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Web site encourages note sharing

By Logan Wilson
Staff Reporter

A new Web site that pays students for their class notes, exams and papers has university professors and administrators turning to their own technology to prevent plagiarism issues.

Knetwit.com, which launched in September, is one of many sites that provides the public access to other students' study materials. The Web site was created by fraternity brothers Dean "Tyler" Jenks and Benjamin Wald. Both in their early 20s, they have since dropped out of Babson College in Massachusetts to focus on

making Knetwit a success.

The Web site pays users for their contributions. Each time a user's notes are downloaded, he or she is awarded Koin, Knetwit's currency, which can be cashed in or used to buy products from the on-line store.

Jenks, who came up with the concept of Knetwit while studying abroad in Milan, Italy, said he wanted to create a site that would provide students and professors with a knowledge-sharing platform to help students in their academic endeavors.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he

has reservations about the site.

"I am concerned that we might be opening the door to widespread plagiarism," Donovan wrote in an e-mail. "Plagiarism is the antithesis of creativity and cheapens the integrity of the plagiarizer."

Dan Williams, English professor and department chair, said a lot of his colleagues are concerned with the issue of downloading material.

"I think a lot of them (professors) use turnitin.com," Williams said, "and some of them just do Google searches with a specific phrase they take from the paper, and they can often find a lot of results."

Williams said plagiarism has become

more of an issue with the advances in technology.

"I don't know how widespread it is, but certainly it is perceived to be a significant problem," Williams said.

Kenneth Stevens, history professor and department chair, said he probably has a different perspective than most professors because he has little issue with sites like Knetwit.

"I'm not against learning things," Stevens said. "If someone else's notes will help you learn something, I'm all for that. But I do think, at some point, it just

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HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — Thad Starr's giant pumpkin really began putting on weight in August — a lot of weight. The pumpkin gained about 30 pounds a day on its way to victory Monday at the Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-off in Half Moon Bay. Starr's pumpkin finished at a record 1,528 pounds.

— Associated Press



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Left: Senior Dani Folks, juniors Rachel Pletcher and Marley Clements and senior Ashley Southerland watch the presidential debate Wednesday night at Fuzzy's Taco Shop. Right: Students watch at the Brown Lupton University Union auditorium.



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Watching parties thin out early

By Brian Smith and Landon Dinnin
Staff Reporters

Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain intensified attacks against each other Wednesday night in the final and most aggressive debate in the heated race, but students watching the debate in parties on and off campus appeared to have already made up their mind about their vote.

Small crowds at the campus party in the Brown-Lupton University Union and the TCU Democrats' party at Fuzzy's Taco Shop thinned out as the debate progressed. In the auditorium of the BLUU, a group of about 30 students gathered to view the last presidential debate between McCain and Obama. By the end of the debate, though, the majority of viewers had already left.

Some students gathered simply to get a greater insight into each candidate's policies rather than to root on their favorite.

Bethany McQuerry, a freshman pre-major, said she felt both candidates were well-spoken and showed confidence in what they said.

Journalism professor Chip Stewart said he felt the final debate was much more lively than the other two presidential debates. Stewart said McCain delivered some of the points his party wanted him to, but Obama did a solid job on the defensive.

Stewart said a single debate will do little to swing voters either side.

"Lots of people have already made up their mind," Stewart said.

Stewart, an undecided voter, said both candidates do have some noticeable weaknesses. He said Obama still does not have

an extensive record of political experience or leadership, and McCain's attacking stance during the debate is almost never popular with the undecided voter.

Justin Brown, a senior political science major and Obama supporter, said he felt McCain was behind during the debate and was responding to Obama's statements rather than outlining his own policies.

Another Obama supporter, freshman nutrition major Jamie Klump, said Obama "is coming back with what he believes rather than fighting" with McCain.

Although a majority of those in the BLUU auditorium supported Obama, a few said they are undecided or support independent candidates.

Hayden Ganther, a freshman politi-

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On-campus groups gear up for Nov. elections

By Jessica Reho
Staff Reporter

With fewer than 20 days left before the presidential election, campus political groups are pushing to increase voter turnout through rallies, fundraising events and debate-watching parties. Representatives from both groups say they are looking to increase their presence on campus and to boost awareness of relevant political issues.

TCU Democrats

The 2008 Democratic National Convention wasn't TCU Democrats President Elizabeth Slagle's first convention, but it was the one that moved her to action.

Her father, a TCU alumnus, serves as a super delegate, so she was on the floor, right in the middle of it all.

"I realized this election is monumental," Slagle said.

So monumental that this excitement, coupled with encouragement from political science professor Jim Riddlesperger, led Slagle, a sophomore political science major, to step up and take matters into her own hands, she said.

Under Slagle's direction, TCU Democrats is combining efforts with local campaigns to elect Wendy Davis to the state Senate and to re-elect state Rep. Dan Barrett. The group is also volunteering to hang door knockers, block walk and work the phone banks beginning this weekend.

TCU Democrats is planning to hold a fundraiser to coincide with early voting at the Brown-Lupton University Union — possibly including a dunking booth with political science professors serving as the dunkees — along with a table set up for the upcoming activities fair on Oct. 22 in the Campus Commons, Slagle said.

For Slagle, involvement and leadership in TCU Democrats is a family affair. Slagle's father, Bob Slagle, served as the president of the TCU Democrats before going on to serve as the chair of the Texas Democratic Party for 16 years.

Slagle said TCU Democrats had a membership of 400 students when her dad presided over the organization. About 40 students showed up to the first meeting of this semester this week.

Slagle said she wants TCU Democrats to play a vital role in aiding local, statewide and national Obama campaigns. She said she wants the student body to realize there are Democrats here at TCU, and that it is safe to "come out of the closet."

"I want us to be an asset statewide," Slagle said. "This is an exciting time for excited Democrats."

TCU Republicans

Sophomore political science and pre-business major Kimberly Dena was the youngest Texas delegate in the 2008 Republican National Convention. Dena now heads the TCU Republicans, which is also stepping up efforts to recruit voters as the election approaches.

TCU Republicans has about 100 mem-

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Students to absorb Japanese culture abroad

By Kristin Butler
Staff Reporter

The sociology, criminal justice and anthropology departments are integrating a new study abroad program starting summer 2009 headed by professors Patrick Kinkade, chairman of the sociology, criminal justice and anthropology department and Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology.

During the two-week trip students will travel to Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, the Japanese Alps and more, Kinkade said.

The program offers a prerequisite class in the spring called Heritage, Tradition and Globalization. The class will include field trips to temples, restaurants and gardens and will teach students about Japanese history and cultural traditions.

Guest speakers and films will also be

integrated into the class to teach students Japanese phrases to help them communicate while they are abroad, which will help make their study abroad experience have more meaning, Whitworth said.

Kinkade said the program is open to anyone who is looking to learn about Japan from a historical and social context.

While abroad, a student will earn six credit hours from two 3000-level classes offered in Japan called Crime, Criminal Justice and Social Problems and Technology and Sustainability.

The price of the trip, which does not include airfare and meals, is \$4,500 along with the additional \$935 per credit hour. The university is supporting the program by granting each student with \$1130, Kinkade said. He said the estimated price of the trip to Japan will be around \$10,000.

Kinkade said students will be able to travel to other cities in their free time and

are encouraged to stay longer than two weeks to take in the full culture.

"Japan can be a great learning as well as a spiritual experience for students," he said. "They will come back changed people."

Kinkade said Japan has a different criminal justice system than the United States, noting it is important for students to learn these differences. He said some of the differences include the fact that Japan just changed their justice system to have jury trials and that Japanese prisoners have fewer rights, but the street crime rate is lower there than the United States.

Sustainability and how the Japanese think about the future of their cities from an environmental viewpoint is also of high interest, he said.

"It has the glitz and glamour of New York, but it has its own unique cultural experience," Whitworth said.

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comes down to putting out the individual effort.”

Stevens also said he sees more of what he considers sloppiness in student work than actual plagiarism.

“It’s really easy to get sloppy and to be not intentionally dishonest, but to not care so much that you’re not truly original,” Stevens said.

Although Stevens and Williams said they support their colleagues’ use of Turnitin, neither use it for their own

classes.

Williams said he chooses not to use Turnitin because it promotes a culture of suspicion and exploits student writing.

“Any time writing is turned in it becomes a part of turnitin. com’s database, and students don’t often realize that they’re contributing to this database,” Williams said.

Stevens said he was an advocate of getting the program, but after using it found it wasn’t very helpful.

Turnitin tends to label perfectly innocuous phrases as plagiarized, he said.

“How many ways can you say that the Civil War broke out in 1861?” Stevens said.

Although Turnitin may have drawbacks, Williams and Stevens said professors in their departments use it in an effort to prevent students from plagiarizing. They agreed, however, that it’s important for students to be responsible and focus on why they are here — to learn, which requires students to go to class and do their own work.

“Ideas are always going to be shared, we just want to be sure the use of ideas is acknowledged,” Williams said.

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bers who have expressed interest in the organization, and currently the group is working to formalize this interest and to recruit new members, Dena said.

The group is discussing current events and planning for the Early Voting Rally it will host on Oct. 27, Dena said. Details

are still pending, she said.

Dena said the TCU Republicans will canvass Tarrant County neighborhoods and will make phone calls for Mark Shelton’s campaign for the Texas House of Representatives this weekend.

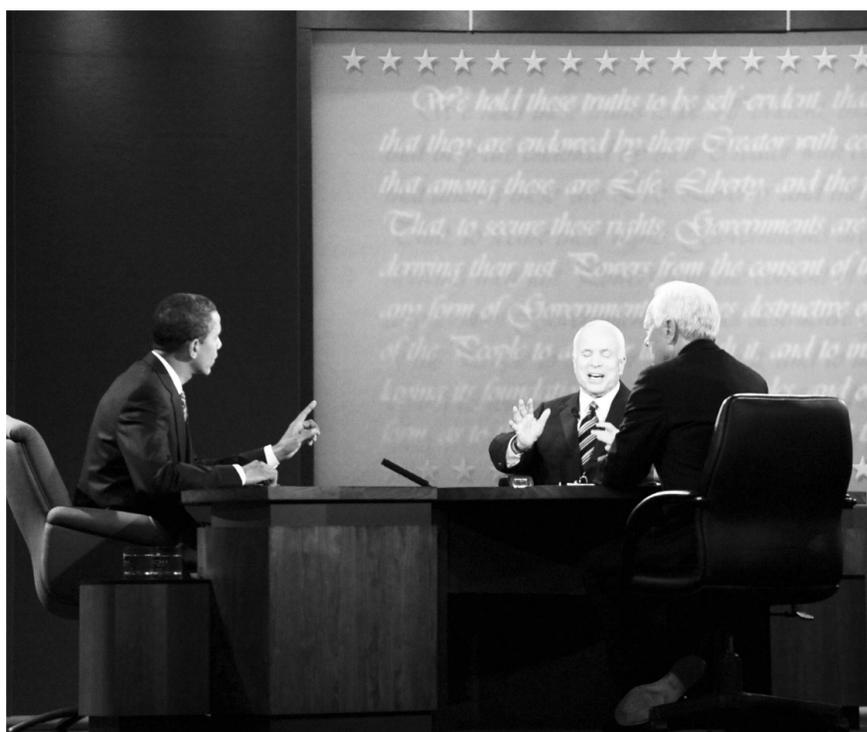
The organization hosted a debate-watching party for the vice presidential debate, Dena said.

“We are less concerned with

our numbers than with playing an active role on campus,” Dena said. “Tarrant County is an especially important sector in the Republican Party.”

Dena said the group is focused now on turning out the vote and educating students about Sen. John McCain’s agenda.

“We want to be a source of information, especially on conservative stances,” she said.



THOMAS A. FERRARA / Newsday via MCT

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain square off during the third presidential debate, moderated by Bob Schieffer, TCU alumnus of CBS News, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., on Wednesday.

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cal science major, said he supports Ralph Nader’s presidential candidacy. Ganther said both candidates in the debate offered more of the same. He said he felt upset that neither candidate wants to address a “disregard for the Constitution” during the past eight years, citing the “undeclared war” on Iraq and the 2001 Patriot Act, which expanded U.S. law enforcement authority on surveillance for the stated purpose of fighting terrorism.

At Fuzzy’s, the debate watching party began with about 35 viewers. By 8:30 p.m., Fuzzy’s employees were taking down the signs supporting Obama, and only about five students remained to watch

the debate.

As people tried to watch the debate, they were forced to read captions as the surrounding televisions and jukebox were louder than the debate and drowned out the sound of the televisions airing the debate.

Dani Folks, senior social work and anthropology major and coordinator for TCU Students for Barack Obama, said they were displeased with the environment at Fuzzy’s.

“It was not what we expected or were promised by the management, but we made do with what we were given and we had a pretty good turn out early,” Folks said.

Rachel Pletcher, junior finance major, said she was glad the candidates talked about their ads against each another.

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Dani Folks
coordinator for TCU Students for Barack Obama

“Each of them talked about how they would confront each other face-to-face and really let the truth be exposed,” Pletcher said.

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The Skiff View

Note-sharing Web sites cheat users' education

A new Web site has added to concerns of academic integrity and creativity.

Knetwit.com, one of many sites that allow students to exchange study materials and papers, provides payment for those who contribute to the Web site's database.

Dean "Tyler" Jenks and Benjamin Wald, who came up with the concept, say they wanted to provide a knowledge-sharing platform to assist in students' academic endeavors — definitely a commendable intention.

But cutting corners isn't part of the formula for academic enrichment.

A knowledge-sharing platform can be found in libraries and coffee shops with study groups. It can also be found in class discussions and during office hours that professors make available for students.

Knetwit and similar Web sites do not provide a stimulating academic experience. They provide a shortcut for students who are too lazy to take good notes in class or actively pursue questions they have about course material. It stunts critical thinking and creativity.

More importantly, use of these Web sites causes students to cut themselves short. Students should be eager to test their intellectual capacities at an institute of higher education such as TCU. Taking the easy way out for notes does nothing for students' analytic and critical thinking skills, let alone their work ethic.

Provost Nowell Donovan, among others, has expressed concerns about plagiarism in response to these Web sites' growth and popularity. But the more dangerous issue here is that these Web sites may instill habits of lazy learning and lack of creative thinking.

Cheaters will plagiarize, but lazy, uncreative scholars cheat the larger academic world of their potential contributions.

Web Editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

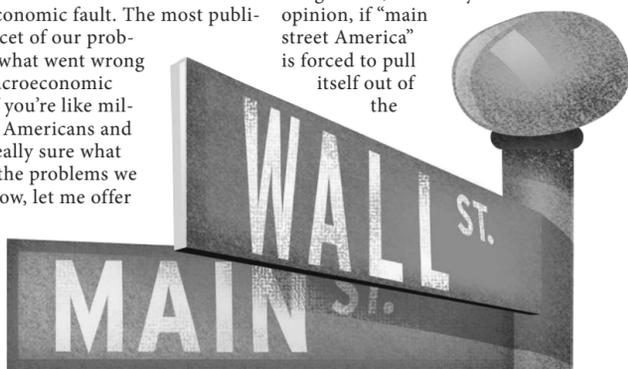
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Main Street responsible for financial meltdown

HAYLY MICKLES

In the recent credit market fiasco plaguing our nation and world economy, there exists macroeconomic and microeconomic fault. The most publicized facet of our problems is what went wrong on a macroeconomic scale. If you're like millions of Americans and aren't really sure what caused the problems we are in now, let me offer some suggestions.

know and take for granted. I am not a markets guru, and there is an immense amount that I don't understand about why our economy is the way it is right now, but in my opinion, if "main street America" is forced to pull itself out of the



Macroeconomically our banking system suffered from greed and laissez-faire governing that was originally instituted with good intentions when we labored under what now seems to be the delusion that markets will correct themselves. Banks made too many high risk loans, hoping our real estate bubble would continue to expand outward without popping, and thusly justifying questionable lending.

Moreover, on Wall Street, investors overvalued stocks that could have risen immensely; again, if only that darn real estate bubble wouldn't have popped. Now, banks are dissolving right and left, and in this election year, our focus is on presidential candidates and what they can do for "main street America." There has been much postulating with no solid responses coming from either candidate.

Sen. John McCain usually issues a general statement about how government has lost its way, and Sen. Barack Obama espouses typical democratic postulation about cutting taxes for the working-class American and getting America back on track from the bottom up.

America became the most powerful nation in the entire universe because it pulled itself up by the proverbial bootstraps. We started with nothing, and we worked extremely hard to get to where we were. The evolution of the American spirit and attitude toward a self-serving, materialistic and shallow shell of what we were is the reason that America has fallen from the heights that we have come to

mess that they have created, perhaps it will build some fortitude of character and will prevent something like this from happening again in the near future.

Let me clearly lay out my recommendation for fixing our banking crisis. As Sen. Obama states, "we need to fix this problem from the bottom up." I agree with him, but I do not think that it needs to be fixed with tons of money. Regulation may be necessary. Good parents let their children feel the sting of their consequences. It is how children learn from their mistakes. Likewise, consumers need, but do not want, to feel the sting of the consequences of their actions, and then they need to work like hell to fix the mess that they are wallowing in. That may further debilitate Wall Street, but in the long run, I believe it is the most efficient and effective way to start to fix America.

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Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Lawns could use more traffic

GRETCHEN WILBRANDT

Taking a stroll outside always gets me really excited. I love going for walks, but why is it that I feel guilty for walking on the grass? Even going from class to class, it is as if I am breaking a strict social code by making my way across campus via green patches.

Lately, as in my whole life, I have noticed the people staying on the sidewalk. OK, walkways are paved with the intent of pedestrian use, but why not stray from the norm on occasion or make a new habit?

Our culture is firmly rooted in the landscaping traditions of manicured lawns. In the United Kingdom, they actually have signs that politely, yet rather firmly, ask you to keep of the grass, displaying a sign of power and wealth. Prior to the invention of the lawnmower, in the U.S. only the aristocratic families had lawns because they could afford to maintain lawn grass. With the expansion of America and the population shift into the suburbs, a 3- by 5-foot front yard that was well manicured and properly cut was a sign of ownership, wealth, dignity and tradition. But come on, I just want to walk on the grass.

Or a simple compromise: if lawns are to be kept grassy, let them be seeded with the native prairie grasses that were here before TCU was institutionalized. Then at least I wouldn't mind staying on the sidewalk, for it would be something interesting to view.

New landscaping would root our university in its history and define our campus apart from all the other boring, old lawns that exhibit nothing special. If you look at how much water is spent trying to keep those traditional lovely greens, it is phenomenal. Half of the time, I can't even walk on the grass because they are



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flooded from exploding sprinklers. Native grasses would add color as well as an extremely low maintenance watering system.

Due to the prairie grasses ability to withstand the Texas heat, we wouldn't be fighting to keep them in tip-top shape, but rather letting them take care of themselves. Restoring the grasses would not only be economical, but in the words of a hipster — totally awesome.

What I am trying to convey is if so

much time and energy, not to mention water, goes into something so simple as a green grass lawn, let's utilize it or change it. Take a walk off of the sidewalk — unless you are wearing high-heels, for that would just be dangerous — nap under a tree, spread yourself out, make a connection with something other than concrete.

Gretchen Wilbrandt is a junior environmental science major from Woodstock, Ill.

Diversity key to fixing economic woes

You're violently ill, so your doctor gives you an antibiotic. But you don't get better, so a team of doctors changes the drug and recommends a different treatment.

This is what governments across the globe are doing, betting on an unprecedented, coordinated mega-dose of financial chemotherapy.

European governments have committed trillions of dollars to the sickest patients, while the U.S. Treasury has promised to use all options, including the federal government buying shares in troubled companies.

These weren't initially the preferred choices, but they are the best ones to try next to unclog credit markets. What could be more reassuring to wary bankers than virtually every industrialized nation promising banks access to unlimited cash from public funds?

The goal is to prevent another failure the size of Lehman, whose collapse made banks terrified to do business with one another and dried up credit from Wall Street to Main Street. The irony is that easy money created this mess, and easy money might be the way out of it.

These moves aren't a panacea. The overall U.S. economy will remain

fragile because of poor corporate earnings, diminished consumer spending and increased job losses. Longer term, inflation will become an issue. And while Wall Street rebounded yesterday from last week's devastating losses, the real test will be whether banks resume lending.

Washington's financial rescue plan must continue to stoke

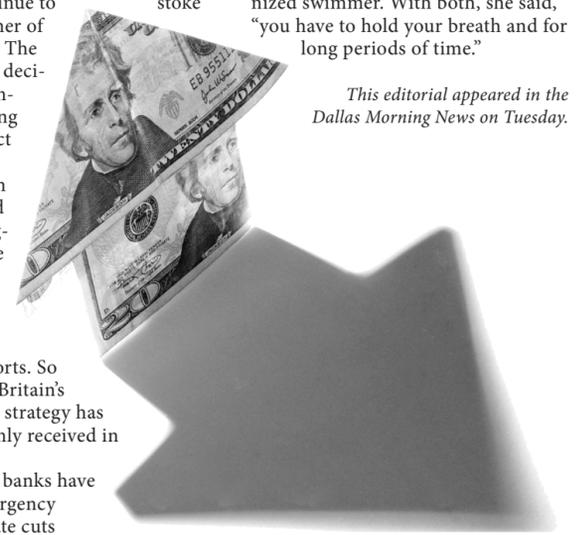
this glimmer of optimism. The Treasury's decision to consider buying more direct stakes in banks than envisioned in the original rescue package adds flexibility to its rescue efforts. So far, Great Britain's use of this strategy has been warmly received in Europe.

Central banks have made emergency interest-rate cuts

and dumped cash into their banking systems. The Federal Reserve has promised to buy commercial paper. European governments have rescued banks.

Christine Lagarde, France's finance minister, summed things up well this weekend as she compared the financial crisis to her time as a synchronized swimmer. With both, she said, "you have to hold your breath and for long periods of time."

This editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Tuesday.



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Movie based on alumna's book debuts Friday

Q&A

By Chelsea Smith
Staff Reporter

TCU alumna Sue Monk Kidd's first novel, "The Secret Life of Bees," has spent more than two years on the New York Times best-seller list and has been published in more than 35 countries, according to the author's Web site. The Fox Searchlight film adaptation starring Queen Latifah and Dakota Fanning, written and directed by Gina Prince-Blythe-wood, hits theaters Friday.

However, the book's author has not enjoyed the same straight shot to success. Kidd said she had a very different route in mind when she left Sylvester, Ga., to attend TCU in 1968.

Q: How did you end up going to TCU?

A: I picked it for a couple of reasons. I wanted to pursue a B.S. degree in nursing, and at that time there weren't that many programs like that in the country – TCU had one of the finest. And I wanted to go to some far flung frontier: Texas seemed like that at the time. But it was a wonderful choice for me. I would choose it all over again.

Q: How did you go from majoring in nursing to writing books for a living?

A: It's an unusual transition, I know. Since I was a child, I had a sort of innate desire to be a writer, but I did not pursue that. I can't explain it except to say that when it came time to go to college, I picked something that I thought was very noble, and practical and doable. Writ-

ing seemed beyond my grasp at the time. I wasn't quite ready to do it, apparently.

Q: What was it like going to TCU in the 1960s?

A: Well, the late '60s were a very transitional time in American life. There was a lot of volatility, a lot of change. I think on the college scene, it was a very exciting time. It was very much a young, useful kind of movement, full of energy and voice. So I remember that being alive and well at TCU; maybe not to the extent of Berkley, but it was certainly there. I didn't go back to TCU for so many years after I graduated, probably only a couple of years ago, so I was really astonished by how it had all changed.

Q: Race and gender issues were a big focus of the '60s, and they play a big role in "The Secret Life of Bees." Was that something that interested you in college, too?

A: That's something that I've always been aware of and concerned about, probably since I

The Secret Life of Bees

What: "The Secret Life of Bees"

When: Oct. 17

Where: Theaters nationwide

was in high school in Georgia. I was in the first desegregated graduating class in my high school, and even before that, I was becoming acutely aware of the racial divides around me. But it took me a long time of incubating the story of "The Secret Life of Bees" for that all to come out. I felt there was personally some redemption for me in being able to address some of that. As far as gender goes, I came to that a little bit later in life. In my 30s, I went through sort of a feminist awakening.

Q: Why do you think that

"The Secret Life of Bees" has resonated with so many people the way it has?

A: I've been asked about this so many times, and I usually give a different answer every time. I think Lily – the main character in the book – her story is a universal story. It's about this search for love and home and nurture and healing. Some people write to me and tell me they're fascinated with this black Madonna in the story; I hear different reasons why readers are pulled to it. In the end it's probably just a mystery.

Q: Is there a lot of mystery involved in writing, or do you have a certain routine you follow on a day-to-day basis?

A: There's a combination of things that go on in a writer's day – most of it is sitting in front of the computer, writing and rewriting, trying to learn your craft and apply your craft. It's not unlike any other job in that way. And there's this other part of it, the mystery part. I can't deny there's an element of that in it, because while it is learning the craft and applying the craft, there's also this place inside a writer where these images loom. I try to create portals to that place in myself, and that is the place, I think, from which mystery comes. It's not all craft, it's not all mystery; it's sort of a blend of both.

Q: Which of the book's characters do you think you have the most in common with?

A: I guess there could be a little piece of them all in me. Lily had a lot more interesting things happen to her than me when I was young, but I think I have a few things in common with her – for instance, she wanted to be a writer more than anything. There's a little bit of the character May in me: that enormous vulnerability and sensitivity to the hurts in the world – I have a touch of that. I like to think I have a tiny bit of August's wisdom; my



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husband tells me I have a little bit of Rosaleen's feistiness in me.

Q: What's the most exciting part of having your book made into a movie and what's the scariest?

A: So many books are optioned for movies but so few actually get made into movies. When it be-

came apparent that it was going to be made into a film, I felt like I had jumped out of an airplane at about 10,000 feet. I think the scariest part is that feeling of letting go of what you've created. You feel a sort of ownership of that story, because you conjured it, and then you turn it over for

someone to do this other version of it. Probably the exciting thing was seeing it come to life, going on the movie set and feeling like you're stumbling around in your own imagination. All those things you cooked up – the honey house and the pink house – there they are.

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Network site lets users track who 'Googles' them

By Melissa Hawkes
Staff Reporter

With employers searching the Internet to learn about job applicants, students are getting savvy about their profiles on social networking sites.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 17 percent of employers who took part in the Job Outlook 2008 survey plan to use social networking sites in recruiting employees. Nearly two-thirds of those employers plan to advertise on sites and more than half expect to use the sites to network with potential candidates, according to NACE.

Kimshi Hickman, interim director of Alcon Career Center, an extension of University Career Services, said many employers use social networking sites to find future hires.

"Employers have reported to Career Services that they view Facebook profiles, and it does factor into their decision as to whether or not to bring a candidate in for an interview," Hickman said. "Employers utilize interns from colleges to access blocked profiles."

Ziggs.com is one of the latest social networking Web sites, but it also has a professional side. Ziggs allows users to build a profile, find and post jobs and see who is looking them up online.

Julia Bradley, vice president of marketing for Ziggs said Ziggs is an asset for students because students can find out which employers are looking them up online and how many times they search for their name.

"If you are a member of Ziggs and you can be Googled and found, then it will help you know if you are getting noticed by a company," she said. "It's a good sign if your Ziggs profile is found because then you can actually track where your resume goes and know it does not just go unnoticed and into a black hole."

Ziggs users will receive instant e-mails every time someone looks up their name on any search engine — such as Google and Yahoo — and clicks on their profile. Ziggs alerts users as to where the searcher is located, what time the search happened, and what keywords were used to find them.

A map with red markers show Ziggs users all the locations in the world someone has looked at their profile. Users can zoom in all the way on the map and view the actual building that the person who searched their name was located.

According to Ziggs.com, the site was not created for the sole reason of finding who is searching for you, rather it was created as a place to "take control of your online image."

Bradley said the first step in using Ziggs is to create a personal profile, then users can upload their resume, post work they want potential employers to see and create their own personal Web site using their name.

"Most hiring managers will Google you no matter what, so

you want to make sure that you are found," Bradley said. "Ziggs helps balance your Facebook profile; it is not just a resume, it is more personal and professionally minded which gives a graduating senior a step up on the competition."

Users can pay \$4.95 a month to have Ziggs move their profile up in Google and Yahoo searches so employers are more likely to find users' professional Ziggs profiles before they come upon another Web site.

Ziggs has offered their professional services for about a year and a half, Bradley said.

Hickman said job seekers need to use good judgement in what they post in their online profiles. She said she has not heard of employers using Ziggs yet.

Senior finance major Zachary Harris said he takes down questionable Facebook pictures when job searching. He said he has always been warned by professors about keeping his online image clean when looking for jobs, but said he would not be interested in the services Ziggs has to offer.

"Employers have reported to Career Services that they view Facebook profiles, and it does factor into their decision as to whether or not to bring a candidate in for an interview."

Kimshi Hickman
interim director of Alcon Career Center

Senior political science major Brittany Thomas said she would be interested in using Ziggs features during her job search to know which employers are looking her up and if she should follow up on them.

"If they are taking the time to look me up, then obviously they are taking some interest."

Obama galvanizes black community

By Kevin Diaz
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — The first vote Tracy Hatfield ever casts in Minnesota will belong to Barack Obama.

Here in the heart of north Minneapolis' black community, on a block dotted with board-ups and Section 8 subsidized rentals, this once homeless mother answers the door with her 3-year-old grandson, Travonte, clinging to her leg.

"I can't wait to vote," Hatfield, 44, tells Veronica Andrews, an area church member who is out on her first door-knocking drive for Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate.

"It's not a black thing, it's not a white thing," Hatfield said. "It's just different. Everyone around here is going to vote. I wish the kids could vote."

This year's presidential campaign is expected to generate record voter turnout in black communities across the nation — partly through the efforts of young, new volunteers such as Andrews joining a black political mobilization that hasn't been seen in decades. National efforts to date have registered an estimated 1.3 million new voters, more than 60 percent of them minorities.

In critical battleground states such as Florida, the Obama team is targeting 600,000 black voters who are registered to vote but who don't show up regularly on Election Day. A big turnout by new, or newly interested, black voters there and in other pivotal states such as Virginia and North Carolina could redraw the electoral map for Obama on Election Day.

Going door-to-door on a brisk Saturday morning, Andrews hears it again and again: It's not because he's black. It's the man. It's change.

But then, from the mouth of a little girl on a tricycle up the street: "Who's going to vote for Barack Obama?" she yells, pumping her fist. "He's black!"

Just four years ago, Hatfield and her two daughters were living in a homeless shelter, too preoccupied with bare survival to vote. On this day, she is filling



Monica Hyacinthe persuades drivers to register to vote in North Minneapolis.

KYNDELL HARKNESS / Minneapolis Star Tribune via MCT

out a voter registration card for Andrews, a Christian conservative who backed President Bush in 2004 but has switched allegiances this time.

In the Favor Cafe on Lake Street, two dozen black community leaders are gathered over a Saturday afternoon coffee, mapping out strategy for turning voting rights into actual votes.

"I never thought I'd live to see this day," says Matthew Little, the longtime Minneapolis NAACP figure who organized the Minnesota contingent to King's March on Washington in 1963. "It was not in vain. We're accomplishing something."

The cafe owners, Angela and Keith Dawson, just opened their doors two months ago. Their

Southern soul food eatery and bar has quickly become a focal point of political meetings and debate-watching parties.

"There's a sense that we're on the road to history," said Angela Dawson, expressing a sense of awe at the collection of black elected officials and community leaders sitting around a long table in her cafe.

Among them is U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison, Minnesota's first black congressman. He is encouraging the organizers to take Election Day off from work to make sure that the thousands of newly registered voters actually get to the polls. And while state law guarantees time off to vote on the morning of Election Day, one organizer

worries that taking time off for

campaign work could cost some their jobs.

Although there were only 36 black delegates at the GOP's national convention in St. Paul, some Republican groups in the state have also tried to reach out to black conservatives.

This month, college Republicans at the University of Minnesota heard from black congressional candidate Barbara Davis White, who is challenging Ellison in the 5th District. She said blacks need to stop marching in lockstep with the Democrats' big government message. "You're not a welfare check," she said. "You're not a food stamp."

Ellison's campaign is trying to register 20,000 new voters in Minneapolis.

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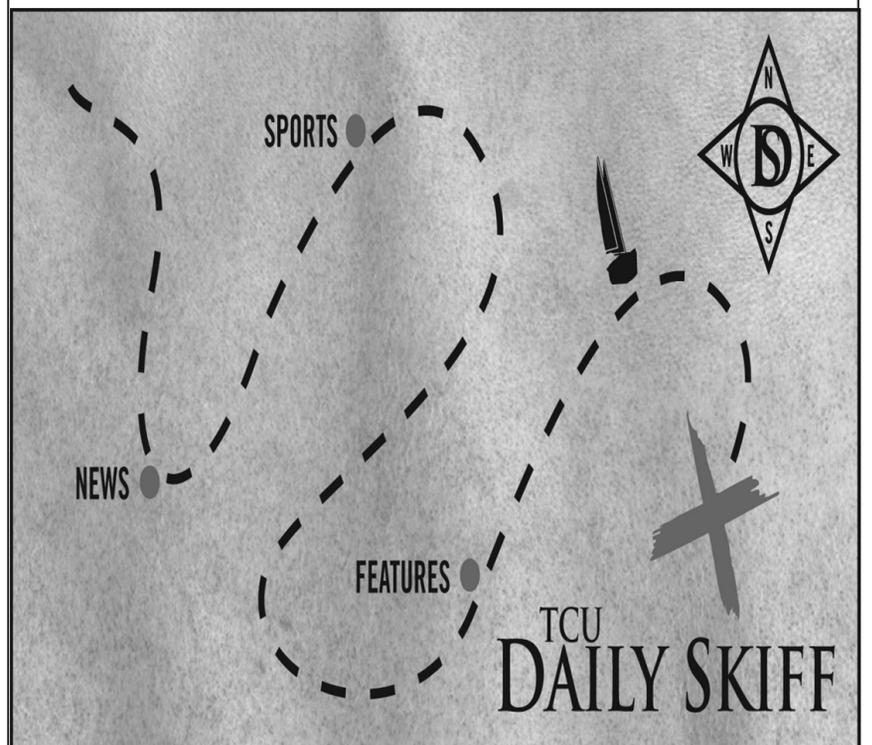
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The three teams combined have won six of the nine championships, not including a three-way tie between BYU, Utah and Colorado State University in the conference's inaugural 1999 season. The champion has finished with a flawless conference record in each of the past four seasons, including the Frogs' 2005 unblemished run in their first Mountain West campaign.

"You can't play in a BCS game without winning your league," head coach Gary Patterson said. "Our kids understand that this is a measuring stick to size up where we are in the Mountain West."

The Cougars, the highest ranked opponent to visit Fort Worth in 15 years, come into Amon Carter Stadium with the nation's No. 8 passing attack. Junior Max Hall calls the signals at quarterback.

As a sophomore, Hall led the conference with 296 passing yards per game. His 3,848 yards through the air was the nation's best among sophomores. The mark was also a conference record for sophomores.

Hall's 307.5 passing yards per game ranks him at No. 7 in the nation for 2008. He has compiled 1,845 yards and 20 touchdowns this season.

"When we saw them at the end of last season, he was playing with a lot of confidence," Patterson said. "He understands their scheme and he gets the ball out quick. When you watch him on film from the end zone, he throws the ball without a receiver in the picture. He has the ball heading directly at a defensive back and all of a sudden, before the ball gets there, a receiver pops in with the catch."

The TCU pass defense has proved to be a chink in the armor of the nation's best defense in recent weeks. Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford threw for a career-high 411 yards against the Frogs, and Colorado State dropped two deep balls that could have led to touchdowns in the Frogs' 13-7 win Saturday.

"The key for us is to understand and stop what they do," Patterson said. "You aren't going to stop the passing game. You just have to control it."

Whether sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton will play is a game-time decision, director of athletic media relations Mark Cohen said. Dalton has missed the last two games due to injury, but has practiced this week with a knee brace seemingly without problems.

Junior quarterback Marcus Jackson has taken advantage of his two games in the starting role, rushing for 185 yards and two touchdowns and throwing for another 281 yards and one touchdown. He garnered conference offensive co-player of the week honors following a 41-7 win over San Diego State University.

The Cougars have taken the last two meetings from the Frogs en route to their two most recent conference titles. They are outscoring opponents 227-61, including a two-game stretch in which they outscored the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Wyoming 103-0.

Hockey player's death raises questions

By Andrew Gross
The Record via MCT

One Russian official suggested Alexei Cherepanov did not receive proper medical treatment. Two others said the 19-year-old Rangers' prospect shouldn't have been playing at all based on his medical condition.

The day after the Rangers' first-round pick in 2007 collapsed and died during a Continental Hockey League game about 40 miles from Moscow on Monday brought a clearer picture of his final moments. But it also left many questions.

Russian officials said they believe, based on a preliminary autopsy, Cherepanov died because of a "hypertrophied heart" and suffered from chronic ischemia, a condition that prevents a sufficient amount of blood from reaching the heart or other organs.

Cherepanov's agent, Jay Grossman, said medical examinations conducted both by the Rangers and the NHL last year did not reveal any defects.

"Checks will be conducted to clarify, in particular, why the sportsman with such an illness went onto the ice," The Associated Press quoted Yulia Zhukova, a regional investigator probing Cherepanov's death.

"A person should not be allowed to take part in competition if he has ischemic heart disease," the AP quoted Vitaly Mutko, the Russian sports minister. "This means that in fact there is no preliminary healthy control and monitoring. And this system should be very well-defined."

Meanwhile, Pavel Krashennnikov, a Russian lawmaker and member of the Russian Hockey Federation's supervisory council, questioned the treatment Cherepanov received immediately after collapsing.

"There are elements of negligence here," Krashennnikov said in televised comments.

An on-site Russian newspaper, in an article translated into English, reported Cherepanov collapsed on the bench and not as the result of any on-ice contact. Grossman said Cherepanov

had been skating on a 2-on-1 with former Rangers captain Jaromir Jagr, his teammate and mentor on the Avangard Omsk team, and the two were talking about the failed rush on the bench when Cherepanov collapsed.

According to the news report, Cherepanov was taken to the Omsk dressing room, where medical staff tried to resuscitate him through chest massages and adrenalin injections. The newspaper reported that the arena at Chekhov did not have a properly charged defibrillator.

Still, Cherepanov was reported to have briefly revived and even acknowledged his teammates before lapsing into unconsciousness again.

Several reports have stated the ambulance that was supposed to be on site was elsewhere at the time, delaying Cherepanov's trip to the hospital.

The Russian newspaper also reported that Jagr, still in his jersey and skates, screamed, "Leshka, wake up," as Cherepanov was taken away.

Cherepanov's body has been flown back to Omsk for burial.

"I spoke to Alexei's father and I couldn't hear a more brave and courageous father on the other end of the line than him," Grossman said. "He drove virtually the whole night from his small town they live in (Barnaul) to where the funeral will take place (Wednesday)."

Immediately after being selected 17th overall, Cherepanov attended the Rangers' development camp at the Madison Square Garden Training Center in Greenburgh, N.Y. But that was the only time he participated in any on-ice activities with the organization. Rangers assistant coach Mike Pelino was in Russia Aug. 29 to Sept. 4, partly to monitor Cherepanov's progress.

Cherepanov scored in Monday's game and had eight goals in 15 games this season.

"When he was 12, he left his hometown to move to Omsk because he wanted to become a hockey player," Pelino said. "I never was concerned he would be able to come to New York and fit right in and become a good player for us."

Favre, gas stations contribute to jersey sales

By Chris Mascaro
Newsday

Are the Jets' uniforms really modeled after a gas station? Well, yes.

When a group headed by Sonny Werblin and Leon Hess bought the New York Titans in 1963, the team's old navy blue and gold uniforms were replaced by a green and white combination, the same grouping of colors as Hess' gasoline stations.

The name Titans was changed to Jets because the team began playing at Shea Stadium, in close proximity to LaGuardia and Idlewild (renamed Kennedy) Airports, in 1964. So jets often flew over during games.

Though the franchise played only three seasons as the Titans, the current team has paid homage to its forefathers by wearing the Titans uniforms in four games during the past two seasons (the maximum allotment under NFL rules is twice per season), including the last two games — both Jets victories.

The local reaction has been mostly positive, with many fans flocking to the stores to pick up the retro

jerseys.

Sue James, the assistant store manager at Modell's Sporting Goods in Bay Shore, said there already had been a spike in Jets jersey sales because of the acquisition of Brett Favre, but the throwbacks have helped even more.

"(Sales) have been picking up," she said. "The big seller is Favre, but we had (Laveranues) Coles and (Thomas) Jones, too."

No more than five minutes after James said that, she had a request from customer Jerry Moran of Bay Shore for a throwback. Unfortunately for him, they were out of his size. But Moran, 69, said he'd try other locations because he actually remembers when his favorite team played in blue.

"I don't care what name is on the back," he said. "I just want the jersey."

Though the Jets are 3-1 in the old-school uniforms, Moran doesn't believe in superstition.

"No luck, not at all," he said. "It's the players that win the games."

Rob Corrado, 20, an employee at BC Sports in the Sunrise Mall in Massapequa, said the jerseys are a hot item only because they are new and different. Some customers don't even know who the Titans were, he said.

"Most people have no idea," he said. "They think it's the Rams or even Pittsburgh. It's the flavor of the month."

That seemed to be the case. David, a 10-year-old from Seaford whose mother declined to give his last name, said: "I'm a Giants fan, but I really want one of the old Jets jerseys. They are really cool."

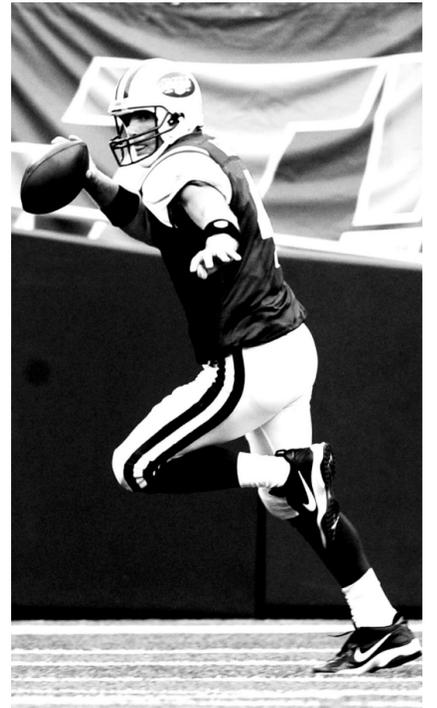
Next door at Plaza Sports, the store manager, Tee, said he didn't have any of the Titans uniforms in stock but added that he placed an order for them after receiving so many requests from customers.

Although many like the old uniforms, some people remain loyal to the green and white.

"They're not too bad," Tee said of the retros. "But they're not my favorite. I like the green."

Said Corrado: "There's nothing better than the old (Joe) Namath jersey in green."

League guidelines on the issue are simple: Teams have the option of wearing throwback uniforms up to two times during the course of the season. They can choose once, twice or not at all. It's entirely up to the team, and although it is usually done at home, it can be on the road, depending on the home team's



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New York Jets quarterback Brett Favre scrambles in the third quarter against the New England Patriots at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Sept. 14.

colors (dark or light) and whether the throwbacks are dark or light.

The teams declare to the league in the summer which dates they will wear the throwbacks, so the Jets had determined these dates toward the end of training camp.

Jets coach Eric Mangini was asked about wearing the throwbacks after Sunday's game. "I don't think it's our option," he said. "I'm open to wearing whatever if it's going to help win, but it's not really our option."

Newsday staff writer Erik Boland contributed to this report.



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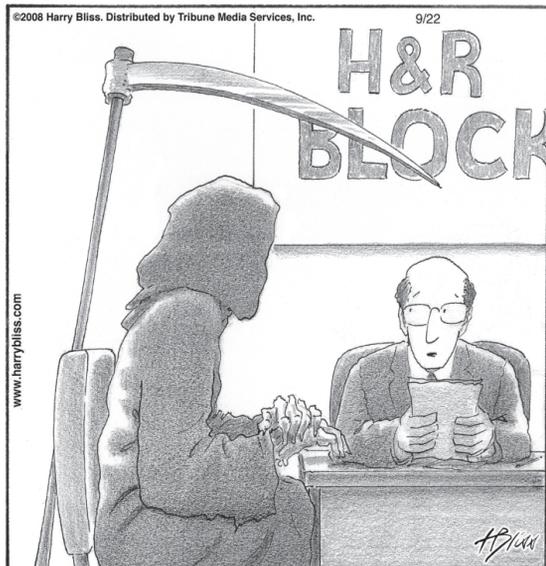


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By Robert Bember
Staff Reporter

The No. 24 Horned Frogs and No. 8 Brigham Young University Cougars will face off tonight in a battle for an early lead in the Mountain West Conference championship race.

Currently, the Frogs, Cougars and the University of Utah Utes sit atop the standings with undefeated conference records. TCU has the lone loss of the three, coming against non-conference opponent University of Oklahoma.

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Cougars in Cowtown
What: No. 8 BYU at No. 24 TCU
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Amon Carter Stadium

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Who's in the driver's seat for Cowtown showdown?

BYU resembles familiar foes

Cougars' defense is underappreciated



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You know what I hate? Copycats. Everyone remembers the kids from middle school who would repeat everything you said, and if you don't, think of Yeah-Yeah from The Sandlot. And a copycat is essentially what Brigham Young University's football team is. They have taken the offense that works for schools like Oklahoma and Texas Tech and made it their own.

As much as I hate copycats, I have to admit that BYU does use its high-power offense as effectively, if not more, than Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

And this week, the reigning Mountain West Conference champion BYU Cougars bring the longest winning streak in the country to Fort Worth to face the Horned Frogs.

But the Frogs are not afraid because they have already seen this.

What I mean is they have already played a top-10 team in the nation with a top-10 passing offense led by a Heisman Trophy candidate under center.

And the first time the Frogs played this game, they were embarrassed in the first quarter but played much better in the three after adjusting the defensive scheme a little bit. And once you see something frightening, like the BYU and Oklahoma offenses, you aren't afraid of the offense the next time it rears its ugly head.

By the way, that defense is still ranked No. 1 in the nation. And expect the secondary to be more sure-footed at home with a crowd to help out.

That support should be at an all-time high heading into the biggest game at Amon Carter Stadium since TCU was a member of the Southwest Conference.

The only thing that might hinder support for the Frogs this week is the game's Thursday night slate. This will be the third straight year these two teams have met on a Thursday, with the Cougars winning each of the last two.

Overall, the Frogs have lost their last five games on Thursdays and a big reason for that is lack of intensity. Even analyst Ivan Maisel commented in an ESPN podcast on the lack of fan support at TCU on Thursday nights.

I understand students still have classes and people have to work and go to school on Friday mornings, but if there is anything constant at TCU, it is that Thursday is generally a party night.

And there is no reason why that party, or at least the first three or so hours of that party could take place at the football game and then go celebrate a mammoth Horned Frogs' victory.

So don't think the game is already over because the lines only have the No. 8 Cougars favored by one, and the crowd should be in full party mode Thursday night for what is the most important football game in Fort Worth in more than a decade.

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Defense doesn't normally come to mind when one thinks of Brigham Young University, but this year TCU is not the only team with an imposing defense.

In addition to all-American candidate Max Hall leading the potent offensive attack, the Cougars have the novelty of a top defense. BYU ranks No. 2 nationally in scoring defense, allowing a paltry 10.2 points per game, including back-to-back shutouts of University of California-Los Angeles and Wyoming. It would be unfair to classify either of those teams as offensive juggernauts.

Against the University of Washington, the Cougars had trouble keeping up with Husky and one-time Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Jake Locker. In its last four games, BYU has managed to hold its opponents to just over one point per quarter (17 points in 16 quarters), a total that includes two garbage-time touchdowns from Utah State University. The Cougars have had trouble this season when matching up against mobile quarterbacks, but in the words of BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall, employ a "bend don't break" method of defense.

BYU is willing to give up a few yards here and there without allowing the offense to get any big plays over the defense's head. BYU's defense then tightens as opponents approach the goal line.

Thursday's match up will likely come down to each team's defense.

TCU ranks near the top nationally in nearly every statistical category, including leading the nation in total defense and rushing yards allowed. The Horned Frogs have superior athletes to the Cougars, but the game will be decided by which team is able to execute its schemes. The match-up will boil down to BYU's execution versus TCU's athleticism.

BYU's defense may have been overlooked in the past, but against TCU they will be able to slow the at times ineffective Horned Frog offensive attack. BYU can force turnovers as well as any team in the country and, if last week's game against Colorado State is any indicator, TCU has some trouble holding onto the ball.

The Cougar offense will have to execute by establishing the run and attacking the Horned Frogs' defense through the air. In TCU's lone loss of the season, the University of Oklahoma was able to effectively throw the ball. BYU won't line up the athletes the Sooners did, but Hall and Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford are comparable as signal callers. Bradford rolled up 411 yards and four touchdowns against a normally stout Horned Frog defense. Three of Bradford's touchdowns were longer than 50 yards.

Hall has his own deep threat in BYU junior wide receiver Austin Collie, who has gained more than one hundred yards receiving in each of four consecutive contests.

BYU's offense doesn't allow other teams to focus too much on Collie with so many other weapons in their arsenal. Fellow wide receiver Michael Reed is Hall's most reliable third down target. Tight end Dennis Pitta is one of the country's best and should be able to control the middle of the field. Sophomore running back Harvey Unga is a weapon carrying the ball, as well as coming out of the backfield as a receiver.

TCU will have to pick their poison and hope no one Cougar can take over the game.

Coach Gary Patterson was probably right when he said the team that is able to stop the other last will win the game. Don't underestimate BYU's ability to step up and make important stops when the game is on the line. Defensive end Jan Jorgensen knows all about that.

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