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SGA to implement new ideas for tailgating

By MORGAN BLUNK
Staff Reporter

Nearly 1,000 students are expected to attend the new student-run tailgate Saturday before the Horned Frogs take on the University of California at Davis in their first home football game of the season, said the president of the Student Government Association.

The student tailgate has been revamped since the 2005 season because students wanted something different than last year's tailgate, which took

place on the practice field, said Trevor Heaney, president of SGA.

Heaney said that he and representatives from various other student organizations formed a committee to propose new ideas for the student tailgate, because when students had complained about the tailgate in the past, it had not been changed.

This year, beginning four hours before kickoff, students can set up grills and tents in the new parking lot between Brach-

man Hall and Bellaire Drive North, said Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center. The tailgate will officially begin two hours before kickoff and end two hours after the game ends, she said. Anyone is welcome to tailgate during these hours, but said students will be strongly encouraged to go into the game before kickoff, she said.

All TCU students and their guests are welcome, Giovanis said.

"It's about students, for students and is student-designed, and hopefully, students will be more responsive," she said.

The students on the committee made all the necessary preparations for the tailgate, Heaney said.

"We went out and got the TCU faculty and staff that was needed to help us," Heaney said. "Then we went out and hired the necessary law enforcement to make sure everything is run properly."

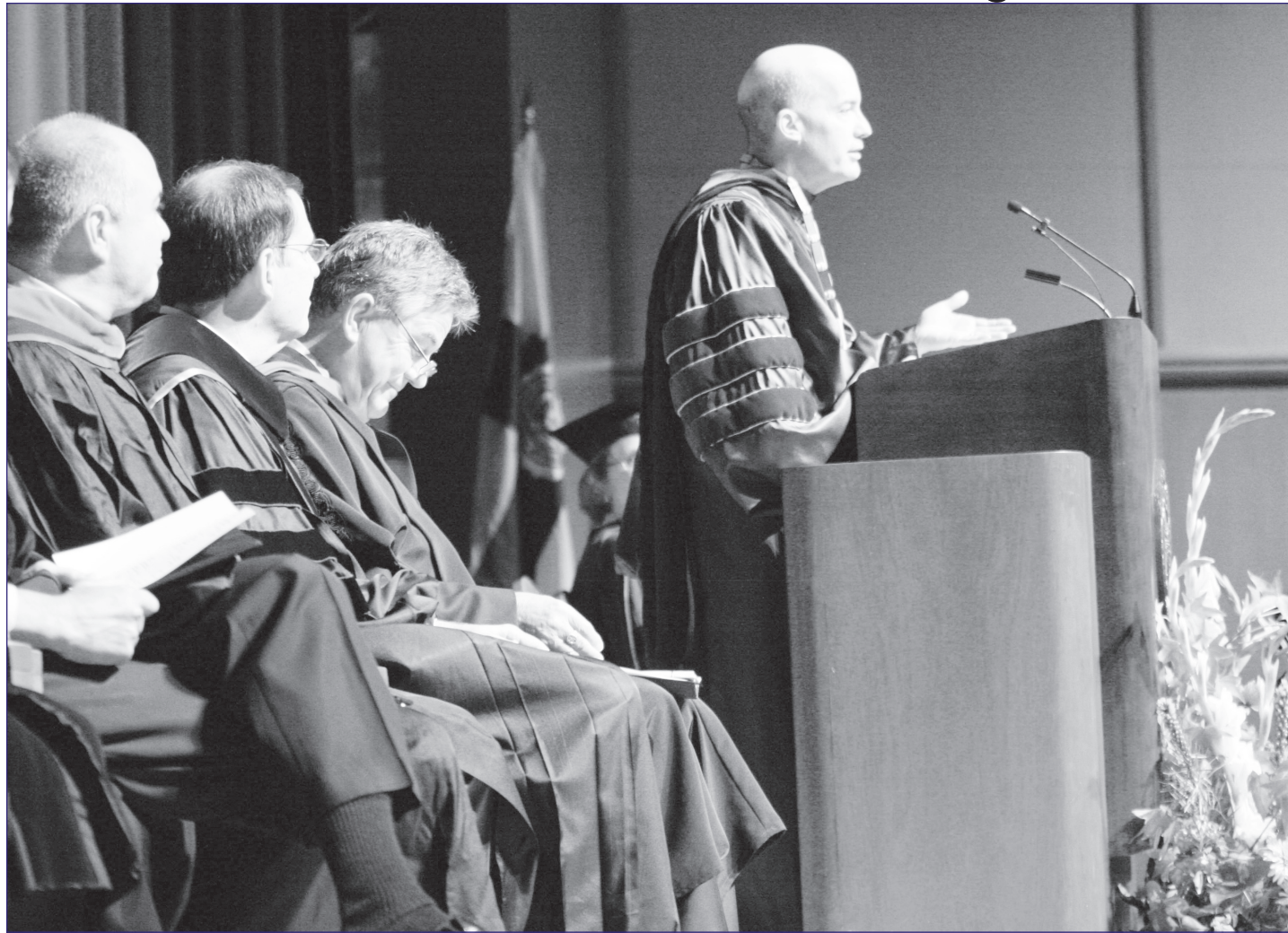
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Before a game, members and friends of Phi Beta Theta gather at a tailgate in Lot 3.

Convocation marks 134th academic year



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Chancellor Victor Boschini addresses the community Thursday at Convocation in Ed Landreth Hall about the Campus Commons project and Vision in Action.

By CHRISTINA HOLTZEN
Staff Reporter

The TCU Concert Choral began the University Convocation and Founders' Celebration with "Shout for Joy" Thursday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said in his address to about 650 students and faculty members that TCU is a thriving and changing campus.

Changes include the \$100 million Campus Commons project and the increase of applicants to TCU this year.

TCU had 8,700 applicants for the class of 2010, which is five times the space

available at TCU, he said.

Boschini noted several other changes at TCU. It is the first time in TCU's 134-year existence that it has a chief financial officer to manage the growing endowment.

Boschini also said that TCU is distinguished because of its friendly and residential community.

Professors shape students into value-oriented individuals who think for themselves, which is important since TCU is a religiously-affiliated school, he said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Don Mills said TCU is an important institution in Fort Worth and across the country because it has been around for 134 years.

"If you think about it, the country is about 230 years old," Mills said. "TCU has existed for half of that time. TCU has deep traditions and deep roots if something has existed that long."

In addition to the chancellor's address, the Wassenich Award, which is presented to a staff or faculty member who has been a mentor to students, was given to Carrie Zimmerman, assistant dean

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First AddRan dean resigns from position

By AMBER PARCHER
Staff Reporter

The provost announced at Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting that the dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences will be stepping down from her position.

Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College, will finish out the year before returning to teaching, said Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"I want to take this time to publicly thank Mary for her service as the first dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences," Donovan said.

A national search for her replacement will begin soon, he said.

Volcansek has served as the dean of the AddRan College for seven years.

Donovan also said at the meeting that TCU's Vision In Action plan is currently working to provide more students with the opportunity to study abroad by adding scholarships.

"Studying abroad should not be financially out of sight for students," Donovan said. "The notion

'global' is in our mission statement."

The plus/minus grading system was also a topic of discussion. Donovan acknowledged that he has received many e-mails from students and parents concerned about the change.

However, Bob Neilson, a chemistry professor and the chairman of the Academic Excellence Committee, said he will continue to guide the new grading system through the approval process. "Hopefully, that will soon be a done deal," Neilson said.

Communication between the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association will continue to improve, said David Bedford, a Spanish instructor and the chairman of student relations.

He said he wants to engage SGA in discussions about student advising and retention rates.

Bedford said he is considering SGA's suggestion of replacing official advisers for incoming freshmen with unofficial peer advising composed of

upperclassmen. The Faculty Senate will meet again Oct. 12.

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Nowell Donovan

Provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs

Graduate student writes top 5 song in national contest

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

A song written by a TCU student has recently been named one of the top five finalists in a national song-writing competition.

The winner of The Student Anthem Challenge will be announced next week and will be decided through online voting, which will be available to voters through Sunday.

Jacquelyn Weitz, a music graduate student, entered her song "More Than I Am" in the competition almost five

months ago, she said.

Early this summer, a panel of judges chose "More Than I Am" as one of the top 20 songs out of 130 entries. Since then, it has made it into the top 10 and now the top five.

The Student Anthem Challenge is a yearly competition open to all high school and college students.

Richard Gipson, director for the School of Music, said competitors' songs were supposed to encourage other students.

"The challenge invited competitors

to create a song that would inspire young people to stay in school, work hard and achieve," Gipson said.

According to its Web site, The Challenge is part of a larger project called The Student Anthem Project, which aims to encourage students to stay in school and complete their educations.

"The Student Anthem Project transforms teachers, students, high school dropouts and musicians into anti-dropout crusaders," according to a statement on the Web site.

Weitz said she got inspiration for "More Than I Am" from her own feelings on education.

She said she knows how important it is for students to stay in school and to believe in themselves, and said she tried to put that into the music.

The song, which runs more than four minutes long, took Weitz around a week to write, she said.

If Weitz wins, she will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, a professional recording session, performance opportunities in schools across the

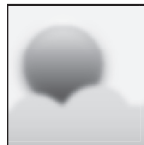
nation and a television appearance, Gipson said.

"This is the first song I've written knowing that other people would listen to it," Weitz said.

She said the response to her song has encouraged her to keep writing.

ONLINE

To listen to or vote for "More Than I Am," visit www.studentanthemproject.com



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of student development services.

Zimmerman was nominated by 75 alumni and students and received a \$2,500 prize.

Provost Nowell Donovan announced the recipients of the school and college awards, which recognizes a faculty member from each department. The recipients are chosen by their colleagues.

The last award presented by Boschini was The Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar, which recognizes faculty members chosen by Boschini who are extraordinary in

teaching and scholarship.

The recipients for this award were Stanley Block, professor of finance, and Phil Hartman, professor of biology.

"This is a capstone of my career," Block said, adding that he merely educates students, and his pride is in his students.

Hartman said he agreed that the reward comes from teaching.

"I got the best job I can actually do," Hartman said.

Convocation ended with students and faculty singing TCU's alma mater.

Many of the students and faculty walked together to the Founders' Celebration on the lawn by the Clark Brothers statue for a reception that included food and drinks.

"This is the capstone of my career"

Stanley Block
Professor of finance
said of his award

TAILGATE

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Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said last year's student tailgates on the practice field didn't work because of the location and a lack of student involvement.

"The tailgates really didn't have the support from many student organizations — especially Greeks," Mills said. "I hope this year Greeks will support them."

Drew Mayer, a sophomore criminal justice major, said he agrees that something more is needed this year. Mayer said TCU tailgates seem disorganized compared to tailgates he has attended at other schools such as the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University. He said the pre-game ritual at TCU is also burdened by a crackdown on alcohol consumption by authorities, but said he thinks there is hope for the new tailgate this fall.

"It's good that they've put that new parking lot in because there hasn't been a lot of room for tailgating," Mayer said.

Students will be allowed to bring their own alcohol to the tailgate as long as they

are older than 21 and receive a wristband when they come through one of the two entrances, Giovanis said. She said event staff and police officers will be checking IDs and handing out wristbands, but said students need to be responsible for themselves and how much they choose to drink.

Heaney said he agrees, adding that he hopes the authorities hired to enforce the rules set by the tailgating committee will be sufficient.

"We are definitely not inviting the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission," Heaney said. "That is why we hired event staff and why we hired the Fort Worth Police Department, so that they can take care of any situations or any problems."

Because of the more lenient rules this year, Mills said there is potential for problems.

"Behavioral issues could occur and parts of (the tailgate) might be hard to manage because of alcohol," Mills said.

To try to alleviate problems, however, the tailgate committee wrote out a policy specifically regarding alcohol, Heaney said. While the alcohol amount will not be limited for each person, things such as kegs, troughs and beer bong

ers with food and beer will be allowed, but until further notice, liquor will not be permitted, he said.

"We're trying to keep our tailgates in line with the rest of the TCU tailgates that will be going on during the season," Heaney said.

Giovanis, who is also the adviser for Hyperfrogs, said the organization will be at every student tailgate this fall and will offer things such as food and face painting.

Hyperfrogs, which had a representative on the tailgating committee, is a student organization where students show spirit and support for athletic events without the influence of alcohol or drugs, Giovanis said.

In addition to Hyperfrogs' involvement, Programming Council will be providing entertainment including live bands at every tailgate. The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic are also working on setting up a big-screen TV to show other game broadcasts at the tailgate, Heaney said.

Mills said he expects the tailgate to succeed because of the student support.

"It's going to be a pretty terrific student party," Mills said.

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THE SKIFF VIEW

Irwin's death not spectacle

Animal and nature enthusiasts around the globe are mourning the death of Steve Irwin, the "Crocodile Hunter." Irwin was the beloved TV personality on many wildlife adventure shows, who was killed unexpectedly Monday from a stingray attack while filming a children's TV show off the Great Barrier Reef. While in the water, Irwin swam over a hidden stingray and was stabbed in the chest with its barb. He was pulled from the water by his boat crew and rushed to a nearby island for emergency treatment. However, all attempts to save Irwin were unsuccessful. The Crocodile Hunter's fame rose when his first show aired in Australia in 1992. After that, his educational and entertaining shows became popular in the United States. His shows were family oriented and fun for children. He even had a catch phrase "crikey," which became a popular

saying. With so many young fans, would it be ethical to air the video of Irwin's death to the public? Although fatal stingray attacks are uncommon, it is still important for the public to understand that swimming with stingrays in an uncontrolled environment could be deadly. However, the use of a firsthand, video account of an attack, that resulted in death, is not necessary to build awareness. Although blood and guts are not seen in the video, it could still be very shocking for Irwin's young audience to view footage of Irwin's death. If the media wants to show a video to the public, Irwin should be remembered by his conservation of nature and his adoration for animals. Clips from his life should be aired, not ones from his death.

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Integration key to understanding

The struggle of blacks, for most of the past 400 years, has been for social equality. In "The Future of the Negro," Frederick Douglass wrote in 1884, "The tendency of the age is unification, not isolation; not to clans and class, but to human brotherhood."

Last week, I wrote to the whole student body about the necessity of integration at TCU. This week, I want to specifically encourage black students on campus to be proactive in expressing themselves to a largely ignorant campus. After ages of dashed hopes, bloody war, mad prophets and heroic martyrs, our forefathers secured the rights many of us take for granted today. I say that because there seems to be a spirit of resignation, or self-separation, among blacks in the culture at large. I was recently reading an article from 1971 in Ebony magazine, a periodical targeted toward a black audience. I noticed how the advertisements were promoting not just products, but a utopian vision of social equality as well. It was as if the advertisers wanted to use any means necessary to keep the goal of integration at the fore-

front of the reader's mind. Needless to say, the same social vision is noticeably absent in the more recent editions of the magazine. I don't know when integration ceased to be a goal of our community nor why, exactly, it did cease. Perhaps there comes a time when you stop trying to appeal to people who don't want you around. Perhaps blacks were unwilling to put up with the mockery of their culture or the ignorance of those who "wouldn't understand because it's a black thing." I acknowledge and understand these possibilities, but somehow I feel as if we are doing our forefathers a great disservice. Their goal wasn't "separate, but equal," but full membership in the family of mankind. In "The Souls of Black Folk," a collection of essays and sketches, W.E.B. DuBois wrote, "Only by a union of intelligence and sympathy across the color-line in this critical period of the Republic shall justice and right triumph." Those words were written more than a century ago, yet it seems that many in the black community are retreating from that bold stance. The black community has a lot to offer to the world. It has more to offer than exploited women in music videos. The only way, however, that the rest of the

world will see the other side is by bringing it out into the open. As stated in Matthew 5:14, "...for a city on a hill cannot be hid." A minority group cannot isolate itself and expect its culture to be understood and appreciated by the outside world. Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to social issues — just look at New Orleans. The black community cannot sit back and let those who are ignorant of it dictate who its people are and what they believe. Instead, blacks must show them who the black community is and its beliefs. So continue the struggle for that which our forefathers lived and died fighting for — full integration into power and influence. Our forefathers were dreamers, and it is only those who dream the most impossible dreams who see the most improbable results. The black community at TCU is small, but that does not mean its voice has to be. Blacks have a chance to reveal a side of their community that the outside world never knew existed. But the only way that can take place is if blacks, in a small way, fulfill the dream the forefathers dared to dream all those years ago.

Erick Raven is a first year graduate student in the school of education from Grand Prairie.

Presidency, politics now for elite

On a regular basis, U.S. citizens are subjected to the foundations of what our nation stands for. We are a nation of risk-taking entrepreneurs and ambitious dream-chasers. When the gaping mouth of immigration first opened, long before the concept of pursuing the American Dream ever existed, moving to the United States was risky business. Individuals who committed to traveling the great divide between their homelands and the new world, even if out of a desperately conceived plight to escape the fray of a suppressive government, still risked losing everything in this wild and unsettled territory. While the unwilling were left at home, the cutting edge forged within our American bloodline a culture of discipline, innovation, and global ascension. But while many people still have the gusto to dream and pursue, America has taken an unfortunate turn in its ability to give back. There is one particular area in American society that no longer sufficiently abides by the principles of living the dream. Since the spawning of the executive branch, the U.S. presidency and,

increasingly, politics as a whole, has taken a terrible plummet into inequality and hypocrisy. In a nation now ruled by money and a highly biased and sensitive media, our politicians are now ultimately inbred. The most recent three presidential elections give enough evidence to support this claim. Bill Clinton, an anti-Vietnam activist, attempted to renounce his U.S. citizenship and emigrate to avoid the draft during his education at Yale Law School, according to a Consortium News article. Yet despite locking antlers with the United States, Clinton became the 42nd president. Even beyond his presidency, Clinton has set the stage for at least another generation of political Clintons. His wife, who is, by no coincidence, a New York senator, is now thought of as the iconic hope that there will soon be a female president to millions of Americans. Unfortunately, the former first lady's ambitions of success doesn't spring from the humility and reverence that American icon Benjamin Franklin's did more than two centuries earlier, but instead from the paths that President Clinton already paved. The same phenomenon is true to the far left, as it is no coincidence that three

members of the Bush family have served the United States. The impacts on public policy left by the Clintons, Bushes and Kennedys will slowly stagnate — though not nearly quickly enough. But America, through twists in the media, is now captivated by the idea of celebrity-esque presidents and politicians. Like the popularity of Hollywood families such as Owen and Luke Wilson or Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, political families will likely become increasingly dominant. The U.S. presidency is arguably a career that can no longer be touched by a lower-class family. Interestingly enough, the increasing elitism and exclusivity of politics is reflective of empires dominated by familial bloodlines. While the United States is still a democracy, political elitism is the closest to royalty that America has ever been since the Constitution's ratification. So, while America still thrives under the principles of risk, triumph and gusto, the American presidency, as well as politics as a whole, is falling victim to not allowing the self-educated, self-built man to ever ascend the stairwells of government. Politics are now reserved for the rich and the famous — just ask Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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Films honoring 9/11 offer true depictions, impact viewer

The heartache and tragedy of the Sept. 11, 2001, events created wounds on the hearts of many Americans. Now, five years later, Hollywood has released two movies depicting some of these events. But is it too early to release films that created such tragedy? For many Americans, it is obviously too soon because many people have chosen not to see these films, but to some, the films speak for themselves and they speak with heart. Both films left me speechless, and I felt as though the events were unfolding in front of my eyes. The first film was released in May 2006 and is titled "United 93." I was hesitant about seeing this film because I heard that it was disturbing, but I knew I needed to see it. No one knows exactly what happened on United flight 93, but the film gives a depiction of the

events that likely took place that day. I did not realize how ignorant I was about the incidents that happened on United flight 93 until I saw the film, and there are probably millions who are as unaware as I was. For this reason, it is important for every American to see this film. The people on that flight decided they were willing to trade their lives to avoid greater loss of life. The people on United flight 93 that day should be recognized as heroes just as much as anyone who fell victim to other Sept. 11 attacks. The second film, released in August 2006, is titled "World Trade Center." This film is a true story of two New York Port Authority Police who were trapped in the North tower of the World Trade Center. I was also skeptical about this film, but after seeing it, I was astonished by the faith and courage these heroes had for our country. "World Trade Center" was inspiring because it told the stories of two people

who actually survived the attacks. Both films, "World Trade Center" and "United 93," were completely different. They described two different viewpoints of the tragedy people faced that day. More important than anything, the films gave two depictions of the thousands of tragedies that happened Sept. 11. These depictions made me realize how many people suffered. Hollywood has put its heart into their production and for a good cause. I have never seen any films that have made me feel the empathy I felt for the people who were featured in the Sept. 11-inspired movies. I walked out of both films with my eyes stinging and heart pounding. Such a reaction is what proves a film has made an impact. I also walked out of each film with an overwhelming sense of pride for my country, and that is what made the films worth seeing.

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Nicolas Cage (center) stars in the movie, "World Trade Center."

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It's not your mom's cooking class

Nutritional sciences offers unique, real-life lessons

By RACHAEL RILEY
Staff Reporter

While most classes require students to listen to lectures, some classes offered in the nutritional sciences department include cooking and food tasting in the syllabus.

One of these classes, food and culture, taught by Anne VanBeber, professor and chair of the nutritional sciences department, is being offered for the first time this semester to provide students with the foundational knowledge that the American



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor
Freshman fashion merchandising major Paige Nettles, and freshman nutrition major Dana Jenschke, pull their finished cookies out of the oven to cool in their freshman seminar class, nutrition science concepts and controversies, this semester.

Dietetic Association requires, VanBeber said.

Nutritional sciences majors and majors not within the department can take the food and culture class, which is part of the cultural awareness component of the new core, VanBeber said.

Students will learn about nomads and early food-gathering and trading techniques, VanBeber said, and taste different foods — even “slimy pickled cactus.”

“It allows them out of their comfort zone and to learn more when they try new things,” VanBeber said.

Other nutrition courses offer hands-on learning experiences as well, she said. For example, meal management, which is open in the fall for nutritional sciences majors and nonmajor upper-level students, allow students to cook meals and learn the aesthetics of creating meals and about economics of food, VanBeber said.

One assignment includes planning a two-course meal for four people with a budget of less than \$10, she said.

In the quantity foods class, students are now working with Dining Services, said Sally Hampton, an instructor for the department of nutritional sciences.

This is the first semester they have been able to do this, Hampton said.

“It gives them real-life experiences with mass production in food and knowledge they’ll face as professionals,” Hampton said.

Students are being trained to comply with all health and food regu-

lations, which includes obtaining a license before handling food, she said.

The nutritional sciences department also offers an exclusive class — one just for seniors.

Gourmet foods is offered in the spring to nutritional science majors and nonmajors whom are graduating seniors.

“This class is for seniors to look forward to,” VanBeber said.

Provost Nowell Donovan prepared a traditional Scottish meal for the class last spring, she said.

Former TCU librarian Bob Seal, who took the gourmet foods class in spring 2004, said the class took a field trip to the Central Market Cooking School where they learned to make tamales.

“I like to cook as a hobby and had heard that her class was fun so I asked her if I could take it,” Seal said.

Guest chefs have also spoken to the class.

Shannon Shipp, an associate professor and chair in the department of marketing, spoke to the class and prepared a gourmet feast in previous years, she said. The meal included scallops, chicken with cream and mushrooms and mixed berry sorbet, Shipp said.

“My goal was to show the students we could make healthy, attractive food in not a lot of time,” Shipp said.

Departmental budget covers all costs of food and supplies for all nutrition science classes. Students pay the \$45 lab fee to participate in the class, VanBeber said.



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor
Anne VanBeber, chair of the nutritional sciences department, helps explain place settings to Bethany Doherty, senior advertising/public relations major, this semester in a meal management course. Meal management is one of many hands-on courses the department offers.




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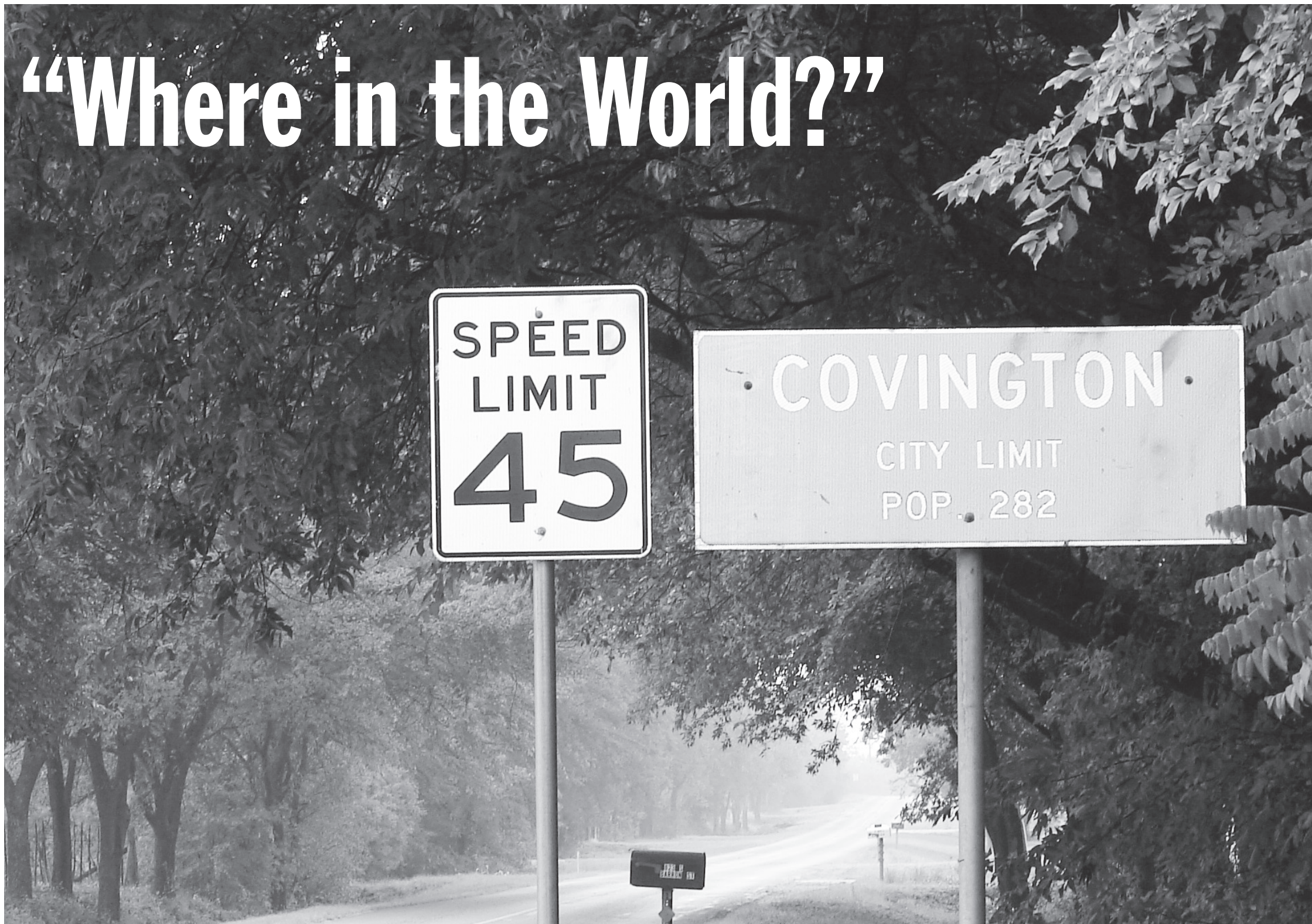
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NEW ARTIST ALERT

If you are a fan of John Mayer, catch Wednesday's entertainment page for a new artist on the rise.



Covington's city limit sign welcomes people passing through the city.

Jeff Eskew/ Features Editor

Covington, a small town you've never heard of, is only 45 miles south

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

Almost everyone has, at one point in their lives, experienced that feeling of being stuck in the middle of nowhere without being able to do anything about it.

Now, imagine living in a town without a hospital, restaurant, movie theater or even a bar, and you'll start to form an accurate mental picture of what Covington, Texas is all about.

Shopping at a gas station, joining the Future Farmers of America and having no fast-food restaurants around is all part of growing up in this small town, which is about 45 miles south of Fort Worth.

Covington is the home of Kraig Huse, a junior engineering major, who said nobody can really comprehend how small his town really is.

"When most people think small towns, they think a couple of thousand, but we have about 280 people in Covington," Huse said.

He said the town is so small that stop lights or road signs don't exist. Instead, there are two stop signs and a blinking light to help keep what little traffic Covington might have in check.

If you are not paying attention when driving through Covington, you might miss it since Covington's total land area is less than one square mile, according to city-data.com.

There are only two places to shop in Covington. One is the Shell service station on the edge of town, and the other, Covington Collectables, is a small shop run out of a home.

With such a small population, one can only imagine what it was like to attend school there.

Huse said he was pretty much able to do anything he wanted to in high school, and said most kids either joined the FFA or the agriculture club.

Unlike the majority of small towns in Texas, Covington's main sport is not football. High school students here focus on basketball, instead.

"My town is so small that the town population triples when we have a

home basketball game," Huse said.

Another positive thing about living in a place like Covington is that you pretty much know everything about everyone, he said.

"In Covington, whenever you hear sirens, it is someone you know who is either in trouble or about to be," Huse said.

He said his graduating class was only 21 people, and four or five of those students did not move to Covington until their senior year.

Although living in a small town allows you to participate in numerous activities in high school, finding things to do outside of school can prove to be quite the challenge.

With a lack of built-in entertainment around, students often had to make their own fun if they didn't want to travel 15 miles to Hillsboro or Cleburne.

Huse said they would often throw field parties and steal items from the school to entertain themselves, but would return the stolen items back at graduation.

After graduation, few people decided to stick around Covington for longer than they had to, Huse said.

"Most people try to get out as soon as possible, but about half are back within the year," he said.

Even though he loves his hometown, Huse said there are a couple of things he wishes would make their way into Covington's city limits.

"I would bring in a fast-food place like McDonald's," he said.

Covington may be lacking several big-city amenities, but the town is not completely void of facilities.

Covington recently had a new police department added to the already existing volunteer fire department and city park. While the park may look run-down, when your town's population is under 300 people, you take what you can get.

More than likely, students who grew up in small towns wouldn't have chosen to live there during their teenage years. But when all is said and done, students say there is no place they would rather call home.



JEFF ESKEW/ Features Editor
Above: Covington's water tower **Left:** Covington City Park **Bottom:** Volunteer fire department

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Online streaming of campus sports available

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Reporter

Athletics administrators and College Sports Television have joined together to bring students online video broadcasts of TCU sports events for free in the 2006-2007 academic year.

Scott Kull, associate athletics director for external operations, said the streaming video, which will be archived on gofrogs.com, makes games more accessible to students and alumni who wish to stay up-to-date with TCU athletics.

“We have started doing live video and audio for volleyball games this season,” Kull said, “and we

are going to broadcast the TCU-UC Davis game this weekend.”

The project, which will also provide audio game coverage online for fans who may be out of broadcast range, is part of the CSTV All-Access program.

Rice University, Texas Tech University, Texas State University and Southern Methodist University are also part of the CSTV All-Access program, according to CSTV.com.

Tony Fleming, a TCU network engineer who is taking care of technical support for the online video, said one problem facing the video feeds are delays between the film-

ing and the time it takes to send the information back out to the public, Fleming said.

Other changes Kull may implement include using broadcast talent in the videos.

He said he may consider using student broadcasters from KTCU 88.7 FM The Choice to cover future sporting events.

Russell Scott, KTCU station manager, said he spoke with Kull about some broadcast possibilities before the semester began. He said that the videos could present valuable opportunities to those who want to be a part of a sports broadcast

experience.

“The streaming events open up a real asset to the university,” Scott said.

In addition to volleyball and football coverage, soccer games will be broadcasted using live commentary that can be heard both online and through KTCU, said Ryan Schulz, coordinator of athletics media relations.

Schulz said the play-by-play commentary will come from RJ Choppy with 103.3 FM ESPN Radio and color commentary will come from former TCU soccer player Jackie Rodriguez. The broadcasts will use

former Dallas Burn sideline reporter Kelly Webster for a couple of games, he said.

Jess Price, a media producer in the Center for Instructional Services, said podcasting the sporting events will be possible after they are archived and on file.

“If athletics asked me to take the UC Davis game and put it on podcasts, I could have it done by Monday,” Price said.

Price said the podcasts could be edited to show only the action, not the penalties and delays, making a three-hour game take about 45 minutes.

Sept. 11 memorial to focus on future, university minister says

By MICHELLE THOMAS
Staff Reporter

As the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks approaches, University Ministries is looking for a way to facilitate student reflection, said the minister to the university.

A display of remembrance containing pictures, stories and quotes from students and others affected by the attacks will be in the Student Center Lounge on Monday.

The display will provide a place for students to grieve past losses while continuing to look forward, said Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

“We should remember it, but not remain in it,” she said.

Reflections, prayer and music will also be available all day to members of the TCU community in the Robert Carr Chapel.

A memorial service in the Carr Chapel planned for Monday was canceled after Kaufman spoke with leadership at sev-

eral Fort Worth churches who suggested keeping focus on the future and the progress that has been made since Sept. 11.

Tom Plumbley, senior minister of First Christian Church in downtown Fort Worth, said fear doesn't have to paralyze students.

“We have to keep our heads up and keep fear out of our hearts,” he said. “We must be hopeful.”

First Christian Church is opening its doors Monday for

those who want to come and take a moment to remember the events of Sept. 11. A brief service will be held at 12:10 p.m., he said, adding that the church's goal is to establish an optimistic attitude.

“We want to provide a place for people to focus their attention on the events of five years ago and pray about how to go forward from here,” Plumbley said.

Bill Taylor, associate rector at Trinity Episcopal Church,

said it is important to maintain a reverence for the people who were killed, while not letting the past permanently damage the country.

“While it's painful,” Taylor said, “God's hand is still alive in this.”

Jeremy Brady, a junior biology major, said it is important for people to see that this country is just as vulnerable as any other.

“When everything is going well, you forget the threat is out there,” he said. “They're there,

and they're real.”

Brady said the attacks were a terrible thing, but said he is trusting God with the future.

“Sept. 11 is a day that I'm going to remember that God is in control,” he said. “We are all vulnerable, but God is going to protect me.”

Jessica Creel, a sophomore nursing major, said students should reflect on what happened five years ago, but agreed that they should move forward with new perspectives.



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


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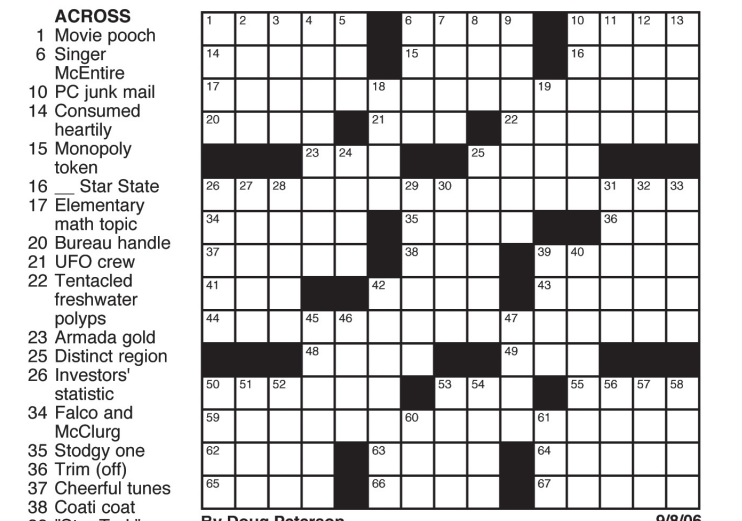
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Get to know swimming and diving team member Jonathan Berrettini, who qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials.

Men, women golfers to tee off; Lady Frogs ranked high in polls

By AMBER PARCHER
Staff Reporter

The TCU men's and women's golf programs are ready to show they are teams to be reckoned with as both kick off their seasons Monday.

The men's team will be traveling to Toledo, Ohio, to play in the Inverness Intercollegiate Tournament, while the women's team will be in Albuquerque, N.M., for the Dick McGuire Invitational. Both tournaments will be played Monday and Tuesday.

The women's team is ranked No. 25 in the nation by the Golf Digest 2006 College Golf Guide. They are also ranked No. 1 in the Mountain West Conference and No. 2 in Texas behind the University of Texas at Austin.

Women's Head Coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said she doesn't take preseason rankings into too much consideration.

"Preseason rankings are just opinions," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "We've got to go out there and play to earn it."

Ravaoli-Larkin said the key to her team's success this season is believing how good they are.

"We have the chemistry and the depth on the team this year," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "Obviously, we're looking forward to winning."

Stamina will play a pivotal role in Albuquerque, because the team will have to play 36 holes Monday, Ravaoli-Larkin said.

The men's team is going into this season with confidence, head coach Bill Montigel said, as four players on the seven-man team qualified for the U.S. Amateur Championship tournament earlier this summer.

"There are a lot of good teams at this tournament, but we are going to take care of business and worry about ourselves," Montigel said.

The men's team will be led by sophomore Jon McLean, who became only the fourth golfer in TCU history to reach round 16 at the U.S. Amateur Championship, Montigel said.

Montigel said the golf course in Toledo, the future site of the 2009 NCAA tournament, is extremely difficult.

"Patience is going to be huge. There are small greens and narrow fairways, and we

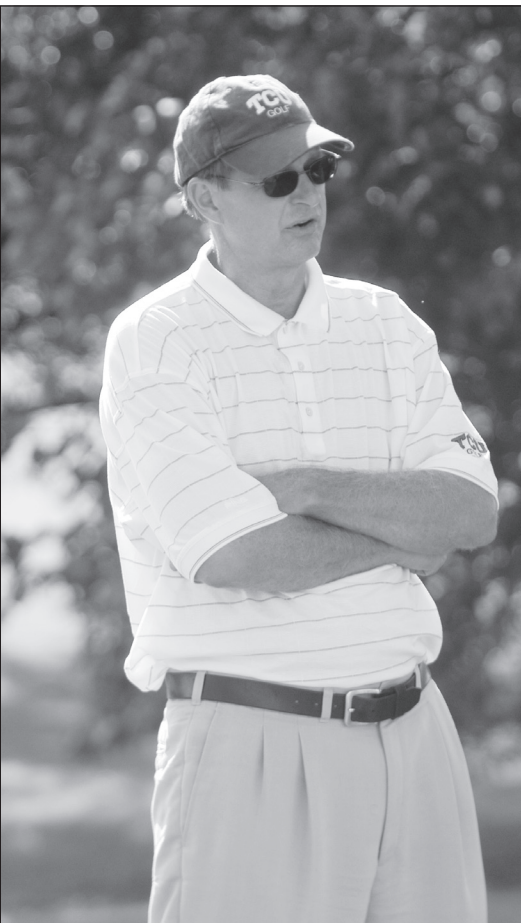
just have to hit it straight down the middle," Montigel said.

Four out of the five players representing TCU in this tournament are sophomores, Montigel said, so they will have a chance to practice on a course they could be playing on in two years for the NCAA tournament.

"We have one of the younger teams in college golf, but that can be good because young guys get better, especially when they already have talent," Montigel said.

Sophomore Jesse Speirs of the men's team said this year's squad has huge potential.

"It's just a matter of our games coming together at the right time," Speirs said.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Men's golf team head coach Bill Montigel will lead the team to the Inverness Intercollegiate Tournament this weekend in Toledo, Ohio.

Patterson preparing team for home opener against UC Davis

By JEFF WILSON
McClatchy Newspapers

A relatively large media group gathered Aug. 3 at TCU to get the low down on the Horned Frogs as they awaited the start of fall camp only 24 hours later.

The keynote speaker, of course, was head football coach Gary Patterson. During his opening remarks, before the media whipped him with questions, he listed three primary areas of concern: backup quarterback, offensive line and cornerback.

Flash forward to Sept. 3 - five days ago and a full month after those concerns were announced - and some might wonder why Patterson was so worried.

The supposed problem areas were key in TCU's 17-7 victory at Baylor. Backup QB Marcus Jackson starred in relief of Jeff Ballard, the beef-up front dominated in the second half, and the freshman corners survived their initial test.

Patterson, though, is already past the opening performance.

"They were OK," he said. "But we had eight practices to get ready for Baylor. This week we have three. Now, how do the young guys handle all the stuff against UC-Davis?"

Patterson said he started prepping for UC-Davis on the bus ride back from Waco. The Aggies do a lot of different things offensively, he said, and the Frogs are way behind with a short week to prepare for the home opener.

"You make your most improvement between game 1 and game 2," he said. "So, we've got a lot of work to do."

The coach wasn't about to stroke egos Monday, when the Frogs had a team meeting at 12:30 p.m. and ran in the drizzle for about 15 minutes to loosen sore muscles.

Just imagine how much sorer the players would have been had the Frogs been 0-1 instead of 1-0. That might have been a reality if not for timely efforts by guys who have been doubted since spring practice.

Start with Jackson, who won't be starting Saturday at Amon G. Carter Stadium. He was named the Mountain West's Offensive Player of the Week after he took the reins of the offense and led the Frogs to 17 unanswered second-half points.

The coaches didn't strip down the playbook for Jackson, and he put the Frogs in

a situation where the simple stuff got the job done. And the next time he plays - and history shows there will be a next time - Jackson should be even better.

"I'd still be nervous, but I feel a lot better right now than I did before," Patterson said. "I'm sure he'll play with a lot more confidence and practice harder."

On the line, senior Matty Lindner impressed the most and was the lineman of the game. Marshall Newhouse, a true freshman, logged big minutes in crunch time, but Patterson said Wade Sisk remains the starter at right tackle.

Cornerbacks Nick Sanders and Rafael Priest were picked on, and Baylor's touch-down came on a busted coverage. The Bears announced they would go after the redshirt freshmen, and did.

"They picked on them. That's where we got hurt the most," Patterson said. "But I don't think we did badly."

Was that a compliment? In a short week when Patterson has turned his attention to UC-Davis, it'll have to do.

Looking ahead

TCU coach Gary Patterson said senior Jeff Ballard will be the starter Saturday in the home opener against UC Davis. Ballard suffered a possible concussion after taking a series of hits in the first half against Baylor.

UC-Davis heads to Fort Worth this week with TCU's full attention. The Aggies rolled in their opener Saturday 38-7 over Northern Colorado with an impressive mix of high-octane offense and stifling defense. The Aggies won't be a patsy at Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Looking back

Quarterback Marcus Jackson and safety Marvin White were honored by the Mountain West as players of the week. Jackson was 11 of 13 passing for 148 yards and two TDs to rally the Frogs past Baylor. White had a career-high 14 tackles for a defense that held the Bears to seven points.

TCU carried the Mountain West torch over the weekend as the only team to defeat a Division I-A opponent. BYU and Utah lost anticipated matchups against Pac-10 teams Arizona and UCLA, and San Diego State lost to UT-El Paso.

Young volleyball team looks to continue season's success

By KYLE ARNOLD
Staff Writer

With a successful road trip under its belt, the Lady Frogs volleyball team looks to continue its 8-1 season.

But even with their success thus far, team members said there are points of the game they need to improve.

"We can always work on defense and blocking," senior middle blocker Anna Vaughn said. "In the past, blocking has probably been our weakest point, and we have a big conference, so we need to work on that especially."

Junior right-side hitter Emily Allen said the team needs to work on several facets, including keeping the momentum of the game.

"We need to keep up energy and be competitive the entire time," Allen said. "Sometimes we get a little lax when we shouldn't because we think we are going to win."

The Lady Frogs, although young, have played and adapted to each other very well, Allen said.

"I think the most exciting thing is just our team in general," Allen said. "We all just get along so well."

Head coach Prentice Lewis said progress in practice has been an obvious factor in the early success.

"There are always things that we are working on to get better," Lewis said. "That is what practice is for."

The Frogs seem to be responding to Lewis very well, and Lewis said their victories have definitely been the results of group effort.

"It's not just one player who turns it up," Lewis said.

The group effort will be important in the Lady Frogs' upcoming tournament. They start off by facing the Davidson College Wildcats today, and then finish by playing both the Centenary College of Louisiana Ladies and the University of Mississippi Rebels Saturday.

Look for both Vaughn and senior libero Calli Corley to step it up during crunch time, Lewis said.



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Junior middle blocker LeMeita Smith returns the ball at the UTA game. This weekend the TCU volleyball team will play three games at home against Davidson, Centenary and Mississippi.

"Both of them come with a lot of emotion," Lewis said. "It's a sense of urgency for them because this is their last season, and they want to have the best possible one they can."

The Lady Frogs have faced their battles very well up to date, and they look to continue their success in pursuit of a higher goal, sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton said.

"Ultimately, we want to make it to the NCAA Tournament," Hampton said. "I think right now, with the way we are playing, we have great potential to do so if we are consistent."

Frogs to face I-AA school; Ballard to return to field

By MICHAEL DODD
Sports Editor

Coming off its 17-7 win against the Baylor University Bears, the Horned Frogs football team will host the University of California at Davis Aggies at 6 p.m., Saturday at home.

The Aggies are 1-0 following a 38-7 win over the Northern Colorado Bears and are ranked No. 19 in the Sports Network poll for division I-AA schools.

The Frogs, who fought back in the second half against the Baylor Bears to gain the vic-

tory, will see the return of their starting senior quarterback Jeff Ballard, who left the game at halftime with migraines and was replaced by redshirt freshman Marcus Jackson.

Although losing Ballard is not something head football coach Gary Patterson would have hoped for, he said he liked how the offense stepped up and that he now has two capable quarterbacks who can go in and handle the snaps and push each other in practices.

"It's not a quarterback con-

troversy, but I think you have to have competition to be the best team you can be," Patterson said.

Patterson, who remembers the heartbreak of last season's loss to Southern Methodist University following the team's big win over Oklahoma University a week earlier, has been reluctant to talk too much about the upcoming game, but said the Aggies know how to win.

"They've got a long tradition of winning," Patterson said. "I think they've got like 36-straight winning seasons."

Patterson also said he expects a determined UC Davis team to show up for the game.

"I-AA schools are very treacherous," Patterson said. "We will be their Super Bowl."

Because of the Sunday game against Baylor, Patterson said the shortened week of practices has not been helpful for the team.

"We're on a short week, so game plan-wise, you're a little bit behind schedule as far as making sure you have everything in place," Patterson said.

Following the win over the Bears, the Frogs are ranked No. 22 in the USA Today Poll and No. 23 in the Associated Press Poll. The first Bowl Championship Series poll will not be released until Oct. 15.

With a win Saturday, the Horned Frogs could improve to 2-0 on the season and would hold a current winning streak of 12-0, which could become the nation's best, should the Ohio State University Buckeyes defeat the NCAA Champion University of Texas Longhorns, whose winning streak stands at 21 games.

Go to dailyskiff.com Saturday night to get a recap of the game.



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Quarterback Jeff Ballard pulls away from a Baylor defensive player Sunday.