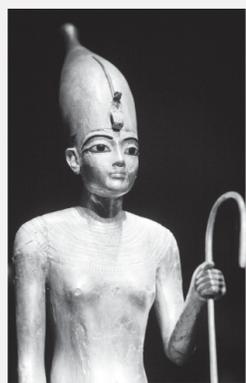


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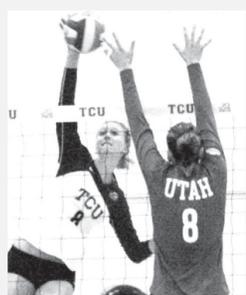


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CORRECTION

Thomas Howard is the program director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation. His title was incorrect in a Sept. 26 Skiff article.

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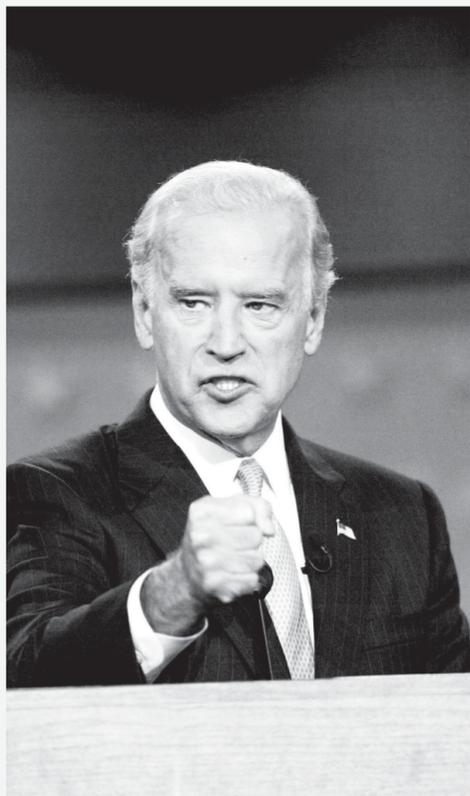


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FACEOFF



Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Joe Biden, of Delaware, squares off with Republican vice presidential nominee Gov. Sarah Palin, of Alaska, during a debate at Washington University in St. Louis on Thursday.

Students pleased with Palin's debate performance

By Rose Baca
Staff Reporter

Students gave Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin good reviews after she went head to head against Democrat Joe Biden on Thursday night at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. in the first and only running-mate debate of the election season.

Coming into the debate, critics questioned Palin's experience after she ap-

peared misinformed about certain issues in a handful of interviews she granted to the media.

About 20 students gathered at Milton Daniel Hall for a debate watch party.

Katie Poe, a sophomore theatre major, said listening to the vice presidential candidates gives viewers more insight into the presidential candidates. "It's important for everyone to be politically savvy," Poe said.

Most students believed both can-

didates were strong debaters.

Poe said Palin did better than people thought she would, even more so because she has not been in the presidential race that long. "She seems a little shaky," Poe said.

Two professors assess the running mates' performances. See Q&As on page 5

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Web education trend not seen on campus

By Melissa Hawkes
Staff reporter

A recent study suggests the future of the classroom may rest within the confines of the computer screen.

Online education is growing substantially across the country, according to a study by the Sloan Consortium, an online education research organization. Almost 20 percent of all higher education students were taking at least one online class in the fall of 2006, according to the Sloan Consortium.

The preference for online learning has yet to spread to TCU's campus. The university does not plan to expand its online presence anytime in the near future, said Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs said.

"The experience that we give is different," Donovan said. "The essence of the TCU education is actually being able to

interact directly with the professors."

The university offers one online degree — a Master of Science in Nursing — through the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students in the program only come to campus twice, once to enroll and once to graduate, and they come from all over the country, Donovan said.

According to the catalog, TCU offers 12 online classes for undergraduates during the fall and summer sessions.

Many professors utilize the Web as a way to enhance classes by using eCollege, a site which enables teachers to post grades, lectures and other learning materials for students to view.

Professors can decide if they want to take a step further and teach an online class, political science professor James Riddlesperger said.

Riddlesperger teaches an online class during the summer and is currently the only professor in his department to venture

into the online teaching world.

"I think you get about 80 percent out of an online course compared to what you get in class," Riddlesperger said.

There are clear advantages to online classes such as convenience and being able to do assignments in pajamas, but students do not have the same commitment to the professor or the class, Riddlesperger said. He said the learning environment in a classroom can't be replicated online.

"Technology is not the substitute for the shared journey of the class," Riddlesperger said. "An online course won't have the same impact of traditional class."

The university offers a class to teach students how to use technology in the classroom and for personal use.

"Using technology gives you the opportunity to reach more people," said Cathleen Whillock, who teaches Technology Appli-

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New purple bikes added to keep up with demand

By Kristin Butler
Staff Reporter

The hundreds of students in line to check out a purple bike can expect some relief.

The Purple Bike Program is looking to relieve demand with the addition of more than 50 bikes and a fundraiser, as hundreds are left on the wait list to get one of the 50 bikes currently available, program coordinator Keith Whitworth said.

Whitworth, a sociology professor, said the university will receive 10 more bikes funded by several people and organizations next week. Whitworth said he expects a \$25,000 grant proposal made to an off-campus organization to be accepted by the end of October, providing funds for 50 bikes.

The bike program, created in 2006, al-

lows students to enter their names in a raffle to decide who will be able to use a bike because of excess demand.

This process still stands, but those who do not want to wait for luck can take action now by participating in a fundraiser, Whitworth said.

Students who participate in the Purple Bike Program fundraiser must raise \$500 to add a new bike, which they will keep for the duration of their studies at TCU and pass on to future students, Whitworth said. The goal is 500 bikes, he said.

Participants sign up on the Web site EnviroFootprint.com and have family and friends donate to their fund. The site allows participants to calculate their carbon footprint, or the estimated carbon dioxide one is responsible for in a year, based on their driving habits.

The new program allows participants

to raise funds individually or in groups, Whitworth said. Residence halls, departments, clubs, organizations and alumni can participate, Whitworth said.

"This is about creating awareness among a large number of people and contributing to a solution," he said. "It is in essence a snow ball effect."

Each bike is three-speed and comes with a helmet, combination lock and free maintenance. Atherton Bikes disassembles the bikes and paints each purple. A bell, wrap-around fenders, quick-release seat posts and a basket are added, all amounting to \$500, Whitworth said.

The price may be high, but that is what it takes to have a high-quality bike and provide maintenance, Whitworth said.

Emma Hodcroft, logistical engineer for

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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

SAT, ACT not heavily weighted, study says

By Andrew Young
Staff Reporter

The National Association for College Admission Counseling recently released a report stating college admission exams like the SAT and ACT might not be as critical to making admission decisions as some colleges and universities make them.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said admissions officials have placed too much emphasis on standardized exams. Standardized tests add to the admission process but not nearly as much as people think they do, Brown said. Standardized tests are only about 10 percent of what the university considers when reviewing a potential student's application, he said.

The university uses standardized exams as a guide, as one more piece of information in the admission process, Brown said.

Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admissions, said the biggest benefit of standardized tests is they are the only thing that is standard for every applicant. Although an applicant's high school transcript is most important because it shows what classes a student is taking and how well they performed, the problem is transcripts are not standardized, he said.

"Every high school has its own way of doing transcripts, and every high school has its own way of calculating GPAs and class rank," Waggoner said.

The SAT provides a common scale by which all students are assessed but the test isn't perfect, Waggoner said.

"Different groups of people, based on demographic qualities, whether it be ethnicity, or socioeconomic status, or zip code or number of parents who went to college, different groups score differently on the test," Waggoner said.

Brown said one of the problems with the SAT is students game the test, or take it multiple times to increase their score.

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Nearby college expands campus, starts with chapel

By Michael Carroll
Staff Reporter

The College of Saint Thomas More is so small that students at might drive or walk by it without even noticing, but the newest addition to the school might make it stand out a bit more.

The college, a Catholic institution with 34 full-time students located on the edge of the TCU campus, began construction on a new chapel at the intersection of Lubbock Avenue and West Bowie Street in May. Construction is scheduled to be completed about Christmas time.

The new chapel is being funded through donations, according to the college's Web site.

James Patrick, the chancellor of Saint Thomas More and co-designer of the building, said the new chapel will be the centerpiece of the college and the first of many changes.

"The college is a de facto Roman Catholic institution, and the heart of the enterprise is the union between faith and reason," Patrick said. "Christ has to be the center of the campus for us to do our job well."

The current chapel, Christ the Teacher Chapel, is a smaller building that has started to show its age, Patrick said. The college plans to make the old chapel a student commons area.

The new chapel, which will carry the same name as the old chapel, will feature a traditional design and is being built with technology in mind, Patrick said. The new chapel will hold about 180 people, which is about three times the old capacity, Patrick said.

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"It's for the celebration of the most important thing, which is the Eucharist and the Mass," Patrick said. "It's essential for that to be the center of our lives, so the first building we're going to build is the chapel."

Catholic members of Frogs for Life, a support group for women with unplanned pregnancies, has often used the current chapel for prayer, said group president Melinda Castro.

Castro, a senior modern dance major, said the group is looking forward to using the new chapel.

"We're definitely going to utilize it," Castro said. "The new chapel will look new on the outside, but on the inside it will serve the same purpose."

Patrick and students said the chapel at Saint Thomas More is always open to anyone.

Andrew Davis, a sophomore at Saint Thomas More said he expects more people will visit the chapel because it will be larger and nicer.

"We want to draw people in not just from Saint Thomas More but from anywhere," he said. "If they want to come to the chapel that would be awesome."

Sophomore Tyler Jarvis said he's

excited about the changes at the school.

"It's the first real big building project we've had here," Jarvis said. "It's been a real exciting thing because we've had a lot of plans for the future, and now they're finally getting implemented and things are getting done."

Patrick said the next building to be constructed will be a new library directly behind the new chapel once it has been completed.

The College of Saint Thomas More is located on Lubbock Avenue just east of the GrandMarc at Westberry Place.

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cations in Education.

Whillock teaches her students how to create and post YouTube videos, set up blog sites and use PowerPoint with a visual component.

"These types of things are not things that the professors teach-

ing today have had formal training on," Whillock said. "There are a lot of teachers who are not ready for this."

Webcasts would allow students to view videos of professors lectures online.

Donovan said he could see webcasts becoming a part of the education process.

Junior economics major Matt

Brown said a majority of his professors have used the Internet for document-sharing but haven't taken advantage of other features the system has to offer.

Brown said he would take online courses if TCU offered more.

Junior political science major Alexandria Smith said she would rather go to class than doing class work on the computer.

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"But I'm impressed with how she's doing."

Jessica Latimer, a freshman biology major, said both candidates delivered strong debates, but where Biden came off as crude, Palin kept a nicer delivery by smiling and using simple language.

"That can come off like she's not debating well," Latimer said. "But she's throwing just as many jabs and punches as Biden is."

Tracy Cable, a freshman biology major, said neither candidate showed a stronger debate over the other.

"There's never a clear winner in a debate, and there's not one here," Cable said.

Cable said it doesn't matter to her who the better debator is.

"I'd rather look at the policies they support," Cable said.

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the Sooners 2000 national championship campaign, as well as three Big 12 championships.

"Everything that Oklahoma knows, he knows," Patterson said. "I think each of us has an advantage, but they are different. They haven't run the ball as much as Oklahoma does. Our whole game plan was that we didn't want OU to run the ball, and they didn't."

The Frogs held the Sooners to 25 yards on the ground but will have to improve on the 411 yards allowed through the air before they take on a San Diego State team that has thrown the ball 66 percent of the time. Of the career-high

mark by Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford, 218 yards came on the Sooners four passing touchdowns.

The aerial attack of the Aztecs is led by redshirt freshman Ryan Lindley. He's compiled 1199 yards and eight touchdowns in four games this season.

"He's going to be another in a line of great San Diego State quarterbacks," Patterson said. "He's 6-foot-3, can run a little bit and he's got a good arm. He's throwing for over 300 yards a game right now. We've got our hands full. We've got to be better this week. The best way to beat the passing game is to score points."

The Horned Frogs went on the road last season to defeat the Aztecs 45-33.

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the program and senior biology major, said the bikes are safe and won't break down easily, accounting for the high price.

"You can't just go up to people and ask them to give you money because you want a nice bike," she said. "While you are asking for a donation you are educating people and making a change."

With the help of students

who want to reduce their carbon footprint, the number of cars on campus will decrease, Hodcroft said. Because parking is a hassle and gas prices are high, using a bike is a way to resolve those worries, she said.



ROSE BACA / Staff Reporter

A student unlocks his bike from a rack Thursday. Demand has exceeded supply in the Purple Bike Program, leaving a long wait list.

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"Poor kids who live in the inner city, no matter what color, are not able to even afford a second test, never mind the SAT prep classes that go with it or the several administrations of it," Brown said.

In high school, Yen Phan, a junior biology major, was required to take prep courses and took the SAT three times to increase her score.

Phan said she thought her time in the prep classes would have been better spent studying for her other classes.

"Sometimes you go do the test, and it's not the best test you take and it varies," Phan said. "Sometimes you get the hard test, and sometimes you don't."

Waggoner said he doesn't think the report results indicate

the SAT is a bad test, but college admissions officers have a responsibility to not make admission decisions by just looking at a number.

Nonetheless, Brown said TCU will continue to use standardized tests in the admission process.

According to the report, a growing number of postsecondary institutions have made the SAT and ACT optional.

Steve Syverson, vice president of enrollment at Lawrence University in Wisconsin, said this is the third freshman class his university has had since it went test-optional. The university went test-optional because it believes the value of the tests do not outweigh the negative effects they have, Syverson said.

Going test-optional hasn't changed Lawrence University's admission process because the

school placed a larger emphasis on students' high school records before the change was made, Syverson said. The university is trying to empower students by allowing them to decide whether they submit their test scores, he said.

Brown said he is OK with continuing to use standardized exams in the admission process, but he would also be willing to go test-optional.

"I'm very thankful that we have a bunch of people around here who are quite thoughtful about this process and who have a real strong grip on the importance of the standardized exam," Brown said.

Going test-optional would mean he and his colleagues would have to be more thoughtful about the assessments they make on high school transcripts, Brown said.

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Week 5 Matchups:

Seattle Seahawks at New York Giants: The Seahawks are restocked and healthy for the first time this season going into their game with Giants. The Giants are coming off of a bye week and look primed for an upset at the hands of Matt Hasselbeck and Julius Jones. Plaxico Burress is the guy that makes the Giants offense tick and without him New York will struggle. Hasselbeck should finally bounce back with his full compliment of wide receivers expected to be back on the field for the first time this season. Julius Jones is also a solid starter this week.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Denver Broncos: These two teams meet up coming off very different games. The Bucs came

up big by upsetting the Packers in part by picking off Aaron Rodgers three times and sending him out of the game. Meanwhile, the previously unbeaten Broncos were humiliated by the previously winless Chiefs. Denver's offense has been prolific so far but will face its stiffest test yet defensively in Tampa Bay. Jay Cutler and Brandon Marshall are surefire starters every week, but be wary of the rest of the players in this game.

Cincinnati Bengals at Dallas Cowboys: What better way could there be to get over a loss than to get a working bye week. The "Bungals" are back and were in full utility in the battle of Ohio. Playing anybody that's not a Cowboy is a risk in this game, but Dallas showed it can still be vulnerable to a big play wide receiver so T.J. Houshmandzadeh could have a good day.

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The Skiff View

Students should fight apathy this election

As the nation gears up for the climax of a long presidential campaign, it seems that a university campus would be alive with political fervor and passionate debate.

But thus far at TCU, the political voice seems to have been held to a whisper at best.

Where are all the bumper stickers? T-shirts, buttons and car decals are rarely seen. And yard signs, rallies and debate-watching parties have been kept to a minimum.

It's time for students to step up. Throughout the primary season young voters boasted high registration and more interest in politics than has been seen in any recent election. These sentiments need to be followed through to November. Young people registering to vote is a good step, but if it's not followed by a visit to the polls, its merit is erased.

Thursday's vice presidential debate should have brought hordes of students together to cheer and boo as the candidates explained their policies and opinions. But instead, one watching party at Milton Daniel Hall brought a mere 15 or 20 students, with many leaving before the debate was over.

It can only be hoped that the rest of the students were watching elsewhere.

This election season on campus doesn't have to be about choosing a ticket, but it should be about gathering the facts and making informed decisions.

Students are surrounded by a plethora of resources and a faculty full of experts. With one month left before election day, whether students choose a candidate or choose an issue, they should all choose to be informed. The leaders of today will be making decisions that impact the lives of young people for years to come.

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Memorial for bombing worth stopping to see



DAVID HALL

One hundred sixty eight empty chairs sit in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City.

A little more than a three-hour drive from campus stands a memorial to the second deadliest terrorist attack ever on American soil.

On the morning of April 19, 1995, scores of people lost their lives in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. One life for every chair.

Pushed from the American consciousness after 9/11, the tragedy that unfolded in Oklahoma doesn't weigh on the minds of most Americans every day.

I came across the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum on a whim. Not ready to call it a night after Saturday's football game in Norman, Okla., some friends and I decided to make the short drive north to check out what Oklahoma's capital city had to offer.

Only after someone mentioned we should visit the memorial did I even recall the events that transpired there more than 13 years ago. After driving about 20 minutes north of Norman, we reached our destination.

Parking the car in a post office parking lot just a little after midnight, we crossed the street to a chain link fence holding keepsakes and paper tributes to the dead. Situated just outside the interior of the memorial, this section of fence was installed to protect the blast site right after the bombing.

Sun-bleached letters of condolence are barely readable after hanging there since 1995.

A picture of two teenage girls sits atop a photo of two toddlers. Now, presumably in high school, they were barely old enough to talk on the day their mom never came home from work.

Moving into the memorial site, the eyes are drawn to the Gates of Time.

These large black granite structures mark two very different moments in the city's history.

Facing the highway in the distance, the first gate reads 9:01 in an illuminated white font, a time that represents the city's innocence.

The second gate reads 9:03 and

represents a city forever changed by a bomb contained within a yellow Ryder truck.

The time of the blast, 9:02 a.m., does not appear anywhere in glowing white text. The impact of this minute lies in between the two gates.

There, the empty chairs sit where the Murrah building once stood. Each of them bears the name of someone killed in the blast. Dotted the grass are 19 chairs smaller than the others, representing the 19 children who died.

None of us said a word as we gazed at the chairs. The city around us was engulfed in a silence in which a deaf man could hear a pin drop. I couldn't imagine a better atmosphere.

A 180-degree turn from the chairs leads toward the Survivor Tree, an American elm that was directly in the face of the blast that suffered almost no damage. Today, it stands as tall and strong as it ever has in its 80-plus years.

Just beyond the tree is the Journal Record building, the former home of Oklahoma City's business and legal newspaper. The side facing the Murrah Building has been left exactly as it was after the bombing.

Windows were blown out and large chunks of brick are missing. Miraculously, no one in the Journal Record building was killed.

On the right side of the scarred wall, a message was written in seven rows with black spray paint by a rescue worker:

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We seek Justice.
The Courts Require it.
The Victims Cry for it.
And GOD Demands it!"

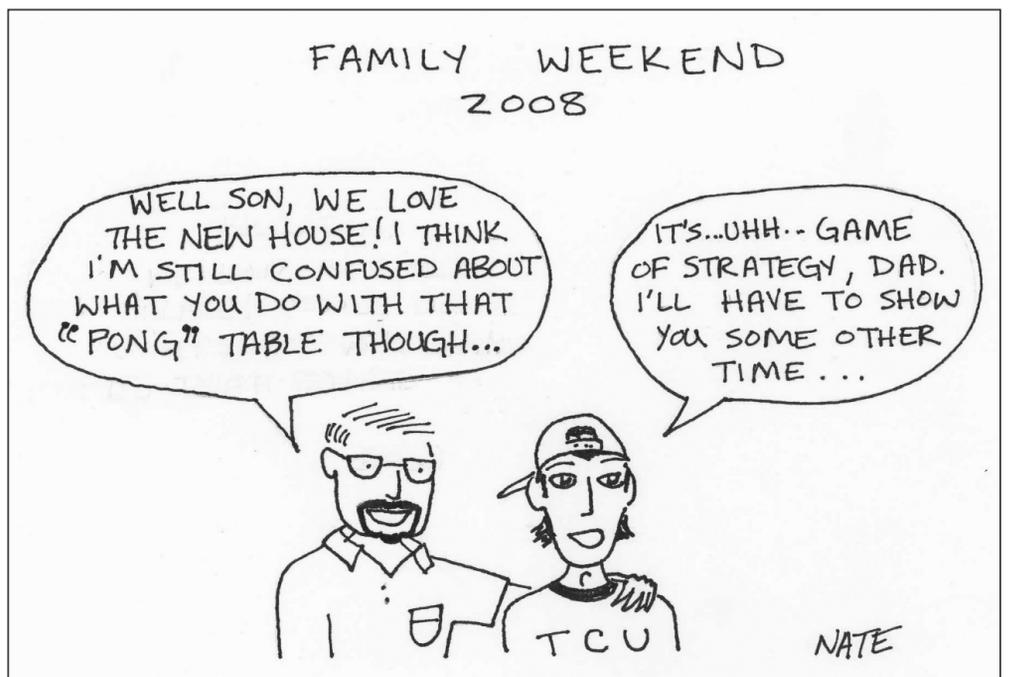
With that, we walked by the museum, which closed much earlier in the day, and headed back to the car.

As I looked behind me, I saw these words illuminated on one of the Gates of Time: "We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever. May all who leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity."

A mere three hours away from campus is the site of a forgotten tragedy in American history.

A visit will change your life, and 168 souls will be glad to see you still remember.

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Government should stay out of the financial crisis

While reading "Wall Street fix shouldn't be hasty" the author discusses the recent news of the \$700 billion bailout program. While Congressmen and women of both parties iron out all the details, people must realize how the United States got into this situation.

Many people blame capitalism for the current crisis. However, it is Congress and the government that has caused many of the current problems.

Legislation by both parties has over the years provided homes to people who could not afford it otherwise. One important piece of legislation that created this was the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977. The act, in essence, mandated that lenders offer credit to everyone in a local market and can't just simply offer credit to high-income individuals.

Politicians kept pushing for "affordable housing" so that low income families could own homes. Affordable housing seems like a good idea, but politicians tried to act like Santa Claus and simply give low-income families housing at the expense of taxpayer's money.

As a result of the Community Reinvestment Act, lenders were pressured into making riskier loans to lower income individuals. In addition to this, Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve from 1987 to 2006, kept interest rates low, making it cheap to borrow money. However, many individuals purchased homes using an adjustable rate mortgage.

One problem with adjustable rate mortgages is that the interest rate on the mortgage constantly changes. Many people could put very little money down and leverage the rest of the money in order to purchase a home. These very same people were under the assumption that the price of their home would continually increase and that they would be able to pay their adjusting mortgage no matter what interest rates were.

When home prices decreased people were unable to make payments on their mortgages and they had to foreclose on their homes. The legislation of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 did nothing to help low-income families to afford a home.

The push for "affordable housing" has done little to help low-income people. People were simply buying what they couldn't afford because of

promises from Washington. Clearly people need to use common sense and only buy what they can afford.

Under the current proposed bailout, we would be moving toward socialism. The government seems to enjoy using taxpayer money to bailout both the rich and the poor. The latest saga of the bailout should have a title of "The Rich and The Reckless". Businesses take risks and most of the time they are rewarded, but sometimes take more than they ought to. Companies like Lehman Brothers and Bear Stearns Companies took major risks and invested complex financial instruments, some of which they didn't even understand.

Investing in these complex investments in the long run proved to be tragic for both lower and middle class families more than any stimulus check could ever do. People shop at Wal-Mart because of their low prices. Deregulation is the key for competition which, in turn, drives down prices. A few years ago, the energy market in Texas was deregulated, giving consumers more options as to who they could choose for electricity. Deregulation created competition, giving people options and making it cheaper for all consumers.

Businesses have to pay for regulation and, eventually, pass it on to the consumer. In addition to this, businesses have no incentive to sell or offer a defective product. A firm's reputation is often worth more than a firm's actual assets. When people say deregulation is bad, they don't understand fundamental economics and seem ignorant of history. Although I don't know the solution, I do believe less government should be in the equation. Under what condition should the government control or own anything? While Hugo Chavez might believe socialism works, history tells us it doesn't. More government interven-

tion means less freedom for everyone. Everyone should be aware of the positive things that capitalism has done or, as Larry Kudlow puts it, "free market capitalism is still the best path to prosperity".

Peter Parlapanio is a senior finance major from Houston.

Chivalry alive, just different

I heavily disagree with the author who said that chivalry is dead. What example does he give to show his point? Holding doors and rude people with cell phones?

Ask anybody who knows history and they will tell you that we are probably the best-mannered society in all of history. For example, in the 19th century before we had public restrooms, people would literally do their business in the streets. Many would also pick their noses, ears, and other places that I will not mention here. These are behaviors that we consider taboo in today's society even for children.

He also asks why it is so difficult for a person to hold a door or say "Hi" as they pass by you. I don't know about the writer of this article, but this type of courtesy is common for me. As I write this, I can count many instances today when someone held a door for me or a stranger said "Hi" or "Good morning" as they passed by. If they don't, I don't get upset about it. I simply know that they may be shy, late for a class or upset about something and have other things on their minds.

I also can recall many times in which I bumped into someone or got in someone's way and both the other person and I said "Excuse me" or apologized.

My basic argument is that chivalry is not dead. It has merely changed due to the different lifestyles we have today. Earlier in history, women were seen as fragile objects to be taken care of. Now we know that they are equal human beings. I still see men hold doors for them and various other polite acts not because they are fragile but because it is the nice thing to do. If we want to be polite, we simply have to be nice and courteous to those around us and not be held to a set of rules like knights to keep us accountable.

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FEATURES

Your guide to great road-trip destinations, just in time for Fall Break.

Tuesday

The 'King' has entered the building Tut returns to Texas

By Lauren Rausch, Rylee Nye and Jason Fochtman
Staff Reporters

Big Tex is no longer the only legendary icon in town; the boy king, Tutankhamun, has arrived.

The Dallas Museum of Art will host "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" beginning today until May 17, 2009. After its Dallas tour, Tut will make two final U.S. stops in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

The King Tut exhibit began its second tour in 2005, 26 years after the first exhibit tour. Record-setting attendance in Los Angeles, Fort Lauderdale, Chicago, Philadelphia and London prompted an encore tour.

"We hope to draw one million people or more," said Bonnie Pitman, the Eugene McDermott Director at the Dallas Museum of Art. "In the great Dallas way, we want to do better than everybody else."

King Tut's first voyage to the U.S. in 1976, marked the 55th anniversary of Howard Carter's discovery of Tut's tomb and 55 artifacts, according to the exhibit's Web site. The original tour lasted three years and visited six museums for four months each.

Minor damage to an artifact was the reason for the almost 30-year gap between tours.

Although the 1970s exhibit, "Treasures of Tutankhamun," focused on the tomb's discovery and excavation, the current exhibit focuses on the story of Tut's short life and integrates the cultural context of his time into the presentation of the artifacts, according to the exhibit's Web site.

Each of the 11 rooms of the exhibit provide contextual information about the politics, art, religion and culture of Tut's time, according to the exhibit's Web site.

Tutankhamun became king at about age 9 and ruled until his sudden death at about 19 in 1323 B.C. Tut's significance lies within his noted attempts to restore tradition into the Egyptian culture that was lost during previous rule, according to the displays inside the exhibit.

There are more than 130 artifacts exhibited, all more than 3,000 years old, from Tut's tomb, the Valley of the Kings and other ancient Egyptian sites dating from 1555 to 1305 B.C. The artifacts include treasures from other royalty and members of the elite classes from the 18th Dynasty of which Tut was the last reigning king, according to the Dallas Museum of Art's Web site.

"It's not just wealth, it really is artistry," said Anne Bro-

mberg, Cecil and Ida Green Curator of Ancient and Asian Art at the Dallas Museum of Art. "In the perfection of the inlay, you can see just how great the artist was."

The most notable pieces on exhibit are four artifacts that have never traveled outside of Egypt. They include: "Pectoral with Solar/Lunar Emblems and Scarab," "Bracelet with Scarab Clasp" and two "Nested Fetus Coffins."

A notable of the 1970s exhibit, the "Golden Mask" was deemed too fragile to move and is staying at its home in Cairo, Egypt. Tut's mummy and coffin will stay in the Valley of the Kings during the tour where it has remained since its discovery.

Several events outside of the main exhibit include a grand opening party Saturday and Sunday, which involves performances, art demonstrations and family activities. There will also be lectures, films, classes and workshops taking place throughout the exhibit's stay in Dallas.

Both "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" exhibit tickets and general museum tickets will include the opening party activities. However, Tut exhibit tickets must be purchased in advance.

"You go to see a movie now and you pay \$20 for a movie that you forget after five minutes," said Zahi Hawass, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. "But you come to an exhibit like this and you learn about the history of Egypt and you see the magic of these wonders."

Mark Thistlethwaite, the Kay and Velma Kimbell Chair of Art History, said students will benefit from seeing the exhibit.

"We always encourage students to go to exhibitions, museums and galleries because you get to see works in person, and you're not looking at a reproduction," Thistlethwaite said.

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Professors say debate was missing spontaneity

By Chance Welch
Staff Reporter

Professor of communication studies Paul King is an expert in debate and communication ethics. He completed his undergraduate studies at Hardin Simmons University and earned a master's degree and a doctorate at TCU and University of North Texas, respectively.

Q: What was the kind of debating style the candidates exhibited tonight?

A: I think a better question is what was the kind of public speaking style because there was little direct interaction, there was no cross-examination, there wasn't a lot of follow-up. As a matter of fact, I don't think the moderator even asked follow-up questions. There was an opportunity to do a brief rebuttal, but the moderator didn't intervene, at least not often. And this is often what happens in presidential debates: That is essentially being placed in the same room, being asked a question and both have the opportunity to respond.

The main thing I was looking for was responsiveness, which is when a question is asked, do you answer that particular question or do you answer another question? One of the reasons I was looking for this is not only because it's very important, but because there has been this notion that perhaps Palin is going to have memorized responses, that she's going to be on talking points, that she's repeating speech points rather than answering questions.

She did seem to be able to respond to most of the topic areas addressed, and Biden also but some of his responses were only partial responses, not directly responsive. A couple I could give you that might provide a little insight. The first one was about McCain and deregulation and the fact that McCain has voted consistently for deregulation. That was a point that Biden responded to. Palin really didn't address the issue but instead went to a discussion over the fact that Barack Obama will raise

taxes which is being disputed by the Obama campaign as to whether that's true or not. She talked about tax policy. Biden's response was that Gov. Palin didn't answer the question about deregulation. And then it went back to Palin for a response and she said "well I may not be answering the question that you want and the moderator wants but..." and then she started talking about the fact that she lowered taxes as mayor of Wasilla.

Q: In terms of Joe Biden, did you see any lapses in responsiveness like in the several points you made with Palin?

A: I didn't see a complete disconnect in terms of argument extension like I did in those two cases. I might also point out that when it got toward the end of the debate in terms of Iraq policy, there were a couple occasions when Palin was extremely responsive to the question and had what I thought were strong responses. I'm not trying to suggest that there was a huge difference between the candidates. In fact to be quite honest with you, I was kind of a little bit surprised that there was not, given what some people have been saying about "Well, she's not as experienced, she doesn't have the Senate background to go back to and so on."

The other thing I was looking for specifically was language, especially points that were repeated from the two. For Biden, the point that was repeated a billion times was "middle class." You can get an idea of what the strategy of the campaign is by looking at the words that they continue repeating. For Palin, the word that was repeated a hundred times was "maverick." If I had a dollar for every time she said "maverick," I could have a really nice dinner. Those were the words that the campaigns tried to drive home.

Q: Do you think that was a conscious decision on the part of Biden and Palin?

A: It was a very conscious decision on both of their parts.

Q: Do you think it was a con-



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scious effort from Palin to separate John McCain's policies from George Bush's policies in voters' minds?

A: Yes, and I think Biden's use of the words "middle class" was a conscious effort to appeal to the average voter out there that is feeling tough times. Just as an aside, there was a very folksy delivery style by Palin, clipping a lot of the words. Her terminology was very folksy, Joe Six-Pack, hockey moms and soccer moms. "Sitting around the table" in that clipped style, while Biden had a general American delivery. There was a difference in style just in terms of some of those things.

Q: In terms of the individual candidates, what do you think Palin's weaknesses were?

A: In terms of public speaking or debate, nonresponsiveness. She was slightly less responsive especially on a couple of questions. In at least one case, she opened up a new topic in the middle of a discussion on bankruptcy.

Q: For Biden?

A: For Biden, there were a couple times when he started talking about "Joe Biden" and the way the votes went down in the Senate which was kind of an inside politics thing. That probably doesn't help him as much with a lot of folks who aren't interested with how a vote went down in 1988.

By Chance Welch
Staff Reporter

Political science professor James Riddlesperger is an expert in American and Texas politics. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from North Texas State University (now University of North Texas) and a doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Q: Who do you think won the debate and why?

A: I think you have to score the debates in a relative sense. Palin exceeded her expectations and because of that, a lot of people will



JAMES RIDDLESPERGER

think of her as having won the debate. If you were scoring on debate points, it would be more difficult to score. It was not a debate that ended up changing the complexion of the presidential race.

Q: There have been many critics of Palin saying that she stumbled through answers on the bailout and Russia. On the other hand, many critics have accused Biden of making too many gaffes and talking for

too long and getting off-topic. Do you think this overturns many critics' expectations with their performance tonight?

A: There were people who thought Biden would have a hard time limiting his comments. Biden's been in politics an awfully long time, and he was going to be able to conform his answers to the rules of the game. And of course Palin has been virtually cloistered for the last week, practicing answers and how to respond to questions under the rules of this debate. So both of these candidates were well-prompted, they were well-rehearsed, and what you saw tonight was as soon as a question was answered, they went into a spin, a prepared talking point that was premeditated and planned before the debate, and I don't think either one was forced to go off their cue card. So for that reason the debate went pretty much as both of them had hoped it would go.

Q: Do you think Palin showed more control in the way of knowing her stuff, knowing the facts and specific policies?

A: When you prepare for something like this, you anticipate what the questions are and then you have the prepared responses. So there wasn't a single quip made by either one that hadn't been prepared before the debate began. They were calculated to send a message. So when Joe Biden went into the long list of ways John McCain was not a maverick, that was a speech prepared ahead of time. When Sarah Palin went into her routine where she was giving a shout-out to the folks and her brother's class, that was a prepared speech with an intent to be folksy and endearing.

Q: Whereas Palin said she's an outsider and the critics of Biden say he might be offering more of the

same, do you think Biden established his experience would allow him to make the changes needed?

A: The changes he's talking about are in contrast to the presidential leadership of Bush. Bush is not a popular president at this point, and McCain is the nominee of Bush's party so it's important for McCain to show how different he is from Bush. Presidential elections are always about the incumbent president even when the incumbent president isn't running for reelection.

Q: Do you think Palin established well enough that McCain's policies will be a change from the Bush administration's policies?

A: She tried to. How many times did she use the word "maverick?" There were two or three times where she tried to differentiate at least slightly from Bush.

Q: You were saying with all the prepared speeches and all the preparation that went into this, everything went as planned. Do you think that diminishes the importance of these debates?

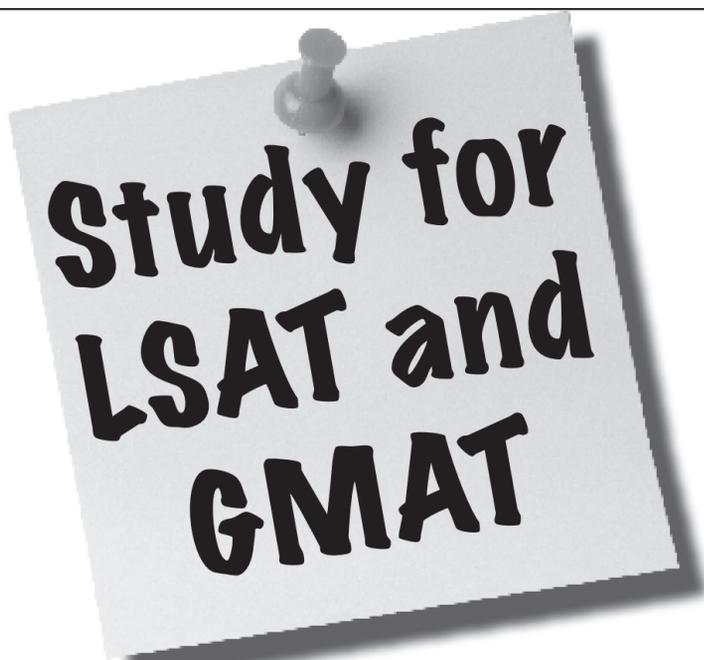
A: I think it does. I think what has happened over time is that campaign managers have successfully redefined debates so they're no longer debates. In fact, I refuse to call them debates. I refer to them as joint public appearances. Because what they're both doing is responding to questions that a journalist asks, but they're really not making point-counterpoint in anything like what we might call a debate. The consequence of that is that the handlers in both parties have mastered the technique of responding to those questions and doing so in the time frame you have with the best campaign message you can get in an answer to every question.

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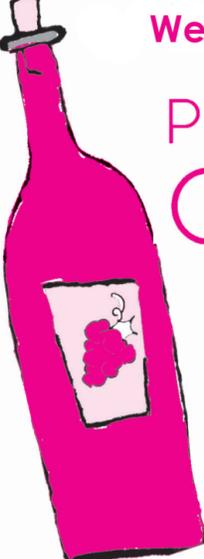


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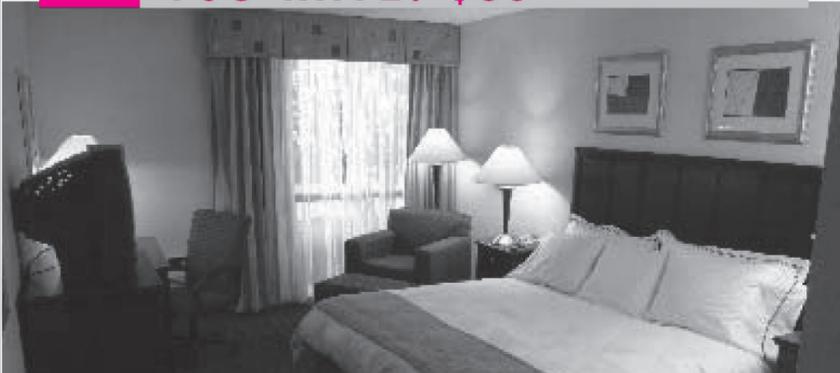
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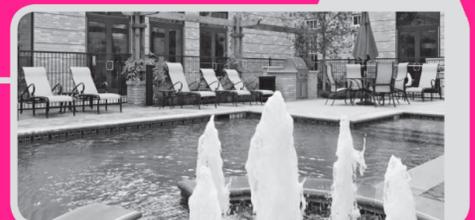
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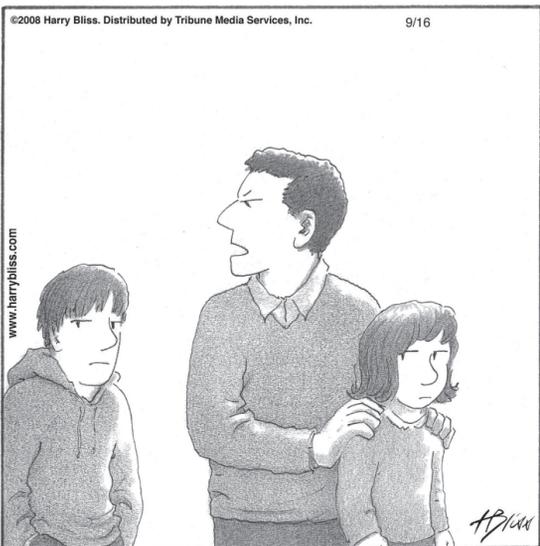
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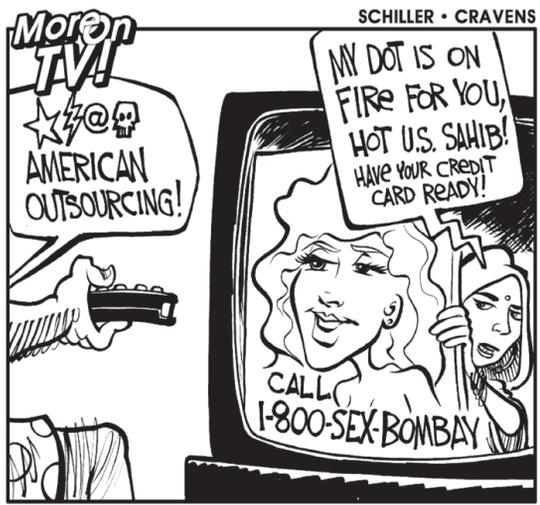
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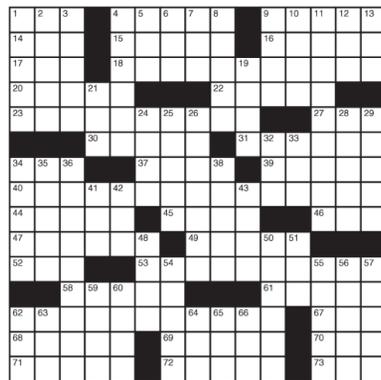
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OU wide receiver Ryan Broyles is tackled by TCU's Clint Gresham, 54, Jerry Hughes, 98, and Wayne Daniels, 96, in the fourth quarter of TCU's 35-10 loss.

Frogs to face Aztecs in return to conference

By Robert Bember
Sports Reporter

Following the football team's first loss of the season at the hands of the now-No.1 Oklahoma Sooners, the team will return to conference play tomorrow against the San Diego State Aztecs.

"We are 4-1," head coach Gary Patterson said. "It would have been different if we would

have lost to just some school down the street, but we lost to the No. 2 and eventual No. 1 team in the nation. I'm not ready to go panicking. They have good football players, have won national championships and more Big 12 titles than anyone else."

The Frogs opened the season with a 26-3 conference win on the road over the University of New Mexico before going 3-1

against their nonconference opponents.

"We have to understand that part of the season is done, and now our focus is on a Mountain West Conference championship," Patterson said.

San Diego State head coach Chuck Long brings an Oklahoma connection to the game. He served as the passing game coordinator and quarterback coach before being promoted to

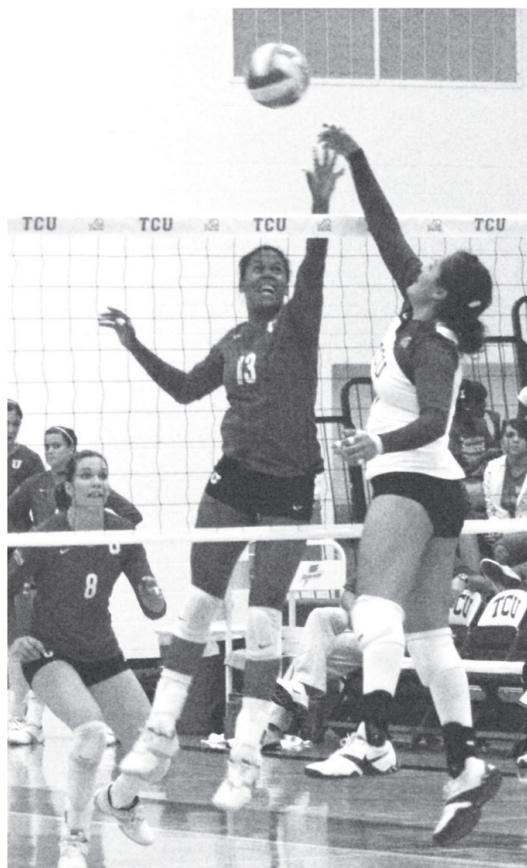
Football Game

What: San Diego State at TCU
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When: Saturday, 5 p.m.

offensive coordinator during his six-year Sooner tenure between 1999 and 2005. He was part of

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VOLLEYBALL



PAIGE MCARDLE / Staff Photographer

Senior setter Nirelle Hampton tips the ball around a Utah player Thursday night.

Team loses match to Utah

The Horned Frogs lost their second conference match of the season last night 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-19) against the Utah Utes. Junior Lauren Otto and senior Nirelle Hampton both recorded eight kills and junior Katelyn Blackwood lead the team with 16 digs. To see the full story, visit www.tcdailyskiff.com.

Volleyball Match

What: TCU vs. No. 21 BYU
Where: University Recreation Center
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FANTASY FOOTBALL

Tailbacks highlight waiver adds

By Erick Moen
Staff Writer

He wants to win two more Super Bowls and then maybe think about retiring.

He resembles the evil emperor from Star Wars more and more with every appearance, which I guess is fitting considering he lords over a stadium field with Darth Vader costumes eight Sundays out of the year.

He is the thorn in every Raiders fan side. He is Al Davis, and he just fired his fourth coach in five years. He said the statement written at the outset of this column at the press conference after the firing and subsequent promotion of Tom Cable, previously the team's offensive line coach, to the position.

Look on the bright side Raider fans, Davis is 79 years old and aspires to live around the same age as his mom, 101, so you may finally have a chance to watch a winning team around 2030.

Godspeed Raider fans, Godspeed.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. Brett Favre finally found some familiarity with the Jet offensive playbook. Evidently this came about when Eric Mangini, and almost to a lesser extent the Arizona Cardinals defense, allowed him to just chuck it down the field at will. Got to admit, it was fun to watch Favre fire off

all those touchdown passes en route to a personal best, six, for a single game.

2. What happened with the Cowboys? They played two games they cared about against Green Bay and Philly, and then played a nonthreatening team at home. In short they let their guard down. It can be clearly seen in the fact that they only really played three offensive series, the first of each half and the last.

And now the main event, this week's top three waiver wire adds and the matchups to keep an eye on.

Waiver Wire Adds:

Le'Ron McClain (RB - Baltimore): This fullback has been outshining rookie Ray Rice and even starter Willis McGahee all season. Things can only get better this week as he will be shouldering more of the load with McGahee hobbled with a rib injury.

Mewelde Moore (RB - Pitts-

burgh): The Steelers are officially the Seattle Seahawks of the running back world. A week after losing Willie Parker for a couple weeks, newly minted starter Rashard Mendenhall went down for the season. Also in that game, fullback Carey Davis injured his ankle. After the carnage was over, Moore turned in a good performance and he could turn into trade bait for Mendenhall or even Parker owners.

Deuce McAllister (RB - New Orleans): Only one word to describe his performance Sunday — finally. Many owners drafted him thinking he would be good to go when the season opened and were baffled at his absence of carries. Sean Payton finally let his former starter carry the ball against San Francisco, 20 times to be exact, yielding 73 yards and a touchdown. Now is the time to pick him up from the owner that dropped him a week or two prematurely.

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