

# TCU DAILY SKIFF

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How will women's volleyball do in the Northeast this weekend?

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## NEWS

The university will begin accepting the ApplyTexas application beginning with next year's freshman class. Wednesday



## NEWS

The kinesiology department is conducting research on the effects of energy drinks on cyclists. Wednesday



## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

# BATTERIES INCLUDED



A group of engineering students turned an eBay purchase into an electric car, shown here in the basement of the Tucker Technology Center. The car has the body of a 1974 Porsche 914 Targa and is powered by a dozen 12-volt lead-acid batteries.

## Electric car near completion

After more than two years and countless hours of work, students and staff in the engineering department have nearly completed their very own electric car. Although the car isn't street legal, it runs at an average speed of 50 to 60 miles per hour and can reach a top speed of 100 miles per hour. The vehicle, which sports the body of a 1974 Porsche 914 Targa, is powered by a dozen 12-volt lead-acid batteries. Once completely finished, the engineering department plans to promote the car and show it to high schools to help raise the profile of the engineering program.

—Austin Pearson

## ATHLETICS

# Quest for AD given to Atlanta search firm

By Lauren Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Victor Boschini said Thursday the university has hired an executive search firm to find a replacement for outgoing athletics director Danny Morrison, who announced his resignation Wednesday to work as team president for the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League.

Boschini said he is not putting any time constraints on finding the new director.

"I'm just trying to get the best person I can," Boschini said.

Boschini said he is looking to replace Morrison with the help of Parker Executive Search, an Atlanta-based executive search firm. When previous athletics director Eric Hyman left in 2005, Morrison was hired through the same firm, known at the time as Baker-Parker.

Hyman left the university to become the athletics director at the University of South Carolina. Hyman is still with the Gamecocks.

Boschini said he is using Parker, which has a specific division to deal with college athletic hiring, to find a replacement for Morrison because it is one of the best.

After Hyman left, the search that yielded Morrison lasted exactly one month.

The university appointed Davis Babb, associate athletics director for development, as interim director.

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## ALCOHOL

# University concerned over beer can colors

By Paige McArdle  
Staff Reporter

Local retailers have ceased selling purple and white Bud Light beer cans after the university raised objections about the use of school colors on the cans.

The athletic department will not give its approval for brewery Anheuser-Busch to distribute purple and white Bud Light beer cans, according to a statement released by the university.

"As an institution, TCU tries to educate its students on responsible drinking," read the statement. "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."

The promotional "Fan Cans" come in more than 25 color combinations, featuring colors similar to those of universities across the country.

According to a statement from Carol Clark, vice president of corporate social responsibility at brewery Anheuser-Busch, the company would honor the requests of organizations that cans not be distributed within certain communities. University logos, names or other identifiers would not be used on the cans, Clark wrote.

The Ben E. Keith Co. in Fort Worth, an Anheuser-Busch distributor, received the purple and white cans but ceased distribution in accordance with Clark's statement after the university announced its objections to the cans, said John Pritchett, general manager. The cans that were distributed to local retailers were well received, but the

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## TOP DVD SALES

- Hannah Montana: The Movie
- Duplicity
- Fighting
- House: Season Five
- Smallville: The Complete Eighth Season
- Adventureland
- The Last House on the Left
- NCIS: The Sixth Season
- I Love You, Man
- One Tree Hill: The Complete Sixth Season

— Home Media Magazine



Zombies in Jane Austen not necessarily a thrilling addition.

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## PECULIAR FACT

MIAMI — A bank in Florida refused to cash a check for an armless man because he could not provide a thumbprint.

—Reuters

## CORRECTION

An editing error in Thursday's Skiff mistakenly noted that outgoing athletics director Danny Morrison was not available for comment in a story. He was in fact quoted later in the story.

## TODAY'S WEATHER



90 72  
HIGH LOW

Chance of T-storms

Tomorrow: Chance of T-storms  
88 / 70

Sunday: Chance of T-storms  
88 / 69



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## ACADEMICS

# Departments breaking in new names

By Sara Humphrey  
Staff Reporter

Alumni of the sociology, criminal justice and anthropology, Spanish and radio-TV-film departments may be confused if they search for those department names any time soon, as each underwent a name change during the summer.

Faculty in these departments, however, said they find the changes necessary to better reflect what they teach.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the name change to department of Spanish and Hispanic studies helps people get away from the idea that the department just teaches the language.

"It is important to realize we are involved in the whole experience of

the Spanish culture, not just the language," Donovan said. "The change better reflects the reality of what they do, but the courses will be very similar."

Richard Allen, department chair of film, television and digital media, formerly radio-TV-film, said the main reason for changing the name was the recent advances in technology and the Internet.

"The field that we teach has grown so much larger than just radio, television, and film," Allen said. "For a long time we have been looking for a name to reflect what we do. We want students entering the major to feel comfortable that they are getting a degree that is preparing them for the future."

The changes in these departments have been done for relatively cheap, Allen said.

## Name Changes

Spanish is now Spanish and Hispanic Studies  
Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology split into the Department of Criminal Justice and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Radio-TV-Film is now Film, Television and Digital Media

"The printing cost was the most, but it was nothing we would have not have done anyways," he said. "At some point everyone runs out of business cards and has to get new ones."

Miguel Leatham, assistant professor of anthropology and program

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# Grade levels added to early childhood program

By Mary Sue Greenleaf  
Staff Reporter

After changes were made to state regulations for early childhood education certification programs, the university implemented new courses for its students this fall to comply with the new standard, an associate professor of education said.

Cecilia Silva, an associate professor in the College of Education, said this change to state standards restored the EC-6 program, which certifies students to teach grade levels from early childhood to sixth grade. The earlier EC-6 program had been replaced by the EC-4 program, which qualifies students to teach through the fourth grade.

The EC-6 program is back with new requirements, Silva said. The new certification requires students to take additional courses in the subjects of math, science and children's literature, Silva said, making the previously required Spanish courses elective.

Alicia Graves, a junior early childhood education major, is part of the first class that will graduate with the new certification guidelines.

Graves said the new courses offered to students, although they add more content, are going to better pre-

pare students for their major courses once in the College of Education.

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in the College of Education, it could be a little helpful for them to get a feel for it," Graves said.

Jan Lacina, associate professor in the College of Education, told the Skiff in January that there was difficulty filling positions in the higher grades of elementary schools, which likely spurred the state to make this change.

Silva said the EC-4 program created a disconnect between the certification of teachers coming into schools and the school structure itself.

"As principals were hiring, there was a gap there in terms of the certification," Silva said. "Now principals

are going to be able to hire for the elementary school for pre-K through fifth grade," Silva said.

Changes to the program, because of the planned structure of the College of Education, should not prevent any students from graduating on time and should be an easy transition, Silva said.

Graves said these changes will benefit students and prepare them for the state certification tests.

"TCU has always had really good percentages of people who pass the certification tests; it's something that they are very proud of," Graves said. "So they always have prepared their students well for it. I definitely feel confident with the school that I chose and knowing that I am going to be well prepared."

The pass rate for College of Education students on the Texas state certification exams has often reached 100 percent and averages above 97 percent, according to the College of Education's Web site.

This new certification, along with new courses offered, is expected to make students look more appealing to school districts because of their wider range of certification, which should make hiring easier on both the schools and the graduates, Graves said.

# NEWS

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# French filmmaker found dead

By Marcos Aleman  
Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — A French filmmaker who spent years documenting the brutality and desperation of a Salvadoran street gang has been found shot to death after heading out to a dangerous gang-dominated neighborhood.

Police said a suspected member of the Mara 18 gang was arrested Thursday on suspicion of involvement in the killing of Christian Poveda, a former war photographer whose latest film takes an intimate look at the violent lives of gang members deported back to the Central American country after serving time in U.S. prisons.

Police inspector Oscar Nuila Ramos said the suspect was detained north of the capital of San Salvador, but he refused to provide any details on what led to the arrest, saying he did not want to undermine the investigation.

Poveda, 53, was found



LUIS ROMERO / AP Photographer  
French Vice Consul Marc Antonie Hereau, right, walks next to the body of slain journalist Christian Poveda as Poveda's body is transported from a medical center in San Salvador on Thursday.

Wednesday inside a car in the rural Tonacatepeque region north of San Salvador. He was shot in the head.

The day of his death, the filmmaker had set out to visit the gang-dominated area of Soyapango, just outside the capital, to arrange an interview with female gang members for journalists from a French fashion magazine. He told an Associated Press photographer about the outing before leaving.

Gang violence in impoverished El Salvador fuels one of the highest homicide rates in Latin America.

Poveda practically lived among members of the Mara 18 to create "La Vida Loca," filming gang initiations, drug use, tattoo session and funerals. Pirated copies of the film are sold on the streets of the capital, and even Salvadorans consider the documentary to be a shocking glimpse into gang life.

have been taught the most up-to-date information, he said.

"With the changes, I think when students go for jobs their employers will be confident the students know what they need to know," Allen said. Last summer, the advertising/public relations program in the Schieffer School of Journalism also changed its name to strategic communication.

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director, said that although the department of criminal justice has split off from the department of sociology and anthropology because of the rapid growth in these departments, faculty in both departments hope to still remain in close collaboration.

"Our sharing of interests

will continue," Leatham said. "I don't really anticipate any kind of major shakeup or change in our lifestyle. We are pleased with the outcome."

These name changes are seen as a positive thing for students in these majors because the names now accurately reflect what the students will be learning, Allen said. It will also give their future employers reassurance that they

have been taught the most up-to-date information, he said.

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Morrison said on Wednesday that he and Babb will be working together until Morrison leaves at the end of September.

The search is still in its early

stages, so no headway has been made in finding someone to take Morrison's place, but Boschini said he hopes Morrison's replacement will be as devoted to athletics and the campus community as the former athletics director.

He said the university is

looking for someone who has an academic perspective, values the community and culture of the university, can win with a clean record, can be an advocate for both students and coaches, values the Fort Worth community and works well with others in general.

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stock would not be replenished, Pritchett said.

Lisa Albert, associate director of communications, wrote in an e-mail that she was unsure if the university planned to contact Anheuser-Busch to discuss the promotion further.

Anheuser-Busch could not be reached for comment as to whether the cans are still being produced.

At least 24 universities across the country have spoken out

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Janet Evans  
senior attorney at the FTC

against the cans, according to an article by The Associated Press.

Southern Methodist University joined other universities in expressing their disapproval but had not made an effort to contact Anheuser-Busch, said Kent Best, executive director of news and media relations at SMU.

"Whether they intended to

do this or not, (the promotion) will target underage college students," Best said.

According to Anheuser-Busch's statement, the promotion was aimed at sports fans of legal drinking age.

"If students are 21 or older and choose to drink, we want them to do so responsibly; if they are under 21, we want them to respect the law and not drink," Clark wrote.

At the Federal Trade Commission's recommendation, the alcohol industry follows self-imposed regulations that require at least 70 percent of an advertisement's audience to be older than 21 years of age, according to a 2008 FTC report.

Janet Evans, a senior attorney at the FTC, said the organization contacted Anheuser-Busch last week to discourage the brewery from engaging in this promotion in the future.

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Charles Ochoa, a junior chemistry major, said he thought the university was justified in speaking out against the use of its colors, but the cans would not impact underage drinking or binge drinking.

"They're going to drink anyway, whether you have purple or white or red and blue or yellow and green," Ochoa said. "What



AP  
In this image, one of more than 25 designs for the company's promotional "Fan Cans" is shown.

appeals to students is the beer, not the colors themselves."

Underage consumers will get their hands on alcohol regardless of the colors of the cans, said Greg Kolesar, a freshman computer science major.

"It's no different than them having normal bottles and cans," Kolesar said.

Audrey Koetting, a sophomore accounting and finance major, said it's the consumer's job to make sure they drink responsibly and it should not be a concern of the university. She said the people who should be concerned with the cans are those who are selling the alcohol to potential underage drinkers.

# Congratulations to the newest members of Alpha Chi Omega!

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## The Skiff View

### Brewery not responsible for students' choices

The recent displeasure expressed by the university's administration over Anheuser-Busch's marketing of purple and white Bud Light beer cans to students is warranted, but the fact remains that college-age people are going to drink it regardless of color or team affiliation.

The university makes a valid argument that it doesn't want the visual connection between its team colors and alcohol, considering all of its connotations to binge drinking and alcoholism. After all, the university is supposed to be an institution based on education.

It isn't alone in its opposition, either. So far 24 other universities have blocked the distribution of beer cans aimed at their students and other proud fans.

It's no surprise that many college students drink, including those who are underage, but that doesn't mean stopping the marketing of alcohol to minors is going to affect other influences like peer pressure. The Federal Trade Commission's recommendation that the corporations follow self-imposed regulations on marketing to underage audiences is well-intentioned, but for as much responsibility the companies have over their products, the consumer has as much if not more.

As much as it might be a selling point for Anheuser-Busch, the local team pride marketing angle and the color of the cans won't make up students' minds for them on whether to engage in underage drinking. That decision ultimately lies in the hands of consumers, who will choose whether they can drink responsibly and let those who are underage look for another kind of purple beverage.

Multimedia editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

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

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Wyatt Kanyer's "Christians unfit to judge" was difficult to understand because he never defined terms, and it was splattered with his own judgments. In any opinion article or argument, one must always define the terms he or she is arguing.

Nowhere in the article was Kanyer's definition of "judgment" clearly identified. Another term that was not clearly defined was "homosexual lifestyle." This may have been because there is no single definition of a homosexual lifestyle. Just as there are uncountable heterosexual lifestyles, there are innumerable homosexual lifestyles.

In a Christian article discussing judgment, I was surprised Kanyer did not quote Matthew 7:1, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." If he really embodied this Christian doctrine, he may not have written an article laden with his own judgments. Even though he stated that Christians are unfit to judge homosexuals, he wrote, "As a Christian, I've had to outline my views on homosexuality and its subsequent issues, like gay marriage." That is another way of wording, "I've had to make a judgment."

Later he wrote, "And yes, homosex-

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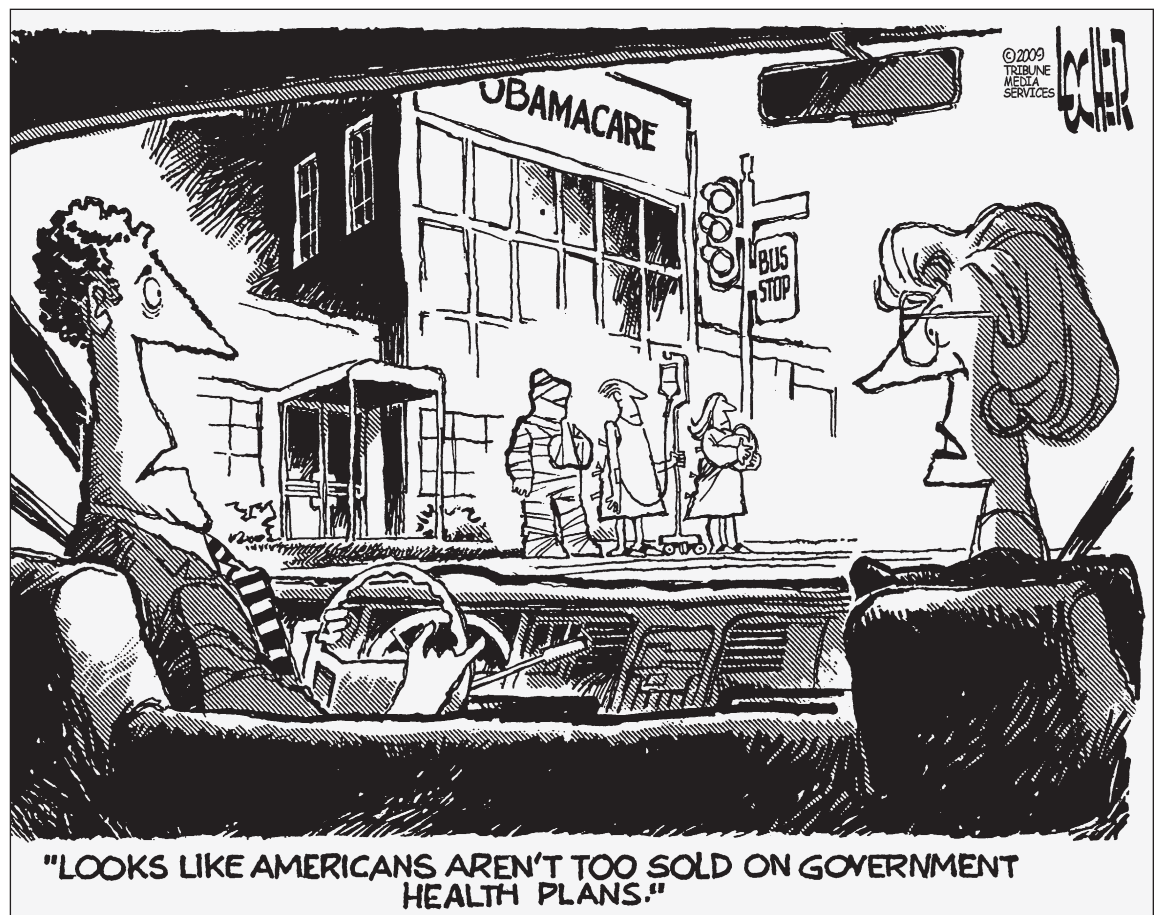
uality is wrong. In fact, it's contradictory to the fundamental truth of the Bible." Kanyer did not attribute this view to a certain verse in the Bible, thus, making a blatant judgment of his own.

Furthermore, it must have been a grammatical error, but homosexuality is not against the fundamental truth of the Bible that Kanyer explains to be the golden rule. Rather, judging homosexuals is in fact what is against this fundamental truth. Before writing another opinion article, Kanyer needs to clearly define his terms while making sure not to provide his own hypocritical judgments in a column preaching about being non-judgmental.

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## Car rules steer us wrong



MICHAEL LAUCK

Apparently, the "small government" conservative state of Texas feels as if driving isn't hard enough without a lot of laws to worry about. In case you haven't heard, Texas just passed some new traffic laws that went into effect Tuesday. Two that caught my attention include banning drivers from using handheld wireless devices in a school zone and that everyone in a car, regardless of age, must now wear a seat belt.

First, let's talk about cell phones in school zones. Don't we already have enough laws dictating how people must drive through school zones? I know there is already a speed limit of 20 mph, and there's always a Wal-Mart greeter on every corner that the school calls a "crossing guard". Do we really need more laws?

Of course, people will say, "Michael, don't you care about the children?" Well, of course I do. I have a little brother and sister of my own. However, I think the laws we have in place now are sufficient enough. If schools want to ask parents to not use their cell phones while going through school zones, that's fine, but we really don't need to give tickets out for it.

While we are at it, why are we stopping at cell phones? Let's ban changing the radio, eating while driving, talking while driving, yelling at the kids in the back and endless things that could potentially distract us from driving. We can't try to micromanage everything that people do in their car that might get them in an accident. If we did that, everyone would get a ticket.

The law about seat belts is even worse. This is one of the greatest examples of the frog in the boiling water scenario. Take away a little freedom bit by bit and people eventually give in. Ignoring the fact that there are many studies that say that buckled drivers are also more likely to get in accidents because they feel safer in their cars, I think it's silly to tell full-grown adults that they must now wear their seat belts in the car. I thought my parents did that when I was a kid. I'm not surprised, though, because people seem to want to let government become the paternalistic figure in our lives. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Of course we all know an-

other motive for passing more road laws: to line the pockets of police departments without getting blamed for raising taxes. I'm more than sure that many people aren't going to hear or remember these laws at first, and when they don't, officers will be more than happy to write them a ticket. (By the way, police officers actually get paid overtime when they show up to court to defend a ticket. Next time you get one, I wouldn't count on the officer not showing up.)

The most important thing we need to remember is that laws that we do have need to be simple and use common sense. Although, I've never known a politician that is too good at doing that.

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## Zombies a curious addition to Jane Austen's classic book



JUDITH SCHOMP

In April 2009 a different version of the most famous line in literary history emerged – "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a zombie in want of brains must be in want of more brains." Wait, what? Whose idea was this?

Seth Grahame-Smith and his editor at Quirk Books worked in conjunction for months revising the classic tale of Jane Austen's Elizabeth Bennett from proper etiquette to proper zombie defense in "Pride and

Prejudice and Zombies." However, critics and fans alike arouse similar inquiries – What would Jane think?

As TCU students, and the general population, move further in to the new millennium, we come up less with new thoughts and more with recycled ideas. In some ways these cyclical patterns help us tremendously as we discover ways to update our data-packed world.

For example, the framers of the U.S. Constitution implemented a series of rules and standards that we still live by. And amend. And muddle. And try to figure out what the heck they meant by "bear arms." But as components of an advancing and modernized society we continually strive to obtain relevant laws that adhere to our needs as a country presently.

Alternatively, the film industry

Jane Austen would probably have a sense of humor if she heard the new take on her beloved novel, but the addition of zombie-ninjas to the Bennett family would not be considered novel or enhanced to many.

rarely improves a movie with a remake. When cinematic classics are recreated — no matter how many special effects or star-studded leads there are — directors can never match the perfection of the initial version. Jack Black is a talented actor with many successful movies under his belt, but 2005's "King Kong" wasn't one of them. There was a reason that the 1933 version of this ape thriller

was a hit — its majesty and timeliness are still unparalleled.

Almost every time we turn on the television or walk into a store the words "new and improved" ring in our ears. What is so new about the hippie trend — the 1960s ended only 40 years ago — or a small, sleek appliance with blades that chop food up (you know which infomercial I am speaking of)? It seems as though our creativity and ability to engender truly original fashions, inventions, and ideas have evaporated.

Even the marketing idiom "new and improved" is almost a contradiction. Your blanket with sleeves isn't an entirely "new" idea. Countless YouTube videos scathingly suggest it isn't much of an improvement either. The truth is that even though our world becomes increasingly more advanced and we gain

additional outlets to information, it isn't always necessary to "fix something that ain't broke."

Jane Austen would probably have a sense of humor if she heard the new take on her beloved novel, but the addition of zombie-ninjas to the Bennett family would not be considered novel or enhanced to many. While we should ingrain fervent respect for past stories and creations in our ever-expanding quest for knowledge, we have yet to explore the furthest corners of our intellectual capacity. Who knows what great — and original — discoveries might spring from challenging ourselves to investigate the unknown?

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# Hulen



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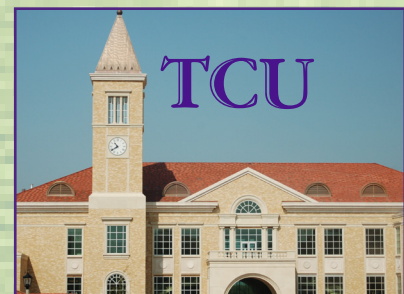
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Michigan's Jonas Mutton tries to defend against Ohio State's Terrelle Pryor during second half action on Saturday, November 22, 2008, at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio.

## Big Ten not feeling so big this season

By Kent Youngblood  
Star Tribune

Ron Zook was talking about reputation.

The Illinois football coach was on the podium at the Big Ten Conference meetings in July, talking about the Big Ten's image, and specifically about how the Big Ten didn't look so big these days — especially when compared to the SEC, where Zook previously coached.

At first Zook fell back on a familiar game plan: blame the media. But then he said what most suspect many have been feeling for a long time.

It's time to put up or shut up. "Until we go win, until we win the bowl games and obviously win the games out of conference, there's not really a whole lot we can say," Zook said.

Because the numbers don't lie.

The Big Ten is on a losing streak in big-time games. The conference is 0-fer in its past six BCS bowl games, including two losses by Ohio State in national championship games. In the Rose Bowl, The Granddaddy of Them All, the Big Ten has lost six in a row. Here's more: The conference went 1-6 overall in bowl games last season and hasn't had a winning bowl campaign since 2002.

Now does that sound like a reputation that needs a little burnishing?

Conference coaches can crunch numbers with the best of them. They know things have to get better or Big Ten bashing is only going to get worse. But, heading into this fall's action, optimism still rules.

"I think our league is poised to have a big bowl performance, very soon," Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said. Of course, grain of salt time: Rodriguez took over at Michigan

"As a league, once we get a few big wins— whether it's regular season, nonconference or BCS bowls or bowl games, that perception is going to change."

Rich Rodriguez  
Michigan head coach

last year and promptly had the program's first-ever nine-loss season.

Indeed, Michigan's sudden fall from national grace is one of the Big Ten's problems when it comes to its national credibility. Face it: For the Big Ten to be a player, Michigan has to be playing well.

"Look at who's coming back in our league," Rodriguez continued. "As a league, once we get a few big wins — whether it's regular season, nonconference or BCS bowls or bowl games, that perception is going to change."

Perhaps. But how did it get to this?

Opinions vary. Gerry DiNardo is a commentator for the Big Ten Network. He's seen both sides of the Big Ten-SEC debate, as a head coach at Vanderbilt, LSU and Indiana.

"I think the SEC has been the best conference recently," he said. "With all the quarterbacks in the Big 12, you could make a case they're the second conference recently. I've always felt the top teams in all the conferences are pretty close. ... But I don't think the Big Ten is at its strongest point right now."

Part of it is cyclical, DiNardo said. A conference's overall quality is going to ebb and flow. Michigan — the winningest

team in the history of college football — is down, and that's not good for the league.

There hasn't been a bevy of great quarterback play in the Big Ten in recent seasons, either, though that could be changing. DiNardo also pointed to Notre Dame, a traditional Big Ten nonconference rival. The Irish have been down as well, which hasn't helped.

Too many Big Ten teams have gone the cream puff route in nonconference play. Take Penn State. This season the Nittany Lions, coming off a Rose Bowl loss to USC, has the killer lineup of Akron, Syracuse, Temple and Eastern Illinois. The Lions could roar through all of those games and what will it prove? Better yet, how will it make Penn State better prepared for postseason success?

Too many schools go with a preseason-lite formula trying to become bowl-eligible with six victories. Even Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany has admitted he's not sure this is the right thing to do. Conference teams with fewer than eight victories heading into bowl games have won only three of their past 16 bowl games.

Gophers coach Tim Brewster has been an advocate of tougher nonconference schedules since coming to Minnesota. This season the Gophers play at Syracuse and play host to Air Force and California. In 2010 and 2011, there is a home-and-home series with USC.

"Each coach has got to go the direction he feels like his particular school needs to go," Brewster said. "We at the University of Minnesota have chosen a more aggressive path, and it's a path that I think is going to allow us to reach our ultimate goal, and that's win a championship in the Big Ten."

## Favre confusion persists

By Jon Krawczynski  
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — When Minnesota Vikings coach Brad Childress decided to rest Brett Favre and many starters for the preseason finale against Dallas tonight, it did anything but render the game meaningless.

Favre's arrival just more than two weeks ago stabilized the Vikings' quarterback situation in one respect, but threw it into upheaval in another.

Before Favre, quarterbacks Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels were competing for the starting job while second-year player John David Booty was entrenched as the third-stringer and possibly the long-term solution for the position.

Now the future of all three is up in the air.

In all likelihood, Jackson, Rosenfels and Booty are competing for two roster spots. Favre played into the third quarter in the preseason game against Houston on Monday night, so all three will be looking to make an impression on Childress in their last chance against the Cowboys.

"Definitely," Jackson said. "You never know with this business period. I just take it as it is. Whatever happens, hap-

pens. I can't control it. I just try and get better, that's it."

Jackson is in his fourth year in this system and played very well against Kansas City two weeks ago. He threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns and had a perfect quarterback rating.

But because Favre played in the only series of the third quarter for the Vikings against Houston, Jackson played only one series in the fourth quarter. His strong performance against the Chiefs, coupled with being just 26, makes him perhaps the most likely of the three to be traded.

"I can't worry about it," Jackson said. "I'm not worried about it because I can't control it. Whatever is going to happen is going to happen, whether I worry or not."

Rosenfels was acquired in a trade from Houston before the Vikings signed Favre. In an instant, he went from having the opportunity to compete for the starting job for the first time in his nine-year NFL career to fighting for a roster spot.

"I think I've done a lot of good things while I'm in there and made very few mistakes," Rosenfels said. "That's half the battle as a quarterback is not making mistakes. I'm just trying to execute the offense and

I think I've done a pretty good job with that."

In his return to Houston, Rosenfels completed both of his passes for 22 yards in his only meaningful series of the game. Booty did not play against Houston and has completed 10 of 15 passes for 84 yards in two exhibition games this year.

"I think all of those guys will have an opportunity to play and they will play more extensively than they have," Childress said.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips is taking a similar approach with his starters — most will play sparingly, if at all. That includes quarterback Tony Romo, who grew up as a Favre fan in Burlington, Wis., and running back Marion Barber, who starred at the University of Minnesota.

The last thing Phillips needs is another player getting hurt. Six of the Cowboys' 12 rookies have been injured in the preseason this year, including top pick Jason Williams (high ankle sprain) and safety Michael Hamlin (broken arm).

"We know what Marion Barber's going to do, what Felix Jones and Romo and those guys are going to do, but it's unknown whether some of the other guys can help that group or not," Phillips said. "So we'll see what they do."



DAVID J. PHILLIP / AP Photo  
Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre (4) reacts after being called for a blocking penalty during the third quarter of a preseason NFL football game against the Houston Texans at Reliant Park on Monday in Houston.

## SOCCER

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things sharper," he said. "As early as it is in the season, we got to make sure we're improving in every game and getting sharper; we've gotten better in every game, but we're still not to the point we want to be at with everything."

The Horned Frogs enter the match against the Red Raiders with a 3-0 record in NCAA contests. Texas Tech enters the contest with a record of 2-1.

TCU beat Texas Tech last year in Lubbock by the score of 3-2.

The Horned Frogs rallied in the second half of the game overcoming a 2-0 deficit. Sophomore defender Alex Mechalske, then a freshman, started the comeback in the 49th minute with her first career goal. Forward Jordan Calhoun tied the game seven

seconds later, and forward Lizzy Karoly scored the go-ahead goal in the 61st minute.

Texas Tech beat University of Texas at San Antonio by the score of 5-0 and University of Texas at El Paso 4-3. Their lone loss was to Utah State 3-2.

## VOLLEYBALL

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The Lady Frogs have never played the Blackbirds, who are also off to a 0-3 start. Long Island went 0-2 in the Madison Bingaman Memorial Tournament in Baltimore, Md. On Tuesday, the Blackbirds were swept at home by Villanova (9-25, 20-25, 15-25).

TCU's final opponent is the home-standing Connecticut Huskies.

UConn (0-4) couldn't bring home a single victory in the Nevada Marriott Courtyard/Fairfield Invitational.

The Horned Frogs are looking to bounce back from a heartbreaking 2-3 (26-28, 25-17, 25-22, 9-25, 13-15) loss to Baylor on Tuesday.

TCU, which had lost to Baylor on each of its previous five occasions, won two of the first three sets of the game, and it looked as though they were well on its way to upsetting the

## Opponents at a glance

### New Hampshire Wildcats

Game time: 4 p.m. Friday  
Head Coach: Jill Hirschinger (31st season, 16th at UNH, 626-429-10, [.592])

Season record: 0-3

TCU vs. UNH: 0-1 (8/31/01, L, 27-30, 27-30, 28-30)

Key players: Taylor Dressing (2.38 kps), Sara Heldman (4.44 dps)

### Long Island Blackbirds

Game time: 9 a.m. Saturday  
Head Coach: Kyle Robinson (2nd season, 19-12 [.613])

Season record: 0-3

Key players: Martina Racic (2.45 kps), Svetlana Simic (2.47 dps)

### Connecticut Huskies

Game time: 6:30 p.m. Saturday  
Head Coach: Holly Strauss-O'Brien (5th season, 74-46 [.616])

Season record: 0-4

TCU vs. UConn: 0-1 (8/31/01, L, 27-30, 28-30, 28-30)

Key players: Rebecca Murray (3.18 kps), Kelsey Maving (4.59 kps)

Bears.

But Baylor fought back. Storming to a 7-0 lead in the fourth set, the Bears never looked back and cruised to a 25-9 win.

With the game tied at ten, Baylor used a 4-1 rally to reach

match point. A service ace by Lauren Otto got TCU to within one at 13-14, but Baylor's Ashley Christenson held the Lady Frogs at bay with a kill.

Following the UConn tournament, the Horned Frogs will travel to SMU.

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## VOLLEYBALL

## Rebound sought at weekend tourney



MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer  
Senior outside hitter Lauren Otto returns a serve against Baylor in the Horned Frogs' loss Tuesday night.

By Seth Dahle  
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team will be looking to end its two-game losing streak this weekend.

However, instead of playing in the friendly confines of the University Recreation Center, the Lady Frogs will be traveling over 1,700 miles to Storrs, Conn. to take on New Hampshire in game one of the UConn Toyota Classic. Other opponents the Horned Frogs will face are the University of Connecticut and Long Island University.

On Friday, TCU takes on New Hampshire out of the

America East Conference. The Lady Wildcats return all but one player from last year's 7-21 season, including two America East All-Rookie players and two members who were tabbed second team all-conference.

UNH just capped off a 0-3 finish at the Big Orange Classic in Syracuse, N.Y. Taylor Dressing led the offense with 2.38 kills per set. Sarah Heldman topped all defensive categories with 4.4 digs per set.

Saturday's two-game action starts the Horned Frogs off with Long Island, a 2008 NCAA tournament team.

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## SOCCER

## Tech to provide tough challenge

By Austin Pearson  
Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team will face a stiff test against the Texas Tech Red Raiders on Friday night in Fort Worth.

"We're going to have to be very composed and organized defensively," said TCU head coach Dan Abdalla. "Competing for every ball will be the key for us."

Texas Tech has demonstrated an explosive offensive attack in its last couple of matches. Redshirt freshman midfielder Dawn Ward leads the Red Raiders with four goals, and sophomore midfielder Taylor Lytle is tied second on the team with senior forward Brittney Harrison with two goals.

"They've got a really good young group," Abdalla said.

Brittney Harrison, Zhaleh Rezaie and Taylor Lytle are three players the Horned Frogs have to key in on at all times, he said.

"We're really just going to try to dictate the tempo of the game," he said. "We want to make sure that we maintain possession and that we give ourselves the ability to get numbers forward and in the final third really commit ourselves to getting in the box."

"As early as it is in the season we got to make sure we're improving in every game and getting sharper; we've gotten better in every game but we're still not to the point we want to be at with everything."

Dan Abdalla  
head coach

The Tech offensive attack has been doing well lately, scoring four goals in their last contest and scoring five in another.

The team is going to have to communicate very well and be well organized with the back line and with the midfield to be able to keep track of the players, Abdalla said.

The team has worked on getting more organized defensively and being more creative on offense, he said.

"We've also spent a lot of time on just really just kind of getting focus in and doing

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