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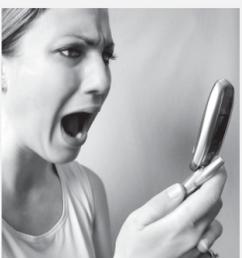


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Chelsea Smith is a staff reporter. Her name was spelled incorrectly in Wednesday's paper.

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KALAMAZOO, Mich. — A judge has decided the best punishment for a man found guilty of stealing should be to take his son's words to heart — and wear them on his sleeve. Kalamazoo County circuit Judge Pamela Lightvoet ordered Daniel Cleland, 27, Monday to write or tape the words "Daddy, don't steal" on his arm or hand for seven months.
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SLIM PICKINGS



Market Square, top, is buzzing with student activity during the lunch and dinner hours, but Pond Street Grill has taken a hard hit from the new meal plan.
MICHAEL CARROLL / Staff Photographer

Meal plan slows business at Pond Street

By Brittany Adams
Staff Reporter

With the opening of Brown-Lupton University Union and the introduction of Frog Bucks, Pond Street Grill's business could be slow enough to merit its closure, a dining employee said.

Ernest White, supervisor at Pond Street Grill, said he is not sure what the future of Pond Street will be.

"I don't know," White said, "I really don't know. That's out of my hands."

"It's up to the school on what they want to do. I'd really hate to see it go. It's a good place."

Legia Abato, district marketing manager for Dining Services, said Pond Street Grill has slow traffic because of the new student union and new variety of meal options.

"Pond Street has gotten a hard hit," Abato said. "We are trying to figure out what to do with Pond Street."

It's not the only on-campus dining option to experience a drop in business. The Corner Store and Sub Connection have also been affected.

At Sub Connection, Frank Horak, food service manager, said the slow traffic problems are hard to gauge. He said because of the new Frog Bucks system, students prefer to save their Frog Bucks for off-campus eateries.

"We want to keep them here and provide good service, but they can use them at other places, which gives them flexibility, but it doesn't help us," Horak said.

Lieu Nguyen, a cashier at the Corner Store said students miss the convenience of the location of the previous

convenience store, Frog Bytes.

"They would rather go somewhere on University," she said. "It's too far to come from class."

The new meal plans for dorm residents range from \$1,799 to \$2,099 with unlimited access to Market Square. Frog Bucks is additional money that offers both on-campus and off-campus dining to students.

Sophomore political science major Cara Smith said she enjoys going to the BLUU.

"I come here quite a bit because I have breaks during the day, but most of my friends do not have breaks so it is not convenient for them," Smith said.

If a student does not have Frog Bucks, credit cards can be used at all locations on campus, Horak said.

Prep program aims to assist merit scholars

By Rylee Nye
Staff Reporter

In the world of prestigious academic scholarships, top performing students are competing with other top performers for these few coveted awards. Students like Justin Brown, a senior music, political science and psychology major, are relying on faculty members to help make their scholarship applications shine above the thousands of other qualified applicants.

Brown is in the process of completing a Fulbright Program application for study in Germany, a scholarship in which students travel worldwide to lecture or conduct research in a wide array of fields, according to the program's Web site.

Faculty have worked in the past to help students through the application process for

No indication of major trends in recent admission statistics

By Andrew Young
Staff Reporter

Although still preliminary, admission numbers for the new school year are in.

The figures do not indicate any serious change in admission trends, said Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admission.

Here are the numbers:

Selectivity

According to unofficial figures from the admission department, TCU admitted 6,170 students, or 50.56 percent of students who applied this year, compared to 5,802 students, or 48.97 percent of students who applied in fall 2007, decreasing the university's selectivity rate.

Waggoner said selectivity can be hard to manage because while trying to increase selectivity, you can decrease the actual number of students who enroll. He said even if applications increase,

if those applications are filled out by students who aren't very interested in TCU and who don't actually enroll at TCU, then the yield, or the number of students who accept offers of admission, could go down.

Ray Brown, dean of admission, said that is why the university offers admission to more students as the number of applications increases.

This fall, 12,203 students applied to TCU as compared with 11,847 students who applied to the university in 2007, according to the admissions office.

Lower selectivity this year is not a problem, but it is a concern, Waggoner said. It should not be the beginning of a trend, he said.

Minority

TCU admitted 1,421 minority students this fall, according to the unofficial numbers, as compared with 1,293 minority students in 2007. Minority en-

Campus works to be more tech savvy

University partners up with YouTube, Twitter, iTunesU

By Yusi Cheng
Staff Reporter

The university has partnered with three independent media outlets to publicize campus news and information, an official for the Center for Instructional Services said.

Jess Price, media producer for CIS, said the university has officially adopted Web sites with YouTube, Twitter and iTunes U to keep people connected to the school.

Twitter is a free social networking and blogging site.

Price said people can go to the Web site to sign up to receive university news either through the Web site or through their cell phones.

Price has put up videos of current activities on campus, guest speaker videos and visual tour clips on YouTube.com/TCU.

Price said YouTube.com/TCU and Twitter.com/TCU are already active, but the school has not officially started promoting these sites. So far there are more than 60 subscribers for Twitter.com/TCU and 20 subscribers for YouTube.com/TCU.

Shawn Kornegay, assistant director of communications, said the communication landscape is changing and TCU is keeping

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Federal well drying up for students seeking aid

By Jessica Reho
Staff Reporter

For senior communication studies major Floyd Hernandez, a Pell Grant made a TCU education a reality.

Without it, he said, he probably wouldn't be here.

Bush administration officials warned Congress the most important federal aid program, Pell Grants, may need up to \$6 billion in additional taxpayer funds next year due to the record numbers of college students seeking federal financial aid. The New York Times reported last week.

This has Hernandez and others worried.

"If funds were cut, it would put on a strain on my education here at TCU," Hernandez said. "If anything, more money should be put into appropriating these grants. Pell Grants give students like myself — who don't come from a wealthy background — opportunity."

Michael Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said a cut in funding would impact the students who receive them, but these students are a small percentage of the 7,471 undergraduate students at the university.

TCU students were awarded 884 Pell Grants last year, in the total amount of \$2,397,292, according to data from the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The Pell Grant, created in 1972, affords millions of low-income, traditional and nontraditional students with the opportunity to receive higher education.

Students reapply for aid each year, in essence, when they file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

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The Skiff View

Smoking ban defeat good call by SGA

Cigarettes can kill. Now smoke away.

The SGA House of Representatives defeated a resolution Tuesday that would propose a smoking ban from the Campus Commons and surrounding buildings. The resolution was defeated 22-16 in the House, with three members abstaining.

It's no secret cigarettes cause lung cancer, ruin teeth and ultimately cause the premature death of thousands of Americans each year. But banning smoking outside dorms and in the Campus Commons would have been a tremendously unnecessary inconvenience for a fairly large number of smokers on campus.

Smoking is an activity many college students indulge in and enjoy, and it's their right to do such a thing — not to be taken away by their peers. The freedom to smoke, just like the freedom to speak, organize and believe in whatever God one chooses, is a part of America's basic freedoms. College students, and every American for that matter, should be able to do as they please within the boundaries of the law, and those freedoms should not be taken away, no matter how unhealthy it is. As long as smokers are aware smoking is unhealthy, which they should be if they haven't been living under a rock for the past 50 years, then they should be able to light up outdoors anywhere on campus.

Bringing up a resolution like this wasn't a bad idea, and it's a testament to SGA that it properly debated the resolution and ultimately decided against it. That's what government is supposed to do, after all — acknowledge concerns, debate them and then decide a proper course of action.

So, TCU smokers are free continue to chain smoke outside Milton Daniel, the library or wherever. Rest assured that student government is looking out for students' freedom.

Managing editor Joe Zigtema for the editorial board

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

Students need not be married to cell phones



KRISTIN PRICE

While taking a needed nap, my phone dropped off my bed. When I woke up, I looked for my phone. I had to have my phone.

I finally saw it on the floor by my bed and as I reached for it, I chuckled at what I was thinking about. That's when I realized what needed to be called to our attention; not only mine, but every student on campus.

First, let me state that I had to do a lot of observation on campus.

I started my research by taking note of how many students in the quiet section at the library had their phones on the table next to them while they were studying. Out of 42 students, I counted 34 mobile phones in plain sight. I continued to observe. In the next half hour, 19 students either received a call, a text message or began texting another person. A few took their phones and left the library. I assumed they were going outside to use their phone.

It wasn't long before I realized that texting took about 10 to 15 minutes away from the student's study time. I also noticed that one student wanted to share with her friend what her incoming text message read. So she interrupted her friend, who was studying, to laugh about her incoming text.

My next observation was listening for phones during class. About 10 minutes into class one day last week, a song began to blare like a brass

band echoing through Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3. Of course, the student tried to find his phone as soon as he could to turn it off or put it on silent. The professor was not amused and reminded us all to turn our phones off before class.

I was finished with my observations until I watched a woman greet someone who was on his or her phone between classes — her friend did not even notice. I watched another woman who received a bad text message that made her cry right before class, and then I saw students being ignored while friends texted someone else during a conversation.

I wanted to try an experiment. I decided to leave my phone at home and study a solid four hours at the library. Surprisingly, I was actually able to leave my apartment, walk to the library, get my coffee, walk to the quiet section and sit down without ever having to deal with my mobile phone. Of course I was uncomfortable, but I got more studying done in those four hours than ever.

Make your phone calls before you study or go to class. Try texting your friends to inform them you will not be available during certain times of the day. This may include family members who are out of town. Not only will you feel better about how much you learned, you will feel less stress. Personally, I notice that I feel less pressure when my phone is not staring right at me.

I am not against mobile phones at all. We do need them in some circumstances, but sometimes making the smallest changes can have the biggest outcome. Try it today.

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Ugly Crocs contribute only to demise of fashion, society

JOEY PARR

We need to discuss an issue which we've all had to deal with recently. We've avoided it as long as we can, but this mockery must be stopped.

I'm going to come out and say it: Crocs shoes are ugly and worthless. I figured people would have come to this conclusion without an editorial, but my faith in mankind has been shattered. People have obsessed over these monstrosities for so long, they've been brainwashed into believing they are fashionable and trendy. I'm here to break the curse.

People really waste their time talking about these things, and they sound ridiculous doing it. During my extensive research on the subject, I took the opportunity to peruse the testimonial section of the Crocs Web site and made some priceless discoveries. After a visit to the local sweat shop, Gail Thompson from Oklahoma felt compelled to type up some lovely prose.

"When the sales lady told me how comfortable they were, I didn't believe her at first." Thompson said, "Then I ask to try on a pair of chocolate Crocs, and Cupid sprung his arrow and I was smitten. Wow!"

I think I just vomited in my mouth.

Sally Leibbrandt of Colorado threw her 8-year-old son at a birthday party and this is what she was most excited about:

"I realized most of the kids had Crocs on so I decided to take a picture not only of the kids but of their shoes! Red seems to be the color of choice for this crowd!"

This lady has nothing better to do with her life. It is a disgusting display of trend.

This is the mentality of most Crocs wearers. They think they are all trend-setters when they strut around with an entitled smirk and they expect people to stop them and ask about their weird shoes. And sure enough, they let strangers try them on in public, which is absolutely unacceptable! They spread the disease.

The real kicker is Beth Cauwels from Minnesota who says, "Once I discovered you make my favorite shoes in white, how could I not purchase them to wear at my wedding?"

Oh my God. I would have left her in San Juan on the way back from the honeymoon if she had pulled that number on me.

Some people might delude themselves into thinking that Crocs are made of rubber or plastic, but the truth is far more appalling. Crocs.com reports that the detestable shoes are made out of a compound known as Croslite PCCR; some scientific jargon that we're not supposed to understand, yet accept. I have done the work for you all and I am unhappy to report that Doctors Donovan and Whitworth

will be very upset when they hear that PCCR stands for Proprietary Closed Cell Resin, a petroleum-based substance.

Isn't petroleum that thing that we're running out of? I thought we were looking for alternative sources of energy, not thinking up dumber ways to waste what little we have left. It's all for the sake of an ugly shoe. Well, why don't you take that shoe, set it on fire, and put it in my gas tank so I can donate food to the local orphanage. Bottom line, Crocs keep orphans from eating. If you really want to save the world with your foot apparel, go to Tomshoes.com and buy a pair; children in Africa receive a free pair for each one purchased. Become an advocate for something that betters society. Don't try to make yourself feel special by buying an ugly shoe.

Part of living green is thinking about the long-term consequences of our actions and consciously making the altruistic decision to give up a few of our conveniences for the sake of mankind's future. Destroying these filthy shoes is one of those sacrifices. Join the cause; on Friday morning drop your Crocs off on the steps of Saylor Hall, the foundation of this great university, and let's put an end to this destructive menace.

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Media should respect athletes' privacy



DEREK VERHAGEN

Friday afternoon, I was sitting on my couch and catching up on the latest sports highlights from the week when I noticed a shocking story scroll across the bottom of the screen. Apparently Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young had confided in a therapist that he was considering suicide.

Initially I felt the shock that I am sure many of us shared. That feeling, however, quickly wore off and I was only left with disappointment. Not in Vince Young, but rather in the sports news network that I was watching. How was that story any of my business? If it is true then I certainly feel for Young and his family, but that is not the type of information that needs to be shared in sports news or anywhere else.

We watch these athletes week in and week out, and over time begin to feel like we actually know them. It is easy to forget that aside from extraordinary physical ability they are not much dif-

ferent from everyone else. The fact that they decide to use their ability to their advantage in professional sports does not entitle fans or media to dig into their personal lives.

We all have our skeletons in the closet, and if you look long enough you are bound to find something. It seems that the effects this type of probing has on professional athletes' lives is wildly underappreciated.

I am sure that as I watched that story scroll across the bottom of the screen Friday, somewhere Young and his family saw the same thing. As if things weren't already bad enough, think of the embarrassment that he must have felt when the entire nation cast judgment on him.

Alex Rodriguez was put in a similar situation this summer when his divorce was highly publicized. There are countless factors that go into a divorce, and it is almost certain that reports on them will either be biased or wholly untrue. I sincerely doubt that the media was any help to Rodriguez or his wife in the process. He is a baseball player, not a politician. What good does it do me to know about A-Rod's marital problems or Vince Young's apparent mental instability?

We put these athletes on a pedestal, but in doing so we forget that they are entitled to some privacy as well. We as

fans should cling to their play on the field rather than what is happening in their personal lives.

Often times when we hear about the media invading personal lives, it is with movie stars. It seems to me that although paparazzi can certainly get out of control, the invasion of actors' and actresses' personal lives is an important part of their work. Because of their high level of interaction, entertainers develop a closer relationship with their audience than athletes do with fans. An entertainer's entire livelihood depends on their image being pleasing to people. That image includes what they do on and off screen.

Athletes, on the other hand, have a very different relationship with fans. Aside from legal issues, their image should not be as important. Their job is to battle against the top talent in the world.

A sports game is not played for entertainment. The athletes are there because they want to compete, not to entertain people. The point is that the relationship between the fan and the athlete does not extend beyond the playing field. Fans should admire these people for their play on the field, not for their successes and failures in family life.

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Defensive Line

TCU: The Horned Frogs have the second best turnover differential in the nation with a positive three. A big reason for that is the play of junior Jerry Hughes, who has intercepted two passes and recovered three fumbles through four games.

OU: The No. 2 team in the nation has the second highest sacks per game average in the nation with four and 12 overall through three games. Junior Auston English was a first-team all-Big 12 selection after last season and has 2.5 sacks so far this season.

Advantage: **TCU**

Linebackers

TCU: The combination of Daryl Washington, Jason Phillips and Robert Henson continue to be the anchors of the No. 1 total defense

in the nation. Washington has 18 tackles on the season and is one of four Frogs to force a fumble on the season.

OU: Junior Ryan Reynolds is the most seasoned veteran of the Sooner linebackers, but a freshman is having a bigger impact so far this season. Redshirt freshman Travis Lewis is leading his team in tackles with 24 and sacks with three.

Advantage: **TCU**

Defensive Backs

TCU: The Horned Frog secondary has been causing chaos for opponents, having forced six of their opponent's 14 turnovers so far. Senior safety Steven Coleman leads the team in interceptions with three, is second on the team with four pass break-ups and has recovered a fumble.

OU: The Sooners rank 24th in the nation in pass defense, allowing 169.33 yards per game through the air. Senior defensive back Lendy Holmes is third on his team with 16

total tackles and has forced a fumble and recorded an interception.

Advantage: **TCU**

Special Teams

TCU: Last week against SMU, the special teams had some costly errors that led to the Mustangs having great field position, including two kickoffs out of bounds. Sophomore Jeremy Kerley is 16th in the nation and first in the Mountain West Conference with 18.56 yards per punt return.

OU: After losing its kicker to graduation last season, the Sooners have given kicking duties to redshirt freshman Jimmy Stevens, who has made his only field goal attempt and made 21 of 23 extra point attempts. Opponents have attempted four field goals against Oklahoma, but so far none have been successful.

Advantage: **OU**

Coaching

TCU: Gary Patterson has his

team leading the nation in total defense, time of possession and is second in turnover differential — three huge factors in a football game. Patterson is also the last coach to take a team into Norman, Okla., and leave with a win.

OU: Bob Stoops has had trouble in recent years winning the big games, and every coach will say their next game is the most important. Stoops had a bye week last week to rest his players and devise a plan to keep from being upset this week.

Advantage: **OU**

Prediction

As the old saying goes, defense wins championships while offense wins games. Oklahoma's offense should do enough to defeat TCU, but the game should also be closer than people think. **Oklahoma wins 20-13.**

Alaska team may host top-of-the-world game

By Kevin Klott
McClatchy Newspapers

Alaska's first Arctic football team is making a run to the postseason, and this week's regular season finale — not finger-numbing temperatures, not hungry polar bears, not high gas prices — will determine if the Barrow High Whalers will play host to a top-of-the-world playoff game.

With a victory over Delta Junction or a loss by conference rival Niskiki, the Whalers will earn their first home playoff game.

"It'll be historic," said Trent Blankenship, North Slope Borough School District's superintendent.

And possibly every bit as hostile as it was in the NFL's famed "Ice Bowl" championship game between Green Bay and Dallas in 1967.

It was minus 13 at kickoff for that game. Historical records show Barrow, the northernmost point in the United States, isn't quite that cold in early October, though.

But players are likely to be packing hand warmers inside their jersey and villagers will definitely be packing heat in case any polar bears show up.

"If the cold doesn't get you, then a polar bear could," joked Rus Schreckenghost of Alaska Schools Activities Association, the state's governing body of high school sports.

Polar bear sightings in town have been frequent lately. The bears live on sea ice and will prowl on land if the ice is near shore. They swim onto the Beaufort Sea shore right next to the football field.

"They're real hungry this time of year," Blankenship said.

Wildlife photographer John Gleason saw a polar bear walking next to the fenced-in football field two weeks ago. He said in an e-mail it was the closest he has seen a polar bear approach the field.

"Like the black bears on the golf courses in Anchorage, it's bound to

happen," he said.

His pictures, which have been posted on blogs and published statewide in newspapers, were taken at 10 a.m. on a Sunday — 24 hours after students from Hopson Middle School had played there.

Outdoor practices were canceled Sept. 15 due to the number of sightings, one coach said.

But no need to fear, football fans — at least that's what Barrow athletic director Frankie Arnhart said.

When the sea ice is near shore, Arnhart hires gun-slinging maintenance men to sweep the area clear of bears before game time.

"The polar bear patrol goes all around the area to make sure it's safe," he said. "But when activity is on the field, no bear has ever approached."

If a polar bear happened to get too curious and approached spectators, Arnhart said the guards would shoot rubber bullets to scare it off.

There are no bleachers surrounding the field, and many spectators watch from the safety of toasty vehicles.

The Whaler-blue artificial turf is protected by a chain-link fence.

If only there was a dome too.

With Niskiki and Barrow both heavily favored this week, the schools are expected to join Eielson in a three-way tie atop the Greatland Conference. Because of the logistics and expenses involved in scheduling teams separated by hundreds of miles, officials used a coin flip Monday to determine which two teams would get the home-field edge.

Barrow and Eielson, a school from an Air Force Base near Fairbanks, won.

Barrow's playoff game would be Oct. 4, when the average temperature is a frosty 21 degrees, according to the National Weather Service there.

Schreckenghost said there is no ASAA rule that would postpone a football game because of cold.

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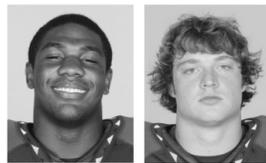
making the move to defensive end. During his senior season, Hughes compiled 1,412 yards and 19 rushing touchdowns, as well as three more receiving. He had an idea that he'd be changing positions because the team recruited him as a tailback and defensive end, he said.

"Then when I came here, my number was 98," Hughes said. "I really didn't see too many running backs with the number 98, so I kind of slowly got the hint there."

Panfil, a former safety and wide receiver, faced a similar situation two years earlier.

"That's a guy who came out of high school running a 4.5 who thought he was a safety," head coach Gary Patterson said. "We didn't think that was the case so we moved him to linebacker and now to defensive end. He gave up personal goals to help the team. He has risen to the occasion."

As a local product of North Crowley High School, Panfil



Hughes

Panfil

Football Game

What: No. 24 TCU vs. No. 2 Oklahoma
Where: Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium
When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: FSN SW

helped lead his high school squad to its first state title. At TCU, he played in all 13 games in 2006 as a reserve defensive end and special teams player. He made the switch to defensive end from linebacker in spring of 2006.

"Everything changes as far as the reads," Panfil said. "You have to relearn everything. Putting your hand down on the ground is totally different from a two-point stance, and sitting back five yards and being able to read everything. When you're on the line you have to react."

When Hughes entered the program as a freshman, Panfil, in his third year in the system, was active in helping the converted running back to learn the new position and

defensive scheme by being more hands-on than many other players, Hughes said. Panfil's mentoring helped to foster a big brother relationship between the ends, Hughes said. The two are also roommates at away games.

That relationship helped the duo coming into the season.

"It wasn't just one player having to step up," Hughes said. "Both ends have to step up. Both of them have to do better."

Through four games, Panfil has accumulated 3.5 sacks to lead the team with Hughes right at his heels with three. The two have added seven and 5.5 tackles for loss, respectively, which is also first and second on the team. The defense leads the nation yards per game

allowed.

"If everyone's going to kind of put us in the spotlight then we might as well shine in it and do our jobs," Hughes said.

For week one of the season, Hughes was honored as the Mountain West Conference player of the week with three tackles, a forced fumble and recovery and an interception. He's been responsible for turnovers in each of the first four games.

Hughes had a brief flashback to his days as a running back when he snagged his second interception of the season against SMU on a screen pass and took it back 24 yards for a touchdown.

"I just pictured myself back in my high school days tucking that ball and taking it for a long run," Hughes said, smiling while reminiscing on his first college touchdown.

Not to be outdone, Panfil earned Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors week three. He tallied five tackles, four for loss, a forced fumble and recovery and 3.5 sacks.

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"I played softball in high school, and I play on the greek softball intramural Alpha Delta Pi team now," Vaughn said. "I personally love watching and playing softball. I wish there was a team at TCU because I would definitely go to their games."

Johnson said patience is key.

"Adding a sport, unfortunately, is not something we can do with the snap of a finger, not if you are going to do it right," Johnson said. "If we are going to do it right, it means something that will take us time to be satisfied as an institution, a department and more than anything else, for a student athlete who's participating."

"I don't want the student body to think that we don't care about softball. What we're doing is

thinking what can we do to integrate more women on campus and in athletics. We really thought we could do that with equestrian."

Johnson said as far as new sports, sand volleyball, which has shown up on the NCAA's list of emerging sports, might be considered.

She couldn't say whether it would be softball, sand volleyball, or something else because the administration is waiting for the equestrian program to develop.

"We need to evaluate the needs of the athletic department and what women on campus might be interested in, and then make a decision from there," Johnson said. "If we are approached about students with suggestions about sports they'd like to see on campus, we'd be more than happy to

hear those suggestions."

TCU's women's equestrian team won the national championship in April of this year. It was the first national championship for TCU since the women's golf

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Kim Johnson

Kim Johnson, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator

team won the national championship in 1983, according to TCU's athletics Web site.

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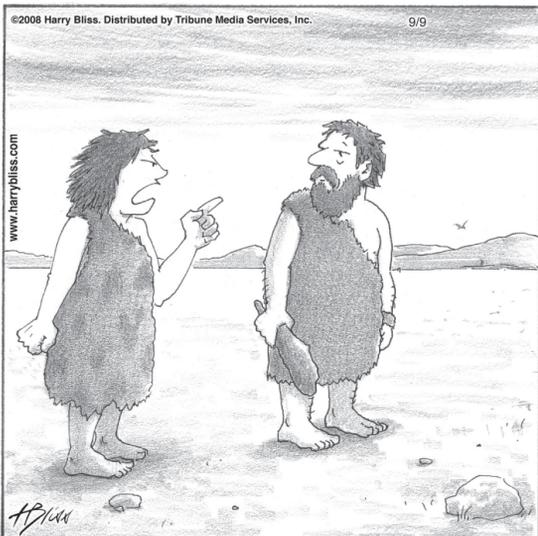
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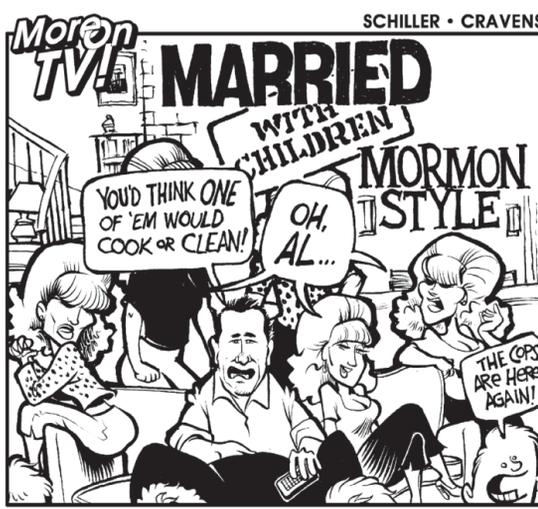
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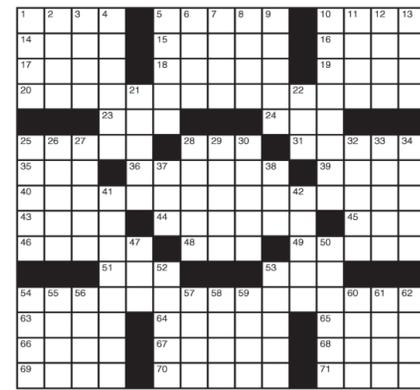
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Jerry Hughes, right, and Matt Panfil, 42, celebrate with teammates after Hughes recovered a fumble during the 67-7 victory against Stephen F. Austin. PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Photographer

Pair of defensive ends filling void

By Robert Bember
Sports Reporter

Matt Panfil probably won't read this article. He says he tries not to read anything because he and fellow defensive end Jerry Hughes don't need to be told that they have huge shoes to fill this season left by their predecessors Tommy Blake and Chase Ortiz.

They don't need to be told that Blake and Ortiz combined for 50 sacks in their careers. They don't need to be told they're replacing a

former Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year and a three-time first-team all-conference selection. They don't need to be told that the pair helped lead the team to three straight wins in bowl games, a conference championship in 2005 and a combined record of 30-7.

Shaquille O'Neal and his size 22 feet would have trouble filling those.

"Me and Pan know we have big shoes to fill with Ortiz and Tommy's stats thrown at us," Hughes, a junior, said. "So at some points it was kind

of a pressure thing, but at the same time it was kind of cool to have the pressure and to see what you're going to do and how you're going to turn out in your position."

Panfil, a fifth-year senior, said he puts enough pressure on himself to do his best.

The two took a positive approach to their roles behind the two stars in the early years of their career by trying to learn from them, Hughes said.

Hughes said Ortiz would emphasize the technicality of the game

while Blake encouraged them to use their natural ability, telling Hughes that if you can run by your man, then do it.

During Hughes' freshman year, he and Blake got into a discussion about who was the fastest defensive end. The dispute ended with Hughes putting his 4.5 second 40-yard dash time against Blake in a losing effort.

Both Blake and Hughes shined as running backs in high school before

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TCU VS. OU MATCHUP

Sooners showdown to be better game than you think

By Billy Wessels
Sports Editor

Quarterbacks

TCU: Sophomore Andy Dalton continues to be successful running the Horned Frogs' offense and protecting the ball, in both his passing and rushing. Dalton has accumulated just under 800 yards of total offense through four games this season, 606 yards passing and 184 rushing yards.

OU: Fellow sophomore Sam Bradford is considered a Heisman trophy candidate and has played well enough this season so far to show he deserves the recognition, throwing for 882 yards and 12 touchdowns this season.

Advantage: OU

Runningbacks

TCU: So far this season, the Horned Frogs have eight different rushers with more than 10 carries and three with more than 40, proving several different players can get the job done. The return of playmaker senior Aaron Brown is another weapon the Horned Frogs can use coming out of the backfield.

OU: The Sooners have not used as many different backs as the Frogs have, with just three rushers with more than 10 carries, but sophomore DeMarco Murray has done well rushing the ball. Murray leads the Sooners in carries (46) and yards (312) and has scored three times.

Advantage: TCU

Wide Receivers

TCU: So far, 13 different Frogs have caught passes this season, but sophomore Jimmy Young is the only one with more than eight grabs. Young has 237 yards receiving, which is 136 yards more than the next closest teammate, junior Shae Reagan with 101.

OU: Bradford has spread the ball to his receivers more evenly than Dalton has — four different receivers have 10 or more grabs. Jaquinn Iglesias had 907 yards receiving and five touchdowns last season and is on his way to matching those results this year with 205 yards and three scores through three games.

Advantage: OU

Offensive Line

TCU: The offensive line for the Frogs has allowed just three sacks and has continued to allow the rest of the offense to move the ball down the field via the running game. Senior center Blake Schlueter is the lone member of the offensive line to have experience playing in the game against Oklahoma in 2005.

OU: The Sooners returned all five starters on the offensive line from last season, including left tackle Phil Loadholt, who at 6 feet 8 inches is the tallest player in Oklahoma history. Left guard Duke Robinson was a consensus All-America last season.

Advantage: OU

Linebackers

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Defensive Backs

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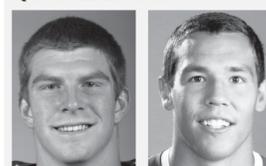
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Special Teams

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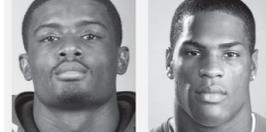
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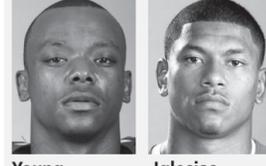
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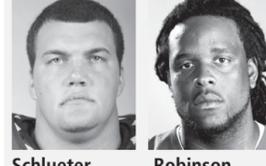
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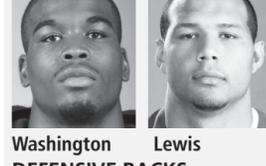
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ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

TCU could field a new team as soon as 2011

By Phil Mann
Staff Reporter

TCU is among the University of Wyoming and Air Force Academy as the only three schools in the Mountain West Conference

that do not field a women's softball team.

Tyler Lockwood, a junior starting pitcher for the university's baseball team, said he doesn't understand why TCU wouldn't have a team.

"[Softball] was a pretty big deal in high school," Lockwood said. Lockwood said he isn't clear on the guidelines of how a team is made, but he thinks a softball team would give women fair recognition.

"I have asked before about why we don't have a softball team, but I have never gotten an answer," Lockwood said.

Kim Johnson, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator, said she wants to clear up any confusion.

She said the main reason TCU does not have a softball team is because TCU added women's equestrian in 2006.

"We want women to have opportunities here, and we have to think about what gives us the best mode for providing opportunity," Johnson said. "In 2005 when there was discussion for adding a sport, I was not here, but I can comfortably say the administrator looked at our situation in terms

of resources, and equestrian best fit TCU."

According to TCU's athletics Web site, equestrian is one of 10 women's sports programs at TCU, compared to only eight men's sports programs. Rifle, volleyball, soccer and equestrian are four women-only teams. Baseball and football are the two male-only teams.

Johnson said TCU examines its resources every five years to see if it can add another sport. The plan started in 2006 with the emergence of the equestrian team.

"We're always thinking what else can we do. It's not that softball is off the radar or any other sport for that fact," Johnson said.

Samantha Vaughn, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said she is upset there is no softball team on campus and feels the university would benefit from school spirit.

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