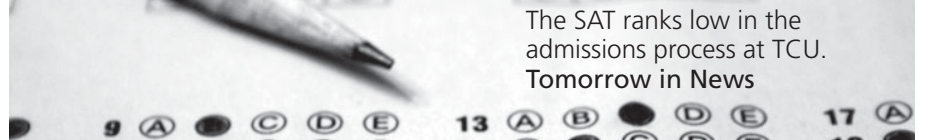




People should visit the Oklahoma City Memorial. **Tomorrow in Opinion**



See how the Horned Frogs match up against the San Diego State Aztecs. **Sports, page 7**

CORRECTION

A sports story in Wednesday's paper should have stated that the men's basketball team will play at Indiana University this season.



The College of Saint Thomas More is expanding. **Tomorrow in News**

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TCU alum Matt Jones is performing at The Aardvark tonight. According to his Web site, the singer/songwriter specializes in "lighthearted pop/rock" and has opened for Rod Stewart and Sister Hazel. He and Albuquerque musician Landon Smith play at 8:30 p.m.

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Area residents advocate street parking ban

By **Rose Baca**
Staff Reporter

Patricia Nava said she almost always parks on a neighborhood street because she can't find parking on campus. "I've got a sticker, but I usually end up parking on the street," the senior geography major said.

She's not the only one. Residents of the Bluebonnet Hills Neighborhood Association are in the midst of discussing parking bans for the 3100 block of Wabash Avenue nearest campus and possibly the surrounding parallel streets of Odessa Avenue and Rogers Avenue, a member of the neighborhood association said.

Neighborhood residents near campus are increasingly frustrated as student use of neighborhood streets as an alternative to campus parking, said John Davis, a member of the executive committee for the Bluebonnet Place Neighborhood Association. In the next 10 days, the neighborhood association will meet with the district city councilman to discuss options for easing

the parking problem, Davis said. Possible options include timed parking zones, making one or both sides of Wabash Avenue a no-parking zone during school hours or issuing a city ordinance that would grant resident-only parking by permit, Davis said.

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SHATTERED



Glass covers the storefront of the RadioShack on Greene Avenue on Wednesday after a man accidentally drove his car into the building. ROSE BACA / Staff Reporter

Mishap sends car into storefront

By **Travis L. Brown**
Staff Reporter

Prepaid phone cards and shattered glass covered the entryway of the RadioShack near campus after a man drove a car through the storefront Wednesday. At about noon, a man driving a gold Chevrolet Impala accidentally hit the

gas pedal instead of the brake and drove his car into the front of the RadioShack at 3107 Greene Ave. and Berry Street from his parking place, said Officer Rodney Jones of the Fort Worth Police Department. Along with the driver were two passengers, one in the front seat and one in the back seat, none of who suffered injuries.

Several people witnessed the accident while eating lunch across the street at Which Wich. "We were sitting here having lunch and an older man in an Impala drove through that window," Elliot Young, a senior political science major, said. "He was parked there, and the next thing

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Proposal to expand music hall in works

University to study possibility of building new music facilities

By **Jason Fochtman**
Staff Reporter

When Richard Gipson accepted the position of director of the School of Music seven years ago, he was charged with taking the music program to the next level.

A new music building is a step toward that vision becoming a reality. "We think that this is the next evolutionary step to becoming a world-class institution that we envision ourselves becoming," Gipson said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the university is conducting a preliminary study for a proposed music building that would expand facilities and enhance the music program. He said the feasibility study will show the university whether the building is financially possible.

"Part of our idea is to try and make all of our programs world-class and give them the showcase they deserve," Boschini said. "Music is already there as far as the program is concerned; it just needs a better physical environment."

Boschini said the feasibility study will determine how much money the university can raise toward a new music building.

Gipson said the study should be ready to present to the university administration toward the end of the semester.

The new building is intended to centrally locate the School of Music, currently spread across buildings, Gipson said. A potential site

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NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS New program lets students mingle with professionals

By **Melissa Hawkes**
Staff Reporter

Neeley School MBA student Jeremy Berry had the opportunity to probe the mind of the vice president of a major company while sipping cocktails.

Berry is one of several MBA students who got to hobnob with a Textron executive.

MBA students will gain access to exclusive information with the introduction of a new program called C-Level Confidential. The program gives students rare opportunities to network with top business executives from across the country, said P.D. Shabay, Neeley alumnus and cofounder of C-Level Confidential.

C-Level Confidential allows a small group of students to take part in an evening filled with cocktails, dinner and discussions with high-level executives of global organizations.

Shabay partnered with Ed Riefenstahl, director of Experiential Learning, to bring the C-Level Confidential program to life.

Riefenstahl said it was a joint brainstorming effort to come up with a one-of-a-kind program. The session does not in-

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Position to oversee fraternity, sorority life

By **Victoria Maranan**
Staff Reporter

Fraternity and Sorority Life is looking to fill a new post after the staff reorganized positions and responsibilities within the office, an assistant dean of Campus Life said.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said the director of fraternity and sorority affairs position was created based on the former position of assistant director of fraternity and sorority life. After weeks of ruffling through resumes the search has narrowed down to three candidates, said Robin Williamson, one of the eight members of the search committee.

"Two of them had experience with fraternities and sororities and one of them had student organization experiences similar to fraternities and sororities," she said.

Williamson, associate director of transitions, declined to identify the candidates. "The person we are going to hire will have

more management responsibilities," Parker said. "I think it is a given for that person, whoever he or she may be, to have some good leadership experience and to be able to work with a wide range of constituents."

Parker said he found the new title more suitable for someone who will hold such responsibilities.

A search committee of alumni, students and staff formed at the beginning of September to evaluate potential candidates who may fill the director position, Parker said.

Williamson said the committee's decision would affect much of the community, not just those in Greek life.

"It is in everybody's interest for us to hire somebody who is a good fit with TCU," Williamson said. "If somebody comes in and has an amazing vision and excellent rapport with students, though their main focus is working with fraternity and sorority life, this person will be interacting with students who may not be Greek, faculty, staff, community

members, alumni and potential students."

Clayton Simons, president of Interfraternity Council and a senior entrepreneurial management major, said the committee is looking for a candidate who is able to work with students.

"We want somebody who is personable, approachable and well respected," he said. "A lot of [the duties] have to do with speaking with alumni, parents, the university faculty and staff — a liaison in the Greek community."

Fraternity and Sorority Life expects to have chosen the director of fraternity and sorority affairs by the end of this month, Williamson said.

Sarah Williamson, who used to hold the assistant director position, left in early September, Parker said.

Sarah Williamson currently works as the educational development coordinator at the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity national headquarters in Arlington.

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Nava said students have a right to park on the neighborhood streets.

"I understand their point, but the streets are public," Nava said. "I don't think they should have control as to who should park on the street."

Problems with students parking on neighborhood streets have become increasingly worse over the last few years, and the residents' biggest concern is students who sometimes park in areas that either partly or completely block the driveways to homes, Davis said.

"It is very serious," Davis said. "[Residents] have been constantly blocked in their houses, and it's very difficult for them."

Karen Kroh, vice president of the University Place Neighborhood Association, said several

years ago a similar situation occurred in the University Place neighborhood after an increasing number of students began to park on neighborhood streets, sometimes blocking driveways, which caused a no-parking regulation to be placed on streets nearest campus during school hours.

"If they just parked away from the drive then it wouldn't have been a problem," Kroh said.

Davis said the association will also consider putting parking regulations on the surrounding streets, realizing students may turn to these areas if parking becomes prohibited on Wabash Avenue.

Nava said the regulations might help the immediate area, but not the situation.

"I would just go to a different street," she said.

Davis said most residents would prefer not to have parking regulations because of the disadvantages

of not being able to park on the street and the enforcement issues that come with the regulations, such as the extra burden for police, which can be expensive and time consuming.

"Unfortunately, what we consider to be inconsiderate, if not irresponsible, is TCU students who won't park on campus even though they can or could if they wished," he said. "Because of that, they're causing an action that's going to get worse and worse."

Rachel MacCarron, a junior engineering major, said on-campus parking is a problem, and she always has to leave earlier so she can find a spot and get to class on time.

DeAnn Jones, coordinator of parking and transportation with the TCU Police, said there is enough parking spaces on campus, but they're just not close to the buildings, which is what the shuttle system is for.

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for the new building is in the southeast corner of campus, currently a commuter lot, he said.

Little of the current music building, Ed Landreth Hall, was designed for its current use, Gipson said. The building, which was built in 1949, has been expanded in the past, but the current facility has created severe limitations because of the growth of the program, he said.

"We build a band room that's too big for the band," Gipson said. "We have a symphony orchestra that has emerged in the last decade that doesn't have a facility to rehearse in."

Gipson said the School of Music plans to expand enrollment from 265 to 375 students and increase the number of faculty from 37 to 55 full-time positions.

John Giordano, a TCU distinguished fellow in music and TCU graduate, said the school's concept will be similar to the Juilliard School, a world-renowned school

for the performing arts in New York City. Giordano said the number of openings for a particular instrument would depend on the number the program needed to support its various ensembles.

In addition to helping students, the new building would attract world-renowned performers and events, Giordano said. He said the response from the community and potential donors about the proposed building has been favorable.

Gipson said the School of Music is already talking to officials for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition about hosting some of its events.

The competition takes place every four years and is dedicated to finding the world's finest pianist, according to the Van Cliburn Foundation Web site.

Ed Landreth Auditorium, where the competition originally took place, will host a portion of the auditions this spring, Gipson said.

"We also think there might be an opportunity for the Fort Worth

Symphony to present some special events, like chamber concerts," Gipson said.

Gipson said his experience in helping to build the music facility at the University of Oklahoma has proved invaluable in designing the new building.

"I didn't come here to build a building," Gipson said. "I came to build a program. But having gone through that, I do know what works for a music school and a facility."

Gipson said his experience as an evaluator for the National Association of Schools of Music has helped because he has seen a lot of music programs and facilities.

He said the most important thing he's learned is to have an architect who has constructed music buildings before.

Giordano said one of the reasons why Bass Hall downtown has been so successful is because everyone using the facility was consulted. Involving the faculty in the layout and design process of the new music building will make a big difference, Giordano said.

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clude a traditional lecture, but the featured guest sits down and has dinner with students in a casual environment, Shabay said.

Shabay said he wanted to contribute to the university after his retirement as vice president of Bell Helicopter last year. He developed many personal relationships and connections while in the business world so he has access to many executives, Shabay said.

"The program tries to create experiences for our MBA's that they can't readily get anywhere else," Shabay said. "I am hoping that every person in the MBA program will start fighting for opportunities to attend the meetings."

John Butler, executive president for Administration and Chief Human Resources Officer for Textron, formally launched the C-Level Confidential program Thursday night as the first guest speaker.

"What I really like about the program and the design is it is intimate and conversational," Butler said. "It was like a very good discussion over the dinner table."

Riefenstahl said the program design does not just enable professional growth, but it also allows for personal growth.

"The program is a confidence builder for future executives," Riefenstahl said.

Students must submit their resume and an essay about why they should be chosen to participate in the program. Riefenstahl reviews

the applications and selects the top students to attend the event. A maximum of 12 students can participate in each session.

Butler said Neeley School MBA students are getting cutting-edge business training.

First-year MBA student Andrew Mozulov said he gets the benefit of knowing executives and it opens up the door to the real business world.

Sanjay Jain, a first-year MBA student, said this is the first program of its kind at TCU, and he hopes the Neeley School offers more programs modeled after C-Level Confidential.

There will be four sessions this year. Ralph Heath, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, will be the next speaker Oct. 6.

DOG DAY AFTERNOON



Top: Meme Bass, a Starpoint School teacher, pets her dogs Dot and Oliver at the animal blessing Wednesday in front of the Robert Carr Chapel. Left: Trixie, 2005 alumna Jennifer Beavers' Boston terrier, struggles to sit still at the animal blessing. Right: Foxy Brown, sociology professor Carol Thompson's foster dog, makes a friend with a neighbor. To see more photos, visit DailySkiff.com.

Honors students start peer mentor program

By Rylee Nye
Staff Reporter

For freshman students entering the Honors Program, navigating the system can be overwhelming.

This year, honors students will have the opportunity to participate in the new Watson Mentoring Program, which will pair freshmen with an advanced honors student to facilitate a more smooth transition into college, said Maddison Grigsby, Honors Cabinet vice president.

Grigsby, a junior international finance major, said she took this on as her project for the semester.

"A lot of times students aren't aware of their honors class opportunities or the academic rigor involved and just have a lot of questions," Grigsby said. "I remember having so many questions and not knowing who to go to for an answer."

Grigsby said she plans to help answer questions by providing mentors from within the Honors Program who know the ropes and

where to find the answer if they don't have one already.

Jacob Clark, a freshman biology major, said having someone who is experienced will be beneficial, because a mentor will know how and what to do.

"It's a big transition, and this is a rough major," Clark said. "It will be good to have someone who has been there before."

Grigsby began by sending an e-mail to both incoming freshmen and upperclassmen, and she received responses from both sides. About 80 freshmen have signed up for the program, Grigsby said.

Students will be paired with mentors in similar areas of study at a meet-and-greet session sometime in mid- to late-October where contact information will also be exchanged, Grigsby said.

"We want it to be as much as the students make it," Grigsby said. "This is sort of a pilot program; it's something we can do immediately, and hopefully it will take off."

The namesake for the program is Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program.

"I think this is a great idea, and I am honored that they used my name," Watson said.

Watson said the program is entirely student-run and said she is proud of their initiative in starting the program on their own.

Ron Pitcock, assistant director of Honors Program, said he is also impressed with students putting together the program without help from faculty.

"It's not something that we asked them to do; it's not something we decided for them," Pitcock said. "It's something they came up with on their own."

The idea is to get freshmen involved in the program and be more aware of activities going on, as well as to spark initiative in upperclassmen to help those below them, Grigsby said.

"Hopefully they will take initiative and positively impact the freshman experience because that's something TCU does very well," Grigsby said. "We want to make their freshman experience as positive as possible and this is just on a more narrow level with Honors students."

Want to spill the beans? theSecret.

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we know the car was through the window."

RadioShack store manager Alton Gaston was the only person inside the store at the time of the accident. He said the first thing

he saw after a loud crash was the front of the car in the store.

"I was doing something on the computer, and it happened just that fast," Gaston said. "Within seconds they just ran into the store."

RadioShack district manager Tim Slife said no merchandise

was damaged in the accident.

The entire right window of store was shattered in the accident, bending much of the front frame of the store. The car's front grill was bent in, and the windshield was cracked but remained in one piece. The left rearview mirror of the car was also damaged.

Within 30 minutes of the accident, a glass repair truck arrived to clean up the damage to the store. Slife said the store would be cleaned up and repaired by the end of Wednesday.

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The Skiff View

Students should be courteous in parking

Although it might rub students the wrong way, neighborhoods surrounding the university have every right to ban student parking during school hours.

Such a measure wouldn't be necessary if students would park legally and courteously on city streets.

Blocking driveways and mailboxes of residents in an effort to get to class on time is not behavior becoming of students.

Commuting students also have no choice but to obey such bans if they are properly passed through the city.

However, the sheer amount of students forced to park on the street belies a greater problem: TCU's lack of adequate parking.

While the number of parking spots might not be an issue, most of those spots are situated far away from classrooms.

Traffic in the area surrounding TCU is unpredictable at best, often leaving commuting students rushing to get to their classes on time.

Having 7,500 parking spaces on campus is a misleading figure. While it may seem like a lot, when you consider that thousands lie on the periphery of the football stadium for game day parking, this makes a good parking space a hot commodity.

All of these interchangeable parking spaces that have to be vacated by students on game day shouldn't count.

Also, students don't have much of an incentive to park on campus when \$75 parking fines are levied regularly.

Parking at TCU deserves a lot more attention than 50 spaces here and there. A parking garage near the classrooms would go a long way toward commuting woes.

Whatever the remedy, the campus, as well as the community surrounding it, deserves a large-scale solution.

News editor David Hall for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

South African women need to get rid of archaic rituals



MAGGIE FRASER

By the time late August rolls around, most young American girls have done their back-to-school shopping and are eagerly looking forward to another year of friends, fun, field trips and inevitable piles of homework. Some are working hard to be accepted to a university or to get a job in order to further their lives and to benefit society. But for young women in Swaziland, Africa, late August marks the start of an important traditional festival that could potentially change the course of their entire lives.

The Reed Dance, or Umhlanga, is a traditional ceremony practiced by those who live in Swaziland, originally intended to encourage young women to stay abstinent and to prepare them for a successful marriage. Each year, girls from all corners of Swaziland flock to Ludzidzini Royal Village, dressed in nothing but colorful traditional skirts, carrying fresh-cut reeds for the Queen Mother's windbreak. This year, a record-breaking 50,000 bare-breasted maidens were in attendance but not necessarily to celebrate virginity or abstinence until marriage. Since Swaziland has surpassed Botswana as the country with the world's highest prevalence rate, the ritual has taken on more importance in recent years as a platform for raising awareness of HIV. But ironically, it has also taken on the role of providing King Mswati III (the 15th wealthiest monarch in the world) with many of his 13 wives since 1999. This year he did not select a wife from the throngs of women, most of whom are desperately poor and entertain fantastic daydreams of living in a palace and being driven around in a BMW. A 16-year-old girl named Tenene Dlamini said, "I wish the king would have chosen

me because it's nice at the king's place. The wives live a nice life. Everything is done for them. They don't work. They earn."

Indeed, in a country where about 38 percent of the adult population is infected with HIV and more than two-thirds live in absolute poverty, who wouldn't want a "nice" life? But it is impractical for this to be the only way these girls can live a decent life. So many women attend the ceremony where there is a very slim chance of being chosen or the King choosing a wife at all. It is completely contradictory of the effort being made against the HIV situation. This does not seem to matter to the king, however. In 2001, he started a five-year ban on sex for girls under 18 years old in order to reign in the pandemic (which actually led to an increase in prostitution), but violated it in 2005 by taking yet another wife. He had to pay the hefty fine of one cow to the girl's family, and in 2002 attempted to use \$45 million of government money to purchase a private jet while his people were starving and dying of AIDS. If he has been trying to prevent the spread of this disease, the king has done nothing but send mixed signals to young girls hoping for a better life. They are told to remain abstinent and not to have polygamous relationships, but then are told of the King's newest wife and her brand new BMW Series 5, the fabulous palace she lives in and the stylish clothes she wears. Suddenly the idea of abstinence and marrying for love doesn't seem very attractive when you're struggling to survive. I am not saying a ban of the Reed Dance would help matters, as it is actually a ceremony to empower young women, or that the king should not take as many wives, but these girls need a chance to become successful without having to sell their bodies and their hearts. Once they can become confident, hold a job and support themselves without being dependent on a husband, I think the devastating situation of disease and poverty will see great improvement.

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Good manners can live despite death of chivalry



BRUNO BRUELHART

The idea of chivalry is dead. Take a look around after class, and you will see. People are more interested in checking their cell phones and chatting with their friends for a few brief minutes after class, too self-absorbed to hold the door open for their classmates or engage in friendly conversation with their desk neighbor. Of course there are exceptions to the rule; there always are. But we, as a society, have moved away from the concepts of chivalry and kindness to that of neediness and self-absorption.

When the concept of chivalry was first decided upon in medieval Europe, the world was a place ravaged by total war. Every day was a constant fight for survival, pitting man not only against the elements but also against other humans. The idea a knight would show prowess in battle was quite common. But as knights tramped about in war, who was left behind to fend for the women, the children and the elderly? Thus, the concept of knights raising up arms in defense of these people soon became an unwritten code of conduct all good knights were expected to follow. Be honest, show humility

to defeated enemies, never strike an unarmed opponent, defend the weak and powerless and protect the innocent. The evolution of mankind would eventually eliminate the use of knights, but the concepts they practiced in peacetime would continue to affect generations thereafter.

Bringing us back to modern times and escaping the brief history lesson, one cannot help but lament how far we have fallen in regard to human relationships. The idea of individualism,

For many people, simply holding a door open for a person several feet behind you is an act of extreme personal sacrifice.

this mentality of "I can do it myself," the role of extreme feminism blasting this male concept and laziness have all helped contribute to the decline of the ideals of chivalry. For many people, simply holding a door open for a person several feet behind them is an act of extreme personal sacrifice. Many people retaliate by claiming that holding a door is unnecessary; I have hands, let me open it. But therein lies the problem: why can't one do a good deed simply for the sake of doing it?

We have evolved as a society that is

so obsessed with the latest gadgets and fads to the point that we have neglected the other aspects of our lives. Human interaction, once the only way of doing things, has now taken a back seat to e-mails and cell phones. Leave class one day and see how many people whip out their cell phones upon exiting the room. Watch how many will check for texts and how many will engage in short conversations between class that revolve around the "What are you doing?" formula, all the while ignoring the world around them. Simply keep your phone away and be a normal human being. Say hi to people as you pass, hold open doors and say thanks. Being a good person does not require a charity or hollow cause but rather just acknowledging the world you walk through every day.

Chivalry may be a concept born out of war and a patriarchal society, but that does not mean its ideals and values cannot be transferred to a modern setting for everyone to enjoy. Is it so terribly difficult to hold open a door for someone, or to let someone do the same for you? Would it trouble people to not know what is happening on Facebook or ESPN the minute they are out of class? Is this why you are attending college: to learn how to acclimate to a world without interaction? Do a good deed because you can. Chivalry is dead. But its ideals and values can still survive.

Bruno Bruelhart is a junior writing and history major from Hobbs, N.M.

Church should steer clear of involvement in politics

STARITA SMITH

Pulpit Freedom Sunday was a big mistake.

Last Sunday, dozens of Christian churches challenged tax rules prohibiting places of worship from endorsing candidates or engaging in activity that is biased for or against candidates. The ministers involved even told the Internal Revenue Service in advance they planned to break the rule.

The Alliance Defense Fund, an Arizona-based legal organization that says the tax code violates the First Amendment rights of ministers, promoted the event and most participants were pro-life pastors who encouraged people to vote for John McCain and Sarah Palin.

But this isn't a free-speech issue, and churches don't belong in presidential races.

Churches, like other nonprofit groups, make a deal with the government. They get tax-exempt status in exchange for not injecting themselves into political races.

Now the Pulpit Freedom Sunday churches want to renege on that deal and campaign for their candidate even as they retain their tax-exempt status.

But they can't have it both ways.

If they want to back a candidate, they should have to pay taxes. And we could all use the money.

Think of the billions of dollars that could flow into our ailing governmental coffers if all the cathedrals, mosques, synagogues and the wealthy megachurches with thousands of members had to fork over taxes.

But the rebellious churches don't want to hand over their share of the taxes. They just want to intrude even further into our political process.

Already the religious right, with the help of the Bush administration, has foisted its values onto crucial policies affecting the health, education and rights of women and children, not only in this country but all over the world.

They have spent millions promoting abstinence-only education, and they have managed to stifle mention of abortion in dozens of health programs around the world. Meanwhile, HIV/AIDS is still spreading through Africa and Asia, and it is sharply increasing among blacks and Latinos in the United States.

The last thing we need is more religion in our politics.

Places of worship should not be campaign offices. Instead, they should be places where people can get away from grimy political combat and find solace and wisdom in the ancient spiritual traditions.

The Founding Fathers wanted America to be a place of religious freedom. That is why they insisted there would be no law respecting the establishment of religion.

Thomas Jefferson and many of the other Founding Fathers were trying to be men of reason. Many were deists who did not believe God is involved in the day-to-day running of the universe. They believed God gave human beings the capacity to run their own affairs without calling on Him for everything or using Him to justify anything.

Many of them took precautions to keep their own religious beliefs out of the public eye because they did not want to have undue influence on decisions and practices people should have been able to make for themselves.

If only we could command more of that kind of respect nowadays.

Starita Smith wrote this column for Progressive Media Project, affiliated with The Progressive magazine.

NEWS

NASA works to inspire Americans like it did in age of Moon program

By Mark K. Matthews and Robert Block
The Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON — The front hall of the National Air and Space Museum is a temple to man-made wonders. Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis is here, suspended in mock flight near the Bell X-1 that Chuck Yeager flew to break the sound barrier.

But it's what sits beneath these relics that moves most visitors: nine trophies from NASA's golden years, including the Apollo 11 capsule that carried Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon nearly 40 years ago.

There's something missing from the Milestones in Flight display, however: NASA's current workhorse, the space shuttle. A scale model of the orbiter sits two rooms away, dwarfed by rockets of yesteryear.

The placement is symbolic of NASA's failure to inspire Americans during the past 36 years, since the end of the moon program.

"Where I get depressed is the human-spaceflight program," sighed museum curator Roger Launius, looking at the shuttle mock-up. "Our lead (over other countries) is lessening. Will they overtake us? That's the question for the next 50 years."

With half a century of amazing accomplishments behind it, NASA is entering a second space age beset by uncertainty and searching for a renewal of "the right stuff."

Though its agenda is ambitious — a return to the moon and an eventual flight to Mars — the agency is hobbled by a lack of resources and a public that is only mildly interested in its mission.

"It is absolutely feasible that the Chinese will (get to the moon) before we are able to do it because they have the political will to do it," said Joan Johnson-Freese, a security expert at the U.S. Naval War College.

"Space is always about the connotation of the future, and in my mind we are ceding that leadership simply because we cannot get our act together."

It wasn't always like this.

NASA was a creation of the Cold War, intended to inspire the public with dreams of space exploration and assuage fears that the Russians would get there first.

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first satellite to achieve Earth orbit. Though little more than a grapefruit-sized metal ball with trailing whiskery antennas, Sputnik shocked an America already worried about nuclear war — and kicked off a race for technological superiority in the heavens.

On July 29, 1958, President

Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act after a fierce debate over whether the agency should be under military or civilian control. The civilians carried the day, and NASA opened its doors on Oct. 1, 1958.

The agency was led by visionaries, such as rocket legends Wernher von Braun and Robert Goddard. Within a year — as U.S. rockets blew up on the launchpad and the Soviets prepared to launch the first man into space — NASA electrified the nation by selecting the first astronauts. Throughout the 1960s, a mesmerized nation halted whatever it was doing to watch NASA launches on live television.

Much has been accomplished since then. Men have walked on the moon; unmanned probes have explored asteroids, planets and the solar system; space telescopes have beamed back dazzling pictures of the heavens, while rovers buzz

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about the surface of Mars.

There's been a civilian payoff as well: Everything from GPS navigation to cell phone technology to cordless power tools and much more has spun off from NASA projects.

But it has been 36 years since an astronaut last walked on the moon. And since 1981, America's human-spaceflight program literally has been going in circles — in low Earth orbit aboard the shuttle and the international space station.

Meanwhile, other nations — China, Russia, even the European Union — are advancing their own programs and are threatening U.S. pre-eminence in space.

That concerns NASA Administrator Mike Griffin.

"Whether America takes part or not, human exploration of space will go forward in this century," he said recently. "It is only a question of who those explorers are, what languages they speak and what values they hold."

China widely is considered the rival to watch. Last week, Beijing sent three "taikonauts" into orbit for their first-ever spacewalk — an

important step toward an expected Chinese space station and possible moon landing.

China's progress comes as NASA sits at a crossroads: eager to retire the shuttle in 2010 but struggling to build the Ares rocket and Orion capsule that will replace it.

Griffin, perhaps the most farsighted NASA head since James Webb got the agency to the moon in the 1960s, thinks President Nixon should have followed the moon landings with a drive to send astronauts to Mars.

Instead, the space shuttle launched in 1981. Its stated mission — a reusable space truck — was as prosaic as its appearance.

Martin Rees, president of The Royal Society, Britain's academy of sciences, recently said the only time the shuttle made news was when it crashed. The losses of Challenger in 1986 and Columbia in 2003 killed 14 astronauts and badly dented NASA's reputation.

After the second accident, President Bush, acting on the recommendations of a blue-ribbon panel, decided it was time to retire the shuttle and get NASA thinking about sending astronauts back to the moon and ultimately to Mars. In 2005, Bush chose Griffin — himself a rocket scientist — to turn the vision into reality.

Griffin's aim was to restore NASA's reputation as a place of cutting-edge engineering and research.

It has not been easy.

NASA has not successfully built a new rocket in more than a generation — though it has spent billions on projects it never finished. The agency even had to bring back engineers from the Apollo days to show a new generation how it was done.

Bob Sieck is one of those so-called Apollo graybeards advising NASA as it struggles with its new Ares I rocket.

Sieck admires the agency's scientific and engineering talent. The problem, he says, is NASA's multi-level bureaucracy; too many people and political considerations are involved in making decisions.

"In my day if you failed, people would say, 'Nice try. What do you need to make it right?'" recalls Sieck. "Nowadays, they convene commissions to investigate."

But above all, Sieck and others say, it comes down to money.

During the Apollo era, as much as 4 percent of the federal budget was devoted to NASA; that percentage today would amount to \$110 billion. But NASA's budget is \$17 billion — and even that evokes criticism.

For his part, Griffin refuses to abandon the dream. He thinks if NASA stays the course, it could rekindle the fire of the past.



Florence Thompson, the "Migrant Mother" in Dorothea Lange's famous 1936 photo, holds up her likeness during an interview in October of 1978. TED BENSON / Modesto Bee via MCT

Photo an iconic image of Great Depression era

By Jeff Jardine
McClatchy Newspapers

MODESTO, Calif. — As a junior high school student in Santa Clara in 1974, Sheryl Brady opened up her United States history workbook and saw a familiar face in a famous photograph.

"I went up to Mr. Hannah and said, 'There's my grandmother,'" said Brady, 47, who lives in Turlock.

"That's nice, Sheryl," Mr. Hannah replied. "Now go sit down." "I said, 'No kidding, Mr. Hannah. That is my grandmother,'" Brady said. "And he said, 'You're serious.'"

The photo was Dorothea Lange's "Migrant Mother," taken in 1936 at a pea-pickers' labor camp in San Luis Obispo County and long considered the most representative and pertinent image of the Dust Bowl era.

Lange never asked the names of the woman and three children she photographed that day while working for the Farm Security Administration, and their identities remained a mystery for more than 40 years.

Had he really believed Brady, Mr. Hannah might have solved it that day in 1974. Instead, four more years passed before Florence Owens Thompson confirmed, during a 1978 interview with Modesto Bee reporter Emmett Corrigan, she was the woman in the black-and-white still that became symbolic of the Great Depression. Her young daughters Katherine and Ruby stood on each side of her, shielding their faces from Lange's camera lens while Thompson held baby Norma on her lap.

Thompson ultimately settled in Modesto after World War II and raised her family there. She had 10 children — Brady's mother, Shirley, was the youngest and not yet born when Lange snapped the photo. Three of them, Katherine

McIntosh, Norma Rydlewski and Jim Hill, still live in Modesto. The seven others have since died.

Thompson long harbored frustration that others made money off of the photo — the Library of Congress offers prints at \$120 each — while she got nothing when she was the one most in need. Meanwhile, her family contradicts Lange's account of the circumstances surrounding the photo — that they had to sell the tires off their car to get cash for food.

The car needed a replacement fan belt, Brady said. One of Thompson's sons had gone to a nearby town for the part.

"They drove away that same afternoon (after Lange took the photo)," Brady said. "They didn't sell the tires."

Thompson also claimed Lange promised the photo never would be published and felt betrayed when it appeared in newspapers a day or so later. Her eldest son, Leroy, had been staying with an uncle in Shafter and worked as a paperboy.

"He picked up the day's papers to sell and his mother's picture hit him in the face," Thompson's grandson, Roger Sprague, wrote on his Web site www.migrantgrandson.com. "He ran all the way to his uncle's place to tell them his mother was dead. Why else would a poor person's picture be in the paper?"

Thompson wasn't dead. The printing press, it seemed, accidentally had created an ink blot that resembled a bullet wound on her forehead.

It's a picture that, regardless of the circumstances, is an incredible work that garnered Lange respect not only as a photographer and artist, but also as a social commentator of the time. The six photos she took of Thompson that day are part of the Dorothea Lange Archives at the Oakland Museum of California.

None of the other shots, though,

had the emotional impact of "Migrant Mother," which has been displayed in galleries throughout the world.

Lange took the photo while working for a government agency, which makes it part of the public domain and therefore available for anyone to use. Thus, "Migrant Mother" has graced a U.S. postage stamp. It's been featured in numerous photography publications. Brady found it on the cover of Discovery Kids' April 2006 issue.

Sprague went on to lecture to service clubs and other groups about his grandmother's life. He offered T-shirts bearing the "Migrant Mother" photo for sale through the Web site.

Unfortunately, Sprague died in 2004, before his book, "Second Trail of Tears — The Migrant Mother Story" could be published. The Web site remains.

The photo that never was supposed to be published continues to be published and stands as an iconic tribute to those who endured hard times during the Great Depression.

When Florence Owens Thompson died at 79 in Santa Cruz in 1983, Corrigan wrote that the photo "didn't help Mrs. Thompson financially, but publication of it in newspapers stirred the consciousness of Americans and widespread efforts were started to ease the plight of the migrant workers."

Well-wishers raised \$15,000 for the family to help with funeral expenses. And the family received condolences from President Reagan, who wrote, "Mrs. Thompson's passing represents the loss of an American who symbolizes strength and determination in the midst of the Great Depression."

She is buried at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson, next to husband George Thompson. Her plaque bears the words, "Migrant Mother: A legend of the strength of American Motherhood."

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Postseason Cubs a favorite in Vegas

By Steve Rosenbloom
Chicago Tribune

A big part of Chicago loves the Cubs. Same goes for the American betting public.

"I've never seen a bandwagon as big as the Cubs — never," said Jay Kornegay, executive director of the Las Vegas Hilton race and sports book. "The Bulls were loved, but the Cubs are bigger because they haven't had success. The 'lovable losers' attract bettors."

Odds makers say Cubs fans have always supported their team at the betting window to the point that they suppress the true odds of their chances of winning the World Series. This year the avalanche of money has made the Cubs the Hilton's 3-1 favorite to win it all, down from 12-1 when the season opened.

"The Cubs are more popular than the Red Sox or Yankees this year," Kornegay said. "The American sports world loves the Cubs."

Hilton had the AL Central winner at 18-1 to win the World Series, the longest shot on the board.

The other three American League

playoff teams — the Red Sox, Rays and Angels — trailed the Cubs at 4-1 to win the World Series, followed by the Phillies (7-1), Dodgers (12-1) and Brewers (15-1).

More immediately the Cubs are a minus-210 favorite to beat the Dodgers in their National League Division Series, which begins Wednesday at Wrigley Field, meaning you must bet \$210 to win \$100.

Interestingly the Cubs and Dodgers represent two of the three big liabilities for Vegas sports books but for different reasons.

In the Cubs' case, it's the season-long volume of money put down on them.

In the Dodgers' case, it's the late money that poured in after they acquired Manny Ramirez.

The third team that scares the sports books is the Rays, who opened the year at 100-1 to win the AL East and 200-1 to win the World Series.

"The books don't want any of those three teams to win," Kornegay said. "Fortunately, two of those teams play each other in the first round."



PHIL VELASQUEZ / Chicago Tribune via MCT
Chicago Cubs Alfonso Soriano doubles in the second inning, clearing the bases, against the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field on Sept. 20 in Chicago.

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on third and threw the speedy Johnson out at first by a hair.

Don't forget Aybar's role on the other end of that throw. Filling in for Gold Glove candidate Carlos Pena, Aybar held on to the one-hop throw.

And don't forget Ruggiano's role in that inning. He entered as a defensive replacement for Eric Hinske in left field and made the first out of the inning by crashing into the wall to catch Geovany Soto's line drive.

Leaving Longoria's locker, we come across Zobrist. His two-run homer in the seventh off A.J. Burnett on July 18 gave the Rays a 2-1 victory on the first day of the second half of the season and moved the Rays back into first place, where they remained the rest of the season.

Gross, who dresses next to Zobrist, had three walk-off hits, including a 10th-inning single off Mariano Rivera on May 13 that moved the Rays past the Boston Red Sox and into first place, marking the latest in the season the Rays had been atop the division at any time in their history.

Moving up the row of lockers, we come across James Shields, whose complete-game, two-hit shutout against Boston on April 27 completed a three-game sweep of the defending World Series champions and proved the Rays were capable of winning big games.

Walk a few feet, and you find B.J. Upton. While a shoulder injury has curtailed his production at the plate, he's still capable of making unbelievable plays in center field, as he proved when he ran down Alex Rodriguez's drive to the deepest part of Tropicana Field, completing the play by running up the wall.

Crawford dresses in the corner, and while, surprisingly, he hasn't been involved in too many highlights this season, he can be counted on for a little perspective.

"Everybody wants to say I helped this team get to this point," Crawford said. "When you have guys like myself not doing what I'm supposed to do, we had other guys step up. That's the tone we set early in the year."

Make the turn and you find Floyd, who beat the Chicago White Sox with a home run, and Hinske,



HECTOR GABINO / El Nuevo Herald via MCT
Tampa Bay Devil Rays Evan Longoria celebrates his two-run home run in the fifth inning against the Florida Marlins at Dolphin Stadium in Miami on June 25. The Rays won 15-3.

who followed Longoria's two-run single against Halladay at Disney with a single of his own that drove in the go-ahead run.

Iwamura is next. All he did was beat Boston's Clay Buchholz with a two-run homer in the eighth inning for a 2-1 Rays victory in April.

Up next is Pena. A big moment from Pena? Pick one. How about this one: his three-run homer in the 14th inning in Boston. Or this one: His leadoff home run in the seventh off Boston's Josh Beckett that tied the score at 1-1 in a game the Rays would win in the ninth thanks to our next stop on the tour.

Meet Dioner Navarro, who beat Boston on consecutive Tuesdays in September with first a ninth-inning double, then a ninth-inning single to drive in the winning runs both nights.

There's Jason Bartlett. How many games has he won with his glove?

And Rocco Baldelli, whose comeback from a mitochondrial disorder was punctuated by a walk-off double against the Baltimore Orioles.

Baldelli received the time-honored shaving cream pie in the face after that win.

A number of Rays have squinted through a face full of shaving cream as they answered questions during a post-game TV in-

terview.

"You want the pie in the face. It's fun to get the shaving cream pie in the face on TV," Miller said. "You want the ice water down your back. It doesn't matter if you have 15 years or one year. It doesn't matter. We're going to get you."

Shawn Riggins, whose locker is in the far corner of the room, was hit in the chest with a pitch, somehow found his way to first base and eventually scored the winning run in another walk-off victory.

"You don't see that often on other teams, that's what makes this special," Crawford said. "You have everyone contributing, even guys who've been called up late. They're

helping out."

Dan Johnson, whose locker is along the far wall, stepped out of a cab in Boston and into Rays lore with a pinch-hit home run off Jonathan Papelbon that tied the score in the ninth inning. Johnson, who had been called up that day and arrived late to Fenway Park, had been 0-for-15 as a pinch-hitter during his major league career prior to that at-bat.

"That's part of the team game," Johnson said. "This team plays so unselfish. It seems like everyone wants to get the job done. Everybody is pulling for everybody."

Johnson's neighbors are Grant Balfour, Fernando Perez, Jason Hammel and Chad Bradford. Perez followed Johnson's homer with a double off Papelbon and scored on Navarro's double.

"Everything just kind of went all together. Everything that happened that night was surreal," Johnson said.

Just another surreal night in a season of surreal nights.

Like Howell, Balfour has picked up plenty of big outs in the middle innings. Hammel got those last three outs in the 14th inning during that incredible night in Boston.

Bradford, whose locker is the last stop on our tour, saved a game in Seattle by inducing a ground ball to third with the bases loaded and one-out, enabling Aybar to start a 5-2-3 double play in another Rays victory.

So many different players, so many big moments.

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MATCHUPS

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that went well for the Frogs last week was the play of sophomore Jimmy Young, who had 111 yards against the Sooners. Young is dominating his teammates in the receiving categories, he has 26 catches, 15 more than the next Frog, and 348 yards, 247 more than any of his fellow receivers.

San Diego State: Two starters return for the Aztecs this season, senior Darren Mougey and sophomore Vincent Brown. Brown, the faster of the two, leads the team with 20 catches, 315 yards and four touchdowns. The depth the Aztecs have gives them the edge over the Frogs.

Advantage: San Diego State

Offensive Line

TCU: Senior center Blake Schlueter continues to be the anchor of the Frogs' offensive line. The Frogs allowed three sacks last week, including one to sophomore wide receiver Jeremy Kerley on an attempted trick play. Last season, the Frogs did not allow a sack against the Aztecs.

San Diego State: Senior left guard Mike Schmidt has the most experience at the D-1 level for the Aztecs. So far this season, the offensive line have allowed the quarterback to be sacked seven times for a loss of 46 yards.

Advantage: TCU

Defensive Line

TCU: Junior defensive end Jerry Hughes didn't force a turnover for the first time this season last week. Hughes has been a force to be reckoned with this season, having been involved in 22 tackles, six for a loss, intercepting two passes and recovering three fumbles.

San Diego State: Junior defensive lineman Jonathan Soto has been successful in causing havoc in the trenches so far this season. Soto has 22 total tackles, 3.5 for a loss and leads the team with 2.5 sacks for a combined loss of 10 yards.

Advantage: TCU

Linebackers

TCU: The linebacker core was tested last week against the nation's top scoring offense. Senior linebacker Jason Phillips was involved in five tackles, three for a loss, and had a sack last week. Phillips lead the Frogs with 13 total tackles against the Aztecs last season.

San Diego State: In his second year as a starter at linebacker, Luke Laolagi is leading his team with 21 solo tackles and in total tackles with 36. Laolagi matched Phillips' efforts in last season's game with 13 total tackles.

Advantage: TCU

Defensive Backs

TCU: The Frogs defensive backs were put to the test last week against the Sooners, who threw for 411 yards. The backs will look to rebound against a rookie quarterback this week. Junior cornerback Nick Sanders leads all defensive backs with 20 tackles and five pass breakups this season. Expect the secondary to come into this week's game with extra motivation.

San Diego State: The secondary for the Aztecs has the most depth on the team, returning four seniors and nine letterwinners. Cornerbacks Aaron Moore, a junior, and Vonnie Holmes, a senior, are providing leadership for the defensive backs. Both have 18 total tackles and one interception, but Moore has two more tackles for loss than Holmes.

Advantage: TCU

Special Teams

TCU: The Frogs continue to have success on punt returns, averaging 15.46 yards per return. Freshman kicker Ross Evans has connected on seven of his eight field goal attempts this season and has made 21 of his 22 point after touchdown kicks.

San Diego State: The Aztecs have had four different punt returners this season and are averaging just 4.1 yards per attempt. Junior kicker Lane Yoshida has made both of his field goal attempts and 11 of his 12 PATs.

Advantage: TCU

Coaching

TCU: Head coach Gary Patterson has to get his team back on track after last week's game, in which TCU committed 12 penalties and lost the turnover battle 4-0. The Frogs are now the third-most penalized team in the nation, averaging 9.4 per game.

San Diego State: Head coach Chuck Long is in his third full season as San Diego State's head coach. His team has the fourth-worst third down conversion percentage in the nation, converting only 25.9 of its opportunities.

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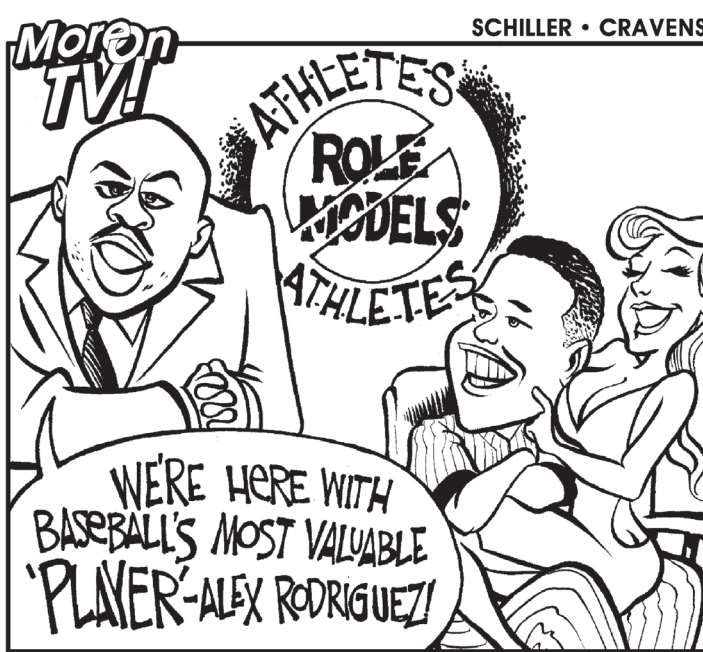
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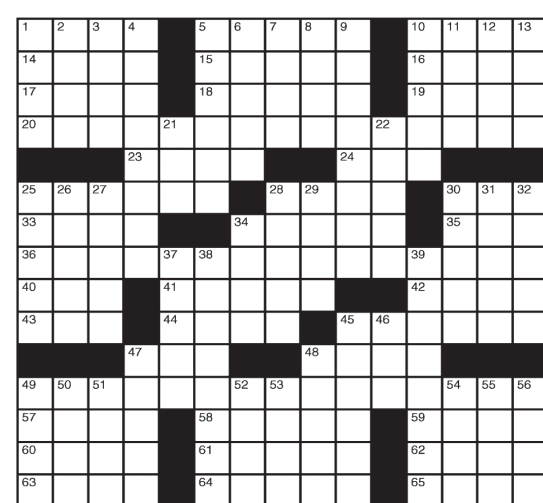
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SPORTS



See how the volleyball team does in its conference game against Utah. Tomorrow

DIVING

DIVE ON IN



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Senior diver R.J. Hesselberg completes a dive during a meet last season. This year's diving squad has four members and will begin play this weekend Friday at the UNT Relays in Keller and Saturday at home against Missouri State.

Team hopes to start with splash

By Michael Carroll
Staff Reporter

The diving team will spring into action Saturday as part of the first dual swimming and diving meet of the season against Missouri State in the University Recreation Center natatorium.

Head diving coach Wayne Chester said this weekend will be a good test to see what his squad of four divers will be capable of this year.

"We don't know what we're looking for with Missouri State," Chester said. "We don't know what to expect, and don't know what kind of divers they have."

R.J. Hesselberg, the lone senior on the squad and last year's Mountain West Conference Male Diver of the Year, is the veteran leader of the team.

"R.J. is a very likeable guy," Chester said. "He sets a good example."

Junior Jen Ferguson agreed that Hesselberg is a great leader.

"R.J.'s here every day working

really hard," Ferguson said. "He encourages us when we're having trouble, and he's kind of what we aspire to be focus-wise."

Hesselberg said he tries to lead the squad by example.

"I try to do everything I can just to show them how they need to act outside of the pool as well as in," Hesselberg said.

Hesselberg said he expects to match his success from last season.

"I'm pretty much going to try to do what I did last year," Hesselberg said.

The team is anxious to get to conference competition but is looking forward to this weekend as well.

"I'm excited to start competing," sophomore Kyle Callens said. "Competition has come up really quick, but I'm excited to see how we're going to do."

With four active divers and one coach, the team has formed a close, family-like relationship.

"Any time you have that close of a relationship with your kids it gets pretty tight," Chester said.

Swimming & Diving

What: First home meet of the season

Who: TCU vs. Missouri State

When: Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Where: University Rec Center

"You get to know them better on a more personal basis, and you get to know them better as far as how to coach them."

Ferguson said having a small squad can be helpful.

"I personally love having a small team," Ferguson said. "It allows you to work on the things that you need to do to get better."

The divers all agreed having the support of fans at their meets is vital to the squad's success.

"When we have fans there cheering for us, it's a big encouragement to do a big dive," Callens said.

TCU VS. SDSU MATCHUPS

Aztecs no trouble for Frogs

By Billy Wessels
Sports Editor

Quarterbacks

TCU: Sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton had trouble moving the ball against the now-No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners, throwing for 212 yards, and he threw his second interception of the season in the first half. Dalton threw for 298 yards and ran for 59 yards against San Diego State last season. Dalton's experience gives him the edge.

San Diego State: Freshman Ryan Lindley has shown some signs of being the quarterback of the future the Aztecs need after the departure of Kevin O'Connell to the New England Patriots. Lindley is averaging 299.8 yards per game this season and has thrown eight touchdowns compared to four interceptions.

Advantage TCU

Runningbacks

TCU: It seems like junior Joseph Turner has been a constant force in the Horned Frog backfield since coming off an injury last season. Turner leads the team in yards, with 229, and touchdowns, with seven. Turner owned the Aztecs last season rushing for 226 yards and four touchdowns.

San Diego State: The Aztecs are led by the pair of junior Atiyah Henderson and sophomore Brandon Sullivan. Sullivan is leading the team with 142 yards and has a touchdown. Last season, Henderson rushed for 25 yards on six carries.

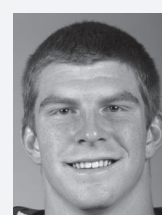
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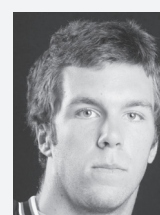
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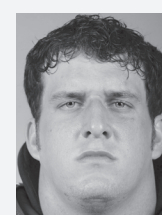
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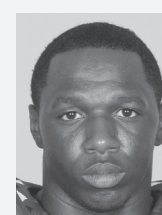


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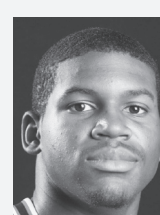


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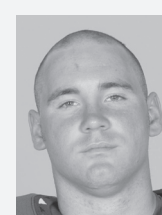


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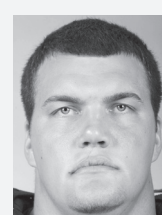


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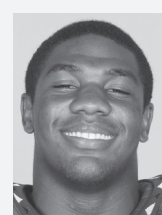


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Prediction

Expect the Horned Frogs to come out with extra motivation after last week's defeat. TCU wins 37-10.

Big plays highlight Rays' historic run

By Roger Mooney
McClatchy Newspapers

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Enter the Tampa Bay Rays clubhouse, hang a left once you reach the big room, and the first locker you come across belongs to rookie third baseman Evan Longoria, which is as good a place as any to begin a story on this incredible phenomena called the 2008 American League East champion Rays.

Remember Longoria's two-out, two-run single to right field off Roy Halladay that erased a 3-1 deficit against the Toronto Blue Jays on that April night at Disney's Wide World of Sports? Big hits off Halladay never used to happen.

But they happened this year. Big hits. Big homers. Big defensive plays.

Game changers. Game winners. And not just off Halladay, either. And not just from Longoria, though the rookie third baseman has been involved in so many big moments, he's been on ESPN more than Chris Berman.

"The contributions are coming from so many different places," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

From Willy Aybar to Ben Zobrist and just about every Ray in between. Justin Ruggiano, Cliff Floyd, Akinori Iwamura, Gabe Gross, B.J. Upton . . . "Guys have stepped up and got the job done until the next guy stepped up," pitcher Trever


Miller said. "We pass the torch. It's like the Olympic Torch run."

Longoria is the first stop on the tour of big Rays moments.

He beat the Los Angeles Angels with a walk-off two-run homer,

and saved the day against the Chicago Cubs when he bare-handed a bunt by Reed Johnson with two outs in the ninth and the tying run

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