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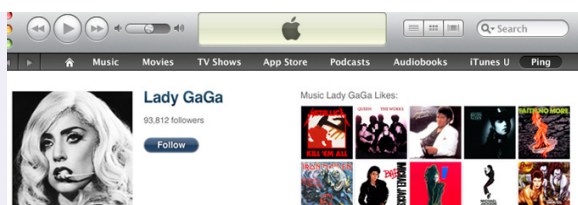
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Students disregard fire alarms in Grand Marc



CAMPUS

Change in BLUU layout aims to attract more student leaders

By Alex Collins

Staff Reporter

The study rooms on the first floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union were repurposed as office spaces this year for two fraternity and sorority life advisers and three student activities advisers, a student affairs official said.

The change was made in order to attract student leaders to the area, Executive Director for Student Affairs Administration Mike Russel said.

Scott Dieste, a junior biology major, said he preferred the Student Organizations area before the change because the offices provided students with a quiet place to study.

He said the offices offered students all the necessary amenities needed for studying including printers and computers.

Russel said he wanted students to have a place to hang out and gather comfortably for a game of cards or to watch television. He hoped the Student Organizations area would become the space for that, he said.

Dieste said the addition of televisions and overall increase of volume in the offices had become an annoyance for those who are trying to study.

Russel said when the BLUU opened in August 2008, there was a plan to study the effectiveness of the building for two years before making modifications. During that time, students primarily complained about the formality and rigidity of the Student Organizations area and the lack of space for students to gather under casual circumstances, he said.

Relocating the advisers would hopefully change the atmosphere of the area, he said.

University Union Activities Coordinator Brett Phillips was relocated to the offices and

said the new location will allow him and the four other staff members to have greater connectivity with different student groups ranging from Connections, theCrew, Student Development Services and any other organizations that need an area to meet.

More students use the area now, regardless of whether their particular adviser has been relocated, he said.

He said the challenge in moving the staff offices is rebranding the area in order to transform the “library mentality” that still exists for some students.

However, Donato Perez, a senior supply and value chain management major, said that in addition to the library, students need the office rooms to study, especially during finals and midterms when the library is increasingly crowded.

Working in the other areas offered to students for studying, including the cafeteria, is not convenient because of early closing times, he said.

Shannon Sumerlin, director of fraternity and sorority life said that students are now using the previously vacant area located in the center of the former Student Organizations area for meetings and forums.

Since the move, Sumerlin said she is already seeing students she works with more frequently. The ability to interact more with the students has created a much better experience for her as a student affairs adviser, she said.

Phillips said he has noticed a huge turnaround in the frequency of students passing through the space, including groups ranging from five to 200 people gathering for reasons including men’s fraternity recruitment, Frog Aides interviews, housing purposes and team leader activities.



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Taylor Qualls, freshman film major, sits with Michael Drozd, freshman pre-business major, in the study area behind the info desk in the Brown-Lupton University Union.

HOUSING

Fire alarm frequency causes confusion

By Christa Acuna

Staff Reporter

After a fire alarm went off at the GrandMarc apartment complex Sept. 7 and residents evacuated their rooms, two residents said they contemplated whether or not to take the alert seriously because of questionable alarms in past semesters.

GrandMarc resident and economics major Benjamin Chinchilla said he has lived in the south tower of the apartment complex since last fall and said he did not evacuate that night because of previous false alarms.

GrandMarc Hall Director Bridgit Breslow said she was concerned when she overheard students talking about not leaving their apartments due to the false alarms last year.

“It’s really unsafe to ever assume that it’s a false alarm,” Breslow said. “You just never know the severity of it and that’s why you just have to evacuate.”

Junior marketing major and GrandMarc resident Lourdes Safie said she stayed in her apartment for the first

15 minutes of the alarm because she did not think anything was wrong. She said she later moved to the building’s parking garage to escape the sound of the alarm.

Safie said she had become accustomed to the alarm sounding multiple times each week last semester.

Breslow said that, although not all residents vacated the building, most residents evacuated to the Greene Avenue commuter lot or the GrandMarc garage while the staff checked rooms in both towers.

According to a TCU Police alarm report, five GrandMarc fire alarms have gone off since Oct. 23, 2009. Sgt. Kelly Ham of the TCU Police Department said the alarm report included false alarms, malfunctions and emergencies.

The Sept. 7 alarm went off at approximately 1:08 a.m. and lasted until almost 2 a.m., keeping residents outside for more than 45 minutes.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Craig Allen said there was no fire and that the alarm went off

as a result of some malicious behavior.

“Students need to understand we will come down hard on this type of behavior,” Allen said. “Every time students mess around with fire safety equipment they’re putting other students’ lives at risk, and that will not be tolerated.”

Allen said the fire alert system had passed all of its tests and that the alarm had nothing to do with a system problem. There will be a scheduled fire drill to alert students to proper fire safety, he said.

“Investigation has been ongoing and is on its way to becoming a criminal matter,” Allen said. “People are going to understand how very serious this is. Messing around with fire safety equipment is something that is punishable, not just by TCU, but by the city of Fort Worth.”

Breslow said staff members were working on documentation with the GrandMarc property manager for helpful information, along with how fire safety and security pertain to the lease residents sign.

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TECHNOLOGY

New Apple service dedicated to music

By Katie Vance

News Now

In the first 48 hours after it launched, more than one million users had opened accounts on Ping.

Ping, a social networking service built into Apple iTunes, was introduced last week, along with several other new and updated products.

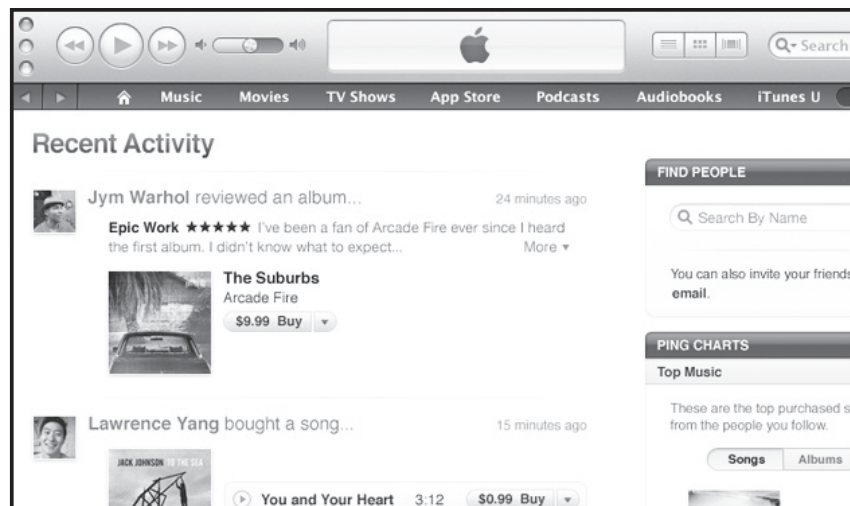
Tim Halperin, a May 2010 TCU graduate, said he has used social networking sites to promote his music. His songs are available for download on iTunes, but he is not considered an artist on Ping.

"I created my profile the first day it came out," Halperin said. "But it's not a music profile. Sure, it's Tim Halperin and people can follow me but I can't even do status updates because I'm not one of Apple's hand-selected artists that they picked."

Apple is marketing Ping as a social networking service dedicated to music that allows users to discover new sounds and share them with others.

However, according to *USA Today*, many independent and lesser-known iTunes artists are not featured by Ping. Artist pages on Ping are reserved for a few of Apple's iTunes artists by invitation only, and Apple will gradually invite more artists to launch pages.

Any uninvited artists have to create a user account. These accounts cannot be



personalized and can only display music purchases, reviews and comments on artists' pages.

Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO, told *The New York Times* that the product changes were the most significant since Apple introduced its first music player in 2001.

Halperin said he didn't think Ping was great at the moment.

"It's really kind of frustrating as an artist because I put all this effort into building up the Twitter and the Facebook," Halperin said. "And then iTunes comes out with this thing and it's like 'oh my gosh. Another tool that I just have to go out and keep updating and keep people engaged somehow.'"

The service was immediately available to 160 million iTunes users by downloading the latest version of iTunes.

In addition to following musicians, Ping also allows users to follow friends and view their music downloads and reviews.

Olivia Huey, a junior strategic communication major, said she thought she would use Ping.

"I like a lot of bands and you're able to kind of keep up with them and know what's going on with them and when they're releasing an album," Huey said. "You're able to just kind of go look and see exactly what you're looking for."

GREEN BUILDING

Panel sessions to feature local sustainable design

By Sara Neal

Staff Reporter

The university will co-host two panel discussions Wednesday morning showcasing Tarrant County buildings, including two on campus, that were certified by the United States Green Building Commission as meeting certain sustainable design requirements, according to a press release.

The first panel discussion will feature two Tarrant County buildings that are Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified by the USGBC. The second will feature Scharbauer Hall and the new Mary Wright Admission Center, according to the release.

LEED certification, according to the USGBC website, is a green-building certification rating system that checks if a building meets certain energy saving and emissions requirements based on a point system, which then receives a score of either certified, silver, gold or platinum — platinum being the highest rating.

Jonathan Kraatz, communications coordinator for USGBC North Texas Chapter, said that of the two buildings showcased on Wednesday, Scharbauer Hall received a LEED Gold certification and the Mary Wright Admission Center was certified, but he did not know which level.

In addition to panel discussions, the release said that architectural and engineering tours of the buildings on campus will be given.

Also co-hosting the event are the Fort Worth Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services and the USGBC.

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Stephanie Sunico
Environmental Science Professor

Diana Witherspoon, the programs director for the Fort Worth Chapter of SMPS, said she coordinated the event for the local architectural engineering and construction community.

"This is contributing to [continuing education] and professional development in our industry," she said.

In addition, Witherspoon said LEED certification is a hot topic for many professionals in the architectural engineering community who hoped to learn more about it.

The conference will be held at the university because of the university's strong commitment to green building,

and because of the buildings on campus that have been or will be LEED certified, Witherspoon said.

Stephanie Sunico, an instructor of environmental science, said she planned to attend the event. She said she expected it to do more than just put the university in the spotlight for setting an example in utilizing sustainable design, she said.

"It's more to showcase some of the initiatives that are possible with LEED," Sunico said.

The event is open and free for students with IDs, according to the press release.

Sunico said she invited all of the students in her classes to attend.

Students who attend the event could gain more from the panel discussions than the knowledge that is shared, Witherspoon said.

"I got an internship at a very similar function to this when I was in college, which led me to a career in the industry," she said. "So it's really important with us to connect with students who could be potential employees one day, and there is going to be a lot of Fort Worth firms represented."

The program will be held in a ballroom on the second floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union beginning at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served, and will cost \$20 for students, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Ryan Family YMCA.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Inconvenience is no excuse to ignore alarms, risk lives

No matter how late or inconvenient it is, or how many times there have been false alarms in the past, students should always heed the warnings of fire alarms in their dorms or apartment buildings.

It was troubling to hear that some students stayed in their rooms during a Sept. 7 fire alarm at the Grand Marc apartments. That it was 1:08 a.m. and that there have been problems with false alarms in the past are not excuses. Students should not put their lives at risk to avoid a slight inconvenience.

It was even more troubling to hear that the fire alarm went off as a result of malicious behavior. School officials are right to treat this as a serious matter and a criminal matter. Those tampering with fire safety equipment can expect punishment from both the university and the city of Fort Worth for actions that are incredibly dangerous and not at all funny.

As college students we ask to be treated as adults and are expected to act like adults. That includes always following fire safety procedure and never engaging in behavior that puts the lives of other students at risk.

It's just not worth it to refuse to follow these rules we should have learned in grade school.

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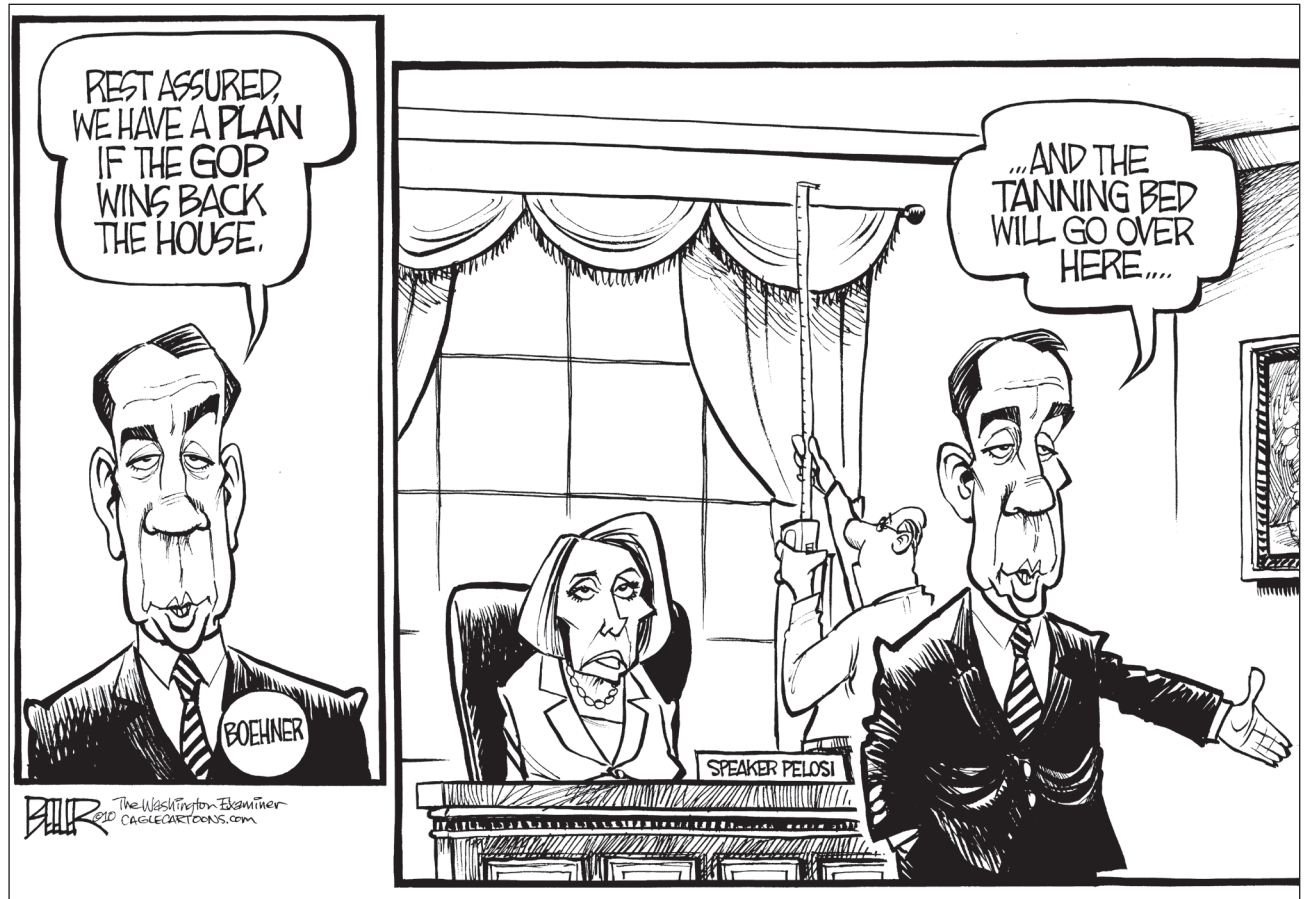
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Distractions detrimental to studying



Danika Scevers

We've all done it. We've all been studying and opened a Web browser to check our e-mail or do a little research and ended up on Facebook, chatting to a friend or playing Zombie Farm. It's relaxing, we say, and anyway, we can multi-task.

Or can we? A new study by the Netherlands' Open University revealed that students who used Facebook or other social media while studying received grades that were about 20 percent lower than their peers. According to an article in the *Daily Mail* about the study, on a 4.0 scale, that's 3.06 versus 3.82.

According to the article, in the study, three quarters of the Facebook users polled said they didn't believe using the site affected their grades. The question is, why?

It should be common sense. If you pay attention to two or more things at once, your brainpower is split. If you focus on one thing (say, that calculus homework you've been avoiding), all your mental energy directs itself at that and you are able to better understand what you're doing. But modern

conventions that young adults are improving at multi-tasking drive many college students to pay less attention to their studies and more to their choice of distraction.

So next time you sit down to study, turn off your laptop, your phone and your radio. Let yourself be the genius you know you can be, and save the Facebook for afterward to brag about the A+ you get on your next test.

And it has become a choice between different forms of entertainment rather than one of whether or not to multi-task. Will it be Jango or Pandora playing music in the background? Will you chat on Skype or AIM? Although the study focuses on Facebook, singling it out as the cause of lower grades, it fails to mention that any distraction, whether it be talking on the phone with a friend, surfing the Internet or belting out the words to the "Glee" soundtrack, can have the same effect. If you don't focus, the quality of your work goes down and your inner brilliance remains hidden.

So next time you sit down to study, turn off your laptop, your phone and your radio. Let yourself be the genius you know you can be, and save the Facebook for afterward to brag about the A+ you get on your next test.

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PERSPECTIVES

Taboo status makes vices more appealing



Samantha Hunter

When I was a little girl, my mother allowed me to keep a candy drawer in the kitchen. It was not locked and I was rarely scolded for partaking in the occasional before-dinner indulgence. For years I had that candy drawer. I stuffed it full of sinful sugary sweets and loved offering some to my friends whenever they'd visit. However, that's where I noticed a very odd trend.

Whenever I would offer a chocolate bar or handful of gummy-worms to my guest, she would look upon me with disbelief, stealthily survey the surrounding and then engorge herself ad nauseam with not only my offering but also a large part of my drawer. I hardly ate candy in that amount, perhaps at Halloween or Christmas, but never at something as simple as a sleepover and certainly never that quickly. Why

would my friend, a little girl, like my former self, eat so much candy in so little time? And why the secrecy as if my mother were to come 'round corner, purple with rage?

Drink was not something to "get buzzed" on, it was a nice complement to a meal or a mark of celebration, just like my confection collection.

The answer came many years after my candy drawer, when I began to get calls at 1 a.m. from intoxicated schoolmates, or saw the hungover faces of friends and acquaintances.

I grew up in a home with a very heavy English influence. In England, the legal drinking age is 18. At 5, youths may consume alcohol at home in the presence of a parent or guardian. At 14, a youth may imbibe a shandy (a bizarre concoction of fizzy lemonade and lager) or other alcohol bought by a guardian in a restaurant. but only in the presence of family. The legal driving age is 17. In my house, alcohol was never taboo, like the candy drawer.

I'd watch my parents partake and not think

twice. Drink was not something to "get buzzed" on, it was a nice complement to a meal or a mark of celebration, just like my confection collection. There was just there, nothing to be pursued, begged, or deceived for. But it seems the opposite is true in American culture.

Every commercial. radio or internet ad featuring alcohol explicitly features an extremely sexually-charged sense of escapism. The perfect bait for those seeking a good time, but what is that good time? Getting so wasted you can't even remember the night before? The advertisers think so, and since commercials have such a huge impact on our perception of products and experiences, the American public does too. Yet there are other factors in this, which perhaps influence these ads.

When we are young we are all told that alcohol is a vice among vices. We all remember going to seminars in elementary school that preached the evils of alcohol, and being the impressionable little idiots that we were, promised never to come near it, to never even try it, lest we suffer the consequences. Been there, done that, bought the bloody T-shirt. So why do such large percentages of underage high school and university students abuse alcohol?

Well, here the parallel between this genuine problem and my friends' candy comas is drawn. When something is made a social taboo, it immediately becomes a temptation — doesn't matter what it is: sex, drugs, alcohol, candy. If we are told not to touch it the more likely we are to abuse it beyond reason. This is made flagrant with adolescents, whose developing frontal lobes and obsession with social acceptance make them particularly vulnerable to the pull of temptation.

Alcohol is a preferred taboo among many youngsters due to its easy availability and promise of escaping your ever-so-bland teenage existence. American culture has a most interesting way of taking something and warping our view of it. The ads tell us that we are not complete, fun, enjoyable people if we don't partake in their fermented, flavored, buzz-inducing plant juice, but the public school system and well-meaning parent groups tell us that we will become foul, evil, smelly beasts if we do.

What kind of message are we trying to send here? Or better yet, do we even know the message we're sending?

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Obama road plan creates jobs



Alex Apple

Federal government spending of another \$50 billion makes some people quiver. President Barack Obama recently proposed a \$50 billion plan to improve roads and other infrastructure in the U.S. The plan has many Republicans screaming "stimulus" again while Obama and other Democrats want to make it clear: This plan is not a stimulus.

CNN's Jack Cafferty said the plan would include rebuilding 150,000 miles of roads, 4,000 miles of rails and 150 miles of airport runways.

The cost is \$50 billion, however, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a report verifying that this plan would not increase the national debt. According to the CBO's report, the plan would pay for itself within a year of implementation.

Obama emphasized this

was a long-term plan to create jobs with companies like Caterpillar, Vulcan Materials Company and other construction companies that had been hit hard by the recession.

A spokesperson for the American Road & Transportation Builders Association said, "Infrastructure investment creates jobs, improves our global competitiveness, and fuels economic growth."

With states not willing to spend on infrastructure improvement, many of the construction companies have been forced to lay off thousands of workers. This plan is an effort to put those workers back to work and to grow the companies long term.

The plan will have very little time to get through Congress before the midterm elections. Congress will return from their vacation next week, leave again in a month and stay gone until the midterm elections.

Obama has expressed frustration with Congress' unwillingness to work quickly, and he will probably be waiting for the bill to crawl through Congress.

Whatever happens in the

midterm elections, the president has stressed that he will be ready to get back to work quickly. Americans are wanting quicker recovery from the recession, and the verdict is still out over whether the country is better off now than it was two years ago.

The first test for the Democrats, if they regain command of both houses, or the Republicans, if they can garner a small majority, will be whether they can deliver on their campaign promises and find solutions to put America back to work. Two years from November, Americans will be holding a referendum on their elected officials again, and the party in power will be looked to for answers once again.

Reenergizing the industries that have been hit the hardest will no doubt put Americans back to work. Rebuilding American infrastructure will give Americans jobs both in the long term and the short term since there will be a continued need to maintain infrastructure.

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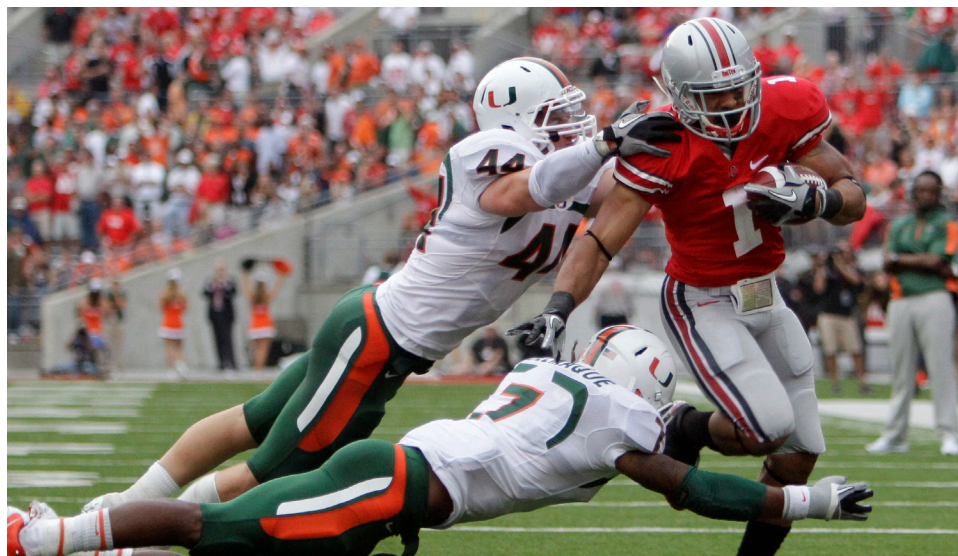
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Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy (12) throws during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Penn State at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010. Alabama won 24-3.



AP PHOTO/MARK DUNCAN

Ohio State running back Dan Herron (1) is chased by Miami linebacker Colin McCarthy (44) and defensive back Vaughn Telemaque on a 17-yard run in the fourth quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio.

ANALYSIS

Top 10 teams survive week

1. ALABAMA 2-0

After seeing what the Crimson Tide did to No. 18 Penn State on Saturday, it's safe to say that Alabama is the best team in college football. The most fascinating thing about this game was that Alabama did it without Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram and future NFL lineman Marcell Dareus. Alabama's balance on offense is a defensive coordinator's nightmare. On its first drive, the Crimson Tide passed all the way down the field for a touchdown and on the next drive, Trent Richardson scored from 97 yards out. On defense, Penn State drove into scoring position three times and only scored three points. That's a scary thought before you add four takeaways to that performance. Alabama takes on the Duke Blue Devils next week as the Crimson Tide tries to stay perfect.

2. OHIO STATE 2-0

Like Alabama, Ohio State played a Top 25 team in No. 12 Miami. Ohio State would be nowhere without Terrelle Pryor. He will never be the guy to put up huge numbers and set multiple passing records, but Pryor is a winner and he helped the Buckeyes beat Miami Saturday. Pryor passed for 233 yards and rushed for another 113. Who cares that he has only completed 44 percent of his passes? He also had no turnovers and has not committed one this year. The Ohio State defense, however, forced four interceptions. The Buckeyes will try to keep their record perfect with a win against the Ohio Bobcats next week.

3. BOISE STATE 1-0

Even though Boise State didn't play a snap on Saturday, the team's quest for a National Championship took a hit Saturday when No. 13 Virginia Tech lost to subdivision powerhouse James Madison 21-16. Boise barely scraped by against the Hokies a week ago and this Virginia Tech loss does not bode well for the Broncos. It will be up

to them to prove they are still a BCS buster threat by beating No. 25 Oregon State in two weeks. They may hit a road bump this weekend when they play Wyoming, who are better than people give them credit for.

4. TCU 2-0

After jumping two places (Florida and Texas) when the team beat Oregon State 30-21 in week one, the TCU Horned Frogs stay at No. 4 despite a dominating 62-7 win over Tennessee Tech. That being said, the Horned Frogs did what they should have done against a team like Tennessee Tech: win. TCU got off to a running start against the Golden Eagles, literally and figuratively, as the TCU running backs combined for 270 yards with an average of 6.6 yards per carry. In addition, seven of their nine touchdowns came on the ground as six different runners scored. TCU also scored on a pass from Andy Dalton to freshman Josh Boyce. The TCU defense also looked impressive as they held the Golden Eagles to just 150 yards and forced five turnovers — four fumbles and an interception that senior cornerback Jason Teague returned for a touchdown. Also impressive was the fact that TCU did not commit a penalty in the second half after being flagged eight times for 75 yards in the first half. TCU will have to continue to commit fewer penalties, especially against tougher opponents, if it hope to maintain its winning ways. Next week, TCU welcomes the Baylor Bears to Amon G. Carter Stadium for the Frogs' second home game of the season.

5. OREGON 2-0

After falling behind 13-3 to the Tennessee Volunteers in the first quarter, the Oregon Ducks came roaring back to win the game 48-13. Oregon took control with two crucial plays: a 72-yard touchdown run by running back LaMichael James followed quickly by a 76-yard intercept-

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tion return for a touchdown by Cliff Harris. The Ducks poured it on in the fourth quarter, scoring three touchdowns to seal the victory. James got the offense going early in the second half and was the game changer for the Ducks as he rushed for 134 yards on 16 carries. Oregon will try to go 3-0 next week as the Ducks match up against the Portland State Vikings.

6. TEXAS 2-0

The Texas Longhorns struggled early as they trailed Wyoming 7-6 late in the first half, but thanks to a pair of touchdowns late in the second quarter, the Longhorns went into the half up 20-7. From there, Cody Johnson led the way as his two rushing touchdowns sealed the 34-7 victory for Texas. The Longhorns running backs ran the ball 29 times for 167 yards and three touchdowns while quarterback Garrett Gilbert passed for 222 yards and a touchdown. Texas will have a tougher match up next week as the team meets up with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

7. OKLAHOMA 2-0

In a Top 25 matchup which pitted the then-No. 10 Sooners against the then-No. 17 Florida State Seminoles, Oklahoma went up early and never looked back. Led by quarterback Landry Jones, Oklahoma won the game 47-17. Jones threw for 380 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions. The amazing part was that all four of his touchdowns were to four different receivers. On the other side of the ball, the Sooners defense forced three turnovers and held the Seminoles to 17 points. Next week, Oklahoma will play against Air Force, who destroyed BYU 35-14 Saturday.

8. NEBRASKA 2-0

The then-No. 6 Nebraska Cornhuskers took on the Idaho Vandals in a game that was decided before the opening kickoff. Nebraska went up 31-0 before Idaho kicked a last minute field goal in

the first half. The Nebraska defense was the difference in the game as it forced six turnovers — a fumble and five interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns. But the Cornhuskers' running game was also impressive as its backs combined for 360 yards and three touchdowns. Two of those touchdowns came from freshman quarterback Taylor Martinez. Next week Nebraska takes on Heisman hopeful Jake Locker and the Washington Huskies in what should be an interesting matchup.

9. IOWA 2-0

No. 9 Iowa and Iowa State met up on Saturday for their annual in-state game. This was another game in which the Top 10 team got out early and never looked back. Iowa's balanced offensive attack led the way early while its defense sealed the game late with three second half interceptions. Senior quarterback Ricky Stanzi led the offense by passing for 204 yards and two touchdowns while running for another score. Next week, Iowa takes on undefeated Arizona as the Hawkeyes will try to stay undefeated and improve to 3-0.

10. FLORIDA 2-0

No. 10 Florida trailed South Florida for most of the first half, but a late first half touchdown pass from John Brantley to Carl Moore tied it up 7-7 going into the half. But then it was all Florida as they took off and won 38-14. Florida's offense was fueled by its running game which gained 251 yards and two touchdowns. Another impressive performance came from quarterback Brantley, who threw for 172 yards and two touchdowns. Next week Florida takes on SEC rival Tennessee as the Gators will try to gain ground in the BCS standings.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.



AP PHOTO/WADE PAYNE

Oregon wide receiver Lavasier Tuinei (80) catches a touchdown pass as he's defended by Tennessee cornerback Art Evans (25) during an NCAA college football game at Neyland Stadium Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 in Knoxville, Tenn. Oregon won 48-13.



AP PHOTO/SUE OGRICKI

Oklahoma tight end Trent Ratterree, left, avoids a tackle by Florida State cornerback Ochuko Jenije, right, after catching a pass from quarterback Landry Jones in the third quarter of an NCAA college football game in Norman, Okla., Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010.

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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Divisions clear on tax cut plan

By Andrew Taylor & Laurie Kellman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats on Tuesday wrestled over whether to abandon President Barack Obama's tax cut plan, with some House moderates joining Republicans in calling for an extension of Bush-era breaks for the wealthy as well as middle-income earners.

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi remained solidly behind Obama's proposal to allow tax cuts for upper-income people to expire as scheduled at the end of the year.

"We are in listening mode," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, chief of the House Democrats' campaign committee.

What they heard Tuesday on both sides of the Capitol indicated divisions among Democrats that contrasted with strong unity among

Republicans in supporting a full renewal of all tax cuts, regardless of income, despite a 10-year cost to the government of about \$700 billion above Obama's plan. Some House Democrats, particularly moderates facing difficult re-election battles in districts carried by GOP presidential nominee John McCain two years ago, agree with a proposal offered by Republicans for a short-term renewal of all of the Bush-era tax cuts.



Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., left, and Rep. Glen Nye, D-Va., talk before a meeting of "Blue Dog" Democrats on Tuesday, Sept. 14, in Washington. **EVAN VUCCI / ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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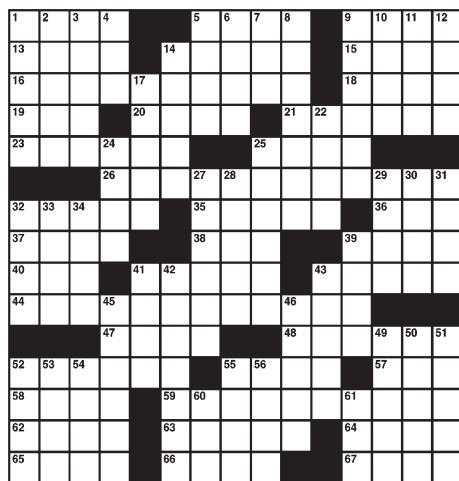
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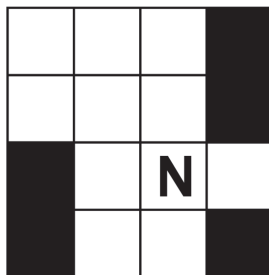
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"Freeze"

Tuesday's Solutions



"The Miami Heat"

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Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solution

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ELECTIONS

Tea party influence seen in primaries

By David Espo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Establishment Republicans vied with challengers favored by tea party activists one last time Tuesday in a multistate finale to a primary election season marked by economic recession and political upheaval.

Highlighted by GOP-tea party showdowns in New Hampshire and Delaware, five states chose candidates for the Senate and six for governor.

In New York, 40-year veteran Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel faced the voters for the first time since the House ethics committee accused him of 13 violations, most of them relating to his personal finances.

So far this year, seven incumbent members of Congress have tasted defeat, four Republicans and three Democrats. And that does not include a lengthy list of GOP contenders who fell to tea party-supported challengers despite having the backing of party officials eager to maximize their gains in November.

With unemployment high and President Barack Obama's popularity below 50 percent, Republicans said the primaries reflected an enthusiasm that would serve the party well in the fall, when control of Congress will be at stake.

Democrats, however, said the presence of tea party-supported Republicans would

prove costly to the GOP on Nov. 2 — a proposition that remained to be tested in seven weeks' time.

In Delaware, Rep. Mike Castle sought the nomination to a Senate seat held for 36 years by Vice President Joe Biden in a primary that took a sharp turn for the negative three weeks ago when the Tea Party Express announced it would come to the aid of challenger Christine O'Donnell.

Castle, a former two-term governor and a veteran of nearly two decades in the House, was repeatedly assailed as a liberal, a Republican in name only. He and the party responded by challenging O'Donnell's fitness for public office and her ability to win a statewide election in the fall.

In an extraordinary move, the state Republican Party began automated phone calls attacking O'Donnell in the campaign's final hours. The calls feature the voice of a woman who identifies herself as Kristin Murray, O'Donnell's campaign manager in her 2008 unsuccessful Senate campaign, accusing the candidate of "living on campaign donations — using them for rent and personal expenses, while leaving her workers unpaid and piling up thousands in debt."

O'Donnell's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Republican officials have said privately they intend to write off the seat if O'Donnell is victorious against Castle.

POLITICS



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France's Kenza Drider, wearing a niqab, drives a car in Avignon, southern France, Monday, Sept. 13.

France passes ban on face-covering veils

By Elaine Ganley

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The French Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly passed a bill banning the burqa-style Islamic veil on public streets and other places, a measure that affects less than 2,000 women but that has been widely seen as a symbolic defense of French values.

The Senate voted 246 to 1 in favor of the bill in a final step toward making the ban a law — though it now must pass muster with France's constitutional watchdog. The bill was overwhelmingly passed in July in the lower house, the National Assembly.

Many Muslims believe the legislation is one more blow to France's No. 2 religion, and risks raising the level of Islamophobia in a country where mosques, like synagogues, are sporadic targets of hate. However, the law's many proponents say it will preserve the nation's values, including its secular foundations and a notion of fraternity that is contrary to those who hide their faces.

In an attempt to head off any legal challenges over arguments it tramples on religious and other freedoms, the leaders of both parliamentary houses said they had asked a special body to ensure it passes constitutional muster. The Constitutional Council has one month to rule.

The bill is worded to trip safely through legal minefields. For instance,

the words "women," "Muslim" and "veil" are not even mentioned in any of its seven articles.

"This law was the object of long and complex debates," the Senate president, Gerard Larcher, and National Assembly head Bernard Accoyer said in a joint statement announcing their move. They said they want to be certain there is "no uncertainty" about its conforming to the constitution.

France would be the first European country to pass such a law, though others, notably neighboring Belgium, are considering laws against face-covering veils, seen as conflicting with the local culture.

"This law was the object of long and complex debates."

Gerard Larcher
Senate president

"Our duty concerning such fundamental principles of our society is to speak with one voice," said Justice Minister Michele Alliot-Marie, opening a less than 5-hour-long debate ahead of the vote.

The measure, carried by President Nicolas Sarkozy's conservative party, was passed by the lower house of parliament, the National Assembly, on July 13.

It would outlaw face-covering veils, including those worn by tourists from the Middle East, on public streets and elsewhere. The

bill set fines of €150 (\$185) or citizenship classes for any woman caught covering her face, or both. It also carries stiff penalties for anyone, such as husbands or brothers, convicted of forcing the veil on a woman. The €30,000 (\$38,400) fine and year in prison are doubled if the victim is a minor.

The bill is aimed at ensuring gender equality, women's dignity and security, as well as upholding France's secular values — and its way of life.

Some women, like Kenza Drider, have vowed to wear a full-face veil despite a law. Drider says she prefers to flirt with arrest rather than bow to what she says is an injustice.

"It is a law that is unlawful," said Drider, a mother of four from Avignon, in southern France. "It is ... against individual liberty, freedom of religion, liberty of conscience," she said.

"I will continue to live my life as I always have with my full veil," she told Associated Press Television News.

Drider was the only woman who wears a full-faced veil to be interviewed by a parliamentary panel that spent six months deciding whether to move ahead with legislation.

Muslim leaders concur that Islam does not require a woman to hide her face. However, they have voiced concerns that a law forbidding them to do so would stigmatize the French Muslim population, which at an estimated 5 million is the largest in western Europe.

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SPORTS

NFL
Redskins player apologizes for remarks

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Ines Sainz, a reporter for TV Azteca, speaks into the camera while on the sideline during the second quarter of an NFL football game.

By The Associated Press

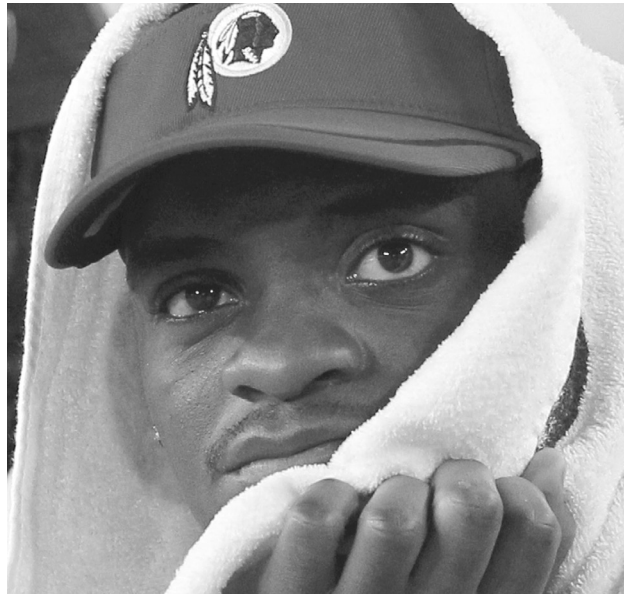
WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis, known for his outspoken viewpoints, had plenty to say on the radio Tuesday about women reporters in NFL locker rooms.

The league swiftly condemned his comments as inappropriate and offensive, and Portis later issued an apology through the Redskins.

Addressing the NFL's investigation of the New York Jets' treatment of TV Azteca reporter Ines Sainz, Portis said that both sides have wandering eyes when the sexes are mixed in such a setting.

"I think you put women reporters in the locker room in position to see guys walking around naked, and you sit in the locker room with 53 guys, and all of the sudden you see a nice woman in the locker room. I think men are going to tend to turn and look and want to say something to that woman," Portis said in his weekly appearance on 106.7 The Fan.

The Jets are being investigated by the NFL after a few players made catcalls directed at Sainz on Saturday while she was waiting to interview quarterback Mark Sanchez. Also, an assistant coach seemed to deliberately throw the ball to players who were



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This Sept. 2 file photo shows Redskins running back Clinton Portis watching from the sidelines during a preseason NFL game.

near Sainz during a practice drill.

Portis said he wasn't aware of what went on with Sainz, but he offered his opinion on what he considered to be a female reporter's perspective.

"And there's no reason to continue to try, no matter what you do. If I talk to the media, the headline's going to be I bash somebody I shouldn't bash. If I don't talk to the media, I'm a jerk for not speaking, so you can't satisfy people."

Clinton Portis
Washington Redskins
running back

"You know, somebody got to spark her interest, or she's going to want somebody. I don't know what kind of woman won't, if you get to go and look at 53 men's (bodies)," Portis said. "I know you're doing a job, but at the same time, the same way I'm going to cut my eye if I see somebody worth talking to, I'm sure they do the same thing."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league quickly addressed the player's remarks with the Redskins.

"The comments are clearly inappropriate, offensive, and have no place

in the NFL," he said in an e-mail. "We have contacted the Redskins and they will discuss the matter directly with Mr. Portis."

A few hours later, the Redskins issued a statement from Portis.

"I was wrong to make the comments I did, and I apologize," the statement said. "I respect the job that all reporters do. It is a tough job and we all have to work and act in a professional manner. I understand and support the team on these issues."

Redskins spokesman Tony Wyllie also issued a statement, saying the Redskins "have a clear and unambiguous policy about being professional on these issues."

"We will take the necessary steps to remind everyone about it," Wyllie said. He did not say what those steps would be.

In the past Portis has riled teammates and coaches when speaking his mind. He uncharacteristically stayed out of the spotlight through this year's training camp and preseason. Recently, he has been talking about how much he was enjoying his new low profile.

"I realize you can't satisfy people," Portis said last week. "And there's no reason to continue to try, no matter what you do. If I talk to the media, the headline's going to be I bash somebody I shouldn't bash. If I don't talk to the media, I'm a jerk for not speaking, so you can't satisfy people."

HEISMAN AWARD

Bush opts to return
Heisman trophy

By **Ralph D. Russo**
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Reggie Bush took the unprecedented step of giving back his Heisman Trophy on Tuesday, saying the scandal over improper benefits while he was a star running back at Southern California should not stain "the dignity of this award."

The New Orleans Saints' star won the Heisman — symbol of the best player in college football — in 2005.

Returning the trophy has no practical effect on Bush since he's already in the pros and a member of a Super Bowl championship team. However, it is the first time in the award's 75-year history that a player has forfeited it.

USC was hit with heavy sanctions by the NCAA this summer after it determined Bush and his family had received hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts from two fledgling California-based marketing agents. The NCAA ruled that Bush was ineligible for the 2005 season, which opened the possibility that the Heisman Trophy Trust would take back the award.

One of the few guidelines given to Heisman Trophy voters is that a player must be in compliance with NCAA rules to be eligible for the award.

"The persistent media speculation regarding allegations dating back to my years at USC has been both painful and distracting," Bush said in a statement released through the Saints. "In no way should the storm around these allegations reflect in any way on the dignity of this award, nor on any other institutions or individuals."

"For the rest of my days, I will continue to strive to demonstrate through my actions and words that I was deserving of the confidence placed in me by the Heisman Trophy Trust."



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In this Dec. 10, 2005, file photo, Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush smiles while posing for photos after a news conference.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Coach: old rival, emotional game

By David Stein
Staff Reporter

The upcoming Horned Frog football game against Baylor University will be heavy with emotions because of the in-state rivalry, head coach Gary Patterson said in TCU's weekly media luncheon and press conference Tuesday.

"It's three hours you've got to hate each other because that's the way the game is," Patterson said.

He said the game reminded him of the Southwest Conference that TCU and Baylor used to play in. The conference disbanded after the 1995 season.

Patterson said he thought Baylor had more confidence as a team this year under the leadership of sophomore quarterback Robert Griffin. Griffin passed for over 2,000 yards and rushed for 843 more in 2008 before missing the majority of the 2009 season with an injury.

Griffin won the Big 12 outdoor champi-

onships in the 400-meter hurdles as a freshman and was named a Track & Field All-American, according to Baylor's athletics website.

"He has world-class speed, so you have to worry about that," Patterson said. "He can throw the football around and he makes good decisions."

Patterson compared Griffin to former University of Utah quarterback Brian Johnson, Utah's winningest quarterback in the school's history. He said he thought Baylor was a fast team full of players that could run well with receivers who could make good plays after catching the ball.

"Any time you get a team like that you have to worry about when you get them in one-on-ones," Patterson said.

The series between the two teams is tied at 49-49-7 all-time. TCU won the last meeting 27-0 in the opening game of the 2007 season. TCU quarterback Andy Dalton, a red-shirt freshman at the time, passed for 205 yards and a touchdown.



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Joyce Boyce, a redshirt wide receiver, dodges two Tennessee Tech defenders during Saturday's game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Western Athletic Conference files suit to keep Nevada, Fresno State in league

By The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The Western Athletic Conference has filed a lawsuit to force Nevada and Fresno State to stay in the league through the 2011-12 school year before leaving for the Mountain West Conference.

WAC commissioner Karl Benson said Tuesday the conference filed a complaint last week in Jefferson County District Court in Colorado.

Benson says WAC bylaws state members must inform the conference it is leaving for another league by July 1 or the schools are obligated

to stay through the next two school years.

Nevada and Fresno State announced they had accepted invitations to the MWC on July 18. Benson says the two schools have never assured the other WAC members that they will remain with the league through the 2011-12 season.

VOLLEYBALL

Returning players out to prove previous success was no fluke

By Tori Cummings
Staff Writer

After a record-setting 2009 campaign in which the volleyball team made its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance, a returning player said the team goal is to prove last season was not a fluke.

"Our goal would be to prove to everyone that last year wasn't just a one-time thing," junior setter Megan Munce said. "It's something that we can do consistently and that we hope to do."

Head coach Prentice Lewis said she feels the team will work hard to achieve its goals.

"[The] number one thing is winning conference," Lewis said. "Our team's just got to play consistent, good volleyball through the year, starting with the first game."

The team lost three seniors last spring who all made their marks on the university volleyball records. Former Horned Frog middle blocker Kourtney Edwards became the career record-holder for blocks at TCU as well as an All-American Honorable Mention. Outside hitter Lau-

ren Otto racked up the sixth most digs in school history, while defensive specialist Katelyn Blackwood became the all-time digs leader.

Lewis said losing the seniors was detrimental to the lineup.

"I think everybody is more excited than anything. We all worked out as a team... We're ready and excited to be back out on the court."

Irene Hester
Senior outside hitter

"Our three seniors that we lost last year were phenomenal players," Lewis said. "As far as their leadership skills and as far as being players our juniors to look up to."

However, the team does have many returning players this year. Senior outside hitter Irene Hester and senior right side Christy Hudson return, bringing experience to the squad. Hester ranked second on the team last sea-

son with 295 kills and Hudson was named a MWC All-Conference player in 2009.

Lewis said the team had to find a way to pick up where the seniors from last year left off. She felt the two seniors and the junior class players have all stepped up in the last two weeks of practice to fill those voids, she said.

Hester said the team was ready to start the new season.

"I think everybody is more excited than anything. We all worked out as a team... We're ready and excited to be back out on the court," she said.

According to gofrogs.com, the Horned Frogs were picked to finish third in the Mountain West Conference behind Colorado State University and Utah in the 2010 preseason poll. This is the highest the Horned Frogs have ever been ranked in the preseason polls.

Munce said the preseason ranking is going to help the Horned Frogs prepare by knowing that other teams underestimate them.

"I know it's going to make me play harder... it's going to make my teammates play a lot harder too," she said.

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FOOTBALL

Gary Patterson talks about Saturday's game against Baylor. **Page 11**

SPORTS

TENNIS

Former Horned Frog tennis player returns to coach tennis team. **Tomorrow**



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The TCU rifle squad won the national championships for the 2009-10 season. President Barak Obama joked that the team could give the Secret Service a run for its money.

Rifle team honored by Obama as NCAA champs

By Jennifer Iller

Staff Reporter

President Barack Obama had two things to say about the university when he recognized the championship rifle team Monday — the Horned Frog shooters were pretty sharp, and so was their choice of footwear.

Members of the university rifle team joined students from 31 other schools on the South Lawn of the White House for a celebra-



Obama

tion of 2009-10 NCAA Championship teams and, of course, they wore their TCU cowboy boots.

The president was not to be left out, however, as the university gave him his own pair of Horned Frog boots. Ross Bailey, associate director of athletics, said he thought everyone had “boot envy.” He said the TCU rifle team was one

“It was a very fitting end and recognition for (the team’s) national championship.”

Ross Bailey

Associate Director of Athletics

of two teams the president individually recognized.

During the speech, Obama said the 650 student athletes present were the most athletic talent the White House had ever had on the South

Lawn. He joked that the sharpshooters from the TCU rifle squad might be able to give the Secret Service a run for its money.

Coach Karen Monez said she thought it was a great thrill to be recognized in the speech and that the entire trip would be cherished for a long time to come.

Bailey said the team got the chance to speak with Obama as he passed through the crowd and one member of the team, Simone Riford, was able to connect with the president. Riford at-

tended the same high school in Hawaii that Obama did and brought along her high school class ring to show him.

The Horned Frog rifle team is the first all-female national rifle championship winner in NCAA history, according to the NCAA website.

Mark Cohen, director of athletic media relations, said the team represented the university well academically as well as athletically.

“It was a very fitting end and recognition for (the team’s) national championship,” Bailey said.