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University grad to compete for position in Trump group

By Christa Acuna
Staff Reporter

Alumnus Clint Robertson said he would do whatever it takes to make it to the end of the tenth season of NBC's show "The Apprentice," according to an NBC video.

Robertson made it to the fourth week of the show so far and will make an appearance on "NBC5 Today" this morning to share his story.

"There's tough times right now, but there's still an opportunity for people who want to get up, roll up their sleeves, work hard every day and follow their dreams."

Clint Robertson
TCU Alumnus

This season of "The Apprentice" focused on a recession-era apprentice — non-celebrity contestants who lost their jobs or had trouble finding jobs compete against each other for a position in the Trump Organization.

According to the show's website, Robertson worked as a certified public accountant, a real estate attorney and a developer until the economic downturn forced him to sell many of his family's possessions and live off of credit. He and his family do not have a permanent place to live but go back and forth between a friend's guesthouse in Weatherford and another friend's rental house in Post Falls, Idaho.

"There's tough times right now," Robertson said. "But there's still an opportunity for people who want to get up, roll up their sleeves, work hard every day and follow their dreams."

According to the website, Robertson graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

University alumnus Clint Robertson is a contestant on 'The Apprentice.' This season, the show features professionals who have lost their jobs or are struggling to find work in the recession.
VIRGINIA SHERWOOD / NBC

CORRECTION

From Tuesday's issue: Wendy Davis is a state senator, not a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

PAY IT FORWARD 3

Rachel's Challenge speaker comes to TCU.



CAMPUS

Student found dead in off-campus residence

By Leah Watkins
Staff Reporter

A university senior was found dead in his residence on Sunday, according to a Fort Worth Police report.

The Fort Worth Police Department was called to a residence in the 2800 block of Forest Park Boulevard at 8:41 Sunday evening. According to the Incident Report, an officer arrived on the scene in response to a call reporting a deceased person.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner confirmed the death of 21-year-old Stephen Scherer. According to a report released by the medical examiner's office, Scherer's manner of death was ruled as a suicide by gunshot wound.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said no information about the incident had been released to the student body as of Tuesday night. Information of this nature is not released until more information from the family is obtained, he said.

"We want to respect the privacy of the family, but there will be an e-mail coming out soon," Mills said.

Mills said an e-mail would be sent to the student body Wednesday.

Mills said Scherer was a senior health and fitness major at TCU. "It's very sad and it's tragic when a member of our community is hurting so much that this appears to be the only solution that they can find," Mills said. "I think it diminishes all of us."

Sergeant Chad Mahaffey of the Fort Worth Police Department said the incident is currently under a follow-up investigation.

"Follow-up investigations involving deceased persons are conducted by the Fort Worth Police Homicide Unit," Mahaffey wrote in an e-mail. "The investigation will include the medical examiner's findings."

According to goarmysports.com, before Scherer was a student at TCU he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and was a member of the USA Shooting Olympic team. Scherer placed 27th in air rifle at the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing.



NATIONAL NEWS



MEL EVANS / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rutgers University students sign condolence cards Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, at Rutgers in New Brunswick, N.J., for the family of fellow student Tyler Clementi. The death of Clementi, 18, is being felt by his classmates who said they wished they could have stopped him from jumping off a bridge after secret video of his sexual encounter with a man was streamed online.

Lawyer: client innocent, attacks unfounded

By Samantha Henry
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Lawyers for one of the two Rutgers University students accused of secretly webcasting the sex life of a fellow freshman who later committed suicide said Tuesday that their client is innocent.

Prosecutors have charged Molly Wei, of Princeton, and fellow Rutgers freshman Dharun Ravi of Plainsboro, both 18, with invasion of privacy for allegedly using a webcam to broadcast the encounter between Ravi's roommate, 18-year-old freshman Tyler Clementi, and a man who hasn't been identified.

Clementi jumped to his death off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River three days later. His death has led to nationwide soul-searching over the plight of gay teenagers and to mourning on the Rutgers campus. Prosecutors are weighing whether to charge Wei and Ravi with a hate crime.

Attorneys for Wei released a statement Tuesday extending sympathy to the Clementi family and saying Wei was innocent.

"This is a tragic situation. But this tragedy has also unfairly led to rampant speculation and misinformation, which threaten to overwhelm the actual facts of the matter," the statement said. "Those true facts will reveal that Molly Wei is innocent. Molly committed no crime. Her remarkable reputation is being unjustly tarnished by uninformed and incorrect assumptions."

Describing Wei as "a wonderful, caring and talented young woman with a bright future," the statement said the firestorm surrounding the charges were "a classic rush to judgment," adding Wei had been "maligned by unfounded attacks on her character."

"Neither Molly nor anyone else should be used to further the agenda of others," the statement said.

Lawyers for Ravi haven't returned

calls seeking comment, including a message left Tuesday evening.

Ravi and Wei could face up to five years in prison if convicted of the invasion-privacy charges. A spokesman for the Middlesex County prosecutor's office told The Associated Press on Tuesday that no decision had been made on possible additional charges.

Middlesex County prosecutor Bruce Kaplan said at a news conference Monday that he wouldn't rush the investigation.

"We need to determine the facts and then determine what the applicable law is," he said.

Clementi's family has said little about his death.

"We understand that our family's personal tragedy presents important legal issues for the country as well as for us," the family said in a statement last week. "Our hope is that our family's personal tragedy will serve as a call for compassion, empathy and human dignity."

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LEGAL

Trial date postponed due to full court docket

By Amelia Wenzel
Staff Reporter

The trial regarding the 2006 sexual assault case filed by a former student against the university has not yet been rescheduled from its original court date of Oct. 4 because of a heavy court docket, according to the 141st District Court Coordinator in Tarrant County.

The trial, originally set for this week, was postponed because it was one of several cases on the docket, said Jennifer Littman, one of the attorneys representing TCU.

The court will notify the plaintiff and the defendants when the trial has received a re-set date. Littman said the firm was notified last week about the trial being postponed and as of Tuesday night had not heard of a new trial date. The trial is still set to take place in the 141st District Court in Tarrant County.

The postponed trial was set to address the personal injury lawsuit filed against the university by a former student, citing negligence on behalf of the university and its staff after the plaintiff was sexually assaulted by three university athletes in 2006. The plaintiff's original petition

cited that the university "knowingly and/or negligently (recruited) athletes with known histories of sexual misconduct and criminal misbehavior" and that the university did not "exercise ordinary care in the hiring of competent faculty and staff."

Plaintiff Attorney Todd Kelly wrote in an e-mail that he was not really surprised the case was postponed. "First trial setting and postponements are common in the legal world," he wrote.

Defendants named in the case include Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, head football coach Gary Patterson, former basketball coach Neil Dougherty, Dean of Admission Ray Brown, former Athletics Director Daniel Morrison, Director of Athletic Compliance Kyle Brennan, the then-Kelly Center Coordinator Gayle Boydston and Sexual Harassment Officer Susan Adams.

According to a 2008 *Daily Skiff* article, the three suspects, former football player Lorenzo Labell Jones and former basketball players Virgil Allen Taylor and Shannon Monroe Behling, whose criminal charges were dropped in 2008 because of insufficient evidence, are also named as defendants.

REMEMBRANCE

Event honors student's memory

By Lizzie Ferguson
Staff Reporter

The university's Gamma Phi Beta sorority chapter and the Brown-Lupton University Union are teaming up to bring the Rachel's Challenge program, which honors the first student who was killed at Columbine High School in 1999, to the university at 7 p.m. today in the BLUU Ballroom.

According to fliers posted around campus by Gamma Phi Beta, the event will be held in memory of Amanda Bebout, a junior nursing major and member of the sorority who took her life in January.

According to the Rachel's Challenge website, the program was started to spread the message of kindness left in the diaries of Rachel Scott, the first shooting victim at Columbine High School in 1999.

Nina Dulacki, director of marketing and communications for the national office of Gamma Phi Beta, wrote in an e-mail that the chapter was honoring Bebout by using the event to spread the program's message.

"Amanda's memory lives on as our chapter honors her many acts of kindness and compassion by bringing the inspirational Rachel's Challenge to the TCU campus," Dulacki wrote. "Like Rachel Scott, Amanda touched the lives of many

by putting others first and being a positive, supportive friend."

According to the website, Rachel's Challenge mission is to promote positive culture change in society by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. There are more than 36 speakers in the organization, including family members of Scott, who go to elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and universities to spread Rachel's message.

"I'm hoping we start to create a culture of caring on campus that the students look out for one another."

Michael Russel

Executive Director for Student Affairs Administration

Michael Russel, executive director for student affairs administration, said Rachel's brother Craig Scott will talk to students about reaching out to each other and how that will drive away problems that individuals face.

"I'm hoping we start to create a culture of caring on campus that the students look out for one another," Russel said.

Russel said both Gamma Phi Beta and the BLUU covered the cost of bringing Rachel's Challenge to campus.

LEGAL

Records closed by law

By Amelia Wenzel
Staff Reporter

Disciplinary actions taken by the university regarding a sexual assault case that occurred in September cannot be disclosed due to federal privacy laws, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said.

The investigation of a reported sexual assault that occurred on campus was turned over to Campus Life after the victim decided to drop criminal charges. The assault was reported to have been by a known acquaintance of the victim, according to a crime alert sent to students by the TCU Police Department after the assault was reported.

Mills said that although the university cannot disclose disciplinary action, it has been trying to make students aware of what is appropriate.

"We have been trying to get the word out to the students," Mills said. "The importance of respecting one another, that no means no [and] that you can say no at any time."

Chip Stewart, professor of law and ethics in the Schieffer School of Journalism, said that under federal privacy laws, a student's disciplinary records are a part of his or her educational record, which is protected by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

"Because the university receives some federal funding, either through financial aid or faculty members receiving grants, that sort of thing, then FERPA extends to the university," Stewart said.

Mills said the university offers programs to help students stay informed about what sexual assault is. "Let's Talk About It," a speaker event, was brought to campus by Student Affairs last week to discuss sexual assault awareness.

"[The program] really tried to be frank with students about what is appropriate in a relationship and what is not," Mills said.

According to the 2010-2011 Official Student Handbook, even if students are unsure whether they would want to file sexual assault charges, it is best to notify the police.

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TCU police officers spoke about alcohol and driving at the Brown-Lupton University Union. Maria Bermudez, a communication studies graduate student, picks up some of the event's free materials.

PRIVACY

Court evaluates security checks

By Jesse J. Holland

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weighing privacy vs. security after 9/11, the Supreme Court seemed unwilling Tuesday to stop federal investigations into the private lives of people who want to work at government installations — even those who don't have security clearances and don't work on secret projects.

The high court heard arguments from government contractors who work at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and are fighting the government's request that they submit to what they call intrusive background checks in order to keep their jobs.

The court's decision, expected later in the term, could have ramifications far beyond NASA. Neal Katyal, the acting solicitor general, told justices that the same questions the contractors were objecting to are also used to investigate full- and part-time government employees throughout the government.

"It's a big government," said Chief Justice John Roberts, who added that the government can't be expected to individualize background checks to avoid asking questions one person might find intrusive while another might not.

But with "low-risk or no-risk employees, the government doesn't need to know," said Dan Stormer, who represents 28 scientists and engineers who work at the 177-acre campus east of Los Angeles.

You don't know someone's a "low-risk employee until you find out what he or she is like or what the neighbor thinks," Roberts said. "Well, you know, he keeps practicing planting bombs or something. I mean, then he becomes a high-risk employee. You don't know until you get the information. That's the reason you ask for it."

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory, or JPL, is NASA's premier robotics lab, famous for sending unmanned spacecraft to Mars and the outer solar system. Unlike other NASA research centers, it's run by the California Institute of Technology. Lab scientists, engineers and staff are Caltech employees, but the campus and its buildings are owned by NASA.

None of the JPL workers who sued work on

classified projects or have security clearances, though several are involved in high-profile missions, including the twin Mars rovers and the Cassini spacecraft studying Saturn and its moons.

Employees said the agency was invading their privacy by requiring investigations that looked into their medical records and asked friends about their finances and sex lives. If the workers didn't agree to the checks, they were to be barred and fired.

The questions encroached on the employees' "liberty to control information about oneself ... without government intrusion," Stormer said.

In addition, Stormer insisted that JPL has a college-campus atmosphere, with access granted to outsiders with a simple telephone call from inside the facility to the security gate.

"Does al-Qaida know that?" Justice Antonin Scalia asked.

The government has been doing background checks on all civil service employees since 1953 and for contractors since 2005, Katyal said.

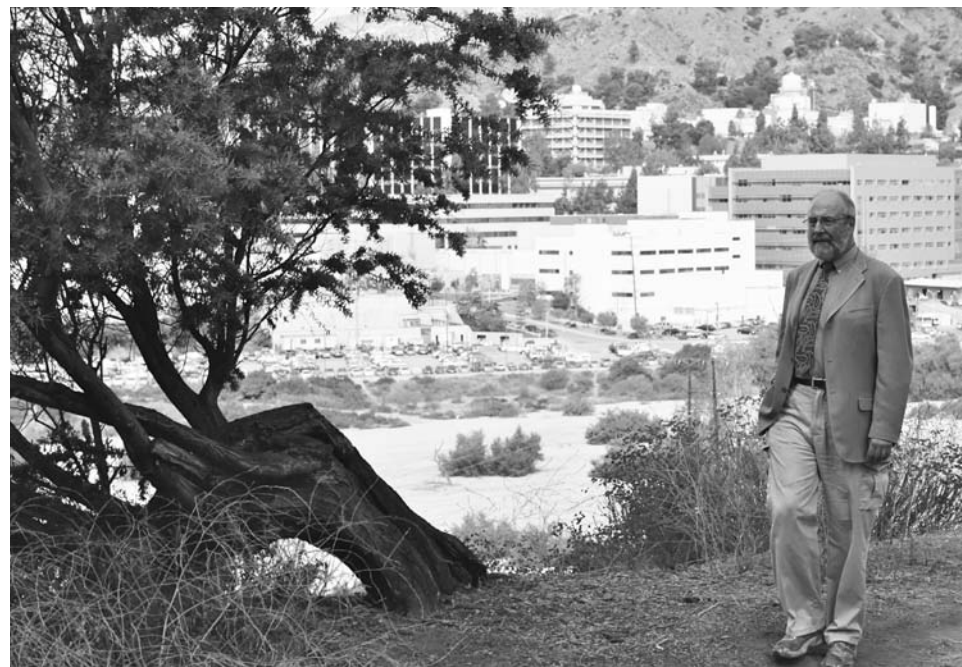
In 2007, NASA extended background checks for federal employees to its contract workers in response to a presidential directive that ordered government agencies to tighten security at facilities and computer systems by issuing new identification badges for millions of civil servants and contractors.

This directive was part of the government's response to the al-Qaida terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, that killed thousands of Americans in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

A federal judge originally refused to stop NASA's background checks while the lawsuit made its way through the courts. He was overturned by the San Francisco-based appeals court.

Katyal argued that the JPL security badges are more valuable than Stormer portrayed, because they allow badge holders access to other NASA facilities and can even allow those workers to come within 10 feet of the space shuttle while it is being repaired.

Justices were concerned about how far the government's investigations can go. Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked if genetic makeup was fair game, and Justice Samuel Alito brought up diets and sexual practices.



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NASA Senior Research Scientist Robert Nelson pauses for a photo outside the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

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Christian Buckler, freshman pre-major, has a pillow fight with Kara Mangum, freshman psychology major, Tuesday at an event in the Campus Commons put on by TheCrew.

HEALTH

Study: hands-only CPR more effective

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Hands-only CPR doesn't just eliminate the "yuck factor." A new study shows it can save more lives.

It's the first large American study to show more adults survived cardiac arrest when a bystander gave them continuous chest presses to simulate a heartbeat, compared to traditional CPR with mouth-to-mouth breathing.

"Anyone who can put one hand on top of the other, lock their elbows and push hard and fast can do this. No risk, no fear of causing harm," said lead author Dr. Ben Bobrow of the Arizona Department of Health Services in Phoenix.

"We want to take away all the reasons bystanders do nothing when they witness another person collapse."

With hands-only CPR, advocates say, potential rescuers don't have to contemplate what for some could be the "yuck factor" of putting their mouth to an unconscious person's mouth and breathing for them.

For others, the trimmed-down method simplifies a confusing procedure learned years ago and barely remembered — How many breaths? How many chest compressions? Are you supposed to pinch the nose?

Standard CPR with mouth-to-mouth and chest compressions is still best for very small children and victims of near-drowning and drug overdose, experts say, instances where breathing problems probably led to the cardiac arrest.

Nonstop chest compressions work better for adult cardiac arrest because most people take too long to do mouth-to-mouth, said senior author Dr. Gordon Ewy (pronounced AY'-vee) of the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center.

After cardiac arrest, oxygenated blood can't get to the brain without help. Most rescuers take about 16 seconds to perform two CPR breaths — long enough to starve the organs of oxygen.

"Your hands are their heart," Ewy said. "When you stop pressing on the chest, blood flow to the brain stops."

A 2007 study of 4,068 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in Japan found similar results, but other studies have found no difference between the two CPR methods.

The study, which appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, is also the first to show a statewide awareness campaign can increase bystanders' willingness to try CPR.

Arizona reached 500,000 people through public service announcements, YouTube, free classes, e-mails and inserts in utility bills, all promoting hands-only CPR.

Researchers looked at 4,415 adult cardiac arrests outside of hospitals in Arizona from 2005 to 2009 during the campaign.

The rate of bystanders attempting any type of CPR increased from 28 percent in 2005 to 40 percent in 2009. Bystanders were more likely to use hands-only CPR over traditional CPR.

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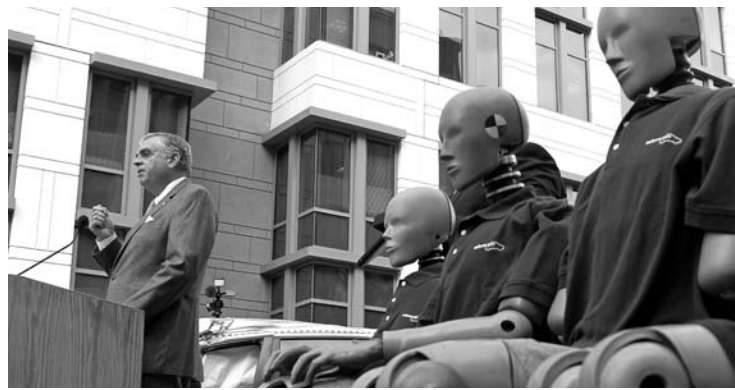


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Transportation Department raises safety rating standards



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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, left, speaks during a news conference announcing a new 5-star vehicle safety rating system.

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — New cars and trucks will have to work harder to make the grade in the government's safety ratings program.

The Transportation Department said the upgrades to the 5-Star Safety Rating System will make it more difficult for new vehicles to earn top scores of five stars. Consumers use the so-called "Stars on Cars" system to assess and compare a vehicle's safety value, which is posted on window stickers adorning cars and trucks in dealer lots.

The 2011 BMW 5 Series and a version of the 2011 Hyundai Sonata were the only two vehicles to receive five stars out of an initial testing of 34 vehicles. Most of the vehicles tested received four stars. The department intends to test another 21 vehicles this year.

The Toyota Camry, the best-selling passenger car in the United States, received three stars overall and the compact Nissan Versa got two stars overall, underscoring the challenges of the new system. Camrys from the 2010 model year received five stars in both front and side testing while 2010

versions of the Versa got four stars in front and side testing.

Toyota said it anticipated the ratings for Camry could drop even if the vehicle's design had not changed between model years. Toyota engineers are "investigating measures to further enhance safety performance" for Camry, the company said. Nissan did not immediately comment on the Versa ratings.

The program, which evaluates vehicles on front-end and side-impact crashes and rollovers, was started in 1979 and has helped generate interest in safety equipment.

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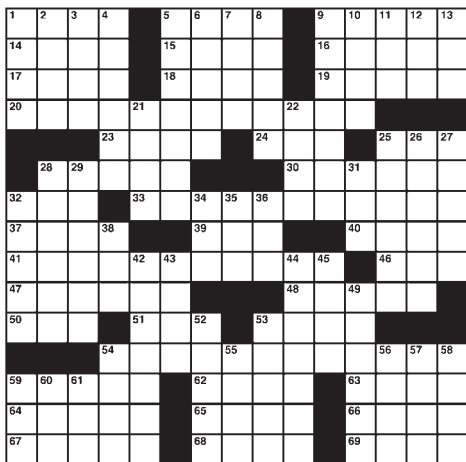
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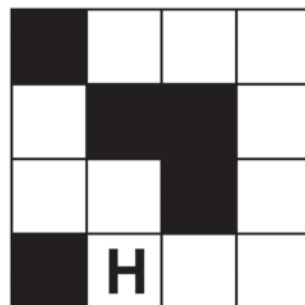
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OPINION

Former player excels in face of doubts, skeptics



Judge Howell

On Sunday afternoon former TCU and current New York Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson passed Tony Dorsett to move into seventh place on the NFL's career rushing yards list.

LT was drafted fifth overall in the 2001 NFL draft and many experts thought this was a questionable high pick by the San Diego Chargers. Since day one of his career, Tomlinson has proved them wrong. LT has been selected to attend five pro bowls and won the NFL Most Valuable Player Award and the Associated Press' Offensive Player of the Year Award in 2006. He was also co-winner of the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award, given annually honoring a player's volunteer and charity work, as well as his excellence on the field.

He also holds numerous records, including the NFL record for single season touchdowns in which he scored 31 times, 28 of those coming on the ground. Tomlinson continued to prove those skeptics wrong as he ran right past Dorsett's rushing numbers.

It happened on a five-yard run near the end of the first quarter in the Jets game

against the Buffalo Bills. Tomlinson needed only 42 to pass Dorsett as he had entered the game with 12,698 rushing yards.

If Tomlinson is able to keep it up, he should move above both Dickerson and Bettis, being fifth in career rushing yards by the end of the season.

Tomlinson finished the game with 133 rushing yards, 26 receiving yards and two touchdowns to help lead the Jets to a 38-14 victory over the Buffalo Bills, their division rival. This was Tomlinson's first 100-yard game in nearly two seasons.

He now has 12,831 yards in his career. Tomlinson's two touchdowns push his career touchdowns up to 156, with 141 of them coming on the ground. He ranks third on the NFL touchdown list behind Jerry Rice (208) and Emmitt Smith (175).

Tomlinson's next targets on the NFL rushing list are Eric Dickerson, who has 13,259, and Jerome Bettis, who has 13,662.

So far this season LT has 341 yards over the first four games, averaging over 85 yards a game. If Tomlinson is able to keep it up, he should move above both Dickerson and Bettis, being fifth in career rushing yards by the end of the season.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.



DAVID DUPREY / ASSOCIATED PRESS
New York Jets' LaDainian Tomlinson runs for a touchdown during the second half of the NFL football game against the Buffalo Bills in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010. The Jets won 38-14.

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OPINION

Weekly play needs to improve



J.D. Moore

As the cliché line goes, “You never know what’s going to happen” and in college football, the weekly rankings are a constant reminder of that.

Of course, the rankings have been very favorable to BCS conferences, which is to be expected. The Horned Frogs still stand at a respectable No. 5, but after seeing what some teams have done in recent times, the Frogs need to step it up if they want to make a case for a high-level BCS game.

A 27-0 win normally sounds pretty good, but when it’s against a very weak Colorado State team, a few more style points are to be expected, especially compared to performances from other top teams last week.

Top-ranked Alabama proved that they are the dominant force in the SEC and Division I football this year after a 31-6 crushing of the then-No. 7 Florida Gators. Third-ranked Oregon smashed then-No. 9 Stanford by three touchdowns in a 52-31 romp. Oregon continues to have the highest points-per-game average, along with the top offensive yardage in the NCAA.

Even though Boise State dropped down to No. 4 in the rankings, they showed absolutely no mercy against New Mexico State, winning 59-0. Boise State, like TCU, knows that the BCS is against them, but they continue to show that they are willing to annihilate anyone who stands in their way.

The University of Texas team tried to bounce back from an embarrassment of a homefront loss against UCLA, but now-

No. 6 Oklahoma still showed that they are the team to beat in the Big 12 this year.

In all of this, the only top team currently in the hot seat right now is Ohio State. Honestly, after their scare with Illinois, I’m surprised that the Buckeyes are still holding the No. 2 spot. At the rate they’re playing, something might just work out in TCU’s favor.

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With all of this, where does TCU stand? For right now, they need to put up some solid performances at home against Wyoming, a disappointing BYU and a “Thank-God-they-made-the-rankings-to-help-our-schedule” No. 25 Air Force. For these games, a win will not be enough. A blowout win will not be enough. The Frogs need to definitively prove to the BCS pollsters that they can do better than a 6-0 lead at halftime. Andy Dalton needs to remind everyone why he’s one of the best quarterbacks in college football by doing more than 109 yards of passing. TCU simply needs to start showcasing its talent.

The Horned Frogs are an excellent team that has proved itself before. However, in the cutthroat world of NCAA football, TCU needs to prove itself every week. With only two more games this season against ranked opponents, TCU can’t afford to have just a win every week. When they start putting on a show, TCU will be rightfully recognized as a legitimate force for postseason play.

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TCU running back Ed Wesley (34) scores a touchdown as Colorado State safety Ezra Thompson (13) looks on during the third quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in Fort Collins, Colo.

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Fans wait for the arrival of the National League Central Champions Cincinnati Reds baseball team during a celebration on Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati, Monday, Oct. 4, 2010.

Younger players help teams win

Ronald Blum

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It’s not just the usual suspects in the playoffs this year.

Texas, ranked 23rd according to Major League Baseball’s latest payroll figures, won the AL West. Tampa Bay, just 20th, beat out the high-spending New York Yankees and Boston to win the AL East.

Cincinnati won the NL Central and is going to the postseason for the first time since 1995 despite ranking

19th. No. 16 Atlanta won the NL wild card.

It’s the first time since the playoffs expanded in 1995 that as many as four post-season teams came from the bottom half by payroll.

What in the name of the almighty dollar is going on?

At least thus far this season, youth and tight budgets have prevailed.

“Just the way the economics of the game are,” Reds general manager Walt Jocketty said. “There’s such a wide discrepancy in revenues at different clubs. You have to survive and

compete, and you have to find new ways to do it.”

Tampa Bay with an average age of about 28½ by season’s end, is the youngest playoff team and 19th in the majors by age, according to STATS LLC. Texas is 17th and Minnesota 15th, both at 28-plus, while Cincinnati is 12th at 29.

Whether relative inexperience will hurt these teams in the crucible of October baseball remains to be seen.

AP Baseball Writer Janie McCauley in San Francisco contributed to this report.

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Opinion: Does TCU belong in the Big East?



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TCU wide receiver Jimmy Young (88) catches a touchdown pass against Colorado State safety Ezra Thompson during the fourth quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in Fort Collins, Colo. TCU beat Colorado State 27-0.

Patterson: focus, not rankings and polls, matters most

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

Even though the Horned Frogs are the No. 5 team in the nation, the only ranked team in Texas and surrounded by polls, critics and BCS dreams, head football coach Gary Patterson said he is keeping his team focused, one game at a time.

"It's about like every other walk of life," Patterson said. "Every day you've got to prove yourself that you belong in the space that you stand on."

Patterson said he is often more animated

when his players aren't playing with energy, and doesn't have to be animated during emotional games like at SMU. He also said doesn't easily forget how easy it is for a team to slip after a few successful years.

"You've just got to play every week," Patterson said. "We've got seven games left, and we need to try and find a way to win by one point, and it starts with this week with Wyoming."

Patterson said he needs to keep his team focused against a Wyoming team that has already played three Top 25 teams.

Senior wide receiver Jimmy Young said he

follows the teams that play the same teams TCU does but tries not to worry about other teams' performances.

"As a player, all I can do is play," Young said. "Let others worry about style points or how many points we put up on them."

During the weekly media luncheon Patterson also talked about all of the factors that go into the preparation of a game, including when team members eat, how they travel and even taking their cell phones away the Friday before a game. Patterson said most people don't think about factors such as players who are afraid to fly on the

plane to away games.

Patterson said that while starters may get all the glory, it's the backups who are crucial to the team's success.

Senior weak safety Alex Ibiloye missed Saturday's game against Colorado State with an injury. Patterson said junior safety Tekerrein Cuba did a great job filling in. Patterson also said senior center Jake Kirkpatrick and senior offensive tackle Zach Roth were banged up during the game.

Roth was recovering from a shoulder surgery during the offseason before earning a starting spot on the offensive line.