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book rental program.



CONSTRUCTION

Campus buildings designed for efficiency

By Kayla Travis Staff Reporter

If the Mary Wright Admission Center was to be given a letter grade on appearance and potential benefits for students, staff and visitors, Chancellor Victor Boschini said he would give it an A-plus.

"We looked at a lot of other admissions [buildings]. Vanderbilt has one. SMU has one, so we tried to incorporate the best ideas of those," Boschini said.

He said the new building, which opened to staff Aug. 2, is home to the offices of all admission faculty and staff, marking the first time the entire staff has been together on campus.

"I think that by having everyone...in one office versus in three separate offices on three separate floors, it will just help to make the entire process more seamless for both the applicants and the staff," Boschini wrote in an e-mail.

Although the construction of the new building resulted in the loss of a commuter and faculty parking lot, the university added more available parking alongside Bellaire Drive North by tearing down condominiums near Worth Hills and building a new lot, Boschini said. The new lot is larger than the space lost to the admission building, but is located farther from campus.

Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admission, said the building was on the wish-list of admission faculty for about two years because

of an increase in applications to the university.

He said being able to design a building according to the needs of the admission staff was preferable to using a system in which a document would go all over Sadler before it got where it needed to go.

Administrators were in talks about the facility for the past two years, but more definite plans started to take shape when donors Mary and Robert J. Wright made a private donation that enabled the building's construction, Waggoner said.

He said the admission center opened to the general public for tours on Monday and had 300 special tours scheduled throughout the year.

We want people to walk into the building and go 'Wow' and get this immediate comfort level. The building is a part of the message," Waggoner said.

In addition to the opening of the admission building, a renovated Milton Daniel Hall opened to freshmen and upperclassmen in the John V. Roach Honors College on Aug. 11.

Craig Allen, director of Housing and Residence Life, said the building was entirely gutted and rebuilt. He said the dormitory's signature feature was the great hall, a first floor lounge that could hold programming events and other honors college activities.

"When we did Clark Hall it turned out really well...so when we got to this project we thought, 'What's going to be the unique feature here?" Allen said. "Clearly here in this building, the great hall and the third floor are the unique features?

Allen said the building featured a shaded amphitheater for social gatherings and lectures, a theater area with a drop-down screen projection system available and a third floor with a fireplace lounge and study pods.

Mary Wright Admission Center

· All admission staff are in same building on campus for the first time Fastest building ever built on

- campus
- Opened to the public Monday and will hold 300 special tours during the year
- Includes memorabilia displays, interactive kiosk and hospitality area
- New parking lot on Bellaire Drive North
- Built to replace space lost due to
- admission center construction New lot is larger than space lost, but
- farther away from campus Milton Daniel Hall
- Houses first year and upper class students in the John V. Roach Honors College
- Features a great hall with a vaulted ceiling on the first floor
- Ground level includes shaded amphitheater and an indoor theater area with drop-down projection screen



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Outdoor shot of the new construction building while workers finish the fine details.



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The new front desk of the new Admission building the Mary Wright Center. The new Admission building relocated from Sadler Hall.

TECHNOLOGY Website update first step in future changes

By Rebecca Jeffrey Staff Reporter

Updates to the my.tcu.edu website, which took place in late July, have gone nearly unnoticed by university students. The changes were meant to be as seamless as possible, Josh Harmon, director of Enterprise Application Services, said.

What students may notice are the changes in the Student Center section. Enrollment, degree progress, transcripts, grades and other academic planning resources are now found in a drop-down folder entitled "other academic ... "

While the updates may have been an inconvenience to many students in summer school at the time, they are stepping-stones to some new amenities to help students plan their course schedules. Harmon said a program called "Backpack" may be partially available to students later this semester. A "Backpack" will be a graduation planning tool that will allow students to essentially plan out their schedules for each semester their four years at the university. Once the classes become available, the schedule is already laid out and students can enroll in those courses with one click, Miller said.

Senior art history major Kathryn Brill said she noticed few changes on the updated my.tcu.edu website. She said the extra planning section may be helpful in signing up for next semester's classes.

FUNDRAISING Campaign meets goal despite economy

Staff Reporter

The Campaign for TCU reached its \$250 million goal two years ahead of schedule this summer, an accomplishment Chancellor Victor Boschini said he thought was a wonderful blessing and a surprise.

tive's website, The Campaign for TCU is a comprehensive fundraising campaign to further Vision in Action, the university's strategic planning effort for the future

a university-wide e-mail incampaign reached its goal.

What I think it says is that our supporters believe in TCU and believe in what we are doing for students,"

Boschini said.

Don Whelan, vice chancellor for advancement, said the campaign managed to gain the support of almost 32,000 donors, despite the poor economy.

"There is a great deal of momentum across the board at TCU," he said. "Alumni and friends recognize this and want to help sustain our momentum and make TCU an even stronger university. We are fortunate that so many loyal and generous donors want to invest in TCU."

Although the campaign met its goal early, Whelan said there were no plans to slow down.

"We continue to seek support for scholarships, academic programs and other programs and initiatives that enhance the TCU experience

for our students," he said. According to the website, the campaign's focus shifted in January from constructing new facilities to fundraising for scholarships through the Campaign Scholarship Initiative. The initiative's mission was to raise \$100 million.

Whelan said donors provided almost \$62 million in scholarship funds for university students. He said the initiative remained the university's top priority and would continue even after The Campaign for TCU ends in 2012.

Whelan said the university will recommend an increased campaign goal to the Board of Trustees in November. More details, such as the new goal, would be available when the university makes the recommendation.

Boschini said the board

was already considering a higher "stretch goal" and would discuss it further at its fall meeting.

In addition to meeting the overall campaign goal, the campaign surpassed its \$90 million goal to enhance living/learning communities, according to the website. As of Aug. 23, campaign gifts and pledges totaled \$322,007,251.

By the numbers:

\$250 million: Original fundraising goal of The Campaign for TCU, set in 2005 \$322 million: The approximate amount raised for the campaign as of Aug. 23 2: Number of years early the campaign met its goal 32,000: Number of donors who supported the campaign

By Lauren Farrelly

According to the initia-

On June 22, Boschini sent forming students that the

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Bookstore not offering rentals

By Maddie Grussendorf Staff Reporter

The university bookstore declined to participate in Barnes & Noble's in-store textbook rental program which was implemented nation-wide last spring semester, a bookstore official said.

Roman Coronado, textbook manager at the campus bookstore, said the university chose not to participate in the rental program because it was brand new and not necessarily beneficial to students. However, he said e-textbooks and online textbook rental from barnesandnoble.com would still be an option.

"Most of the rental programs have taken place in the smaller community colleges, so right now there hasn't been enough study in the bigger universities, such as us, of how it's going to impact everything," Coronado said.

The program began in January and first appeared on college campuses this fall. According to a Barnes & Noble press release, the company wanted to provide students a way to save money on textbooks by renting them instead of purchasing them.

Students would be able to return books for free at the end of the semester, using shipping labels provided by the program. According to the press release, the program would allow highlighting and note-taking inside the rented textbooks. To avoid late fees, students would receive e-mail reminders that would warn them of the books' due dates.

Junior marketing major Monique St. Pierre said she was aware of the competitive market that textbook rental offered and that she would only want the university to implement the program if it was the best option for students financially.

"Id want the in-store rental program if it would be cheaper," she said. "It depends on how much the books are because TCU books are so expensive already. I think it'd be cheaper to go through Chegg or another online rental program rather than use Barnes & Noble."

Karen DiScala, manager of Barnes & Noble corporate communications, said under the rental program, students would pay 42.5 percent of a textbook's cost as long as students managed to stay on top of due dates and did not tear, burn or butcher the book, according to a Jan. 22 Skiff article.

Nick Rainone, digital sales lead at Barnes & Noble, said students can also save money with Barnes & Noble's e-textbooks. E-textbooks are a digital version of a hardcopy textbook and can be downloaded to student computers from the Barnes & Noble website, he said.

Jeff Baines, manager at the university bookstore, said cards for e-textbooks with a code to download the book were available for purchase at the bookstore right next to the original and used copies of the textbook.

"You can tie six different devices to a single Barnes & Noble account and you can read [etextbooks] anywhere as long as you have the account."

Nick Rainone Digital sales lead Barnes & Noble

Rainone said with the introduction of iPhones, iPads and e-readers, publishers worked on formatting their e-textbooks to be compatible with the electronic gadgets. Formatting the books, however, took time.

"There are already e-textbooks available and there will be more as the publishers get used to the formatting," he said.

According to Rainone some e-textbooks were already available on e-readers like the Barnes & Noble Nook. Barnes & Noble introduced a Nook application, called NOOKstudy, that would allow students to read the etextbooks on their PC or Mac computers. "You can tie six different de-

vices to a single Barnes & Noble account and you can read [e-textbooks] anywhere as long as you have the account," Rainone said.

English professor Alex Lemon said he supported e-books as long as they allowed students to take notes in them. He also said e-books were great for people with vision problems because the font could be enlarged it it was too hard to see.

"If students want to take advantage of this, that's wonderful," he said.

FACULTY/STAFF Partnership honored at luncheon

By Sarah Fleischer

Senior reporter

Faculty and staff, many of whom were dressed primarily in purple, celebrated the century of partnership between Fort Worth and the university at the annual faculty and staff luncheon on Friday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief was the guest speaker at the event.

During Moncrief's speech, he told members of the Horned Frog family that it was important to be an ambassador and represent the university at all times.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said one example of a great ambassador for the university is head football coach Gary Patterson, who received the Chancellor's Staff Award for Outstanding Service during the luncheon.

Boschini wrote in an e-mail, "[Patterson] is definitely one of the staff members who travels around the country a lot—both for the actual games and for recruiting new students. Every place he goes he is a living/breathing representative of all that is Texas Christian University."

Patterson said he was surprised and humbled that he won the award.

"It is one of the highest honors I have ever received," Patterson said.

Moncrief also spoke of the relationship between Fort Worth and the university. He said that the Horned Frogs are Fort Worth's hometown team. He encouraged everyone from TCU and Fort Worth to wear purple on Fridays to show support for the university.

"People want to be part of what is happening at TCU," Moncrief said.

Boschini wrote that Fort Worth provided university students with a safe and stimulating environment, and it gave students a home away from home.

"The city of Fort Worth gives us an absolutely incredible place to call our home," he wrote. "From the day I arrived here I always thought that the two were intertwined in such a wonderful way... It is my fondest hope that the two of us, Fort Worth and TCU, have an enduring and happy marriage." Shawn Wagner, director of events at the university union, said she thought

it was wonderful how the university and Fort Worth worked together. "I feel like [since the time that I

have worked at the university] Fort Worth has become more engaged in TCU," Wagner said.

According to the university website, TCU was founded in 1873 by brothers Addison and Randolph Clark in Thorp Spring, Texas, as AddRan Male and Female College. The school moved to Waco in 1895 and the name was changed to Texas Christian University in 1902. TCU relocated to downtown Fort Worth in 1910 when the Waco facility burned. Several other cities. such as Dallas, extended offers to become the new location for the university, but Fort Worth ultimately gave the best offer. The university rented buildings downtown until it moved to its current location in 1911.

This year marked the 100th year since the university had been located in Fort Worth.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Fort Worth mayor Mike Moncrief does the Horned Frog salute at a faculty luncheon last Friday.

Cold front of low 90s offers little relief

By Amelia Wenzel

Record-breaking heat welcomed students as they set off for their first day of classes.

According to the National Weather Service, Monday's temperature reached a high of 107 degrees, the hottest day of the year in North Texas.

High temperatures were in the triple digits for 23 out of the past 24 days in the Fort Worth area, according to the weather service. The average temperature for this time of year usually stays in the mid 90s.

Junior engineering major Dawson Brown said he did not enjoy the heat.

"The weather has been scorching," he said. "I feel like I could boil water in my car," he said.

Junior strategic communication major Shelby Atchison, however, said the heat was just part of summer.

"I think the weather has been beautiful and hot," she said. "I am from California so I am used to 100 degree days. I wish it was less humid because that is what makes the weather seem miserable."

However, relief from the heat could not be far off. The weather service reported a

cold front moving into the area Tuesday, bringing with it a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. The cold front was predicted to lower the high temperature to about 99 degrees Tuesday.

Sophomore strategic communication major Audrey Taylor said she would like even cooler weather.

"That's sad that a cold front only lowers the temperature to 99 degrees," Taylor said. "I'm ready for the fall weather to be here."

The cold front was predicted to continue into the rest of the week with temperatures in the low 90s forecast through Sunday.

New minor available in health

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

The Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies will offer a new minor, Spanish for the Health Professions, this fall, by basing the new area of emphasis on a class already offered by the university, a professor in the department said.

Associate Dean and Director of Nursing Pam Frable said that the nursing department was excited about the minor.

"We've had a number of students who want to study Spanish and we've had a lot of support from the Spanish department in creating the minor and we think this is going to be a long term win-win," Frable said. "It makes a more well-rounded nursing student and hopefully it will be a benefit, too, to the Spanish department and that it will have more students who will be able to take advantage of its resources."

Karla O'Donald, professor of the Spanish for Health Professions class, said the department created the minor after collaborating with officials in the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

O'Donald said the department designed the minor to teach the same mechanics as any other Spanish minor, but featured two courses created specifically for those looking at a career in health care. The emphasis would help students communicate more effectively with Spanish-speaking patients about medical issues.

According to the course description for the introductory class, Spanish for Health Professions, students would learn how to communicate, understand symptoms and discuss medication and treatment with patients in Spanish, as well as learn basic skills related to health care. The description listed an Intermediate Spanish course or the equivalent as a prerequisite for the course.

"You focus on a two semester class, which is a year long, that focuses on health care issues," O'Donald said.

Requirements for the minor include 21 credit hours, three more than a regular Spanish minor, she said.

This fall, 21 students enrolled to take the course, O'Donald said.

O'Donald said the minor also held importance because of the more personal role medical professionals play in the families they attend.

"In the Hispanic culture, you want to know who your doctor is," she said. "The way that they speak to you is almost like

you're a family member."

O'Donald said that students interested in health professions would benefit by taking the class because Spanish is based on the Latin language, and a lot of medical terms are Latin. The location of the university was also a factor in introducing the minor.

"We live in Fort Worth," she said. "We live in Texas. If you're going to live anywhere in the South and you want to be involved in the medical profession, you will have patients that need you to speak Spanish."

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Pam Frable

Associate Dean & Director of Nursing

According to a 2009 estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau, almost 37 percent of the Texas population was of Hispanic or Latino origin, as compared to 32 percent in 2000. The national average was 15.8 percent in 2009.

O'Donald said the minor could apply to several different majors and not just nursing.

"You want to have an interest in the class," she said. "If you're an accounting major, that might not be the most pleasant place to be. Definitely if you're a biology major, a chemistry major, obviously nursing—any kind of science like psychology, (the minor) will definitely be interesting."

Frable said that all forms of communication were essential in nursing.

"Communication's essential for patient safety and welfare, and that's not just with patients, but it's with other providers as well," Frable said.

Frable also said that Spanish is helpful in certain areas of the U.S.

"One of the things a foreign language gives to people, because in some parts of the country, other languages are also important, is that it helps the nurse better appreciate the difficulty non-English speaking patients may be having and may make them more sensitive in insuring that patients have access to language translation and interpretation resources, especially if they're in crisis," Frable said.

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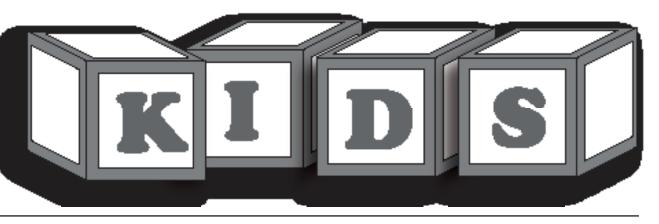
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Most people embarrassingly look back at pictures of themselves when they were younger and question their strange choice of clothing. Sadly, Mark looks back and realizes he had better fashion sense at two than he does at 21.



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MIDDLE EAST Afghanistan security force more than a year away

By Anne Flaherty Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior U.S. commander on Monday wouldn't predict when Afghanistan might take control of its own security and warned that NATO needs at least another year to recruit and train enough soldiers and police officers.

The assessment by Lt. Gen. Bill Caldwell, the head of NATO's training mission in Afghanistan, further dims U.S. hopes that the planned U.S. withdrawal next year will be significant in size.

Fort Worth or the Stockyard

President Barack Obama has said that troops will begin pulling out in July 2011, the size and pace of withdrawal depending on security conditions. Defense officials, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, have said they believe next summer's pullout would be modest.

In a Pentagon briefing, Caldwell told reporters that Afghan army and police forces won't reach sufficient numbers until Oct. 31, 2011 — three months after Obama's deadline to start U.S. withdrawals.

NATO has set the goal of creating an Afghan military and police force of 305,600 personnel — 171,600 army and 134,000 police.

There are currently 249,500 personnel 134,000 army and 115,500 police.

But Caldwell predicted that desertion and injury rates are so high among Afghan forces that NATO will have to recruit and train 141,000 people to ensure it has the 56,000 additional personnel needed next fall. Because Afghanistan is

still scrambling to recruit and train its security forces, Caldwell said there was no accurate estimate on when Kabul might take control of even the more peaceful parts of the country.

"It doesn't mean in small isolated pockets that they can't have the lead with coalition" support, Caldwell said of Afghan forces. "But to say that they'll be able to do much more before October of next year would be stretching it, only because we haven't finished the development of their force."

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Lt. Gen. Bill Caldwell Head of NATO training mission in Afghanistan

likely the U.S. and international community will have to pay for that force for some time, even after

NATO troops leave. "The U.S. has made an enduring commitment to be supportive," he said.

As was the case in Iraq, the training and equipping of Afghan security forces is considered the linchpin in the U.S. exit strategy. However, the effort has been particularly difficult in Afghanistan, where illiteracy rates are high, corruption is rampant and there is little banking infrastructure to ensure troops get paid.

Last June, Gates predicted that Afghan forces could take control of security in some areas by the end of this year. But diplomats in the U.S. and Europe have since said the first hand over may not occur until early next year.

A NATO conference in Lisbon in November would decide which areas would be handed over first. Caldwell said that notable gains have been made

in the past nine months. For example, he said that the size of the Afghan army and police has more than doubled from levels in previous years.

Caldwell said that recruiting and retention has been aided by pay increases, particularly for Afghan police, as well as a "new sense of urgency" by the Afghan government to boost recruitment.

The U.S. also has sent more police and military trainers to Afghanistan, mostly fixing a severe shortfall that dominated NATO meetings last fall, Caldwell said.

Still, challenges remain. Caldwell said that fewer than 18 percent of the Afghan force is literate, preventing most soldiers from recognizing the serial number on their weapons or performing other basic tasks.

Illiteracy also has kept some Afghans from being able to access their wages through an electronic banking system, established by NATO to reduce the risk that corrupt officers would divert some of the money.

Caldwell said that some 27,000 recruits are enrolled in NATO literacy programs a figure he hopes will grow to 100,000 by next summer.

Another major issue is attrition. Caldwell said the attrition rate last month for Afghanistan's civil order police force was 47 percent. The figure is down from 70 percent last year but remains "unacceptable," he said.



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Left to Right: Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr. & Gary Patterson

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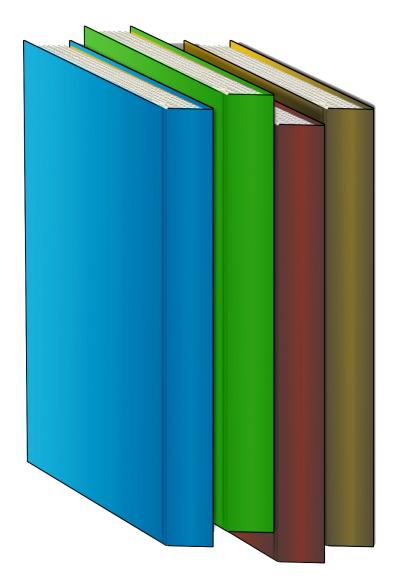






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TEXAS RANGERS Harden, Treanor return from disabled list to active play

ARLINGTON, Texas (Associated Press) - The Texas Rangers activated right-hander Rich Harden and catcher Matt Treanor from the 15-day disabled list before Monday night's game against the Minnesota Twins.

Harden started for the AL West-leading Rangers in the opener of a fourgame series against AL Central-leading Minnesota.

Catcher Taylor Teagarden was optioned to Triple-A Oklahoma City and right-hander Scott Feldman went on the 15-day DL for the first time in his career with a bone bruise in his right knee sustained in Saturday's game at Baltimore.

Harden was out with right shoulder tendinitis, his second DL stay this season. He struck out 10 in a rehab start for Oklahoma City on Wednesday. Harden had made two starts for Texas since his first DL stint from June 12-July 30 with a left gluteal muscle strain. His last start for the Rangers was Aug. 7 at Oakland, taking the loss while allowing three runs in 2 1-3 innings.

Treanor strained a right knee ligament July 23 against the Los Angeles Angels. He went 3 for 15 in five rehab starts for Oklahoma City.

Rangers manager Ron Washington had Treanor in Monday night's lineup. Washington breaks the catching into five-game blocks, and he said he'll probably use No. 1 Bengie Molina for three games and Treanor for the other two.

Washington said Teagarden will be back with the Rangers when rosters expand in September.

Also for the Rangers, second baseman Ian Kinsler will have an MRI on his strained left groin on Tuesday to determine the next step in his rehab.

"You've just got to keep fighting and hold it together. One thing that's good is our pitching staff has been doing a good job. We've got to start supporting them with some runs."

Ron Washington Rangers manager

Kinsler said he's anxious to get his minor league assignment under way and get back on the field for a Rangers team that's com-

ing off a 2-5 trip marked by inconsistent hitting.

"There's no point staying around here," he said. "I'm going to try to get back as quick as possible." Outfielder Nelson Cruz (left hamstring strain), right-hander Dustin Nippert (head contusion) and

infielder Cristian Guzman (strained right quad) also are on the DL and headed for minor league rehab stints. All four could be playing for either Oklahoma City or Double-A Frisco

by the weekend. "Every team has gone through it," Washington said of the series of injuries to key players. "You've just got to keep fighting and hold it together. One thing that's good is our pitching staff has been do-

to start supporting them with some runs."



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ing a good job. We've got Texas Rangers starting pitcher Rich Harden (40) throws during the first inning of the baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Arlington, Texas, Monday, Aug. 23, 2010. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

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Investigation of oil spill targets equipment, leadership

Harry R. Weber Ramit Plushnick-Masti Associated Press Writers

HOUSTON — Federal investigators seeking the cause of the rig explosion that led to BP's massive Gulf oil spill focused Monday on communication and chain of command, wondering at times whether the key players knew enough to handle an emergency.

They also questioned whether a piece of failed equipment designed to prevent the disaster was inspected on schedule. Details about the so-called blowout preventer, which was supposed to lock in place to prevent a spill in the case of an explosion, will be important as investigators pull it from the seabed to analyze.

Testimony about the frantic moments after the spill, when a distraught worker told the rig manager "she just blew, she just blew," will also be key to understanding what happened April 20. That's when the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded, killing 11 workers and subsequently spewing 206 million gallons of oil into the Gulf.

Two men who testified Monday were key to the successful operation of the complex deepwater rig. But Neil Cramond, who oversees BP's marine operations in the Gulf, acknowledged he rarely had contact with Paul Johnson, who managed the rig for owner Transocean Ltd., which leased it to BP.

Cramond also testified that captains of rigs like the Deepwater Horizon are ultimately responsible for crew safety and environmental matters, but are not always involved in decisions about how to deal with drilling operations and potential risks.

Members of the joint U.S. Coast Guard-Bureau of Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement investigative panel are trying to figure out what caused the explosion and how regulation, safety and oversight can be improved to prevent another such catastrophe.

Investigators asked Johnson about whether maintenance of the blowout preventer had been up to code. Johnson testified that a September 2009 safety audit did not include a complete inspection of the device, and so "I don't think it's a complete audit."

A few months later, however, as the rig was being moved to the well, the blowout preventer was inspected. But investigators questioned whether this was in line with the three- to five-

year timetable laid out in regulatory codes.

Meanwhile, Cramond's description of how responsibilities and communication were divided among the parties responsible for the sunken rig raised eyebrows at times among the investigators.

""I heard somebody yelling in the background that they were jumping overboard."

Daun Winslow Transocean performance operations manager

While questioning Cramond, a Coast Guard official wondered if there was anyone who had a "big picture" of what was going on. He said he was concerned the captain was responsible for keeping the crew and vessel safe and preventing pollution, but had "little say and awareness of what's going on in terms of risk."

"I believe what you've outlined is an accurate picture," Cramond said, noting such arrangements are standard in the oil and gas industry.

He insisted, however, that records will show that on a number of occasions he communicated concerns about safety problems to the people who needed to know about them.

Asked if the Deepwater Horizon was properly manned at the time of the explosion that killed 11 workers, he replied: "I have no information that would say otherwise."

Johnson, whose responsibilities included training and personnel, was not on board the Deepwater Horizon when it exploded. He said he only visited the rig three days each month and was not able to monitor real-time data from it at his location on shore.

The blast knocked out communication between him and the captain and offshore installation manager, he testified. Eventually, he managed to talk to one of the rig workers who told him he had insulation in his eyes and was struggling to see and hear.

"I asked what happened," Johnson testified. "He said, 'I don't know Paul, she just blew, she just blew.' At that point I know he was crying so I just shut the conversation down."

Another witness, Transocean performance operations manager Daun Winslow, arrived on the rig the day of the blast for a routine site visit. He was having some coffee and a cigarette below decks when he heard a loud bang. He testified that the power was out, the emergency generator didn't work, there was no water, the derrick was consumed by flames and the walls were quickly crumbling around the crew.

"I heard somebody yelling in the background that they were jumping overboard," Winslow told the panel.

In March, barely a month before the accident, one of Cramond's employees visited the Deepwater Horizon to ensure Transocean had resolved safety violations found in a random audit a year earlier that forced the rig to shut down for five days.

Cramond said 63 of 70 issues had been resolved, and the remainder were minor problems that the company was given six months to resolve.

Cramond, however, could answer almost no questions regarding the drilling side of the operation, insisting his responsibility was largely to determine whether the vessel was able to remain seabound. He did, however, acknowledge that several systems and pieces of equipment overlapped, saying a Transocean employee was ultimately responsible for having a broader idea of what was happening on the rig as a whole.

Asked if there was a pro-

cess in place to ensure direct communication between the different parties overseeing the rig's operation, Cramond said: "I can't completely answer that question."

In addition to operating the rig that exploded, BP owned a majority interest in the ruptured undersea well. Anadarko Petroleum held a minority interest in the well.

The hearings in Houston were scheduled to run through Friday. They are the fourth set of hearings by the panel, which isn't expected to issue any conclusions for months.

The temporary cap placed on the blown-out well in mid-July has kept oil from spewing, and the final sealing should take place after Labor Day.

Engineers are preparing to first remove the failed blowout preventer and replace it with another. After that, they will complete the drilling of a relief well, then will plug the blown-out well for good by pumping mud and cement into the bottom.

There are three pieces of pipe from the well inside the blowout preventer that engineers want to remove before attempting to replace it, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the spill response, told reporters Monday.



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Co-chair U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Hung Nguyen, right, asks a question as U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Mark Higgins, left, and Wayne Andersen, center, retired U.S. District Judge, listen during the Deepwater Horizon joint investigation hearings by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Management, Regulation and Enforcement Monday, Aug. 23, 2010 in Houston.



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Colts getting mixed results from rookie recruits

By Michael Marmot

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jerry Hughes came to training camp carrying all the baggage of a first-round pick.

He had the big contract, the high expectations, the pressure to emerge as the best rookie in the Colts' draft class.

Things haven't exactly gone as planned for the pass-rushing specialist from TCU, who is still trying to fit into the Colts defense while his rookie classmates make a bigger impact. Linebackers Pat Angerer and Kavell Conner have impressed coaches with their ability to run and hit, and undrafted rookie Devin Moore took the early lead to become the Colts' return specialist with a strong performance Thursday night against Buffalo.

Fortunately, the Colts have seen this script play out before with defensive linemen.

"It happened to me when I was a rookie" Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney said Monday. "But you have to be ready because all it takes is an injury and then you're in there. I was basically a third-down guy until the eighth or ninth game of the year (as a rookie), and then there was an injury and I went in."

He never looked back.

Freeney forced three fumbles and sacked Donovan McNabb once in his first career start, the opening act to a career that has included five Pro Bowl selections and the title of Colts' all-time sacks leader. Not bad for a guy who was considered a "reach" in the 2002 draft and who needed time to earn a starting job.

And Freeney isn't the Colts' only firstround pick who had trouble early.

Future Pro Bowlers Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark caught fewer than 30 passes as rookies. Anthony Gonzalez caught 37. Last year's top pick, Donald Brown, rushed for only 281 yards, and cornerback Marlin Jackson had 39 tackles, one interception and one start in his first NFL season, 2005. Peyton Manning even threw 28 interceptions in his first NFL season.

But the Colts have a reputation for finding talent — in the draft and outside of it.

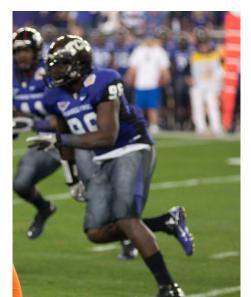
Last year's rookie class included cornerback Jerraud Powers, receiver Austin Collie and punter Pat McAfee — all of whom were starting by season's end. Two undrafted rookies, cornerback Jacob Lacey and right guard Kyle DeVan, even started in the Super Bowl as Indy's top two draft picks, Brown and Fili Moala, struggled.

Coach Jim Caldwell believes pass-rushing ends have a tougher time because they're lining up against the biggest and strongest tackles in the league. The adjustment, Caldwell and Freeney agree, takes patience.

"He's like most young guys, he's learning, he's feeling his way a little bit," Caldwell said when asked about Hughes' development. "It's kind of like a pitcher who has a fastball and a curve ball and then he has to find an offspeed pitch."

The other guys haven't made it look as difficult.

While Hughes has two tackles in two games, Conner, one of Indy's three seventh-round picks, started the preseason opener. Angerer



SKIFF ARCHIVES Jerry Hughes in action against Boise State during the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, 2010.

and Conner have also seen the most action at linebacker through the first two weeks though they haven't been flawless.

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Dwight Freeney Pro Bowl defensive end

checks and being loud," Angerer said. "But if I'm going to make a mistake, I'd rather make it going fast than going slow."

The biggest surprises since camp opened have been Moore, a running back who grew up in Indy; defensive lineman John Chick, who spent the last three seasons in the Canadian Football League; and tight end Brody Eldridge, a fifth-round pick who had 13 receptions in four seasons at Oklahoma.

All have exceeded expectations, and Eldridge got a vote of confidence from Indy's offensive leader Sunday.

"I certainly didn't know what to expect, and I don't know what Bill and the personnel guys expected," Manning said. "We can't have a guy who is one dimensional. It would be too obvious to bring a guy in just to block in non-goal line situations, but he's continuing to develop in the passing game. My guess is that he hasn't had a lot of repetitions, so I think he'll keep improving."

Hughes' task is simply to keep progressing, which isn't easy when you're locked in behind two Pro Bowl ends, Freeney and Robert Mathis.

"It's a little tougher situation for Jerry because you've got me and Robert in front of him, so he's got to get on the field somehow," Freeney said. "There's no rush because there's no dire, dire need there. But he's going to learn the system, he's going to play Colts ball and whenever that happens, it happens."



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LANGUAGES **DEA seeks Ebonics experts** to help with cases

Greg Bluestein

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - Federal agents are seeking to hire Ebonics translators to help interpret wiretapped conversations involving targets of undercover drug investigations.

The Drug Enforcement Administration recently sent memos asking companies that provide translation services to help it find nine translators in the Southeast who are fluent in Ebonics, Special Agent Michael Sanders said Monday.

Ebonics, which is also known as African American Vernacular English, has been described by the psychologist who coined the term as the combination of English vocabulary with African language structure.

The DEA's decision, first reported by The Smoking Gun, evokes memories of the debate sparked in 1996 when the Oakland, Calif., school board suggested that black English was a separate language. Although the board later dropped the suggestion amid criticism, it set off a national discussion over whether Ebonics is a language, a dialect or neither.

Linguists said Ebonics can be trickier than it seems, partly because the vocabulary evolves so quickly.

"A lot of times people think you're just dealing with a few slang words, and that you can finesse your way around it," said John Rickford, a Stanford University linguistics professor. "And it's not — it's a big vocabulary. You'll have some significant differences" from English.

Critics worry that the DEA's actions could set a precedent.

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Tiger Woods, wife officially divorced

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Doug Ferguson AP Golf Writer

After nine months of turmoil over his extramarital affairs, now begins the next chapter in the life and times of Tiger Woods.

In a hearing that lasted no more than 10 minutes in a Florida judge's chambers, Woods and his Swedish-born wife officially divorced Monday.

The divorce was granted shortly after 2 p.m. in Bay County Circuit Court in Panama City, Fla., about 375 miles from their Isleworth home outside Orlando, where Woods drove his SUV over a fire hydrant and into a tree on Thanksgiving night. That set off shocking revelations that sports' biggest star had been cheating on his wife through multiple affairs.

Woods' life and golf

"Hiring translators for languages that are of questionable merit to begin with is just going in the wrong direction," said Aloysius Hogan, the government relations director of English First, a national lobbying group that promotes the use of English.

"I'm not aware of Ebonics training schools

"A lot of times people think you're dealing with a few slang words, and that you can finesse your way around it. And it's not — it's a big vocabulary. You'll have some significant differences."

John Rickford

Stanford University linguistics professor

or tests. I don't know how they'd establish that someone speaks Ebonics," he said. "I support the concept of pursuing drug dealers if they're using code words, but this is definitely going in the wrong direction."

Rickford said that hiring Ebonics experts could come in handy for the DEA, but he said it's hard to determine whether a prospective employee can speak it well enough to translate since there are no standardized tests. He said the ideal candidate would be a native speaker who also has had some linguistics training.

"You can maybe get a general idea of what they're saying, but you have to understand that this has to hold up in court," he said. "You need someone to say, 'I know what they mean when they say 'ballin' or 'pinching pennies."

game have been in disarray It was the first time in

Terms of the divorce -

such as how much it will

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nearly seven years he had finished out of the top 20 in consecutive majors.

Woods is to play this week at The Barclays, his first tournament as a single man in nearly six years. He needs a good performance just to get out of the first round of the FedEx Cup playoffs, which he won the previous two times he played, and he also is trying to show he is worth picking for the Ryder Cup, where wives take on a visible role.

Since returning to golf at the Masters, Woods has not come close to winning a tournament. He tied for fourth in the Masters and in the U.S. Open, both times taking himself out of contention early in the final round.

Associated Press Writers Curt Anderson and Lisa Orkin in Miami, and Karl A. Ritter in Stockholm contributed to this report.

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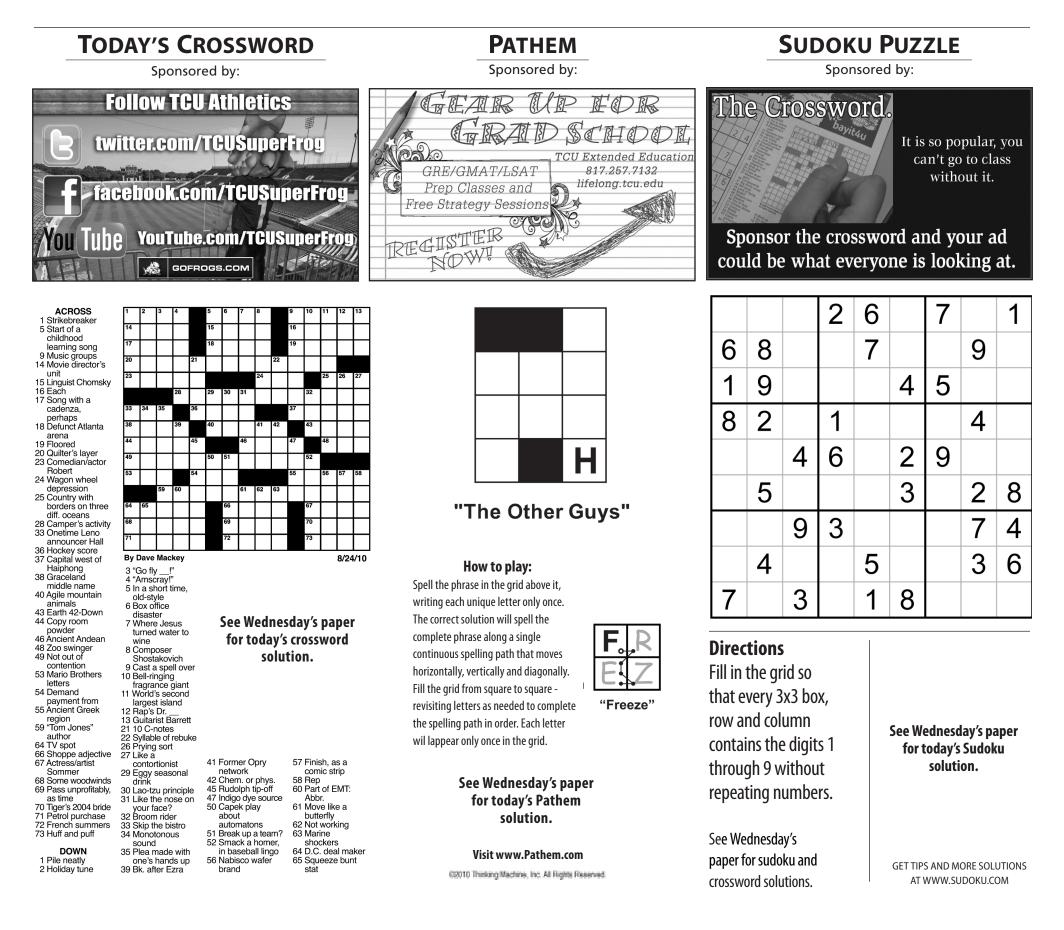
Our new print version has switched from a broadsheet to a tabloid format, which doubles the number of pages while shrinking the overall format. This makes it much easier to read the Skiff anywhere, even in class. The new print format also allows for more creativity in how we package our stories. You'll see more multimedia, more graphics and more cartoons. Plus, the new puzzles are pretty sweet. Our website has also drastically improved. Our homepage is much more visually appealing and we'll have more videos, photos and polls. We'll also have live updates of major sporting events as well as faster updates during the day for our stories.

We're looking to get our readership involved. We've started new regular features— Frog Feature and the Purple Poll. Frog Feature will spotlight a faculty, staff member or student. The best part? You, the reader, will be able to nominate who we cover.

The Purple Poll is a daily poll that will reflect campus thoughts about events relating to the university. We'll select some of the best answers and publish the results in the paper.

We'd appreciate your thoughts and you can provide feedback, Frog Feature suggestions, story tips and letters to the editor at TCUDailySkiff.com.

Editor-in-Chief Libby Davis for the editorial board.

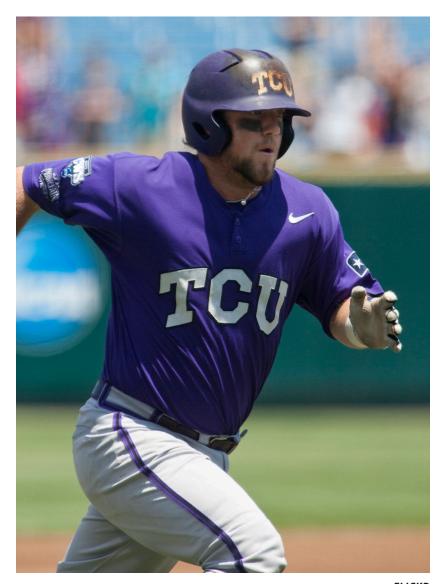


Record setters: the best baseball team in school history

TCU Baseball made it to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. for the first time in school history. Here is a recap of some of the highlights.



TCU's Bryan Holaday, center, is greeted by teammates after hitting a solo home run against UCLA in the first inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game, in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, June 26, 2010. The winner advances to the championship series.



FLICKR TCU's Bryan Holaday rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run against UCLA in the first inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game, in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, June 26, 2010.



TCU's Matt Curry, right, hits a grand slam against Florida State in the eighth inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game in Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, June 23, 2010.



The Frogs made it into the top four of the College World Series, defeating teams like UT to make it to the College World Series.



UCLA's Blair Dunlap, right, is tagged out at home plate by TCU catcher Bryan Holaday, in the second inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game, in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, June 26, 2010. The winner advances to the championship series.

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Frog Football 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 4	Oregon State	Arlington, Texas	6:45p.m.
Sept. 11	Tennessee Tech	Fort Worth,Texas	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Baylor	Fort Worth, Texas	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Colorado State	Fort Collins, Colo.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Wyoming	Fort Worth, Texas	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	BYU	Fort Worth, Texas	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Air Force	Fort Worth, Texas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	10:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	San Diego State	Fort Worth, Texas	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 27	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.	3:00 p.m.





COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Fresno State, Nevada join MWC

Doug Alden

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After expanding just once in its first 10 years, the Mountain West Conference has added three schools in the past two months.

Fresno State and Nevada received and accepted invitations to join the league in a wild, wild Wednesday that left the Mountain West in a very comfortable position and the depleted Western Athletic Conference in serious need of members.

The Bulldogs and Wolf Pack are following Boise State out of the WAC and into the Mountain West, which lost Utah to the Pac-10 earlier in the summer — and it isn't over yet.

BYU is mulling going independent in football and reportedly joining the WAC in all other sports. The Cougars have not confirmed anything and may need another look before making anything official. At this rate, there might not be much of a WAC left to join.

If BYU stays, the MWC could have 11 members within the next two years with room to even out the lineup with one more school. If BYU goes, the league still has 10 members.

"I don't know BYU's intentions," Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson said Wednesday night in a conference call. "We're simply looking at getting better and we got better tonight with Fresno State and Nevada joining our league."

The WAC, meanwhile, once had 16 teams until eight of them departed and formed the Mountain West. The only addition since has been TCU in 2005. Without new membership, the WAC would have just six schools once Fresno State and Nevada make the move.

Thompson spoke after returning from a meeting in Philadelphia with Comcast and CBS officials, who said they wanted the league and its television network — The Mtn. — to reach more markets. The league started the network a few years ago, giving up national exposure on ESPN for more scheduling freedom.

"(Expansion) just made lot of sense at this particular juncture. We got better and we helped our TV position," he said.

The MWC also helped its bargaining position with BYU, although Thompson said the latest expansion wasn't a preemptive strike if the Cougars decide to leave the conference. Nor was it a way to prevent the Cougars from leaving, by giving them nowhere to go.

But by adding Nevada and Fresno State, the Mountain West is clearly in a stronger position with the Cougars. Thompson also said the additions will increase the conference's chances of earning an automatic bid to the Bowl Championship Series, something the MWC has been pushing for in recent years.

WAC commissioner Karl Benson was out of the office Wednesday and did not immediately return calls and e-mails seeking comment. The WAC announced Benson will hold a teleconference Thursday to address the losses.

The WAC could be down to six members, two short of the NCAA requirement for a conference.

The Mountain West lured Boise State in early June, but learned less than a week later that Utah was leaping west to a higher-profile spot in the Pac-10 along with Colorado.

So the Pac-10 becomes 12 and the Big 12, which also lost Nebraska to the Big Ten, settled at 10 members when Texas agreed to stay and keep the remaining parts of the league intact.

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Craig Thompson Mountain West Commissioner

BYU, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was left out of the various realignments and athletic director Tom Holmoe said last month that going independent was an option the Cougars would consider. BYU already has its own television network — BYU-TV — which would get the Cougars out of having to share the Mountain West's TV network with the league's other eight members.

"We have a national base. We can go all over the country and people can see that," Holmoe told reporters last month. "That is a very important thing to us right now — exposure."

The Salt Lake Tribune published Holmoe's comments on Wednesday after the rumors that the Cougars were going back to the WAC surfaced, then erupted when somebody apparently hacked Colorado State's athletics Twitter account and said an announcement was imminent.

The Tribune, citing an unidentified WAC source, said BYU's move was awaiting approval of church leaders. A church spokeswoman referred calls back to BYU, which released a brief statement late in the day after media relations workers were bombarded with calls and e-mail.

The statement did nothing to tone down speculation on whether conference realignment was really back again two months after it appeared settled for at least a little while.

"BYU has been reviewing, and will continue to explore, every option to advance its athletic program," the statement read. "At this point, BYU has no further comment."

SOCCER

Looking to improve on previous record

Alex Apple

Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team began its 2010 season much like they ended last season: with glimpses of good and bad.

The Horned Frogs started off their 2010 campaign with a 3-0 loss at Texas Tech Aug. 20 but rebounded with a 7-0 win against Texas Southern at home on Sunday.

Against the Lady Raiders, the Horned Frogs were unable to take advantage of several scoring opportunities and fell behind early as Texas Tech took an early 1-0 lead 11 minutes into the game. Texas Tech followed that up with another two first half goals and held the lead for the rest of the game.

The Horned Frogs were able to rebound in their second game as they defeated Texas Southern with a lopsided result. The Horned Frogs led 2-0 at the half and followed that up with five goals in

the second half.

Junior forward Jordan Calhoun led the scoring with two goals.

Calhoun said the team came out a little slow in the first half but was able to regroup and attack more in the second half.

"Defense is probably the biggest wild card for our team. Once we figure out who our main contributors will be, we will be able to hopefully find some rhythm there."

Dan Abdalla

Horned Frog Soccer Head Coach

Head coach Dan Abdalla said he was not happy with his team's effort to end the first half against Texas Southern. He said finding consistency would be a major key to the team's success this season.

"We scored early and relaxed which let our opponent hang around," Abdalla said. "We have to play 90 minutes with full intensity."

With several young players vying for playing time, Abdalla said he was happy to see some cohesiveness from his defense.

"Defense is probably the biggest wild card for our team," Abdalla said. "Once we figure out who our four main contributors will be, we will be able to hopefully find some rhythm there."

The team will look to improve on last year's 9-10 record. The team's next game will be 7 p.m. Friday against USC at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

Next Women's Soccer Game Time: 7 p.m. Date: Friday, Aug. 27th Place: Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium



Freshman movement science major Maddy Courvoisier dribbles the ball past a Texas Southern University defender.

Team eager to start practicing after success of last season



ERIC FRANCIS / ASSOCIATED PRESS TCU's Bryan Holaday, center, is greeted by teammates after hitting a solo home run against UCLA in the first inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game, in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, June 26, 2010.

Leah Watkins

Staff Reporter

A baseball season filled with victories and great achievements culminated in a trip to the College World Series for the Horned Frog baseball team.

That road included an overall record of 54-14, a dominating run at the Mountain West Conference, knocking out the University of Texas in the regional playoffs and making their debut in the College World Series.

The trip to the College World Series meant it was the most successful season in the program's history.

TCÚ head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle wrote in an e-mail the team's progression through each step and each victory was a great accomplishment.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said, "It was a dream season. I thought that having the chance to go to the College World Series, I mean, that's a dream come true if you're a baseball player in college."

Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston said the team's No. 1 accomplishment of the season was beating the University of Texas in a best-of-three game series. The series win allowed the Horned Frogs to advance to their first appearance in the College World Series.

With a trip to Omaha finally under the team's belt, it set the bar high to achieve that goal again and will not stop short of doing what needs to be done, he said.

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Chris Del Conte TCU Athletics Director

"We're itching to get back already," he said. "Just tasting it and getting there and seeing how things change once you achieve that goal—so of course that's the bar we set."

Losing to UCLA and being one game away from the finals gave the Horned Frogs even more of a reason to go back and take it all. Athletics Director Chris Del Conte said he thought the team had some unfinished business at the College World Series.

"We got to Omaha and did a phenomenal job, but once you've tasted the opportunity to win a national championship, I think you better watch out for the Frogs this year," he said.

The "unfinished business" mentality carried through to the team and coaches, as well.

Schlossnagle wrote that he is looking forward to getting his team back on campus.

"The goal was to win a national championship and that leaves us with work to be done," he wrote. "We are back at ground zero now, so we have to start all over."

Featherston said he anticipated another great season due to the number of returned players.

"Team chemistry is big and we have a lot of that this year," he said. "When your team is experienced, it never hurts."

Featherston said motivation for the team, including the hard work and workouts they put in, will come from their experience at the College World Series.

"All I have to do is be reminded how unbelievable and life changing the College World Series is there's really nothing like it," he said. "It's all worth it in the end." SOCCER

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to improve last season's record.



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Renovation Worth the Investment

Marshall Doig

News Editor

The renovation of Amon G. Carter Stadium was an investment for the continued success of the football program, Athletics Director Chris Del Conte said.

Head football coach Gary Patterson also said it would increase the team's home advantage by making the stadium louder.

"The north end zone's going to be bowled in; it'll have a second level," he said. "Just like the south end zone part has really made our stadium louder, the noise has not been able to leave, and hopefully it'll keep more people in there yelling."

Del Conte said the \$105 million Amon G. Carter Stadium renovation, unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees in April, was the first major upgrade since 1956.

"If we want to continue to be a national

1930 Amon G. Carter Stadium Built program, you've got to continue to invest in your programs, first and foremost," Del Conte said. "The more you invest, the better served you are going to be." The upgrades will be to the west side and north

end zone of the stadium and will be entirely donor-funded, according to a press release from the athletics department.

The upgrades will include suites, club seats, improved seating, wider concourses, new restrooms and concession areas, handicap accessible accommodations, elevators and escalators and new lighting, according to the press release. There will also be a new press box.

Suites and lounges will integrate the university colors, and the press box will be moved to a lower section in the west concourse.

In addition to an improved fan experience, Patterson said the renovations will benefit the football team in some aspects, like recruiting.

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"It makes an unbelievable statement," Patterson said. "It makes a very strong statement of what TCU is trying to get accomplished as a university."

Renovation will begin immediately after the final home game of the 2010 season on Nov. 13.

With the start of construction beginning after the end of the 2010 season, the Armed Forces Bowl, usually held at Amon G. Carter Stadium, had to be relocated. Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said Southern Methodist University's Ford Field will hold the Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 30 due to the stadium renovations.

Cohen said the Armed Forces Bowl teams and bowl activities would still be based in Fort Worth. The only difference would be that the game would be played in Dallas.

He said the location of the 2011 Armed Forces Bowl game is unknown and would depend on the progress of the renovations. The 2012 game, however, would return to Fort Worth after renovations would be completed.

Patterson said the football team would play all of its home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium during the renovation period.

Cohen said that the plans for the AFC Champion to use the university's outdoor and indoor practice facilities prior to Super Bowl XLV would not be affected by the renovation.



