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Student center demolition brings orientation changes

By ROB CRABTREE
Staff Reporter

Where the Brown-Lupton Student Center goes, orientation shall not follow.

The Student Center is scheduled to be demolished at the beginning of June, said Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects at the Physical Plant, but Carrie Zimmerman, director of first year experience, said the demolition will not slow

down the upcoming freshman orientation sessions.

Because orientation will not be held in its usual location this summer, the program has adapted a series of changes to accommodate the incoming freshmen.

The number of students per session has been reduced, but more sessions have been added. She said enrollment will be 125 students a session for 10 sessions, as opposed

to 225 a session for six sessions.

Zimmerman said students are being housed in Foster Hall, instead of Colby Hall and the orientation banquet will be in the Kelly Alumni Center, instead of the Student Center ballroom.

"In some ways these smaller numbers are actually better," Zimmerman said. "The staff to student ratio is a lot better, which will give the

new students more personal attention."

Zimmerman said the smaller number of students also helps her staff solve spatial dilemmas.

"With those smaller numbers, we're able to use the smaller rooms that we haven't been able to before," Zimmerman said.

She said the program will use the Palko Building, Pepsi-Co Recital Hall, Winton-Scott

Hall, Beasley Hall, the Moudy Building, Dan Rodgers Hall, the Tucker Technology Center, the Sid Richardson Building, the University Recreation Center, Carter Hall and Reed Hall.

But simply because orientation will not stop does not mean the staff didn't face challenges.

"Finding a way to feed people was a tremendous challenge because we are losing

almost all of the locations to eat on campus," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said to help combat the dining problem, the orientation staff is going to encourage campers to walk to nearby restaurants instead of eating on campus.

Heather Denton, a junior math major and member of the orientation board of directors, said one of the other See **UNION**, page 2

LOOKING BACK



Maria Socha, a Monday at TCU participant, looks over some of the posters in the mini-Holocaust museum in the Brown-Lupton Student Center. The exhibit will be on display until Wednesday afternoon.

SHANNON BLEASE / Staff Reporter

Tentative new club promotes globalism

By ANNA HODGES
Staff Reporter

Students trying to create a new campus organization hope the group's partnership with a North Texas nonprofit will provide opportunities for students to become more aware of world affairs.

The World Affairs Council, a North Texas nonprofit, non-partisan organization that aims to educate the public on world affairs, plans to partner with the university to start a Junior World Affairs Council on campus, said Matt Buongiorno, a junior political science major who is leading the partnership.

Buongiorno said one of the greatest benefits about the partnership will be the chance for students to see high-profile speakers like U2's Bono and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, whose visits are sponsored by the World Affairs Council.

"People pay to see these people," Buongiorno said. "But our affiliation would allow students to go to these events for free."

The World Affairs Council

made 10 free tickets available to students to see Ambassador Henry Crumpton, an expert on counterterrorism, speak at an event in Fort Worth today, Buongiorno said.

Elise Smith, a sophomore political science major who is an intern with the council, said the council's initiative to start chapters at universities began last semester. She said the organization has not yet officially been approved on campus because of postponed meetings, but group organizers will meet with Student Development Services soon.

"We are trying to reach out to college students to get them involved," she said.

Once approved, organizers of the club plan to partner with Model United Nations to work to educate the student body about important world affairs, Smith said.

Eric Cox, assistant professor of political science and director of the Model UN program, said the new organization will prepare students to participate in Model

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CORRECTIONS

As of March 31, when the public phase of the university fundraising campaign started, the campaign had raised \$155 million, or 62 percent of the goal amount. A Thursday article cited inaccurate numbers.

A Friday Skiff article stated lower-level accounting classes were not allowed to be retaken once a student has taken an upper-level accounting course. This includes only ACCT 20153 and 20163, and not ACCT 20653, which is a new accounting course for business minors only.

Alumna, opera singer to make first joint performance on campus

By REESE GORDON
Staff Reporter

The opera singer said she can't play the piano. The pianist professed her inability to sing opera. Together, however, their long-lasting friendship has given the duo the ability to travel the world.

World renowned mezzo-soprano opera singer Frederica von Stade and TCU alumna Laurana Rice Mitchelmore prepared for their first concert in Texas at the Renais-

sance Worthington Hotel in downtown Fort Worth on Monday, and will put on a concert tonight benefiting the School of Music in Ed Landreth Hall.

Mitchelmore and von Stade have toured on both coasts of the United States, as well as in Spain, France, Ireland and Monaco.

While von Stade has been recorded more than 60 times, the opera singer was quick to praise Mitchelmore.

"One of the things that is

so evident with Laurana is her amazing devotion to music," von Stade said. "She is always just so happy, and it is evident in her music."

Mitchelmore, a '61 graduate who grew up in Plano, attended the Juilliard School in New York as well as the Vienna Academy of Music and Performing Arts. She has only performed at TCU one other time, in 1973. This will be von Stade's first performance in Texas.

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"'Flicka' is playing this concert for the benefit of TCU, which is so incredibly generous," Mitchelmore said. "I've never made it to a homecom- See **OPERA**, page 2



SAEROM YOO / News Editor

Alumna Laurana Rice Mitchelmore, right, prepares Monday with world-renowned opera singer Frederica von Stade for the duo's first Texas concert.



WEATHER

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand—A man was arrested on a charge of assault with a weapon for throwing a hedgehog at a boy.
— Associated Press

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Professor sets retirement date following Spring 2009 semester

By KRISTIN BUTLER
Staff Reporter

At age 74, an advertising/public relations professor is calling it quits after 40 years in education.

Doug Newsom, professor and director of the College of Communication's advertising/public relations graduate program, is retiring next spring, saying she always thought 75 would be a good age to retire.

"I never intended on teaching for so long — it just happened," she said.

Newsom said she loves teaching simply because it is rewarding, and she loves helping students.

A former chair of the journalism department, Newsom was recently awarded the Public Relations Foundation of Texas Educator of the Year Award at the Texas Public Relations Association conference in March.

She started teaching as an

adjunct professor at TCU in 1968 while she practiced public relations in Dallas, and currently teaches an undergraduate public relations principles class, a graduate theory class and a summer course in London.

Maggie Thomas, associate professor of journalism, said when she came to TCU in 1991, she felt welcomed by Newsom.

"Usually it is the candidate who writes the thank you, but she typed a note saying she was excited to have me (on staff)," she said. "It was very thoughtful and an example on how she pays attention to deadlines and is encouraging to people."

Newsom and Thomas have worked on research projects together, and the two teach in London together.

"She is an inspiration to young women and men," Thomas said. "She is there to give a gentle nudge or a kick in the pants if they need it."

Jessi Cain, a senior advertising/public relations major, said she took Newsom's London class and got to know her as a person, not

just a professor.

"Some may not like their experiences in her classroom, but you can't form a real opinion on her until you get to know her," Cain said.

Robin Forner, a senior international communications major, also took her class in London and said it helped her stay motivated.

"She kept us self-motivated and treated us like equals," Forner said. "You are 10 times more likely to do something if you are self-motivated than if you just have to do it."

Newsom said she has no idea how many students she has taught over all the years, but she said she knows she has taught the children of former students.

She is co-author of three textbooks, co-editor of a women's studies book and author of 12 book chapters. After she retires, she said, she plans to keep writing and revising magazines and her current textbooks, which are distributed internationally in different languages.

KANSAS

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but we were still up three with 10 seconds to go. I guess you can boil it down to the free throws."

The Tigers looked demoralized after Chalmers' game-tying shot. To make matters worse, Rose was favoring his left ankle as he walked to the bench, and did not score in the extra period, finishing with 18 points.

Darrell Arthur, who led Kansas with 20 points, hit two baskets during the comeback, and Sherron Collins added a three-ball and assisted on the tying basket by Chalmers, who wound up with 18 points and was named the Final Four's

outstanding player.

Calipari said he wanted his team to foul on the final possession of regulation and that his team had fouled Collins away from the ball early in the possession, but nothing was called.

"They're hurting bad: How close were they to a national championship?" he said. "You've got to give Kansas credit. They made plays, and everything that had to happen to us did — missed free throws, late turnovers. We were going to foul with 10 seconds to go, and we pushed (Collins) hard to the floor. All of that is why we lost."

The Jayhawks got layups from Brandon Rush and Darrell Jackson and a dunk from

Arthur in the opening 2:22 of overtime to go up by six. The Tigers, who made only one of eight shots in the extra period, didn't have enough punch to make it up.

"We haven't really played in that many close games, to be candid," Self said. "Even though we didn't look good, we felt like all we needed was a break. It was toughness and guys making plays when it didn't look good."

The Jayhawks shot 52.7 percent from the field, out-rebounded the Tigers by 39-28 and outscored them in the paint, 44-26.

"If we played them 10 times, it'd probably be 5-5. We got fortunate late, but I'm really proud of our guys," Self said.

UNION

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challenges orientation staff members face this year will be working three sessions a week instead of two for past orientations.

However, Denton said, the board figured out a few ways to help ease the stress placed on its staff.

She said check-in time will be moved from 9 a.m. to noon, and the staff members will be paired together for small groups instead of one member per group.

"These changes are great because they will give our staff more time to rest and be ready for each session," Denton said.

Kelsie Johnson, a member of the orientation board of directors, said university staff members were helpful with the orientation changes.

"We've had a really good team of advisers and working with the administration has been really easy," said Johnson, a sophomore advertising/public relations and political science major.

Johnson said the administration's support of orientation is encouraging.

"The flexibility of the administration shows that everyone is committed to the overall vision of the university," Johnson said.

Zimmerman said the bottom line is orientation will be as successful as it has always been.

"Even with all the obstacles on our end, it really won't impact the experience for the new students," Zimmerman said.

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UN activities. Every fall, TCU students have the opportunity to attend a co-curricular Model UN conference.

"This organization will provide students with a strong foundation of student leadership to take the lead in preparation for the conference," he said.

Buongiorno said he hopes the group will allow students from diverse backgrounds to participate, instead of just political science majors.

Caitlin Lippert, a sophomore political science major, said she thinks some students seem to be informed about world events, but a majority of them do not make it a priority.

"It is important for all

individuals to be informed so that they can develop their own opinions and hopefully, if need be, create change in our world," she said.

Buongiorno said the organization should be in full swing by next semester. Once approved, he said, there will be officer elections and planning will begin for next semester's activities.

OPERA

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ing, so this is very special."

A native of New Jersey, von Stade graduated from Mannes College of Music in New York City. The institute changed names in 1989 to Mannes College The New School for Music. Since then, she has recorded complete operas, solo recital programs and crossover albums.

In 2002, Mitchelmore

was the featured performer at the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and has performed with opera icons Luciano Pavarotti and Renata Tebaldi.

"Singing makes people happy," she said. "Being able to perform with some of the greatest opera singers in the world has been wonderful."

Together again, the two said they plan on giving a good show.

"It's a slightly lighter program than usual," von Stade said. "So the kids don't need to be afraid."

Tickets for the concert range from \$35 to \$75 and all proceeds will benefit the School of Music.

Chandler Smith, developmental director of fine arts, said this concert is significant for the school.

"Von Stade is one of the premier opera singers in the world," Smith said. "To have her here is a huge honor."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it."

— Thomas Jefferson

THE SKIFF VIEW

Adjusted retake policy sound idea

Future accountants should take notice: they no longer get the mulligan the university offers through its course-retake policy.

The university's current retake policy allows a student to try as many times as they please to improve their grade in any course. However, the accounting department recently announced that next fall, once accounting majors have taken an upper-level accounting course, they will not be able to retake lower-level accounting classes, financial accounting and managerial accounting, to raise their GPAs.

Administrators from the Neeley School of Business said the change is meant to keep grades fair and the policy ensures that students don't unfairly pad their GPAs. In addition, with the growing number of students, keeping them from retaking courses frees up space for those who need to progress along their degree plans.

This will fix the problem that has slowed Neeley students in the past, and one of the reasons the school passed stricter GPA entry requirements and restructured its minor.

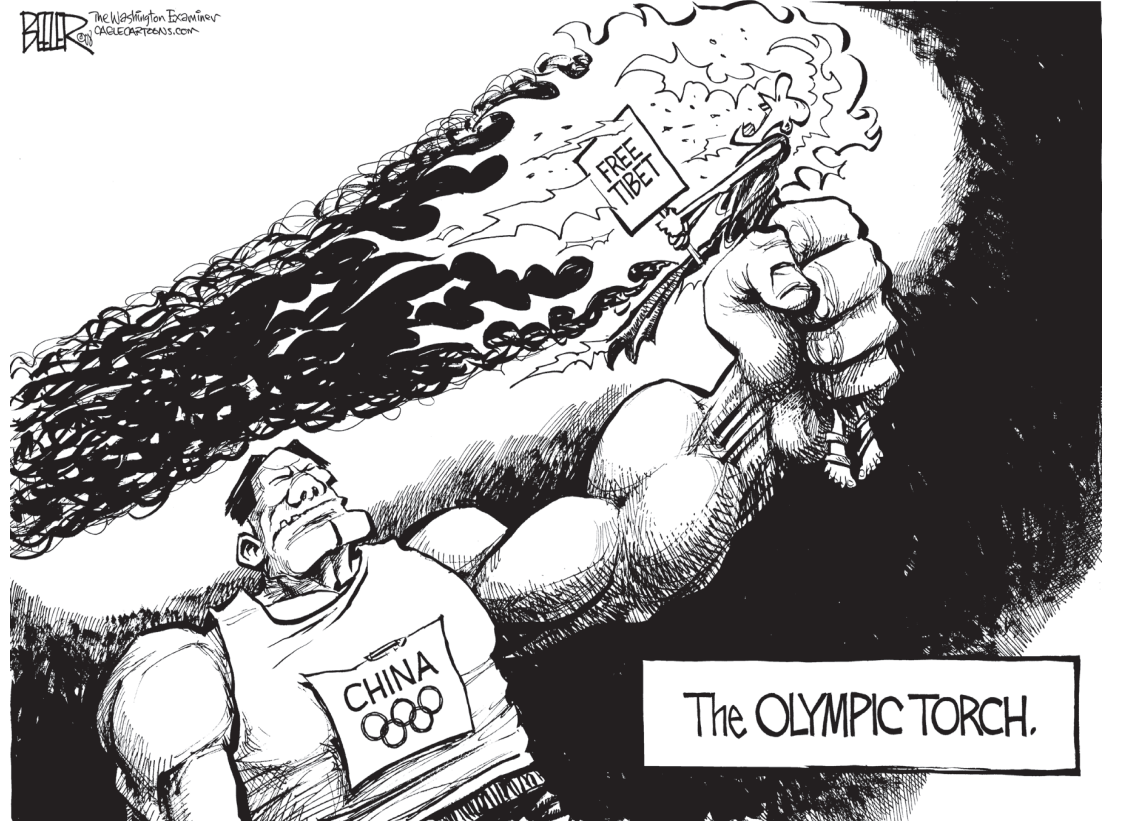
In a competitive academic environment, students should not be allowed to take a do-over whenever they make a bad grade in a class. They should be held accountable when they produce results that don't measure up to their own or their departments' standards — that's the reality in a working environment.

Neeley is living up to its reputation as the university's most prestigious school. It has a responsibility to produce intelligent, hard-working students that do the work right the first time.

The university should follow Neeley's lead. As our university's most highly-ranked school, it should and is leading the way toward a higher-achieving student body.

News editor Joe Ziglema for the editorial board.

BY NATE BEELER



Finding perfect running mate lands candidates in tough spot

Some of the more renowned talking heads chose to waltz with the 2008 presidential campaign at Wednesday's Schieffer Symposium.

COMMENTARY



Brian Young

The discussion drifted to and fro with insight, wit and humor and got especially lively when the panelists discussed potential candidates for vice president. Let's take their cue and continue the "veepstakes" speculation a bit.

Will what was once called "The Dream Ticket" of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton become a reality? You tell me. How would Obama reconcile a message of "hope" and "change" with a former first lady and New York senator, who, regardless of her clever image refashioning, promotes progress by offering a return to the 1990s? Can Clinton justify selecting Obama as vice president after repeatedly claiming him to be unfit as a future commander in chief?

Here are a couple of political hypotheses: Should Clinton make like Bonnie and Clyde by swiping the nomination from Obama at the convention, she'll be obligated to offer him the other half of the ticket. She'll grit her teeth and mutter under her breath, but it's the only way she can slow a mass exodus of Obama voters in November. He'll reply by turning the

other electoral cheek and declining her offer, paving the way for another candidacy in 2012.

Should Obama secure the nomination, it would appear that he has a few more options. Clinton's innate incompatibility with Obama's message will preclude any real vice president offer. Clinton voters will be sore for a while, but come November, rest assured they won't go kamikaze for McCain. Obama will ultimately complement his ticket by selecting a less divisive figure with strong national security credentials.

The 1960 Democratic nomination fight between John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson was comparable to the current sparring between Obama and Clinton. They were eventually able to set aside their animosity and team up for the sake of party unity. For that reason, I won't absolutely rule out a joint ticket. I'm only finding it difficult to visualize Obama's 21st-century Camelot with Billary at the round table.

Seventy-one years of age have John McCain swimming through the political fountain of youth in search of a candidate for vice president. At first glance, McCain's options seem less complicated than either Clinton's or Obama's. Yet with the economy in the tank and McCain's self-professed economic ignorance taking center stage, crafty conservative economic gurus will have the upper hand in the

Republican "veepstakes."

McCain's vice president selection must also serve as an olive branch to the Republican evangelical community that has yet to jump for joy about his candidacy. Appeasing fiscal and social conservatives simultaneously is a real high-wire act, unlikely to be perfectly performed by the maverick McCain.

Vice President John Nance Garner, second-in-command during the FDR Administration, once said the vice presidency wasn't worth a "warm bucket of spit." However, Vice President Dick Cheney, or Darth Vader as he's popularly known, has wielded considerable influence in the Bush Administration — a warm pail of saliva indeed.

Regardless of who carries the day in November, we can all look forward to the departure of Cheney, whose infamous arrogance was best on display recently when, after being told two-thirds of Americans don't support the war in Iraq, he replied tersely, "So?" Cheney's reckless lack of compassion would make his Star Wars namesake proud.

So one can only hope that our next president will employ Yoda-like wisdom and select a Luke Skywalker as vice president; both will be needed after eight years of the dark side. With this hope in mind, may the vice-presidential discussions continue in earnest.

Brian Young is a senior political science major from Friendswood.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Slow termination of Social Security would save tax payers in long run

The Sacramento Bee wire opinion article about Social Security, published April 2, has some interesting points, but I would like to look at Social Security from another perspective.

Social Security was enacted during the 1930s under the Roosevelt administration. Although Social Security was intended to provide people relief during periods of unemployment and to retired workers, it has become one of the most expensive government entitlement programs. President Roosevelt didn't understand the unintended consequences that are presented today.

The article mentions that the Bush administration would like to privatize Social Security accounts. It would not matter whether Social Security is privatized or not. The issue is productivity and not money. The problem is that there are more people collecting it than paying into it.

Even if there were \$100 trillion in the Social Security trust, it would still not be enough to finance everyone over their working careers. Since people are also living longer, it is harder for younger workers to support the many more people retiring. Eventually the \$100 trillion would run out. One solution politicians have come up with is to try to reduce the benefits of people making more than

a certain income. As we know, the problem is productivity and not money.

A solution to the Social Security problem would be to phase it out over many years. Some of you might be saying, "It's wrong to

"If the government is taking my money and telling me how to use it, it would constitute tyranny. The government should let people decide how to save or spend their money."

Peter Parlapiano

take money from people who have earned it." This is true, but I could say the same thing about the government. Next time you look at your paycheck, look to see how much is taken out for FICA, the Social Security tax.

As of last year, an employer withholds 6.2 percent of an employee's earnings. The employer is a placeholder for the tax which is ultimately given to the government. However, what right does the government have to take the money from hard-working citizens and decide how to use it? If the government is taking my money and telling me how to use it, it would constitute tyranny. The government should let people decide how to save or spend their money.

People are far more able to spend their money better than any bureaucrat in government. If

Social Security were abolished, it would save hard-working Americans billions of dollars in taxes per year. Everyone would be better off under this system. People would be paying less in taxes and retirees could decide what to do with their income.

This increase in savings could be used to buy more items or just simply save more money. If individuals would like to support retired workers, let them. Social Security is more of a pyramid scheme, promising people that they will receive the money they spend from a second generation whose money will be provided by a third generation and continuing on. People need to become more self-reliant, as Ralph Waldo Emerson put it more than a century ago.

Peter Parlapiano is a junior finance major from Houston.

CORRECTIONS

An editorial published Wednesday titled, "NASA celebrates 50-year anniversary, but scientific priorities in wrong place" had the wrong headline on it. The editorial was about Social Security.

A Friday column should have said if Sen. John McCain "can recruit a female running mate, he may pick up votes from those undecided voters who would like to see a diverse ticket, but may be disenchanted with the Democratic Party's nomination process." The meaning of the sentence was incorrect due to an editing error.

FDA should be more open to disclosure of drug information

The Food and Drug Administration should be embarrassed by its lack of attention to the ingredients in prescription drugs.

EDITORIAL
San Jose Mercury News

The latest evidence is the 19 deaths and hundreds of allergic reactions reported by Americans using a bad batch of the drug thinner heparin. Some ingredients were contaminated, and the FDA admitted violating its own rules by not inspecting

the Chinese factory where they were made.

This at the same time the FDA stubbornly refuses to allow cheaper prescription drugs to be imported. What hypocrisy.

The heparin disaster screams out for truth in labeling on the origin of ingredients in prescription drugs.

Americans may think most of their prescription drugs are manufactured here, but they are not. The latest estimates

are that 80 percent of active ingredients in drugs sold here are imported. China and India combine to make just under half of them.

China's recent track record on safety should be a major concern for the FDA and for American drug companies, which ultimately are responsible for the safety of their products.

The FDA generally makes its factory inspections before a drug is approved. After that,

the foreign manufacturer is rarely inspected. But in the case involving heparin, the FDA inspected the wrong facility with a similar name. The FDA still does not have an office in China to conduct inspections.

The blame for this shoddy work is shared by Congress, which has not given the agency enough money to do the job properly. It should authorize an additional \$400 million every year for inspections.

Lawmakers also should require full disclosure of the origin of ingredients for prescription drugs sold in the United States. Then buyers can beware, and pharmaceutical companies will have a greater incentive to ensure quality.

The FDA should be ensuring safety — but at a minimum, we have a right to know where those drugs are made and what ingredients they contain.

This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Thursday.



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On-campus living community focused

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

The alarm clock rings. James McCombs opens his eyes and looks at the clock. It shows 7:55, just five minutes before his first class starts.

McCombs, a resident assistant for Wright Hall, rolls out of bed and still makes it to class on time. This convenience is one of his favorite things about living on campus.

About 55 percent of undergraduate students live in on-campus housing, which is composed of thirteen operational residence halls, the Greek houses and the GrandMarc, said Craig Allen, director of residential services.

TCU offers a variety of on-campus living options, each of which has its own personality, said Chris Sewalish, Milton Daniel hall director.

"Each hall has a different experience," he said. "It's all about fit and what kind of community we can offer that will be most comfortable or provide the most benefit."

Sewalish said students who live on campus are not just signing a lease agreement. Instead, they are signing up to be part of a community, he said.

"You're always part of a small community within your hall and the bigger community on campus," said Lindsay Twichell, assistant hall director for King and Wright halls.

RAs build community by providing programming for their individual wings, as well as sponsoring two or three all-hall programs per semester, said Jeremy Arnold, an RA in Brachman and Wiggins residence halls.

Living Learning Communities, wings in which upperclassmen who share common interests or values can live together, have specific programming that focuses on the common interest, McCombs said. Sewalish said every part of residence hall life focuses on building community.

"Community is being built intentionally," Sewalish said. "We work hard to make sure we have a strong community."

Administrators say the on-campus community provides students with resources they need to succeed in college.

"They have access to all the staff and resources," said Bridgit Breslow, Foster Hall director. "When you're off campus, there are not that many people who care within a two-minute walk."

Allen said living on campus also provides a safety net.

"It's independent living and yet it has enough structure to it that students know that if they need help, there's help usually close by," Allen said.

Despite the effort hall staff members make to give residents the best experience possible, on-campus residents still face some problems.

Luke Morrill, Waits hall director, said he noticed students have certain problems across the board.

"Whenever you get hundreds of 18- to 21-year-olds together, you're going to have noise problems," Morrill said. "Across the board, you'll find noise, roommate conflicts and alcohol violations."

However, Sewalish said the hall staff strives to empower students to deal with those problems.

He said another advantage of living on campus are the facilities.

"All of the facilities could stand up to any apartment complex or house you put up in there," Sewalish said. "Additionally, its great to have facilities that are cleaned and maintained every day of the week."

Twichell said she agreed that the facilities and convenience of living on campus were unbeatable.

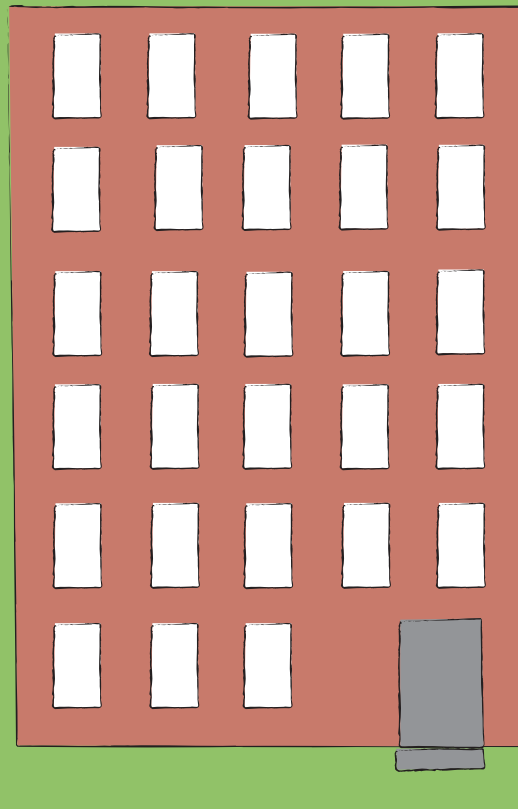
"Everything is at your fingertips," Twichell said. "Everything you might want that you'd have to pay extra for off campus is here." Allen said most halls provide similar facilities, and the difference in prices comes primarily from the hall's age and most recent renovation.

The on-campus prices range from \$2,550 for Colby, Milton Daniel and Moncrief non-suite double rooms to \$3,600 for Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments super-single rooms.

On-campus students are also required to buy a Frog Pass meal plan, which ranges from \$1,799 to \$2,099 for traditional and suite-style hall residents. Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartment residents can buy the regular Frog Pass or a Frog Pass Limited, which costs \$625 or \$950 per semester.



HOUSE HUNTERS



Life off campus garners freedom

By HILARY WHITTIER
Staff Reporter

For the first time in her college career, junior Stephanie Chlipala was able to delete the numerous e-mails reminding her to sign up for on-campus housing.

Like many juniors and seniors, she has made plans to live off campus in the fall.

The benefits of on-campus housing, such as being part of a tight-knit college community and living within walking distance of classes, make some wonder why students would want to move off campus.

"Beats me," Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said. "I'm kidding. For the record, I do think there is a natural progression that draws students off campus."

That natural progression is precisely why Chlipala decided it was time to leave the safety net that on-campus housing provides.

"It won't be an easy walk to class anymore," said Chlipala, an interior design major. "There also won't be a meal plan, and I won't constantly be surrounded by a lot of people, but I think you should experience being more independent before you graduate."

Chlipala said there are things students don't have to worry about when living on campus, such as cooking food or buying furniture, which they may not think about until they plan to move off campus.

Mike Kirk, a realtor for Mays Realty Group, a company that often works with TCU students, said off-campus housing provides more freedom, but he said students should prepare for the difficult process.

Kirk said the primary issue students face when looking for off-campus housing is having too many roommates. Houses or apartments generally have two or three bedrooms, and finding a fourth bedroom in the TCU area is difficult when expecting a price of about \$400 per bedroom, he said.

Carl Montgomery, owner of Carl Montgomery Realtors on University Drive, said renting a house or duplex near the TCU area will cost about \$400 to \$600 per bedroom. Apartments will be similar, he said, but can increase in price depending on how many amenities the complex provides.

But finding a decent price isn't the only aspect of house hunting students should be aware of, Montgomery said.

"I have been doing this for 38 years," he said. "And unless you know the values or what you ought to be paying, it helps to have a realtor or someone who has experience with buying and selling properties."

Montgomery said realtors will look over contracts for houses, and it's common for the realtor to notice faults in the contract.

For students searching on their own, it's important to read the contract carefully before signing, he said. Montgomery said students should know the lease term, safety of the neighborhood and should make sure they are comfortable with the location.

Kirk said he agrees that understanding what is in the contract is the most important thing when buying or leasing housing. In addition, students should be able to find a place they could be happy with for a few years, he said.

"Don't be in a hurry to sign any contracts," he said. "Try to find a place that feels comfortable, safe and a place you know you could show your parents."

Meghan Hunt, a senior speech pathology major, said finding a good house to rent was easier than she expected.

Her method of finding a three-bedroom house was driving through the neighborhoods near TCU and finding houses with "For Rent" signs on the lawn.

"I recommend that students start early," said Hunt, who began searching in September for a house for the spring semester. "It's also good if you get information from friends already living off campus because they may be moving out or may know other people ending their leases."

Chlipala said after they completed house searching, her roommates dedicated time to discussing the pros and cons of each house they looked at. Finding a house that each roommate liked and was leased at a good price was difficult, but in the end, there is always a bit of compromise, she said.

"It's a huge relief to have the task of renting a house behind us," Chlipala said. "It's good to know we don't have to be homeless college students."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Leatherheads' a game-winner for fans of sports, romance

By GEORGE CAGLE
Staff Writer

Whether the film's story is necessarily true, "Leatherheads" successfully captures the time period of the 1920s with its speakeasies, jazz music and struggling institution called pro football. This is a thoroughly enjoyable film with multiple comedic characters and endless hilarity.

"Leatherheads" is about the captain of the Duluth Bulldogs, Jimmy "Dodge" Connelly (George Clooney), who tries to save the unfavorable and unsuccessful establishment of professional football from bankruptcy. His method is bringing in the highly popular war and college football hero Carter Rutherford (Jim Krasinski) to draw crowds to the Bulldogs' games.

Along for the ride is Lexie Littleton (Renee Zellweger), a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, who, while looking for stories on Rutherford, proceeds to fall in love with Connelly. The love connection between Connelly and Littleton, begins rather sourly. However, it is enjoyable to watch the repartee between

Clooney and Zellweger as they display their skills in wit and comedic timing. Just as amusing, however, are the football games themselves, as the players break all the rules of the game — had there been any rules to break.

Lovers of comedy, romance and sports movies alike will enjoy this motion picture.



George Clooney, Jim Krasinski and Renee Zellweger star in "Leatherheads."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Smart People' doesn't meet potential

By ROBERT W. BUTLER
McClatchy Newspapers

Despite quality ingredients, souffles still fall flat.

That's what happens to "Smart People," which aims to be a funny/touching examination of a dysfunctional family seasoned with irony, some big-name actors and a vaguely indie/arthouse sensibility.

It misses. The characters seem to come from different movies, and the film's driving relationship doesn't ring true.

Lawrence Wetherhold (Dennis Quaid) is a burn-out case, a bearded, pot-bellied grouch who is alternately bored or irritated by his students and who is frustrated by the publishing world's indifference to his latest manuscript about literary criticism. Plus, he never got over the death of his wife years earlier.

An accident sends Lawrence to the ER where he's treated by an attractive doc, Janet Hartigan

(Sarah Jessica Parker). Lawrence doesn't remember, but a decade earlier Janet was one of his students. In fact, she had a crush on the prof. Despite her better instincts she now gets involved with him.

On the home front Lawrence must deal with his daughter Vanessa (Ellen Page), a tart-tongued high school senior who embraces academic excellence and political conservatism.

Everything about this movie seems to be a bit off.

It's hard to buy into the Lawrence/Janet relationship because Lawrence is such a self-centered

grump we can't believe she'd be attracted to him and they generate absolutely zero romance.

The characters are so interchangeable that Page should be banned from playing smart-mouthed young women lest her career run aground on the shoals of typecasting.

The screenplay's stabs at witty dialogue end up sounding forced (again, only Church delivers his lines with anything like conviction) and the film's emotions are all synthetic. Even the musical score for acoustic guitar, clearly intended to boost the movie's claim to sensitivity, irritates.

CORRECTION

The March 25 article "Student creates first liquid computer" said the technology achieves a mild form of super fluidity to increase the resistance of computer wires, but it should have said the liquid-cooled-submerged computer achieves a mild form of super fluidity to decrease the resistance of computer wires.

Some still rolling the dice in hard times

By SUZETTE PARMLEY
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — All the doom and gloom over the economy has Tony Marty seeking sanctuary in a familiar place.

Behind a slot machine. Marty, 41, has intensified his gambling habit during this economic downturn. He used to frequent casinos in Atlantic City once a month; now, he's at a gambling hall in the suburbs at least once a week.

"I'm thinking anything can happen at any time ... at any spin," said Marty, who drove to Philadelphia Park Casino in Bensalem last week after his graveyard shift at a Cherry Hill, N.J., baked-goods company. "You never know. I could walk out of here able to pay off

my house or car."

Experts say that gamblers such as Marty thrive in uncertainty and that an unstable economy only fuels their pastime — which helps explain high profits at the year-old Philadelphia-area slots parlors.

"Uncertainty is a realm that these risk-taking personalities thrive in and thrive on," said Frank Farley, a psychologist at Temple University who has studied risk-taking, thrill-seeking and human motivational behavior for decades. "Uncertainty, by an economy going shaky on all of us or unsteady, is exciting to them.

"It just raises their arousal and gets their juices going," he said.

Robert Goodman, author of

"The Luck Business" and an expert on economic development at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., said there were two types of gamblers during recessionary times.

"Some people — the more responsible ones — will cut back on gambling," he said. "But not the problem gamblers. They will likely increase their gambling."

Gambling, like dining out and shopping, depends on discretionary spending, experts say, and when that reserve is tapped out, gamblers look for ways to cut back in other areas.

Joel Naroff, chief economist at Commerce Bancorp Inc., said the typical slots customer who frequented casinos tended to be in an income bracket that could get hit hard in the current downturn, "especially if we see rising unemployment

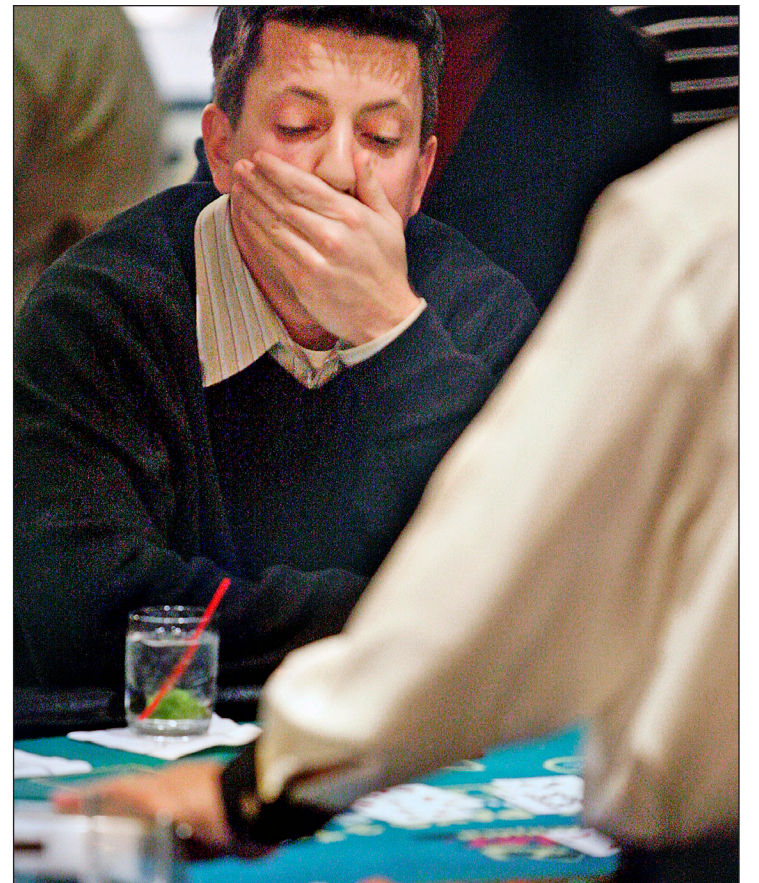
rates and a weakening labor market."

Naroff said this group tended to watch every dollar more closely and that issues such as higher gasoline prices were a huge factor.

It is pure calculation for Marty, the slots aficionado from Cherry Hill, who stopped frequenting Atlantic City's casinos this year because of gasoline prices, New Jersey's tolls and the casino smoking ban there.

"That extra \$20 or \$30 that you spend on gas could be what it takes to win money on a penny machine," he said as he puffed on a cigarette at Philly-Park last week. "With that, you could walk over to a \$1 slot machine ... and win \$500 to \$3,000 at any time.

"I've seen it happen to people," he said. "It just hasn't happened to me lately."



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Jim Duffy, 30, of Washington, D.C., plays blackjack at the Atlantic City Hilton in Atlantic City, N.J., on March 25.

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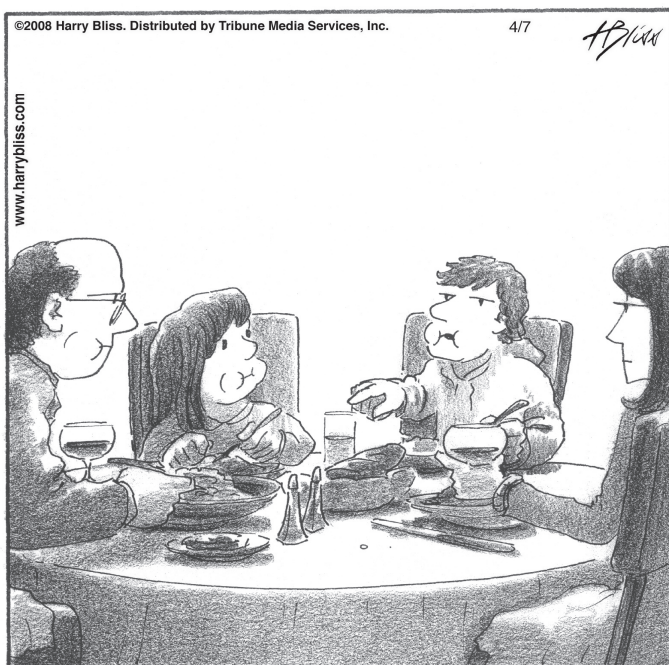
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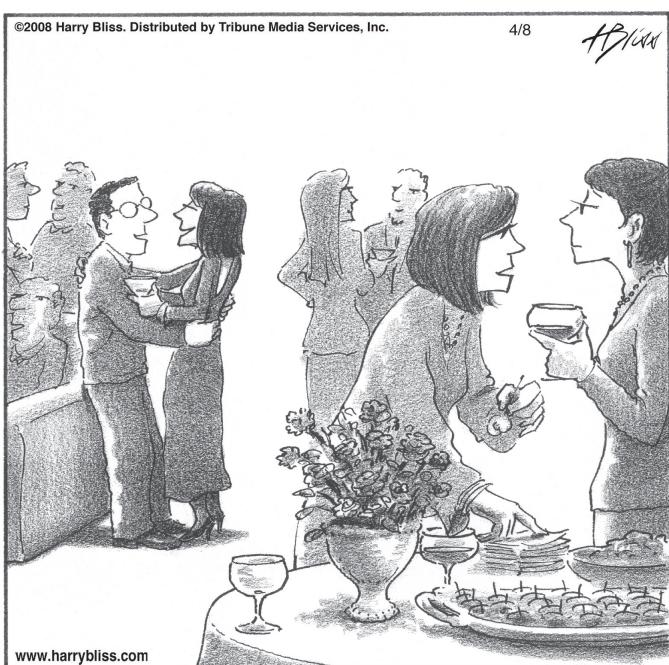
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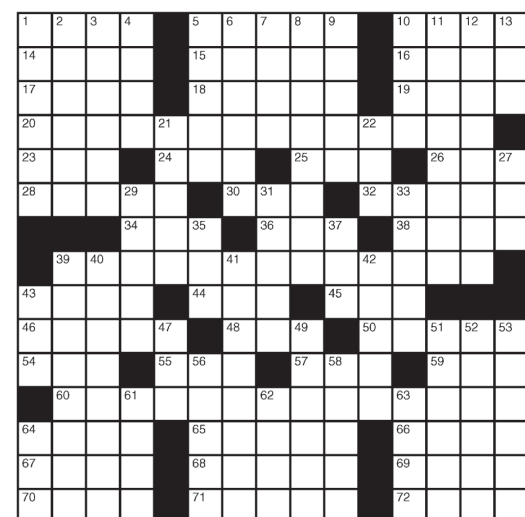
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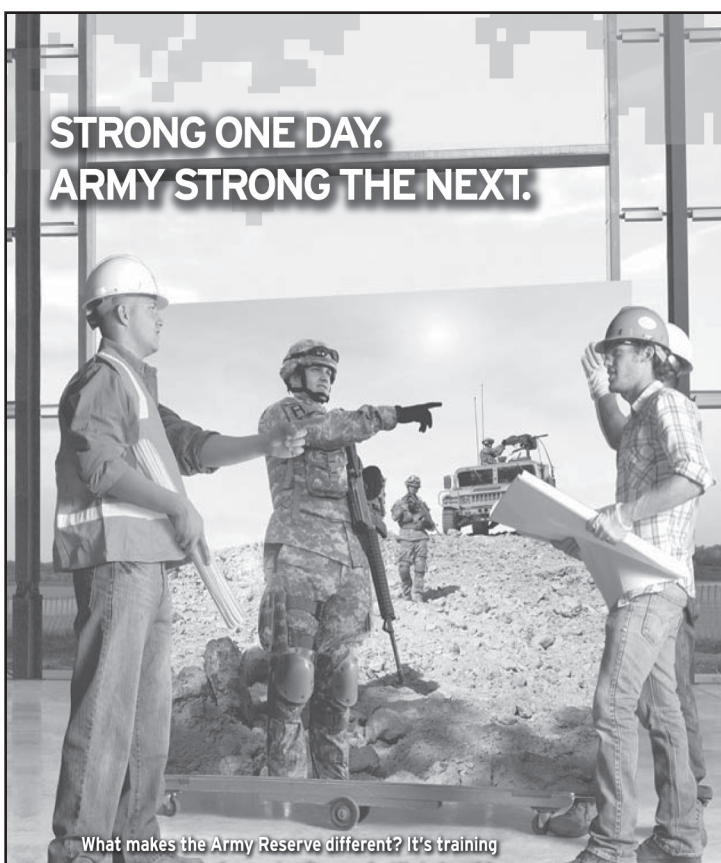
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Kansas University's Mario Chalmers takes a game tying three-pointer sending the National Championship into overtime against the University of Memphis. The Jayhawks outscored the Tigers 12-5 in overtime for 75-68 win, giving Kansas its first National Championship since 1988.

Jayhawks win championship in OT

By JOE JULIANO
The Philadelphia Inquirer

SAN ANTONIO — Kansas eventually broke through the door that Memphis could not quite close in 40 minutes of regulation because of poor free-throw shooting, and sent the pro-Jayhawks crowd at the Alamodome into spasms of elation Monday night.

Thanks in large part to 1-of-5 marksmanship from the line by Memphis in the final 1:15, the Jayhawks rallied from a nine-point deficit to force overtime and controlled the extra period, capturing the national title with a 75-68 victory over the Tigers.

Before a crowd of 43,257 at the Alamodome, Kansas won its third national championship and first since 1988.

The Jayhawks (37-3) showed heart in coming back from a 60-51 deficit in the final 2:12 of regulation. Mario Chalmers tied it at 63-all with 2.1 seconds left when he drained a three-point basket after Memphis' Derrick Rose made just one of two free throws with 10.8 seconds remaining to give Kansas one last chance.

Chris Douglas-Roberts, who led the Tigers with 22 points, missed three straight free throws down the stretch.

"It was a fabulous game," Kansas head coach Bill Self said. "We were laboring on offense, but we competed hard on every possession. It's one thing to win, but another thing to win the way we won. There's no quit in these guys."

Throughout the postseason, Memphis head coach John Calipari panned the critics who said free-throw shooting would be the Tigers' downfall. Indeed, in five previous NCAA tournament games, the Tigers shot 70.2 percent from the line, and Calipari said the toughness of his team would overcome

any deficiencies there.

Monday night, it didn't. The Tigers (38-2) shot free throws more like the team that made just 61.3 percent from the line in their previous 39 games, finishing 12 of 19.

"It came back and bit us," said Douglas-Roberts, a 71 percent free-throw shooter entering the game. "We missed them at crucial times,"

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BASEBALL

Five-game win streak on line against Bears

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Following their first Mountain West Conference series win against the Air Force Falcons, TCU faces Baylor University in the two teams second meeting of the season.

The Horned Frogs (19-12, 5-4) defeated the Bears (19-11, 6-6) 3-2 on April 1, the first win of its current five-game streak.

TCU's streak is on-the-line today against Baylor. Freshman pitcher Sean Hoelscher said the Horned Frogs defense is doing enough to provide the team with wins.

"It's all about the defense," he said. "All the pitchers have to do is throw strikes with the defense that we got."

Hoelscher, who started game two against Air Force, threw six innings to earn his second victory of the season, allowing one earned run and striking out six in TCU's 6-3 win.

Since Baylor and TCU last met, the Bears have gone 3-1 and are coming off a conference series sweep against Kansas University including a 17-7 win in only seven innings of work Sunday.

It took three tries, but the baseball team locked up its first Mountain West Conference series victory Saturday before its eventual 3-0 sweep over the Falcons.

FOR YOUR INFO
TCU vs. Baylor

When: 6:30 p.m. today
Where: Waco
Stakes: The Horned Frogs are currently in their longest win streak of the season at five games.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said the team's slow start to conference play makes winning each game important.

"Because of the position we put ourselves in here in the first half of the season, any win is a good one for us right now," he said.

Senior left fielder Steve Ellington said the team is playing with a sense of urgency.

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passing two four-game streaks it compiled earlier in the season.

TCU's pitching staff was on target against the Falcons and Schlossnagle said sophomore pitcher Tyler Lockwood was great in his first game win.

"He's like a little pitching machine out there," Schlossnagle said. "He works quick, throws strikes and gives his team a chance to win."



KATE JONES / Staff Photographer

Freshman pitcher Greg Holle pitched 6 1/3 innings for a no-decision in the Horned Frogs' 3-2 win over Air Force on Saturday. TCU travels to Waco today for the second of its two-game series against Baylor University. TCU won the first matchup against the Bears 3-2.

FOOTBALL

Running back could see time in rotation

By BRETT LARSON
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Injuries to running backs on the football team have not slowed down spring practice, but rather have given the Frogs a glimpse at a new option.

With sophomore Joseph Turner out for an undetermined amount of time recovering from a knee injury he suffered during the 2007 Texas Bowl and junior Aaron Brown out with a sore left ankle, redshirt sophomore Chris Smith has stepped in to shoulder some of the load during practice.

Head coach Gary Patterson said Smith gives the team the big back it needs to muscle it out with Turner, especially with Turner out recovering.

"He needs to keep coming on because that will give us two big backs along with Aar-

on Brown," Patterson said.

Smith teamed with Brown should help make the power and speed punch up the middle for the Frogs during the tail end of spring practice. Patterson said Brown will be available before the end of the spring.

Smith, listed as a fullback, has seen very limited playing time during his two years of eligibility. Last season he played in four games for the Frogs and had a season high of 16 yards in the team's 37-0 win over the University of New Mexico.

Smith is not immune to injury either. Patterson said Smith has a sore groin and, with hope, will be 100 percent soon.

Sophomore wide receiver Ryan Christian filled in last season at tailback for the Frogs while Brown and Turner were out with injuries, and

Patterson said Christian still remains an option behind the quarterback. Patterson said during spring practice the team is only working Christian at the wide receiver spot, and his availability as a back will depend on team needs.

With the Spring Game scheduled for this Saturday, and temperatures rising into the 80's, Patterson said the team is ready to start.

"This is our 12th practice of hitting each other and by the time you get to a couple more they're pretty much tired of that stuff," he said.

The team is getting quicker and the defense is starting to look faster in practice, Patterson said, but the offense still needs to improve.

"Kids keep moving forward. I thought today started off slow offensively," Patterson

said. "Defensively I thought we did really well until the last 20 minutes of practice. It wasn't bad, we just need to keep competing."

Another area Patterson said needed a lot of work is the readiness of the team's backup defensive tackles.

"The starting defensive tackles are really good, but we've got a lot of work to do behind them," he said.

Patterson said he needs the backups to improve for an improved rotation, the type of system he said he wants to run next season.

He did sing praise for junior starters James Vess and Cody Moore, who he said are two of the team's great strengths.

"They're exactly what we want and what we thought we had a year ago," Patterson said.

QUICK SPORTS

Women's tennis undefeated in MWC

The Horned Frog women's tennis team returned from its two-game conference swing in Las Vegas still on top of the Mountain West.

TCU edged past the University of Nevada, Las Vegas 4-3 and then added a 5-2 win over San Diego State putting it at 5-0 in conference.

The Horned Frogs are still tied for the conference lead with Brigham Young University, which is also 5-0.

The two teams meet Friday in Albuquerque, N.M. The Horned Frogs then face the University of Utah on Saturday and the University of New Mexico on Sunday, which marks their last regular season conference game before the MWC Championships.

Along with the weekend wins, senior Kewa Nichols was named Mountain West Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week. It was the second time Nichols received the award.

Equestrian falls in regular season finale

The equestrian team lost its season finale 8-7 against Texas A&M, and the Varsity Equestrian National Championship is now all that remains in the season.

The Horned Frogs' undefeated western season remains in tact despite the loss.

TCU finishes the year 12-0 in western style, the first school ever to do so.

Senior Kindel Huffman's undefeated season in Horsemanship also remains unbroken, as she finishes with a 12-0 record.

Huffman earned MVP honors in horsemanship and reining for her 10th and 11th MVP awards, a school record.

Sports editor Brett Larson