



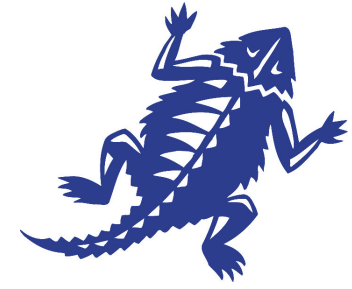
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## SGA questions plus/minus system

By JOHN BOLLER  
Staff Reporter

Members of the Student Government Association expressed concern during Tuesday's meeting after professors addressed specifics of the plus/minus grading system, which will be instituted next fall.

David Grant, professor and chair of the religion department and Bob Neilson, a chemistry professor, received many questions from SGA members after they made a presentation to SGA about TCU using a plus/minus grading system.

The biggest concern of SGA was how this system can be instituted when students have not been given the opportunity to voice their opinions through either a vote or a hearing.

Grant responded to questions by pointing out that grading systems are not determined by students.

"This is not a decision that students make. Students do not determine the way that a school will conduct its grading," he said. "The school decides the way that grading will be determined."

Grant also answered questions about what makes the

plus/minus system better than the current system.

"With the plus/minus grading system, the faculty would be given the opportunity to more accurately distinguish the performance of each of the individual students," Grant said.

Hutchens gave her opinion as to why the plus/minus grading system would not benefit TCU students.

"This would result in an increase in GPA for those that do not currently have a high GPA, and would hurt and lower the GPA of those students who currently have

a high GPA," Hutchens said. "The ability for those students to achieve a 4.0 average would drop considerably."

Grant said that the new system is not supposed to hurt students.

"We will better distinguish those who do achieve high successes and those that are not quite at the high stature," Grant said.

Jace Thompson, vice president of SGA and chair for campus advancement, spoke about how the plus/minus system could lead to an increase in stress for students during

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RACHEL MCDANIEL / Staff Photographer  
David Grant, religion professor and chair of the department of religion, speaks to Student Government Association Tuesday afternoon about the plus/minus system.

## Old rivalry brings high attendance

By RASHI VATS  
Staff Reporter

TCU and Baylor may not be in the Southwest Conference anymore, but when these two teams played each other for the first time in 10 years, game attendance peaked an all-time high, said members of Baylor and TCU's athletics staffs.

Sunday's football game had a total attendance of 42,733 people, said Tamara Metcalfe, assistant director of athletics media relations.

This was the third largest game attendance for a non-conference game in Baylor's history, said Nick Joos, associate athletic director for communications at Baylor University. It was the largest crowd since 1973 when 46,000 people came to watch Baylor play the University of Oklahoma.

Sean Conner, director of ticket operations at TCU, said he was one of many Horned Frogs at the game, but that the exact number of TCU fans at the game was unavailable.

"There were about 8,000 to 10,000 TCU students and fans at the game based on



Baylor students prepare to enter the field before the game. Sunday's football game had a total attendance of 42,733 people.

ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

people wearing purple," Conner said.

Joos said attendance was high in part because it was the first game of the season.

It was also "a renewal of rivalries," Joos said. Conner said the old rivalry

from the Southwest Conference days, the schools' close proximity to one another, and TCU's successful season last year attributed to the high attendance.

Metcalfe said Baylor's head football coach, Guy Morriss, is a TCU graduate,

which might have something to do with the high attendance.

Chris Alonzo, a TCU student who attended the game Sunday, said he was excited to be at the game.

"Football is part of college life. I was jumping

up and down and riff-ramming," said Alonzo, a freshman biology major.

TCU has now opened two consecutive seasons with a road victory over a Big 12 team. The Frogs defeated Oklahoma, 17-10, in last year's season opener.

## Campuses find need to expand housing, dorms

By AMBER PARCHER  
Staff Reporter

TCU is not the only campus in the nation spending money to renovate the campus to fit student needs, said the Residential Services director.

Craig Allen, Residential Services director, said the housing shortage issue is a common problem on college campuses as student populations continue to increase.

Allen said the University of Texas at Arlington, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University are all adding or have recently added new residential halls to accommodate students.

"Everybody is building like crazy, and it is based on student demands," Allen said.

The number of incoming freshmen at TCU has increased from 1,514 in 2001 to 1,610 in 2005 according to the 2005-2006 TCU Factbook.

Allen said universities are not only building to add more housing but also to create a more residential campus, which is one of TCU's goals for the \$100-million Campus Commons project.

Both upperclassmen and underclassmen students who were interviewed around campus said they would live in the new dorms if they could.

Shaylyn Joseph, a senior nursing major, said living in the dorms her freshman year

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## Theatre students await chance to perform

By ALY FLEET  
Staff Reporter

From the first round of auditions to the final curtain call, students involved in a Theatre TCU production find they have time for very little else — but few seem to mind.

"I'm basically studying as I'm walking to class, I'm studying as I'm eating and whenever I get the chance," said Kal Anderson, who has worked as a stage manager on numerous Theatre TCU productions. "Working on a show takes up most of my time."

But despite the time commitment theatre requires, most students involved don't mind because, to them, theatre serves a higher purpose, said Anderson, a junior social work and theatre major.

Senior theatre major Cheryl Bellows agrees.

"Theatre is the chance to tell stories about humanity and society," Bellows said.

Preston Swincher, publicity assistant for Theatre TCU, said it would be impossible for him to ever stop doing theater.

"It explores the depth and breadth of human emotion," said Swincher, a sophomore theatre and business major.

The work actually begins in the spring semester of each year, when a council of professors and students meet to choose all six shows for the upcoming year, Swincher said.

T. J. Walsh, assistant professor of theatre, said all theatre faculty members are present at the meeting.

We talk about the needs of the students and the curriculum, Walsh said, and try to include both historical plays

and modern plays.

Once the semester begins, no time is wasted in get-

ting ready for the season.

This year, auditions for fall

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STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer  
Students rehearse for the play "Another Antigone" in the Hays Theatre Tuesday night. Students active in TCU theatre said they have less free time while participating in the plays.

## Residential Services: off-campus dining option not priority

By KATHERINE LANE  
Staff Reporter

The idea has been on the back burner for more than a year, but students may begin to receive

Even though the idea has been on the back burner for more than a year, students will have to wait longer for Residential Services to make a decision about using TCU ID cards as a form of payment at off-campus restaurants, said the director of Residential Services.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, has been at TCU for a year and said he knows that while the issue of off-campus dining has been discussed before, staff members agree that it is not an issue to be addressed immediately.

"The technology takes time and money and people's energy," Allen said. "The ID center staff is working on many other things, and this is not something that they have been able to focus on at this time."

The closest TCU will come to off-campus dining options will be those in the GrandMarc at Westberry Place apartment

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finals.

"Every final would now be of concern for the student. Before, a student could choose to focus more on the classes in which they were borderline in," he said. "Now with the plus/minus, there is a chance that students could be borderline in all of their classes, since the chance of performing badly on the final could result in a minus attached to our letter grade."

Student elections for the House of Representatives were also announced at Tuesday's meeting.

Speaker of the House Tori Hutchens said elections will be held on Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Students will be able to vote for these elections by logging onto my.tcu.edu, Hutchens said.

The elections will fill the empty seats in the School of Business, the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and College of Fine Arts. Students can also vote to fill freshmen House seats, Elections chair Lindsay Beattie said.

The freshmen seats are not just open to new freshman students. Transfer students will also have the opportunity to run for the empty freshmen seats, she said.

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was a memorable experience. "You really feel connected and get to know a lot of people in the dorms," Joseph said.

Jamie Small, a sophomore psychology major, said she would live in the new dorms as an upperclassman mainly because of the large amount of space and the suite-style living they will provide.

According to the Fall 2005-2006 TCU Factbook, 46 percent of undergraduate students lived on campus for the 2005-2006 school year, a number, Allen said, TCU hopes will increase with the completion of the new dorms.

About 17 percent of students live on campus at UT Arlington, said Eric Leidlein, UTA assistant director of

management and services and housing.

Leidlein said UTA has spent \$43 million on residential hall renovations and \$34 million for on-campus apartments since 2000.

"We've been really aggressively adding student housing since 2000," Leidlein said.

Robin Williamson, associate director of administration for TCU Residential Services, said most college campuses across the nation experienced a growth in population and campus size in the 1960s, and many campuses have not renovated since then so residential halls and buildings are outdated.

"College campuses are as strong of a sense of community as you will get," Allen said, "and residential campuses increase that feeling of community. There is a national trend toward understanding

the value of having students live on campus."

Wes Waggoner, director of freshman Admission, said TCU's community-based campus is an important aspect of the school, and the new residential halls will only increase that feel.

"When you live on campus, you are more tied together as a community," Waggoner said.

Allen said TCU has always been a residential campus, but as the school has grown, residential halls have not expanded accordingly, and it has become more common to live off campus.

"What the chancellor decided was to return to that residential campus TCU has historically been," Allen said.

When TCU's renovations are finished, the school will be geared toward being a constant learning environment for students, Allen

said.

He said he envisions dormitory floors designated as specific learning communities, such as a global living community or a nursing community where faculty members and organizations hold discussions on a specific subject once a month.

Allen said this idea is similar to Moncrief Hall, which currently groups honors students together on separate floors and athletes on another. He said the new residential halls will be slightly different because these subject-specific floors will be open to all students who are interested in living there.

"This new community will be a supported learning environment where students and faculty will interact regularly," Allen said.

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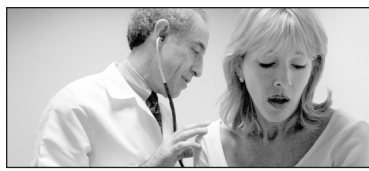


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**THE "WORLD TRADE CENTER COUGH"**

While responding to the World Trade Center attacks nearly five years ago, almost 70 percent of the recovery workers developed or increased some kind of lung problem, according to the results of a health study released Monday.  
-Associated Press

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Web site changes offer too much information**

Facebook has gone Big Brother. More than one year ago, before you could add photo albums to Facebook and tag images of your friends, before you could change your status to let the entire Internet world know when you were "in class" or "eating a sandwich," professors were calling the online phenomenon "Stalker.com." Students dismissed such warnings and remained loyal to the global communication network, and now Facebook has gone too far. More than 24 hours ago, Facebook adopted a new format. Now, a Facebook member's homepage is completely covered with "news" about everyone that particular user is connected to through the network. Instead of just supplying a method for potential compulsive stalking, Facebook now actively encourages it. Even the most well-intended Facebookers are inundated the moment they login with accurate-to-the-minute updates of their "friends" activities. Because many Facebookers accept friendship requests from people they hardly know, individuals they met once in passing can discov-

er what parties they will be attending Friday night or how recently their last relationships ended. Students should not be able to know that their high school acquaintances broke up with their girlfriends an hour ago. That information is personal and should not be broadcast all over the Internet like celebrity gossip. While Facebook may have originated as an innocent way to keep up with friends, it has now, for 18 to 25-year-olds at least, taken over the World Wide Web. There are already 45 Facebook groups expressing dislike for the dramatic changes in Facebook's format. But the worst part is, despite sorry excuses for protests, people still willingly supply Facebook with bounds of personal information about our friends and ourselves. While many have been creeped out by Facebook's past progress, people maintain their accounts for fear that if they delete them, they will be cut off from the entire social circuit. But be careful. Facebook is watching you.

*Opinion editor Jordan Cohen for the editorial board*

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**COMMENTARY**

**Dance outside your comfort zone**

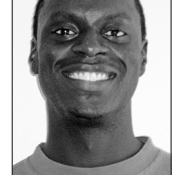
A couple of weeks ago, I did something I've never done before. I went country dancing at Billy Bob's Texas. I know you're thinking that, as someone who was born and raised in the great state of Texas, I should've been raised dancing to country music. For some reason, however, I've never felt the urge to go out to country dancing venues. I'm not saying I never went to these places because I don't know how to dance.

On the contrary, if you've ever seen me on a dance floor, you know that I definitely know how to "cut a rug," so to speak. However, my apprehension about going out to this particular venue came from the fact that I thought I would feel out of place. I mean, let's face it. How many black people do you usually see line dancing? I thought so. Despite my reservations of accepting an invitation to Billy Bob's, I went with my friends anyway. I got out on the dance floor and boy did I look like a fool. I stepped on several toes, was completely uncoordinated and felt like I was three steps behind on every dance. The funny thing is that no one cared. There was a combination of beginners and advanced dancers there, but everyone seemed to be having a good time. Even though I didn't know what I was doing, there were several people willing to give me instruction. By the end of the night, I had two-stepped, learned to waltz, and attempted several variations of line dances, some of which made me feel like I was in a Denise Austin workout video.

Overall, I really had a great time. I met lots of new people, danced with a couple of cute girls and burned a few calories in the process. Heck, I almost bought a cowboy hat, but I figured that might have been a little too much craziness for one night. Plus, I wasn't ready to spend forty bucks for one. When I woke up the next morning, I literally started two-stepping in my apartment. I was a little embarrassed to have done that, so I decided I wouldn't tell anyone — so much for that. The experience made me realize that, as college students, we sometimes build walls around us to protect us from things that make us comfortable. These walls can create a zone that keeps us from experiencing anything new. At times, it's good for us to continually develop things that we're good at. However, on occasion, we need to learn to step out of that zone and do something ... well, that we suck at, or more politely speaking, that we aren't very developed in. In doing so, we will potentially open ourselves up to something that we might enjoy. Never written poetry before? Check out the Literary Society. Are you normally the indoors type? Go hiking or kayaking. By removing yourself from your comfort zone, you may find something that you passionately hate, or you may discover a hobby that opens up a new side to your personality. So if you're ever at Billy Bob's on a Thursday night and you see me "jiving" on the dance floor, feel free to join in. And I promise not to step on your toes.

*Glenton Richards is a senior radio-TV/film major from Carrollton.*

**COMMENTARY**



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**COMMENTARY**

**Short attention span human nature**

All across the country, millions of children are rushing to the nearest pharmacy to pick up certain prescription medications. Once they have the medicine in hand, they must take it religiously every day, never forgetting a single dose. After all, their doctors did deem it necessary, so it must be of the utmost urgency. What could this all mean? An outbreak of bubonic plague? Tuberculosis? Lyme disease? No. It's just another case of America's favorite little "ailment that could," ADD. Also known as attention-deficit disorder, physicians nationwide have been grossly misdiagnosing this problem for years. If a kid can't pay attention in class, they just pump him full of Ritalin. Nevermind that he can play "Madden NFL 07" for five straight hours in a zombie-like trance, his mom thinks that her child has ADD because he failed his math test. Maybe you should have pulled your kid's butt away from the Xbox and put it in front of his math book. You know, there is a correlation between bad parenting and bad grades. Before you send me an

**COMMENTARY**



David Hall

explosive-filled piece of hate mail, allow me to explain myself. I am not saying that ADD is a result of inept parenting or playing too much "Banjo-Kazooie." I'm saying that it is the inherent nature of the mind to wander off while in a nonpleasurable setting. Who wants to pay attention to logarithms and cosines when you can dream about having your own paramilitary wing full of hot girls that destroys your enemies? Uh, not that I fantasize about that sort of stuff or anything. Does anyone ever wonder why Ritalin was never widely prescribed until recently? The drug has been around since 1957, so we've had it at our disposal for a while. The reason? Up until the 1970s, schools were free to beat the living daylight out of any kid who didn't pay attention or caused trouble in class. How many kids had "ADD" then? That's right, very few. While I don't favor child abuse in any form, it proves that there are alternative methods to getting children to pay attention. How about candy bars for good grades? A delicious NutRageous bar would entice even the most hardcore daydreamers to focus. Apparently, ADD is also a growing problem in adults. We've all seen the commercial for Strattera, where some lady named Anne is sitting in a boring meeting and can't

pay attention. She starts daydreaming, and then some fat, old executive asks her what she thinks about some business proposal. Naturally, Anne has no clue as to what was previously being discussed. Does that surprise anybody? Drifting off at a business meeting hardly seems like the result of ADD. Maybe third-quarter earnings and a new company dress code don't tickle Anne's fancy. Ever think of that, Lilly Pharmaceuticals? I bet that Anne would pay attention if you offered her a rich, creamy NutRageous bar afterward, and quite honestly, who wouldn't? Let's get down to brass tacks here: We're all prone to daydreaming. Look, I've been bored to death in math lectures and work meetings before, so much so that drinking a nice, frosty glass of drain cleaner seems like a good idea. But does that mean I have ADD? Of course not. Doling out Ritalin to people who simply can't focus is not only a disservice to the small percentage of people that actually need it but a sad commentary on our society. When will we ever be able to work on personally bettering ourselves instead of relying on the magic ink of a doctor's pen? The world may never know.

*David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood.*

*Thinking behind fence fails to see inconveniences*

It is not unusual that measures taken for safety also prove to be an inconvenience. Anyone who has stood in line barefoot for three hours while trying to catch a plane would agree. And while we have to acknowledge that we'd rather be inconvenienced than wind up in a worst case scenario, at times it doesn't seem worth it. For example: the new fence going up around Worth Hills. In the time I've been at TCU, I've heard of several cases of car burglary or students being harrassed around campus. And I'm only a sophomore. This information is a little frightening, given that I live in Worth Hills and usually walk to and from Main Campus once the shuttles have stopped. But still, the idea of putting up a fence is not any more appealing. From my window facing the Berry Street entrance to Pond Street Grill, I see people walking and jogging on the sidewalk at all hours of the day.

The fence, nearing completion, is on the inside of that sidewalk, leaving all those pedestrians without protection. I have yet to see any pedestrian entrances in the fence, which I find more dangerous to students than having no fence at all. Walkers are protected on the inside, but once they're out, they must remain outside until they reach the entrance on Stadium Drive. This scenario makes a late-night jog sound even more dangerous. And if the inconvenience to pedestrians was not enough, a gate will also soon block the Berry Street entrance to Pond Street Grill, meaning all vehicles will have to enter through Pine Drive and Kent Street. In addition to the student driver, Froggie Five-0 and the Frog Shuttle will also have to alter their routes to accommodate the fence. Sure, it may only cause slight detours, but is it really necessary? I love the fact that I can see

buses turning onto Pond Street before they stop in front of my dorm, enabling me to stay at my computer until running for the bus at the last possible moment. Bus drivers, along with every other driver in the Worth Hills area, no longer have that option — the entrance will be completely pointless once the gate has been finished. Perhaps I have been biased against a fence from the beginning. I love areas that are large, open and without limits, such as the lawns surrounding the Worth Hills housing. Fences not only make an area appear smaller, but also very confined. The fence is intended to keep people out, but at the same time, it is also keeping us in. TCU does not need definite borders. I'd rather think the Horned Frog community reaches all over Fort Worth. While nothing can change my personal bias, there certainly are ways the new fence can be made less inconvenient. For

pedestrians, having entrances every few hundred feet would make it easier to reach safety if they should ever feel threatened. This solution would also make early morning jogs more flexible. A gate is merely a fence that is capable of being opened and closed — and I think it should be used as such. What kind of message are we sending the world with an eternally closed gate? We might as well just continue to make certain that people know we don't want them inside of our campus. As an alternative, why not have it open during the daytime? Most people are out and about during daylight hours, so crimes rarely occur then anyway. The Frog Shuttle could also continue to run as usual, since most students are finished by 6 p.m. This fence is being built with safety in mind. Authorities behind it should keep students in mind as well.

*Valerie Cooper is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Azle.*

**YOUR VIEW**

**Feminism about rights for all, not just women**

In response to the article on feminism in last Thursday's Skiff: I reject the idea that all women should be feminists. In a perfect world, everyone would be a feminist because feminism is not about equal rights for women; it is about equal rights. Feminism stands for something more than the status quo of apathy — it is a stance for every human being. It is a chance to accept others around you for who they are and for their backgrounds, which makes them an essential part of our society and community. Feminism does not look down on women for getting breast implants and certainly does not accept the idea that what you wear invites men to think of or treat you as a sex object. This kind of thinking perpetuates a cyclical hate that is only useful for attorneys successful in defending rapists. No, feminism should not be confused with hate — I agree with the writer on that account. But feminism suffers when it is targeted only toward women. Men can be feminists and often are. There is nothing that says we can't all work together to achieve a greater end. That is the feminism of which I claim to be a part.

*JoHannah Hamilton is a junior anthropology major from Burleson.*

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# President Bush, Democrats spar over national security

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS AND MARGARET TALEV  
McClatchy Newspapers

The sprint to November's elections began in earnest Tuesday with President Bush and congressional Democrats trying to seize the national security issue by offering sharply contrasting assessments of progress in the war on terror.

The president delivered the second in a series of speeches designed to shore up flagging public support for the war in Iraq and to highlight what he called government success in combating terrorism since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

As Bush addressed military officers at a Washington hotel, Capitol Hill Democrats countered by releasing a report detailing bleak trends in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea and calling for a sharp change in tactics.

Tuesday's showdown reflects a determination by the White

House and the Republican Party to frame November's congressional elections as a choice over national security, a theme that worked for them in the last two elections. The Democrats' response shows their determination to blunt that tactic by turning the U.S. record in Iraq, Afghanistan and the War on Terror against Republicans, who have controlled all branches of government since 2001.

At stake is control of Congress, and by extension, the degree to which it might support or oppose Bush in the final two years of his presidency.

Bush's speech Tuesday repeated familiar themes. He insisted that America is winning the War on Terror, that Iraq has become the central front in that war and that the U.S. military will stay there until the job is done.

Quoting extensively from Osama bin Laden, Bush said all his military efforts are aimed at defeating the threat posed

by "violent Islamic radicalism," a scourge he compared to Adolf Hitler.

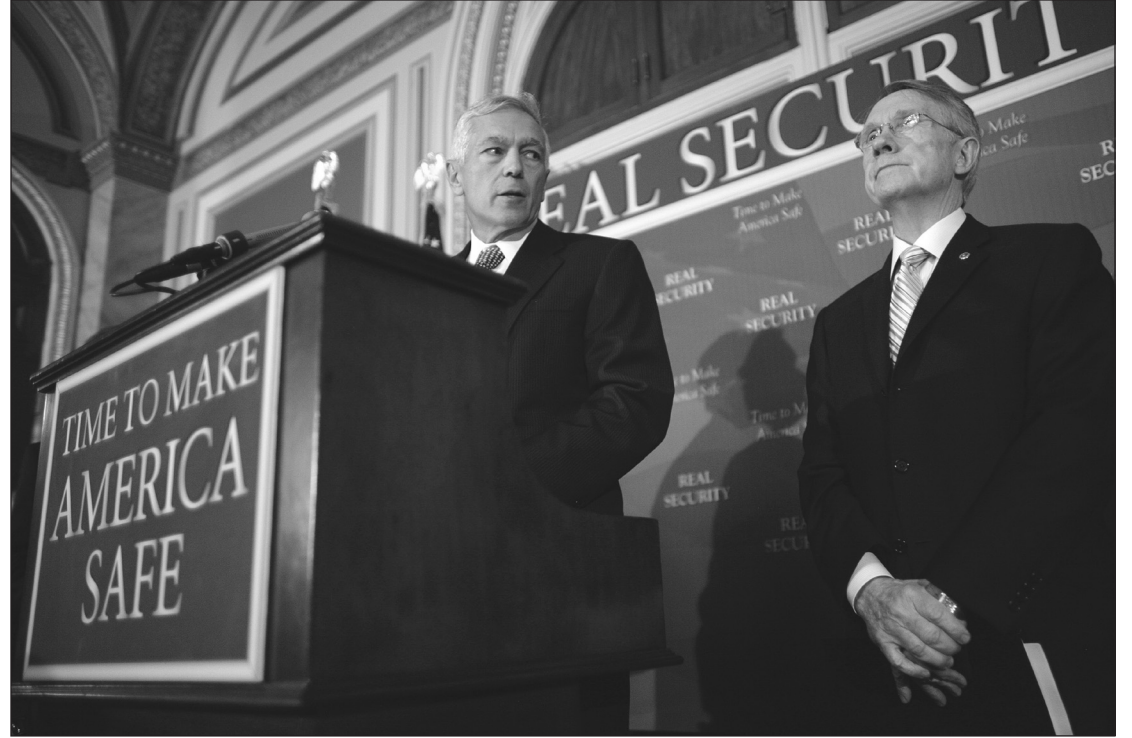
"Bin Laden and his terrorist allies have made their intentions as clear as Lenin and Hitler before them," Bush said. "The question is: Will we listen? Will we pay attention to what these evil men say?"

"It is foolish to think you can negotiate with them," Bush said.

No one in either party has suggested negotiating with terrorists, but Bush's remark echoed other recent administration gibes seemingly aimed at Democrats. Last week, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld compared critics of the war in Iraq to Nazi appeasers.

Democrats plan to push a Senate resolution this week proclaiming no confidence in either the war in Iraq or in Rumsfeld, whom they want Bush to fire.

White House Press Secretary



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Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), right, listens as former presidential candidate Wesley Clark speaks Tuesday, on Capitol Hill at a news conference where Senate and House Democrats released a new report, "The Neo Con," detailing Bush Republicans' "failure to secure America and successfully fight the war on terror" in the five years since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Tony Snow dismissed that idea Tuesday.

"The president strongly sup-

ports the defense secretary," Snow said. "Creating Donald Rumsfeld as a bogeyman may make for a very lousy strategy at this time."

## Chevron's drilling in Gulf of Mexico could deflate oil prices

By KEVIN G. HALL  
McClatchy Newspapers

Chevron Corp.'s announcement Tuesday that it successfully extracted oil from a deposit more than five miles below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico is a discovery that could boost U.S. oil reserves by 50 percent and ease fears that the world is running out of oil.

Experts predict that Chevron's successful test drill of its Walker Ridge Block some 5.3 miles below the deep Gulf waters may lead to 750,000 barrels of new daily U.S. crude oil production within six years. That's equal to about 15 percent of last week's U.S. oil production of 5.03 million barrels per day — welcome news amid

today's high oil prices caused by a world growing thirstier for oil.

"This play has been unfolding in the ultra-deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico for five years, and this is the breakthrough announcement," said Daniel Yergin, author of "The Prize," an award-winning history of oil production. "This discovery is at the frontier for world oil. You won't see the impact of this at the gas pump tomorrow, but you could in five or six years."

Despite today's tight oil markets and high prices, Yergin, who heads the oil consultancy Cambridge Energy Research Associates, maintains that oil should again be plentiful somewhere between 2010 and

2015, thanks in large measure to new technology that permits recovery from previously inaccessible reserves.

Successful deepwater oil finds in the Gulf of Mexico are sure to boost similar efforts off the shores of Africa and Brazil, challenging the popular view that the world may be running out of oil.

"This is the next step forward in proving out the concept that maybe there is more oil in the world than we think, but it is just harder to get to," said Tore Alden, an oil analyst in Detroit for the international bank ABN AMRO.

Chevron and partners Devon Energy Corp. and Statoil ASA announced Tuesday that their Jack #2 test well maintained

a flow rate of 6,000 barrels of crude oil a day during a production test this year and that an additional appraisal well will be drilled in 2007.

Chevron's Walker Ridge Block, located about 270 miles southwest of New Orleans and 175 miles offshore, is but one of several fields being explored below the Gulf's floor.

Taken together, these fields spread across a nearly 300-mile stretch of ocean bottom. They could result in production that rivals Alaska's giant Prudhoe Bay oilfield, which tops U.S. oil production. Tuesday's announcement could prove the most important U.S. find since the 1968 Prudhoe Bay discovery.

"If they can get this well

to production, and it is within the range of estimates as far as production, it will be a significant find. It will have an impact on the world's oil supply and demand balance," said Alden, the ABN AMRO analyst. "The big question is how much oil is actually down there. The estimate for that is very wide, 3 billion barrels to 15 billion."

Chevron and its partners believe those numbers are conservative.

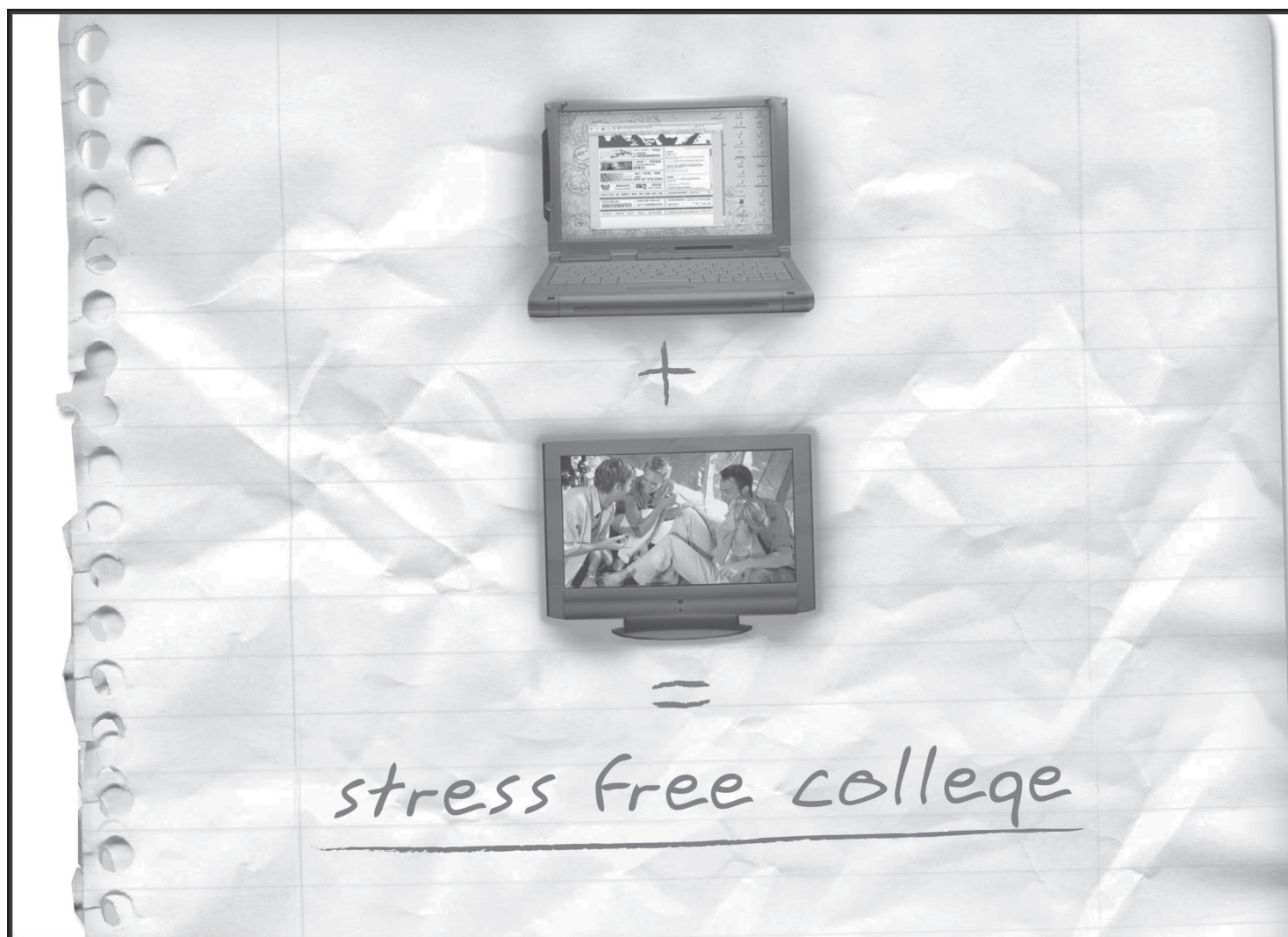
Analysts expect that if oil prices remain high, costly deepwater exploration will expand.

"All sorts of things become economical with oil at \$70 (a barrel) . . . \$70 is a very forgiving number for oil explo-

ration," said oil consultant Peter Beutel. "You can drill a lot of dry holes and get one to pay."

Yergin's partner, Robert Esser, says that deepwater oil is economically recoverable with oil prices as low as \$35 to \$40 per barrel. Oil closed at \$68.67 per barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, down about \$10 from its peak last month during Israel's war in Lebanon.

It will take deep pockets to develop deepwater projects. Chevron's Tahiti project, another deepwater Gulf site that will begin producing in 2008, carries a \$3.5 billion price tag and will produce an estimated 125,000 barrels per day.



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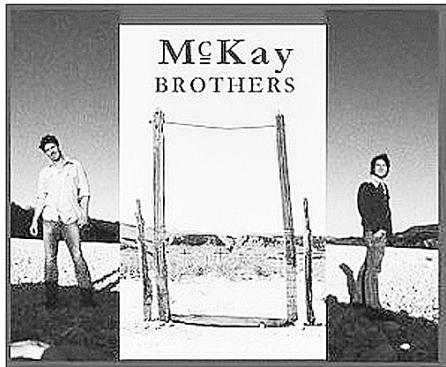
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# Reviews of the Week



## Take time to enjoy some 'Cold Beer & Hot Tamales'

By ELISA GOMEZ  
Staff Reporter

"Texas heart, Mexican soul" is the core song of the McKay Brothers' CD, "Cold Beer & Hot Tamales." While listening to the CD, it sounds like most Texas country artists, but the McKay brothers, Noel and Hollin, set themselves apart with clever and touching lyrics in English and Spanish. Musically, the brothers sound similar to Mickey and the Motorcars but with a Hispanic flare. The brothers grew up in Bandera County, northwest of San Antonio, and began playing at biker bars and honky-tonks in their teens. They have performed with acts such as Willie Nelson, Guy Clark,

Charlie Robison and Robert Earl Keen.

The Southern Texas atmosphere bleeds through their music and provides listeners with an array of different stories and feelings. The songs flow together like the waters of the Guadalupe River.

In "Bandera Style," the woman kicks her man out for coming home smelling like the bar. Like in many country songs, the man may have lost his girl, but his dog stayed by his side. Though the song sounds like it was recorded while the McKay brothers were drunk, it adds character to the story of a man down on his luck.

"Bottle of Fire" is about a man who trades in his car for a lawn mower to drive to the liquor store "to get a bottle of fire."

The brothers stay close to their spiritual and cultural roots in songs such as "Spirit Bird," where the song's character is on a spiritual journey to find God, and "Acompaneme," which is a beautiful love song in English and Spanish.

The brothers' lyrics reach out to the working man or anyone hanging out on a slow Saturday night. If you're a fan of the local country music scene, you might enjoy some "Cold Beer & Hot Tamales."

**Rating: 6 out of 10**

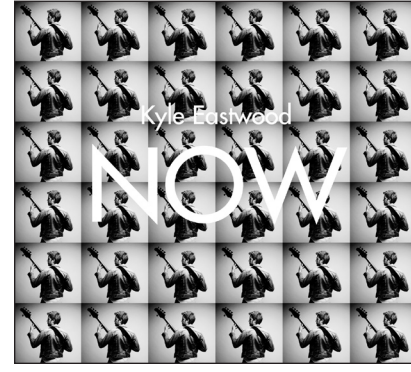
## Son of superstar releases disc full of smooth jazz jams

By DAVID WEUSTE  
Staff Writer

Kyle Eastwood's third release entitled "Now," scheduled to be released Oct. 10, seems to be the album that will put Eastwood's name forward.

While most people know of his father, Clint Eastwood, most have never heard the name of his son. And normally when one hears of a celebrity's child, he or she assumes the worst.

Sure, Eastwood has had numerous opportunities most other struggling musicians in the jazz world wouldn't, such as working with Joni Mitchell on his first album. But after three albums and this one promising to be better than the other two, Eastwood has proven himself to be more than just a celebrity's kid. "Now" is an album that cre-



ates a fusion sound that even the unlearned jazz fan can fully appreciate. It is blues-fusion employing great instrumental parts.

The vocal performances provided by Ben Callum fit perfectly in the framework of the music. With tracks that vary between the country guitar parts in the title track "Now," the dark bass movements in "September Nights," the playful bounces of "Let's Play" and the upbeat almost jazz-hop movements of the ending track "How Ya'll Doin'," this album has some-

thing for everyone.

Each track has its own distinct sound, including the gutsy, and well-done remix of The Police hit "Every Little Thing She Does is Magic," but it all flows together extremely well due to a phenomenal production job by Michael Stevens.

This is a perfect jazz album to put in the background while you are trying to do work. There is enough intensity within the fusion that it would never put the listener to sleep, yet it is smooth enough that it wouldn't distract from other things.

"Now" guides the listener perfectly from track to track and does so right around 45 minutes — which is another plus for the casual jazz listener as opposed to other fusion artists who take around eight minutes to develop each song.

**Rating: 9 out of 10**  
**A good buy for fans of:** Marcus Miller, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones.



## Skillet set to release lucky number seven

By DAVID WEUSTE  
Staff Writer

"Comatose," the seventh full-length album from Christian rock band Skillet, set to be released Oct. 3, produces a whole new direction from Skillet's history.

Throughout the album, Skillet

attempts to leave its electro-rock past and embrace a new radio-metal sound. But there are still tracks where Skillet reverts to sounds that echo the band it was in its first six albums.

"Yours to Hold" is the most appealing of the first five tracks. It employs a distinct and unique sound that blends well with lyrics that have more depth than any past Skillet album. Yet the lyrical complexity is lost on the track "Better than Drugs," with lines such as, "You are better than drugs/I feel you coming to get me high."

The most original song due to the issue-heavy lyrics — which is something new in Skillet's repertoire — is "Looking for Angels."

The best performance of the new, edgier sound is, "Whispers," which is probably Skillet's best chance at a major hit because it employs a

heavier guitar part that caters to lead singer John Cooper's vocal qualities.

This album is likely to sell better than any other album that Skillet has produced. But in return, the listener loses the uniqueness that sets Skillet apart from the other Christian rock bands. The greatest positive on the album is Cooper's maturing lyrics, save "Better than Drugs," which address struggles and issues that everyone can relate to, rather than focusing on evangelism alone like albums of the past.

If you are an old-school Skillet fan, this album might leave you wondering and wanting more, but if you are a radio-rock fan, this is probably the first Skillet album that is right up your alley.

Bands with similar sounds are Bush, Fuel, 12 Stones and Pillar.  
**Rating: 5 out of 10**

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## Old Skiff comics' simplicity works well for a good laugh

By JEFF ESKEW  
Features Editor

There is a new book available that contains material several members of the faculty and staff may recognize.

"Ninja Verses: Old School" is a collection of the cartoons that ran in the Skiff in the late 1990s.

The thing that makes "Ninja Verses" stand out as more than just a book full of comics is that one of the co-creators gives insight on many of the cartoons and the origin of the strip itself.

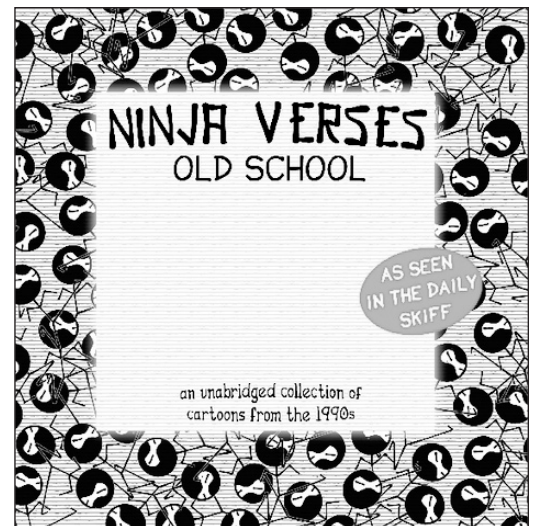
P.D. Magnus and Chris Mag Uidhir are the co-creators of "Ninja Verses." The strip is penned under the name Don Frederic, the middle names of Magnus and Uidhir.

The premise for "Ninja Verses" is rather simple and is drawn so a fifth-grader can easily understand the majority of the strip.

The hero of the comic is named Regular Ninja, who is nothing more than a stick figure; while his opponent for the day is aptly named for whichever distortion his body has, such as Big Head Ninja and Travel Size Ninja, also stick figures.

Most of the time, a ninja has a quick quip toward the other, and then Regular Ninja swiftly kicks the opponent ninja in the head.

There is nothing mind-blowing about



the design or text of "Ninja Verses," but that does not mean it is not enjoyable. I defy anyone to skim through the pages of the book and not laugh out loud at some point.

If you are looking for a comic that makes you think outside of the box, then "Ninja Verses" is definitely not a fit. But if you just want to sit around and have a good chuckle, pick it up.

Although "Ninja Verses" is no longer seen in the Skiff, new cartoons are added every Monday and Thursday to its new home at [ninjaverses.com](http://ninjaverses.com).

**Rating: 7 out of 10**

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# Cheating: It's in the numbers

By JOSHUA BENTON  
The Dallas Morning News

It's the sort of case you might expect Encyclopedia Brown to tackle.

Two kids seem to have cheated on Professor Harpp's final exam. Can he prove the culprits did it before it's too late?

But when McGill University professor David Harpp suspected some of his students were up to no good, he didn't hire a boy detective for a shiny new quarter. He did the job himself.

He devised a statistical method to determine whether two students were copying test answers from each other. He found that, on a 98-question multiple-choice test, the pair of students had 97 answers exactly the same — including 23 wrong answers. Confronted with the evidence, the students confessed.

Decades of research around the world have produced methods that prove quite effective at smoking out cheaters in ways even the best proctors often can't.

In Texas, the test-security firm Caveon has identified 699 Texas schools — nearly 10 percent of the state's total — where cheating may have occurred. The Texas Education Agency is planning how it will deal with those schools, some of which will be the targets of a full state investigation.

Caveon used several methods to look for bad behavior. The most common problem it found was classrooms or schools where a group of students had identical or nearly identical answer sheets, suggesting they may have copied from one another.

That method of detecting cheating has a long history and, according to researchers in the field, does a good job of identifying the right suspects. Those researchers say Texas could do a better job of preventing students from cheating in the first place.

Having lots of identical correct answers, of course, doesn't raise red flags. If the correct answer to Ques-

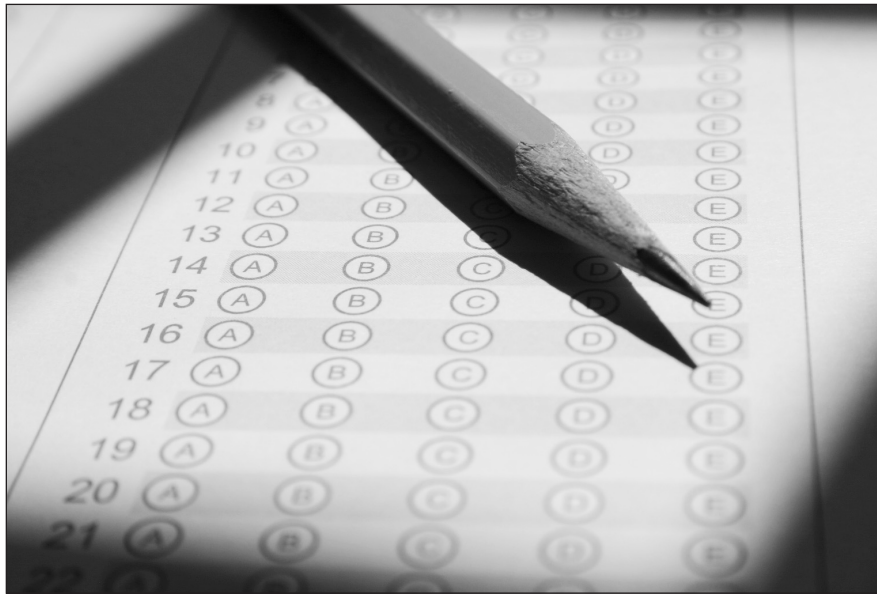


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tion 21 is "B," you'd expect many students to choose it. But students who get many questions wrong in exactly the same way — particularly if few other classmates made the same mistakes — can be a sign something is up.

Harpp is a chemistry professor at McGill, one of the most prestigious universities in Canada. He didn't know much about cheating research in 1989, when one of his students told him that two peers had shared answers on a final exam.

"I felt I was being ripped off, which I was," Harpp said.

The student agreed to tell Harpp the suspects' names on the condition that no disciplinary action would be taken based solely on his accusation. Harpp had to find a statistical way to detect copycats.

He and a colleague, Jim Hogan, wrote a computer program that, for every possible pair of students, compared the number of identical wrong answers with the number of questions the pair answered differently. Sure enough, the results for the two students stood out.

But the analysis found more — 18 suspect students in all. Harpp obtained exam seating charts from the registrar's office. It turned out

that every suspect pair had sat together on test day.

"I was flummoxed," he said. "I thought: What am I going to do?"

He gathered data from dozens of other exams and found the same patterns. His method consistently found that the results for between 3 percent and 8 percent of students were suspicious — a range that is common in cheating research. And in each instance, the pairs were seated together.

## THEATRE

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semester shows were held the first week of school.

Nearly 100 students auditioned for the 50 parts available, Walsh said.

Bellows auditioned for this semester's shows.

"I started preparing for auditions this year about three weeks before," Bellows said. "It takes a lot of work to get yourself prepared."

After the first round of auditions is over, the directors post a callback list, naming the students they wish to see perform again.

"It's basically just another opportunity for directors to look at students and see what they're capable of," Swincher said.

After callbacks, casts are chosen and rehearsals usually begin four or five weeks before the show opens, Walsh said.

"You rehearse typically five days a week," Bellows said. "You could spend anywhere from 20 to 25 hours a week in rehearsal."

Although the rehearsal process is a huge part of a show, equal, if not more work is put into behind-the-scenes preparation, which includes lighting, sound, carpentry, costumes and makeup, Walsh said.

All together, there are six crews that help with a play's production: box office, costume, prop, set, sound and lighting crews, Anderson said.

"While the actors are learning their lines and learning the show with the director," Swincher said, "a crew with probably three to four times as many people is building a set, designing and putting together costumes."

But a crew member's work doesn't stop at just getting things ready for a show; they're still working when opening night rolls around, Anderson said.

"They're backstage, helping actors make quick changes if they're on costume crew," Anderson said. "If they're on scenery crew, they'll be moving sets during scene changes. All crew is involved in the entire process."

Once the curtain falls on closing night, all cast and crew members spend a few hours disassembling the sets, Anderson said.

Although the final product is, at most, only a few hours long and pales in comparison to the hours of preparation, theatre students feel it's worth the work to get to perform for an audience.

"It's all about the audience," Swincher said. "It's literally an exchange of energy. You don't get that at a movie theater."

## CARDS

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complex, said Johanna Janovsky, business manager for the GrandMarc.

"The vendors have been encouraged to accept the TCU ID cards, but it is up to them whether or not it follows through," Janovsky said.

Perrotti's Pizza is opening a restaurant in the GrandMarc, and other vendors considering spaces include Starbucks and Citibank. A hair and nail salon, an ice cream store and other casual dining areas such as a sports bar, are also possibilities, Janovsky said.

Some schools have already

caught on to the off-campus dining craze. Students at Southern Methodist University can use their Pony Express Cards at businesses such as Smoothie King, la Madeleine and CVS/pharmacy, according to the SMU Web site.

Because a register tracking system would be needed to charge TCU accounts at the restaurants, it would require an investment from the vendor, said Rick Flores, general manager for TCU Dining Services.

"Why would a student limit themselves to a certain number of restaurants accepting TCU ID cards when they have unlimited access to all restaurants with a Visa or MasterCard?" Flores said.

If an off-campus dining option

was added, it would not change the prices of TCU's current dining plans, Flores said.

"The off-campus portion would basically be a separate debit account for students to eat off campus," Flores said.

Emily Grosshans, a sophomore music education major, said she agrees that students may not need an off-campus dining option.

"I have a debit account and my parents would not want to pay for another account just for dining off-campus through TCU," Grosshans said.

Sarah Tomlinson, a sophomore movement science major, said she thinks her parents would invest in a separate dining account.

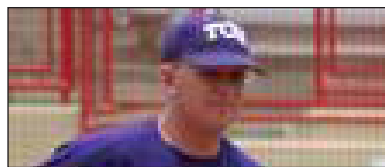
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**Patterson, players prepare for UC Davis**

By MICHAEL DODD  
Sports Editor

Coming off a 17-7 win at Baylor, football head coach Gary Patterson talked about the team Tuesday following his weekly luncheon.

Patterson and the Horned Frogs look to extend their current winnings, which is second in the nation behind the University of Texas, from 11 games to 12 against the University of California at Davis.

"I don't think our kids are overlooking UC Davis at all," Patterson said. "This team, last year, beat Stanford, and all you've got to do is remind them about SMU. If you don't come out to play every week, you're going to get beat."

Patterson said he doesn't plan on making any major changes, especially with the shortened week of practices, due to Sunday's game at Baylor.

"The only thing I want to change is to make sure that we play it better than we did a week ago," Patterson said. "Some kids got to step up. We got to make plays just like we did a week ago, and we got to play four quarters."

One of the questions facing the Frogs as they enter practices this week is whether their starting quarterback Jeff Ballard, whose undefeated streak as a starter increased to 9-0 over the weekend, will return for UC Davis.

Ballard left the Baylor game during halftime after sustaining a possible concussion, but Patterson said he is fine and should be back to practice this week.

"It's kind of like, if your back hurts, there's no medical way to say whether they can practice," Patterson said. "All I know is the freshman (quarterback Marcus Jackson) came in and played."

Patterson also said that wide receiver Michael Depriest, who sustained an injury during practice last week should be back in time for the Frogs to host the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

And with UC Davis less than a week away, Patterson said he is happy with the offense's progression shown during the Baylor game's comeback, even with a new quarterback.

"The thing I think I liked best about the whole situation was how our whole offense just took a step forward," Patterson said.

**Frogs earn win over Baylor Bears**

By MICHAEL DODD  
Sports Editor

In front of a crowd of 42,733, the Horned Frogs proved just how important conditioning is Sunday with a win over the Baylor Bears 17-7.

The Frogs spent the summer practicing through the heat of the afternoon, readying themselves for what they knew would be a tough game, head coach Gary Patterson said.

"It paid off," said Herbert Taylor, senior left tackle. "Those guys were dropping, and we kept going."

The first half was less than stellar with the Frogs falling behind in the second quarter following a 21-yard touchdown pass from Bears quarterback Shawn Bell to wide receiver Mikail Baker.

TCU headed into the locker room down by seven and having had just one scoring chance, a missed 54-yard field goal attempt by senior kicker Peter LoCoco.

The Frogs started the second half strong with a 69-yard kickoff return by junior wide receiver Donald Massey.

They had a newfound drive to finish their chances and get the win, said Aaron Brown, sophomore tailback.

"They are a good football team," Brown said. "I give them credit. They fought well, but the second half, we had to get it done."

The Frogs also started the second half without veteran senior quarterback Jeff Ballard, who was replaced by redshirted freshman Marcus Jackson.

"Jeff kind of got bounced around, and he wasn't ready to go," Patterson said.

With two quarters left, the Frogs settled on a field goal by junior kicker Chris Manfredini.

Two drives later, with the Bears suffering from fatigue, the Frogs got a touchdown from an 84-yard pass from Jackson to Brown.

"We took some chances coming in," Patterson said. "So we took a chance on a vertical route. We completed, went for a touchdown, and that's what Aaron Brown is. He's a fast guy, and he outran one of the best players



ANDREW CHAVEZ/ Staff Photographer

TCU's Brian Bonner brings down Baylor quarterback Shawn Bell on Sunday for a 13-yard loss on a third and fourth play at Baylor.

on Baylor's team."

Aaron Brown said he was excited about being used more directly in TCU's passing game.

"We worked on that play all week," Brown said. "Coach knew that we had it coming. I knew I had to beat him, and me and MJ hooked up. He knew where I was going, and I knew where he going."

With five minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Frogs found themselves once again in the end zone following a 3-yard pass from Jackson to junior tight end Quinton Cunigan.

For the second year in a row, the Frogs have had success with a second-string quarterback coming in to replace their starter.

"(Marcus Jackson) came in during the off-season, during the fall camp," Taylor said. "We've been preparing him to having to

come in and make a play. He came in and did his job."

Patterson said he enjoyed playing against such a strong team and predicted a successful future for the Bears.

"They are really good on defense here," Patterson said. "They have got good coaches, good players, and they are going to keep getting better."

With the University of California at Davis next week, Patterson said, he is not going to let his team get overconfident with this win.

"That's exactly what happened last year with Oklahoma, and then came SMU," Patterson said. "All we care about is UC-Davis."

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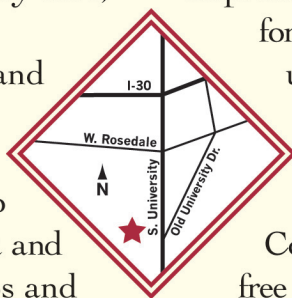
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