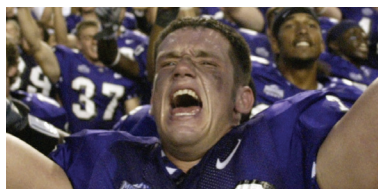




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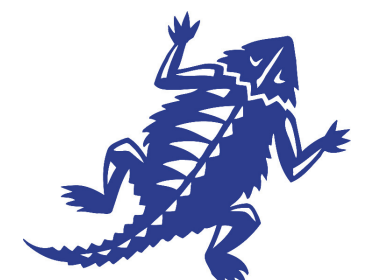
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Campus graduation rates above national average

By RACHEL MCDANIEL
Staff Reporter

A recent study found the number of American students who finish college is diminishing, but TCU, which has rising rates, is bucking this trend, said the director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, Michael Scott.

The study, which was conducted by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, found 51 percent of full-time, first-time students in Texas colleges graduate within six years — a graduation rate 13 percent below the national average.

However, with a 69.3 percent graduation rate in 2005, TCU's rate is slightly higher than the national average of 63 percent, said Cathy Coghlan, assistant director of Institutional Research.

The graduation rate is based on the

national standard of students who complete their degrees within six years.

TCU ranks slightly behind Baylor and Southern Methodist universities, which have respective graduation rates of 71 percent and 72 percent, Coghlan said. Ideally, TCU should have rates equal to or better than those of similar colleges, Coghlan said.

"There is definitely room for improvement, but I wouldn't say that our graduation rate is a problem," Scott said.

TCU's graduation rates have been consistently improving, with a nearly 5 percent increase in the last five years, according to the 2005 TCU Factbook.

The rate of students who complete their degrees in four years is 47.5 percent, which is significantly lower than the six-year completion rate, though the five-year graduation rate

was slightly higher at 67.5 percent, Coghlan said.

There are many factors that lead to students not completing their degrees, Scott said.

In spring of 2005, the university started an initiative, Successful Graduation, to focus on significantly decreasing the number of undergraduates who don't return. The initiative is still in the research stages, and results won't be seen for a couple of years, but, Coghlan said the initiative aims to improve undergraduate retention within the next five years.

The major issue the initiative is focusing on is freshman-sophomore retention because that's the time period where most students are lost, Scott said.

There are also specific at-risk groups that have a history of leaving school, he said. These groups

include out-of-state students and high-achieving students who leave to attend other universities with different programs.

Cost and time are also issues that lead to students not completing their degrees, Scott said.

The extra time many students are taking to finish their degrees is costly, not only to students but to the university as well, he said.

"It causes problems with class availability and class size when people stay for a fifth year," Scott said.

People often have to stay for a fifth year because of a change in major, Scott said.

"I changed my major in college," he said. "But the problem is that people are waiting until the end of their junior year to switch majors, and that's too late."

Lizzie Hyde, a fifth-year interior design major, said she changed her major to during her sophomore year.

"Interior design is a four-year program," Hyde said. "You can't take it any faster."

Another reason people aren't finishing is because they aren't taking a full load of classes, Scott said.

"Tuition is the same whether you take 12 or 18 hours," he said. "It makes sense to take as many hours as you can and get out early. I don't understand why students don't take advantage of that."

Hyde took a full load of classes every semester except for this one, she said.

"Having the extra time this semester is a nice break before I have to enter the real world," Hyde said.

PUSH IT



Members of Delta Gamma sing for the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity's philanthropy competition Tuesday evening.

Fence delayed by month

By RASHI VATS
Staff Reporter

The completion of the steel and brick fence around Worth Hills has been delayed until Sept. 29, about a month after the original completion date, said the associate director of major projects.

The bricks for the fence's columns, which were ordered in June from Acme Bricks, arrived two weeks ago, said Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects at the Physical Plant.

"The brick manufacturing plant probably just bumped us down in priority since we were not ordering so many bricks," said Leeman.

Leeman said he got the final word from Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, to start the fence project at the end of last May.

The fence is about 1250-feet long and 6-feet tall, depending on the topography of the site, and will go around the intramural field on Bellaire Drive and end on Stadium Drive at the Ray Gates gate near the University Recreation Center, Leeman said.

The project has been on the long-term security plan for 10 years but was implemented this year partly because of the increase in crime and injuries, said TCU Police Chief Steve McGee.

"There have been many students and non-students recently who have been seriously

injured in car accidents by the Greek area and have also been victims of many car break-ins," McGee said.

The TCU Police Department has not run statistics on recent crime rates and car accidents on campus, but McGee said he believes there was a dramatic drop after the gates were put up in other parking lots around campus.

"The gates just give us more control," See **FENCE**, page 2



Leila Leftwich, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, left, and Cheney Friedman, a sophomore graphics design major, run by the unfinished fence around the Worth Hills area.

SGA student relations chair says water conservation needs changes

By BILLY WESSELS
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association's chair of student relations said a change needs to be made to campus water conservation, but a Physical Plant representative said methods are already in place.

Justin Brown, SGA chair of student relations, said his main concern about water waste involves the sprinklers broken around campus and said his ideas to save water will keep TCU true to its mission statement.

"If TCU is going to state itself as developing ethical leaders, conservation, as far as policy, should be at the forefront of their decision making," said Brown, a sophomore music and political science major.

Will Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for facilities, said there are more than 30,000 sprinkler heads on campus and a few malfunctions can be expected.

"The main cause of sprinkler damage is vandalism," Stallworth said in an e-mail. "That is followed closely by damage from carts and other vehicles. Some problems are caused by fair wear and tear."

Broken sprinkler heads and systems are repaired as quickly as possible

after the Physical Plant learns about the problems, Stallworth said.

Some students on campus, however, still see broken sprinklers as the source for water waste.

"I think it is an obvious waste of water," said Jimmy Hopper, a freshman history major.

Stallworth said there has been an increase in TCU's spending on water this year, but it is not due solely to broken sprinkler heads.

"Because of the unusually dry and hot summer, water use over the summer was up approximately 15 percent over last year, with the cost up roughly 25 percent," Stallworth said. "Some of the increase can be attributed to an increase in landscaped areas around campus."

Brown says the way to fix this problem starts with the students.

"One of my goals is to set up a system where, if students see a light out or a sprinkler head overflowing, they can report it," Brown said. "That's the best way to get things done."

However, Stallworth said, a similar system is in place. If students find something broken on campus, they should report the problems to residence hall staff, campus personnel

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Survey: Students against plus/minus

By BILLY WESSELS
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association celebrated its 93rd anniversary Tuesday evening with a discussion about the plus/minus grading system and the introduction of two bills, which will be addressed at next week's meeting.

Although there was a discrepancy in numbers from SGA members, it was reported that as much as 87 percent of students who took the online poll said they disagreed with the proposed plus/minus system.

Nowell Donovan, provost and

vice chancellor for academic affairs, will meet with SGA members Friday to discuss the results of the online poll. Members scheduled to meet with Donovan are Jace Thompson, Campus Advancement chair, Amanda Edmiston, Academic Affairs chair, and Justin Brown, Student Relations chair.

"We are going to present the survey to him and see what he thinks," said Thompson.

Detailed results from the survey will be discussed at next week's SGA meeting after discussing the

survey with Donovan, Brown said.

A report from the Student Relations Committee said about 80 percent of students voted against the plus/minus system.

Jonathan Leer, Finance Committee chair, said the result was 87 percent against the plus/minus system.

SGA members said these numbers are estimates and official results will be released in full detail next week.

A resolution to support the plus/minus grading system was brought up by Jason Ratigan, a senior representative.

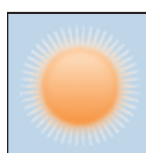
Leer, a senior accounting major, said the resolution will also be discussed again next week.

After the discussion about the plus/minus system, a bill was assigned to the Recruitment and Retention Committee for research and discussion.

"Some schools bring more people to House (meetings) than others. We have a big retention and recruitment problem because people don't apply to be representatives," said Lindsay Beattie, a senior English major. "As we get more people to actually become representatives, we will have caucuses that are going to meet representatives from each constituency."



TCU students Mark Tschirhart, left, Tori Hutchens and Ashley Bachmayer lead SGA Tuesday.



WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, 93/64
THURSDAY: Sunny, 76/54
FRIDAY: Sunny, 77/65

PECULIAR FACT

Several Arizona residents got behind and pushed and even offered an impromptu driving lesson to help a boy who was struggling to drive a car — all without realizing the 14-year-old was stealing the vehicle, police said.

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and it is harder for the burglar because they always want an easy way out," McGee said.

The fence may cause inconveniences for students as well.

Tierney Weed, a junior secondary school education major who lives in Worth Hills, said the fence makes things harder despite the crime prevention.

"It's just annoying and another part of construction to deal with on campus," Weed said.

However, she said, her parents, who visited during Family Weekend, were glad TCU was taking the extra security precaution.

The fences compare to those around gated apartment complexes, McGee said.

"We are doing many proactive things to make sure the campus is the safest it can be," McGee said.

WATER

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or the Physical Plant work order desk, which can be contacted 24 hours a day.

Stallworth said other ways students can help save water include reducing the length of showers and reporting malfunctioning faucets and toilets.

Brown believes this issue goes above just saving the school's water and money.

"Whenever the university does the right thing, it helps our learning environment," Brown said. "It makes us more real with our mission statement."

SGA has not yet acted on Brown's committee's ideas.

Students to meet 107 potential employers at Career Expo

By RACHAEL RILEY
Staff Reporter

Students can meet with any of the 107 employers who have committed to Career Services' Career Expo today in the University Recreation Center.

"Last fall, 80 employers attended," said Kimshi Hickman, associate director of employer services.

This year's expo will help students network with employers and

give them a chance to find interview opportunities, Hickman said.

Students need to bring their student IDs and resumes, Hickman said, and also should dress in business attire.

All students from any classification and major are invited to attend, she said.

"Students will not be offered jobs immediately, but they shouldn't be dismayed," Hickman said.

Many of the employers at the

Career Expo will be back on campus throughout the year for on-campus interviews, she said.

"Students are encouraged to research the companies attending so they can target employers," Hickman said.

A list of the employers attending and links to their Web sites are available through FrogJobs, Career Services' online job-search database, at frogjobs.net, she said.

CAREER EXPO:

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LOOSE ENDS

A judge decided yesterday that Andrew Fastow, mastermind behind the Enron scandal, is deserving of a lighter sentence than the 10-year term he originally agreed to. Fastow is now sentenced to six years in prison.
-Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Adoption saves pets from euthanization

In today's world, where designer dogs and pure-bred animals are all the rage, it seems the mutt has lost its appeal.

Last week, the Dallas Morning News reported North Texas' largest city-run animal shelters euthanized 82,000 dogs and cats last year — 1,600 a week, 225 a day.

For many animals, a trip to the humane society is an immediate death sentence. Most animals only have days at the shelter before they are euthanized, and these animals are usually completely healthy.

That's a lot of pets that could be adopted by, say, college students away from their beloved family pets for the first time.

Buying a pet is a surefire way to get over leaving your pet behind, but sometimes, taking in a new animal is a challenge some are not ready to do. One should consider it, but keep in mind:

Playing fetch with Fido is a lot of fun, until he pees on your couch and chews up your boots.

Animals cost money. Animals take time. Animals aren't toys.

College students should think hard before investing in an animal that will live many years, said Lou Guyton, the southwest regional director for

the national Humane Society.

"Make sure you have a stable environment, a home and a yard," Guyton said. "College life isn't always stable."

If a student has the time, money and energy to dedicate to a new pet, he or she should consider adopting from a local animal shelter. The animals at area shelters are up-to-date on shots, already fixed and would love to get out of cages and into your backyards.

With TCU students' reputations of having plenty of spare money to throw around, and with college students' lax schedules, it's only right to consider adopting a furry friend and saving the life of one of these North Texas animals.

Give Fido and Felix a second chance and adopt.

Associate editor Leslie Honey for the editorial board.

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Campus chivalry alive

Most newspaper connoisseurs would deem the Cheers and Jeers section as something worthy of a high school or neighborhood newspaper

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Anahita Kalianivala

— not a reputable university paper such as the one we know as the Daily Skiff. But in the days of songs that proclaim "chivalry is dead, but you're still kind of cute," I feel the responsibility to qualify this statement with a cheer to the TCU men and to say that chivalry isn't dead.

That's right, girls. For once I am going to commend them rather than get mad they didn't bring more of their male friends to school with them. Everyone knows about the women-to-men ratio at TCU — you either hate it or love it.

TCU's ratio reputation is definitely one that precedes them. In reading past Skiff opinion articles, I found one from 2001 with this quote: "They're out of lettuce in the salad bar? It's because there's a 50-1 ratio of girls to guys here, you know, and girls eat a lot of lettuce." And every day, before I came to TCU, all my friends could say is "TCU: where the girls are girls and the boys are, too."

But during my first month here on campus, I have found the above quote to be only half true. The TCU men certainly aren't boys; they're gentlemen. There is no shortage of guys willing to hold the door open, strike up a conversation or flash a quick smile as they sprint across University Drive.

I love the fact that, in almost every building I go to, there is a guy offering to hold open the door — even

if he is more preoccupied than I am. They, of course, offer this courtesy to everyone, including each other, not just women. And most of the guys are friendly, willing to take the time to ask casual, friendly questions instead of rushing past and ignoring you. Granted much of this behavior can be attributed to TCU's Southern location and the Texas charm that accompanies a lot of our students.

I bet a lot of it can also be attributed to the male population's awareness of its advantage with the ratio. I'm no statistician, but with a 14-2 ratio as an example from one of my classes, I'd say they work with generally good odds. Their courtesy may just come from their desire to advance their chances, but as a woman who won't fall for that, I am not complaining.

Don't get me wrong, my purpose isn't to inflate the egos of our guys. After all, becoming big-headed would not fall under the praises of being a gentleman. And I am also not saying that they are perfect angels by any means. Sometimes they burp, stuff their faces like pigs and can go a little overboard at football games and create a domino falling effect down the stands. But since everyone is entitled to a little rowdiness, they can be momentarily forgiven because they do deserve to be thanked for the little things they do to prove to the classy women of TCU, and the general population, that chivalry isn't dead.

I want to say thank you to all the men for making me feel lucky and special.

Anahita Kalianivala is a freshman English and psychology major from Fort Worth. Her column appears every Wednesday.

ID Center needs new policy for lost cards

The only thing more traumatic for a TCU student than losing a student ID card is losing it on a Friday evening.

Thus begins a weekend of digging for whatever leftovers you can find out of the fridge and waiting pathetically outside your dorm for some passing resident to let you inside your building.

At any other time of the week, a lost student ID means an inconvenient trip to the ID card office in the student center and 20 bucks down the drain (on send-home, of course). But once 5 p.m. Friday rolls around, all that changes. At this point the office shuts down until Monday morning and a student must put his or her life on hold for a few days.

It's understandable that the office should only be open on the typical work schedule — Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 — but the ID card has become so much of a necessity that going without it for a few days can cause some serious problems.

For students living on campus, the loss of an ID card right before the weekend means they either have to get temporary cards for the dorms or make sure to travel everywhere with a friend for a few days. This method, I can personally attest to, is inconvenient, but not impossible.

Going without a meal card, on the other hand, is a little more difficult. Unless you are able to find a manager or supervisor, most food servers will tell you that there's nothing they can do and that you have to find some other way to pay for food. Students living in the dorms already have to buy a meal plan of a minimum of \$1,150 a semester. They shouldn't have to resort to

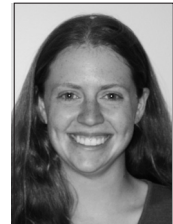
shelling out additional cash for food for a few days due to the loss of a card. That money should be available to students whenever they need it.

But the scariest part of losing a student ID is what happens to the card itself. The first action a student should take in case of a lost card is to notify the ID center so it can freeze the account, preventing any random person who picks up the card from using that student's money. If the center is closed, though, the lost card can still be used, whether the rightful owner of the card is the one using it. Rarely do cashiers check the picture on the card to see if it matches the user.

If a card does fall into the wrong hands, the person who finds it has an entire weekend to drain your account, while both you and the card center remain completely unaware. And used money is used money, no matter what the excuse. A lost ID card may seem only a temporary inconvenience, but it can easily turn into a semester-long struggle, especially if the student's meal plan account runs dry.

If the center can't stay open on the weekend, students should at least have a means of freezing their accounts until the center opens again. There should also be a way for students to continue to purchase food without their IDs. This method could simply be allowing students to make purchases using their ID numbers and driver's licenses, or by creating a temporary card that records all purchases to be subtracted from their accounts later. To faculty and staff, the university might be only a weekday job, but they also need to keep in mind that it is the students who call the campus home all day every day.

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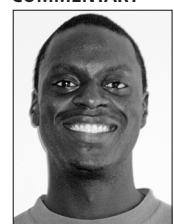


Sophomore habilitation of the deaf major Mandy Williams grabs some lunch while Lieu Naguyen, a Dining Services cashier, rings her up.

Greeks, non-Greeks should make efforts to bridge gap

The other week, I was invited by a few friends to a social mixer that was hosted by one of the Greek organizations on campus. I decided to attend, and I also

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Glenton Richards

invited a few of my friends to come along. After the party, one of my guy friends made an interesting statement. A little upset, he said, "Man it sucks trying to talk to girls that are in Greek organizations. It seems like once they find out you're not in a fraternity, they all of a sudden lose interest in talking to you. I feel like, when they ask me if I'm in a fraternity, I have to lie just to have a chance at talking to them or getting their phone num-

ber."

Now, I didn't hear him the first time he said this because I was too busy counting all of the phone numbers I had gotten that night, so I asked him to repeat what he said. OK, so maybe I lied about that last sentence and did hear what he said.

His statement made me start realizing that, at colleges, there sometimes is a slight disparity between non-Greeks and Greeks when it comes to basic campus life. It seems, at times, if you're not in a certain organization or if you don't know someone within that organization, you can receive awkward looks, or worse, you can be completely ignored at certain social events.

Unfortunately, this treatment isn't confined only to parties or even to a specific

college campus. It sometimes seems when walking around any university, a person can receive blank stares from someone walking in the opposite direction if he isn't wearing a T-shirt that represents a recognizable organization.

This advice applies to both Greek and other student organizations. Now, I'm not stating that you have to go out of your way to give an overly friendly "Hello!" to every person you pass on your way to nutrition class because, let's face it, after awhile that would get tiring and monotonous.

Rather, next time you're passing by someone that you don't know, don't awkwardly look down at your phone and pretend you just received a phone call or text message, or act like you suddenly need to scroll through the menu of your

iPod.

Like we all used to hear in elementary school, it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile. So unless you're on some weird facial workout plan, try giving someone that you don't know a smile. A friendly smile can quickly brighten someone's day, and in turn, your day as well.

Also, if you're ever at a party, and someone that you don't know starts up a friendly conversation with you, don't walk away simply because he or she isn't a part of the two or three organizations that you know.

Instead, talk with that person for a little bit. Who knows? You might find out something interesting about that person.

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Report shows Iraq adds to global terrorism



President George W. Bush shakes hands with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan during a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., Tuesday. Karzai made appeals for more aid from the United States as Afghanistan faces increased violence from resurgent Taliban forces.

By RON HUTCHESON AND MARGARET TALEV
McClatchy Newspapers

The Iraq war is fueling a growing threat of global terrorism and "shaping a new generation of terrorist leaders," according to a report from U.S. intelligence agencies that President Bush ordered declassified on Tuesday.

The grim analysis offers little reason for optimism over the next five years, the time frame covered by the assess-

ment. It concludes that Islamic extremists are growing "in both number and geographic dispersion," that new radical threats are emerging and that terrorist attacks are likely to increase. It also says that Iraq has become a training ground for terrorists and a recruitment tool for extremists around the world.

"The Iraq conflict has become the 'cause célèbre' for jihadists, breeding a deep resentment of U.S. involvement in the Muslim world and cultivating support-

ers for the global jihadist movement," the report says.

For reasons that aren't clear, the declassified excerpts from the report make no mention of Afghanistan, where the war against al-Qaida began five years ago, but where the Taliban have rebounded in parts of the country and reconstruction efforts have flagged.

The assessment came in the form of a National Intelligence Estimate, an analysis that reflects the consensus of all 16 government intelligence services, including the CIA. Citing unnamed government officials, The New York Times and other media outlets characterized the report's conclusions Sunday without quoting directly from the classified document.

Bush directed intelligence officials to release excerpts from the report to counter suggestions that the analysis means that the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq has fueled rather than curbed the terrorist threat and that the United States would be better off withdrawing from Iraq. The report does conclude that the Iraq war has helped spread terrorism, but it also supports Bush's view that a U.S. loss there would make things even worse.

"Perceived jihadist success there would inspire more fighters to continue the struggle elsewhere," the report says. "Should jihadists leaving Iraq perceive themselves, and be perceived, to have failed, we judge fewer fighters will be inspired to carry on the fight."

In response, Rep. Jane Harman of California, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said:

"Contrary to the president's assertions, our failed strategy in Iraq has exacerbated the threat against us. The president says that fighting them 'there' makes it less likely we will have to fight them 'here.' The opposite is true. Because we are fighting them there, it may become more likely that we'll have to fight them here."

The report also calls into question Bush's claim that America is safer five years after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Although intelligence officials agreed that U.S. efforts "have seriously damaged" al-Qaida's leadership, they said Osama bin Laden's terrorist network remains "the greatest threat to the homeland and U.S. interests abroad."

"We also assess that the global jihadist movement — which includes al-Qaida, affiliated and independent terrorist groups, and emerging networks and cells — is spreading and adapting to counter-terrorism efforts," the report says.

A Senate Intelligence Committee report released earlier this month found that, before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the regime of Saddam Hussein had no links with al-Qaida and had refused to cooperate with it.

Postwar findings indicate that Saddam Hussein was distrustful of al-Qaida and viewed Islamic extremists as a threat to his regime, refusing all requests from al-Qaida to provide material or operational support," the Senate report said.

The newly unclassified intelligence analysis predicts that terrorist groups in Indonesia, North Africa and Iraq "unless countered, are likely to expand their reach and become more capable of multiple and/or mass-casualty attacks out-

side their traditional areas of operation."

New terror groups are also on the horizon.

"Anti-U.S. and anti-globalization sentiment is on the rise and fueling other radical ideologies. This could prompt some leftist, nationalist or separatist groups to adopt terrorist methods to attack U.S. interests," the report says. "The radicalization process is occurring more quickly, more widely and more anonymously in the Internet age, raising the likelihood of surprise attacks by unknown groups whose members and supporters may be difficult to pinpoint."

Democrats seized on the declassified excerpts to declare Bush's policies a failure. They also demanded the release of the full National Intelligence Estimate, not just the four-page "key judgments."

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who has read the full report as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the withheld sections would be "very, very enlightening and eye-opening for the American people."

"As far as I'm concerned, the entire report should be declassified, period," he said. "There is material beyond the findings which is highly relevant to this subject."

Bush and his aides said the withheld sections include information that could jeopardize intelligence sources.

"There's a very high bar for declassification," Frances Fragos Townsend, the president's counterterrorism adviser, told reporters in a conference call. "You're always going to weigh it on the side of protecting national security interests and sources and methods."

Bush said he ordered the release in response to the unauthorized news media disclosures so that Americans "can draw their own conclusions" from the document. He took issue with suggestions that the analysis means the war was a mistake.

"To suggest that if we weren't in Iraq, we would see a rosier scenario with fewer extremists joining the radical movement requires us to ignore 20 years of experience. We weren't in Iraq when we got attacked on September the 11th," he said at a White House news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Speaking out for the first time since the weekend news reports, Bush decried the release of classified information and charged that the disclosures were intended to hurt Republicans in the November congressional elections.

"Somebody has taken it upon themselves to leak classified information for political purposes," he said. "Once again, there's a leak out of our government, coming right down the stretch in this campaign, to create confusion in the minds of the American people."

Bush, however, has ordered the release of classified information for political purposes himself. In the runup to the Iraq invasion, he directed intelligence officials to release another National Intelligence Estimate assessing Iraq's efforts to obtain weapons of mass destruction. Many of the conclusions in that report turned out to be wrong.

Excerpts from the previously classified National Intelligence Estimate on global terrorism are available at www.dni.gov, the Web site of the director of the national intelligence.

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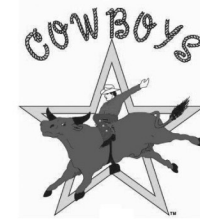
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Reviews *of the* Week

TV REVIEW

“Studio 60” hype lives up to preseason expectations



“Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip” stars Matthew Perry and Amanda Peet, center, who are flanked by Kevin Reilly, president of NBC Entertainment, on the left, and Jerry Zucker, CEO of NBC Universal Television Group. The show airs Mondays 9 p.m. on NBC.

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

What can you say about the most talked about new TV show of the season? Only two words: absolutely brilliant.

“Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip” is completely different than any other show on TV. It is a drama centered on a skit comedy show, a la “Saturday Night Live.”

It takes a raw look at what happens behind the scenes of a popular TV series and turns it on its head.

The opening scene shows a frustrated producer storming onto the live set to tell viewers to change the channel. He begins to berate the show by saying it was once brilliant and politically satiric but has now succumbed to the studio and censors.

The outburst occurs as new NBS network president Jordan McDeere (Amanda Peet, “A Lot Like Love”) has just taken over the reins. Her solution to get the show back on track is to once again hire writer-producer Matt Albie (Matthew Perry, “Friends”) and producer-

director (Bradley Whitford, “The West Wing”) who were fired four years earlier.

The show was created by Aaron Sorkin, the creator of “The West Wing” and “Sports Night,” and just like his other shows, “Studio 60” is filled with intelligent writing, ironic humor and terrific acting.

Perhaps one of the testaments to the cast is that when you see Perry and Whitford on screen, you aren't jarred by the fact they were on wildly successful TV shows and don't associate them with their past characters.

Along with poking fun at “Saturday Night Live,” Sorkin throws in a couple of jabs at televangelist Pat Robinson and the viewers of his show “The 700 Club” by calling them bigots.

If the viewing public had any taste for something different, then “Studio 60” should have no problem winning its Monday 9 p.m. time slot. The only show I can see stopping it from being the king of Monday nights is the cookie-cutter “CSI: Miami,” which America seems to love.

CD REVIEW

Christian rock band's debut CD worthy of praise

By JORDAN COHEN
Opinion Editor

Nevertheless' debut album, “Live Like We're Alive,” combines a positive message with a refreshing sound.

Comparable to popular Christian pop/rock band Relient K, Nevertheless plays with a profound purpose. The lyrics touch on subjects such as heartache and shame but never stray from themes of hope and humility.

Josh Pearson's soothing lead vocals add depth to the calming sound of the band's music without lulling its audience to sleep.

“Live Like We're Alive,” which hit stores last week, is mellow enough to play in the background while studying or relaxing. Despite this, it is also vibrant and inspiring enough to listen to while driving or exercising.

In the album, upbeat, catchy melodies are highlighted by ever-changing musical dynamics, soulful lyrics and the strong rhythms of Adam Rowe on the drums. Pearson's voice finds euphonic harmony when it meets the background vocals of guitarists AJ Cheek and Brad Jones.

Listeners who appreciate Further Seems Forever will enjoy the music showcased in this CD. But the spiritual substance of Nevertheless' album sets the band apart from other indie pop/rock bands of a similar sound.

The album delivers diversity by encompassing a wide range of emo-

tions, making each track distinct and purposeful. From the guitar-driven and inspirational lyrics of “The Real” to the slower, more pensive “Time,” this CD relates to its audience on many different levels.

The title track, “Live Like We're Alive,” calls listeners to their feet with the lyrics, “So here I stand/I'm ready for anything/Just a man, but I'm giving everything/We're here only for a second and then/We're gone when we least expect it/So do more than survive/Let's live like we're alive.”

The band has already received praise from Relient K's Matthew Thiessen, who is quoted on Nevertheless' album cover saying “Neverthe-

less' new record makes me a happy camper. Even when I'm not camping. The songs are amazing, and they're well written. Kudos to the band for having such a strong debut.”

With the production of James Paul Wisner — think Dashboard Confessional — as well as lyrical help from Kevin Kadish, who has worked with Jason Mraz and Rob Thomas, Nevertheless' album is backed by a winning team. The band's impressive debut shows that Nevertheless is a band to listen to now as well as in the future.

A good buy for fans of: Relient K, Further Seems Forever and Jimmy Eat World.
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TV REVIEW

All-star cast not enough to save show

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

Considering the volume of hype it received before its premiere, “Six Degrees” is supposed to be the next big thing for ABC. It has big-name stars: Jay Hernandez (“Crazy/Beautiful”), Erika Christensen (“Traffic”) and Bridget Moynahan (“Sex and the City”). It's produced by J.J. Abrams — the super successful executive producer of “Lost,” “Alias” and “Felicity.” ABC executives even gave it a winning lead-in show by moving “Grey's Anatomy” to Thursdays at 8 p.m. So with all this, I expected quite a spectacular show.

Unfortunately, “Degrees” was lackluster at best.

The premise of the show sounds interesting, but when put into effect, it proves to be boring and uninspiring.

It's based on the idea that everyone in the world is connected by six people or less. The show features six main characters, each with their own story lines, who, for the most part, don't know each other. Each character's choices somehow affect the lives of the other characters, with-

out them knowing it.

Sound confusing?

Well it is. But even more confusing than the premise, are the six different story lines.

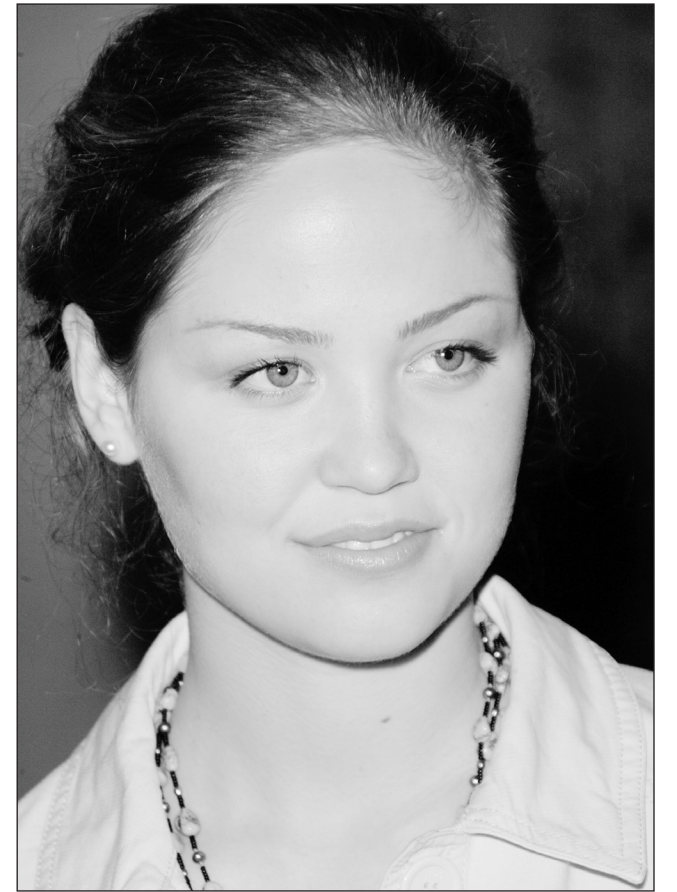
It's impossible to keep track of everyone's individual drama. More importantly, the separate stories make it impossible to get emotionally attached to any character. You're shown, at most, 10 minutes of each character's life in the entire hour-long show. As the credits roll, you realize that you know virtually nothing about the characters you have just watched for an hour.

The show also lacks the intensity of a typical prime-time drama. “Six Degrees” is so slow moving that it's nearly impossible to feel even the slightest tinge of suspense.

There are definite attempts at making the show dramatic and suspenseful, but they continually fall short. In a quick, two-minute scene, one of the main characters kills a man. But with no time to actually build up the story, the shooting seems tame.

Apparently, I wasn't the only bored viewer. According to Thursday night's Nielsen ratings, “Six Degrees” lost more than 25 percent of its viewers before the show was even half over.

The chance Abrams will see “Lost”-like success with this show is highly unlikely. My guess is “Six Degrees” won't even last six episodes.



Erika Christensen stars in ABC's “Six Degrees” Thursday nights.

RESTAURANT REVIEW



JEFF ESKEW / Features Editor

Taverna is a casual neighborhood restaurant offering both authentic Italian fare and contemporary Italian cuisine. It is located in downtown Fort Worth at 450 Throckmorton St. Other restaurant locations include Dallas and Austin.

Pizzeria's signature dish not impressive

By CORTNEY STRUBE
Staff Reporter

The atmosphere was inviting and the smell of freshly baked bread met me as I entered what resembles a quaint Italian bistro in Sundance Square.

A friendly member of Fort Worth's Taverna Pizzeria and Risotteria staff took me to my table, where I observed the tall ceilings and beautiful decor that covered the walls.

The unique curtains and lighting would have made for a romantic setting had it been dinner and not lunch.

The sounds of the semi-exposed kitchen along with a very modern mix of jazz music was quite relaxing.

The server greeted me with a friendly smile and a generous basket of the

chef's baked focaccia bread topped with Parmesan cheese and served with a side of rosemary olive oil for dipping.

When I asked what he recommended, the server suggested Focchi al Gorgonzola e Pera, Taverna's signature dish.

A pear-filled pasta with walnuts, arugula and dolce latte cream sauce, the Focchi al Gorgonzola e Pera looked delicious when the server sat it in front of me.

My first bite was divine — very sweet and unlike any pasta dish I've tasted before. I enjoyed the dish until I bit into the walnuts, which I had requested to be taken out.

The dish was uniquely sweet, but oftentimes too much of a sweet thing can be bad, and in this case, it was.

The pasta was so sweet, I was unable to finish the meal, which was an extremely small portion for what I was about to pay for it.

A fancy dish garnished with herbs, the Focchi al Gorgonzola e Pera should have tasted as good as it looked, but because it was so small, it would have only allowed for about five bites before it was gone.

The server asked if I'd rather have the pan-seared sea bass or the salmon. Perhaps either of those would have been a better choice, but being an Italian pizzeria, I didn't exactly consider ordering fish.

I paid my bill and left on an empty stomach and even thought about stopping at Subway on my way home.

For all you students who don't want to empty your

pockets for a meal that will leave your stomachs growling, this Italian eatery is not for you. Don't let the name Taverna Pizzeria and Risotteria offset your taste buds — Taverna's Dallas location is excellent and most definitely worth the drive.

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Lawyers defy lethal injection on death row

By HOWARD MINTZ
San Jose Mercury News

When "Freeway Killer" William Bonin was executed by lethal injection 10 years ago, it seemed that arguments about what is a humane way to put inmates to death in California were finally over.

That assumption was wrong.

From California to Maryland, lawyers for death row inmates have mounted challenges to the use of lethal injection in virtually every state with capital punishment. And this week, California takes center stage in a widening legal battle over lethal injection that may be destined for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Starting Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel will hold an unprecedented four-day hearing in San Jose to explore whether the method the state uses to execute inmates violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Fogel has effectively put a temporary halt to executions in California as he considers the legal challenge from death row inmate Michael Morales, who in February was hours from receiving a fatal dose of drugs when he was given a reprieve.

Other states have held hearings to examine lethal injection issues, but the California case is expected to be the most thorough inquiry to ever unfold in a courtroom. Fogel already broke new ground this spring when he toured San Quentin's death chamber to get a firsthand look at the mechanics of an execution.

"I think the Morales case and these hearings will be the most critical events of all the events that have happened in this area over the past year," said Deborah Denno, a Fordham University professor and leading expert on lethal injection.

In addition, the hearings, which will range from nitty-gritty testimony from medical experts to accounts from prison execution team members, mark a historic turn in California's effort to find an acceptable way to carry out death sentences in a state that now has 658 death row inmates, more than any state.

Bonin was executed by lethal injection soon after California prison officials emerged from a costly and losing legal battle over San Quentin's gas chamber, which a federal appeals court had declared cruel and unusual punishment. To counteract the legal problems, California followed the lead of other states such as Oklahoma and Texas, and enacted legislation that made lethal injection the preferred way of executing a condemned killer.



The state of Texas' original lethal injection apparatus and "Old Sparky," the electric chair, housed at the Texas Prison Museum in Huntsville. Lawyers for death row inmates are challenging lethal injections in almost every state with capital punishment.

Bonin was the first inmate in California to be executed in that way.

"It made a whole lot of sense to me," said former San Quentin warden Daniel Vasquez, who led the effort to switch to lethal injection. "Execution of a human being is not an easy thing to do, period. But in terms of viewing an execution by lethal gas and lethal injection, there is no question lethal injection is a lot more humane method."

Today, 37 of the 38 states with the death penalty use lethal injection. The result has been a series of legal challenges that rely on the same central argument — that the combination of three drugs used to kill an inmate could mask a searing, painful death, creating a risk of cruel and unusual punishment.

In some states, judges have put executions on hold in response to such lawsuits. Earlier this month, a federal judge in Missouri halted executions until that state revises its method. South Dakota has halted executions until state officials change the lethal injection practices. In other states, executions have gone forward, including one last week in Florida.

Whatever Fogel decides, he is unlikely to have the last word in the case because his ruling is expected to be appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Legal experts say the U.S. Supreme Court, which has never outlawed a method of execution, will eventually have to weigh in. But Fogel's review will offer those courts an unprecedented glimpse into the medical and legal questions surrounding lethal injection.

Fogel has not indicated how he may rule, but said recently in court he had no "desire to micromanage" the state's executions when he decides the outcome.

Under California's "Protocol 770," the state's lethal injection procedure, prison officials administer three drugs to an inmate. The first, sodium thiopental, is the sedative that renders an inmate unconscious; the second, pancurium bromide, paralyzes the muscles in breathing; and the third, potassium chloride, stops the heart.

The crux of Morales' legal challenge is that the prisoner may remain semi-conscious after the first drug is administered and the second paralytic drug then conceals an inmate's suf-

fering when the third — and, some argue, painful — third dose is administered.

The argument galls death penalty supporters and victims' family members. The family of Terri Winchell, a 17-year-old Lodi girl raped and murdered by Morales in 1981, has expressed outrage that he managed to avoid execution by challenging lethal injection.

In an e-mail, Barbara Christian, the girl's mother, said the case "is just a ploy to stall execution." Winchell's brother also is angry.

"He should feel some pain," said David Winchell, who was at San Quentin in February when Fogel postponed the execution. "Look at the pain he inflicted on my sister. The law is the law, and justice is justice, and justice is not being served."

State prison officials have tinkered with the execution procedure in recent months. Among other things, the state would now administer a continuous dose of the sedative to ensure the inmate remains unconscious throughout the execution.

But Morales' lawyers, relying in part on newly revealed evidence of problems in past executions, say California does not have the safeguards to minimize the risk of a foul-up in an execution. And they say the state is violating the law by enacting execution procedures without public input.

"There are no quick fixes to this problem," said John Grele, one of Morales' lawyers.

In court papers, Morales' lawyers cite evidence that San Quentin fails to properly train execution team members, and pointed to major problems in the execution last year of former Crips co-founder Stanley "Tookie" Williams. A nurse was unable to set one of the catheters in Williams and "blew a vein" twice, according to court documents.

"The nurse was frustrated and upset," the documents stated, adding that she then left the chamber.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Dane Gillette acknowledged problems with the Williams execution, but insisted it was an isolated event that would not be repeated. Gillette argues that Morales has presented no evidence that there are systemic problems with lethal injection procedures, or that the drug doses cause an inmate to suffer.

"We're comfortable that the procedures California has are constitutionally sufficient," Gillette said. "I see this case as a way to put this issue to rest once and for all in California. That's our objective."

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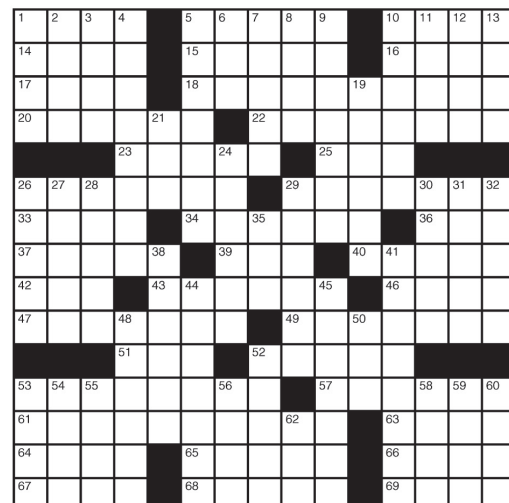


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- 1 Wahine's dance
 - 2 Flapjack chain
 - 3 Microwave?
 - 4 Triskaidekaphobic fear
 - 5 Shot down
 - 6 Self-image
 - 7 Display
 - 8 Part of a hammerhead
 - 9 Lead balloon
 - 10 "It's a Wonderful Life" writer
 - 11 Creative spark
 - 12 Civil wrong
 - 13 Gaelic tongue
 - 19 More viscous
 - 21 Male swan
 - 24 Aft areas
 - 26 Defensive stats
 - 27 "With blood the trees were all" (Bierce)
 - 28 King of Egypt, 1922-36
 - 29 Cab Calloway catch phrase
 - 30 Le... France
 - 31 Tropical ungulate
 - 32 Smart-alecky
 - 35 Form query
 - 38 Casts out
 - 41 Heliophobic fear
 - 44 Breaks into
 - 45 Removes from office
 - 48 Delicate
 - 50 Snooze
 - 52 Seaside sea serpent
 - 53 Breaks into tears
 - 54 October stone
 - 55 "Star Wars" princess
 - 56 Be gutsy
 - 58 Vicinity
 - 59 Slant
 - 60 Thompson of "Wit"
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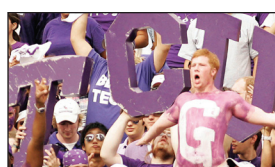
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The Horned Frogs host the BYU Cougars in Amon Carter Stadium. Read about how the two teams match up in TCU's first conference game of the season tomorrow.

Volleyball to play two conference opponents at home

By RACHEL MCDANIEL
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frog volleyball team will try to bounce back this week after being swept by the Colorado State Rams last weekend, ending a three-match winning streak.

The Frogs face Mountain West Conference opponents UNLV and San Diego State at home this weekend, and senior defensive specialist Calli Corley said the teams will definitely present a challenge to the Frogs.

"They both finished in the upper half of the conference last year, and they both have really good ball control," she said. "It's really difficult to play against a team with good ball control, who keep putting it back up when you hit it."

Corley said she has confidence in her team, though.

"By all means, we should beat these two teams," she said. "We have the

ability and we have the desire."

Sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton also has faith in the Frogs' ability to win this weekend.

"As long as we're playing our match, we can take any team in this conference," she said.

Corley stressed the importance of this weekend's games.

"This is an opportunity for us to establish ourselves in the upper half of the conference," she said. "We can't let these two games get away from us."

Head coach Prentice Lewis said her team needs to remain consistent in order to win games.

The Frogs won three games against the Air Force Falcons Friday night but saw their three-match winning streak come to an end against another Mountain West opponent, Colorado State, Saturday night.

The Frogs, who are now 13-3 over-

all and 2-1 in conference play, swept the Falcons with scores of 30-19, 30-18 and 30-22. The win was their first ever Mountain West road win. The Frogs were 0-8 in conference road games last year.

The team was led by senior middle blocker Anna Vaughn, who led with 13 kills, Hampton, who had 41 assists, and Corley, who had a match-high 15 digs.

"I think we played well," Corley said. "It's hard to play in others' gyms."

Celebration of the win was short-lived, however, as the Frogs fell the next night in three games to Mountain West Conference opponent Colorado State.

The Rams, who are 7-6 overall and 2-2 in conference play, won with scores of 30-22, 30-25 and 30-13.

"They were a different caliber



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

Junior right-side setter Emily Allen, left, pushes the ball over the net as sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton watches on. The Horned Frogs played away games this weekend, winning against Air Force 3-0, and losing Saturday's game against Colorado State 3-0.

team than the Falcons," Corley said.

Junior outside hitter and middle blocker LeMeita Smith and freshman outside hitter Lauren Otto each had a team-high of eight offensive kills for the Frogs, while junior right-side hitter Emily Allen led the defense with 11 kills.

"We definitely found things to work on after the loss," Lewis said.

She attributed the loss to a lack of mental preparedness.

Vaughn said she thought her team played hard but wasn't able to put things together once they started falling apart.

"They were a solid team and we didn't execute like we should have," she said.

The Frogs' next game is 7 p.m. Friday in the University Recreation Center against the UNLV Rebels.

Tennis coach: Team could land top 10 ranking

By Alex Zobel
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team will travel to Tulsa, Okla. Saturday to play in the biggest tournament of the fall, the ITA All-American Championships.

After being in Waco all weekend at the HEB Intercollegiate Tournament at Baylor, players are now preparing themselves to face what could be the toughest competition of the year.

"It's going to be a little different league than last weekend," said sophomore player Krieger Brink. "The best schools in the nation will be there, but I'm excited to see how we'll do."

Brink, who moved to Texas from South Africa six months ago, was named the TCU Athlete of the Week.

Stuart Row, a junior transfer from Trinity, reached the singles quarterfinals in Waco by defeating Mike Beatty of Texas A&M.

"I was surprised at how well Stuart competes," said head coach Dave Borelli. "He's a real warrior."

Borelli said he thinks TCU could be ranked in the top 10 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association this year.

Last year they finished No. 31, but after last weekend's showing, players and coaches are confident this year's team will do better.

Borelli said he is not worried about the upcoming tournament, and he has tried to emphasize to his players not to focus on the results but on the present.

"Great players that I've worked with have always been able to stay focused on areas they need to improve and not whether they win or lose," Borelli said.

Row said he's looking forward to playing against some of the best schools in the country, especially UT.

"I'm gunning for UT," Row said. "I'm going to shut them down so hard."

Row said being the underdog will work to his advantage.

"I think most of these guys will be worried about playing me because I've got nothing to lose," Row said.

Frogs prepared for matchup against BYU

By MATT MABE
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs used their bye-week practices to recharge before conference play opens Thursday against the BYU Cougars, head coach Gary Patterson said at the weekly coaches luncheon Tuesday.

"It's 'get better' week," Patterson said. "We hadn't had a bye week yet, and we had big practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday working on ourselves. Then on Saturday, we started getting ready for BYU."

Patterson said the Cougars have made improvements from last year and are a better team as a result.

"They're on a new scheme of defense where they aren't giving up many points," Patterson said. "A lot of their kids are old-

er and more mature. They can handle adversity better."

Patterson also said with a change in its offensive strategy, BYU is stronger.

"They changed their mindset and started running the football more," Patterson said. "They have two great tight ends that will get a chance to play in the NFL. Some pro scouts say John Beck is maybe the top NFL quarterback prospect. They are very dangerous."

Patterson said that although the Frogs' young corners have only allowed one touchdown pass this season, out of the 11 touchdown passes thrown against TCU last season, five of them were in the BYU game.

Thursday's game is the first conference game of the season, and Patterson said these games

are a different level of play.

"The Baylor and Texas Tech games are good because they're good state rivalries," Patterson said. "But it's not anything like playing conference. When you are playing for a conference title, you throw all the records out of the window, and you have to just go play."

Since the game is Thursday night, some students will have classes and might have to miss some of the game, but Patterson said it will be a good game regardless of when fans show up to Amon Carter Stadium.

"It will be a great game to go watch," Patterson said. "It's a 5 o'clock game. I don't care if you show up in the fourth quarter, just get there. We're going to need as many people in purple there as we can get."

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