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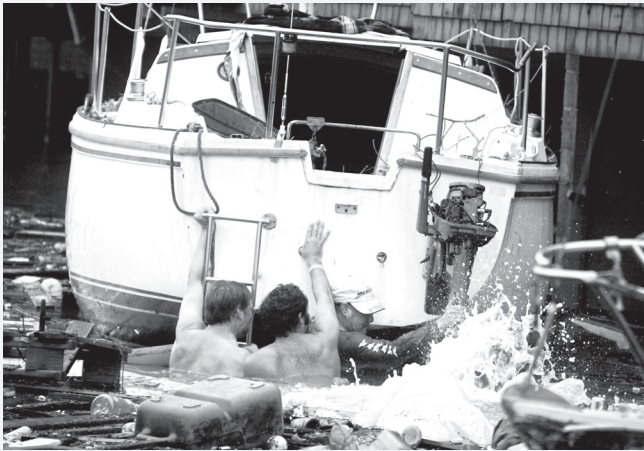
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## IKE'S WAKE



An unidentified man wades through waist-deep floodwaters in the El Lago neighborhood on Saturday after Ike's landfall in the Houston metro area.

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Three men struggle to move a boat at a marina in El Lago on Saturday.

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Silvester Tapia attempts to alleviate flooding on his street in Houston.

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## Locals reflect on impact of hurricane

By Jason Fochtman  
Staff Reporter

She was one of the lucky ones. Besides a few downed trees and flooding in her backyard, Laura Davidson, a junior nursing major from Seabrook, has a house to go back to. After mandatory evacuations were announced, Davidson's parents rode out the

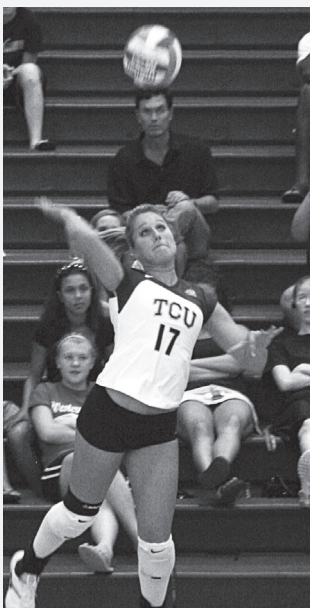
storm with family in the Deer Park area, about 20 miles southeast of Houston. "All of the destruction hit really close to home because it was areas that I drive down everyday when I go home," Davidson said. "I wasn't worried necessarily about my house as much as my family getting out OK." Chancellor Victor Boschini said professors are being encouraged to work with

students from affected areas if they are having difficulties. Staff at the health and counseling centers are aware this will be a stressful time for students from the areas hit by the hurricane, Boschini added. As of Monday, the city of Fort Worth was housing more than 1,600 evacuees in shelters, most of them located in the city's

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- 3 Righteous Kill \$17
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- 6 Tropic Thunder \$4
- 7 The Dark Knight \$4
- 8 Bangkok Dangerous \$2
- 9 Traitor \$2
- 10 Death Race \$2



See how the volleyball team did in action over the weekend. Sports, page 8

**SGA House to discuss bill at tonight's meeting: "A Bill to Allow Student Organizations to Endorse Candidates"**  
Introduced by: Elections & Regulations Committee

**What it means:** Student organizations would be allowed to use Facebook groups, student publications and other news mediums to announce their endorsement of an SGA candidate.

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## HIS turns down offer for campus housing

By Victoria Maranan  
Staff Reporter

The campus' Christian sorority, He Is Sufficient, turned down an offer to have on-campus housing because of little demand from sorority members, the sorority's president said.

Jackie Quisenberry, president of HIS, said the sorority did not get a house because of a lack of commitment from active members.

"We couldn't get enough girls to commit to it for us to go forward with it," Quisenberry said. HIS was offered ten rooms to house 20 members at Wiggins Hall last semester in the section next to Gamma Phi Beta, a Panhellenic sorority.

Fraternity and Sorority Life offered HIS the option of having facilities for this fall, a decision that was not influenced by the sorority's decision to join Fraternity and

Sorority Life in spring 2008, Quisenberry said. James Parker, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, wrote in an e-mail that the spots offered to HIS have been occupied by other students this semester. Quisenberry said HIS has more upperclassmen members than freshmen and sophomores, and many upperclassmen had already committed to other housing.

Courtney Olson, a sophomore nursing major and HIS member, said she was interested in HIS housing, but prior housing arrangements got in the way.

"I was for HIS housing, but I already had plans to join the Language and International House Living Learning Community with a good friend and soon to be HIS member," Olson said.

The presence of HIS at Worth Hills would also project what the sorority is about if the decision went forward, Olson said.

"I believe that having a HIS house would

have brought the girls living there closer and also given the sorority a place to go," Olson said. "We would be able to show the other fraternities and sororities who we are and what we stand for."

However, the way the sorority currently works is appealing to students, Quisenberry said.

"I think a lot of people like HIS because it's not a '24/7 have to live in a house' kind of thing," she said.

Quisenberry said the sorority's dismissal of the housing option did not affect membership.

"If we had a house, we would be more visible on campus because we would be situated where the fraternities and sororities are located," she said. "But I don't think we had negative effects from not having a house."

He Is Sufficient currently holds meetings in Moudu.

## New hall to include chamber for debates

By Kimmy Daycock  
Staff Reporter

The university will include a debating chamber in the construction of Scharbauer Hall at the site of the former student center, a university official said.

The chamber will allow faculty and students to practice and strengthen their rhetorical skills and exchange ideas with one another, said Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs.

"The whole idea is bravery and that you're brave enough to stand down there in the middle of a group of people and you can defend an argument," Donovan said. "A lot of people can do it in writing, but there are few who do it effectively in debate and yet, our rhetorical skills are immensely important."

Peggy Watson, director of the Honors

Program, said the chamber will become a multi-use area for debates inside and outside the classroom.

Watson said the Honors Program will possibly have a program within the department that is geared toward public speaking and public debates, along with a possible debate program at TCU. The debating chamber gives students the opportunity to learn how to debate and gain public speaking skills, she said.

Multiple formats of debates will take place within the chamber, such as debates between Greek organizations, student and professor debates, and a possible debate series between faculty members, Donovan said.

Linda Hughes, Addie Levy professor of literature and chair of the Honors Council, said she hopes to see not only forensic debates but deliberative debates,

as well.

"I'd like to see a very strong place for deliberative rhetoric where people try to persuade others to their points of views," Hughes said.

Hughes said the debating chamber will give students and faculty the opportunity to learn how to think openly and not rush to judgments.

"It's meant to be a catalyst to ensure TCU students and faculty have the courage and ability to present and defend arguments in a civilized way," Donovan said.

The physical layout of the chamber will focus around the center and will have an oval-type seating arrangement, Donovan said.

If all goes as planned, the chamber will open in January 2010 and will have to be reserved for use, Donovan said.

## Author to be namesake of scholarship

By Yusi Cheng  
Staff Reporter

A \$50,000 scholarship award in the name of TCU alumna and author Sandra Brown will start taking applications this November, said the chair of the English department.

Dan Williams, English department chair, said the scholarship is intended to award one incoming junior each year by paying his or her full two-year tuition at TCU. English majors or minors interested in fiction writing and active in the English literary club at TCU will be eligible to apply for this award.

Brown, a life-long Texan who was born in Waco and raised in Fort Worth, has published more than 70 novels, including 56 New York Times Best Sellers such as "Play Dirty," "White Hot" and "The Crush." She attended TCU majoring in English, and in February 2008 she received an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Williams said the Sandra Brown Excellence in Literary Fiction Award was created last year as a surprise birthday gift to Brown from her husband, Michael Brown, to honor her achievement. The English department will choose students to receive this award based on students' writing portfolios, which should include 50 pages of fiction, short stories and a piece of reflective introduction of the student, he said.

"We're very honored that Sandra Brown and her husband would support TCU in this way," said Curt Rode, instructor of rhetoric and composition.

Sarah Dozier, a senior writing major and copresident of the TCU Bryson Literary Society, said she encouraged students in her organization to apply for the award.

Emily Stanislav, a junior education ma-

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### "Smoke Screen" Book Signing

What: Sandra Brown book signing  
Where: TCU bookstore  
When: Today at 6 p.m.

## Freshmen reflect on required program

By Chelsie French  
Staff Reporter

The first-year Connections program, which became mandatory this fall, is receiving mixed reviews from students.

Carrie Zimmerman, director of the First Year Experience, said the Connections class changes were put in place because shorter orientation sessions this summer made it difficult to get necessary information to students. When students are given information throughout the year it is more helpful and retained, she said.

"The information is important for all first-year students, not just the ones who think they need it," said Zimmerman.

Connections is a 10-week program covering a wide range of topics, such as sexual assault, drugs and alcohol, organizations on campus and student resources.

The purpose of Connections is to connect students with student resources and provide them with upperclassmen mentors and a staff resource, Zimmerman said. Connections has three classes on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. and 69 classes that meet Thursday nights at 5 p.m.

Although changes have been made to the scheduling of Connections, many students are still enjoying the experience.

"The best part about Connections is being able to have upperclassmen and faculty around for questions and support," said Cameron Green, a freshman music education major.

Freshmen aren't the only people learning from Connections.

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community centers, said Cecilia Jacobs, chief communications officer for the city of Fort Worth.

The city is prepared to keep those shelters open "as long as it takes," Jacobs said.

"It's a tough time because they want to go home, and there is uncertainty as to the condition of their home," Jacobs said.

Evacuees are advised not to leave the shelters because many of the affected areas are still closed to the public, Jacobs added.

Fort Worth isn't just helping victims of the hurricane locally.

On Sunday, Fort Worth officials sent a convoy of 33 vehicles and 47 city employees to Houston to help with cleanup efforts, Jacobs said. The team, which started work Monday, will stay in Houston for about a week.

Several universities, including Texas A&M University at Galveston, the University of Houston, the University of Texas at Tyler, Rice University and Stephen F. Austin State University were affected by the hurricane.

"You could hear the wind howling all night long," said Sylvia Garcia, a junior English major at the University of Houston.

Garcia rode out the storm with family in the Houston Heights community, located near downtown Houston.

The wind was the worst part of the storm, Garcia said.

"When there was a particularly strong gust of wind, the house would shake," she said.

All the aforementioned universities, with the exception of Texas A&M University at Galveston, have since resumed classes.

TAMUG officials had "limit-

ed access" to parts of the campus Sunday, according to a statement issued on the university's Web site Sunday evening.

The statement described the city's foundations as "severely damaged," citing preliminary reports.

The university will remain closed this week, and university officials have started implementing a contingency plan that involves students continuing the fall semester at Texas A&M University in College Station, according to the TAMUG Web site. University officials are working to have plans finalized by Wednesday, the statement said.

Schools such as SFA and UT Tyler have given aid and shelter to those affected by the hurricane.

SFA is housing approximately 400 student evacuees from Lamar University in Beaumont, said Shirley Luna, associate director of public affairs for SFA.

The loss of trees was the main damage on the SFA campus, Luna said.

Beverly Golden, director of news and information for UT Tyler, said the university, which sustained "minimal damages,"

according to preliminary reports, has sent several students and faculty to local shelters to help out.

Linda Klotz, dean of UT Tyler's college of nursing and health science, said nursing students and faculty treated evacuees who had been at UT Tyler a week before because of Hurricane Gustav. She said UT Tyler students and faculty are helping about 100 evacuees at a special-needs shelter.

"It's one of those times that I'm really proud of human beings because it brings out the best in people," Klotz said.

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and also copresident of the Bryson Literary Society, said some students will be meeting Brown before the event to talk to her.

Brown is bringing her latest release "Smoke Screen: A Novel" to the TCU Bookstore Tuesday for a book-signing event.

"Sandra has already had great impact on English majors at TCU," Stanislaw said. "It is just a great opportunity to get all the writers out there to see what it is to be a successful writer."

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"Being a Connections mentor I have learned to work with my co-mentor, prepare for classes and improve my punctuality," said Tim Wang, sophomore secondary education major.

Jacquelyn Sisk, a freshman premajor, said Connections is also an easy way for students to network.

"It is an easy way to meet people and make new friends," Sisk said.

Many students are happy with Connections; however, some students are not satisfied with the way Connections classes are scheduled.

"If we could chose our own times, we would be more likely to meet people with similar schedules to our own. As it is, I don't really ever see anyone from my group because we have such different schedules," said Trent Cruthis, a freshman religion major.

Students agreed that freshman should be able to choose what day and time they could attend Connections and sign up for the program online when students register for their classes, thus allowing students to work Connections into their personal schedules.

"I could be working right now," said Nicole Nandras, a freshman graphic design major, during a Connections meeting. "I have to take off two hours of work in order to attend Connections."

## Q &amp; A

## Dean shares love of teaching

By Landon Dinnin  
Staff Reporter

From her new office on the top floor of the recently renovated Bailey Building, Mary Patton sits as the interim dean of the College of Education. Formerly the associate dean, Patton assumed the role of interim dean at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year, following the retirement of former dean Sam Deitz.

Patton, who grew up in Austin, has earned three degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, including a doctorate in early childhood education. She worked for 17 years in the public school system as a teacher in special and regular education, and then taught at the University of New Mexico for three years before coming to TCU in 1994.

Q: How were you selected to be the interim dean and are you going to be the dean for the entire academic year?

A: I was associate dean for two years, and when Dean Deitz announced his retirement, Dr. (Nowell) Donovan came and talked to the faculty and asked them to send him names of people that they felt they could support in the interim dean position, and the majority of the faculty submitted my name. I was interested in doing it, and I will be interim dean through May. Dr. Donovan is putting together the search committee for a new dean as we speak.

Q: Will you be considered for the dean's post?

A: I can apply if I want to, and as of right now, I am leaning in that direction.

Q: What are your goals as interim dean?

A: In the annual report in June, I listed the goals that we have all agreed to, such as getting funding for our centers and institutes and



VICTORIA MARANAN / Staff Reporter

Mary Patton sits at her desk on the top floor of the Bailey Building on Monday. Patton is acting as the interim dean of the College of Education for the school year.

also taking a look at our graduate programs. We are doing an audit of our graduate programs and need to make sure that we are being competitive and that we have enough funding for our students so that they can afford to come here. Then at our recent retreat, we did an activity where the entire faculty, in a short period of time, wrote as many goals as they had for their own profession and also a goal for the College of Education. So we are using those kind of as our beacon toward the end of the year.

Q: What drew you to come to TCU?

A: I really liked the idea of working in a university that had the teacher-scholar model in place; I wanted to be in a place where that model is balanced and where excellent teaching is not only expected, but rewarded and acknowledged, so TCU was a good fit for me.

Q: What drew you to the field of education in the first place?

A: I have four brothers, and all four brothers had learning differences. So, as one of 12 children, I did a lot of teaching of my brothers who were of my age. I also went

to Catholic school, and the older kids in Catholic school would go and work with the younger kids, and I was always drawn to that. So I really was involved in working with kids through volunteer work throughout high school. I also taught swimming lessons starting in high school all the way through college, and that is how I put myself through college, so it is just a part of who I am. I majored in special education because I just felt I had a calling to work with kids who struggled with learning.

Q: What is in your iPod right now?

A: Well I have an iPhone, and right now I get all the Starbucks free downloads of the week, so I am always getting introduced to new artists. I haven't downloaded the new Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis yet, but that's the newest CD I picked up. I have three kids in their 20s and my daughter is often sending me music and making me CDs. I love jazz, and when I'm working I like to listen to classical. I also love country, like Willie Nelson and Lyle Lovett.

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## Chamber will promote intelligent debate

The university's decision to build a debate chamber in Scharbauer Hall, the building to replace the old student center, is laudable.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for student affairs, said the main goal of the chamber is to help students improve their debate skills. In this way, the chamber will create strong leaders who will be able to think through their ideas — a goal of higher education. In addition, students will learn how to properly form an opinion about a topic and appropriately and accurately defend it to the best of their abilities. It's preparation for the real world. This is another way for the members of the community to exercise their minds and challenge themselves to do something that they will be faced with everyday after graduation. One of the greatest things about this is that students will be in a safe learning environment.

The space will be used for all types of debate including forensic and deliberative debate, thus fostering new ideas and views. The chamber may also expose students to viewpoints different than their own as all types of debates will take place. These may include debates between students and professors, Greek organizations or a debate series, Donovan said. The place will give students an outlet to express their opinions openly. University officials hope the various debates will bring the student body together.

The debate chamber may also make another program available to students. Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Programs, said the program is looking to establish a program geared toward public speaking and public debate. In any form, the debate chambers will be a positive addition to the university and its mission to graduate well-rounded students.

*Associate editor Michelle Nicoud for the editorial board.*

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#### Middle line needed in drug legalization

Regarding Matthew Rosson's thoughtful Sep. 11 column, there is a middle ground between drug prohibition and blanket legalization. Switzerland's heroin maintenance program has been shown to reduce disease, death and crime among chronic users. Providing addicts with standardized doses in a clinical setting eliminates many of the problems associated with heroin use. Addicts would not be sharing needles if not for zero tolerance laws that restrict access to clean syringes, nor would they be committing crimes if not for artificially inflated black market prices. Heroin maintenance pilot projects are underway in Canada, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands. If expanded, prescription heroin maintenance would deprive organized crime of a core client base. This program would render illegal heroin trafficking unprofitable and spare future generations addiction. The U.S. drug war is in large part a war on marijuana smokers. Marijuana should be taxed and regulated like alcohol, only without the ubiquitous advertising. Separating the hard and soft drug markets is critical. As long as marijuana distribution is controlled by organized crime, consumers will continue to come into contact with sellers of addictive drugs like cocaine and heroin. Given marijuana is arguably safer than legal alcohol — the plant has never been shown to cause an overdose death — it makes no sense to waste scarce resources on failed policies that finance organized crime and facilitate hard drug use.

*Robert Sharpe is a drug policy analyst from Arlington, Va.*

#### Legalization the answer to U.S. drug problem

During my 18 years as a cop, I learned Matthew Rosson's observations were correct; namely, we can not arrest our way to "victory" enforcing drug prohibition laws. Drug dealers only fear one thing: legalization. A public health approach to drugs would be a positive step in the best direction for Texas. Ultimately however, to reduce crime, death, disease, promote stability in Mexico and to stop funding al-Qaida, the country needs to end modern prohibition. These drugs are too dangerous to leave their distribution in the hands of gangs, criminals and cartels.

*Howard J. Wooldridge is an education specialist from Dallas.*

#### Tuition price problem needs to be addressed

I was pleasantly surprised when I opened the paper this Friday and read

that someone agreed with me on the extravagant price of tuition at TCU. I was relieved to learn I wasn't the only person struggling to make ends meet just to pay for school, though it sometimes seems I am. It is especially difficult for me to keep a positive outlook on why I'm paying so much when I realize there are many students at the University of North Texas who will be getting the same jobs I will, but are paying about as much as I took out in loans this year. And I can't help but wonder why I'm paying so much more.

My name is Katie Croll, and I'm a sophomore music education major here at TCU. I transferred in about 30 credit hours from high school in hopes of making my five-year degree plan take only four, because who can afford to stay here an extra year? When I opened the paper Friday and read about Mr. Hall's burden, I made a realization. I'm paying about \$37,380 per year to become a teacher. The average teacher's salary in Texas is \$38,857. That means in three years when I get a job, I'm only going to make \$1,477 more a year than I'm spending on school now. Is it really worth it?

Maybe for some of our wealthier students, tuition isn't that big of a deal. Their parents are paying for everything, and someday they'll be making six figures. TCU pays full tuition, room, and board for some of the football players, and it's wonderful they're getting such a great education. But the university needs to think about all of its students, not just the wealthy and the athletically talented. Next year, I'm going to have two siblings and a parent in school, my annual income is around \$2,000 because I don't have a car to get to work in (not to mention no time for a normal job), and I think my family would struggle with the financial aspect of putting me through public school. I'm not here because I can afford it, and I'm not here because all the extra money I'm putting into school is going to get me a higher paying job. I'm here only because I get more personal attention than I would at, say, UNT, and I want to be the best teacher I can be so my students might actually learn something from me.

So, TCU, I beg and I plead that you will take those of us who are struggling into your consideration, and next year please don't hike up the tuition so much. Please don't raise the cost of the meal plan again, and don't make me live in a super expensive dorm just because I'm a junior. I can't afford much more of this before I'm in so much debt that I'll never be able to pay it off. This isn't a business, it's a school, and I hope soon it will start getting treated that way.

*Katie Croll is a sophomore music education major from Grapevine.*



*Lana Blocker is a senior advertising/public relations major from Heath.*

## Allowing alcohol at tailgates the safer option for students



**JOHN ANDREW WILLIS**

Can we all just stop kidding ourselves? The student tailgate issue isn't about underage drinkers crashing the party, it's about the safety of the student body. As weird as it seems, allowing drinking on campus is safer than shutting down the party.

The presence of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission — more informally known as the cops dressed like cowboys with badges who write tickets at events with alcohol for seemingly no reason — demolished attendance at the student tailgate last year. To its credit, a fair amount of the citations written were legitimate violations of state drinking laws, such as false identification or minor in possession, but that's not the issue.

The problem is that the TABC doesn't need to be present in the first place. The underage drinking that occurred on campus last fall likely saved lives. By eliminating the impaired driving of a few thousand underage TCU students who will drink before football games regardless of the location, you exponentially increase the safety of that event.

I recognize and respect the TCU administrators who have reached out to TABC in an effort to work something out. We invite TABC to have meet-

ings on our campus and have worked diligently to somehow level with each other, but our efforts haven't given us our desired results.

As far as student leadership, SGA president Thomas Pressly was quoted in a recent Skiff article about the student tailgate saying, "You don't need alcohol to enjoy yourself." That's true, I agree. However, a few thousand underage TCU students are going to drink before football games wherever they decide to tailgate.

So what can we do until we get the Brachman parking lot tailgate back to free-flowing Keystone and live music? Most fraternities have moved off campus and have house parties or rent out bars. Even if that sort of event involves charter busses, some people will still drive drunk, and you have taken the TCU spirit out of game day. Some began "tailgating" — I'll use that term loosely considering they couldn't see the stadium while doing so — as early as 8 a.m. before the rainy Stanford game. It's a shame students would put so much into supporting TCU athletics, yet the school is unable to create an on-campus venue similar to other successful Division I football programs.

And by the way, if you thought TABC was an ethical leader (like our mission statement encourages us to be) because they are partially funded by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, think again. According to an independent investigation by Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers, TABC agents routinely spend tax dollars as "patrons" at Dallas nightclubs. In a July blog post on its Web

site, entitled "TABC Still Wasting Tax Dollars At Dallas Strip Clubs," author Robert Guest explained how much fun TABC agents had while dropping \$400 or more on lap dances and — you guessed it — alcoholic beverages, when doing "undercover operations." Would MADD be surprised to learn that its efforts encourage wasting taxpayers' money on beer?

Here's my challenge, TCU — pool

**That's not necessarily how it should be, but it's how it is, and I'll take safety over false justice any day.**

your resources and affect change. You've got some pretty powerful and well-connected parents and alumni, which, if willing and summoned, could make things happen. They could probably convince Texas legislators to ask TABC to change its enforcement policies and avoid presence at universities in the interest of student safety. A few thousand underage students are still consuming alcohol before games, but this season many of them have and will continue to choose to drive after drinking. If you want student attendance at home games, you have to let them consume alcohol near the stadium. That's not necessarily how it should be, but it's how it is, and I'll take safety over false justice any day.

*John Andrew Willis is a sophomore environmental science major from Dallas.*

## Time needed for voters to decide on Palin

If you had a high opinion of Sarah Palin before Thursday's interview with ABC News, you probably still do. If you had thought she is not qualified to be president, the sit-down probably confirmed that judgment. And if you were withholding judgment, you most likely will want to see more before making up your mind.

**The more urgent question is whether she is prepared to be president in the near future. That she is not.**

Whether the session was a success for her depends on how the term is defined. Her admirers can take satisfaction that she handled herself with calm aplomb, correctly pronounced the names of foreign leaders, and didn't make any obvious missteps. Her detractors can point to her fogginess on the Bush doctrine, her robotic repetitions about not "second-guessing" Israel on Iraq, and her unconvincing insistence that she is ready to be

president.

Our judgment is that she passed this test but didn't ace it. And it's just the first of many she should be expected to take on.

It was obvious that before being named to the Republican ticket, Palin had spent little if any time contemplating issues of national security and foreign affairs. As a mayor and governor, she had no particular reason to. (Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush didn't either.) It was also obvious that in the last two weeks, she has worked hard getting up to speed on those subjects, with some success.

From what we've seen so far, it's safe to say that Palin is a natural politician who connects well with people but has a lot to learn about many international issues. She is probably quite equipped to be vice president. Four years of attending Cabinet meetings, sitting in on national security briefings, meeting foreign diplomats and representing the president in trips abroad would no doubt make Palin more comfortable on this unfamiliar turf.

The more urgent question is whether she is prepared to be president in the near future. That she is not.

The odds are good that she doesn't

have to be. John McCain is 72 years old, and the Social Security actuarial tables say a man his age has an average life expectancy of 12 years. The possibility that, if elected, she would become president anytime soon has been exaggerated.

But if the Republicans hope to win, she will need to prove that electing her doesn't create a risk. If it's crucial that she not blink in the face of foreign challenges, it's also important that she not quail at having to undergo frequent and thorough interrogation by the news media, as other national politicians do.

There are plenty more questions that deserve answers. And if Palin can handle them with confidence and skill, she can do herself a world of good among voters who need proof that she can grow quickly into the responsibilities she seeks. It's a challenging assignment for someone suddenly thrown on to the national political scene.

But given the office she seeks, it's the least the electorate can ask.

Is she prepared to be president in the near future? She is not.

*This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Sunday.*

## NEWS

# Nitrogen emerges as latest climate-change threat



ROBERT COHEN / MCT

Farmhand Doug Maddox uses liquid nitrogen on Greg Sherwood's corn crop in 2007 in Crawford County, Ill., expecting a bumper crop for ethanol. A study now claims heavy use of nitrogen fertilizer is to blame for human diseases and air and water pollution.

By Robert S. Boyd  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Scientists are raising alarms about yet another threat to Earth's climate and human well-being. This time it's nitrogen, a common element essential to all life.

For years, people have been bombarded with warnings about the harmful effects of carbon — especially in the form of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), a greenhouse gas widely blamed for global warming.

Now, it's becoming clear that human activities, such as driving cars and raising crops, also are boosting nitrogen to dangerous levels — polluting air and water and damaging human health.

An expanding flock of international scientists is concentrating on the nitrogen threat. There's a reactive nitrogen conference somewhere in the world almost every month.

"The public has learned a lot about carbon and its contribution

to global change," said James Galloway, an authority on nitrogen at the University of Virginia. "However, they know less about nitrogen and its numerous impacts on environmental issues, including global change."

"It's crucial for people to become aware of the nitrogen problem," said Cheryl Palm, an expert on tropical agriculture at Columbia University.

Pure nitrogen is a colorless, odorless gas and the largest single component of Earth's atmosphere. Every breath you take is almost 80 percent nitrogen.

However, about 1 percent of the stuff is so-called "reactive nitrogen." It combines with other elements, such as oxygen and hydrogen, to form hundreds of thousands of chemical compounds — some beneficial, some harmful.

Many of these compounds are valuable in industry and agriculture. They preserve foods and wine, enhance oil production,

make plastics and explosives, and fill automobile airbags. They form the building blocks of life: DNA, genes and proteins. Their biggest use is in synthetic fertilizers.

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On the other hand, reactive nitrogen has many negative effects. Its compounds create smog, cause cancer and respiratory disease, and befoul rivers, lakes and coastal waters. They create "dead zones" in the ocean, corrode roads and bridges, weaken the ozone shield and add another greenhouse gas to the already overburdened atmosphere.

"The challenge is to maximize the beneficial uses of reactive nitrogen while minimizing adverse environmental impacts," said a scientific advisory committee to the Environmental Protection Agency in a draft report on the problem.

"While there is tremendous benefit from food production, there is also tremendous damage to the health of both ecosystems and people due to the introduc-

tion of reactive nitrogen," the report said.

Experts say the most pressing need is to increase the availability of nitrogen fertilizer in poor countries and reduce its inefficient and wasteful use in U.S. factories and farms.

"Too much nitrogen is carried off of farmers' fields by rain and irrigation, spewed out of automobiles and factories into the air, and leached from septic tanks and sewage treatment facilities into rivers and groundwater," said Eric Davidson, a nitrogen expert at the Woods Hole Research Center in Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, the output of reactive nitrogen is accelerating at an alarming rate.

"Human activity has doubled the rate of formation of reactive nitrogen over natural rates on the land surfaces of the Earth," said Alan Townsend, director of the North American Nitrogen Center at the University of Colorado in Boulder. "The change is recent and rapid, making accelerated nitrogen cycling one of the most immediate and consequential facets of global change."

Some environmental scientists worry that raising alarms about the danger of nitrogen — at the same time as carbon dioxide — may overwhelm government agencies and private citizens.

"It has taken some of the public and the government quite some time to be aware of the CO<sub>2</sub> problem," Palm said. "Adding another element" to their concerns could cause confusion.

"Maybe this is complicated and overwhelming," Davidson said, "but it's also a reality that must be met head-on."

## Mexico takes stand against drug cartels

By Jane Bussey  
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans have lost faith in many of their institutions, recent polls show, but not in President Felipe Calderon, who boosted his shaky presidency by launching a military offensive against drug traffickers.

The results have been mixed — violence is on the rise with the nearly 2,700 killings in eight months, equal to all of the violent deaths in 2007. News of 10 people or more slaughtered in single incidents is not unusual.

"Finally one government — the Felipe Calderon government — is doing something about it (the violence)," said Victor Lachica, chief executive of Cushman & Wakefield Mexico, a commercial real estate firm.

Beyond mobilizing some 40,000 troops, who have confiscated drugs, weapons and destroyed illegal marijuana and poppy plants, Calderon has kept a high profile in the war; attending funerals of fallen law enforcement agents, visiting troops and warning that the war to regain peace will be long, costly and probably mean a considerable loss of life. He also extradited several well-known drug traffickers to the United States in January 2007 — among them Osiel Cardenas and Hector "El Guero" Palma.

However, the wave of violence has taken a toll, and the traditional 70 percent approval rating for sitting presidents has slipped to 60 percent for Calderon, the conservative National Action Party leader who took office Dec. 1, 2006. Mexicans have criticized the Calderon government for failing to stem kidnappings and extortion, and protests have mounted over human rights abuses by troops.

Calderon has tied his name to a war with no end in sight. "We are determined to leave the country much more secure," he said in a Sept. 2 radio interview.

Contending with the violence is only one of the challenges

Calderon faces — along with rising inflation, sluggish economic growth and a national debate over Pemex, the ailing state-run oil corporation.

Washington has embraced Calderon's anti-drug offensive, with Congress approving some \$400 million in aid for the counter-narcotics effort under the so-called Plan Merida.

One of the big problems fac-

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ing Calderon and his predecessor, according to Mexico specialist Pamela Starr, are the vestiges of the PRI's authoritarian rule.

Political changes were enacted not for democracy but to shore up the PRI's hold on power, said Starr, a senior lecturer at the University of Southern California. The reforms backfired on the ruling party, leading to an opposition-controlled Congress in 1997 and the election of the opposition candidate, former President Vicente Fox, in 2000.

"These reforms were never designed to create democracy in Mexico, much less an efficiently operating one," Starr said.

But no one is giving up on democracy yet, especially in a country clouded with the violence of organized crime.

Just days after Calderon was showered with petals in Puebla, his opponent in the bitter 2006 presidential race, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, stood adorned with a garland of flowers before supporters in Guerrero and — with his eyes on the 2012 presidential contest — called on Mexicans to resolve their differences at the ballot box.

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# FEATURES



The New Kids on the Block are back with a new album, but is it worth your time or money? Friday

## Less pain at the pump



VALERIE HANNON / Features Editor

Senior Joey Parr fills up his Vespa at the local Shell station. As gas prices remain high, students have been looking for ways, such as riding bikes and taking public transportation, to cut costs at the pump.

## Other travel means sought as gas stays high

By Chance Welch  
Staff Reporter

As gas prices remain high, the government is researching alternative energy resources like ethanol, fuel cell and wind power. TCU administration, students and faculty are searching for alternatives as the pain at the pump lingers.

### Athletic department changes

Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletic director for internal relations, sees sports teams come and go to games across the nation on large buses and private planes. But recently, Hesselbrock said the athletic department is looking for ways to reduce fuel costs while driving fan interest up.

One of the options the athletic department is exploring is scheduling more games with regional rivals like Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech and Rice University. The team can take the bus and fans from both sides can travel to the games. Road trips also allow the players to slow down and enjoy the ride.

"They like it. It's really more convenient for them rather than take a bus over to the airport, load up, get there, and get another bus," Hesselbrock said. "They can leisurely go down the interstate and stop and eat on the way, and plus they have their bus and their driver when they get to the destination rather than a downtown service."

Hesselbrock said the teams fly back home on a private jet instead of a commercial airline because often the players would have to stay overnight and would not be able to come home as early, possibly creating a conflict with class times. Also, Hesselbrock said with regards to the number of players and staff associated with the teams, the large group would have to be broken up across several flights.

"All of the teams will fly to every Mountain West destination. It's almost impossible not to from the standpoint of getting them there and getting them back while minimizing class time," Hesselbrock said.

In the past, when teams needed to travel to the airport to make flights, Hesselbrock said they rode 47-seat motor coaches. The athletic department took the buses that the companies gave them because the other alternatives, like having the teams ride in vans or transporting themselves, were not as safe.

Hesselbrock said bus companies in recent years

have offered a smaller fleet with about 30 seats at about half the cost, with the same comfort level and safety certification.

### Shuttle system

DeAnn Jones, coordinator of parking and transportation with the TCU Police, said shuttle buses that circle around campus are a good alternative to students driving their cars around the parking lots looking for that empty spot. Jones said that one of the routes has been shortened.

"We've also shortened the one for the east campus so it's not going entirely around the whole campus," Jones said.

Jones said the change went into effect on the first day of class because she felt that there were not enough riders to justify the shuttle making the full trip around campus.

As far as buses using alternative energy sources, Jones said the bus that belongs to the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, also known as "The T," runs on compressed natural gas.

### Purple bikes

Finding another ride home does not have to mean putting a down payment on a Vespa. Jones said students can ride a Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus or train on the Trinity Rail Express with the free transit card given to students, staff and faculty with a valid TCU photo ID. Those who want to travel short distances on campus can walk or they can use a bike from the Purple Bike Program.

Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology, said the Purple Bike Program originally started about three years ago when some of the students in the applied sociology course he was teaching tried to submit a grant to buy a Global Electric Motorcars car for the Physical Plant. The GEM car is what Whitworth called a "glorified golf cart", a low-speed, street-legal battery-powered vehicle.

It was rejected, but out of this failure, Whitworth and his class conceived the idea of lending bikes to students for up to a semester for free. TCU funded a Vision in Action grant to Whitworth and his students. Whitworth said participants borrow a bike and get free maintenance for the semester and also get a helmet and a combination lock.

The only problem with the program is that it might be too popular. Demand is outgrowing the supply of bikes. Whitworth said there are 50 bikes

in the fleet but usually 100-150 people on the waiting list.

"The university just submitted a grant for \$25,000, and we'll know about whether it's funded or not in October," Whitworth said.

### Alternative means

In the meantime, students are finding their own alternatives to getting around the gas price crunch. Joey Parr, a senior radio-television-film and political science major, bought a Vespa scooter this summer for the gas mileage.

"I just happened to make the right amount of money to purchase it this summer," Parr said. "It was just enough to get a good scooter and just under the mark to where I could get a nice car."

Parr's Vespa averages 55 to 60 miles per gallon in a two and a half gallon tank, and he pays about 6 dollars for gas every two weeks, he said. In terms of speed, Parr said he would never take the Vespa on the highway because the scooter can only reach 40 to 45 miles per hour downhill.

If the scooter had an engine capacity of more than 50 cubic centimeters, Parr said he would have had to get a motorcycle license, so he took classes and got the license, just for when he upgrades. Parr said he took safety classes and instruction on how to ride before he got behind the wheel.

Parr said he has had the scooter for about a month and uses it every day. Even with the convenience of the scooter, he still walks around campus to class, but if he needs to go home during the day, it's a good alternative to carpooling.

Parr said the problem with riding motorcycles or scooters and sharing the road with car drivers is not being as visible in a smaller vehicle. And sometimes the problem is being too visible to the other drivers. Parr said some drivers have given him dirty looks and even worse.

"I've had people blow exhaust at me and give the finger to me," Parr said. "It's probably because I get better gas mileage than them."

Unruly drivers aside, Parr said the decision to buy a scooter was a good one and he likes helping the environment, as well as the extra money in his wallet.

"If anybody ever wanted to do something for the environment, they would make the product cost-effective," Parr said. "If there's one thing people are motivated by, it's money. It's the number one motivator for people these days."

## NEWS

# Hemlock trees falling victim to insect infestation

By Bruce Henderson  
McClatchy Newspapers

CATALOOCHEE VALLEY, N.C. — The country's tallest eastern hemlock, reaching to the sky from a cove of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, towers 173.1 feet from its 5-foot-thick base to its last pencil-thin sprig.

The tree is 400 years old, armored in rough bark and dead.

Millions of hemlocks across the Southern Appalachians are dying, victims of an Asian insect that has moved faster than efforts to stop it. The trees' collapse will change these forests, from warbler nesting habits to the temperature of trout streams, unlike anything since the 1930s. That's when a foreign fungus finished off another keystone tree, the chestnut.

Will Blozan and his fellow big-tree lovers call the record hemlock Usis. It's the Cherokee word for antlers and refers to the massive geometry of limbs in the tree's crown.

For nearly three years, Blozan, an arborist from Black Mountain, N.C., has led a project to find, document and save the biggest trees infested by the hemlock woolly adelgid. The tiny insect attaches to the base of hemlock needles and sucks the life out of the trees in as little as three years.

Nowhere do hemlocks grow bigger, or fall harder, than in Cataloochee, on the North Carolina side of the Smokies park, 30 miles west of Asheville.

"We're finding them right as we lose them," Blozan says. All 15 of the tallest eastern hemlocks are already dead.

In February 2007, when his team first climbed it, Usis was in deep decline but still bearing green needles. Twice the team injected

insecticide into the soil around it. But the chemical needs water to work and drought wrung the mountains dry last year. By October the great tree was dead.

Last month they climbed Usis again, this time to map its architecture for posterity.

High in the tree, strapped into his ropes, Blozan can already hear insects called hemlock borers gnawing into dead wood. Their holes make it look like shotgun pellets have riddled the tree. Woodpeckers will follow, knocking off bark in search of larvae.

Limb by limb, over four days, Blozan and his business partners, Brian Hinshaw and Jason Childs, measure heights, lengths, diameters, forks and angles. Blozan fills a yellow notebook with penciled numbers. Someday they will be fed into a computer program to produce a finely detailed, rotating digital image.

It will be all that's left of a hemlock that stood from the time of Cherokee warriors to the European settlers who cleared farmland on the valley floor.

"From the top of the tree you just see gray, gray, gray," Blozan says. "I know this forest really well. I've climbed a lot of these trees. I witnessed this grove when it was alive, and now I'm witnessing it while it's dying."

"You can see for miles, and everywhere you look it's just death."

The adelgid hitched a ride to the East Coast more than a half-century ago, it's believed, on a shipment of nursery stock from Japan. First seen in Richmond, Va., in 1951, it moved north up the spine of the

Appalachians, probably by clinging to migrating birds that nest in hemlocks.

Frigid Northeastern winters slowed the Asian insect there. But the South doesn't have that advantage, and the adelgid spread toward North Carolina — slowly at first, then in a surge.

By 1993, Virginia's Shenandoah National Park was overrun — 95 percent of its hemlocks are now dead. By 2001, the adelgid was in the high country of Western North Carolina, the heart of the hemlock range. Wind quickly spread it from tree to tree.

North Carolina foresters had experienced a similar attacker decades earlier and never gotten rid of it. A European insect called the balsam woolly adelgid attacks the Fraser and balsam firs that stand on the state's highest peaks.

If you've been to Mount Mitchell, the tallest peak in the Eastern United States, you've seen the standing skeletons of dead firs. The balsam adelgid infests only mature trees, killing them within a few years. That's why the only living trees on Mitchell's 6,684-foot summit are young ones.

Two key differences make the hemlock adelgid an even worse invader. It attacks hemlocks young and old. And while firs cover only about 75,000 high-elevation acres in the Southern Appalachians, hemlocks number in the millions.

"We know full well there are too many hemlocks to try to save," says Rusty Rhea, a U.S. Forest Service entomologist in Asheville who's leading the agency's adelgid fight. "We don't have a lot of tools here. We're still trying to figure this adelgid out."

The Great Smokies serve as both laboratory and graveyard.

Park officials, aware of the Shenandoah devastation, knew it

was only a matter of time before the adelgid invaded the Smokies. Hemlocks dominate 35,000 of the park's 521,000 acres.

The white, waxy "wool" the insect wraps itself in was spotted in 2002.

The Smokies park has battled non-native invaders virtually all of its 68 years. "When you drive through the park and don't see kudzu, it's no accident," Kristine Johnson, the park's supervisory forester, says of one successful battle.

Still, more than 50 exotic plant species have found a foothold. Foreign pests and diseases have already attacked dogwood, butternut, beech and mountain ash trees, in addition to firs.

From the park's overlooks, the ashen gray of dead, barren hemlocks is impossible to miss in the sea of green.

In Nellie Cove, where Usis stands, pileated woodpeckers chisel the bark off dead trees, leaving long red scars in the gnarly trunks. Streams run amber after heavy rains, stained by the tannins in the bark.

Some hemlocks have already fallen, their trunks splintered like toothpicks. Sunlight floods north-facing slopes that had been cool, wet and dark for centuries. Poke-weed rises among the rhododendron.

That's just the beginning, Johnson says.

"When the hemlock forests start to collapse in the next year or two, the difference in the watersheds will be dramatic," she says. "It's going to be millions of trees falling across the streams."

The trees will block creeks and trails. Dozens of species of birds will lose food and nesting places. Without the temperature-stabilizing microclimates that hemlocks create, trout streams will be colder in winter and warmer in summer. The deep, spongy forest floor will dry.

"It's going to be," Johnson says, "a very different place."



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Arborist Brian Hinshaw rappels down the trunk of the tallest known eastern hemlock while mapping the tree. The tree, which stands in Cataloochee Valley, N.C., is dead.

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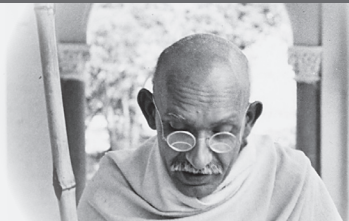
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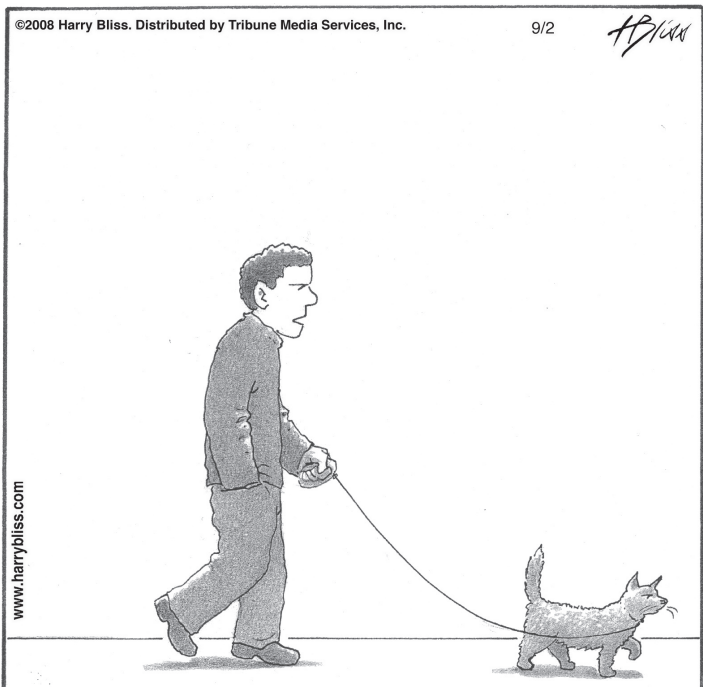
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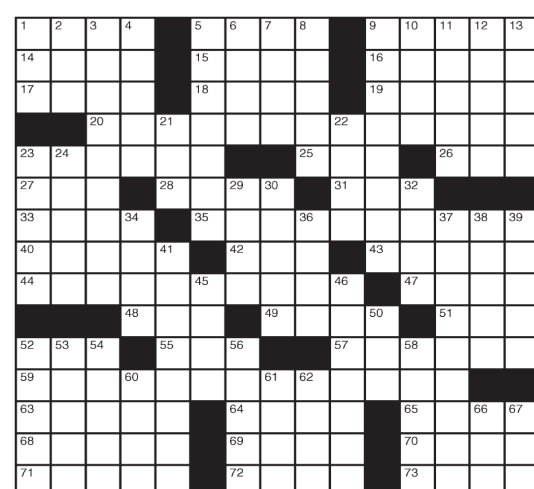
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By Barry Silk McLean, VA 9/16/08

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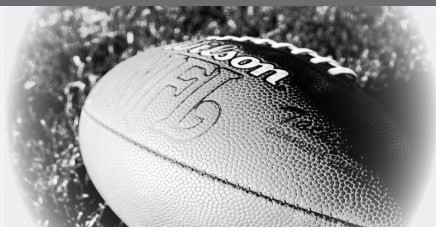
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# SPORTS



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## FOOTBALL

# RAINY PLAYS



TCU's Shae Reagan pushes Stanford's Nick Macaluso away after catching a second-quarter pass at Amon Carter Stadium on Saturday. The Horned Frogs defeated the Cardinal 31-14.

## Frogs topple Cardinal, now 3-0

By Michael Carroll  
Staff Reporter

TCU withstood Stanford's physicality and delivered some of its own in a 31-14 win Saturday.

A big stop by the Horned Frog defense on a fourth-and-inches play in the fourth quarter helped to thwart a late comeback attempt by the Cardinal when senior linebacker Robert Henson and company stood up runningback Toby Gerhart at the line of scrimmage.

Freshman Ross Evans tacked on a 23-yard field goal on the ensuing possession to make it a two-score game with 2:24 remaining.

The victory, earned while playing in the remnants of Hurricane Ike, gave the Frogs their third win of the season.

TCU (3-0) had four rushing touchdowns scored by four different players and its defense held the Cardinal to under 200 total yards of offense. The Horned Frogs also dominated the time of possession 39:29 to 20:31.

This is the second time in as many seasons that TCU has beaten Stanford. Last year the Horned Frogs defeated the Cardinal on the road 38-36.

"A lot of the kids from over there said that our win was a fluke last year, so they've [the Horned Frogs] been ready for this one for a while," said TCU head

coach Gary Patterson.

The Horned Frogs were consistently able to run the football — something Stanford struggled to do throughout the game. The Frogs rushed for 233 yards while holding their opponent to just 73 yards. Sixty-eight of Stanford's 71 rushing yards came on two plays.

"It's hard to come into Amon G. Carter Stadium and run the football," Patterson said.

TCU jumped out to a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter after scoring runs from Justin Watts and Jeremy Kerley.

But mistakes by the Horned Frogs allowed Stanford to stay in the game.

The Cardinal answered the Horned Frogs' second score less than two minutes later with a touchdown on a 38-yard run by wide receiver Doug Baldwin off of a reverse play.

TCU went three and out on its next offensive drive and were forced to punt. Stanford blocked the punt, and Richard Sherman ran the ball back 21 yards to tie the game at 14.

"We tried to give it away on special teams," Patterson said. "That was the one part of the game I was not very impressed with."

TCU went back on top early in the third quarter when Ryan Christian ran the ball in from one yard out.

The game's turning point occurred when Stanford's Doug Baldwin ap-

peared to return a punt for a touchdown after TCU's first drive of the fourth quarter stalled out. After review, it was determined that Baldwin stepped out of bounds at TCU's 13-yard line.

Three plays later, Stanford quarterback Tavita Pritchard floated a pass into the end zone and was intercepted by senior safety Steven Coleman.

"The defense stepped it up after that, so did the offense," Coleman said. "It was definitely a momentum changer."

Junior defensive end Jerry Hughes forced a Stanford fumble on the first play after the TCU field goal, and the Frogs recovered the ball.

TCU quarterback Andy Dalton sealed the win with a 10-yard touchdown run on fourth-down with 1:04 remaining, his fourth rushing touchdown of the season.

Dalton has now rushed for 163 yards 37 carries this season.

"We've got a lot of guys who can run the ball," Dalton said. "When I get my number called I like having the ball in my hands."

Patterson was pleased with the team's overall performance.

"Our goal was to get to the end of this game any way we could do it and be 3-0," Patterson said.

TCU will head into Dallas to face SMU in the Battle for the Iron Skillet Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

## Teams have eventful weekend

By Robert Bember  
Sports Reporter

the tournament before losing three straight.

### Volleyball

The Horned Frog volleyball team pushed its win streak to nine games Friday with wins over Texas Tech and New Orleans before having it snapped by Oklahoma the following day.

The Friday match proved to be a historic one as the team matched its longest winning streak in school history, and senior setter Nirelle Hampton placed her name in the school record books in the second match as the all-time career assists leader. She had 50 against Texas Tech and 47 against New Orleans.

After falling behind 2-1 in each of the Friday matches, the Horned Frogs were able to rally to take the matches 3-2 and keep their undefeated record intact.

Sophomore middle blocker Christy Hudson posted her first double-double of the season with 15 kills and 10 digs.

Oklahoma handed the Horned Frogs their first loss of the season in the third match of the Red Raider Round Up in Lubbock. The team took the first game of the match for the first time in

### Tennis

Freshmen Kayla Duncan and Gaby Mastromarino went undefeated in both singles and doubles in their first college tournament over the weekend at the Bulldog Invitational, hosted by Georgia.

The pair went 4-0 in doubles on the weekend and 4-0 and 3-0, respectively, in singles.

The team won six out of nine doubles matches on Friday and swept Sunday, going 4-0 in the team's first tournament of the season. In singles, the Frogs took 15 of 25 matches.

Senior Macall Harkins bounced back from a loss to No. 18 Ellah Nze of Duke to beat No. 50 Sasha Kulikova of Wake Forest in straight sets. She went 2-1 in the tournament.

Sophomore Maria Babanova added a win over a ranked opponent as well, defeating Duke's Jessi Robinson, ranked No. 119.

The Frogs return to action Sept. 27 for the ITA All-American Tournament in Pacific Palisades, Calif. The tournament will last until Oct. 5.

### Panfil Honored

Senior defensive end Matt Panfil was named Mountain West Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in the 31-14 win over the Stanford Cardinal.

Panfil had four tackles for a loss, two sacks and a forced fumble. His seven tackles for loss tied him for third nationally while he ranks eleventh with 3.5 sacks.

Junior Jerry Hughes, who lines up opposite Panfil at defensive end, earned the honor for week one of the season. Panfil shares the honor with New Mexico's Glover Quin, a senior cornerback.

The Frogs held the Cardinal to 193 yards of total offense and one offensive touchdown.

### Oklahoma Game Scheduled

The football game against No. 2 Oklahoma on Sept. 27 has officially been scheduled for a 6 p.m. kickoff and will be nationally televised on Fox Sports Net. TCU has won the last two games in Norman, Okla., 17-10 in 2005 and 20-7 in 1996. Oklahoma will play at TCU in 2012.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Best start ever for team after weekend victories

By Travis L. Brown  
Staff Reporter

The soccer team remains undefeated after shutting out East Tennessee State University on Sunday in a 7-0 victory.

Junior forward Lizzy Karoly began the scoring, netting the first three goals of the game within the first 15 minutes of the first half. Karoly collected her hat trick with two goals coming from breakaways. The third was a sliding shot from more than 30 yards from the goal which found the top corner of the net.

"We knew if we got out early and tried to get them on their heels, and the kids did that with three goals in the first 20 minutes, it's tough to recover," head coach Dan Abdalla said.

Redshirt freshman Kaylie Garcia found twine in the first half also. The goal came off a return pass from freshman midfielder Chelsey Wilgenburg that threaded the needle between defenders deep in the penalty box.

ETSU's only chance of the first half came on a disallowed goal in the eleventh minute. Sophomore goalkeeper Kelsey Walters stopped a hard shot from the outside, leaving the rebound at the goal mouth. ETSU finished the loose ball but the play was immediately negated by an offside call.

In the second half, TCU found the net three more times, beginning just over a minute after halftime. Freshman forward and scoring leader Jordan Calhoun put away a shot with help from



Freshman Alex Mechalske fights for the ball against a Rice opponent. The Horned Frogs remained undefeated through their first seven matches by beating Rice and East Tennessee State University this weekend.

senior defender Caroline Starns.

Starns then scored off a pass from freshman midfielder Katie Runyon. Runyon made the most of her time on the field, fighting for the ball and hustling, Karoly said.

Junior midfielder Michelle Nguyen finished the scoring, collecting her first goal of the season off a chip shot from outside the box that sailed over the head of the ETSU keeper.

Abdalla was able to give playing time to a few non-starters in the second half, most notably senior midfielder Courtney Johnson and sophomore goalie Kadye Bowman. Both Johnson and Bowman have been sidelined

from injuries for long periods of time.

"It was good to see CoJo [Johnson] and Bowman get some playing time because they've been coming back from injuries for over a year," Karoly said. "It was great to see all their rehab work pay off."

The Lady Horned Frogs also defeated the Rice Owls Friday night at home 2-1 in double overtime. Karoly scored the first goal to tie Rice toward the end of the second half. Sophomore Jackie Toroda scored the game-winner in double overtime with a minute left in the game.

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