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## New admissions Web site aims to interact

By JOE ZIGTEMA  
Staff Reporter

The university's billboards that went up Saturday advertise a new slogan, "Ahead of the curve," and the marketing and communication department aimed for that mark when it designed the new admissions Web site.

With a tentative launch date scheduled in two weeks, the site will feature an interactive look that is one of the first of its kind, said Elizabeth Perkins, director of admission marketing

and communication, who said she started the project about two months ago.

Perkins said in an e-mail she could not give an accurate estimate of the cost of the Web site because money could still be spent on facilitating its launch.

Though Perkins said she looked at several other university and company Web sites to formulate an idea, including sites by Nokia, Apple and Motorola, she chose Nike's Web site because of its dynamic appeal.

"If that's the first impression (people have) of the university, I want there to be a 'wow' factor," Perkins said.

The Web site includes more than 40 videos of students, professors and alumni that help users navigate through the page and offer insight to their experiences at TCU, Perkins said.

"There's nothing fake about the Web site," Perkins said. "They aren't getting messages from the university; they're getting real conveyed experiences."

Allison Osuniga, a junior health and fitness major, said she was flattered when Perkins asked her to film a video for the Web site about her Frog Camp experience.

"It's great to talk about my personal experience and nice to share with incoming freshmen," Osuniga said.

Roland Omene, a senior biochemistry major and Cameroon native who hosts the international section of the Web site, said he enjoyed his

chance to represent TCU.

"It's interesting because I'm graduating this semester, but I will still be a part of TCU for years to come," Omene said.

The Web site's easy navigation shows a significant improvement from the old site and because the page is video oriented, it cuts down on all the text that bogged down the old version, Perkins said.

Perkins said because of the changing technology, Web sites can now entertain as well as

inform. She aimed to do just that with what she called "fun stuff," which includes TCU ring tones and a video of Superfrog doing the Cabbage Patch Dance.

Robert Maninger, an education professor who recorded a video for the Web site was very excited about its launch.

"You're always competing for students, especially with technology," Maninger said. "TCU is an amazing place to be, and anything we can do to promote it is a good thing."

## THREATENED



PHOTO BY Linda Kaye / Courtesy of TCU Magazine  
The horned lizard population in the wild is declining, possibly due to climate change or perhaps to a decrease in its food supply. In 2006, 25 horned lizard hatchlings were successfully bred in captivity.

## Texas reptilian icon faces population decline

By CALLIE COX  
Staff Reporter

Walking around TCU, the horned frog is everywhere. But outside of this campus, they are becoming more difficult to find.

The TCU mascot and official state reptile of Texas is at risk of becoming an endangered species. The Texas horned lizard is listed as a threatened species by the state of Texas, accord-

ing to the Fort Worth Zoo Web site.

"That means that it is illegal to possess, collect or even harass a Texas horned lizard. They do not do well in captivity and seldom live long when taken out of their natural environment," according to the Web site.

If anyone sees a horned lizard in the wild, he or she should look at it but not touch it, according to the Web site.

Ellen Schwaller, senior environmental science major, is writing her senior honors thesis on the horned lizard, which is actually called the horned lizard. She said the population of the horned lizard has depleted greatly in the past five decades.

"In the past, they were actually found on TCU's campus," Schwaller

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## Faculty Senate discusses projects set for semester

JORDAN HAYGOOD  
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate met Thursday for the first time this semester to welcome 20 new senators and discuss the individual committee projects for the 2007-2008 school year.

After spending an academic year working on a new faculty tenure and promotion appeal policy and producing a draft last August, the Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee will continue to work on the policy, TPG chairwoman Dianna Newbern said.

"We have to get more input on the draft the committee wrote this summer and write another draft, but overall we are 90 percent complete," Newbern said.

Academic Excellence Committee chairman Blaise Ferrandino said after tackling the plus/minus system, the committee will now study the university's current policy for retaking courses and replacing grades.

Juan Floyd-Thomas of the Faculty Governance Committee said the FGC will continue to work on the multiyear, multi-faced project of revising and editing the Faculty Senate Handbook.

The Committee on Committees has planned to gather an accurate and updated e-mail

list serve for the entire faculty eligible for the University Committee membership.

CoC chairwoman Sally Fortenberry said a full-time list serve would have helped when collecting research and input for the new tenure policy and will be an asset for future projects that need committee input.

The Student Relations Committee, that has been working with the First Year Experience and the Integrity Council, is planning an integrity week for students this fall.

Also, the committee will implement the Honor Code in fall 2008.

David Bedford, SRC chairman, said the Honor Code, which is a student-initiated project, will establish a student-led procedure for dealing with violations of academic integrity.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the Faculty Senate will be soon looking for a new dean for the Neeley School of Business and for the College of Communication. Hiring will be completed in April.

"Hiring will be a serious enterprise because the quality of our deans shows the quality of the colleges," Donovan said.

## Group addresses civil rights concerns

By ANA BAK and ALYSSA DIZON  
Staff Reporters

Would anyone notice if you went missing?

The TCU chapter of Amnesty International held a weeklong event starting Sept. 4 to raise awareness for people who are imprisoned for their beliefs.

Dani Folks, vice president of Amnesty International, said the term coined for these prisoners are "prisoners of conscience."

"Amnesty International is the biggest civil rights organization in the world," Folks said.

Amy Gardner, the organization's secretary and trea-

surer, said people's rights are being abused every day.

"It deals with repressive governments and how a lot of people will be taken to jail because they're speaking out," said Gardner, a junior modern dance major.

This is the organization's first big event this year and their goal was to get TCU faculty and students involved, Folks said.

Freshman biology major Maggie King, who volunteered at the event, said they spread awareness by passing out T-shirts

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## Actors showcase year-round production

By ALYSSA DIZON  
Staff Reporter

New meaning can be given to the phrase 24/7/365 for a Kentucky-born playwright.

In November 2002, Pulitzer Prize-winner and playwright Suzan-Lori Parks made a commitment to write one play a day for an entire year and called it "365 Days/365 Plays," said Harry Parker, chair of the TCU theater department.

The TCU Department of Theatre, starting Sept. 10, is joining hundreds of acting companies involved in what theater compa-

nies call the largest project in the history of American theater.

Now, four years after Parks started her project, more than 700 theater companies and 70 universities in the U.S. and around the world are performing at least one of the 52 weeks of plays in the 365 International Festival, according to the "365 Days/365 Plays" Web site. Performances started Nov. 12, 2006, and will end Nov. 13, 2007. TCU actors will perform the plays of week 44.

Texas theater groups from Austin to Galveston are involved,

holding performances in untraditional locations such as cafes and street corners, according to "American Theatre Magazine." Several Fort Worth companies, including the Circle Theatre and the Jubilee Theatre, have already given their performances, Parker said.

Arian Augustus, senior English and psychology major, said she had seen performances of "365 Days/365 Plays" in Atlanta and is excited to be a part of it at TCU.

"It's just such a cool project," Augustus said. "You're part of

like a worldwide movement that's trying to bring theater back to the people by being free, by being simple and by being whatever you want it to be."

Parks specifically wanted low-budget performances without elaborate lighting and costumes, with no cost to the public, Augustus said.

Stage manager Kerby Anderson, senior social work major and theater minor, said with minimal production and no budget, "we have to be creative to get the story across" and "learn how to

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# MASCOT

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said. "Now you have to drive quite a bit to find one around."

Tony Burgess, professor of environmental studies, is in charge of this project. He said he grew up down the street from TCU where horned lizards used to be seen everywhere.

"I remember seeing horned lizards all over the place when I was growing up," he said. "Now they are nowhere to be found in this area."

Through this research, Schwaller said, they are trying to fill in the holes in the research so they can ask the right questions when assessing a possible reintroduction of the horned lizard into the Fort Worth area.

Schwaller said there are two possible theories on horned lizard depletion. The first theory centers on the climate changes.

Horned lizards survive better in dry climates and in the past few years, this area has become wetter and their population has condensed. Burgess said horned lizards are doing fine in West Texas, but the climate there remains dry, unlike Central and North Texas.

The other theory, Schwaller said, is that the harvester ant is the main diet of the horned lizard. But the red fire ants have migrated north from South America and overtaken some of the harvester population. With fewer ants, the horned lizard population has decreased.

"The fire ants may kill the horned frog," he said. "Or they may out-compete the harvest ant leaving the frog nothing to eat or the spray they use to control fire ants may kill the fire ants. There is still a lot of research left to be done."

Burgess said before they can really start focusing on the horned lizard, they must first understand the ant population and habitation. They will start by counting the ants and observing their diets.

Remekca Owens, Communications Manager for the Fort Worth Zoo, said that the zoo has had success breeding the horned lizard. Their first hatching was in 2005. In 2006, she said, the zoo successfully bred 25 horned lizard hatchlings.

The zoo currently has one adult horned lizard on exhibit in the Mountains and Desert region of the Texas Wild! exhibit, Owens said. The other adults and juvenile horned lizards are kept in an off-exhibit area at the zoo.

Owens said, "The zoo hopes to organize a horned lizard release project with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the near future."

TCU students and fellow researchers will continue to try to help the horned lizard be able to survive in the this area, Schwaller said.

# PLAY

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pull from the resources that we already have."

In spring 2006, Parker said he heard about the project from an e-mail and worked with other TCU faculty to get involved. Parker said the plays are completely student-run. Students are the directors, actors and crew for the entire week of shows, he said. The faculty chose four student-directors and their plays, and those directors selected actors Aug. 27, Parker said.

Daniel Fredrick, a junior theatre major, said although his emphasis is in acting, he wanted to try directing on a college level.

"It's an opportunity that's not going to come around again, so I wanted to be a part of it as much as I could," Fredrick said. "It's unlike anything that has been put on stage at TCU... something a little wild and out there."

TCU performs two different plays and the three constants every day, Parker said, and every play will be shown twice because they are all very short.

The constants represent events that the average person experiences, like having a busy schedule or having nothing to do, Augustus said.

"I'm excited because it's different, it's special and (Parks') writing is special," Parker said. "We're honoring her in this one-of-a-kind project."

# FOR YOUR INFO

## 365 Days / 365 Plays Schedule

Week 44

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**Monday, Sept. 10:**

"Sou'wester" and "The Burden of History"

**Tuesday, Sept. 11:** "The Burden of History" and "Make Me a Pallet"

**Wednesday, Sept. 12:** "Make Me a Pallet" and "The Face of the Deep"

**Thursday, Sept. 13:** "The Face of the Deep" and "A Prayer For Johnny Cash"

**Friday, Sept. 14:** "A Prayer For Johnny Cash" and "Kissing Booth"

**Saturday, Sept. 15:** "Kissing Booth" and "That's the Dope Talking"

**Sunday, Sept. 16:** "That's the Dope Talking" and "Sou'wester"

# HORNS

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won a bowl game in each of those years including a pair of BCS bowls, one of which was against No. 1 USC for a national title.

So I'll call TCU's good years and raise them some great years.

While it's probably true that TCU is as good as it has ever been, and Texas looked rough around the edges — and through the middle — Saturday, history shows that first game blowouts are often deceiving. Brown's called the close call against Arkansas State "probably the best thing that ever happened."

I don't know if I'd go that far, but Texas' young team got a nice object lesson that tired clichés about "any given Saturday" aren't just mindless rhetoric. If Arkansas State could come close to beating the Longhorns, TCU certainly can pull it off.

But they won't.

When it comes down to big games, Texas simply has the magic. TCU? It's just a bunch of muggles.

# FROGS

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Co. opportunities to make this a shootout.

After watching UT give up nearly 400 yards of total offense and its secondary allowing 275 passing yards, it reminded me of Jesse Spano's epic "I'm so excited, I'm so scared" breakdown. But unlike Spano, the secondary didn't need caffeine pills to go down in flames.

You are only as good as your last game, and the secondary knows the need to redeem itself in grand fashion.

So as Fort Worth's finest ascend upon one of the best towns in America, remember that both teams could be just one miscue away from a Spano breakdown. Whoever avoids it has a great shot of getting the W.

It's gut-check time.

# AMNESTY

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throughout the week. King said people were picked in advance and given the black T-shirts marked with a red "X" and the question, "Would anyone notice if you went missing?"

"It was a quiet thing," King said. "The people

who wore the shirts played big roles in raising awareness."

The people who were picked have big roles in the TCU community, King said, like Frog Camp facilitators, some faculty and other student leaders.

Amnesty International President Alexis Branaman, sophomore international communications major, said

they chose about 10 people who were approachable and would not be scared to talk about their T-shirts.

Cecile Van de Voorde, the Amnesty International adviser, said, "It's not only in other countries; it's here in the United States too. Don't be blind to this."

After a week of handing out the T-shirts, Amnesty International held an end-

ing party on Sadler Lawn Thursday at 6 p.m.

The event provided free food and live music featuring Texas Renegades, a band based in San Marcos.

Van de Voorde said she hopes that this awareness will go beyond today.

"Everyone is so sheltered," Van de Voorde said. "It's good for them to look out of their bubble."

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"I'll put you through hell, but at the end of it all we'll be champions."  
—Bear Bryant

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Honor the 6th Amendment**

Rights of accused not honored in sexual assault case  
The Bill of Rights grants all Americans the right to a speedy and public trial.

The case involving three former TCU athletes facing sexual assault charges has certainly been made public, yet has been anything but speedy.

Former athletes Lorenzo Labell Jones, 20, Shannon Behling, 20, and Virgil Allen Taylor, 19, were arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a freshman female student last October, according to court documents.

It's been 316 days since the incident was first publicized and there has been little advancement.

While Behling and Taylor each posted \$25,000 bail bonds after their arrests, Jones remained in the Tarrant County jail after an arrest last November for bail-jumping.

Last week a judge reinstated bail for Jones, who had spent about 300 days in custody.

Jones' lawyer argued that he wasn't being granted a speedy trial and the judge agreed.

The right to a speedy trial isn't only important for the accused, though. It's also for the victim and in this case, the TCU community.

The defendants aren't being given a timely trial, the victim isn't getting the justice she deserves and the public isn't being made aware of what happened.

It's been almost a year and there are still no answers. This case is one that shouldn't be forgotten and swept under the rug; TCU needs to know that justice has been served.

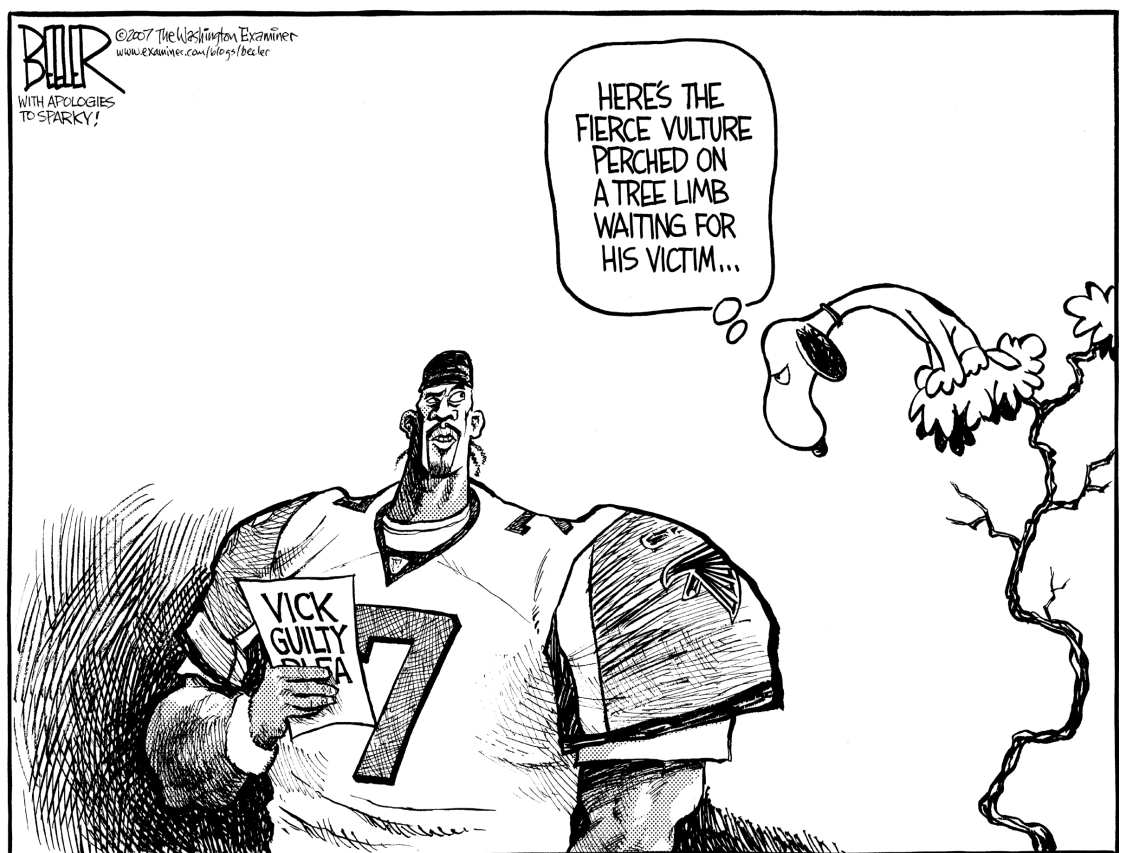
While the actions of the suspects are not being condoned, their rights are being defended. Keeping a suspect in jail for a long period of time is not only expensive for the public but also prolongs closure.

With a trial still in the future, a victim cannot move on from an incident and justice cannot be served.

This case is one that will continue to loom over TCU like a bad dream, constantly resurfacing until the right people wake up and get moving.

*Opinion editor Sonya Cisneros for the editorial board.*

**BY NATE BEELER**



**Transitions easier with help**

New environments, new friends and a new life. That is what college offers students. It isn't always easy to move from one part of life to another, essentially leaving everything you've known behind to begin anew.

In order to help students adjust, universities and even high schools are implementing freshman camps to help new students get a feel for their new home.

"On the first day of a new school year, incoming high school freshmen can feel like fish in a big pond," Jocelyn Delgado wrote in her recent Dallas Morning News article.

What Delgado didn't say was that in four years, those same freshmen would experience that feeling again upon entering the world of college, only then, they wouldn't be going home to their family every night for comfort.

Freshman camps, in TCU's case, Frog Camp, is a well-planned weekend where incoming freshman and transfer students come together for tours, orientation and fun.

Along with making new friends, freshman camps can make a big campus smaller and feel more manageable for students.

Melissa Gatti, a junior early childhood education major, said she remembers Frog Camp like it was yesterday.

"I think it is a great experience. It also made

me feel included in a big school where, really, it can be overwhelming," Gatti said.

No doubt most freshmen are going to be overwhelmed. Their lives are being altered in more ways than one.

TCU and many universities around the country use camps as a great way to teach school spirit, show students around the campus and even do small things like giving them hints on college survival.

"On Monday, the first day of school, struggling freshmen can keep a lookout for counselors who will be wearing special Fish Camp shirts so they can be easily spotted," Delgado said.

Sororities do the same type of thing for their new members. The day after a woman pledges her sorority, everyone wears the same shirt so the new members can find their "sisters" in each of their classes.

It is comfort and security that we are seeking. To walk into a classroom during your first week of college and see a group of girls wearing the same shirt you have on is a

relief. It doesn't matter if you are in high school or college, the feeling is the same. Knowing that you have a person or group to sit with in new classes is definitely something to write home about.

Shifting from one part of life to another is never as simple as people say it is. It's difficult to find yourself and even more so to define yourself. It takes nothing more than time to adjust, but it can get easier.

Taking the time to speak to a classmate next to us, or sitting next to a student who always sits alone is the simplest way to make someone just a bit more comfortable.

Comfort is something sought by everyone, but the ease of finding it is questionable. We need to make that extra effort, be leaders and affect the lives of those around us because we never know when we will need them to reach out to us.

*Marissa Warmis is a senior advertising/public relations major from Irving. Her column appears Fridays.*



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**Frog fans should treat others with respect**

When you think of football games, what do you think of?

Cheering in the stands until you lose your voice? Painting your face so purple that your professors can't tell whether you've been strangled or gone to

a ball game? Watching in awe as the cheerleaders and Showgirls perform their jaw-dropping stunts?

Attending football games can be an incredible part of the college experience. Before I came to TCU, I had never been to a football game. But when I came to TCU, I decided to change that. I cheered the Horned Frogs at all of the home games even though I did not understand anything that happened on the field. I loved cheering when everyone else in purple cheered and watching players tackle each other over a lemon-shaped ball.

One thing I don't enjoy about the football games, however, is being bombarded with death threats from the other team. We are all guilty of booing when the other team scores or the referee makes an unfavorable call, but is it really necessary to curse the other team in order to support ours?

I don't think so. Instead of concentrating on ridiculing our rivals, we should focus on supporting our team. I fully believe we should lose our voices screaming when we score. I sup-

port doing all the TCU cheers as often as possible to create positive energy around our team. Positive energy encourages our players to do their best and unifies the TCU family.

When we boo the other team or shout curses at them, it creates a negative energy. Rather than encourage our team, negative energy disheartens the other team. Imagine how difficult it would be for you to play if thousands of people were ridiculing you or cursing your school. It is much more effective to focus our influence on supporting our team rather than deriding the opposing players.

We all learned the golden rule in grade school: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Unfortunately, now that we are in college, most of us neglect to put it into practice. When we play away games, we do not want to be treated with hostility. If we treat visiting teams with respect and courtesy, they will be more inclined to treat us likewise. Disparaging rival teams reflects badly on TCU. When other schools play us, they judge us. They evaluate us by the quality of our team, the amount of student support we have and the way in which we treat them. Do we want other schools to condemn us as "rude" or "obsessive?" Probably not. I don't know about you, but I'd rather come from a school with the reputation of "friendly rival" or "courteous competition."

TCU's mission state-

ment stresses being ethical leaders. When we curse the other team just because it scored, we are not being ethical leaders; we are being selfish. Remember what your mother told you: "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

When I facilitated Frog Camp this year, we told campers to support the Horned Frogs without bashing the other teams. But when I went to the TCU vs. Baylor game, I saw that many people were criticizing the Bears rather than cheering the Frogs. About half-way through the game, one of my campers turned to me and asked, "Didn't they tell us at Frog Camp to support our team and not insult the other team?" I nodded my head in affirmation, but told her that obviously not everyone got the memo.

One of TCU's signature quotes is "Be the change you wish to see in the world," by Mahatma Gandhi.

If we, as TCU students, took a stand as ethical leaders — if we stopped belittling rival teams and instead focused our energy on supporting our team we could make a difference in college football as we know it. We could create dynamic positive energy around our team that would help it succeed rather than create negative energy that destroys. Competition is good; but when it goes to the extreme, it can create foul play.

*Christina Durano is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M.*

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Lies to protect team acceptable; UT game more important**

As a Horned Frog football fan, I am interested in everything head coach Gary Patterson has to say about our team. I am not aware of any instance where he was not open and honest about the team and its business on the field.

As a TCU student journalist, I am disappointed that the Skiff would run a negative opinion piece on Patterson the week of a big game, when most of our students enjoy our team's success.

I see from your editorial that your only exposure to the "Patterson scandal" was a lame Sept. 1 article by Jim Reeves in the Fort

Worth Star-Telegram, which was a poor attempt at criticism.

Patterson has an obligation to the men on this team, and this trust and bond is what help motivate them. We have the No. 19 team in the nation, and if Patterson feels it is necessary to protect the medical history of our players, then fine by me. Maybe you think a "no comment" would be sufficient, but in the media world it only brings more questions.

Have you interviewed Tommy Blake and asked him if he was let down by Patterson? Or asked any real TCU football fans if they feel

betrayed? Perhaps next time you write an editorial, you might want to include your medical history.

Go Frogs. Beat Texas.

*Lisa Falcone is a senior broadcast journalism major from Fort Worth.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

The Skiff View represents the view of the Skiff's entire editorial board, not just the individual editorial writer.

Every week in the NFL the coaching staff puts out a list of who will play and who will not.

Every week that information is misleading — that is part of the game. It makes no difference whether it is college or pro.

Coach Patterson's statement about the stomach flu is not out of line.

In fact, it is a great statement and shows concern for Tommy Blake.

If Andrew Chavez was a good investigative reporter he would not have to rely upon Patter-

son's statement.

Chavez should have broken a story about what is really wrong with Blake.

Blake's issues apparently are between himself and his doctors. How about some privacy for Blake and Patterson? When they are ready to tell their story I only hope that Chavez recants his comments or at least keeps them to himself.

They have better things to worry about — like beating Texas!

*Brittany Blake is a senior radio-TV-film major from Houston.*

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# A night on the town...



A pair of chefs from the ZestFest 2006 prepare some five-alarm concoctions in the kitchen. This year's festival had a sneak preview of things to come with a culinary showcase during Burger Bash on Thursday evening. One of the local chefs in ZestFest 2007 is Grady Spears from Dutch's Hamburgers.

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## Festival to offer spicy, 'zesty' tastes for Fort Worth food connoisseurs

By SONJA RADOVANCEVIC  
Staff Writer

The annual fall food celebration, ZestFest, hosted by Chile Pepper Magazine, will challenge Fort Worth's tastebuds and stomachs.

It is designed to give bold and flavorful food enthusiasts the opportunity to sample fiery tastes ranging from salsas to chutneys and candies. The festival enables chefs to exhibit their new products to potential buyers.

Prepping for the event is a yearlong process during which Chile Pepper Magazine investigates which exhibitors will attend and observes what new hot products vendors can offer. The magazine does this by going to other shows and promising restaurants throughout the year.

Gretchen VanEsselstyn, editor-in-chief of Chile Pepper Magazine, said one of the things to look forward to for this year is the Jalapeño Eating Contest scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m.

The chef line-up includes Fort Worth Chef Grady Spears of Dutch's Hamburgers and chefs from H3 Ranch, Bonnell's Restaurant and Central Market. Other non-local chefs will be attending ZestFest. Spears, an active participant for four years now, said some of the products at the spicy convention are so outrageously hot that they are impossible to eat.

Festivities began Thursday during the Burger Bash, where several area chefs faced off in a battle of

the buns. Participants can experience Spears' food in a different ambiance from his new hamburger joint, Dutch's. Other ZestFest chefs in attendance were there to offer their opinions of the burgers and hand out their own samples.

Mary of Puddin Hill, a country-style store, is returning this year. Last year, the store entered one product: Habanero Peanut Brittle, which was voted best overall product and the Golden Chile Winner. This year, Ken Dane from the Puddin Hill store, said the winner would be returning with their Fiery Texas Snowball. The balls are coated with dark chocolate tricking the consumer into not tasting the spicy flavor until he swallows at which

point, Dane said, the spicy sensation will hit "further back in your throat."

ZestFest will also be full of live music, contests, awards and as VanEsselstyn said, "It's really fun, people really eat their brains out."

### FOR YOUR INFO

#### ZestFest

**When:** Saturday and Sunday

**Where:** Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth's Cultural District

**Fee:** \$10, Kids 10 and under free

## D/FW hosts wine fest

By LISA BALDWIN  
Staff Writer

California may have its Napa Valley Wine Country, Texas has GrapeFest.

The largest wine festival in the Southwest, and named a Top 100 Event in North America for 2007 by the American Bus Association, GrapeFest will be held for its 21st consecutive year in Grapevine.

"Texas is the fifth largest wine producing state in the nation" Lewis said. "Texas is

close to surpassing Oregon to be one of the prominent winery states in the US."

GrapeStomp is an event Grapevine Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director of Marketing Barry Lewis described as a "favorite of the college-aged crowd." Two contestants face off stomping 18 pounds of grapes in a barrel for one minute each, then the person who produces the most juice wins.

A new event this year, is the "Here's to Beer" Pavilion.

This pavilion will feature premium ales and beers primarily from Anheuser-Busch Co. Lewis said to expect education on the different brewing and tasting processes for beer.

A key event at GrapeFest, the People's Choice Wine Tasting Classic, is the "largest consumer-judged wine competition in the nation," Lewis said. This year, 37 Texas wineries will be participating, with a total of 127 Texas wines to be sampled.

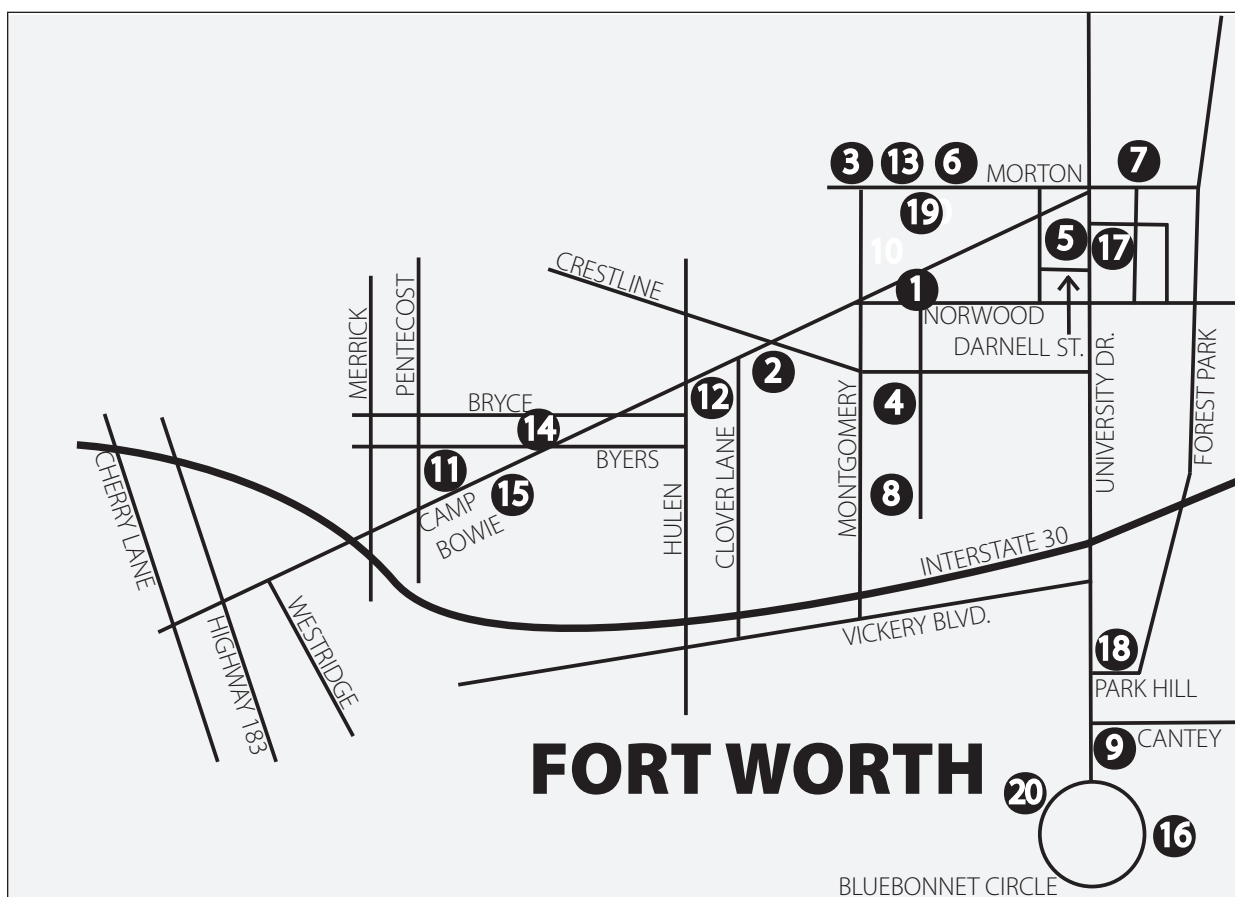
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## Art exhibits open doors to locals

By AMANDA SHIMKO  
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth's Fall Gallery Night is here again. Artists will showcase their work at a variety of galleries, salons and coffee shops throughout Tarrant County. The pieces on display are as unique as the people that view them. The point of the night is to have fun and enjoy some good art, all of which can be easier if the gallery-goer remembers a few helpful tips.

### 10 Tips for Gallery Night

**10** Ladies, Gallery Night is the night to pull out those cute, funky, little heels! Just remember there is quite a bit of walking, and it is important that those cute heels are also comfy. Well, as comfy as heels can be.

**9** Break out those Carrie Bradshaw outfits and make your clothes your own piece of art.

**8** Map out your evening's route beforehand. It saves a lot of time if you choose the galleries you want to see before you head out.

**7** Pick a place that you might not normally go, such as an off-the-wall gallery or university exhibit.

**6** Be sure to take traveling buddies. Things are always more fun with your friends around, right?

**5** Aside from cheese and crackers, there isn't going to be much to eat on your journey. Plan to eat before you go, or after, or both. You are not going to want to stop in the middle to grab a snack.

**4** Bring cash just in case. You never know how artists have set up their exhibits and they may not accept credit cards.

**3** Talk to the artists if you can. Keep an open mind. Many interesting friends can be made when art is involved.

**2** While wine is available at many galleries, pace yourself. Trust me, after a few galleries every piece of art starts looking good and you may end up going home with a \$3000 painting of a twig.

**1** Most importantly, remember that you have to drive from gallery to gallery. If you plan to partake of the free beverages make sure that someone responsible is behind the wheel.

Have fun!

## Take a stroll through these art hot spots

1. Amon Carter Museum
2. Carol Henderson Gallery
3. Edmund Craig
4. The Fort Worth Community Arts Center
5. Galerie Komeye West
6. Artful Hand
7. Uncommon Angels
8. National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame
9. University Art Gallery, TCU
10. UNT Artspace FW
12. Art on the Boulevard
13. Namaste
14. Classic Bungalow
15. The Gallery @ The Frame Up
16. Heliotrope
17. Morton House Gallery
18. Put a Cork in it
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1979: The Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) makes its debut.

**WORTH A LAUGH — BUT ONLY ONE**

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**A:** Because they rip the ears off of corn!

**Quigmans** by Buddy Hickerson



"Which came first, the Chicken McNugget or the Egg McMuffin?"

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See the Tuesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

**Thursday's Solutions**

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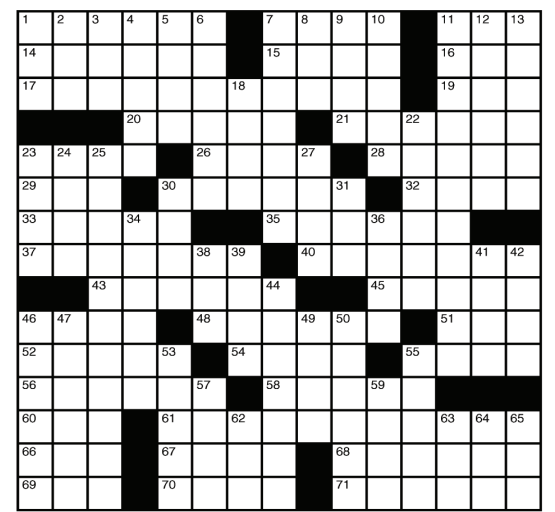
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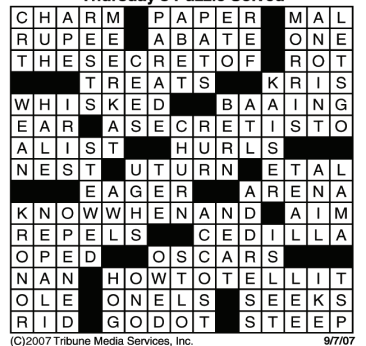
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By John Underwood New York, NY

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**



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# Two teams, two horns, one victor

**PRO HORNS**

By RYAN KILLIAN  
*Sports Editor, The Daily Texan*

I spent most of my summer up in Missouri this year, and while there, I got the distinct pleasure of going frog giging. That's what Texas will be doing Saturday, except

**COMMENTARY**



Ryan Killian

without the boat and high-powered lights. See, something's changed with this team since Texas met Michigan in the Rose Bowl in the 2004-2005 season. The team doesn't lose big games anymore. Mack Brown has figured out how to get the best out of his team when it matters most.

They can be taken by surprise and beaten, but TCU's not going to be taking anyone by surprise after demolishing Baylor 27-0. Ohio State beat Texas last year in a huge non-conference game, but looking back, that game was just about unwinnable.

TCU likes to brag that they've beaten five straight Big 12 opponents. If you look closer though, Oklahoma was the only eyebrow-raising triumph, and it happened in 2005. Eleven students from any given dorm — Kinsolving, Scottish Rite — could've beaten the Sooners in 2005. Think I'm exaggerating? TCU lost to SMU the next week.

Meanwhile, Texas hasn't lost to a non-BCS team in the BCS era. In fact, the last loss to someone outside one of the major conferences was to

those BCS-darlings at Notre Dame in 1996.

The Longhorns are deeper than TCU and just as fired up. The Horned Frogs are fighting for respect and wanting to shoot an "I told you so" over the Big 12's bow. Texas is defending its home field and trying to shake off the sudden perception that its overrated.

TCU has the luxury of being the underrated team with little to lose and worlds to gain by rolling down I-35 and knocking off the big boys at Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium. Don't think they've got the credentials? Brown knows what they've accomplished the last few years.

"They have won four of the last six games against ranked teams," he said. "They've won three of the last four bowl games. They've won their last five Big 12 games, which answers your question about whether they could be in the Big 12 or not. Obviously they could, and would be really good in the Big 12."

Fair enough, but Texas has a few accomplishments of their own in the last few years. Since 2004, our record is 35-4, and half those losses were to teams ranked in the AP's top five. The team has

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**PRO FROGS**

By TIM BELLA  
*Sports Editor*

I was enjoying a beer and barbecuing on my deck last year when I first heard TCU would get its chance at Texas the following season.

"We're going to get our (butts) handed to us," one friend said.

After taking a sip from my Bud Light, I had a different take on the game.

"It's about time," I said. "Everyone needs a good gut check every once in a while."

Fast forward the clock to Sept. 7.

TCU is in win-now mode, hoping a celebrated defense can help lift the team to that next level of greatness head coach Gary Patterson has talked about with such vigor.

The Longhorns are, by most accounts, a year or two away from seriously competing for another national championship, but have something to prove after "overrated" labels have been thrown their way following a single-digit win against Arkansas State.

Saturday is a measuring stick for both teams. Think of this weekend's test for both teams comparable to the

Ducks going against Iceland in "D2: The Mighty Ducks." Considering how each team started off last week, even Gordon Bombay himself might not know which team he should blow his duck call for.

For the Frogs, questions concerning the statuses of defensive end Tommy Blake and running back Aaron Brown continue to be asked and continue to be answered with "we don't know" and prognoses of "doubtful to probable" — a line that makes the average person reach for two Tylenol.

It is up to TCU's staunch 4-2-5 defense — a unit ranked No. 2 in total defense last season that hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher since Oct. 1, 2005 — to create scoring opportunities to make quarterback Andy Dalton's job easier in only his second career start.

Since he was named the starter three weeks ago, Dalton has been the crowned prince of TCU, doing more interviews and probably accepting more and more Facebook friend requests nowadays. With that being said, the Katy native knows nothing less than a victory against a team two years removed from a national championship will put to rest all doubt of whether he is capable of leading a top-20 program.

A victory ascends the prince to the king's throne and much more.

The Longhorns are aware of how good the Frogs have been and will be on Saturday. There is no doubt head coach Mack Brown, sophomore quarterback Colt McCoy and the rest of Longhorn nation wants to prove last week was a blip, but the boys in burnt orange have to prove their defense can give McCoy and

See **FROGS**, page 2

**FOOTBALL**

# IT'S ON



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor in Chief

TCU's Robert Henson leaps over a teammate and a downed Baylor defender during the final minutes of the fourth quarter Saturday.

By JOE ZIGTEMA  
*Staff Reporter*

The Horned Frogs will try to spoil the Texas Longhorns' national title hopes Saturday when they travel to Austin to take on the No. 7 Texas Longhorns at Darrell K. Royal Stadium.

Fresh off a 27-0 shutout against Baylor, the No. 19 Frogs will try to go for its sixth straight win against the Big 12 on Saturday.

The former Southwest Conference rivals will meet for the first time since 1995, and will meet as ranked opponents for the first time since 1984.

Head coach Gary Patterson said he likes to use the games against old Southwest Conference rivals as a measuring stick for his program.

"We know if we play well or we win that we've gained some more ground on where we're trying to get to as a program," Patterson said.

Though UT appeared less than impressive in a 21-13 win over Arkansas State, Patterson said he's not taking the Longhorns lightly by any stretch of the imagination.

"If you've watched all the

film I've watched, you should never judge last week's game by what kind of team they have," Patterson said.

Patterson heaped praise on the Longhorns, saying the 2005-06 national champions have the best wide receivers in the country and a quarterback, sophomore Colt McCoy, who knows what he's doing.

But by winning its last five games against Big 12 opponents, Patterson said his players are not going to be awestruck when they step out onto the field.

"I think this team has changed a little bit," Patterson said. "We feel like we can go into these situations and play well, and that is what we have a chance to do this Saturday."

Standout senior defensive end Tommy Blake and junior running back Aaron Brown both remain game-time decisions this Saturday.

**FOR YOUR INFO**

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<b>Rush Hour 3</b> (PG-13) 11:05a, 1:45p, 11:00p	<b>Shoot 'Em Up</b> (R) 12:30p, 3:30p, 6:30p, 10:00p	<b>Superbad</b> (R) 11:45a, 4:00p, 7:30p, 10:40p	<b>The Bourne Ultimatum</b> (PG-13) 2:15p, 6:00p, 9:30p
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