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## ATHLETICS

# Morrison leaving for Panthers

By Sara Humphrey  
Staff Reporter



Morrison

The university quickly named Davis Babb as the interim athletics director when Danny Morrison resigned Wednesday to take a top position in the National Football League's Carolina Panthers organization.

Mark Cohen, director of athletic media relations, said Wednesday evening that Babb, associate athletics director for development, will be taking the interim job as athletics director. As associate athletics director for development, Babb oversees all athletic fundraising activities for the university.

The resignation of Morrison should not break the football team's focus, Cohen said.

"I think the football team appreciates

everything Danny Morrison has done for TCU as a whole, but they will continue to prepare for Virginia," he said.

Although Chancellor Victor Boschini said it was too soon to begin thinking about who will permanently replace the 55-year-old North Carolina native, a search began right after Morrison resigned at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Morrison could not be reached for comment.

More changes arose when the athlet-

ics department postponed Saturday's Meet The Frogs event, which is a longstanding tradition with fans, players and coaches.

Scott Kull, associate athletics director for external operations said the event was canceled "in the best interest of the football team." Kull declined to comment further.

Morrison was hired to be the new Carolina Panthers president a day after

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## CAMPUS RECREATION

# ROCKIN' IT



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

Freshman entrepreneurial business and accounting major Victoria Claypool descends after climbing up the rock wall at the University Recreation Center.

# Climbing wall free for members

By Chandler Cochran  
Staff Reporter

It's one of the most recognizable features in the University Recreation Center, but the climbing wall has frequently stood unused. Until now.

Starting in June, the climbing wall became free to all students.

Joel Kronawitter, climbing

wall staff member and junior political science major, said he has been working at the climbing wall since his first semester at the university in fall 2007.

"Usually at the beginning of the year we have a lot of freshmen come in but ever since it became free we've had a lot of sophomores, juniors and seniors come in," Kronawitter said. "Our

## Climbing wall hours

Monday-Friday 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
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## TELEVISION

# Campus TV won't have Frog football

By Melanie Cruthirds  
Staff Reporter

Students living on campus lost access to coverage of several major sports leagues Monday because of a negotiations impasse between the owner of sports network Versus and its provider on campus.

Versus, a cable sports network owned by cable giant Comcast, specializes in providing coverage of college football, and niche sports like the National Hockey League and World Extreme Cagefighting.

According to an article from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Versus is scheduled to air four TCU football games this season, more than any other team in the Mountain West Conference.

Robert Mercer, director of public relations for DirecTV, the university's current television provider, said Comcast's demands and push for above-market-value rates for the Versus channel are to blame for the negotiations failure as DirecTV will no longer carry Versus.

"We understand that there are sporting events that are of great interest to some fans, but this is a very, very low-rated channel on our platform," Mercer

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## SWINE FLU

# University releases flu numbers via e-mail

By Katie Love  
Staff Reporter

The university has treated a total of 185 students with type A influenza, or about 2 percent of the student population, and six of those cases were confirmed by county health officials to be H1N1, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, wrote in a campuswide e-mail Wednesday that the number of severe flu cases remains at zero. About three-fourths of those diagnosed with type A influenza have recovered, he wrote.

Of the 10 confirmed H1N1 cases on campus, four were self-reported over the summer, according to the e-mail.

The Brown-Lupton Health Center has also treated an additional 181 cases of influenza-like illnesses, with diagnoses ranging from allergies to late summer colds, Mills wrote.

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## NEELEY SCHOOL

# Frost Bank CEO to address economic survival

By Vicky Watson  
Staff Reporter

Dick Evans, CEO of Frost Bank, will speak Friday morning about the bank's ethical practices and how it has been successful during the current economic situation at the Tandy Executive Speaker Series hosted by the Neeley School of Business, a Neeley School official said.

Evans is the chairman and CEO of Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc as well as a member of the Federal Advisory Council to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

"He's a real leading banker," Erickson said. "During this very dif-

ficult economic crisis we've been through, Frost Bank has been a very strong bank."

Evans said he plans on talking about the bank's success, especially with the current economic situation, and how important Fort Worth is to the company.

"In this milder recession that we're in in Texas, we continue to see success, continue to grow and build our company," Evans said.

Evans has been the CEO of Frost Bank for nearly 12 years and has been with the bank for 38 years, he said.

Evans said the Federal Advisory Council was created when the Federal Reserve was established.

"It is made up of one banker

## Dick Evans, Frost CEO

What: Tandy Executive Speaker Series  
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### The Skiff View

## Morrison owed a debt of gratitude from fans

At the end of this month, the university will say goodbye to its top national marketer as he moves on to Carolina. In just the past four years Danny Morrison put TCU on the map, drawing attention to the university as a whole through success on the playing field. In 2008-2009, 16 out of the university's 20 teams made it to postseason competition. As athletics director he has instilled a strong stance on academics, with all teams posting strong GPAs. Morrison set a foundation in an athletics program that had disappeared after the Horned Frog exile during the break-up of the Southwest Conference.

So, now is the perfect time for Morrison to move to the greener pastures of the NFL. No longer does the athletic program need to build itself up, but it needs to fight for the right of acceptance. In searching for a new athletics director, the university must hire a lobbyist who can push the cause of TCU football and Mountain West football so that Frog football doesn't have to work for perfect seasons to have any chance at a top national spotlight. It does not matter if this new leader pushes for an automatic Bowl Championship Series bid or a playoff system, the university's voice must be heard loud and clear so it can be added to the mix of those who get a chance. A re-purposed team and a re-purposed program needs some re-purposed leadership to reach the next level of success.

Thank you, Danny Morrison, for your work in laying a foundation. Through the strong, tall platform you built, the next athletics director will have the view of those who hold the key to the Frog football future.

Sports editor Travis L. Brown for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

## Children's leashes good for parenting



Cell phones, Blackberries, iPhones. These devices were all created for the benefit of keeping in touch. However, a recent trend has arisen amongst those finding themselves newly ingratiated into the cult of young parenthood. This invention, often covertly disguised as a panda, cuddly monkey or other heartwarming creatures of youthful fancy, has captured the attention (and wayward wanderings) of both bewildered 20-somethings and their bemused toddlers.

Now, some may view these items as "cruel" or "restrictive," but in actuality, they are simply "clever." Designed to attach as one would a backpack to a small child, the "Monkey-grasp" — we'll identify it as MG for lack of a better term — conceals itself as a medium-to-large sized stuffed animal, grappling across the back, shoulders and waist, and extending its playful tail up and about for the caretaker to keep hold of.

Not only are these features standard, but often a pouch of some sort is included, allowing for storage of powder mirrors, wallets and other small token devices.

Now, some may say that these "leashes" are not humane, that they limit the free wanderings of children and provide an easy exemption for parents whose own fleeting minds tend to indicate a lack of responsibility. The critics indicate also that having such a method of control and protection can be overbearing, and that by combining these restrictive devices with such dissonantly light-hearted and playful actors (zebras, sloths, bunny rabbits), negative effects will occur for the child as it grows into responsible pre-adolescence. But I wager not so.

First, studies have shown that memory is rather inconclusive and vague in children up until the age of 4. Therefore, any feelings, stories or visual images we have stored from this era are most likely our own interpretation of anecdotes from our parents. Do any of us really remember a time before putting on our own underwear?

Secondly, the design of these catch-all safety creatures is ergonomically fit. A slight tug on the "tail" will exert pressure not in any singular area, but in a variety of pressure-specific regions, notifying the recipient "no no" and through additional verbal direction, what the correct thing to do would be.

Other benefits arise during morning jogs. Mothers and fathers alike, especially the younger and more active prototype, seem to enjoy jogging, a lot. Having lived in a suburban neighborhood for most of my life, I know this. It is true. But even more so, they enjoy having a three-wheeled monster stroller, equipped with rugged tires — not wheels — for the most treacherous mountain terrain and steep climbs. However, once a child has reached the walking stage, they are most eager to participate in this newfound activity of walking with their own two feet. But alas, the baby stereotype remains, they are slow. And though a leisurely walk is much appreciated by all, such a luxury does not procure fitness. Nor does it exercise the dog. These things are important.

Therefore, I propose the following. For your next child, investigate, invest and experiment. I assure you that a few years down the road that, with your child's tail in one hand (obviously the dominant hand) and Fido's leash in the other, you will become both a marvel to your envious new friends and a role model to your son or daughter, or at least this is what you will tell them when they are old enough to remember. Happy trotting!

Matt Boaz is a senior political science major from Edmond, Okla.



MORGUE FILE



Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

## Spirited 'fan cans' half full



Although university administrators claim financial stability in this unpredictable economy to our strict fiscal conservatism, the university is taking advantage of overstretched government regulations to interfere with a particular private market. The university has now publicly joined Southern Methodist University and other universities in Texas and around the nation in protest of Bud Light's "Fan Cans" promotion.

The 27 different can designs feature colors of the local colleges around the area they are sold. While each university conveys its concerns slightly differently, there are essentially two complaints.

First, the colleges actually claim that using their colors on beer cans infringes upon the copyright and branding efforts of that school. According to an article in the Star-Telegram, Lisa Albert, associate director of communications, said, "Because we often use color to build our brand, we do not want TCU students, parents of TCU students and stakeholders of the university to think we support this program."

I refuse to believe that when the TCU community sees purple and white, they automatically assume TCU supports that product. Fuzzy's Taco Shop gets away with selling purple and white t-shirts that read, "If it looks like a taco and smells like a fish, it's got to be a tasty dish."

Not to mention, thousands of non-licensed products are sold near any college with decent athletics —

it's extremely common and shouldn't be considered problematic.

Secondly, opposed schools claim the cans might promote underage drinking. The effectiveness of this protest is likely why Anheuser-Busch agreed to discontinue the promotion in communities that have voiced concern. In reality, accessibility of alcohol combined with the tradition of drinking in college is more threatening than familiar colors on a beer can.

This issue has raised enough attention for the Federal Trade Commission to become involved.

According to an Associated Press interview, Janet Evans, senior attorney with the FTC who oversees advertising, found the promotion violates the stipulation that at least 70 percent of the target audience for an ad campaign should be those over 21. In other words, the minimum legal drinking age is so unenforceable that alcohol manufacturers can legally market almost one-third of their products to people who can't legally purchase them.

By using the power of government regulation, these colleges are undermining the free-market efforts of a slumping company — Anheuser-Busch in this case. The creative and unique advertising effort was introduced by Anheuser-Busch after seeing a 1.5

percent decrease in beer sales in the entire brewing market in the second quarter.

Rather than bullying a particular alcohol manufacturer, maybe colleges should address the real problem. Colleges and police are being asked to enforce an unenforceable law. News reports have consistently shown the ineffectiveness of preventing 18- to 20-year-olds from consuming alcohol.

Instead of complaining about "Fan Cans," colleges should be pressuring the federal government to lower the drinking age to the more reasonable 18. Luckily, this effort already exists in the Amethyst Initiative. Started by John McCardell, founder of Choose Responsibility, the initiative essentially states that the current drinking age is ineffective and needs to be rethought. The initiative has been signed by 135 college and university presidents and chancellors. I certainly hope I see the day Chancellor Victor Boschini signs the Amethyst Initiative — it would be far better than a press release from our director of communications pointing a finger at the advertising campaign of a single beer company.

John

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### SATIRE

## Miss California has right to sue

### ROB CRABTREE

As an ardent supporter of hard-hitting, informative news, I felt it was my duty and obligation to keep the students at the university informed about one of the most crucial, and yet veiled, issues affecting our country in the last week.

No, it's not health care reform, nor is it a new strategy for the war in Afghanistan. The story I'm talking about is much more disturbing and leads right to the core of American culture.

According to CNN.com, the former Miss California, 22-year-old Carrie Prejean, is suing the pageant officials from her state, accusing them of "libel and religious discrimination for her views on same-sex marriage." Prejean became a media lightning rod earlier this year after voicing her opinion against gay marriage in the Miss USA pageant.

I'm sure like all of you, when I first heard the news I was speechless. After all, they should never have dethroned her in the

first place. Even advocates of same-sex marriage were saying, "Ugh, no one should ever take away a queen's crown!"

### Isn't the Miss USA pageant supposed to be the bastion of American values?

Isn't the Miss USA pageant supposed to be the bastion of American values? If your answer to that question is no, then let's take a walk down memory lane to 2007. I'm sure we all remember this quote during the Miss Teen USA Pageant, the minor leagues for the Miss USA Pageant, from Lauren Caitlin Upton, Miss South Carolina Teen USA.

When asked a question about Americans' knowledge of geography, Upton answered, "Some people out there in our nation don't have maps and I believe that our education, like such as South Africa and uh, the Iraq everywhere like such as and, I believe that they should, our education over here!"

That's a direct quote folks. Sure, Prejean may have disagreed with the lifestyle of an increasing number of Americans, or taken a few topless photos that made their way to the Internet. But these days, who hasn't? At least she never gave an answer to a question that was so incoherent, that after I wrote it I had to confirm to you all that it was in fact a direct quote.

I say, you go right ahead and sue the pageant officials, Carrie. Take a stand for all the women out there who want to be free from discrimination when they take off their shirts for all Internet viewers to see or want to voice their honest opinion on things. That sort of ridicule from the pageant committee is the real travesty in this situation.

All that said, there is a lesson to be learned from all this turmoil. Ladies, if you are ever in the Miss USA Pageant, make sure to keep the officials abreast to all your extracurricular activities.

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# FEATURES

## Road trippin'

By Josh Davis  
Staff Reporter

With Labor Day weekend nearly here, many students already have their plans set in place. However, those who don't can still find fun on short notice. By splitting a tank of gas and bunking up, there are plenty of destinations within range for a quick trip.



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### Staying Local

If a road trip is out of the question there is still plenty to do around Fort Worth.

Arlington will be hosting the first football game that counts in Cowboys Stadium. Conference rival BYU will open their season against Oklahoma in one of the top matchups in college football Saturday.

While the game has been declared a sellout, Jerry Jones is more than happy to help you spend. If you'd just like to go check out the new stadium, Spirit Passes are being sold for the game online. The \$25 passes allow full access to the party platforms in the end zones as well as public concourses, concession areas, and seven acres of outdoor plaza space.

Kickoff is at 6 p.m. and passes are available through ticketmaster.com.

Even closer to campus, Billy Bob's Texas will host the fourth annual Cross Canadian Ragweed Red Dirt Roundup on Sunday. The concert will begin at noon with The Bart Crow Band and continue all day with acts like Charlie Robison, The Gourds, the Randy Rogers Band and the Wallflowers, according to ccrreddirtroundup.com. To cap off the evening, Robert Earl Keen will take the north stage at 9 p.m., followed by Cross Canadian Ragweed at 10 p.m. on the south stage.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and can be found on ticketmaster.com.

### Lake Texoma

There are plenty of lakes around Fort Worth, but here's one a little farther off the beaten path. It's just over 100 miles to Lake Texoma, but for fishing to camping Texoma is the most complete lake in the area.

The crowds on local lakes over holiday weekends are prohibitive enough keep most away, but the Red River staple is big enough to find an isolated spot if you want to be left alone.

Texoma is legendary for its striper fishing and guides generally work through the holiday weekend. If you don't want to pay for a guide, picking up a rod and reel and casting off is a great way to kill a lazy afternoon.

Accommodations range from tents to resorts and everything in between. The only limits are what you want to spend and the experience you're after. Many resorts also rent out pontoon boats or jet skis if you want to get out on the water.

More information can be found at laketexomaonline.com.

### Luckenbach

If you like country music and have yet to make the pilgrimage to this central Texas mecca then you're missing out.

Luckenbach has hosted Willie and Waylon and is a good place to hear aspiring country stars. Luckenbach has great country charm and is surrounded by beautiful hill country scenery. If you don't mind adding a bit more to a four and a half hour drive, taking the back roads and rural highways will give you an amazing view of Texas on your way down.

If you decide against the beaten path you'll also get a chance to stop through Glen Rose, a town known for its stellar barbecue and Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. The wildlife center offers a variety of tours that let you see deer, rhinos, giraffes and other wildlife in a natural element. Admissions start at \$22.95 according to fossilrim.org.

Luckenbach's free Labor Day celebration includes "picker circles" and live entertainment Saturday through Monday in the evening and afternoon, according to luckenbach-texas.com.



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### Austin

Sixth Street isn't a hard sell for college kids. It is as advertised — live music, stiff drinks and a wild atmosphere — and the holiday weekend isn't about to kill the buzz. The only drawback to spending your weekend in Austin is you'll want a day off after a couple nights of going big.

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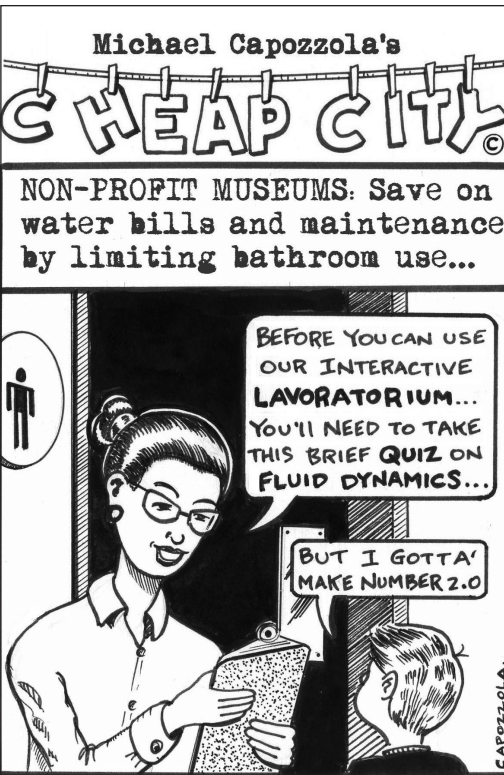
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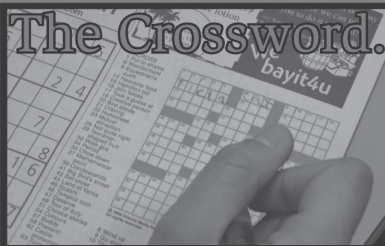


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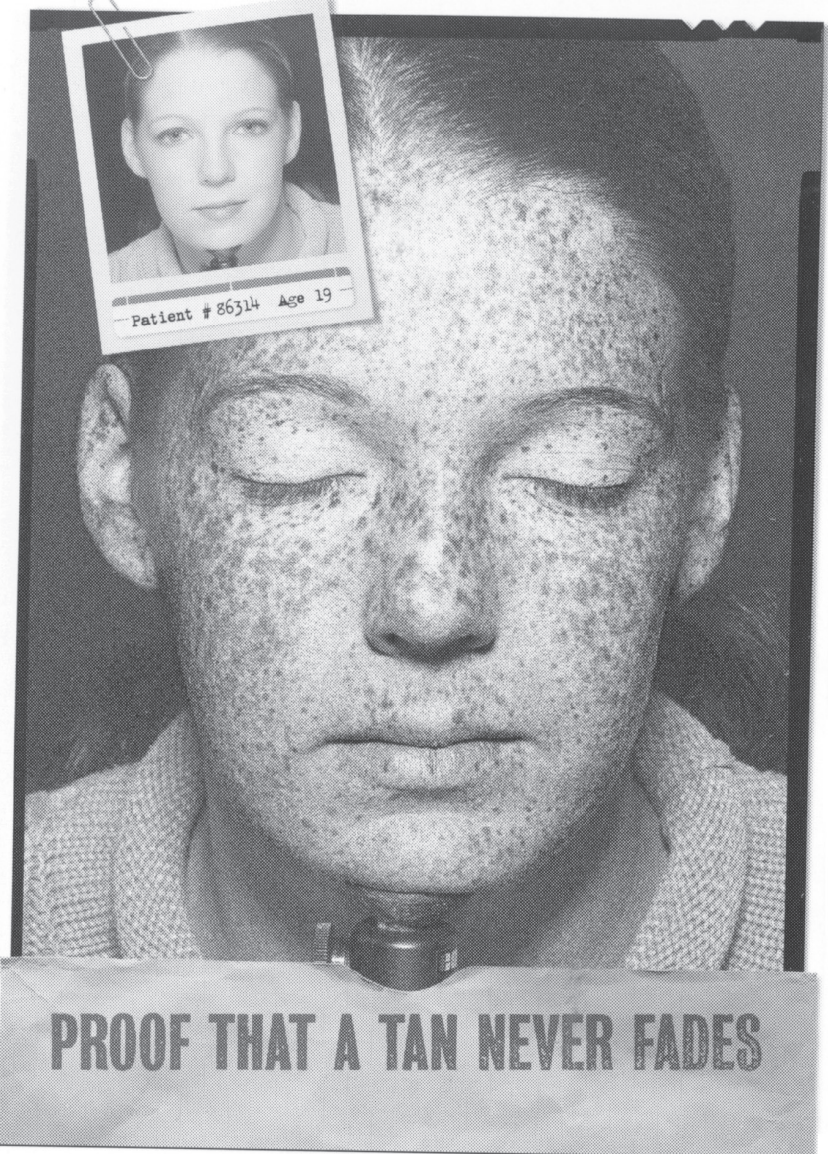
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## EAGLE EYE



J.J. Henry watches his shot on the 2nd hole of Spyglass Hill at Pebble Beach Golf Links during the third round of the 2004 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro Am, Saturday, February 7, 2004 in Pebble Beach, Calif.

## Former Frog works for improvement

By Austin Pearson  
Staff Reporter

Alumnus J.J. Henry is rebounding from inconsistent play last season with a solid showing this PGA season. “For whatever reason last year I got off to a real slow start and really had to play well at the end just to kind of keep my playing privileges,” Henry said. “It felt like a wake-up call.” Henry said that he has dedicated more time to training and getting better. “I really worked hard last

winter to kind of prepare myself for this season and the consistency has definitely been there and paid off,” Henry said. “I haven’t won and obviously it could always be better, but at the same time I saw a lot of signs of some positive stuff.” The hard work has made a difference this year for Henry. He is shooting a lower scoring average this year than what he was shooting in 2006 when he made the Ryder Cup team. Henry has made 19 cuts out of the 25 events he has

played in. He has had seven top 25 finishes, three top 10 finishes, and was runner-up at Mayakoba Golf Classic at Riviera Maya-Cancun. Henry said his short game and putting game has gotten better and will continue to work on them along with his driving and wedge game. His main goal when the season is over is to continue to improve. “I’m 34 years old with already nine years of PGA Tour experience behind me. At the same time, I like to think that my best golf and

my playing years are in front of me,” Henry said. “I’ve got to continue to work hard and do the things I need to do to improve and get better, and that’s what I plan on doing.” Henry is currently ranked 73rd in the FedEx Cup with 672 points and is playing in the Deutsche Bank Championship in Massachusetts this week. He won the WAC individual golf championship in 1998 and helped TCU win the WAC team title in the same year.

## Sooners’ Dallas trip will be rare

By Jeff Latzke  
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops sees many reasons for his third-ranked Sooners to travel to the Dallas area for a rare season-opener away from home. There’s the fertile recruiting base that has produced top players like offensive tackle Trent Williams and defensive end Jeremy Beal, a strong alumni base, and it’s close enough that hometown fans can make the trip. But it’s not something he wants to make a habit. “I don’t think anybody’s looking to take games away from Norman, Okla., very often,” Stoops said Tuesday. “I know (athletic director) Joe (Castiglione) is very sensitive to that. I don’t know what the numbers are but in this community, for our university, for the whole community and the town, you don’t want to see it very much. We’re not looking to do it very much at all.”

Saturday’s game against No. 20 BYU will mark only the second time in Stoops’ 11 seasons that Oklahoma will play its season opener away from Owen Field, with the only other time coming in 2002 at Tulsa. Before Stoops arrived in Norman, the Sooners had opened the season on the road in five of the previous nine seasons. And BYU, the Sooners’ first ranked opponent to start the season since they won at UCLA in 1990, is no slouch. “They’re an excellent team, winning conference

championships and winning 10-11 games most every year. We understand it’s a big challenge and our players have known that all year,” Stoops said. “Of course, this week in game week they’re excited about the challenge and working our way hopefully preparing to play a good football game this Saturday.” “We really need to give ourselves a chance to win.” Oklahoma will get a \$2.25 million payout for playing, plus royalties from any Sooners merchandise sold. The sold-out game at the Dallas Cowboys’ new stadium in Arlington, Texas, is a made-for-TV affair, with ESPN involved in some contract details. For Stoops, the benefits of playing such a high-profile non-conference opponent are few. “You get a better read on where you’re at, sure. But I think it really, truly only benefits you if you’re winning,” Stoops said. “If you’re not, you’re going to get penalized for it.” The Sooners have been rewarded for having tough schedules twice in recent years by the BCS — bumping Auburn out of the Orange Bowl in 2004 and then edging Texas out of the Big 12 championship game and a potential shot at the national title last year. For that reason, the Sooners continue to load up on quality opponents when possible. After facing BYU, the Sooners open at home against Idaho State then face Tulsa and its prolific offense before traveling to Miami.



SUE OGROCKI / AP Photographer  
Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops gestures as he answers a question during a news conference in Norman, Okla. on Tuesday.

## Pizza company buys bowl sponsor rights

By Ben Leubsdorf  
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — The Motor City Bowl was rechristened Wednesday as the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, with the Detroit-based pizza chain stepping up to sponsor the college football bowl game as two of the region’s beleaguered automakers step down. “What can go better with football than pizza?” said Little Caesars Enterprises Inc. president David Scrivano at a news conference Wednesday unveiling the title sponsorship and name change.

The bowl began at the Pontiac Silverdome in 1997 and, since 2002, has been played at Detroit’s Ford Field. It tries to pit a team from the Mid-American Conference against a team from the Big Ten and has a television contract with ESPN through the 2014 season. This year’s game will be played Dec. 26 at Ford Field. Chrysler and General Motors, traditional backers of the bowl, have cut back sponsorships in an effort to save money. Both automakers reorganized under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection earlier this year.

Auburn Hills-based Chrysler dropped out of the bowl last year, and Detroit-based GM dropped the bowl this year “to no one’s surprise,” said Ken Hoffman, the bowl’s chairman and executive director. Dearborn-based Ford Motor Co. remains a sponsor, Hoffman said, though details still are being worked out. Mike Ilitch, founder of Little Caesars and owner of the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers, said Wednesday that bowl organizers approached him earlier in the summer about sponsoring the game. “It’s a sporting event and

we need sporting events. It picks our community up to no end, with all the great colleges we have in this state and the professional teams that we have,” Ilitch said. “Thank God for ‘em, especially at times that are rough right now.” Organizers also announced Wednesday that former University of Michigan coach Lloyd Carr will become president of the bowl’s board of directors. He joins Hoffman and former Michigan State University coach George Perles, CEO of the bowl, in the event’s leadership.



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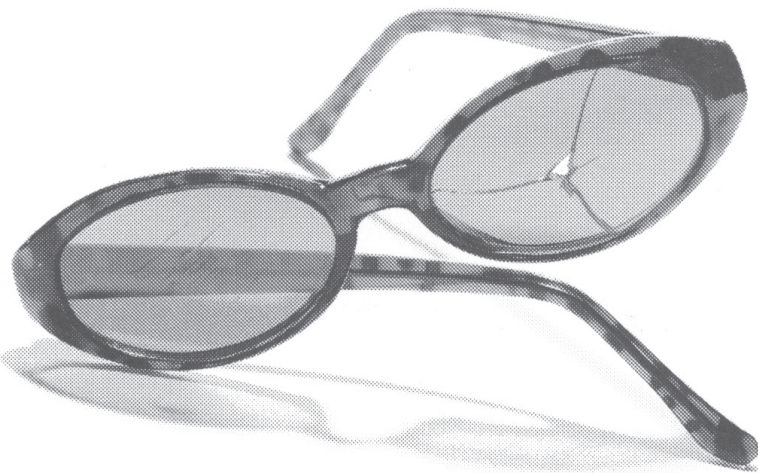


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