



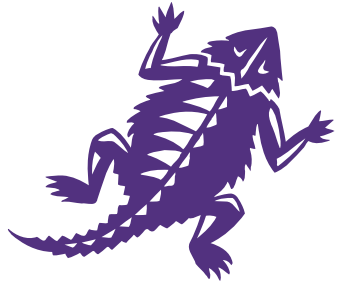
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## Police suspect attempted kidnappings related

By LIZ DAVIS and CALLIE COX  
Staff Reporters

Two men arrested after an attempted kidnapping of a female student early Saturday morning may have been involved in two other kidnapping attempts in the area, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

The connections between the attempted kidnapping of the 21-year-old student and the two other attempted kidnappings during the last week are still under investigation, said Lt. Paul Henderson, Fort Worth

Police spokesman.

The most recent victim and her friends were cutting through a parking lot on the 3100 block of Green Avenue, near several nightclubs adjacent to the university, at about 3 a.m. when the victim turned a corner ahead of her friends and was assaulted by an unknown suspect while another suspect waited in a vehicle, Henderson reported in a news release.

When the victim's friends caught up to her, she was on the ground with the suspect on

top of her beating her on the head, according to the release. The suspect was later identified as Victor Garcia, 23. Witnesses on the scene gave the license plate number to the police.

The victim's friends confronted Garcia and he entered a black Tahoe where the second suspect was waiting and fled the scene, according to the release. The other suspect was later identified as Jose Alberto Chavollo, 19.

Henderson said during the investigation an officer patrolling N. University Drive saw

a black Chevrolet Tahoe that matched the witnesses' description on Vickery Boulevard. The officer followed the Tahoe and stopped it in the 3400 block of Clover Lane, according to the release. The driver of the vehicle, Garcia, sped off as the officer approached the Tahoe, Henderson reported in the release.

The suspects led police on a pursuit that ended in the 4600 block of Driskell Boulevard, Henderson said. There, both suspects abandoned the vehicle and continued on foot, according

to the release, and police apprehended Chavollo.

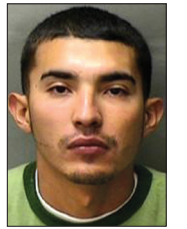
Chavollo was arrested on charges of aggravated kidnapping, evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance, according to the release.

When the police were able to identify Garcia, a warrant was issued for his arrest. About 9 p.m. Saturday, Fort Worth police and the U.S. Marshals Service arrested Garcia on a charge of aggravated kidnapping, Henderson said.

According to the release, the



CHAVOLLO



GARCIA

victim was taken to Harris Methodist Hospital to get her wounds treated but her injuries were not life threatening.

Both men were jailed and had not been released as of Tuesday, according to the Mansfield Jail.

## SWEETEST SONG



Photo courtesy GLEN ELLMAN

TCU clarinet player Myoung Song performs at the School of Music Concerto Competition at Ed Landreth Hall in Spring 2007. Song performed with the Fort Worth Symphony on Aug. 31 as part of a series of community concerts and will play twice more this weekend.

By CALLIE COX  
Staff Reporter

A graduate student will be the clarinet soloist performer with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra this weekend after winning the TCU Concerto Competition last year.

Myoung Song, a 40-year-old wife and mother, will be playing the clarinet for the second time with an orchestra.

Born and raised in Korea, Song said she began playing the clarinet in high school. Song went to college to learn music, but after having an unfair conductor, she quit playing when she graduated, she said.

Song soon married and moved to Texas in 1996 so her husband could go to school, she said. After he graduated, they had to return to Korea because of difficulties with their visas. Two years later, they came back to Texas and have been here ever since.

Since college, Song said she has played the clarinet every Sunday in church. Three years ago, she said she decided to really start playing again and wanted to go back to school.

Song said she wanted to go to TCU, but because of low grades from college she failed her entrance exam.

"I was very disappointed and dis-

couraged," she said. "I knew I cannot change the past, I could only change the future."

Song's professor, Gary Whitman, helped her take the right classes, she said. A year later after making all A's in her music theory and history classes, she was accepted into the School of Music.

"It's like a Cinderella story," Whitman said. "She is very charming and hard-working. She is a delight and pleasure to teach."

Song said she loves studying under Whitman.

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## Sexual assault suspect gets bail

By MEGAN MOWERY  
Staff Reporter

A former football player charged with sexual assault was issued bail after being in custody in the Tarrant County Jail for about 300 days.

Jones, Shannon Behling, 20, and Virgil Allen Taylor, 19, were arrested Oct. 20 on sexual assault charges for an assault of a fresh-

JONES

man student police say took place in a Moncrief Hall dorm room, according to court documents.

Behling and Taylor each posted \$25,000 bail bonds after their arrests but have not yet been assigned a court date, said Jerry Rucker, Tarrant County Records Division manager.

Jones then jumped bail and was arrested Nov. 10 for bail-jumping, Rucker said.

State District Judge Wayne Salvant reinstated bail for Jones on Thursday: \$25,000 on the sexual assault charge and \$5,000 on the bail-jumping charge, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Jones was not issued bail

before last week because he violated probation, Rucker said.

Even if Jones posts the \$5,000 bond for the bail-jumping charge, he cannot leave because there is a hold on the assault charge, Rucker said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, was unable Tuesday to confirm if the students have been expelled from TCU, but their contact information was not found in the university directory.

Mills said in October that faculty and staff would listen to evidence about the incident and reach an agreement about what actions should be taken.

He had said the recommendation from the disciplinary hearing committee to the university would likely include expulsion.

MORE ONLINE



Read more about the case in the Skiff archives at [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com)

## SGA proposes ID cards used at football games

By ALLIE BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association approved a resolution Tuesday to consider the use of ID cards at TCU sporting events.

The resolution was passed unanimously after it was presented at the weekly house meeting.

According to Bill 94-2, SGA representatives support the use of student ID cards at all sporting events, and rather than having the money go on send home, the representatives propose to have the money taken directly from each student's individual meal plan.

Other points discussed included:

- The passing of legislation 94-1, a movement to support the eventual allocation of \$5,000 toward Integrity Week.

- An update on the construction of the Frisbee Golf Course. Representatives are working to make sure the course is campus-friendly.

- Programming Council upcoming events including homecoming and family weekend held September 22 and 29, respectively.

- 5,300 SGA purple planner calendars have been distributed already. The planners are still available through SGA.

- SGA funds a lawyer to be available every Wednesday in the reading room.

- An update on the status of student ID card usage off campus. A call to legislation on the topic was introduced spring 2005 and continues to be pursued.

The next house meeting will take place next at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center room 222.

## Campus advertising firm hires fresh face

By DIANA ALVAREZ  
Staff Reporter

Just in time for Real World Integrated Marketing Communications' first anniversary, a new hire will bring years of expertise to the agency.

TCU's student-managed marketing communications and public relations agency has hired a 13-year veteran as copy chief.

RITSCH

Real World now has Margaret Ritsch as one of two advisers to the agency. The agency provides students the opportunity to work on promotional campaigns for non-profit organizations.

Ritsch took the position after the retirement of Jack Raskopf, former director of the agency. Ritsch started her job a week before the beginning of classes and is already involved in some of the agency's fall projects.

Ritsch said she also has plans to become an adjunct faculty member for the

advertising/public relations department.

Claudia Butts, new director of the agency, said Ritsch will help the agency expand its public relations capabilities.

"Margaret will assist our students with their clients' PR needs," Butts said. "Her vast experience in the industry, along with her newspaper background, will really help us grow in that area."

Ritsch received her Master's of Art in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked

as director of public affairs for the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History for three years. Before that, Ritsch spent seven years working in Washington, D.C., doing public relations work, including working with Lipman Hearne, one of the nation's leading marketing consulting and communications firms serving the non-profit sector.

Ritsch said the decision to leave the museum and join Real World came at a good time.

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BEIJING - China has punished three policemen for detaining and fining two young lovers for hugging in public on the Chinese version of Valentine's Day. — Reuters

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**CLARINET**

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"He gives the best advice, treats me the same as all the other students and, most importantly, he trusts me," Song said.

Last year, when Song won TCU's Concerto Competition, which was founded by German Gutierrez, associate professor of music and director of orchestral studies at TCU, it was her first competition to compete in.

After Song played with the TCU symphony in February, Gutierrez said he had many e-mails from people who went to the concert and were praising her performance.

Song played with the Fort Worth Symphony on Saturday as part of a series of community concerts and will play twice more this weekend.

Gutierrez will be the guest conductor for the performances.

"I was just a housewife, baby sat, cleaned and just sat at home. My life has totally changed," Song said.

**REAL WORLD**

From page 1

"I was looking for something new, something where I could work with young people," Ritsch said. "I wanted an environment that was family-friendly and creative. When I saw the job was available, it immediately jumped out at me."

Ritsch said the agency's focus on nonprofit organizations appealed to her the most.

"I've been working with nonprofit organizations for seven years," Ritsch said. "My heart is with the nonprofit sector."

Ritsch said the hardest part of the transition is getting used to not actually working but watching and advising the students.

"I forget that I need to step back and remember that this is the students' job, not mine," Ritsch said.

Jeramey Kraatz, who works at Real

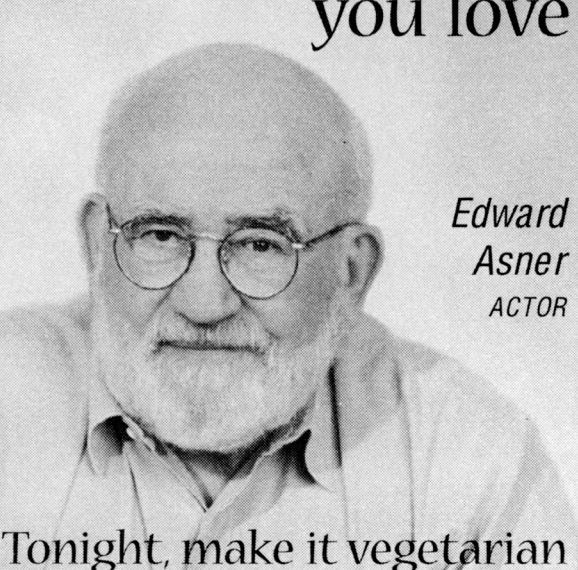
World, said Ritsch brings good energy to the agency and has great ideas for upcoming projects.

"She is so energetic and ready, and she has a lot of great experience," said Kraatz, a senior advertising/public relations and English major.

While there is no official collaboration with Ritsch's former employer, Butts said, they hope the opportunity to work with the museum will arise. Some of their new clients for the fall include Jubilee Theatre, Casa of Tarrant County and Gill Children's Services, Butts said.



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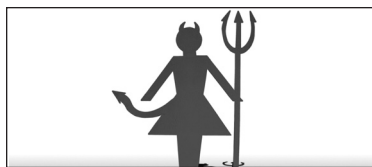
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"When you choose the lesser of two evils, always remember that it is still an evil."

— Max Lerner

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**No excuse for Patterson's lie**

Gary Patterson has been consistently tight-lipped during most of his time at TCU, but few thought before last week that the words he did utter might be laced with half-truths.

Patterson admitted in Friday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he lied to reporters about senior Tommy Blake's condition, saying the star defensive end was out with a stomach bug when he was actually hospitalized.

It's much more than just a little white lie, though, because he didn't just lie to reporters. He lied to the fans.

It may have started as a lie to a couple of reporters, but that information was passed along to every football fan who picked up the next day's paper.

The worst part about the whole thing is that he didn't see anything wrong with it. Had he lied about it, taken it back and acknowledged the mistake that would be one thing.

Instead, he flat-out said he saw nothing wrong with telling whatever version of the truth was most convenient at the time.

Patterson told the Star-Telegram: "I don't

have a problem saying that I made something up."

That could cast doubt on past statements and maybe even future ones.

Sure he was in a hard place. Student privacy laws create sticky situations, especially when compounded with medical privacy issues.

That makes the initial lie almost understandable — except that he told the original fib 10 days ago and didn't correct himself until late last week.

And it's not like this was Patterson's first go-around with reporters. He's handled plenty of scandals as head coach.

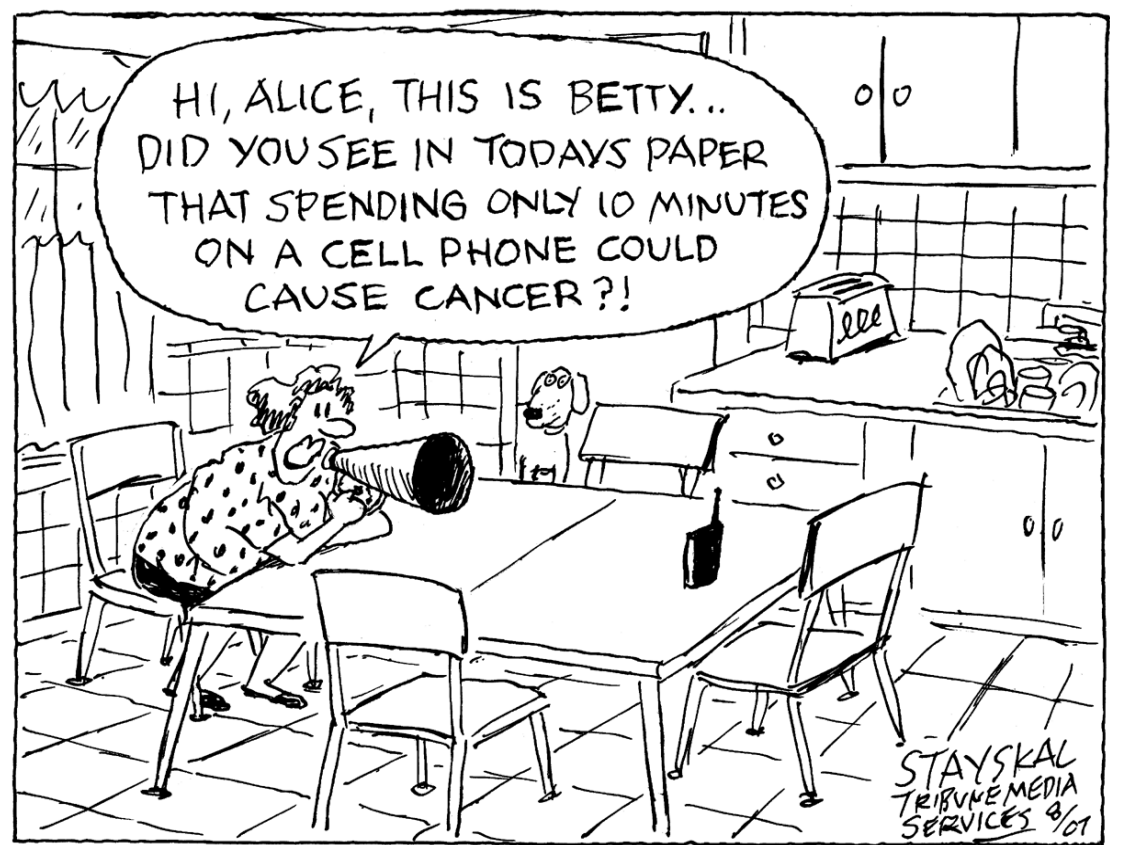
He had to have known the question was coming when one of the star players didn't show up. Even a "no comment" would have been better.

Patterson has become the face of the university through the years. It's likely more people can identify Patterson than the chancellor.

To have one of the most prominent people at the university lying in public, to the public, is just plain inexcusable.

*Editor in chief Andrew Chavez for the editorial board.*

**BY WAYNE STAYSKAL**



**Celebrity news not real news**

The American TV news media are the sources that most of us trust to bring us up to date on the goings on around the world. Said media, however, are becoming increasingly

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poisoned with trash that has no place on the airwaves.

No, I'm not talking about the conservative slant of Fox News or CNN's supposed liberal bias. While the coverage may have a partisan viewpoint to it, it's still news. There are other, much more insidious programs clogging the airwaves and rotting brains across the nation.

Take, for example, celebrity news shows. For every legitimate story that outlets such as "Entertainment Tonight" and "Extra" air — stories that could be found on other major news networks — they devote about three-quarters of the programming to stories such as Dom Deluise's wedding or John Madden's dog getting neutered.

Look, I'm not even sure who Dom Deluise is or what he does. All I know is that I don't care what color his tuxedo is going to be. Yes, instead of airing an insight-

ful news program or a new hit sitcom, major networks choose to air this. Have a headache yet?

Celebrity news takes on a whole new level of excessiveness in the midst of scandal. This summer, during the Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan debacles, all the cable news channels felt the need to air biographies on the disenchanted paparazzi queens. So, instead of seeing an expose about tainted meat in Iowa, we get to see Paris Hilton's life story unfold in front of our very eyes. Look, I can concede that Hilton's arrest and imprisonment should drum up minor media interest, but how much does the average American care that her dad gave her a crystal pony covered in gold for her 11th birthday? Probably zilch.

Celebrities aren't the only ones getting unnecessary face time in lieu of actual news. Take "Nancy Grace" on CNN Headline News. On her show, Grace, a former prosecutor, gives a rundown of violent crimes nationwide. Not only that, but she feels the need to insert her own commentary into every news blurb. In her commentary, she bashes the criminals that the show covers, calling their acts such things as "despicable" and "horrifying."

Hmmm. You know, I thought violent crimes were

just peachy keen until Nancy Grace convinced me otherwise. Thank you for opening the eyes of America to the fact that murder and rape are bad and deserve to be stigmatized because until your show began airing, we were a lawless society devoid of any moral compass.

Look, I'm sure Nancy is a good woman who reads to her kids every night and sings the praises of monogamy, but do we really need her to assault us with the fact that violent crime is bad? Do we need someone to tell us what we already know? Seems like a waste of air-time.

Why do networks air these mindless shows? One word: ratings. Sure, it's tempting to watch big words in a variety of font sizes fly across the screen on "Entertainment Tonight." I've had a friend liken watching Nancy Grace's venomous, albeit hollow, rants to watching a train wreck during the Second Coming of Christ.

It can be hard to turn away sometimes, but such empty programming won't disappear from the airwaves until the average TV viewer begins to tune it out. Do your part, view smart.

*David Hall is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears Wednesdays.*

**Homemaking concentration a step back for modern women**

Do you remember middle school and how everyone was required to take home economics?

**COMMENTARY**



*Ericka Strickland*

Boys and girls alike crowded together in a classroom and learned about sewing on buttons, baking the perfect cookie and other trivial basics of domestic life.

At Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary one can revisit home economics with a 23-hour homemaking concentration with classes such as Homemaking Practicum, The Value of a Child, Clothing Construction Lab, Biblical Model for the Home and Family and Meal Preparation Lab.

There is one problem: it is only open to women.

No men are allowed. The Web site at Southwestern states "the program endeavors to prepare women to model the characteristics of the godly woman outlined in Scripture."

In 1 Timothy 2:11 the apostle Paul told women to "learn." But are women only capable of learning what is in the home?

Of course women are allowed to take other courses, but doesn't it seem that if a concentration is only open to women it places a strong emphasis on what the college of that concentration believes women are capable of?

In a world where women are running for president and fighting in wars, it seems counter-productive to place restrictions based on gender because the concentration offers cooking classes.

There are more stay-at-home fathers and single dads than ever — wouldn't they benefit from a homemaking concentration? It feels all too "Leave it to Beaver" to me.

I thought the world was more progressive than what Southwestern is representing it to be. The president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Paige Patterson said, "wives of seminary students were asking for homemaking courses."

In addition to Patterson's remarks, the Dean of Women's Programs, Terri Stovall, explained the woman-only rule stating, "the homemaking concentration within the Bachelor of Arts in humani-

ties is only open to women because it was requested by women and is tailored to women and seeks to model biblical womanhood."

And while the program will most certainly be beneficial to women, it seems it would be far more beneficial if it were open to both genders. Why not tailor it for both men and women?

Only giving women this "opportunity" is ignoring the fact that men probably need the same. I don't really know of a man who would enroll as a homemaking major but I do know of some men who would be pleased to have the option to take classes where they could learn about family, clothing and cooking.

To only allow women in the concentration is keeping the door firmly shut on womanhood — placing women in the home and men at the workplace. There seems to be no room for interchange, learning and growth.

The walls built on gender roles seem to have a hard time coming down, especially when we keep rebuilding them.

*Ericka Strickland is a junior religion major from Plano.*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Animal cruelty unacceptable**

In response to your article "Capacity for pain not excuse to grant animals equal rights" (8/29/07), it was disappointing to see Mr. Lucas frantically searching for reasons to justify the deliberate exploitation of animals. For example, he states that since "animals, to the best of our knowledge, cannot grant us the same rights back," they are then somehow not of any notable value. Surely he would agree that even though infants or the mentally handicapped are unaware of their relationship with others, it is unacceptable to treat them as property and abuse them in any way we please. It is no more acceptable to abuse a cow or pig than it would be to abuse a dog, cat or even an infant child. They all feel the same levels of pain, and studies have shown that farm animals' intelligence levels often equal, if not exceed, those of domestic animals and human children.

Yet, on today's factory farms, chickens have their beaks seared off with a hot blade, pigs are crammed into tiny spaces that don't even allow them turn around and cows are often skinned and dismembered while fully conscious. Cruelty like this is standard in an industry that refuses to make even the most basic changes in the way they treat their animals. If these kinds of abuses were done to cats or dogs, it would be grounds for felony cruelty to animals charges.

With so many vegetarian and vegan products widely available these days, including barbecue "riblets" and "steak" strips, there's no excuse for continuing to support such cruelty. Those who are interested in learning more about vegetarianism or animal rights should visit [www.peta2.com](http://www.peta2.com), where they can order a free vegetarian starter kit.

*Ryan Huling is the College Campaign Coordinator for [peta2.com](http://peta2.com)*

**Teens value family in spite of stereotypes**

Back in the summer of 1971, the narrator was saying, he, 15-year-old Kevin Arnold, had experienced more vacation-imposed family togetherness than his teenage soul could stand.

The protagonist of "The Wonder Years" wanted nothing more than to escape the suffocation of his parents and learn for himself one of those disquieting realities: At some point, all roads don't lead home anymore.

TV it might be, but that's the image we've come to expect of teenagers. You know them — you might have one or more living in your house. They disappear into their rooms without so much as a "see you later," balk at mandatory family events, text-message their friends incessantly, offer the woefully unsatisfying "OK, I guess" when asked how their day went.

Now comes MTV, trying to tell us that family makes teenagers happy.

That's not a fake news show concoction but rather the result of a survey of 1,280 young people ages 13-24 interviewed for an MTV/Associated Press study.

When asked, "What one thing in life makes you most happy?" 20 percent said spending time with family. That outranked friends, spouses, God, pets and even listening to music.

And when asked about degrees of contentment, 73 percent said their relationship with their parents made them very or somewhat happy. That was behind listening to music (88 percent) but ahead of boyfriend/girlfriend (39 percent), money (37 percent) or "stuff" (71 percent).

"Parents are seen as an overwhelmingly positive influence in the lives of most young people," MTV's online report says about the study.

MTV, which supposedly has its finger on the youth pulse, calls the results remarkable. But should they be?

Just because teenagers want independence doesn't mean they crave the chaos of being plunked onto some deserted island to start their own society. (Oops, wrong network — that's CBS doing what critics are calling "Lord of the Flies" TV.)

Just because they don't respond effusively to interrogation, friendly or otherwise, doesn't mean they don't want their opinions considered.

Just because they want privacy doesn't mean they don't appreciate support, a sympathetic ear, a place where they can be themselves.

Just because they appear to ignore almost everything you say doesn't mean they aren't soaking it up for later use.

Just because times have changed doesn't mean the fundamental value of family has.

Sometimes I worry about not doing the old-fashioned Sunday dinner together that's still traditional in many families. Instead, we steal

family time on long drives to baseball games, soccer games, you-name-it games and the meals afterward. On the multiple short drives to and from school. On occasional afternoons or evenings when we magically find downtime.

When the iPods are off and the conversation seems random, that's when the most enlightening revelations occur. You learn about the bands they like and don't, details about their friends, events at school they never thought to share, places they went without telling you, things they've heard and seen that they knew you'd find inappropriate, their views about the world and their place in it.

And if you listen well, it shouldn't be surprising that family matters to them as much as it does to you.

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# READY TO ROLL



**LEFT:** During the pep rally, Geoff Aaron, winner of 10 U.S. trial championships and 73 career national wins, performed motorcycle stunts after a performance by the marching band and the TCU showgirls. **ABOVE:** Mary Ruth Jones leads football fans in TCU cheers during a pep rally at the Kelly Alumni Center parking lot Friday.

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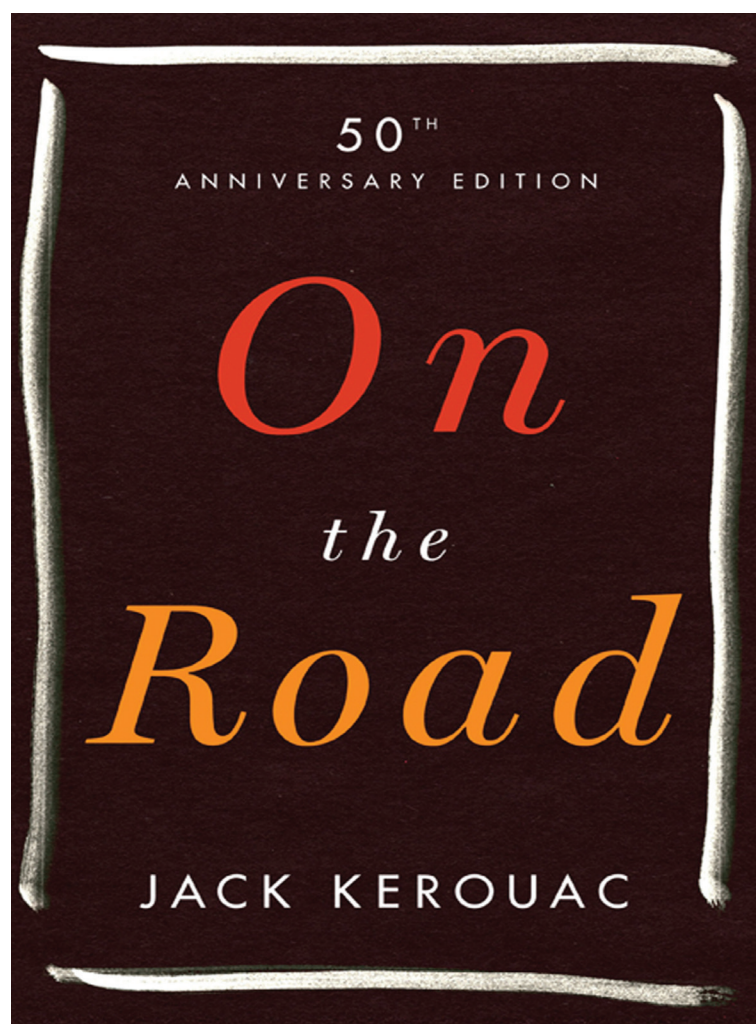
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# HIT THE ROAD, JACK



## Faculty, staff share thoughts on Beat novel

By SAEROM YOO  
Features Editor

Today is the 50th anniversary of the publication of Jack Kerouac's "On the Road," a fictional autobiography inspired by Kerouac's travels throughout the country. Kerouac struggled to find his place in postwar America and eventually rejected the cultural and social norms of his era, according to his biography on biblio.com. Kerouac conveyed this attitude through his stream-of-consciousness rhetoric, which was purposefully spontaneous and non-conformist. He shared this style with several of his contemporaries, such as William S. Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg. The three are now known as the "Beat Generation," a term Kerouac created.

Kerouac's influence was widespread and defeated the confines of time, and as Daniel Williams, chairman of the English department, said, the novel is an icon of American culture. His prose style shaped the works of many writers that followed, such as Tom Robbins, Lester Bangs and Richard Brautigan. Musicians who borrowed inspiration from Kerouac include The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, Morrissey and Jim Morrison.

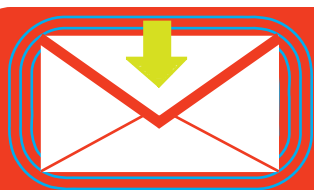
A social group called "Beatniks" emerged who, according to a 1950s San Francisco Chronicle columnist who coined the term, are anomalous compared to mainstream society and probably pro-communism. Although Herb Caen grossly generalized the Beatniks through his stereotypi-

cal mockery, thousands of youth in college and high school campuses proudly called themselves Beatniks.

The Beatnik lifestyle became the underlying foundation of a number of countercultural groups that followed Kerouac's time, such as hippies and punks.

The New York Times reported in an Aug. 15 article that 100,000 copies of "On the Road" are sold every year, partially because many high schools and universities teach the novel. TCU has offered courses that teach Kerouac in the past, however, none of them are being taught this semester, Williams said.

Kerouac has also made his mark on various members of the university.

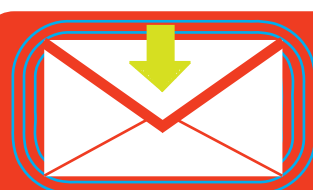


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**FROM:** Sociology professor  
Michael Katovich



Jack Kerouac was one of many post-World War II drifters who took to the road to find time and space. The road is a key metaphor in American culture in that we associate it with creation and transformation. Our nation began as interconnected bodies of water through which we navigated with various boats. As we built our culture and society, we also built our roads. The road represents the creation and re-creation of time, space and the self. Kerouac caught the representation in a unique way, as a drifter who, with the help from his friends, especially Dean Moriarty, establishes purpose. Kerouac and the "beat movement" became known as a purposive alternative — one that could entwine a new ethic of drift with a more traditional ethic of mission. Kerouac and Moriarty transform the landscape into their own quest to find the inverted corners of the American Dream.

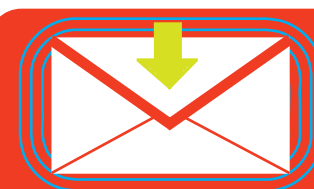


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**FROM:** English graduate  
instructor John Burkett



During my undergraduate years, I neglected my textbooks and read the authors who could instruct and speak to my formless soul. When I was a junior, I discovered Jack Kerouac. One whole morning I spent alone with Kerouac, sitting, standing and excitedly walking around campus as he spoke to me from his soul. He was not a famous, \$1,000 professor, but he had written \$5 novels in the 1950s, and I preferred his company. The beatnik author seemed to know my experience and longings, and his stream-of-consciousness style in "On the Road" probed the depths of human nature in a way my textbooks would never attempt.

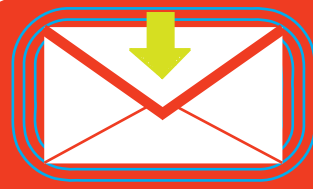


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**FROM:** Director of  
Admissions for the  
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Stan Hagadone



I first encountered "On the Road" as a teenager in a small town in Central Texas and it awakened me to possibilities that extended beyond the narrow confines of my provincial existence. I was moved by the sense of exhilaration and freedom expressed by Sal Paradise and Dean Moriarty and their openness to new experiences. From a personal standpoint, the most lasting impact of the novel was the way it led me to other "Beat" writers such as William S. Burroughs, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Allen Ginsberg and to an appreciation of modern jazz that continues to this day. My hope is for a new generation of novelists and poets who will again question authority and demonstrate the ability of the individual to transcend social conformity.



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**FROM:** Director of  
International Student  
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For me, Jack Kerouac is impossible to dismiss, from his early days in Lowell, (Mass.) to his last years in Big Sur (Calif.) and back east. He broke into our atmosphere, a piece of interstellar debris, and if in the literary world his stream of consciousness would become its own form, it was mimicked in the world he inhabited by his actions, at times shining and at other times wretched and tragic. "On the Road" is a ship's log and at the same time a treasure map, and anyone who has ever taken a "road trip" has participated in something that not only goes forward but also backward, past Kerouac and Dante and Cervantes, all the way to Homer. What Kerouac did was simply translate those works into a language being spoken by a new generation.



# Volleyball returns after tournament win

By MARY SUE GREENLEAF  
Staff Writer

After a three-match sweep at the Maine Invitational that helped the team earn its first tournament championship of the season, the volleyball team returns home for a contest with the University of Texas at Arlington at 7 p.m.

The team is coming off an impressive performance in Maine, beating Cincinnati in five sets on Saturday and sweeping Maine in the opening and championship rounds to complete the weekend. Senior deep setter Calli Corley and sophomore outside hitter Lauren Otto led the weekend attack, pacing the barrage with double digit performances in digs and kills.

Last weekend's performance was a great confidence booster and it helped the girls in "picking up on what needs to be improved

"We're working to make ourselves better every time we step on the court."

**Prentice Lewis**  
head volleyball coach

upon," junior setter Nirelle Hampton said.

Head coach Prentice Lewis said the dynamic performance in Orono, Maine helped build and strengthen the team as it continues the rest of the season.

"We're working to make ourselves better every time we step on the court," Lewis said.

The team is excited to have the opportunity to play at home, especially because of the close proximity between UTA and TCU, Lewis said.

"No matter what, if it's Arlington and TCU it's going to be a battle," Lewis said. "I guarantee it's going to be a good match."

Some of the players, such

as Otto, even have close connections with UTA — making this rivalry even more of a grudge match.

"My sister goes to UTA, my mom and dad both graduated from there, and the coaches were my club coaches," Otto said. "Knowing the people there makes it more fun. Having a home match against a team so close is exciting for the team because it's an opportunity for fan support and family support."

After a grueling five-game loss against UTA last year, the team is eager for revenge and excited at the prospect of another shot at the Mavericks, especially with two spring wins against UTA under its belt.



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Lauren Otto spikes the ball back during a match against UTA in Fall 2007.

## QUICK SPORTS

Sophomores lead offensive attack, reverse fortunes to secure opening weekend split

After falling to the No. 9 University of Texas Longhorns in its Friday opener, the soccer team was able to pull to .500 on the young season after downing Utah State Aggies on Sunday.

During the 3-1 loss to the Longhorns in Austin, the team was able to muster 13 total shots with only five of them being on goal — only the number of Texas' shots on goal.

Sophomore forward Lizzy Karoly and sophomore midfielder Michelle Nguyen tried getting the offense in gear, leading the team in shots and shots on goal with five and two, respectively. Freshman forward Jenna Hayes tallied the only goal and it came with less than four minutes remaining in the match to avoid the shutout.

Sophomore goalkeeper Kelsey Vross had her work cut out for her against a top-10 opponent, logging all 90 minutes in goal and making 12 saves.

For its home opener, the Horned Frogs got some good home cooking and reversed its fortunes, winning 3-1 against the Aggies.

Coming off a game that kept them from finding the back of the net, Karoly and Nguyen responded with a goal apiece in the first half. Freshman forward Jackie Torda tacked on another goal — the first of her career — to put the match away in the second half.

Vross got some help in goal following her complete game performance against Texas. Freshman Kelsey Walters split time with Vross and had five second-half saves.

The team will head back out onto the road as it travels to Houston Friday for a 7 p.m. match with the Rice University Owls.

Sports editor Tim Bella

# U.S. basketball takes gold, prepares for Beijing

By CHARLES F. GARDNER  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

It seemed to last about seven months in the heat of the Nevada desert, but in reality it was about three weeks.

And it was time well spent for the United States basketball team, which finished its summer obligations with a perfect 10-0 record and a gold medal in the FIBA Americas tournament.

Beyond the lopsided victories and impressive statistics, including a victory margin averaging 39.5 points, more important knowledge was gained.

LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, Jason Kidd and Carmelo Anthony emerged as reliable leaders on the U.S. team that will try to reclaim gold in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. And a sincere camaraderie was present, a quality so essential to building winning teams on the international stage.

"Had we won last year, we would not have been as prepared for next year," said Jerry Colangelo, managing director of the U.S. squad, referring to the team's need to qualify for the Olympics following a third-place finish at the 2006 World Championship.

"It might have been a false sense of security a little bit,

too. We made some changes, and our resolve was that much greater because of what happened. When we look forward now, going to Beijing, we're much better prepared.

"There isn't any learning experience. We know exactly who we are. Everything does fit. There were questions people had, even about Kobe, (if that's) going to work? We know it works; we saw it work."

Bryant, Chauncey Billups, Tayshaun Prince, Deron Williams and Milwaukee Bucks guard Michael Redd were newcomers to the squad after not playing last summer.

Only Bryant was a starter, but all played key roles for the U.S. team while making a case to be included on the Olympic roster next year.

"I would think many of the players on this team will be chosen to play on the Olympic team," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "But that decision will be made by the committee and that won't be determined until much later."

"We've developed friendships and trust, which is the cornerstone of any successful organization. Those are the main things we have going for us."

Changes will be made, how-

ever. Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade, who was in Las Vegas to support his teammates, missed the competition while recovering from shoulder surgery. Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh sat out with a foot injury, and New Orleans point guard Chris Paul, who played in 2006, also was out with an injury.

Colangelo said if Wade and Bosh are healthy, they would be part of the U.S. team.

The U.S. 12-man roster for the Olympics must be decided by June 28 of next year, and Colangelo said the team will have a minicamp in Las Vegas following the NBA Finals, before the roster deadline.

"The plan is to take a look at what happens in the NBA season, because things happen, injuries, circumstances," Colangelo said. "Something might happen we can't bank on. It (the minicamp) would give us one last look-see before we make our decision."

Colangelo was pleased with the U.S. performance, punctuated by a decisive 118-81 victory over Argentina in the gold-medal game on Sunday. James scored a Team USA qualifying-record 31 points and was 8 of 11 from three-point range, and the Orlan-

do Magic's Dwight Howard dominated the inside with 20 points, five rebounds and four blocks.

"He played great; he played big in every respect," Colangelo said of the 6-foot-11 Howard. "He was a man out there. That's the other thing people have not given a lot of thought to; they were really kids last year."

"They're a year older, and that year of experience in the NBA for LeBron, for Carmelo, for Dwight Howard, they're so much better this year, it's not even close."

The Bucks' Redd set a U.S. qualifying record for three-pointers made and attempted and should be firmly considered for a roster spot next summer.

"I knew he was a good choice when I made it the first time," said Colangelo, who was responsible for selecting the player pool for the three-year program leading to Beijing. "I was sorry he couldn't play last summer. I think he demonstrated this summer why he was one of the people we were so interested in."

The U.S. answered some questions about lackluster outside shooting, with James, Anthony, Redd and Bryant

proving to be solid three-point shooters.

Redd made a team-leading 29 three-pointers, Anthony sank 26 and James 23 during the tournament. Memphis' Mike Miller also provided perimeter punch off the bench and hit 19 threes.

"There's a real emphasis on those who can shoot the ball, and you can't have too many of them," Colangelo said. "When we get down to the nitty-gritty of making our final cuts, there are certain things we're still looking for."

"That's one of the real components. That doesn't mean anyone is guaranteed anything. We have to keep it on that basis, because the players know, we're going to be fair and honest."

Colangelo said he saw an opportunity for some tweaking or fine-tuning of the roster, not a major overhaul.

Anthony, who played on the 2004 Olympic team and the 2006 World Championship squad, agreed. "I like the team we have right now," Anthony said. "D-Wade and Chris Bosh are no-brainers. They fit in very well with us last year, so they know what to expect."

"But overall, with those two additions, I love this team."

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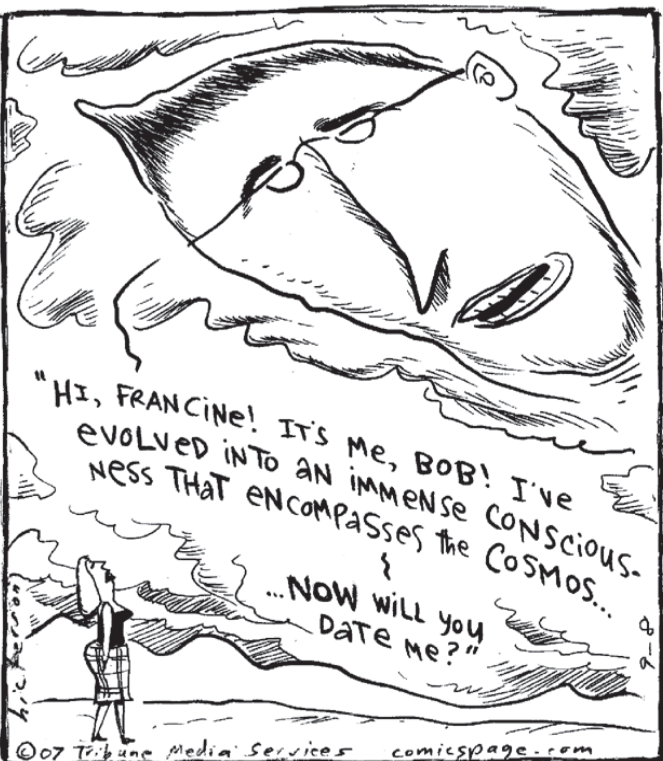
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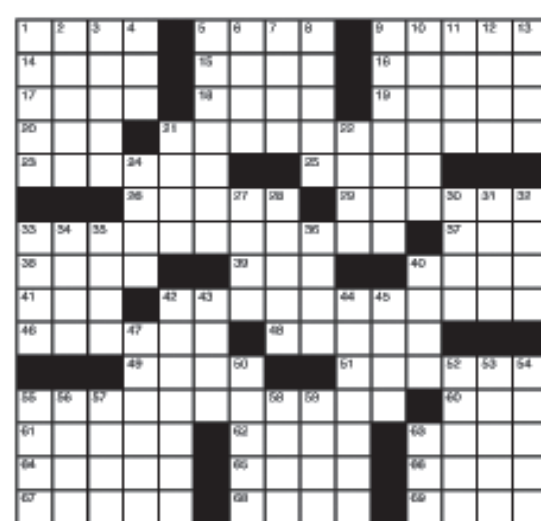
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Portland, OR

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**FOOTBALL**

# Two starters in limbo for weekend

By **TIM BELLA**  
*Sports Editor*

The status of two prominent football players remains uncertain heading into this weekend's match-up against the University of Texas Longhorns.

Senior defensive end Tommy Blake and junior running back Aaron Brown have arguably been the center of attention since the conclusion of the Frogs' 27-0 win against Baylor on Saturday.

Blake, a preseason All-American who has been named to numerous award watch lists, was a late scratch from the Baylor game after he was scheduled to play somewhere between 10 to 15 downs, head coach Gary Patterson said.

The team was greeted with good news, however, when Blake returned to Sunday's

practice. Patterson said Blake needs to be cleared by doctors before he will play the Aransas Pass native against the No. 4 Longhorns.

Brown's status, on the other hand, remains more of a ques-

tion. A late first quarter leg injury sidelined Brown for the rest of the game.

Patterson said Brown would have an MRI and that his status is hovering between "doubtful to probable."

If Brown is not available for this weekend's game, then it is expected the Frogs would handle the rushing responsibilities with a committee of backs — specifically junior Justin Watts and sophomores Joseph Turner and Ryan Christian.

While Patterson said he would like to have Brown on the field for the Texas game, he put more emphasis on the starting running back's availability for the Sept. 13 game against Air Force — the conference opener that falls just five days after the showdown with Texas.

"The biggest thing for us is we need to have him back for Air Force," Patterson said. "That's the game ... that's the one I have to have him back for cause that's the first conference game."



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Tommy Blake sits on the patio of the Letterman's lounge during the Baylor game.

**FOOTBALL**

# Don't call it an upset if Frogs win

By **TIM BELLA**  
*Sports Editor*

In the hours following quite possibly the ugliest 27-point shutout win one might ever see, I sent out text messages to some high school friends of mine who go to the University of Texas. The message was sent out at 11:13 p.m. and read "See you in a week."

At 11:14 p.m., I got replies from two of my friends with the same response: "Prepare 2 die."

Oh, no you didn't. My response? "TCU is not Arkansas State."

For that instant, I became the passionate, sometimes inebriated fan that once screamed "Hit 'em in the mouth!" on every third down. It was my "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" moment.

Before the discussion could escalate any further and being the respected public figure that I am, I stepped back and put down my phone. Besides, I don't want to have to go Brick Tamland and ultimately hurl a trident at one of my friends.

This is what happens when old friends get back together for what figures to be one of the biggest non-conference match-ups of the weekend.

TCU against Texas is not about David conquering Goliath, Rocky beating Apollo by one second in Rocky II or even Hulk Hogan body slamming Andre the Giant. There is no need to conjure up the spirits of Rudy Ruettiger and the 1980 U.S. hockey team, and for everyone's sake, save your inner Seabiscuit for another game.

Even with Aaron Brown's status up in the air and Tommy Blake's situation turning into "As the Tommy Turns," the Frogs have as good of a

shot at winning as any road team that visits Darrell K. Royal Stadium.

After a first half against Baylor that had a few fans canceling their trips to Austin, the defense's tour de force of the second half had Frogs fans dreaming of a Colt McCoy sandwich — an All-American quarterback between two slices of All-American defensive ends in Chase Ortiz and the returning Blake.

But let's not be mistaken. With McCoy, Jamaal Charles, Limas Sweed and offensive linemen that could probably eat a couple of Denny's Grand Slam Breakfasts each and still be hungry, the Longhorn offense is capable of giving defenses swift kicks to the groin at any given moment.

After seeing the immediate returns of defensive coordinator Gene Chizik's departure to Iowa State, in which juggernaut Arkansas State roughed up Bevo's defense for 272 yards through the air and another 125 yards on the ground, TCU knows they're getting UT's best shot on offense to make up for its lackluster defense.

There's no need to tell Fort Worth's finest what it does not already know. It's the opportunity the program and the TCU community have been waiting for.

Whether it's Brian Bonner nearly taking a punt return to the house, Andy Dalton finding Shae "Big Play" Reagan for 50 yards or the defense flying around the field, creating turnover after turnover, the Frogs don't let too many opportunities pass them by.

That same kind of carpe diem attitude is what has made the Frogs what they are. The fight this Austin-bound team has shown during the Gary Patterson era is representative of step two in its 12-step journey.

As the eyes of Texas and the nation are upon Austin for this weekend's game, remember that it might get a little ugly. Just be sure to leave your tridents at home. See you on 6th Street.

**FOOTBALL**

# Patterson: Texas showdown is just one game

By **BRETT LARSON**  
*Staff Reporter*

While head coach Gary Patterson recognized the magnitude of Saturday's match-up with the University of Texas Longhorns during Tuesday's media luncheon, he said the game is just one of 12 games on this year's schedule.

"It's a measuring-stick game," Patterson said. "We know if we play well or we win that we gain some more ground of where we're trying to get as a program, but I don't think our kids will be happy if we just play well."

With the uncertain statuses of junior running back Aaron Brown and senior defensive end Tommy Blake, this test has the potential to be more difficult than originally expected.

"We don't know about Aaron

Brown, we don't know about Tommy Blake," Patterson said.

Senior defensive end Chase Ortiz, a friend and longtime teammate of Blake's, said he expects his fellow preseason All-American defensive end to play Saturday.

Despite the team's one-game-at-a-time outlook, Patterson said he understands Texas is a big game and that he and his team have a lot of work to do before they meet.

Patterson described the Texas team as very athletic, with possibly the best wide receivers in the country, led by senior Limas Sweed. He also talked about the ability of Texas sophomore quarterback Colt McCoy to manage the game and the capability of junior running back Jamaal Charles.

Patterson said that although last week's game against Baylor was not the team's best performance, he was impressed with how redshirt freshman Andy Dalton managed the game and how the team did not hurt themselves with mistakes.

"I thought the game against Baylor was laymen-like," Patterson said. "I thought we played well, but I don't think it was our best football game."

Despite handing a shutout to Baylor, Patterson said the defense felt it did not play that well.

With the underdog tag stamped on the Frogs, Ortiz said he has no problems with the label heading into a match-up of two top 20 teams.

"I don't have a problem being

an underdog," Ortiz said. "They've already proved themselves as a great team and if we're labeled as an underdog that's fine."

While the rankings might indicate TCU as the underdog against Texas, senior free safety David Roach said he does not see it that way.

"I don't feel like an underdog," Roach said. "We're both good teams, we're both ranked teams, so I think it's a pretty important game for both teams."

TCU follows its game against Texas on Saturday with its Mountain West Conference opener against the Air Force Falcons on Sept. 13 — just five days following the Texas game.

"We can't afford to win or lose and not emotionally get ready for the Thursday night game," Patterson said.

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