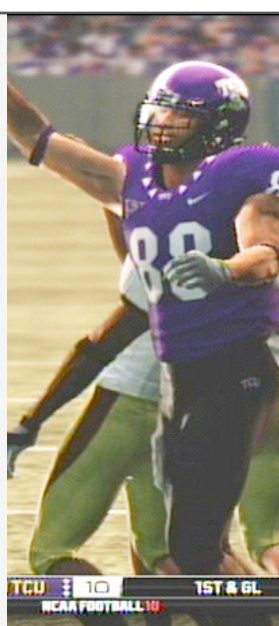


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Rod Hardy, who has directed episodes of "The Mentalist" and "Burn Notice," will be visiting the university. Tuesday



## NEWS

Future construction projects could further affect the university's parking situation. Tuesday

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PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Reporter

Superfrog has garnered some national attention lately thanks to his performance in the Capital One All-American Mascot Challenge. Currently in third place, Superfrog sits behind South Dakota State's Jack Rabbit and the University of Cincinnati's Bearcat. Find out how Superfrog got involved in the competition and how you can help him take the mascot crown.

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## CITY COUNCIL

# Council member visits with students

By Ryne Sulier  
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns and other city representatives addressed students' chief concerns, safety and parking, on Thursday during the councilman's first Neighborhood Office Hours held on campus.



Burns

Developers have contributed to parking problems around campus by acquiring two-bedroom residential houses around campus and converting them into five-bedroom duplexes, Burns said.

"(Developers) build five-bedroom duplexes on either side of the street, and they only have two parking spots," Burns said. "But they are adding 10 cars to the street. There's literally not enough street to park all those cars."

The City Council will look into redoing the parking lot requirements for duplex zoning because of concerns expressed by the campus community, Burns said.

The councilman said he is also pushing for another commuter train that would travel from downtown Dallas into downtown Fort Worth. The intersection of Cleburne Road and Berry Street, which is about a

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## CORRECTION

In Skiff articles on Aug. 25, Sept. 11 and Sept. 15, Lisa Albert was incorrectly identified as assistant director of communications. She is the associate director of communications.

Because of an editorial error, Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns was mistakenly identified as an alumnus in a Sept. 17 Skiff article.

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## DINING SERVICES

# Cooking classes offered to employees

By Paige McArdle  
Staff Reporter

Students who walk into Market Square on a Friday afternoon may feel like they're walking onto the set of "Emeril Live."

Executive chef Charlie Guajardo is scheduled to teach cooking classes twice a month to university faculty and staff members at Expeditions in Market Square.

Legia Abato, district marketing manager of Sodexo Inc., the food service provider to the university, said Sodexo created the classes after faculty and staff expressed interest in a cooking program to Dining Services.

Previously, Dining Services programs had been geared toward students, not faculty and staff, Abato said. The class was created as an effort to include university employees, she said.

"The faculty and staff on campus ... they're part of the community, but they often kind of get left out because everything is targeted to (students)," Abato said.

The class may open to students as the semester progresses, Abato said.

Guajardo said he planned to perform the cooking demonstrations in a style similar to that of cooking shows on the Food Network.

The preparation of the food will take place behind the counter while he explains the process step by step, Guajardo said. The demonstration will be broadcast on television screens throughout Market Square so that students, who cannot sign up for the class, could follow the class as well, he said.

"It's a show, but it's also a class," Guajardo said. "That's why we call it an expedition. It's an experience."

Recipes will be distributed to



PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Reporter  
Executive chef Charlie Guajardo prepares vegetables for a cooking demonstration in Market Square on Sept. 11. Guajardo is scheduled to teach a cooking class for faculty and staff members every other Friday.

those attending the class before the demonstration and can be taken home with participants.

The structure of the class is meant to help participants learn techniques they could use on their own, Guajardo said.

"This way, they see me do everything," he said. "They get to come back here and do everything, and now they're going to take this and go home and say, 'Hey, honey, I can make this for you. I learned this today.'"

The recipes for the demonstrations will come from both himself and Sodexo, Guajardo said.

The class, which will cost \$12 per session, is scheduled for 1 p.m. every other Friday.

No faculty or staff attended the first class on Sept. 11, Abato said. Dining Services plans to promote the next class, which is scheduled for Sept. 25, she said.

**When:** Sept. 25, and again every other Friday  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$12 per session  
**Where:** Expeditions in Market Square



For a step-by-step slideshow of a stir fry recipe, go to [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com).

Faculty and staff members who are interested in signing up for the class can send an e-mail to [diningservices@tcu.edu](mailto:diningservices@tcu.edu).

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## SGA

# Popular band plays on campus Saturday

By Katie Love  
Staff Reporter

Pop rock band OneRepublic will be hitting the stage on campus Saturday with a preview of their upcoming tour.

When the 6 p.m. football game against Texas State University is over, the concert will kick off soon after in the Campus Commons.

Members of the Student Government Association's House of Representatives created a wish list of 50 artists they wanted to be brought to campus, SGA president Kelsie Johnson said. OneRepublic met SGA's most important requirements in the sense that the band could play right after the first home game and the cost of the performance fell within SGA's budget, Johnson said. The cost of the concert is an estimated \$120,000, she said.

Kennedy Stewart, Programming Council chair, said SGA's executive budget allowed \$25,000 for the concert. The rest of the budget for the concert came from athletics, the chancellor's office and Brown-Lupton University Union programming.

OneRepublic is a Colorado rock band that jumped to fame with hit song "Apologize" in 2007.

The concert kicks off in the Campus Commons with Hot Chelle Rae as the opening band.

University officials will use re-



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movable gates to block the Commons off from 8:45 p.m. until the end of the game, Johnson said. Security will check students' IDs before entering the concert, she said. Students may bring one guest and community mem-

bers can exchange their football tickets for concert tickets during third and fourth quarter of the game. Only students, their one guest and community members who went to the football game may attend the concert, she said.

Andrew Pulliam, junior business major and College

of Science and Engineering representative, said the concert will provide a way for all different types of students and members of the community to gather and have a great time.

Students look forward to these concerts, and the OneRepublic concert should boost campus unity, Pulliam said.

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mile from campus, would be a rail stop for the commuter train.

"The planning process is going pretty well," Burns said. "We are looking at trying to get funding from the federal government."

The commuter rail station could be operational by 2013, he said.

Brett Major, a senior psychology major, said he was concerned about safety in the neighborhoods around the university.

"I talked to (Burns) about concerns I had about safety in the neighborhood, specifically regarding street lights," he said.

While Major was waiting, Burn's council aide, Kristi Wiseman, sent an e-mail to a city committee to try to get something done by Oct. 1, Major said.

Neighborhood patrol officers and Code Compliance Department officers were also present to address students' concerns regarding crime, parking and code compliance. The Code Compliance Department ensures property follows City Council rules.

Mark Russell, a neigh-

borhood patrol officer with Fort Worth police, said he is a liaison between neighborhood associations and Fort

**"The citizens call me personally. They have a personal relationship with us, so they can call me, and I have a lot more time. Regular patrol officers just answer calls."**

**Mark Russell**  
neighborhood patrol officer

Worth. Neighborhood patrol officers are also liaisons between university students and the city, he said.

"Generally, everything officers do are based on what their decision is," Russell said. "The citizens call me personally. They have a personal relationship with us, so they can call me, and I have a lot more time. Regular patrol officers just answer calls."

Clint Stephens, a freshman nursing major, did not know who Burns was or

what he did.

"I just wanted to know what (Burns) was about and what he was doing," he said. "Instead of, 'Hey look, I'm a big bad city councilman,' it makes him more human."

Burns said many people are hesitant to pay City Hall a visit.

"The origins of how I decided to start doing this was that I recognized that there were people I was talking to at neighborhood meetings that said, 'I don't like coming downtown,'" said Burns, a representative of District 9, which includes the university and surrounding neighborhoods. "A lot of people are intimidated by coming downtown."

The councilman said 10 to 15 students and an equal number of members from surrounding neighborhoods approached him Thursday.

Major said he would not have gone downtown to talk to Burns about his concerns.

"I just saw that he was on campus, and I thought I'd stop by for a little," Major said. "I think it's a benefit if TCU students go and talk to him."

Neighborhood Office Hours will be an annual fixture at the university, Burns said.

## CITY COUNCIL



City Councilman Joel Burns (center) talks to freshman nursing major Clint Stephens (left) and TCU graduate Justin Avery Anderson at Burns' Neighborhood Office Hours event in the Brown-Lupton University Union.

ROSE BACA / Web Editor

## Prof takes on editor post



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**GARRY BRUTON**

By Vicky Watson  
Staff Reporter

Garry Bruton, a management professor in the Neeley School of Business and academic coordinator of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Program, has become the editor of the Academy of Management Perspectives, a scholarly journal for a prestigious professional association in the management field.

The Academy of Management is a professional association for management professors and has more than 20,000 members, Bruton said. The Academy publishes four different journals, including Perspectives, which is printed quarterly.

Bruton, who specializes in strategic management and international business, earned an MBA from George Washington University and a doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

**Q:** What is the Academy of Management Perspectives about?

**A:** Perspectives is supposed to be the debates that happen in the Academy. They're peer-reviewed articles, but they're a little different academic style. It's basically looking for controversies or things that need to be discussed that don't find a home in other places.

**Q:** Who is the journal's target audience?

**A:** It goes to all 20,000 members of the Academy. You'd also use these articles

perhaps in an (Executive MBA) class. The articles would not be targeted for undergraduates for sure, but some of the articles can be used in an EMBA class as you debate these issues.

**Q:** When were you notified of your editing position?

**A:** It's been over a year. I actually started looking at manuscripts in July 2008. I officially took over in January 2009, and I will do it for three years.

**Q:** Were there other individuals applying for the position?

**A:** Yes. It's selected by our board. The Academy of Management has a board because, in the management discipline, we're probably the largest association. You have a board, you apply and then they select. It's an international association. These are 20,000 people from all over the world.

**Q:** What happens after your three years are over?

**A:** Somebody else takes over. It's one term. That's healthy. The journal needs to have different people involved.

**Q:** Do you have past experience with the journal?

**A:** I was an associate editor, and then I was on the review board. I've been involved with it for maybe 15 years. I'm getting old.

**Q:** What is the amount of time involved with the journal, and how can you balance that with your position at TCU?

**A:** It takes a lot of time. I don't know how much, but you get lots of articles, and you read lots of articles, and you reject lots of articles, and you edit articles. Professors' jobs are, I think, really, to be researchers. Teaching should be just bringing what we study to the classroom. It's my job. If you're just repeating stuff that somebody else has written in a book, you really don't bring much value to anything. Books are just sort of formats, but they're already out of date by the time they're published. Business changes too fast, so you've got to be looking at the

current stuff.

**Q:** How can you benefit as a professor from this editor position?

**A:** It's basically the cutting-edge debates. The people I deal with are the leading experts in the world. You learn a lot. It's dealing with the people who are forming the theory; they're forming our discipline, what we understand, what we teach and what we think.

**Q:** Is there a specific area where you specialize within the journal?

**A:** No, it publishes everything from the management discipline. In a tier-one journal like this, we probably publish about 58 percent of the articles that are submitted.

Just because somebody writes something doesn't mean it gets published here. It goes through a peer review, and you pick it for the creativity, what it has to say, and the support they have. These will be typewritten 35-40 page articles. That's the reason our audience is not practitioners and it's not students. It's other people that do what I do.

**Q:** How do you originally get involved with the Academy of Management Perspectives?

**A:** Generally, academic journals ask people that are leaders in the field to serve on an editorial board. Generally, you write, you publish enough, then somebody asks you initially to do reviews. Then you do reviews, then at some stage somebody asks you to join the board. Then, ultimately, if you want to keep doing things, you get more and more involved with it.

**Q:** After your three years, will you still be an associate editor?

**A:** After three years, I'm done. I'll go do something else. I sit on five other editorial boards. I'm what they call a senior editor in another journal. I do lots of editorial work. I don't know that I'll do this role again, but I like it. It's been a great way to service the profession.

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## The Skiff View

### Politician's visit an opportunity to learn

Some students may not know what a city council member does, but now no one can say the chance to learn and act has not presented itself. Public transportation, crime rates and parking are some of the issues that students have the opportunity to discuss with somebody from City Hall.

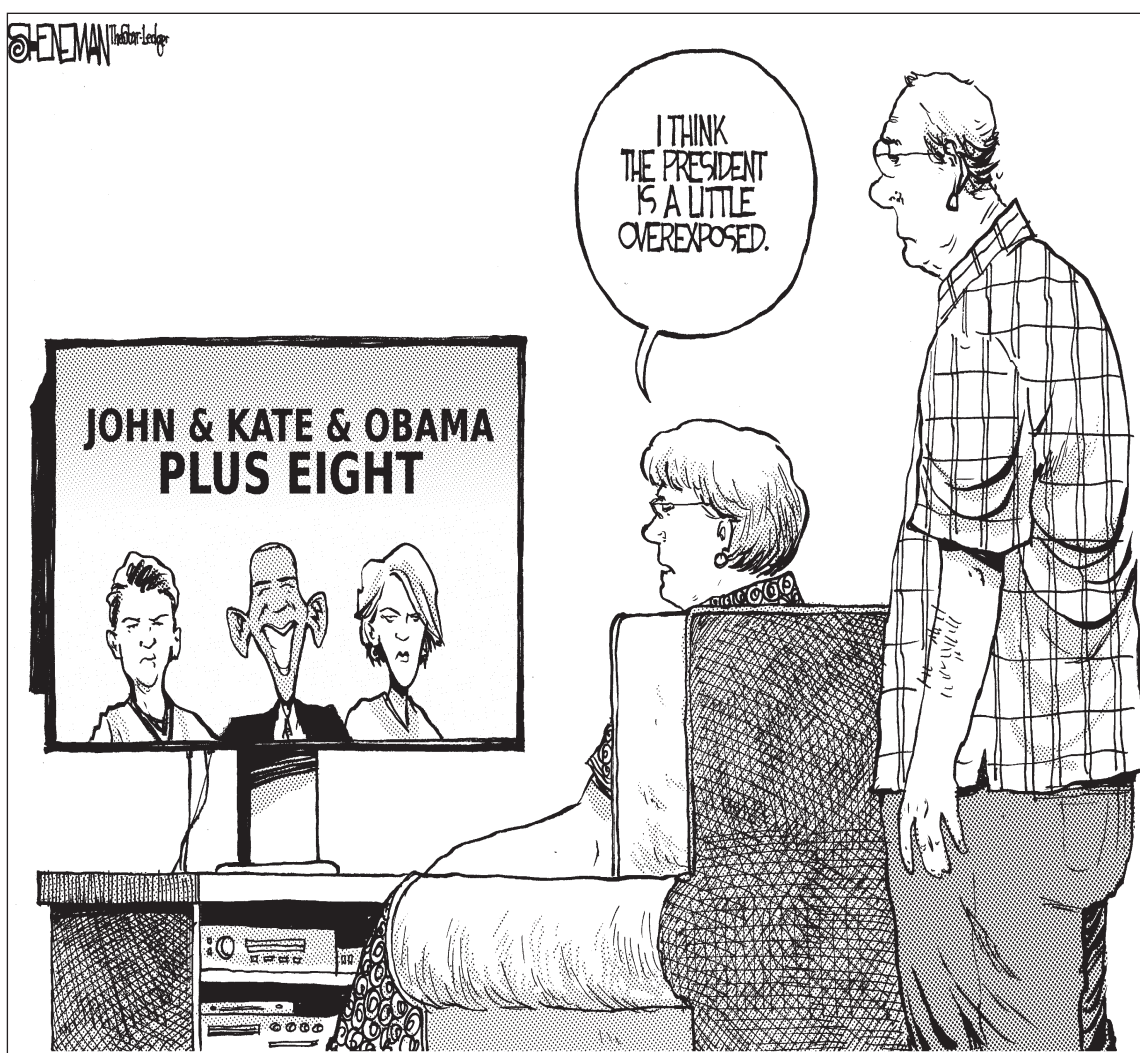
The visit of Councilman Joel Burns sends a positive message from the City of Fort Worth to the university. Burns has included the university in his tour across the district, suggesting he believes that the needs of students at this university must also be heard. Students should realize their opinion matters, regardless of whether they live on campus or not.

Students had the chance to voice their concerns to the councilman for one afternoon in a very accessible location – the second floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union. The effort required to visit Burns and share comments or concerns was halved, if not completely eliminated, for students. It's a shame, however, that only 10 to 15 students showed up to take advantage of this opportunity. An occasion to connect with a local representative should not be taken lightly.

The university requires all students to take a course in citizenship and social values to meet core curriculum requirements. It is time to put those values to practice.

*News editor Maricruz Salinas for the editorial board.*

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



*Drew Sheneman is the editorial cartoonist for the The Newark Star Ledger.*

## Response: Cheney building is wise spending



MATT BOAZ

The University of Wyoming will hold a commencement ceremony in the near future where it will unveil a building named after former Vice President Dick Cheney — a center designated for international students and international studies. The plan has drawn a fair amount of criticism from members in the community and even some trickling national interest. The university has used \$3.2 million donated by the Cheney family during Cheney's vice presidency in order to construct these facilities.

Despite Cheney's past foreign policy decisions and his controversial support of torture and interrogation strategies at Guantanamo Bay, keep in mind the purpose of this build-

ing. Along with additional donations, the contributions from Cheney (accrued during the past several years) have been used to construct an educational center for international students. These are young individuals who have taken it upon themselves to undertake the efforts involved in getting an education in the United States. They are attempting to better themselves and create career opportunities, all while immersing themselves into a completely new culture, as well as attempting to adopt and observe these newly found norms.

Additional money will go toward the efforts of study abroad experiences for University of Wyoming students. They will have the opportunity to develop their own thoughts on international relations, foreign policies and perhaps even be exposed to viewpoints outside of the U.S., which characteristically tend to be quite different than our own internal reflections.

Now, certainly Cheney has not left the best legacy, though history will be the only judge of whether his joint

policy decisions with former President George W. Bush were necessary. However, these decisions should not preclude the possible opportunities for young minds to further themselves. Certainly the way to combat unsuccessful decisions in the past is not to limit education. Whether one agrees or disagrees with his policy decisions, a generous donation has provided a great opportunity for the university.

Furthermore, the center has nearly finished construction. To return the \$3.2 million would be a ludicrous financial move for the institution, which would draw far more criticism than this current issue. While a scant few oppose the dedication of the building (150 signatures were collected in one year, according to the Associated Press), the possibility for a large number of students to gain new international experiences is worth far more than any dispute about a name on a building.

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### POINT • COUNTERPOINT

## Is vegetarianism a healthy lifestyle or a hypocritical choice?

*Eco-friendly vegetarians shouldn't be stuck with labels like hippie*

*Raising the value of an animal's life cheapens the lives of humans*



KAIT STAFFIERI

To many people, vegetarianism is just a fad and has no real benefits. When most think of a vegetarian they see a hippie or a left-wing animal activist when in fact anybody could be and should be without meat in their diet.

While I personally am not a vegetarian anymore, I did give it a try when I was in high school for about a year and a half, and I loved every second of it. Turning back from it was a decision to get rid of the label that accompanied my lifestyle.

When talking to my vegetarian and nutrition major friend, she explained that she practices this lifestyle and diet because she does not feel that she has the right to take the life of any other living being for her own benefit. She says she feels healthier since she stopped eating meat and gets sick significantly less often.

If you have not picked up the book "Skinny Bitch," by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin, I highly recommend it. Both authors are vegan and go into both the health problems and the animal cruelty problems that eating meat causes.

According to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition and The New England Journal of Medicine, meat eaters are much more likely to be overweight than vegetarians. Meat can actually cause our kidneys to shut down. When more than 30-35 percent of our daily caloric intake is protein, our bodies will experience a buildup of toxic ketones. When this happens, our kidneys are put under tremendous stress as they try to flush

These factories are so crowded that all animals are forced to live in their own urine, feces and vomit, and they develop infected sores all over their bodies as a result.

out the toxic ketones, and they may eventually give up. Also, human saliva is composed partly of alkaline. That plus long intestines means we are not designed to digest animal flesh. This is why animals that are carnivorous have acidic saliva and small intestines to digest quickly.

Moving past the obvious health benefits of cutting meat out of your diet, let's discuss the animal cruelty that goes on in this country. According to the Humane Society's Web site, in the United States alone, more than 10 billion animals are slaughtered each year just for our consumption. The places that these animals are harvested are not pretty green pastures either, but factories. These factories are so crowded that all animals are forced to live in their own urine, feces and vomit, and they develop infected sores all over their bodies as a result. To keep animals alive in these conditions, farmers just give them antibiotics, which are then ingested by the people who eat the animals. These antibiotics can lead to urinary tract infections in women, cancer, miscarriages and birth defects. And this doesn't even begin to mention the pesticides that the animals previously ingested on the farms they resided on before being moved to the factory.

If you're on the fence about whether or not to go in this direction with your diet and life, try it for a few weeks to see how you feel.

*Kait Staffieri is a sophomore psychology major from Dallas.*



MICHAEL LAUCK

A lot of people on this planet do a lot of weird things. This was even further confirmed to me when I met a vegetarian. While vegetarians believe what they believe, it makes no sense to me to avoid eating meat at all. That's why I'm listing some popular reasons people become vegetarians and why I don't buy them.

1. *Every time you eat a dead animal, you are directly responsible for its death.*

The classic vegetarian argument is that whenever we eat a hamburger or fried chicken, we are killing a creature that has as much of a right to live as we do. I completely reject this philosophy. To say this means that animals and people have the same rights and are equal. I think this is misguided and completely insulting to humans. Ask a person whose family member has been murdered and see if they would equate it to a cow being slaughtered. Besides, I don't know of any human whom we would allow to urinate in open space.

2. *Eating vegetarian is healthier for you.*

This one is probably true overall, but not simply because eating meat is bad for you. It's just that most things that are unhealthy have meat in them. If you become a vegetarian, almost all of McDonald's menu items are off-limits for you. Vegetarians are probably more conscientious of what is in their food. I'm sure if someone who ate meat were also more aware of how many calories were in their food, they would be healthier too. Besides, there are plenty of unhealthy

Ask a person whose family member has been murdered and see if they would equate it to a cow being slaughtered.

foods such as cookies, doughnuts and french fries that are completely accessible to vegetarians.

3. *Eating vegetarian is better for the environment.*

Another claim made by vegetarians is that eating a vegetarian diet is better for the environment because it reduces the amount of land used to feed the animals and the amount of pollution emitted by the trucks that ship the animals and the meat. However, what they ignore are the benefits of this process. While it may put more pollution in the air, we get nice things like baseball gloves, leather bags and leather jackets from cows, as well as a meat product that feeds many people in the country. A little pollution is not bad if it gives us economic prosperity and things we want.

4. *It's my religion.*

Some religions, including Hinduism and Christianity, have rules against eating meat some days of the year or not at all. This is completely excusable. I have no problem with people not eating meat because it's a part of the life that they have been raised in and have other, more spiritual reasons for not eating meat.

But I will never understand vegetarians. The reasons to become vegetarian, besides the last I listed, seem very hollow and self-righteous. You want to only eat vegetables? Go for it. However, you need to come up with something better if you're going to convince me too.





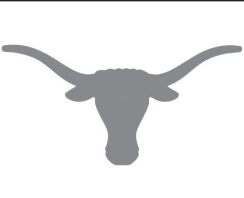
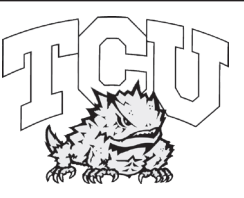




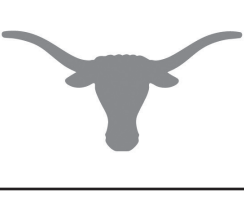
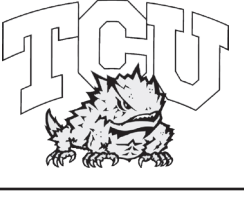





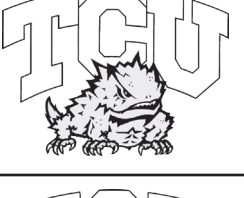

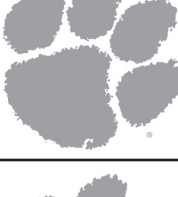


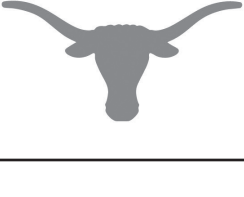
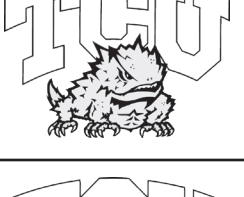

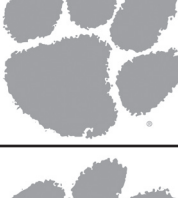


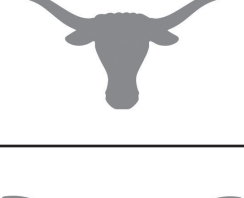
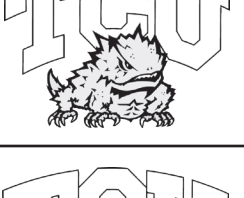






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SPORTS

# PICK 'EM

Each week student publications members make picks on NCAA football games. Each correct pick is awarded one point, and a correct upset pick is worth two points. Last week, News Now reporter Maddy Foxx went undefeated and leads the pack with nine points, followed by Skiff editor-in-chief David Hall with eight. Skiff reporter Mary Sue Greenleaf and sports editor Travis L. Brown are tied with seven, and bringing up the end are KTCU news director Phil Mann with six and Skiff news editor Michael Carroll with five.

	Boston College @ Clemson	Florida State @ BYU	Nebraska @ Virginia Tech	Texas Tech @ Texas	Texas State @ TCU	UPSET
 Maddy Foxx News Now Reporter						Fresno State over Boise State
 David Hall Skiff Editor-in-Chief						East Carolina over North Carolina
 Travis L. Brown Skiff Sports Editor						Texas Tech over Texas
 Mary Sue Greenleaf Staff Reporter						Oregon over Utah
 Phil Mann KTCU News Director						Washington over USC
 Michael Carroll Skiff News Editor						Tennessee over Florida

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## Which team will come out on top Saturday?



TRAVIS L. BROWN

There is no doubt that the Horned Frogs will come up victorious Saturday against the Texas State Bobcats. The real game will be the Frogs challenging themselves to beat the Bobcats by a larger margin than they beat Stephen F. Austin, a fellow Southland Conference member, last year.

While the TCU matchup is the Bobcats' big game of the season, TCU head coach Gary Patterson emphasizes the one game at a time mentality to his team to the point that he almost never discusses future

opponents to the media.

All-American defensive end Jerry Hughes should have a field day on Bobcat quarterback Bradley George, giving George his first taste of turf this season. Linebackers Daryl Washington and Tank Carder should have a great home opener, shutting down an offense that gained 436 yards against Angelo State last weekend. The Bobcats can move the ball, but not against TCU.

After putting away Virginia last weekend, Andy Dalton should be thankful to face the Texas State defense this weekend to get his timing and chemistry with his receivers set. Dalton should have all the time in the world behind an O-line that pushed back the Cavalier defense and allowed Dalton enough times to drop back, check his reads, read the sports

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section of the Skiff and deliver a bullet to wideout Jimmy Young.

The other group who will be showcased Saturday is TCU's young running back corps. With holes the size of San Marcos, the Frogs' Ed Wesley and the crew should be able to develop the vision necessary to slice through less porous defenses like Clemson or BYU later in the season.

The only thing left for Frog fans to worry about in this matchup is not ruining their statistics on one or two big plays so they can contend for top defense in the nation again in 2009. When the final whistle sounds, the Frogs will have put the Bobcats away by 35 points.

Sports editor is Travis L. Brown is a senior news-editorial major from Dallas.



LISA CARTER

Despite what most people might predict, Texas State will defeat Texas Christian University on Saturday.

Why? For one simple reason: The Bobcats have nothing to lose while TCU risks everything.

The Horned Frogs have their No. 15 BCS ranking and 50 wins at home in their past 56 games. The Bobcats are ranked 18th in the Football Championship Subdivision Coaches' Poll and have only won 15 in their past 46 games on the road. Both teams are going into Saturday's game with season-opening victories. TCU is coming into its

season after a 11-2 record in 2008, which included an impressive 17-16 win over Boise State in the Poinsettia Bowl. Texas State went 8-5 last year, securing its place as Southland Conference Champion, but lost 31-13 to the Montana Grizzlies in the first round of the FCS playoffs.

Despite their loss to Montana, the Bobcats were satisfied with their first outright conference title since 1982. Having just that distinction was a victory in itself for Texas State.

Saturday will be an easy win for the Bobcats. Texas State will come into the game relaxed, having nothing to lose given people's expectations for TCU to destroy the little SLC team. Therefore, Texas State will pull off a win, knowing nothing can be lost.

The Horned Frogs, on the other hand, will come into the game aware of all the

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pressure being put on their shoulders to win this game. This pressure will shake the Horned Frogs, causing them to make various mistakes in the game which will, in turn, result in not only a loss, but a huge drop in the BCS rankings.

But like Texas State's satisfaction in claiming the Southland Conference title, the Bobcats will be satisfied whatever the outcome. If Texas State wins, the Bobcats can tack on one victory for the season while the Horned Frogs lose virtually everything expected of them. However, Texas State will see the game as a victory if it comes within as much as 10 points of TCU.

Either way, the Bobcats will be the winners in their own minds.

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**SOCCER**

## Fresh team ready for Weber State

By Allison Erickson  
Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team will play Weber State University in Lubbock on Friday with fresh legs, head coach Dan Abdalla said.

Juniors Nikki Wilbur and Cheryl Martin sat out the weekend's games in Colorado due to injuries, but now, Abdalla said, the players should add diligent spirit to the game.

"They're both significant contributors to our blue-collar mentality," Abdalla said. "They do the dirty work to allow other players to have a little more freedom."

The blue-collar mentality,

Abdalla said, was the hard-work ethic Martin and Wilbur brought to the team.

Senior forward Lizzy Karoly said Wilbur and Martin, listed as midfielders and defenders on the team's roster, dealt well with in-the-air soccer balls and would help the team defensively.

Despite the returning players, Abdalla said the Wildcats' Jessie Baddley was dangerous.

A redshirt forward and sophomore who transferred to Weber State last year, Baddley sat out last season, but her 2007 statistics showed activity. As a freshman at Santa Clara University, Baddley played in 20 of 21 games, and she started in three. During

the 2007 season with Santa Clara, Baddley contributed in

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**Lizzy Karoly**  
senior forward

shots-on-goal and assists from the front.

The Wildcats played with a unique strategy in the defensive end, Abdalla said.

The team's sweeper, the last defensive player besides the goalkeeper, played deep in the field.

Offensively, the Lady Frogs will need to be aware of opportunities in front of the goal, Abdalla said.

Karoly said composure will be the key when it comes to putting the ball in the back of the net.

"We want a Mountain West Conference championship; we want to make it to the NCAA championships," Karoly said. "We know that we just need to communicate, work hard, and play with heart and passion. If we do that, I think we can beat anyone."

**SUPER FROG**



Super Frog and students gather outside the library to promote e-mail safety in Fall 2008. SKIFF ARCHIVES

## Superfrog holds third place in mascot bout

By Jessica Lawrence  
Staff Reporter

**SCHOOL MASCOT VOTES**

**60,320**

University of Cincinnati  
"Bearcat"

**56,583**

South Dakota  
"State Jack Rabbit"

**58,775**

TCU  
"Superfrog"

**58,354**

Navy  
"Bill"

**57,245**

Louisiana State University  
"Mike"

SuperFrog is one of twelve finalists for The Capital One All-America Mascot Challenge. He is currently in third place with 58,775 votes, even though the second place competitor, South Dakota State's Jack Rabbit, has 56,583 votes, according to the Capital One BowlWeb site.

The University of Cincinnati's Bearcat holds first place in the competition with 60,320 votes, according to the Web site.

Lindsay Shoulders, the university mascot coach said this is the first time SuperFrog was selected to compete in the competition.

Anyone can vote for SuperFrog once a day on CapitalOneBowl.com. Every Monday at 9 a.m. EST the votes are posted from the previous week.

To compete in the contest, the mascots had to be from an NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision school with a football program. The schools had to fill out an application and submit a video and photo, Shoulders said.

The winner will receive \$1,500 and go to the Capital One Bowl. Each week SuperFrog will compete against a different mascot. This week the mascot will face off against Louisiana State University's Mike the Tiger.

The competition brought the university publicity, Shoulders said. Commercials with SuperFrog and the other competing mascots play on ESPN during college football games.

Scott Kull, associate director of athletics, said this is an unbelievable opportunity for both the university and SuperFrog.

Shoulders said what sets SuperFrog apart from other mascots is his originality.

"SuperFrog's so unique as a mascot because it's just something so different," Shoulders said. "There (are) a lot of bearcats, a lot of cougars, horses, (but SuperFrog's) definitely a very unique thing."

SuperFrog, who can be found at various events in-

cluding Cooks Children events, weddings, the SuperFrog Reading Challenge, and retirement parties, is very well rounded, Shoulders said.

Kull said SuperFrog appeals to fans of all ages.

"He's got a cool character that really appeals to not only kids, but adults too," Kull said.

Hannah Knipp, sophomore social work major, said she thinks SuperFrog has a good chance of winning.

"No other mascot can shoot blood out of its eyes," Knipp said. "That's why I know we're going to win."

After the eleventh week, the top eight mascots will advance to the tournament playoffs, which line up with the end of the regular football season.

Shoulders said the competition already opened the doors to some new opportunities for Superfrog.

SuperFrog weighs in at 215 pounds of ripped frog skin and his training regime is the Frog-leg press, according to the Capital One Bowl Web site. His pre-game meal is pizza with anchovies, worms and ants.

SuperFrog "draws strength from all 22 of his horns," according to the Web site.



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