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## Campus to host higher ed law hearing

By Jessica Reho  
Staff Reporter

The university will host the first of six nationwide open meetings with the U.S. Department of Education to discuss the recently enacted Higher Education Opportunity Act, also known as the College Opportunity and Affordability Act, university officials said.

The meeting is scheduled to be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Brown-Lupton

University Union Ballroom and is free and open to the public. Individuals who wish to address the panel may begin signing up at 8 a.m.

Most of the legislation, enacted Aug. 14, pertains to financial aid regulation, however, aspects of the act will also impact other departments and offices around campus, Michael Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said.

The new legislation will require colleges and universities to report more in-

formation about their prices and costs. Those schools with the highest percentage tuition increases will be placed on a watch list and will be expected to explain these increases to the Department of Education.

Other measures include simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, requiring institutions to report the names of students who illegally download copyrighted property and increasing maximum limits on federal

grant and loan programs. For example, under this new legislation, Pell grants for low-income students will now be available year round.

Stephanie Babyak, a spokeswoman with the Department of Education, said these meetings offer interested parties the opportunity to bring issues with the act before the Department of Education for consideration.

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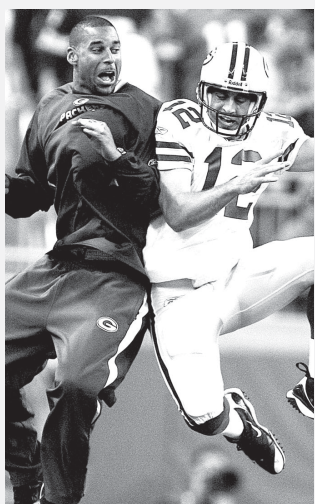
### Talent show auditions scheduled Tuesday

Mu Phi Epsilon and Music Educators Organization are hosting a schoolwide talent show and will hold auditions Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. at the PepsiCo Recital Hall. To sign up for a time slot, contact Clinton Hardy at c.r.hardy@tcu.edu.

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See who you should start for week three of fantasy football. Sports, page 8

### PECULIAR FACT

TOKYO - The world's oldest man celebrated his 113th birthday Thursday in southern Japan, telling reporters he wants to live another five years.

— The Associated Press



Administration needs to lead students in green effort. Opinion, page 3

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CHELSEA FRENCH / Staff Reporter

TCU's ROTC gathers Thursday for the 24th annual Prisoner of War-Missing in Action ceremony to honor POWs on the lawn in front of Sadler Hall.

## ROTC honors prisoners of war at event

By Kristin Butler  
Staff Reporter

The sound of the The Air Force ROTC marching in line outside Robert Carr Chapel was heard Thursday as it lined up to attend the 24th annual POW-MIA ceremony in honor of those who were prisoners of war.

The TCU Arnold Air Society hosted the ceremony Thursday afternoon, welcoming Elmo Baker, a retired lieutenant colonel of the United States Air Force and president of a POW group.

The ceremony corresponds with the national POW ceremony that will take place in Washington today. The ceremony is held every third Friday of September and lasts for 24 hours. TCU started its ceremony Wednesday at 5 p.m. with the raising of the POW black and white flag.

Thursday's events started with a candle-lighting ceremony in recognition of the procedures to follow if one were to become a prisoner of war.

Baker, 76, spoke of his captivity in

North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was held hostage for six years after his plane was shot down in 1967. His ejection from the plane snapped his femur, he said. His initial torture consisted of twisting his injured leg and more beatings. His left thigh eventually received medical attention, but it was only pinned together with a stainless steel pin about 14 inches long.

He was also held in cold soak isolation for days in January of 1969. "Cold soaking" is confinement in an outside cage in cold weather wearing little to nothing. He received occasional beatings throughout the first four years of his captivity for communication violations, he said.

Baker was released in 1973 and retired in 1978.

His story of remembrance is one of thousands of people who were taken prisoner. He said that more than 2,500 people were taken hostage during Vietnam, but only 500 lived to tell their stories. They are accomplished Americans, Baker said.

"It's a sacrifice that they make. This is to honor the immense sacrifice."

Alex Gwin  
ROTC commander

"They don't sit around with a cup in their hand — they are governors and teachers," Baker said.

He and presidential candidate John McCain were held prisoner in the same camp, Baker said.

"He was a brave guy," he said. "He came in with a good attitude as though he was a Boy Scout in a Boy Scout camp."

Cadets all have feelings of gratitude and respect for Baker and other POW's, said Alex Gwin, commander and junior engineering major.

"This is a really neat thing," Gwin said. "Our speaker was gone for six years, he was tortured several times a week, he

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## RTVF aims for degree in sports broadcast

By Brian Smith  
Staff Reporter

After a failed first attempt at launching a sports broadcasting program, officials in the radio-TV-film department are trying hear again.

David Whillock, dean of the College of Communication, said that he gave a charge to Chuck LaMendola, a radio-TV-film professor currently on sabbatical this semester, to have sports broadcasting on the books as a major by fall 2009. Whillock said most of the classes needed to create a sports broadcasting major are already in the course catalog.

In addition, several other ideas for new classes are being discussed. A proposal that was written this fall includes the creation of classes ranging from history of sports broadcasting to sports documentary production.

However, Richard Allen, chair of the radio-TV-film department, said this proposal is tentative and nothing is set in stone.

The radio-TV-film department originally began its effort to create a sports broadcasting program a few years ago, Allen said, but "we couldn't get the caliber of people we wanted."

"They would apply, we would accept them, and then it would be hard for them, for whatever reason, to leave their very lu-

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## Gender ratio may create 'hook-up' campus culture

By Jackie Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

Gender imbalances on college campuses may contribute to a culture of sexual promiscuity, two journalists said.

Journalists Richard Whitmire and Laura Sessions Stepp interviewed college students and found hooking up as the preferred form of relationship on campuses with a gender imbalance.

"I've received several hundred e-mails from campuses all over the country saying that hooking up is the main way students relate to each other," Stepp said.

Hooking up is anything from kissing to casual sex and the term "unhooked" suggests that a person is not attached to a sexual partner, Stepp said.

In her book, "Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love and Lose at Both," Stepp researched the hook-up culture among young women by following nine female high school and college students over the course of an academic year. According to the author's Web site, the women were from varying ethnic backgrounds and from well-to-do families to dispel misconceptions that sexual promiscuity is particular to women from certain ethnicities or low-income families.

In his article, "A Tough Time to Be a Girl: Gender Imbalance on Campuses," Whitmire said gender imbalances on college campuses played a large part in the hook-up culture. Whitmire defined hooking up as a competition in which

## Experts to lecture on female cancer issues

By Krystal Upshaw  
Staff Reporter

Three cancer specialists will provide information to women on how to reduce their risk for developing cancer Saturday when the university hosts its first Smart Women: Discussions on Women's Cancer Prevention seminar.

With Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month in September and Breast Cancer Month in October, the event will be held annually in September and will focus on various forms of cancer, said Suzy Lockwood, associate professor and director of the TCU center for Oncology Research and Education.

According to the American Cancer Society Web site, an estimated 15,520 women will die this year from ovarian cancer, which ranks second among gynecological cancers. Another estimated 40,930 women will die of breast cancer this year, according to the Web site.

The TCU Center of Oncology Research and Education and the Moncrief Cancer Resources of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center sponsored the event and hope to inform cancer patients and women in the community.

"You really have to be your own advocate in health care nowadays, but in order to be your own advocate you've got to have the education and knowledge,"

Lockwood said.

Dr. Mark Messing, a gynecological oncology specialist, will make a presentation on ways women can detect gynecological cancers early and touch on the different forms of gynecological cancers that affect women. Dr. Robyn Young, clinical director for the Women's Center at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, will speak on reducing the risk of breast cancer

**Cancer Discussion**  
Where: Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center  
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# NEWS & SPORTS

## FANTASY

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### Waiver Wire Adds:

**Darren Sproles (RB - SD):** LaDainian Tomlinson sat out Wednesday's practice and is looking more like the Charger back who struggled in the playoffs than the one who dominated the regular season last year. Enter his wiry and speedy backup. Sproles looked startlingly fast against Denver, and once he reaches the open field, he's gone.

**John Carlson (TE - Sea):** A new week, a new game, a new Seahawk wide receiver lands on injured reserve. The injuries continue to stack up for Seattle, pressing its rookie tight end into receiving duty. He hasn't found pay dirt, yet but he is quickly becoming Matt Hasselbeck's only familiar option with 10 catches in the first two games.

**Brandon Jackson (RB - GB):** Ryan Grant continues to play through his hamstring injury, but it has held him back noticeably in his first two contests. Jackson

busted through for 61 yards and a TD against the Lions, perhaps finally showing he wants some of the work load after last year's disappointing debut.

### Week 3 Matchups:

**New Orleans Saints at Denver Broncos:** This could be another clash of high scoring offenses versus weak defenses. The Broncos struggled to contain Sproles so Reggie Bush owners can officially start salivating. Meanwhile, both quarterbacks figure to have huge numbers at the end of the day. Jeremy Shockey looks like he still has some work to do to get in sync with Drew Brees, while Eddie Royal proved he was no fluke. Watch Michael Pittman for Denver. He has found the end zone three times in the first two games and is vulturing goal line looks from Andre Hall.

**Dallas Cowboys at Green Bay Packers:** Dallas will fend off another team trying to prove it can play with the best in the NFC Sunday night. Aaron Rodgers is about to hit his first speed bump

after building confidence against cupcake teams. Ryan Grant may need to sit this week out for the Packers as his hamstring is bothering him and he goes against a rushing defense that has stymied both Jamal Lewis and Brian Westbrook in consecutive weeks. Greg Jennings is a good bet to slip by a still rusty Adam Jones for at least one score. Romo is going for his third straight 300-yard game to start the season and with T.O.'s help he'll get it.

**New York Jets at San Diego Chargers:** The Jets' defense played well at home against a wounded New England offense, but their offense was anemic. Favre looked like he still hasn't learned Eric Mangini's offensive system. The good news is he faces a San Diego defense that got decimated by a versatile Bronco team - and the referees - Sunday. Look for Thomas Jones to pick up the offensive slack for New York while Philip Rivers, Antonio Gates and Chris Chambers try and keep their rhythm alive against the Jets D.

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has done most of his damage on the ground this season. Quarterbacking the nation's 13th ranked rushing offense, Dalton has rushed for 163 yards and four touchdowns this season and thrown for 396 yards with a 63.5 percent completion rate. Sophomore Ryan Christian leads the Frogs in rushing with 189 yards, averaging 4.6 per carry for the nation's leader in

time of possession at more than 37 minutes per game.

"I'm not so sure TCU isn't the best team we've played so far, or going to play," Jones said at his weekly press conference. "I already know how TCU feels about SMU. So they'll come and play their best game, and it will take our best game to beat them."

Defense has been a problem area for the Mustangs this season, who rank 117 out of 119 Division I teams. By contrast, the Frogs

have 17 defensive points allowed this season and lead the nation in turnover margin.

Despite the Frogs' advantage on paper, Patterson isn't taking the rivalry game lightly.

"This is a pride game for us," Patterson said. "Anytime you play a team in the state of Texas, it has a bearing on recruiting. It will be a high-emotion game. We have our hands full. Anytime we are in Dallas, you can throw the records out."

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Scott said this is the first step in the negotiated rule-making process. In this process, the Department of Education has to write policies and procedures to carry out the legislation, clarifying ambiguous ideas and unclear wording in the original text. The department is looking for guidance from practitioners and from those the legislation will affect, he said.

Three Department of Education officials will listen to questions and comments related to the Act's implementation, according to a press release from the TCU

Office of Communications. David Warren and Sarah Flannigan, president and vice president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, will also be in attendance.

Larry Lauer, vice chancellor for marketing and communication, said the point of the meeting is not to discuss and debate what legislation has already passed.

"Our concern now is how will this be implemented, and how will this implementation affect TCU?" Lauer said.

Lauer said while the legislation is intended to cut costs, he is wor-

ried it may end up costing more instead of less, due to the manpower required to comply with some of the regulations.

Chancellor Victor Boschini, who also serves as the chairman of the board for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, will testify before the panel on behalf of the university.

Other site locations for the Department of Education meetings include Pepperdine University, the University of Rhode Island, Johnson C. Smith University, Cuyahoga Community College and the Department of Education's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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was away from his family. Everyone who goes into the Air Force realizes that they could be shot down. It's a sacrifice that they make. This is to honor the immense sacrifice."

Solomon Sonya, cadet colonel

and senior computer science major, feels that it is events like this that remind him of why he chose to stand up for his country.

"It's an eye opener that reminds us what we're doing," Sonya said. "If we are not reminded, we take for granted the commitment we took for the country."

At the conclusion of the cere-

mony, the POW flag and American flag were lowered. The flag was kept under watch overnight in remembrance of the men and women who died in action.

Even through all his hardships, Baker said he does not regret his decision to fight for America.

"If I was 20 years old, I'd sign up and do it again," Baker said.

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young women have sex with men in an effort to gain male attention. Hooking up has become a trend on college campuses where the male to female ratio is imbalanced, Whitmire wrote in an e-mail.

According to Whitmire's article, gender imbalances can cause universities to become female centric, when women lower their

standards in an effort to compete for male attention.

Whitmire, like Stepp, conducted his research through interviews. Interviews generally do not have numerical values attributed to them, which makes it difficult to gather hard data, Whitmire wrote in an e-mail.

According to the 2007 TCU Factbook, female students make up 58 percent of the student population.

"Clearly there is an issue of gen-

der imbalance on campus," said Daniel Terry, coordinator of the Women's Resource Center.

As to whether this imbalance in genders has effected gender relations on campus is unknown, Terry said.

"An increasingly promiscuous culture raises many issues," Terry said. "The more common a hook-up culture becomes, the more there is the concern of safety and here on campus that is way up on our priority list."

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creative careers," he said.

Allen said the decision to proceed with the development of a sports broadcasting program was due in part to the hiring of Mike Martin as a professor.

Martin had previously served for 12 years as TCU's director for athletic video. He now works for both the athletics department and the radio-TV-film department.

Allen and LaMendola said in the ideal situation, the courses needed for a sports broadcasting degree would not be taught solely within the radio-TV-film department.

"I think it would be great if it was a program with courses from all the departments in the College [of Communication]," Allen said.

Whillock agreed. "That's our hope. In fact, I'd like to start a lot of programs that will do that," he said. "As we get into the 21st century those kinds of boundaries that we used to have are beginning to really blur."

Currently, the sports broadcasting program consists of several classes within the radio-TV-film department. Students may take

courses in topics ranging from remote sports production to audio for sports television and radio.

Martin said the five students enrolled in the remote sports production course are working with a professional video production crew during TCU home football games to help operate TCU's video board.

A crew of both professional staff and students operates the video board in Moudy's Studio B. Students also assist with the production by operating cameras and serving as utility workers, Martin said.

Scott Kull, associate athletics director for external operations, said a well-run sports broadcasting program would benefit both the athletic department and students.

Kull came to TCU from Florida State University, which he said has a well-renowned sports broadcasting and video production program.

"Athletics was a laboratory for the students," Kull said about Florida State's program.

LaMendola mentioned Florida State and Oklahoma State University as two programs after which TCU would like to shape its program.

There is no concrete date for the completion of the proposal, or

for the actual creation of a sports broadcasting degree. "There's a big process you have to go through before you create a major like that," Allen said.

According to Whillock, in order to officially create a major, a proposal must be submitted to and approved by three committees: the departmental curriculum commit-

**"They would apply, we would accept them, and then it would be hard for them, for whatever reason, to leave their very lucrative careers."**

**Richard Allen**  
RTVF chair

tee, the college curriculum committee and the TCU undergraduate council. However, Whillock said he believes that if the proper due diligence is done, having sports broadcasting on the books as a major or an emphasis by next fall is a possibility.

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and early detection.

The conference will also feature Sara Pirzadeh, a genetic counselor for Moncrief Cancer Resources in the UT Southwestern Medical Center, who will touch on the basic genetics of cancer and genetic testing.

Along with the presentations, other representatives from various organizations and groups, such as the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, will be present to distribute additional educational information on cancer and their services for cancer patients.

"There also will be cancer survivors present, but the focus will be on providing women with tips on reducing their own risk for developing cancer," Lockwood said.

The conference is free and a continental breakfast will be served. The UT Southwestern Mobile Mammography Unit will conduct mammograms at the event. To RSVP or sign up for a mammogram, contact Sandra Barr at 817-257-6731.



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*The Skiff View*

## Scholarship standards should not be lowered

For most students applying to college, being admitted to their school of choice and getting the money to go there go hand in hand. With a limited number of academic and need-based scholarships, the competition for financial aid is just as fierce as the race to get your foot in the door.

It is understandable that the school lowered the number of credit hours required to renew a scholarship, considering many students come in with plenty of credit hours, and the hour requirements per academic year may hinder them. However, allowing students to submit pass/no credit courses to fulfill scholarship renewal requirements is not commendable. University officials said they made the concession to reduce the number of scholarship appeals because many students know the GPA requirement but are not aware of the required hours. All students who get scholarships receive a document clearly delineating the rules, and we all know financial aid is no light matter. There is no excuse for students claiming ignorance of the rules.

In addition, letting students take pass/no credit courses for scholarship hours does not reflect the standards to which scholarship students should be held. With so many students vying for financial aid and money being so tight, universities have high expectations of scholarship recipients. Scholarships are usually awarded to students who show promise of good academic performance.

When accepting a scholarship, students commit to the rules. Financial aid is a privilege, and recipients should comply with the responsibilities tied to it.

*News editor Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.*

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

## Student guidance needed in effort to be eco-friendly

GRETCHEN WILBRANDT

Over this past summer, Chancellor Victor Boshini signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment joining the 578 (to date and growing) other universities and colleges to sign the pledge to be more environmentally savvy. But what does this really mean?

The agreement acknowledges the human effects of global warming and vows to make significant differences for TCU's academic community, specifically to reduce greenhouse gases by 80 percent before 2050.

Other actions that the university must partake in include: begin to develop a plan to reach climate neutrality, complete an inventory of TCU's greenhouse gas emissions, implement sustainable education into the uni-

**How can we be responsible citizens in the world if we haven't the slightest care about our carbon footprint, our overarching environmental impact and the effect we have on countries and peoples across the globe?**

versity curriculum that all students must experience, keep up-to-date records of the actions being taken by publicly posting them online and pick two additional tangible measures that will help reduce greenhouse gases while the larger plan is being created.

For a university of 8,936 students, with our collective participation, what does the university have to worry about? The problem: we haven't been asked or educated on the issue. When has the chancellor addressed us as a whole or even sent out an e-mail letting us know what's going on?

On numerous occasions, the terms "daunting," "near-impossible" and "extremely drastic" have been used to describe the task ahead of the university to meet the commitment. Perhaps it is because I'm an environmentalist or optimist that I see the gigantic tasks as a wonderful chance to pave the way for future generations at TCU.

How fantastic is it that as students we get to experience and contribute to positive alterations at the university? Yes, it is going to be a challenge,

but so is graduating from college with enough credits in four years, getting a job and simply moving forward in life. Just because something appears difficult doesn't mean it shouldn't be supported and pursued.

Inspired by a TCU professor, I have learned that a problem might seem gigantic, but once broken down into smaller issues, each can be accurately dealt with and provide a wonderful learning opportunity. The president's plan even offers several broken down checklists to encourage and progress universities in their "greening."

There seems to be some sort of disconnect between TCU administration, students and the environment. By educating students about the commitment at hand, the administration would only be helping themselves by getting students onboard their quest.

A year titled "Bleed Purple, Live Green" doesn't do anything but slap on a label. It doesn't even seem to be promoting the commitment. An environmental ideology needs to be established and promoted to create a sustainable lifestyle beyond our years at TCU.

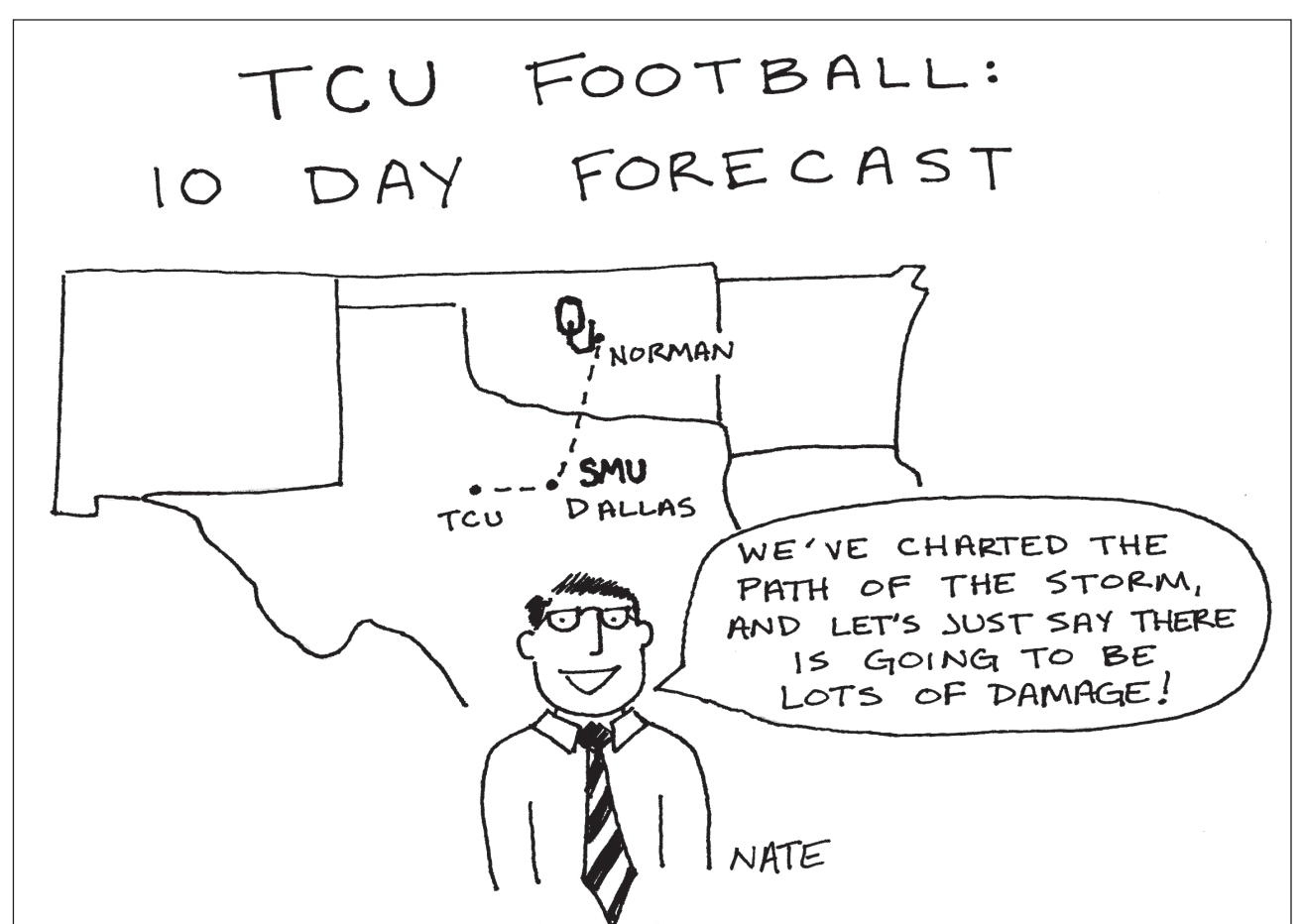
How can we be responsible citizens in the world if we haven't the slightest care about our carbon footprint, our overarching environmental impact and the effect we have on countries and peoples across the globe? We have developing minds that need guiding figures. Where is TCU helping us beyond the few dedicated professors and students?

This summer I studied in both Costa Rica and at Oxford University exploring global environmental issues, so I'm not a fool when I say we have a lot to learn from other countries and universities.

I find it difficult to complain about becoming carbon neutral when there are universities that have 10 or more campuses that are presenting this challenge in an incredibly optimistic manner. What about commuter universities? There are many ways to offset our emissions. It just takes a bit of positive thinking and research.

Already this year, I am astounded by the number of people riding their bikes and buying environmental savvy school supplies at the bookstore. As students uneducated on the university's commitment, look at what we are already doing. One cannot be more hopeful for a brighter, "greener" future. I think all we need is a little guidance, and perhaps an active role in the commitment the chancellor included all of us in.

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*Nate Arnold is a senior marketing and e-business major from Edmond, Okla.*

HEAD TO HEAD: LANCE ARMSTRONG EMERGES FROM RETIREMENT

## Is cyclist pedaling down right path?

*Worthy cause makes return to bike OK*

*Athlete comebacks are getting old quick*



JOHN ANDREW WILLIS

Lance Armstrong recently confirmed rumors that he will be returning to professional cycling. The internationally famous cyclist will seek his eighth Tour de France title primarily in an effort to actively spread cancer awareness. Armstrong plans to discuss his cycling program Sept. 24 in New York City at the Clinton Global Initiative. Being the icon that he is, who better to fight a global epidemic than a professional athlete doing what he does best?

Even at 17 years of age, Armstrong had a motive for cycling. His father left the family when Armstrong was 2 years old, forcing his mother to work full time to support him. He learned from comprehensive tests at Cooper Clinic in Dallas that his body had an especially innate ability to endurance train. Armstrong used that knowledge, combined with an inspiring passion for athletic competition, to make some significant money, even in high school.

A common misconception about Armstrong is that he quit cycling after seven championships because he was found guilty of blood doping or another performance-enhancing violation. In reality, despite consistent attacks by mostly the European media, he never once failed a drug test, and has never been found guilty of any similar act. Armstrong likely quit cycling because he wanted to spend time with his family after training for what is commonly known as the most grueling and daunting event in the athletic world. No NFL player, not even a coach, has seven Super Bowl rings.

At 36 years old, Armstrong is an ideal American hero to be in the spotlight battling cancer, especially considering the success of the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The organization has raised more than \$260 million since 1997 and had a huge part in passing Proposition 15 in Texas — a \$3 billion research grant into cancer.

Throughout his struggle with cancer, Armstrong has reached out to other patients and has always used his fame positively to inspire others. As Texans, but more importantly Americans, we should feel an obligation to support the comeback of Lance Armstrong in his diligent effort to fight cancer.

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MAX LANDMAN

Buried last week underneath actual news, such as an approaching hurricane and a certain vice presidential nominee's first big interview, was this gem: Lance Armstrong is coming out of retirement for 2009.

That's right. The seven-time Tour de France winner announced last Tuesday that he's going to compete in several races after three years away, and Armstrong hopes to win his sport's most prestigious title for the eighth time. Armstrong said he's coming out of retirement to increase cancer awareness — no doubt a noble act.

Still, the 37-year-old is adding his name to an already mile-long list of athletes who said they were done but, for better or worse, decide it's time to re-enter the workforce.

I would love to hear the conversation in which Armstrong let his children know the good news, but I can only imagine: "Kids, ever since 2005 I've sensed a window closing on my noncareer. You know, your dad can only play the game so long, and I've thought long and hard about it. Rather than let that window close on its own, I've decided to retire from retirement."

Surely Brett Favre had a nearly identical conversation this summer. He, however, doesn't seem to have a sound grasp of the concept of unretirement. Favre should have known that he needed to be away for at least one year.

Whatever the case, Armstrong isn't in bad company with names like Michael Jordan (twice), Magic Johnson (thrice), George Foreman (twice), Marina Navratilova and Roger Clemens, to name a few.

God love 'em; they just adore their respective games so much they can't stay away. That doesn't mean they're making the right decision, though.

Unretirement hardly ever turns out well. At a certain age, athletes just aren't who they used to be, and it shows. Sure, Michael Jordan came back and led the Bulls to three more rings, but he's the greatest athlete ever. And let's not forget the whole Washington Wizards thing.

Yes, George Foreman came back and won the world heavyweight championship. Of course there are exceptions. I'm willing to bet Armstrong has some success in his unretirement, but it won't even come close to his already accomplished feats. If he wins on his comeback Tour (and it's not unthinkable — A Belgian named Firmin Lambot won the 1922 race at age 36) he'll have eight. Great. He already won seven in a row.

Just what are these people looking for? I don't think they're trying to rediscover themselves. They should feel pretty comfortable with who they are at this point. They don't appear to be going through a mid-life crisis, but you never really know with those. It doesn't seem like they're trying to break records either, and Armstrong doesn't really have any to break.

I just want to know why. Raising awareness for cancer is great, but Armstrong has been doing that for a long time and he could do just as much without racing.

The whole process of unretirement seems a bit dishonest. It's a long-distance relationship that's already well past its expiration date, yet it goes on. Neither party is truly interested, though one might still be hoping to rekindle some of the relationship's former magic. Why not just end it?

God bless Lance Armstrong. He's doing what he loves and I suppose he deserves everyone's full support. I suppose I'll eventually give it to him, and only hope that he won't come back at age 62 to win his 16th Tour.

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## REVIEW

### Reunited boy band needs to grow up

By Rachel Blackmon  
Staff Writer

I received the New Kids on the Block's "Merry, Merry Christmas" album in the sixth grade from a boy named Paul, accompanied by a heart-shaped rock he found on the playground. Embarrassed, because Paul was not considered "cool," I begrudgingly took the tape and committed it to memory. I never thought much of who the New Kids on the Block really were, or what mes-



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sage they were trying to convey. I simply hung their posters in my room and wished that Jonathan or Jordan would seek me out and profess his undying love.

Today I listened to NKOTB's comeback album and I wondered if time stood still. Does this group of middle-aged men not realize that there might be something off with their game if nearly 15 years later they are still dedicating every lyric begging one girl or another for her attention?

I don't know, but could their flaws lie in the fact that they refer to women as "girl," "baby" and "shorty?" Or maybe their multitude of offers to do things like "hurt ya if you like it and then I'll twist it for ya," or comparing women to cars (a favorite pastime for many out there) such as, "I lift the hood and look up under. . .I'll fill you up, up If you wanna get some I'll pump you up, up 'cause

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I could go on all day filling this page with ludicrous, misogynistic labels and suggestions the NKOTB give to women in their new album "The Block." Not one song strays from the ever popular subject of objectifying women and begging them for physical pleasure.

I realize this approach is not unique to this particular group; however, I feel that if you're going to try and make a comeback from a legacy that was questionable to begin with, then you might want to start with something new, something fresh, something, well, enjoyable. We have plenty of options out there when we make the decision to what we shake our bodies to when we feel like dancing. The New Kids on the Block did a horrible job convincing me that their album is the one I should choose.

Word to the wise: There is a lot of great music out there and this album is not among that genre. If you want a good beat that you can get down to, or a love song you can relate to, go elsewhere and let this "has-been" boy band die out like they should.

### Students take fun to a new Level

By Rylee Nye  
Staff Reporter

"It's a long shot any way you go in the music business," Mike Vosters says. "Everytime I hear about a concert I get this twinge inside telling me to get involved."

Vosters, a sophomore marketing major, spent years playing the alto saxophone before college but just considered the business side of the music industry as a possible career path within the last year. He said his biggest regret when he started at TCU was his lack of involvement in the music world.

So get involved he did. Along with two other TCU students, Ryan Mitts and former Frogs wide receiver Mike DePriest, he decided to find a way to promote and create events that would be accessible to everyone as opposed to the typical fraternity mixers. The pair felt there was a niche that had not been filled where affordability met quality for college students, and the two wanted to bring a seemingly divided campus together. The result? The creation of Level 19 Entertainment, a company that promotes and organizes events around Fort Worth.

Mitts, a senior marketing and finance major, said he has been around music all his life but, like Vosters, just began to view it as a possible career path in the last year.

"The first time I got really fired up about it was as social chair of my fraternity," Mitts said.

DePriest, a senior sociology major, started doing promotional work for fraternity parties about six years ago with his brother and has continued his work through Level 19 Entertainment.

Vosters and Mitts are both members of Pi Kappa Phi and met when Vosters went through recruitment last year.

Mitts and Vosters also worked together at Universal Music Group Distribution in Irving this

summer and spent a lot of time brainstorming about their future plans for the company.

"We figured we'd give it a shot," Vosters said. Mitts contacted DePriest through Facebook and they began doing events together.

"We liked how we worked together," DePriest said. "Mike is a little younger, but he has a lot of passion for getting out there working and marketing."

All three eventually ended up together.

Level 19 Entertainment was born out of an apparent hole in the college entertainment sector of Fort Worth, and specifically, TCU.

Mitts said he wanted to find a way to provide good music to larger groups of people as opposed to two or three specific Greek organizations at a time without burdening the college students' wallet.

"The biggest thing we wanted to do is provide better experiences for everyone, and we can do it at a better price," Mitts said.

Level 19 Entertainment made its first debut in February with its "Funkytown Get Down" event that ended up drawing about 800 people to the stockyards.

"Funkytown Get Down" was a pretty big success, and that's when we thought, 'Hey, we could do this long-term,'" DePriest said.

They decided to register themselves as an official company early this summer.

The trio is in the process of solidifying their individual roles within the company now.

At this point, Vosters handles most booking as well as content

writing, DePriest is in charge of business development due to his previous experience with club owners and Mitts oversees the overall strategy, finances and presentation.

"We each have our different strengths," Vosters said. "We all work well together."

The three partners are looking to find their balance and hone their skills. They have built relationships with several business owners in Fort Worth and book talent for multiple venues, in addition to putting on events like the "Worlds Collide" concert with Atlanta-based rap duo The Ying Yang Twins that took place early in the semester.

They are contracted with a restaurant on Camp Bowie called Fuego and bring in live music every Friday and Saturday night. Vosters said the trio is working to build a lounge scene there.

"It's a really nice place and one of the best patios I've seen in the area," Vosters said.

The trio has also done a couple of postgame parties at Esoterica Salon and plans to continue with those throughout the semester.

Level 19 Entertainment works with all kinds of bands and several genres of music and when it comes to promotions, they are well prepared.

The trio uses Web Sites, surveys, e-mail campaigns, posters and any other avenue available to market their shows.

Their attention to detail has paid off.

Vosters praised Mitts on his extensive personal network of contacts and his ability to maintain those relationships and turn them into events.

Level 19 Entertainment has a lot of management contacts, says Vosters, and only works with booking agents when there is no other option.

"They're trying to get all they can out of you," Vosters said.

The trio is looking to present the best quality in the most accessible way to their audience, and agents are an obstacle they'd rather avoid.

Mitts said they are looking to expand the company beyond TCU in the future.

"We try to live by the motto 'When the experience matters' and make the experience matter to our audience," DePriest said.



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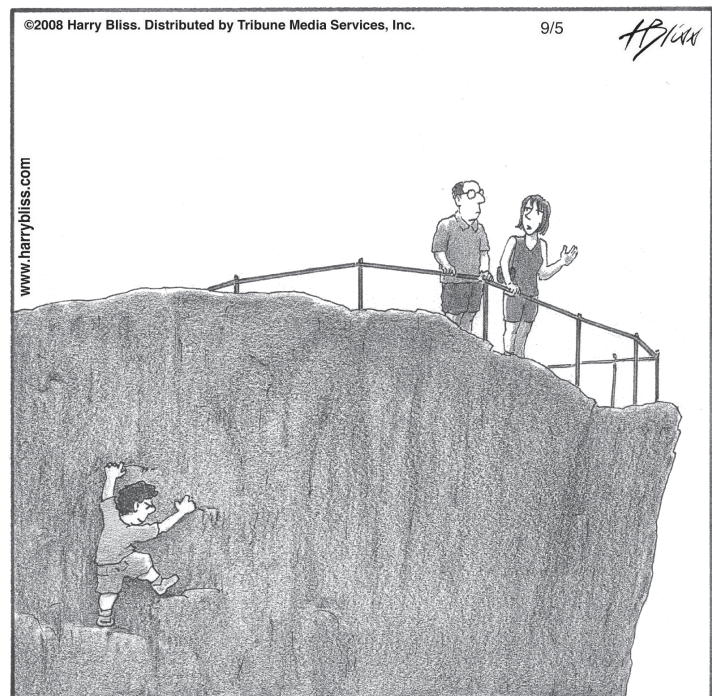
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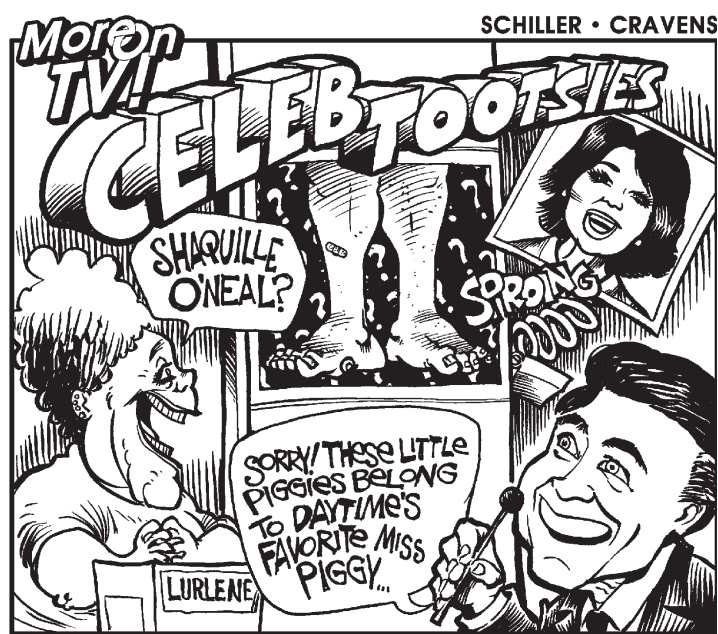
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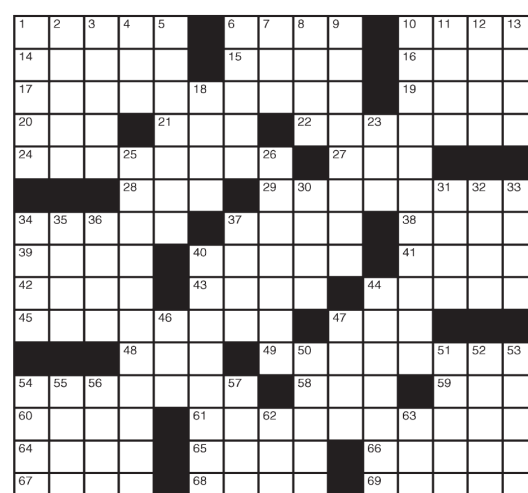
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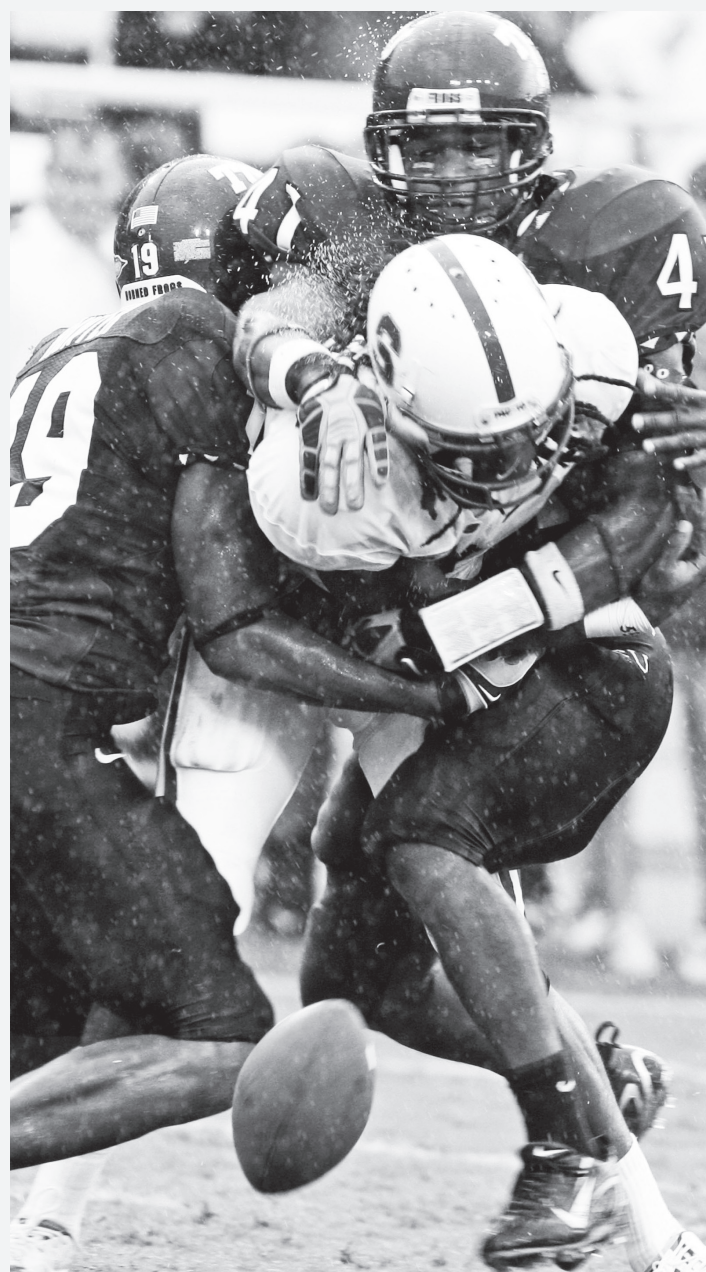
By Joe Zigmeta  
Managing Editor

The Iron Skillet will be on the line again Saturday as the Frogs travel to Dallas to take on the SMU Mustangs at Gerald J. Ford Stadium.

The Frogs are 3-0 entering the showdown after last week's rainy win over the Stanford Cardinal, and bring the nation's second-ranked defense against June Jones' spread passing attack. SMU (1-2) is led by freshman quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, who has thrown for 769 yards and eight touchdowns, completing almost 60 percent of his passes. Getting open for Mitchell will be standout receiver Emmanuel Sanders, who has caught four touchdowns already this season and averages 128 yards per game.

"June Jones has done a great job so far at SMU, and he will continue to make that team better," head coach Gary Patterson said at Tuesday's media conference. "They are throwing the ball around to an excellent set of skilled players, and their young offensive linemen have done a good job.

TCU counters with sophomore signal caller Andy Dalton, who



SHARON M. STEINMAN / Fort Worth Star-Telegram via MCT  
TCU's Corderra Hunter, left, and Daryl Washington break up a pass intended for Stanford's Richard Sherman in the third quarter in Fort Worth on Saturday.

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## Who takes Iron Skillet?

Frogs bring superior team to Dallas, rout SMU to keep Skillet in Cowtown

Mustangs have nothing to lose, everything to gain against TCU



BILLY WESSELS

When this season's football schedule was finalized way back on April 1, I was excited for a few reasons.

First, I saw the game against Big 12-powerhouse Oklahoma and was already getting pumped up to go to Norman. But even better than a showdown with the Sooners was seeing the junior varsity team we play before it.

It's a road game less than an hour away — I am of course talking about the SMU Mustangs.

It's time for the annual State Farm DFW Duel — Battle for the Iron Skillet.

Does this rivalry really need a sponsorship? What insurance company would really want to sponsor the slaughter we are going to see Saturday?

The Mustangs have a total of 133 rushing yards on the season. TCU rushed for 233 yards in one game last Saturday against the Cardinal.

How can you maintain possession of the ball, keep the clock moving and plan on winning games when you rush for 44.3 yards per game? You can't. That's why SMU has just one win on the season, a home victory against Texas State.

The Mustangs gave up 36 points to a team that isn't even Division I. In their other two games they gave up 56 to Rice and somehow improved to just 43 points allowed against a Texas Tech offense that is actually pretty good, regardless of the 12-3 beating the Frogs put on them in 2006. But in that "improved" defensive showing, SMU could only put up seven points.

How can the Ponies expect to hold TCU to under 36 points and somehow muster more points in the same game against the No. 2 total defense in the nation? I don't think they can.

But if there is one thing SMU has going for it, it's history.

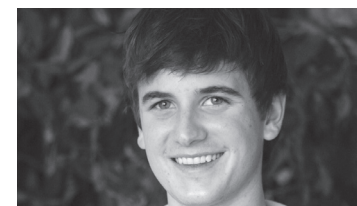
Last time TCU had SMU and Oklahoma on the same schedule, the Mustangs handed the Horned Frogs their only loss of the season. And this time the Frogs have to worry about overlooking June Jones' squad on their way to facing the No. 2 team in the nation.

But still, the Ponies have to move and hang on to the ball against a defense that is allowing 178 yards a game. Not to mention stop an offense that is averaging 398 yards per game.

The difference in special teams? TCU boasts a return man who ranks in the top 20 in the nation, while SMU's game-changer is the punter. At least he'll get several opportunities to practice Saturday.

June Jones' offense might have worked in Hawaii, but that was solely because he had the players around him who could run that offense. This SMU team isn't there yet, but the roster is pretty sophomore heavy.

Maybe next year's rivalry game will be a better contest, but this year's matchup should be a landslide.



ZACK WEHNER

TCU may be favored by more than three touchdowns in this upcoming DFW Duel, but all of the pressure to win is still on the Horned Frogs.

The Mustangs have absolutely nothing to lose. They have already lost two out of three games and will be hungry for a victory after a big loss to Texas Tech.

Furthermore, this is a rivalry game. Anything can happen when rivals meet and SMU has home field advantage. It may not count for as much as normal since TCU fans will flock from Fort Worth to Gerald J. Ford Stadium, but the psychological affect on players could be enough to keep the game close.

Conversely, TCU has everything to lose. TCU has a perfect record, a top-30 ranking and aspirations for a conference championship and bowl victory. A loss to SMU would ruin the Horned Frog's ranking and record (not to mention make TCU look less appealing when it comes time to hand out bowl bids).

For all these reasons, Frog fans should be at the least apprehensive about the negative results that could stem from this game.

In reality, TCU has a much better statistical chance of winning Saturday's game. But statistics do not count for much during a rivalry game. Take a look at the football game three years ago.

When SMU rebuilds its program, the rivalry will be renewed and become much more passionate. The rivalry still exists, but it could become much more relevant if both teams are ranked and a loss would devastate either team.

In the end, if SMU loses, SMU students will not really care about the loss. There are better things to do in Dallas to occupy time.

Now in Fort Worth, I understand why TCU fans and students would never leave a game. Do not call it school spirit. Just admit there is absolutely nothing better to do in Fort Worth. You can only go cow tipping so many times.

Besides a better location, SMU has many advantages. The Mustangs' team colors and uniforms are significantly better.

SMU just redesigned its uniforms with a throwback to the classic jerseys from the 1980s. On the other hand, TCU's jerseys could easily be the worst uniforms in the NCAA. It is possible that a color-blind clown picked the colors.

I am going out on a limb and predicting SMU wins the game, the actual football game. Even if SMU does not win the actual game, SMU fans will be able to sleep at night comforted by the fact that SMU is still better than TCU. Frankly, it will not be the first game, or last, that the Mustangs will lose this season. However, if TCU loses, will the Frog faithful be able to live with the fact that they just lost to a team that was 1-11 last season?

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## FANTASY FOOTBALL

## Shootouts highlight week 3

By Erick Moen  
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Last weekend was a dark one for zebras everywhere. Ed Hochuli's apology wasn't exactly well received by anyone in

the football world, and the NFL's stern, "grading down" retribution was amazingly empty for all the San Diego faithful.

These guys do have tough jobs and have been defended by many because they have to get every call

they make on every play right. But come on, they are getting paid, and it's not the only job where people get yelled at for every single mistake they make. Everyone gets upset when a waiter screws up their order.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. Is there anything better than a Philly loss after all that yapping they do? The game shouldn't have been nearly that close and wouldn't have been if not for the Cowboys spotting them 21 points. Still, hell of a send-off for Texas Stadium and its place in "Monday Night Football" history.

2. I talk a lot in this column about class, usually people like Donovan McNabb and Bill Belichick's lack of it, so you know Stanford's band wouldn't go unnoticed. What a disgraceful display and utter lack of sportsmanship. No one is happy to lose a game, especially the way they did Saturday, but if all the players and fans involved can be respectful, why should some Stanford band nerds feel the need to step in and tarnish a school's reputation?

And now the main event, this week's top three waiver wire adds and the matchups to keep an eye on.

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