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Glass to discuss political views

By Kerri Feczko
Staff Reporter

Kathie Glass, the Libertarian Party of Texas' candidate for governor and self-described believer in an exceptional America, will give a presentation tonight about her platform and plans for the future of Texas.

TCU Libertarians founder Michael Lauck said Glass plans to address her major campaign topics, including the Five Point Lone Star Plan. She will be open for questions regarding her platform afterward. Glass' Five Point Lone Star Plan covers issues such as lower taxes, border protection and support for private property rights.

According to her website, Glass first became involved with the Libertarian Party in 1978 and worked as a civil trial lawyer in Houston for 32 years before choosing to run for governor.

The event is sponsored by TCU Libertarians and is free and open to the public.



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OIL SPILL

No leak, fatalities in Louisiana rig explosion

By Alan Sayre
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An oil platform exploded and burned off the Louisiana coast Thursday, the second such disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in less than five months. This time, the Coast Guard said there was no leak, and no one was killed.

The Coast Guard initially reported that an oil sheen a mile long and 100 feet wide had begun to spread from the site of the blast, about 200 miles west of the source of BP's massive spill. But hours later, Coast Guard Cmdr. Cheri Ben-Iesau said crews were unable to find any spill.

The company that owns the platform, Houston-based Mariner Energy, did not know what caused the explosion.

Mariner officials said there were seven active production wells on the platform, and they were shut down shortly before the fire broke out.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said the company told him the fire began in 100 barrels of light oil condensate, but officials did not know yet what sparked the flames.

The Coast Guard said Mariner Energy reported the oil sheen. In a public statement, the company said an initial flyover did not show any oil.

Photos from the scene showed at least five ships floating near the platform. Three of them were shooting great plumes of water onto the machinery. Light smoke could be seen drifting across the deep blue waters of the gulf.

By late afternoon, the fire on the platform was out.

The platform is in about 340 feet of water and about 100 miles south of Louisiana's Vermilion Bay. Its location is considered shallow water, much less than the approximately 5,000 feet where BP's well spewed

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Rep. Frank Pallone
New Jersey Democrat

oil and gas for three months after the April rig explosion that killed 11 workers.

Responding to any oil spill in shallow water would be much easier than in deep water, where crews depend on remote-operated vehicles to access equipment on the sea floor.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said the administration has "response assets ready for deployment should we receive reports of pollution in the water."

All 13 of the platform's crew members were rescued from the water. They were found huddled together in life jackets.

The captain of the boat that rescued the platform crew said his vessel was 25 miles away when it received a distress call Thursday morning from the platform.

Environmental groups and some lawmakers said the incident showed the dangers of offshore drilling, and urged the Obama administration to extend a temporary ban on deepwater drilling to shallow water, where this platform was located.

"How many accidents are needed and how much environmental and economic damage must we suffer before we act to contain and control the source of the danger: offshore drilling?" said Rep. Frank Pallone, a New Jersey Democrat.

Mike Gravitz, oceans advocate for Environment America, said President Barack Obama "should need no further wake-up call to permanently ban new drilling."



GERALD HERBERTE / AP PHOTO

Boats are seen spraying water on an oil and gas platform that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of Louisiana, Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010.

GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Faculty, students weigh in on White, Perry debate

By Kerri Feczko

Staff Reporter

Gov. Rick Perry has nothing to gain and everything to lose by participating in an October debate with opponent Bill White, which is why he has declined to do so, according to one political science professor.

In an e-mail Adam Schiffer wrote that he believed Perry's strategy was to distract voters from upcoming election issues and rely on his incumbency to win him the election.

According to an Associated Press article, Perry has refused to appear at a gubernatorial debate until Democratic challenger White releases all of his tax returns. Although White released his tax records from 2004 to 2009, Perry said he would not debate until White released income tax returns from all of his years in public service, according to the article.

The debate will be sponsored by the state's largest newspapers and Austin's public television station KLRU-TV Oct. 19, according to the article.

Schiffer wrote that he thought Perry's excuses for not participating in the debate were irrelevant.

"If White's tax returns weren't an issue, he would find another excuse," he wrote. "He simply wants the clock to run out without giving his opponent a chance to be seen and heard."

Senior political science major Michael Bennett, chairman of TCU College Republicans,



Perry



White

said he thought Perry's refusal was intended to make a political point. If White cannot be open and honest about his own tax records, he cannot expect Texas citizens to do so, Bennett said.

According to the AP article, Perry challenged White to release the tax returns from his time as deputy energy secretary and chairman of the Texas Democratic Party by Sept. 15.

Michael Lauck, founder of TCU Libertarians, said the release of income taxes were an intrusion by the government in the first place and should be irrelevant.

"It really shouldn't matter what you choose to spend your own personal money on," Lauck said.

In the AP article Katy Bacon, White's campaign spokeswoman, said Perry needed to stop hiding his failure and stop playing games. Perry said he was eager to participate in the debate, but only if White was honest with the people of Texas about his past profits as a public service official, according to the article.

Junior writing and film, television and digital media double major Nathan Pesina said he thought Perry's refusal to attend a debate with his opponent seemed like an excuse to get out of discussing pressing topics. He thought Perry would lose some respect and credibility by not showing up to the debate and by avoiding talking about the issues, he said.

"To me, I'd rather know what Bill White and Rick Perry think of a topic than how much Bill White makes in a year," Pesina said.

According to the *Austin American-Statesman*, the debate will proceed even if only one candidate shows up.

Staff reporter Rebecca Jeffrey contributed to this story.

DEBATE

Tax returns halt debate plans

By April Castro

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry says he won't debate Bill White unless the Democrat releases all of his tax returns by Sept. 15, issuing a deadline Thursday in the dispute that has become a long-running campaign standoff.

Perry gave the deadline as he released his 2009 tax returns, which showed he had income of \$217,000 and paid \$40,000 in taxes.

Perry, who has released all of his income tax returns dating back to 1987, has said repeatedly that he won't debate unless White releases all of his income tax returns from the years he's been in public service.

White's campaign e-mailed a statement accusing Perry of hiding.

"It's time for Perry to stop playing games and show up," said Katy Bacon, White's campaign spokeswoman. "Perry wants to hide from his failure on border security and his record of nearly doubling state spending, doubling state debt, and leaving us with an \$18 billion budget deficit."

White, who has urged Perry to debate, has released income taxes from 2004 to 2009, when he was mayor of Houston, but not for the years he was deputy energy secretary or chairman of the Texas Democratic Party in the mid-1990s.

Both candidates have been invited to a debate sponsored by the state's largest daily newspapers and public television station KLRU on Oct. 19. The Austin American-Statesman reported that the event would take place even if only one candidate shows up.

"Texans are tired of waiting for Bill White to release his taxes, as am I," Perry said in a

"I am eager to participate in a debate, as I have during previous statewide campaigns, but if Bill White refuses to be honest with the people of Texas about how he profited while serving the public, I will not share a debate stage with him."

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

written statement. "I am eager to participate in a debate, as I have during previous statewide campaigns, but if Bill White refuses to be honest with the people of Texas about how he profited while serving the public, I will not share a debate stage with him."

Perry made \$135,000 in his salary from the state and his wife, Anita, reported a salary of \$65,000 from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. Perry also reported more than \$5,000 in dividends from a blind trust.

The Perrys also reported giving \$20,000 to charity, including a \$15,000 donation to the Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund.

"Bill White's staunch opposition to transparency is unbecoming of someone seeking to be elected the chief executive of the greatest state in the nation," Perry said. "There is a very simple solution to this situation. Release your taxes, Mr. White, and we can move forward with debate preparations."

Associated Press Writer Jay Root contributed to this report.

RETAIL

Holiday shoppers still wary

By Anne D'Innocenzio

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's back-to-school season isn't as big a bust for retailers as they feared — or as last year's — but it's not great either.

Americans are spending only when the item and price are just right, according to August reports from major chains released Thursday that showed shoppers bought a little more than a year ago.

Analysts expect stores will need to keep discounting to get shoppers to spend this fall and for the holiday season while they grapple with job worries and tight credit.

"It's a glimmer of hope that the numbers are coming in ahead of low expectations," said Ken Perkins, president of research firm RetailMetrics. "But the back-to-school shopping season isn't anything to get excited about. It means that Santa may not be dumping a huge lump of coal, but it sets up a very promotional holiday season."

Retailers that cautiously primed for a comeback five months ago as sales improved

have been scaling back their hopes and making some tweaks to their merchandise again, analysts said. And stores will face more difficult comparisons starting this month because consumer spending had started rising by last September.

But Thursday's reports helped ease fears of another double dip recession, which have been stoked in recent weeks by a barrage of negative economic reports, including slumping home sales.

The International Council of Shopping Centers said Thursday that its index of 31 major retailers rose 3.2 percent for August. That's a tad better than the 3 percent forecast but it barely compensates for a 2.0 percent drop a year ago.

For most of stores releasing comparisons, they cover the four weeks that ended Aug. 28. Back-to-school shopping stretches from late July through mid-September, but recession-scarred consumers have been shopping later, waiting for the best deal.

Among the big winners were Costco Wholesale Corp., Victoria's Secret operator Limited Brands Inc. and Macy's Inc., whose results beat Wall Street forecasts.

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The Skiff View

Debate absence does disservice to voters

The Nov. 2 gubernatorial election date is drawing near, but Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic challenger Bill White, former mayor of Houston, have yet to participate in a formal debate. Perry is refusing to take part in the much-anticipated Oct. 19 event alongside White until the latter releases tax returns from all his years in public office.

Why such a stipulation? Perry said he would like White to “be honest with the people of Texas” before sharing the stage with the incumbent governor. Perry has already released his tax returns from 1987 to present.

It's true that we have come to expect a high level of transparency from our politicians. However, the harm White has caused by withholding tax returns is eclipsed by the detriment Perry will inflict on the voting public should he fail to appear in October.

Without a moderated and public discussion between the two candidates, Texas voters, including thousands of college students, will be left in the dark. In order for the democratic process to operate at peak effectiveness, candidates like Perry need to actively participate. The voters' ability to make a well-informed decision should outweigh Perry's desire for complete fiscal transparency on White's part.

A collection of editors from 10 college and university newspapers in Texas agree that voters would benefit from Perry's participation in a public discussion. If Perry's camp thinks he will lose something, anything, by participating in an event with White sans tax information, they're forgetting who the real loser would be: the Texas voter.

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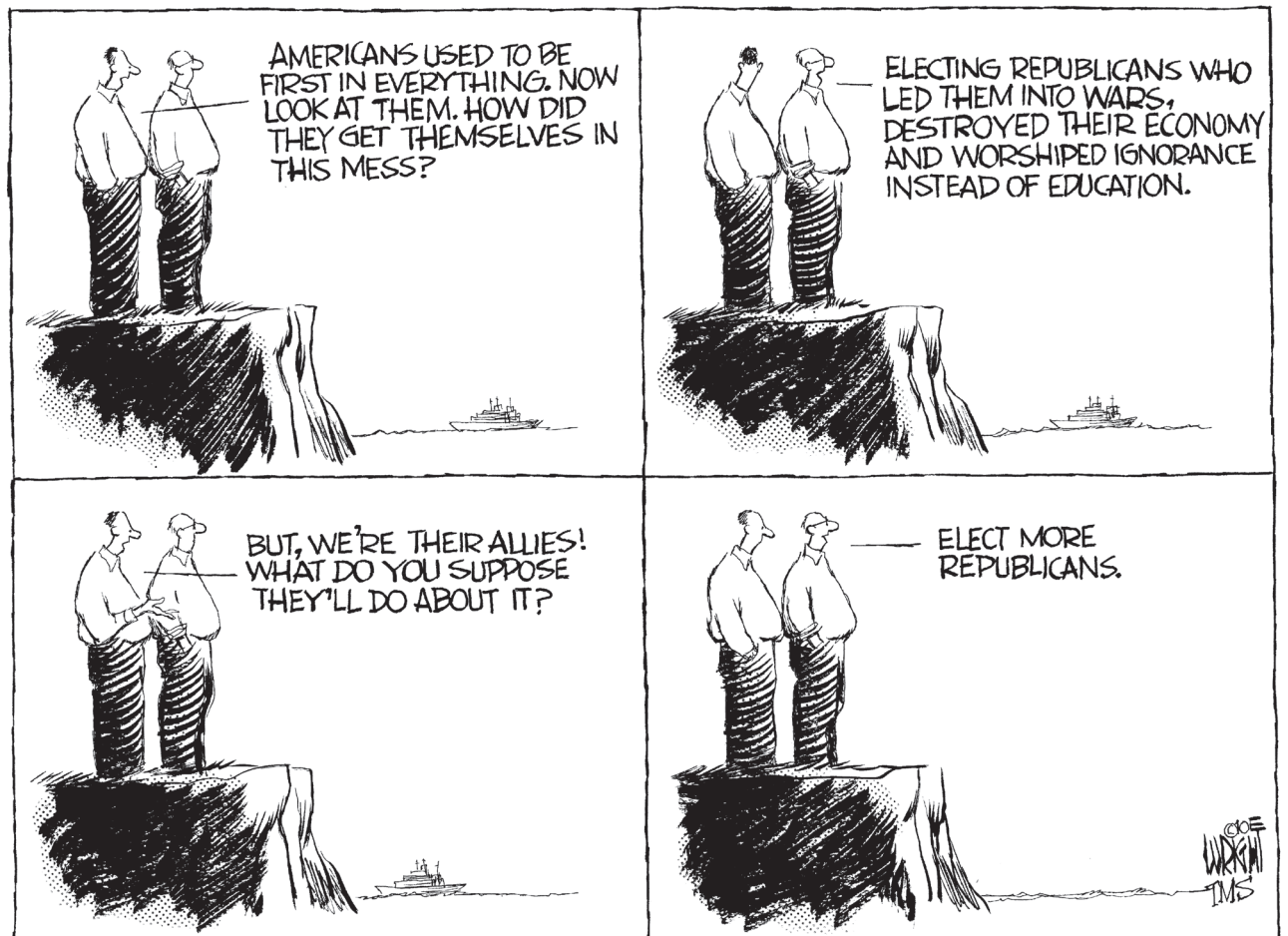
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Texting while driving not worth the risk



Sarah Ziomek

We've all seen it or done it. You look down at your phone, rapidly punch a few keys, glance back up at the road, look down and type some more, look up, look down, look up, look down.

Texting and driving is a common occurrence nowadays, and it is a dangerous problem we must try to eliminate.

Almost half of 18- to 24-year-olds text while on the road, and texting while driving “is about 6 times more likely to result in an accident than driving while intoxicated.” This is because for every 6 seconds of driving time, a person texting only spends 1.4 seconds with their eyes on the road. Texting is a serious visual and cognitive distraction.

I applaud Oprah's initiative to reduce texting and driving. She has diligently worked to increase awareness of the dangers of cell phone usage at the wheel. Now, using her No Phone Zone campaign, Oprah encourages Americans to pledge to stop texting and using hands-free calling or to not use their phones at all while driving.

If you have trouble resisting the pull of that powerful, small electronic device vibrating in your cup holder, consider taking Oprah's pledge. Gather some of your friends and make the commitment together so that you can hold each other accountable.

For those who do not struggle with the temptation of their phone while driving, there is no reason to sit back

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and relax. According to the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, cell phone distraction causes 2,600 deaths in the U.S. each year. You don't want to be the victim of one of these crashes. Encourage others to stop texting in the car. If you want to go a step further, contact your congressman about passing stricter cell phone laws in your state. In Texas, only school zones and a few cities currently prohibit electronic messaging or cell phone use while driving.

The bottom line? Most students know cell phones and driving can be a lethal combination, but many use them anyway. Just put your phone down. It can wait.

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PERSPECTIVES

Media neutrality not present in America

Jack Enright

Rupert Murdoch, CEO of News Corp., the parent company of Fox Broadcasting Company, recently donated \$1 million to the Republican Governors Association.

This hardly comes as a surprise to anyone who has watched Fox News. They are as reliably anti-Obama and pro-Republican as MSNBC is the other way around. The real issue it presents is the inability for one to receive, as Fox ironically boasts, fair and balanced news.

Rare is the media outlet today that actually gives an equal voice to both sides.

This is especially true in American TV news media. One given network will have analysts who nearly all slant to one side, which prevents Americans from getting balanced news. There are also "infotainment" news shows like *60 Minutes* and *Dateline NBC* that consist of pseudo-news that is only meant to entertain and be profitable.

For news, my favorite source is BBC. I can read news stories online for free, and British people can also watch their news commercial-free without much concern about biased reporting. While it is impossible to be 100 percent neutral when

reporting, the BBC is far better than the private media in the United States.

What sets the BBC apart from the rest is the fact that the British government runs the station, while Fox, MSNBC, CNN and other stations as well as newspapers here in the U.S. are privately owned. The BBC is not worried about having to use sensationalist reporting — combining enter-

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tainment with news — to get ratings or even bias themselves intentionally to make them distinct from the rest (as Fox clearly does). They also do not need to worry about making a profit since the network is commercial-free.

Most people don't comprehend the importance of neutrality in reporting. Individuals use the media to collect data and form opinions, and they cannot truly think for themselves if the media does it for them. While private media should be allowed to exist and should be embraced

as an integral part of the First Amendment, there is clearly a need for an independent agency financed by the government to provide news. This will provide a key component of a free society currently missing in the United States: the ability for citizens to make their own decisions on issues before evaluating political candidates and voting, not simply regurgitating whatever their favorite channel thinks.

The media has influencing powers that most could not comprehend. An example is Izzy Asper, who could have been considered the Canadian equivalent of Murdoch. Prior to his death in 2003, Asper was known for forcing his own political views on editorial writers. One writer, Russell Mills, was fired for publishing an article criticizing then-Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien in 2002.

TCU expects its students to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community. The key intent in that sentence is for us to think first, then act

properly upon that thought. The ability of one to think independently is the foundation for our mission statement, but we cannot truly think for ourselves if we let others do it for us. Therefore, it becomes our responsibility to change the policies of our nation to enable the citizens of this country to truly think on their own.

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Politics complicate the potential of stem cells



Chris Varano

There are other forms of stem cells which can be extracted without having to destroy an embryo, such as from umbilical cord blood. However, researchers do not want to limit themselves in the different kind of stem cells that can be utilized.

Last week, a U.S. district judge issued an injunction which stopped all federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. Judge Royce C. Lamberth ruled that federal funding of any research that involves destroying an embryo is in violation of the Dickey-Wicker Amendment found in federal spending bills. This amendment explicitly prohibits the use of the Department of Health and Human Services from appropriating funds for any research that requires the creation and disposal of human embryos.

The ruling basically overturns a 2009 executive order issued by President Barack Obama which repealed the policy of limiting funding for embryonic stem cell research that was enacted by the Bush administration.

The injunction will be in effect until the case works its way through the court system, which could take many months to be resolved. Meanwhile, researchers will now have to rely solely on private support to continue their efforts.

This ruling seems to place more emphasis on politics than on potentially life-saving medical research.

No one is being harmed in this research and the use of these embryonic stem cells could lead to massive breakthroughs in the treatment of medicine's most debilitating diseases. Are people who suffer from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's supposed to wait for possible cures because an embryo, a microscopic set of cells, is considered to be a human life?

Most pro-life people tend to answer affirmatively to this question but how can something so small be considered a living human life?

Researchers should definitely explore other ways of extracting stem cells but they should not be limited by politics in their experiments. Many of these diseases, which can possibly be treated with stem cells, destroy the minds and bodies of their victims and leave the victims' families in great suffering.

If embryonic stem cell research even has a small chance of preventing these situations from happening, scientists must receive federal funding to make explorations into these promising forms of treatment. I hope this injunction is only a minor setback to embryonic stem cell researchers, whose work could lead to the largest medical breakthroughs in the 21st century.

Chris Varano is a sophomore sports broadcasting major from Dallas.

Embryonic stem cell research has the power to treat the world's most destructive diseases and politics are preventing this vision from becoming a reality.

According to a CNN report, embryonic stem cell therapy involves creating an embryo and then disposing it within a week. Before getting rid of the embryo, research-

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ers extract stem cells, which are essentially blank slates. These cells have the capacity to become any kind of cell in the human body. Through replacement of diseased cells and replication, these stem cells could lead to effective treatments of several diseases, such as Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

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Ron Pitcock changes slides while explaining the rules of FrogFilm: The Milton Daniel Honors House Film Race to honors students Thursday in Milton Daniel Hall.

Film competition to focus on teamwork, creativity

By Amelia Wenzel

Staff Reporter

Residents of Milton Daniel Hall and students of the John V. Roach Honors College have the opportunity to win \$1,000 in the college's first-ever film competition.

The competition, called FrogFilm, was designed to help the hall's residents learn to work together, express creativity and become acquainted with different aspects of the university, Ronald Pitcock, director of prestigious scholarships in the John V. Roach Honors College, told students about the contest in an informational session Thursday night.

To win, students must work in groups consisting of at least two Milton Daniel resi-

dents, two first-year honors students and one upper-class honors student. The teams will be given three weeks to shoot and edit their films, which are due for judging Sept. 23.

The requirements were revealed at the Thursday night's meeting.

Each film must have a plot that revolves around the theme "Clean Slate." They must include the word "Boschini" and the sentence, "If you paint it purple they will come." There must also be at least some filming at Frog Fountain.

Pitcock said the final product can be no longer than eight minutes long.

"We were given a great opportunity to create a community with the students in the building and to pair with residence life to create something that is unique at TCU and

would achieve both of our missions," Pitcock said.

Stijn Dobbelaere, a freshman film, television and digital media major, said he was excited about the competition and ready to win.

"It's a chance to meet upperclassmen in the honors dorm," he said. "I am a film student, so winning is in my blood."

According to an informational e-mail sent to potential participants, there are nine cash awards with a grand prize of \$1,000.

Freshman education major Katy Lyons said the cash prize was one factor of enticing students to participate. She and her friends heard about the contest and were instantly interested.

"It would be a fun way to earn money," she

said. "I mean, obviously we are college kids so we love all the free cash we can [get], but we think it is a great way to go have fun, get to know the campus and really just get to enjoy making a movie together."

The movies will premiere in a public viewing on a big screen behind Milton Daniel Sept. 28 at 8:00 p.m. Premiere attendees will have a vote in choosing a winner of the "viewers' choice award," one of the nine possible prizes.

Pitcock said he was excited to see what students would create.

"I want them to have fun," he said. "I want them to create something that we can all look back and enjoy [and] laugh at, maybe get emotional over, but also really appreciate the interesting work that they can create."

Frog Feature

Get to know psychology lecturer Ellen Broom

By Corley Padgett
Staff Writer

Students in Ellen Broom's psychology classes will earn extra credit for showing school spirit and supporting for breast cancer if they wear a pink or purple shirt on Friday.

Broom, a breast cancer survivor, will give participating students in her classes a free activity grade for supporting Frogs for the Cure, the university's annual fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.

What made you decide to give a free activity grade to the students who participate in this event?

"I decided to offer an announced activity grade for wearing purple or pink for a variety of reasons. One: BC [breast cancer] impacts all of us and awareness is important! Many of my students tell me they have a grandmother, mother, aunt, sister who survived or died from BC. A few even have had a grandfather who had BC. Two: I teach in the Department of Psychology, which is an experimental psychology program. Thus, research and science directed at improving and benefitting the lives of people is paramount to the faculty, students, and staff in our department. What better way to teach incoming freshmen...the significance of research than promoting BC awareness with Frogs for the Cure? Three: Students at TCU are future leaders, scientists, and policy makers. I want to instill in them the importance of knowledge, action, service, and dedication to events and diseases that impact our world.

What is your personal experience with breast cancer?

"I was diagnosed on Dec. 14, 2007 with BC. Because of my age, I had never had a mammogram...but found a lump through self exam. My OB/GYN believed it was a cyst but had a mammogram ordered. After diagnosis I had a double mastectomy, received chemotherapy and Herceptin infusions."

How did you get involved with Frogs for the Cure?

"Mrs. Ann Loudon, the Chancellor's Associate for External Relations, organizes and leads Frogs for the Cure. Mrs. Loudon is also a survivor and a wonderful role model for me and so many. She encouraged my involvement, and I am very thankful for her dedication to finding

a cure. She introduced me to Dean Mary Patton and Dr. Jacqueline Lambiasi, who teach at TCU, and have been an important part of Frogs for the Cure. We have formed a sort of "sorority" that is dedicated to awareness and finding a cure. Finally, my department was so wonderful and supportive during my treatment that I felt a desire to support others impacted by the disease. Dr. Tim Barth is my department chair; he took over my classes when I was going through treatment. To have your boss do that is amazing."

How do you think being a breast cancer survivor has changed your perspective on life?

"Survivorship has not totally changed my perspective on life. I believe I had a good handle on my blessings with a wonderful family before diagnosis. Since having children, I have always tried to take in the moments and appreciate the little things. However, I am aware that so many of us take our health for granted. I don't do that anymore. Every little ache or bump makes me wonder if it is back."

How did the support of those around you during this hard time affect you and your will to survive?

"[I] Knew I had to survive because I had an 8-year-old, 10-year-old, and a wonderful husband. I had spent so many years as a stay-at-home mom and was diagnosed four months into returning to working. Again, Dr. Barth, the Department of Psychology, my family and friends provided me strength. My will to live was focused on wanting to raise my children, dance at their weddings, and baby-sit my future grandchildren. I also was very thankful for my faith in God during this time. He got me through a lot of fearful and painful days and nights."



Do you have any advice/encouragement for students who have loved ones that are struggling with this same illness?

"My advice is to seek excellent care and treatment; make sure you like your doctors and that they are well-versed in current research. Finally, BC treatment is a really awful, horrible year, but then life continues. Family, friends and God are all willing and desiring to support you, let them."

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By Anthony J. Salvia

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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SPORTS

Future of MWC unsure



Alex Apple

Brigham Young University will leave the Mountain West Conference starting next season and Chancellor Victor Boschini said he is unsure of whether the conference will make further changes in the future.

"The future of the Mountain West Conference is good...I am unsure at this time if any subsequent changes will be made by the conference after BYU's decision," Boschini said.

BYU will join the West Coast Conference in all sports except for football, where they will compete as an independent. BYU has been one of the Horned Frogs' biggest competitors in football and basketball.

TCU Athletic Director Chris Del Conte said the university will continue to look after the university's best interests.

"At TCU, our goal is to build the best athletics program we can," Del Conte said. "This means investing in new facilities, playing top-

ranked teams and recruiting outstanding student-athletes"

As a result of BYU's departure, the Mountain West Conference will have only eight teams next season with the addition of Boise State University into the conference in 2011. The University of Utah will also leave the Mountain West for the Pac-10 Conference next season.

"Even with this challenge we are certain of one thing. TCU will continue strategically seeking opportunities to build the best athletics program possible to benefit our students, our fans and our community," Del Conte said.

Since BYU and Utah, two of TCU's biggest rivals in recent years, are leaving the MWC, the conference will have a new dynamic in future seasons. When Boise State joins the conference, the teams will begin new rivalries.

In 2012, the Mountain West Conference will add Fresno State University and the University of Nevada, according to ESPN.com. The additions of Nevada and FSU will strengthen the conference's resumé. The Mountain West Conference is not currently a BCS automatic qualifying conference.

The TCU matchup against BYU this season is the last scheduled game between the two teams.

Alex Apple is a freshman political science and journalism major from Nashville, Tenn.

American team pulls away in second half

Brian Mahoney

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — With nothing to play for, the United States looked as if it didn't want to play.

Outworked and outhustled, the Americans led winless Tunisia by only four points early in the third quarter before turning the game into a rout over the final 15 minutes of a 92-57 victory Thursday.

Eric Gordon scored 21 points for the U.S., which had already clinched first place in its group and was more interested in getting through this one healthy — which it didn't do — than earning any style points.

"It happens," center Lamar Odom said. "These teams are pumped up to play against us. You're not going to always blow a team out in the first three or four minutes of a game."

That's often what's expected of the powerful U.S., though.

"It's kind of like the Tour de France, except you have to win every stage," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "You have to look good in every stage."

The U.S. (5-0), seeded first in Group B, next plays on Monday against Angola, the No. 4 seed from Group A.

Reserve forward Rudy Gay sat out the second half with what was called a slightly pulled right groin. He is expected to be OK for the next game.

The Americans misfired on nine

of 10 3-point attempts in the first half and failed to show any sustained stretches of good offense, an occasional problem for the team during the group stage. The Americans have time to clean it up, with three days off before playing their first elimination game.

"On these next few days, we have to get better," Krzyzewski said.

The U.S. opened with its three

"It's kind of like the Tour de France, except you have to win every stage"

Mike Krzyzewski
US Basketball Coach

toughest opponents, then faced easy ones in Iran and Tunisia. Chauncey Billups, who earned the nickname "Mr. Big Shot" for his clutch play in big games, attributes the sloppiness the last two nights to the fact that little was at stake.

"It's kind of tough, but the good thing about it is those games are over now and every game is as big as the next one now," Billups said.

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook each scored 14 points for the U.S. team and Stephen Curry had 13. Marouan Kechrid scored 15 points and Macram Ben Romdhane added 11 for Tunisia, which went 0-5 in its first appearance in the worlds.

"For our first participation, I am

happy," Tunisia coach Adel Tlatli said.

Krzyzewski played his starters the entire first quarter, which ended with the Americans up 19-13. The reserves went the whole second, and though they pushed the lead into double digits, Tunisia was within two in the final minute before the Americans got the final two baskets for a 39-33 lead.

Clearly taking advantage of the Americans' lack of interest, Tunisia hustled to keep possessions alive, even ripping a couple of balls out of U.S. players' hands. But those extra possessions usually ended in missed shots. Tunisia hit 28 percent after entering the game at 36 percent for the tournament, second worst in the 24-team field.

The Americans finally broke it open midway through the third quarter. An 8-2 burst turned an eight-point lead into a 55-41 advantage. Gordon and Curry made consecutive 3-pointers in an 8-0 spurt that extended it to 63-44 in the final minute of the period.

With Gordon making four 3-pointers and Curry three, the Americans finished 10 of 26 from behind the arc.

"We were giving up open shots," Westbrook said. "They came out and played hard and that's what that team has been doing the whole time they've been here," Westbrook said. "They kind of caught us off guard."

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Kristin Barg, freshman midfielder, kicks the ball past a Sam Houston defender on Sunday. TCU would go on to win 6 to 0.

Stronger offense needed for wins

By Sara Neal
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frog women's soccer team is in search of an offensive rhythm to help outperform the undefeated University of Houston Cougars Friday night, junior forward Jordan Calhoun said.

"Our defenders have done a great job this season," she said. "Offensively, we need to find a rhythm and that comes from playing more together."

Head Coach Dan Abdalla said he thought, with so many new players in the lineup, the outcome of the game would come down to how the team plays offensively.

"We're just trying to get better every game and really start to find a rhythm offensively," he said. "I think for us it's going to be a matter of 'Can we keep getting better with our movement up top and our chemistry in the final third?'"

Abdalla said he expects Friday's match against the in-state rival Cougars to be a "wide-open" game.

"It's always been a one-goal game either way," he said. "We expect both teams will come out excited to play."

TCU (2-2-0) goes into Friday's game after taking an early lead in a match against Sam Houston State last Sunday. The Frogs stayed ahead the entire game, with more than seven-times more shots on goal, in a 6-0 victory.

Senior midfielder Jackie Torda said she wanted to build off efforts from last weekend's

competition for the upcoming games.

"We want to come out sharp in the first half, set the tempo and pace for the game and then continue that work rate for a full 90 minutes," she said.

As for the season, Torda said she thought the Horned Frogs should improve their game.

"As long as we come out, play our game and continue to work for each other we should be able to accomplish our goal and bring home some wins," she said.

Last Friday, TCU lost 1-0 to the University of Southern California Trojans in front of 2,318 fans, the second largest crowd in Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium history.

With another Friday night home game this week, Abdalla said he expects there to be a great crowd for the match against the Houston Cougars (4-0-0).

"Hopefully we can get as many students out there as possible to make as much of a home field advantage as possible," he said.

Horned Frogs Women's Soccer Team next game

TCU vs. University of Houston

Time: 7 p.m.

Date: Tonight

Where: Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium

TCU vs. Northwestern State

Time: 2 p.m.

Date: Sunday, Sept. 5

Where: Natchitoches, La.

VOLLEYBALL

Home schedule begins tonight

By Clinton Foster
Staff Reporter

The TCU volleyball team kicks off the home portion of its 2010 schedule tonight against the Lady Braves of Alcorn State.

The Frogs are hosting the TCU Molten Invitational, which includes Alcorn State, Central Arkansas and the No. 21 LSU Tigers.

In an effort to pack the house for the tournament at the University Recreation Center, the TCU athletics marketing department is running a promotion for the game against LSU on Friday night. The first 250 fans to come to the game will get a free rally towel.

The Frogs are 2-1 following their appearance in the Burnt Orange Classic in Austin. During the tournament, the TCU women swept opponents Houston and McNeese State. Christy Hudson and Megan Munce both earned All-Tournament honors.

Brandie Davidson, TCU athletic media relations assistant, said TCU is eager to begin its home stint as the Frogs are riding a nine-



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Volleyball head coach Prentice Lewis talks to the team during a break in the action.

game home winning streak going into the tournament.

The rec center has earned the reputation of a tough place for opponents to play, with the Frogs winning 46 home games there since 2006. With the high-profile LSU team coming to Fort Worth, the Lady Frogs hope the Molten Invitational will be no exception to their recent home success.

TCU vs. Alcorn State

Date: Friday

Location: Fort Worth, Texas

Time: 1:00 p.m.

TCU vs. LSU

Date: Friday

Location: Fort Worth, Texas

Time: 7:00 p.m.

TCU vs. Central Arkansas

Date: Saturday

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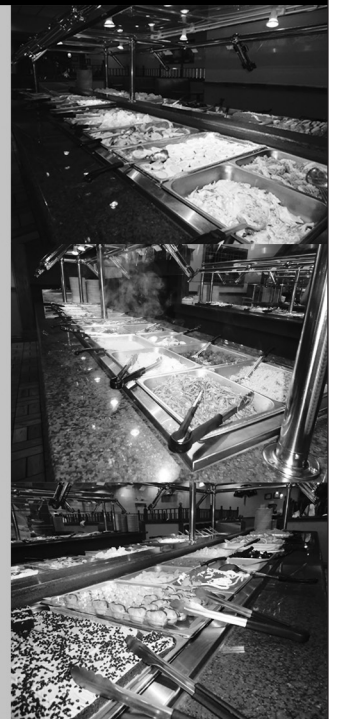
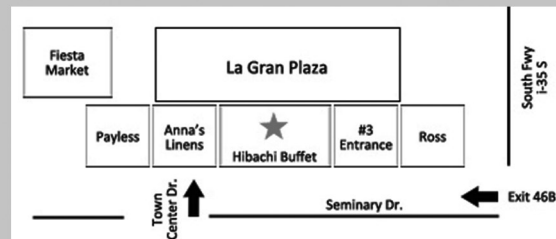
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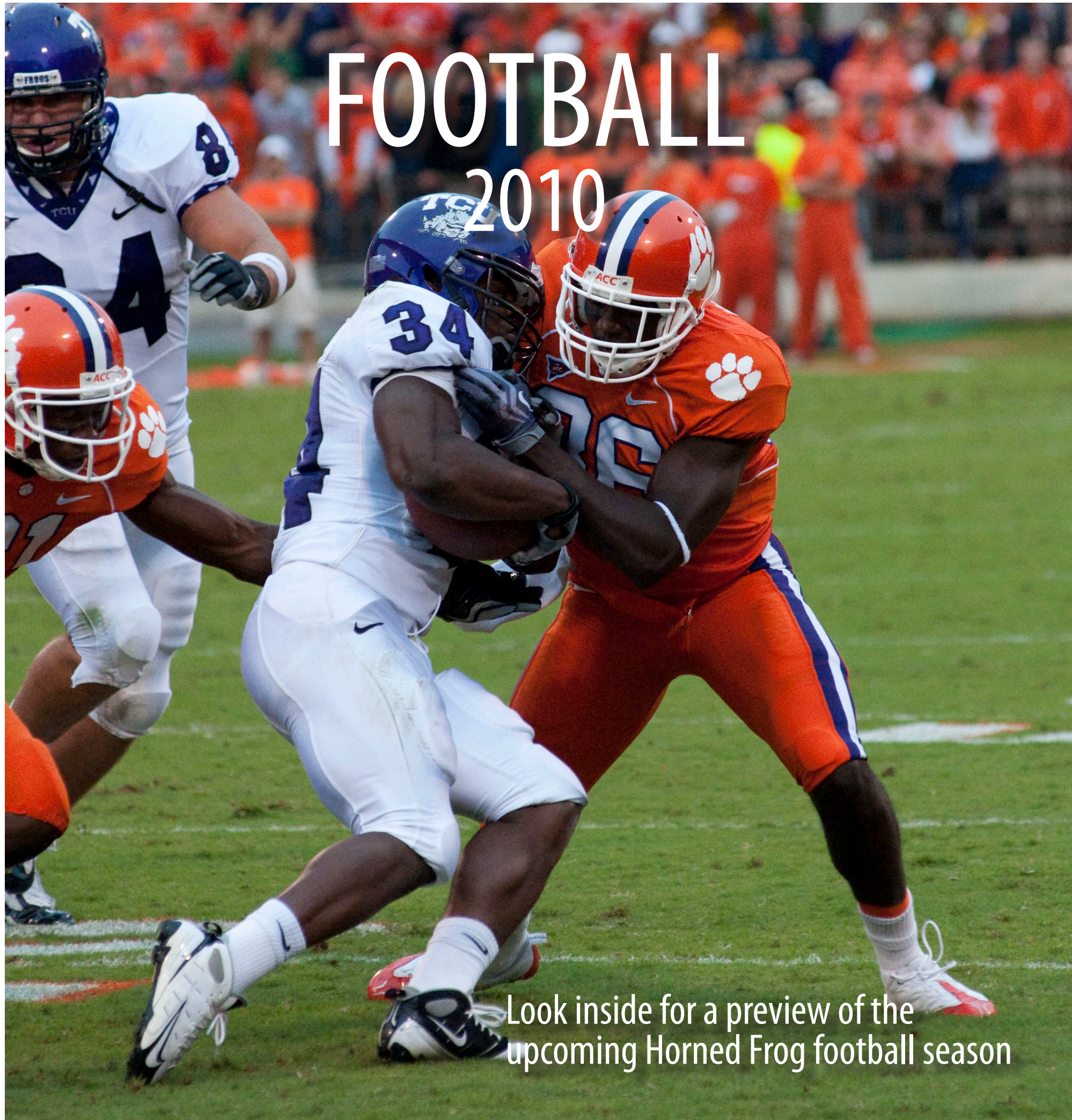
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FOOTBALL 2010

Look inside for a preview of the upcoming Horned Frog football season



TCU tailback Ed Wesley is blocked during a Horned Frog football game against the Clemson Tigers.