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J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / ASSOCIATED PRESS House Democratic Caucus Chairman Rep. John Larson, D-Conn., right, and Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., criticize the budget plan touted yesterday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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#### **Bailey McGowan**

Alcohol abuse is still on the rise, despite efforts to curb the problem since the 1980s, according to an April 3 article from The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The issue isn't with the drinking itself, even though it can prove fatal with alcohol poisoning. The issue lies in the results of decisions made because of drinking.

Forty-six percent of TCU students reported engaging in high-risk drinking in 2010, according to an e-mail from Yvonne Giovanis, associate director of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center. That's an increase from the 37 percent in 2002. High-risk drinking is defined as consuming five or more drinks in a single sitting. According to the College

Alcohol Survey mentioned in the Chronicle article, colleges across the nation have reported a 10 percent increase in alcohol-involved acquaintance rape from 42 percent in 1994 to 52 percent in 2009.

Violent behavior involving alcohol also has increased by 10 percent, from 48 percent in 1994 to 58 percent in 2009, according to the survey.

Students need to think before drinking

The survey comes from 330 four-year institutions in the United States, and these colleges have been surveyed every three years since 1979 with a separate survey on heavy drinking from students themselves.

This means that this is a national problem that needs to be addressed and countered.

While in the past entire alcohol education weeks have taken place on campuses for support and resources, they've been phased out for the less invasive but obligatory campus restrictive policies, according to the article.

Giovanis wrote that TCU has a "three-in-one" approach that addresses individual students, the student body as a whole and the greater college community. The ADE also hosts a variety of events that include topics such as impaired driving prevention, Safe Spring Break, Sexual Responsibility Week and Alcohol Screening Day, she wrote. The ADE also uses a peer education group through Frogs CARE.

In terms of student punishments concerning alcohol, those who receive alcohol violations are required to complete 30 hours of community service or pay a fine of \$150 for their first alcohol violation. For additional violations, an increase of hours and fines occur as well as contact to students parents, Giovanis wrote.

When it comes to violence, vandalism or peer pressure with drinking, TCU has a zerotolerance policy, as it should.

According to above heinfluence.com, a movement devoted to drug education and prevention, the sooner people start to drink, the more likely they are to become addicted to alcohol at some point in their lives.

If you're making the investment in yourself to attend college and seek a higher education, then you should have the analytical skills necessary to not abuse alcohol.

While it is illegal to consume alcohol before the age of 21 years old, there will always be students who choose to do so. This is a personal decision. But as with most personal decisions, the outcomes can have lasting and real effects on the surrounding people.

Next time you reach for that next drink, you should ask yourself if the outcomes would be worth it.

Bailev McGowan is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Burkburnett.



### STUDENT LIFE Campus organizations plan week of activities to show 'every Frog counts'

#### By Clay York Staff Reporter

Various campus organizations and members of the TCU community will join together

next week to spread the philosophy that "every Frog counts" during CommUNITY Week. The seven-day CommU-NITY Week, composed of 16 events, will begin Saturday

when International Student Services inaugurates the week with the International Banquet. New to the week this year is

the event We All Eat Rice. Representatives of Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council are teaming up with the Alex Turner Show to host the event on Monday.

Sophomore political science and strategic communication double major Luke Harville said he worked to coordinate and plan We All Eat Rice as the vice president of programming for IFC. He said he was excited for the opportunity to help the campus realize that the individuals of TCU are Horned Frogs first.

Each organization will be making its own type of rice, Harville said. IFC will be giving away Cajun shrimp and gumbo.

Harville said he looked forward to We All Eat Rice for tor for Inclusiveness and Inter-

the opportunity to help close the gap between individuals of Greek organizations and individuals who are not. He also said he looked forward to help break the stereotype that he and other IFC men face on campus.

"It's an eye-opener. Oftentimes as TCU students, faculty and staff, we get placed in our bubble and kind of set with our everyday lives. We just get so busy that we don't realize the things that may not only be going on across the world but just right across campus."

#### **Jason Wallace**

Program Coordinator for IIS and CommUNITY Week

"Fraternity men can do good and are not just the stereotypical frat boys you see causing trouble," Harville said. "We actually care about the school we're at and care about the community."

April Brown, assistant direc-

cultural Services and co-chair for CommUNITY Week, said We All Eat Rice was the crux of the week because of the philosophy behind the event.

'We All Eat Rice' is built in a way to show that we are all connected because everyone probably eats some form of rice," Brown said. "It would be hard for me to find a person that has not eaten rice in their life. Even if it's something as simple as eating rice together, we all have a similarity."

Brown said the program was great because Turner's radio show could allow people who could not be present to be a part of the community's activities.

In addition, the annual International Banquet will kick off the week, Brown said.

The International Banquet will feature The Drum Cafe an interactive, team-building organization that travels nationally to perform and teach the importance of community, she said. The Drum Cafe had previously come to the university as a part of last year's Connections program, she said.

The banquet also will double as a fundraiser to help with relief efforts in Japan, Brown said.

Jason Wallace, the program coordinator for IIS and CommUNITY Week's other co-chair, said CommUNITY Week, did not just highlight



Students drum during a Connections event called Drum Cafe last semester. A week of 16 community building events is scheduled for next week with several different organizations sponsoring them.

the global community.

"It's an eye-opener. Oftentimes as TCU students, faculty and staff, we get placed in our bubble and kind of set with our everyday lives," Wallace said. "We just get so busy that we don't realize the things that may not only be going on across the world but just right across campus."

#### **CommUNITY Week Events**

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### FACULTY Professor walks miles to class, rain or shine

Sarah Fleischer TCU News Now

It is not odd that Loren Spice walks to school every day — many students and professors do. What is unique is the length of his daily walk. Spice, an assistant profes-

sor of mathematics, said he walks from his apartment, located near Highway 20 and Hulen Street, to the university. The distance between the two points is about 3.5 miles, meaning Spice walks a total of seven miles a day. The walk to campus takes about 45 minutes one-way, he said.

Each school week, Spice walks about 35 miles, which is approximately the same distance as a trip from the university to Cowboys Stadium and back.

Spice said he chose his walking route based on the criteria of staying off major roads. He said he sticks with roads that have an area on the shoulder of the road as much as possible. He tried several different routes before he settled on the one he currently uses, he said.

Rain, snow or shine he walks to school, Spice said. Because he does not have a car with him in Fort Worth, his

options are limited. Spice eliminated the pub-

lic bus option because he can actually walk to the university faster, he said. Biking, he said, would be more difficult because of the lack of sidewalks and the number of times he would have to hop the curb to ride on the grass.

During his time working at the university, Spice said he has been caught in some torrential rain storms. To deal with the problem, he has a system of plastic bags that he uses to cover his valuables, such as his computer and even homework, so they stay dry.

"I have had the embarrassing situation of having to hand homework back to students and say, 'Sorry this is dripping, sorry this is dripping," Spice said.

In 2001, Spice said he broke his leg when he was hit by a car while walking. After that, walking had more meaning to him, he said.

"It got me interested in walking as sort of an intentional action," Spice said. "... Now I was planning ahead. 'How can I walk [there]? What distances [of walking] can I handle?"

When Spice and his wife moved to Fort Worth from the North, the ability for Spice to walk to school was not something they considered much when looking for apartments,

he said. After they picked the apartment and settled down, Spice said he began to think about walking to school.

However, he was unsure because the distance was farther than anything he had walked before on a regular basis.

"Once we settled on this place, I remember having this discussion with [my wife]," Spice said. "Am I going to give it up? I can't give up walking. It is the only exercise I have. And if I stop, I'm going to go right back and gain weight again ... "

Spice first tried the walk during the summer, but said the heat was a problem.

"Once I learned to bring a change of clothes and that you can shower over at the gym, it stopped being an issue that I was stinky and smelly when I got there," Spice said. "I found that I enjoyed the walk."

However, even though Spice said he enjoys the walk, it is not always easy. Spice said he believed Fort Worth should be more pedestrian friendly.

"When I say it is not pedestrian friendly, I mean literally that," Spice said. "That it is hard to walk. That it takes advance planning. If I have a new destination, I can't just say 'Well I am going to walk there.' I have to know. If I can get there by driving, it does not imply I can get there by walking.

Spice said he believed one

solution to the problem would be more sidewalks.

"I find it almost comical how few sidewalks there are here," Spice said.

Gloria Solomon, a professor of sports psychology, said there are both good shortand long-term effects to exercise like walking. "Even if it is leisurely walk-

ing, the exercise process, both physically and psychologically, has the capacity to uplift your mood," Solomon said.

The more chronic the exercise, the more long-term the effects, Solomon said. "So this gentleman, if he is

[exercising] regularly, is certainly going to benefit from those long-term effects, which include, among other things, self-concept enhancing, so feeling better about yourself," Solomon said. "We know that people who exercise and get those concept enhancements actually will approach more diverse situations."

Solomon said the idea of exercising too much, even walking, does exist. However, she said, it is about the individual's mentality, not the number of miles walked.

'You can do too much exercise, and it all really comes down to your psychological attachment to the exercising experience," Solomon said. "Most exercise is a good addiction, though."

Japan hit with new quake

#### By Jay Alabaster & Tomoko A. Hosaka

,Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL

A strong aftershock ripped through northeastern Japan, killing two, injuring dozens and piling misery on a region still buried under the rubble of last month's devastating tsunami.

The quake late Thursday was the strongest tremor since the March 11 jumbo and did some damage, but it appeared to have spared the area's nuclear power plants. The Fukushima Dai-ichi complex - where workers have been frantically trying to cool overheated reactors since they lost 

reported no new abnormalities. Other facilities switched to diesel generators after the 7.1-magnitude quake knocked out power to much of the area.

Many people in the area have lived without water and electricity for nearly a month, and the latest tremor sunk more homes into blackness: In total, around 3.6 million households - about 60 percent of residents in the area were dark Friday, said Souta Nozu, a spokesman for Tohoku-Electric Power Co., which serves northern Japan.

Matsuko Ito, who has been living in a shelter in Natori since the tsunami, said there's no getting used to the terror of being awoken by shaking.



YOMIURI SHIMBUN & YASUSHI KANNO/ ASSOCIATED PRESS Traffic jams are seen as the traffic lights were turned out due to a blackout following a big aftershock in Sendai, northern Japan early Friday, April 8, 2011.





# WEIRD NEWS

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Restaurant employee Kar-

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that she noticed the duck a

couple of days ago. Garden-

ers had recently replanted

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had been hidden beneath

old plants but is now ex-

Montone thinks the duck

in a suburban strip mall.

#### Associated Press

#### Drive-thru duck: Fowl nesting at Chick-fil-A in NJ

AUDUBON, N.J. (AP) - A duck has chosen an odd place to lay her eggs: a fast-food drive-thru in New Jersey.

The duck is nesting in landscaping near a drive-

posed by the new landscaping. She's worried the fowl is too far afoul of its natural environment and has placed water and food thru menu at a Chick-fil-A nearby.

> It's not clear how many eggs the duck has or when they might hatch.

#### 3 rodeo bulls make a run for it through Idaho town

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) - Rodeo week in Pocatello kicked off with an unscheduled running of the bulls as three of the bucking beasts broke free and headed through town with cowboys and police in pursuit.

The bulls were being unloaded Wednesday afternoon for the Xtreme Bulls event when they made a run for it. The animals were corralled about a mile away from Idaho State's Holt Arena.

Pocatello Frontier Rodeo Association president Robert Askey says the biggest challenge was keeping people safe and keeping the huge animals calm and off

the main streets.

The Xtreme Bulls event went on as scheduled Wednesday night. The Western Frontier Pro Rodeo continues with the Wrangler Million Dollar Silver Tour Rodeo performances Thursday through Saturday.

#### Ga. woman cleans purse, finds winning ticket

FAIRBURN, Ga. (AP) -A Georgia woman's decision to clean out her purse

paid off in a big way when she found an old lottery ticket worth \$189,302.

Fifty-five-year-old Rhonda Williams of Fairburn says she found the winning Fantasy 5 ticket in the bottom of her purse after cleaning it out over the weekend. WSB-TV reports that the ticket is from a Jan. 17 drawing. Williams picked all of the winning numbers: 18, 25, 28, 29, 35.

Williams says she plans to pay off bills and may take a cruise.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

### US to use Facebook, Twitter to issue terror alerts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government's new system to replace the five color-coded terror alerts will have two levels of warnings — elevated and imminent — that will be relayed to the public only under certain circumstances for limited periods of time, sometimes using Facebook and Twitter, according to a draft Homeland Security Department plan obtained by The Associated Press.

Some terror warnings could be withheld from the public entirely if announcing a threat would risk exposing an intelligence operation or an ongoing investigation, according to the government's confidential plan.

Like a gallon of milk, the new terror warnings will each come with a stamped expiration date.

The 19-page document, marked "for official use only" and dated April 1, describes the step-by-step process that would occur behind the scenes when the government believes terrorists might be threatening Americans. It describes the sequence of notifying

members of Congress, then counterterrorism officials in states and cities and then governors and mayors and, ultimately, the public. It specifies even details about how many minutes U.S. officials can wait before organizing urgent conference calls among themselves to discuss pending threats. It places the Homeland Security secretary, currently Janet Napolitano, in charge of the so-called National Terrorism Advisory System.

The new terror alerts would also be published online using Facebook and Twitter "when appropriate," the plan said, but only after federal, state and local government leaders have already been notified. The new system is expected to be in place by April 27.

The government has always struggled with how much information it can share with the public about specific threats, sometimes over fears it would reveal classified intelligence or law enforcement efforts to disrupt an unfolding plot. But the color warnings that became one of the government's most visible antiterrorism programs since the September 2001 attacks were criticized as too vague to be useful and became fodder for late-night talk shows. The new advisory system is designed to be easier to understand and more specific, but it's impossible to know how often the public will receive these warnings. The message will always depend on the threat and the intelligence behind it.

#### Obama threatens to veto GOP budget extension plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans advanced legislation Thursday to avoid a government shutdown for one more week, cut spending and fully fund the Pentagon, but the White House labeled the measure a distraction and said President Barack Obama would veto it.

Obama said in a statement he believes "we need to put politics aside and work out our differences" on a spending plan that covers the government through September, when the current budget year ends.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, quickly countered with a statement saying he was "confident that those Democrats who believe it is important to fund our troops and make real spending cuts will prevail upon Senator Reid and our commander in chief to keep the government from shutting down."

The exchange occurred shortly before Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., were due at the White House for their second sit-down with the president in a little more than 12 hours.

It marked a sour turn in talks that all three men said Wednesday night were showing promise.

With a partial shutdown looming for Friday at midnight, it was not clear whether it represented a significant breakdown in the negotiations or a final round of maneuvering before a deal was struck.

Obama has already signed two stopgap bills, containing a total of \$10 billion in cuts, to allow time for negotiations on a bill to close out the budget year.

Republicans want more cuts as part of any deal, bringing the total to perhaps \$40 billion, as well as nonspending items that would curtail the reach of the Environmental Protection Agency and cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

Before departing the Capitol, Boehner urged the House to pass legislation to cut \$12 billion, fund the Pentagon through the end of



**CHARLES DHARAPAK / ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., walk out to speak to reporters after their meeting at the White House in Washington with President Obama regarding the budget and possible government shutdown, Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

the year and keep the government running for a week.

"There is absolutely no policy reason for the Senate to not follow the House in taking these responsible steps to support our troops and to keep our government open," he said.

Boehner accused the White House of backsliding, adding that there hadn't been as much progress as it appeared after the late-night meeting Wednesday. "It's really just more of the same. We're going to have real spending cuts. I don't know what some people don't understand about this," he said.

Reid said otherwise, although he, too, made it clear he wants to avoid a shutdown that the White House says would cause problems for combat troops overseas and delay Internal Revenue Service refunds for taxpayers at home.

# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

#### Texas House backs plan to allow 85 mph speed limit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House approved a bill that would allow the speed limit on some highways to be raised to 85 mph, which would be the highest in the nation.

The measure passed Wednesday on a voice vote was part of a larger transportation bill. It would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to raise the speed limit on designated lanes or entire stretches of roadway after doing engineering and traffic studies, the Dallas Morning News reported Thursday.

The Senate is considering a similar bill.

"They have high-speed roadways in Europe, and there could be some merit in having some of those highways in Texas," said Rep. Lois Kolkhorst of Brenham, who introduced the bill. "Given the right engineering, we should consider it."

Texas currently has more than 520 miles of interstate highways where the speed limit is 80 mph.

One such stretch of Interstate 10 "is as nice a road as you can build; it's flat with a long line of sight, wide lanes and good shoulders," said Rep. Joe Pickett of El Paso. "For people like us who travel that long distance, it could be good" to raise the limit to 85 mph, he said.

Some auto insurers oppose the measure, citing safety concerns.

"Obviously, the two things that kill most people on our highways are speed and alcohol. Increasing it to 85, or even 75, will have a dramatic impact on the death and injury rate on those highways where it's implemented," said Jerry Johns, a spokesman for the Southwestern Insurance Information

Service.

He said drivers already exceed 70 mph highway speed limits.

"But 85 mph is simply too fast to drive even on a flat road. Any little hitch can cause an accident at that speed. There is still traffic on those roads, and to drive 85 mph is simply ludicrous," he said.

The Transportation Department hasn't done the speed and safety analyses of roadways the legislation would require, said department spokeswoman Kelli Petras.

"It would be awesome to travel it, but you'd have to look at the safety and other factors," she said.

### About 4,000 Rangers tickets stolen from vendor

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — About 4,000 Texas Rangers tickets stolen from a vendor will have the bar codes changed to void them.

KTVT-TV reports Metro Tickets in Dallas had a break-in through the wall of an adjacent business. Police say the theft of about \$140,000 worth of tickets was discovered last week as the season was starting.

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### **S**PORTS

# WOMEN'S GOLF Melissa Loh invited to Phi Beta Kappa honor society

#### **By Emily Agee** Staff Reporter

Some students might stereotype athletes as enrollees who declare easy majors and do not work very hard throughout their college years. Senior golfer Melissa Loh proves that stereotype false.

Loh, a psychology and accounting double major, was recently invited to join the nation's oldest academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.

"I think it's an amazing honor because only 44 students [at TCU] got invited [to join] this year."

Melissa Loh Senior psychology and accounting double major

According to the Phi Beta Kappa website, about one college senior in a hundred is invited to join the prestigious group nationwide.

Peyton Manning, Tom Brokaw, Condoleezza Rice, George H.W. Bush and Glenn Close were all Phi Beta Kappa members in college.

Students do not apply for membership into Phi Beta Kappa, but instead are nominated because of their outstanding academic achievements.

Loh said she was shocked to learn of her invitation, and admitted she said she had no idea what Phi Beta Kappa even was initially.

"I think it's an amazing honor because only 44 students [at TCU] got invited [to join] this year," Loh said.

While it is difficult to balance golf and school, Loh said her professors were helpful in making sure she stayed on top of her schoolwork.

When asked how she manages to stay on top of everything, Loh said she manages her time wisely.

"I don't go out, It's really depressing," Loh joked.

Loh didn't end up at TCU by accident as an international student. She grew up in Singapore and lived there until she moved to Texas to attend TCU her freshman vear.

Golf coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin saw Loh play at a tournament in San Diego, Calif. when Loh was 16. Ravaioli-Larkin offered Loh a spot on the university's golf team and Loh took up the offer.

Ravaioli-Larkin said she was very proud of Loh and that she is very deserving of the award.

"It's great for the program as well as the player," Rav-aioli-Larkin said. "It really says a lot about her."

Loh's teammates are also singing her praises.



Senior Melissa Loh competing in the opening round of the Battle at Rancho Bernardo Inn event in San Diego, Calif. earlier this season.

Junior Brooke Beeler said Loh brings a lot of support to the team and that she is constantly pushing her teammates on and off the course. "If I ever have anything

to ask someone, I ask Mel," Beeler said. "She is my go-to girl for my classes."

After graduation in May,

Loh said she plans to stay in the United States and continue her golf career for at least a year or two. If golfing does not work out, she said she would most likely attend graduate school to become a certified public accountant.

For at least one academic benchmark, athletics will come first for Loh - she

to two runs per game dur-

ing their current win streak.

TCU has also won eight out

of their past 10 games, all of

which have been at Lupton

The Frogs have also av-

eraged six runs per game

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caught, whether it was hard

or soft," said junior cen-

ter fielder Aaron Schultz,

"It seems like at the be-

Stadium.

BASEBALL

will not be able to attend her graduation ceremony on May 7 due to the NCAA Regional Championships. Instead, she and other student athletes will be honored at a later date in a private commencement ceremony.

Loh's studies will also temporarily have to be placed on hold as the women's golf

team heads to Scottsdale. Ariz., for the Mountain West Conference Championships April 14-16.

With a Phi Beta Kappa honor under her belt, excuses won't be necessary when Loh misses classes while is in Scottsdale, and her professors would probably agree.

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Continued from page 1 who hit a two RBI single in Wednesday's victory. get my hit to fall [Wednesday] was lucky, but it scored and he comes out and gives a couple runs and put us on

us a great effort today and is the board and we got rolling now firmly in the mix." from there." TCU limited the Broncs to The Lobos (9-20, 4-2 one run in 18 innings while TCU has held opponents

MWC) have struggled during a five game losing streak in series against Gonzaga and No. 22 Arizona. The Lobos scored a total of 18 runs within the last five games while Gonzaga torched the Lobos for 17 runs in one game during that stretch.

#### Series notes

Friday's game with the Lobos will be the 45th time TCU and UNM have met -TCU holds a 32-12 advantage over UNM.

Since joining the MWC in 2006, the Frogs are 18-5 against the Lobos.

TCU went 3-1 against New Mexico in 2010.

The Frogs are 11-4 against UNM in Lupton Stadium, while the Lobos last won a series against TCU in Fort Worth in 2008.

#### Up next

"To

Following the UNM weekend series TCU will take on No. 10 Oklahoma Tuesday in Norman, Okla. for their first away game since March 20. The Oklahoma game will be the first of a home and away series with TCU. OU will come to Fort Worth to meet their end of the deal on April 26 at Lupton Stadium.

#### MEN'S TENNIS

# TCU faces New Mexico after completing 2-1 MWC road trip

By Crystal Galvan Staff Reporter

The TCU men's tennis team returns to its home turf to host the No. 53 New Mexico Lobos Friday.

TCU (8-12, 3-1 MWC) comes in after shutting out Utah 7-0 Sunday.

"That was our first shut out for a while," head coach David Roditi said. "We'll take that confidence right into the New Mexico match."

The Lobos (12-7) are undefeated in conference play while No. 74 TCU is 3-1 in conference.

TCU came out with a 5-2

win against San Diego State their previous home match at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center March 28. The Frogs then traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo. to face Air Force March 31. Although Roditi said TCU would have to battle the elevation as well as the Falcons, TCU came away with a 5-2 victory at Air Force. TCU played BYU in Provo Saturday — TCU's first conference loss of the season, 4-3 to the Cougars. The Frogs

rebounded against Utah the following day, dominating the Utes in a 7-0 shutout.

Even with the team playing confident, TCU will face a tough match against UNM, Roditi said.

"We expect a battle, we expect for every point to be critical for every singles match and for every doubles match to be a critical point for the total score," Roditi said.

However, despite being ranked lower than the Lobos, Roditi is still confident in the team's ability to pull out another win.

"Our ranking doesn't really reflect the level of our team," Roditi said. "I would like to say that it is a pretty even match."

TCU has not played since Sunday and took a couple of days off to rest up, Roditi said. Friday's game will be the first on campus since this month.

"It is a season with three big home matches and this match is as big as any match," Roditi said. "We are looking forward to having a lot of support from stu-

women's tennis team had

won eight straight matches

before its loss to San Diego

on Wednesday, giving the

Lady Aztecs a 12-7 overall

record and a 3-0 MWC re-

cord. TCU has won five of

the past six matches against

SDSU and leads the all-time

series, 5-2. This past season,

the Lady Aztecs beat TCU,

4-3, in the regular season

before falling to the Horned

Frogs in the MWC Cham-

pionship title match by the

#### dents."

Frogs senior Chris Price is currently riding a fivematch win streak in singles and finished last week with a combined record of 6-0.

The Lobos have won one of their past three matches. The Lobos lost 5-2 to Nebraska March 25. UNM played Fresno State two days later in a 5-2 losing effort. New Mexico did pull out a 5-2 victory over San Diego State last Friday.

UNM's Phil Anderson and Jadon Philips are the No. 79 doubles team in the country with a 12-5 spring record.

#### Series notes

While TCU is 16-3 against New Mexico all-time, the Frogs haven't bested the Lobos since 2009.

The last time the Lobos and Frogs met on campus was the 2008 MWC Championships, TCU defeated New Mexico 4-3.

#### TCU vs. New Mexico

When: 5:30 p.m. today Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

### GOLF McIlroy and Quiros lead pack at Masters after opening round

#### Nancy Armour Associated Press

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Rory McIlroy and his buddies bought a football Wednesday night, and decided to test it out in the mall parking lot.

Guess who was watching? "By accident," Alvaro Quiros said. "I was watching Rory play with a rugby ball with his friends. Did he tell you that? He was doing terrible."

McIlroy is much better with his golf clubs, as he showed Thursday by shooting a 7-under 65 in the first round of the Masters. A few hours later, Quiros had joined him again — this time atop the leaderboard at Augusta National.

"My target tomorrow is to make the cut," Quiros said. "It would be stupid to think I can shoot 65 again because it's not my way. As I said before, 75 was my best round here. It could be just one good round of golf."

For McIlroy, it could be something bigger.

The 21-year-old from Northern Ireland is the leader of golf's version of the Brat Pack, a group of kids with big games and even more moxie. He turned pro in 2007, earned his European card without going to Q-school and broke into the top 10 in the world all before he turned 21.

He tied a major championship record by opening stick in there, grind it out."

with a 63 at St. Andrews in last year's British Open, and has tied for third at three of the last five majors, including the last two.

"I seem to play well in the big occasion," McIlroy said. "I always feel that I have the game to win. It's just the extra 2 percent here and there that makes the difference. Those are the sort of things I've been working on this year. ... But I feel as if I've shot good enough rounds in the majors and I've played well enough to believe in myself and believe that I can win a major."

To do so, he'll have to avoid a meltdown — similar to the one he had at St. Andrews. He followed his record round with an 80 that dropped him out of contention, and pouted his way around the course like a petulant teenager. He rolled his eyes after bad shots, scuffed his shoes and slumped his shoulders.

If there had been a door to slam somewhere on the Old Course, he probably would have done that, too.

"Obviously, at the time I was very disappointed. But looking back on it, it was a very valuable lesson in my development as a golfer," McIlroy said. "It's possible that I can go out and shoot another 65, but I know that it's also very likely that I'm not going to do that. So if I do find myself in a bit of trouble, I'm going to have to stick in there, grind it out."

# **Frogs face UNLV and SDSU in weekend play**

**By Brittany Rainville** Staff Reporter

The No. 61 TCU women's tennis team will travel to New Mexico to take on No. 48 UNLV on Saturday and No. 45 San Diego State on Sunday.

The Frogs lost to the No. 36 SMU Mustangs on Tuesday, 5-2. Sophomore Federica Denti sustained an ankle injury, and junior Shalini Sahoo was still resting an injury from Saturday's match against Utah. Head coach Dave Borelli said senior Maria Babanova played well in the match against SMU and will be relied on to play singles in this weekend's matches.

"The two best teams in our conference on paper are UNLV and San Diego State," Borelli said. "We may be a little shorthanded, but it's an opportunity for kids to play well and get some confidence."

UNLV is coming into Saturday's match with three consecutive wins against Wyoming, Colorado State and Air Force. With those wins, the Lady Rebels improved to 13-4 overall and 3-0 in the Mountain West Conference.

In its past match, UNLV's only doubles victory came from No. 110 Lucia Batta and Anna Maskaljun, who won 8-2. Nives Pavlovic, Adrienn Hidvegi, Jana Albers and Anna Maskaljun all won their singles matches against Wyoming.

The San Diego State



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR Senior Katariina Tuohimaa stikes the ball in a singles match against UNM on Sunday afternoon. The

Frogs fell to SMU on Tuesday and prepare for an away match against UNLV.

same score. shot The Lady Aztecs' Emily Bor Cioffi is 5-0 at the No. 4 spot and won both of her matches last weekend. In doubles, and Cioffi and Julia Trunk are imp

13-4 this spring, including a 10-1 mark at the third slot. Borelli said his team is the most encouraged group of players he has ever worked with.

"Once we get everybody together [and] healthy, hopefully...we can get a shot at the conference title," Borelli said. "I think that's our goal right now — to try and play well this weekend and have an opportunity to improve and go from there."

#### TCU vs. UNLV

When: 10 a.m. Saturday Where: Albuquerque, N.M.

#### TCU vs. San Diego State

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Melissa I oh WOMEN'S GOLF exemplifies the "student-athlete."

# **SPORTS**

Men's and women's TENNIS tennis set for a slate of weekend matches

# FOOTBALL 'Do it now' sticks after final spring practice



Junior tight end Corey Fuller catches a pass during the annual Spring Football game. The kickoff times and TV schedule were officially announced Thursday by the Mountain West Conference.

#### **By Nathan DeWitt** Staff Writer

Since the Horned Frogs won the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, TCU football has questions to answer.

With the loss of half his starters from the 2010-11 season, head coach Gary Patterson said after one spring practice in March that the team lacks leadership on the field. He's also said he will not ask projected sophomore starting quarterback Casey Pachall to fill the shoes of former Frog Andy Dalton, just as he didn't ask Dalton to fill the shoes of his predecessor, Tve Gunn.

Patterson's new motto could answer any questions regarding his 2011 squad: Do it now. With spring practices now over, Patterson said he will not wait on his squad to grow up.

"Do it now' — that's our motto, and it'll be on top of the pyramid," Patterson said. "Everybody thinks we need to have a year to grow up, but no. Our goal is to come out and win a lot of ballgames now."

After concluding the final spring practice Thursday at Amon G. Carter Stadium, Patterson's confidence comes in part from the progression he has seen from his young players over the last 15 practices.

"We got better," he said. "We don't have time to wait until the end of the year to become the kind of team we want to be-

come. That's what we coached all spring, to grow our younger guys up. And I think we did that."

Going forward, Patterson said the plan was pretty simple, but the rest of the offseason improvement will be up to the players. Workouts and running will resume Monday, and Patterson said he was excited to see where this bunch can take itself before the Sept. 3 season opener at Baylor.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Patterson said. "I'm really excited to see how this team does. Because in the past years, we've made giant strides from May to August."

As far as the incoming freshmen go, Patterson is not al-

lowed to coach any of the new recruits per NCAA rules, but he said he is already developing relationships with some of them.

Whether it's a visit to the office or meeting for lunch, this year's recruiting class, which was ranked as the best in school history, is quickly learning what this program is all about.

"I can't have meetings, but they can come up to the office and say hello," Patterson said. "I will be able to tell once we start having meetings with the new group?

Patterson reiterated his confidence in his team before the day was over.

"For us to be who we want to be, somebody will have to grow up," Patterson said. "That's

the way it always is. You've got to find your best 11 on both sides of the ball. Hopefully we can pull it off one more time. Our goal is to outwork the opponent, out-condition the opponent and out-prepare the opponent."

#### TCU 2011 Football Schedule

The Mountain West Conference announced TCU's kickoff times and television schedule on Thursday.

Sept. 3 – at Baylor, time TBA, television TBA

Sept. 10 - at Air Force\*, 2:30 or

6:30 p.m., Versus

Sept. 17 – vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 1 p.m., The Mtn.

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Sept. 24 – vs. Portland State, 6 p.m., not televised Sept. 30 - vs. SMU, 7 p.m., CBS Sports Network Oct. 8 – at San Diego State\*, 9:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network Oct. 22 - vs. New Mexico\*, 1 p.m., The Mtn. Oct. 28 – vs. BYU^, 7 p.m., ESPN Nov. 5 - at Wyoming\*, 1 p.m., The Mtn. Nov. 12 - at Boise State\*, 2:30 p.m., Versus Nov. 19 – vs. Colorado State\*, 2:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network Dec. 3 - vs. UNLV\*, 1:30 p.m. Versus

\*denotes a MWC game ^game to be played at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington