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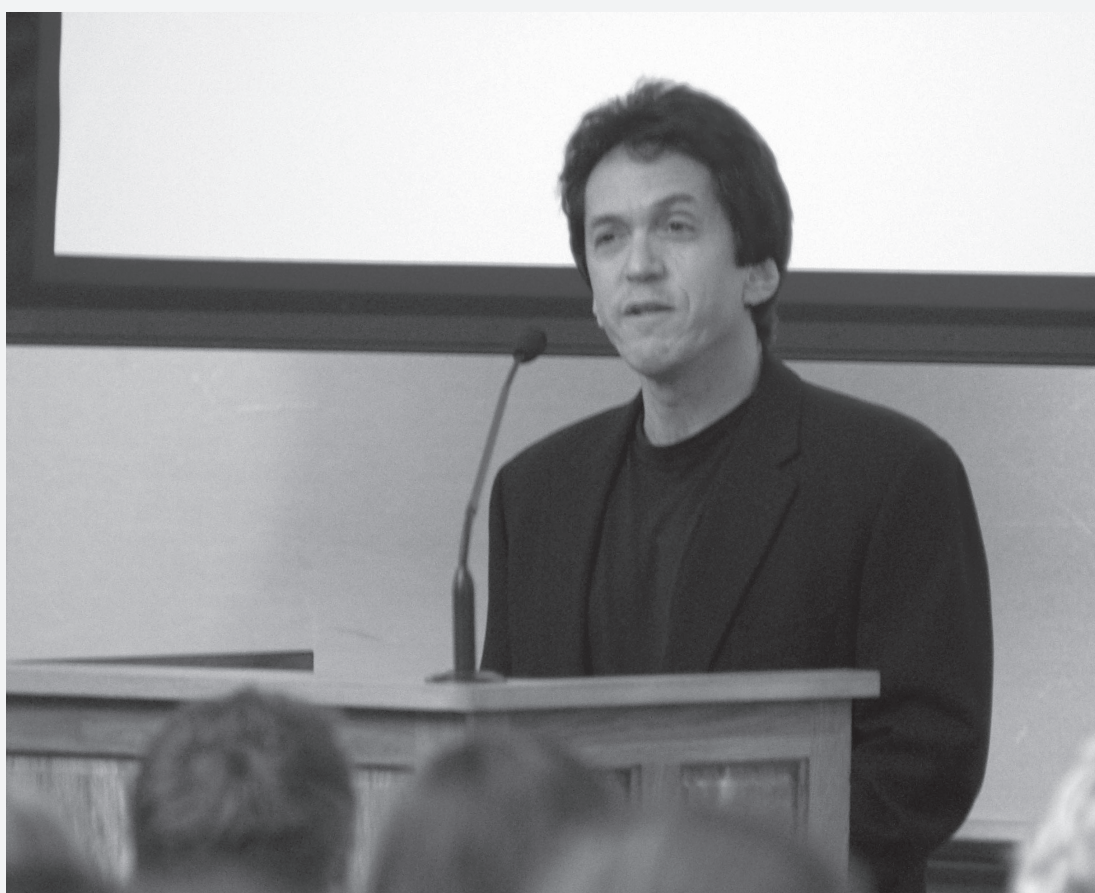
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ONE BOOK, ONE TCU

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH



Best-selling author Mitch Albom speaks before a crowd in the Kelly Alumni Center about spirituality and his newest book "Have a Little Faith." CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

Albom: Religion meant to unite

By Emily Siegel and Chance Welch
Staff Reporter/Multimedia Editor

Best-selling author Mitch Albom told university students and faculty that they should just have a little faith even in times of uncertainty.

Albom, the author of 11 books, spoke about his recently released novel "Have a Little Faith" and his relationship with his faith to a packed crowd at the Kelly Alumni Center on Thursday night. Albom's "Tuesdays with Morrie" topped the New York Times' best-seller list for four straight years.

At the beginning of the speech Albom told the audience that he was not a religious man, even avoiding his rabbi at a young age.

Albom viewed his rabbi not

as an individual but rather a religious authority figure.

As he grew older Albom said his ideas about his relationship with his faith changed. The Rabbi even asked Albom to read his eulogy at the time of his death.

Albom's new book "Have a Little Faith" is about two different men, a rabbi and an ex-convict turned Christian pastor who met challenges while holding onto their faith.

The pastor was a drug dealer involved in crime and eventually turned to using the same drugs he was selling.

The man continued a destructive lifestyle of drugs and crime, which made him a lot of money until he hit rock bottom and ended up robbing his drug dealers.

After realizing that the dealers

knew where he lived, he became aware that his life and his family's lives were in danger.

He then asked God to spare his life and that of his family, and through this experience he is now able to share the word of God with others.

Albom said that the story of the rabbi and the pastor show how faiths can get along in harmony.

"I would hope people would take away from that talk that we are more alike than different, and if we just look at our faith as something that could unite us rather than saying, 'Oh, you're not exactly the same as me so you must be the enemy because I can only be around people like me,'" Albom said.

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CRIME

Campus security escorts increase

By Jessica Lawrence
Staff Reporter

The campus escort program Froggie Five-0 has seen an increase in requests for rides after recent sexual assault reports involving students.

A Froggie Five-0 driver said he usually responds to 40 calls a night but answered between 50 and 60 Wednesday night, after a student reported Tuesday night that she was sexually assaulted while walking on campus.

TCU Police Officer Pam Christian, director of Froggie Five-0, said she couldn't confirm those numbers.

The spike in the number of riders is a result of recent sexual assault cases, more freshmen on campus, awareness of the need to be careful, even on campus, and the time of the year, Christian said, noting that more students use Froggie Five-0 during the fall semester than in the spring semester.

Froggie Five-0 supervisor Colby Howerton said drivers have been busy, but are limited because they only have six golf carts.

"Tonight every golf cart we have is out," Howerton said Thursday night.

A female student was threatened with a knife and sexually assaulted while

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FINANCIAL AID

Impact of proposed aid boost limited

By Melanie Cruthirds
Staff Reporter

A bill that would increase funding for higher education via the Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Perkins Loan programs, if passed, would not have a significant impact on the university, a financial aid official said.

Michael Scott, director of financial aid, said the bill, which awaits Senate committee action, would help some, but the overall impact at the university would be minimal because only 10 percent of the student body received Federal Pell grants last year.

"I don't think it'll have any significant effect on our students," Scott said. "I don't think it'll make a drastic change to the amount of aid that the average TCU student receives."

Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the student-friendly Web sites FinAid.org and FastWeb.com, said that if the bill passes, more money would be available for students seeking Federal Pell grants or Perkins loans, increasing the maximum award for grant recipients from \$5,350 this year to \$5,550 in 2010.

"It's certainly a step in the right direction," Kantrowitz said. "It's not a very big step, but it is a step in the right direction."

According to Student Aid on the Web, a branch of the U.S. Department of Education Web site, the Federal Pell Grant Program takes into account a student's financial need, as well as his or her status as a student and the duration of the student's schooling. The grant is often considered to be the foundation of federal aid on top of which other awards are added.

In addition to increases in Federal Pell Grant funding, the legislation

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PECULIAR FACT

LONDON — Britain's Queen Elizabeth stunned theatergoers in London this week when she and her husband slipped in to see a play unannounced and at the last minute, newspapers reported.

—Reuters

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FINANCIAL AID

Government gives advances to veterans

By Anna Waugh
Staff Reporter

When senior Michael Jenkins started his summer vacation, he did not know how to pay for his last year of college. Two days before classes started, the government informed him that it picked up the bill.

Jenkins, a kinesiology major and Navy veteran, said he applied for the post-9/11 GI Bill in May because his old GI Bill ran out. About 16 weeks after he applied, a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs officer informed him that he qualified for 100 percent of the new bill's benefits.

"I almost wanted to break out in tears," he said, adding that the payments came just in time to pay for school. "For me, it was almost like fate."

Other applicants were not as fortunate and did not get their payments on time. Because the number of applicants for new GI Bill benefits resulted in delayed government payments to veterans, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki announced an emergency payment plan for eligible veterans in a press release Sept. 30. The plan went into effect Oct. 2 and allows veterans to receive checks at regional offices or to make an online request for immediate funding.

"VA is adapting to meet the financial needs of our veteran students who are on campus," Shinseki said in the press release. "They should be focusing on their studies, not worrying about financial difficulties."

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Eric Shinseki
U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs

The payments are an advance of the bill's educational benefits, and the amount is deducted from future payments, according to the press release. Amounts veterans receive in emergency payments depend on their monthly educational benefits, with the maximum advance payment of \$3,000. According to VA, applications from about 25,000 veterans are currently being processed for education benefit payments under the bill.

According to the campus veteran affairs office, 103 student veterans are using military benefits. Stephanie Hules, veteran affairs of-

icer, declined to disclose the number of students receiving new GI Bill benefits. She said she couldn't say if any students were having problems with delayed payments.

Jenkins said filing an online application and waiting without knowing how much he would receive was time consuming. He said the old bill provided him with \$1,100 a month for three years, but the new bill would cover all his tuition costs, along with a housing and book allowance.

"The process took forever," Jenkins said. "I was kind of on top of it, but there's a lot of people who weren't."

The only holdup Jenkins experienced, a book allowance delay of a few weeks, occurred because of a direct deposit issue.

"I was one of the first ones to get it going, so fortunately by the time the semester began I was good to go," Jenkins said.

Josephine Schuda, a VA spokeswoman, said undetermined state budgets this summer held up schools sending enrollment certifications, which affected the payment process. She said the department hired about 800 people to help input data to process payments. She said the VA should have a new system to speed up the process by next year.

Editor-in-chief David Hall contributed to this report.

NEWS

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would also make more money available for students seeking Federal Perkins loans. Students who borrow funds through this program receive low interest rates and repay funds to their school, according to the site Student Aid on the Web.

The small step in savings, for financial aid, would come from eliminating the subsidy money currently paid to private lenders for their federally backed loans, Kantrowitz said. Any future increase in student aid funding would have to come from new money — tax dollars — because the government

would no longer guarantee private lender loans, he said.

"This is the last opportunity for Congress to increase student aid by taking money away from education lenders because (the act is) getting rid of the education lenders," Kantrowitz said.

In other words, the bill would remove the middle man between schools and the government in the Federal Perkins Loan program, Scott said.

Haley Chitty, director of communications at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, said Senate members are expected to introduce

their own version of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act in the near future. A similar bill passed in the House of Representatives on Sept. 17.

"It gets really complicated in terms of what's going to happen next," Chitty said. "You really need a crystal ball."

The deadline for Senate action was Thursday, but Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., budget committee chairman, told publishing company Congressional Quarterly that he doesn't expect delaying the bill to be a problem, according to a NASFAA press release.

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walking on campus Tuesday night, campus police said, declining to elaborate on where on campus the assault took place.

The woman told police the suspect approached her from behind while she walked outdoors by the 2900 block of South University Drive, according to an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A Fort Worth Police report the Skiff accessed electronically listed the location of the offense as "protected."

Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, spokesman for the Fort Worth Police Department, did not return a call Thursday seeking comment.

A Housing and Residence Life staff member, who asked to remain anonymous because she was not authorized to speak about the matter, said she was told by another staff member who had been briefed about the incident that the assault took place in front

of Sadler Hall.

Police described the suspect as a tall white man in his early 20s with straight blond hair and moles on the right side of his face.

The sexual assault is the third involving a student reported this semester. Campus police described the first two assaults as acquaintance rapes.

The recent sexual assault reports may just be a result of new students understanding the importance of reporting sexual assault, Christian said. Freshmen take an online sexual awareness presentation and talk about it at orientation, during the Connections program and in their residence halls.

Kirsty Glanvill, a freshman pre-business major, said she walked alone to her dorm Wednesday night.

"I had my guard up and was really aware because of the e-mails we have been getting," she said.

Glanvill said she usually feels safe when walking

alone at night but remains aware of her surroundings. She uses Froggie Five-0 when going far distances around campus.

Campus police are taking measures to make students feel comfortable at night, Christian said. Police have increased the hours of patrol officers and made them more visible on campus, she said.

Residence hall directors held meetings with their residents this week to tell them to avoid walking alone and to use the "blue light" telephones on campus in case of an emergency. Women were encouraged to use Froggie Five-0 and were reminded about the Rape Aggression Defense classes facilitated by campus police.

In addition, hall directors cautioned students against letting strangers into their buildings and propping doors open.

Managing editor
Julietta Chiquillo
contributed to this report.

CONSTRUCTION



Trucks, traffic cones and dirt piles make up the median landscape along University Drive on Wednesday. Harold Leeman, associate director for major projects, said the goal of the project is to make the median more attractive by adding more pavement for students to walk across and rose beds. "Generally we are making the median look more like TCU," Leeman said. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the month, Leeman said.

— Staff reporter Lauren Sullivan

ALBOM

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Nicole Garrison, a sophomore strategic communication major who attended the event, said the speech was relatable to the times we live in.

"I really liked how he compared all the religions but we're all connected with the faith," Garrison said.

Matt Dietrichson, representative for SGA, said the topic of faith is not an easy topic to talk about but that he liked Albom's

ideas about faith.

"He kind of focused on an all inclusive approach to faith," Dietrichson said.

Keri Cyr, communications coordinator for Student Development Services, said having Albom speak for the One Book, One TCU program was a compliment to the values campaign at the university.

Kelsie Johnson, student body president, said the One Book program has been a success and that SGA is planning more in the future.

Albom has also been involved in helping community homeless shelters.

One cause in particular was discovered on the way to a baseball game where members of a church were sleeping by snow-covered pews due to a hole in the roof.

Ten percent of the proceeds from his latest book will go to repair the hole in the roof of the Detroit church.

"You have to have a little faith and maybe we will figure it out ourselves," Albom said.

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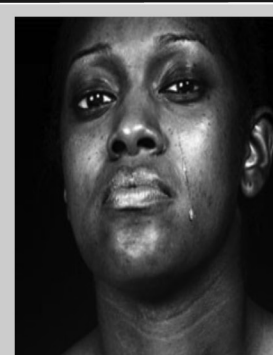
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The Skiff View

More promotion of lawyer's service needed

Universities have the ability to offer students valuable services that they would otherwise not have access to, but unfortunately many of these resources are overlooked by the student body.

One such resource on campus is Chuck Rowland, an attorney who provides free legal advice on campus every other Wednesday. So few people were using his services that the Student Government Association, which facilitated the free legal service, slashed his hours and his pay in half this year. Rowland used to come to campus once every week and was paid \$3,000 a semester, but as of two weeks ago, Rowland comes to campus once every two weeks and is paid \$1,500 a semester.

More students should be utilizing this service while it's available to them. Further, while it is understandable that SGA would want to save money because not many students are using the service, it needs to be more active in promoting it.

The money used to pay Rowland comes from the \$24 fee that every member of the student body must pay each semester. Every student is indirectly paying for Rowland's services, and SGA should let students know where their money is going so students can utilize the resources that SGA makes available to them.

Associate editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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

Reality TV a waste of potential, time



DANNY PETERS

Reality TV shows truly are the bane of our modern society. Have we as modern, mostly boring, humans reached the dénouement of our glorious civilization where we are now voyeuristically watching other pathetic humans going on about their daily lives? The fact that wastes like "K-Fed" and other social leeches now have their own shows because they were hanger-ons to a more famous and just as uninteresting celebrity is truly mind-boggling. It is also disturbing that people kill themselves slowly by watching these shows, and they do not even know it.

If I have to hear another dispute from the baby machine Kate Gosselin and her annoying soon-to-be-ex-husband, I fear I will have to commit Seppuku for lack of another alternative. The first time I saw my mother watching Jon and Kate's reality show, I thought to myself, "If Hollywood deems Jon and Kate's family life good enough for TV, why don't they come and film my daily bathroom routine? It's interesting enough with my shower, shave and



flexing in front of my mirror."

Society has lost the willpower to resist the various, mind-numbing reality TV shows that flood the airwaves. This decay of our minds is the result of the ever-decreasing quality of TV shows that Hollywood produces. We are no longer forced to think introspectively about what we are watching, but are now mindless zombies, drooling at the mouth like dogs.

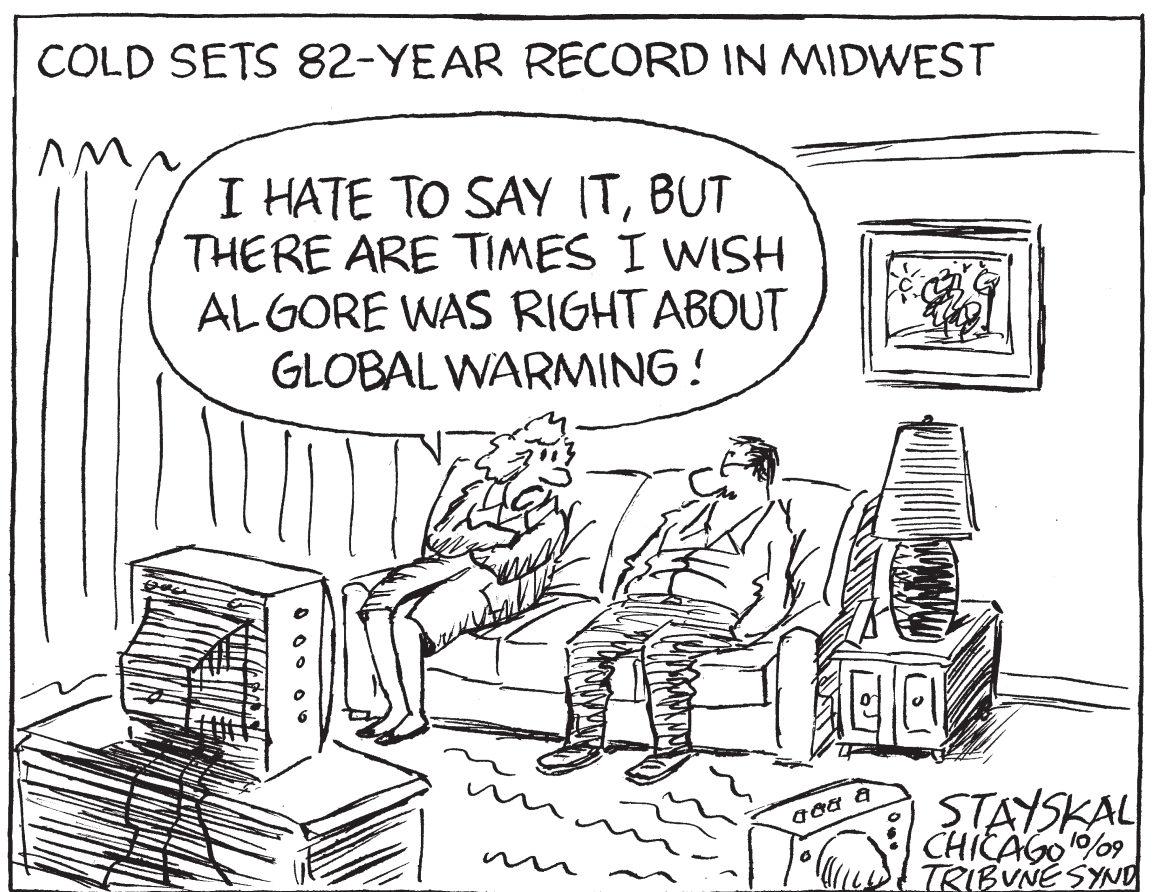
More importantly, I think the United States government and especially the CIA should replace waterboarding and other special interrogation tactics with reruns of American reality TV shows. The Taliban and other hostile forces would surely give up any pertinent information if they have to watch a loop of "Jon and Kate Plus Eight" or the infamous "The Hills." Reality TV as torture will put waterboarding and other "wussy" interrogation tactics to shame. Reality TV shows are legitimate torture, and waterboarding is child's play in comparison.



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Instead of occupying Iraq, we need to send our armed forces to occupy Hollywood studio sets to force them to produce legitimate TV shows instead of the mindless drivel that is currently clogging up the airwaves.

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Being bilingual is très bien



WYATT KANYER

Ronald Reagan once said, "By emphasizing the importance of a common language, we safeguard a proud legacy and help to ensure that America's future will be as great as her past."

To say that the language "legacy" in the United States is "proud" is a dangerously presumptuous statement.

A 2001 Gallup poll indicated that about 26 percent of United States' citizens speak a second language. When asked how important it was that U.S. citizens learn a second language, only 19 percent said it was essential. It can't be expected that all of the people in the U.S. have a burning desire to be bilingual, but the opposite shouldn't be a reality. Fifty percent of those polled said they thought it was important to learn a second language, but 12 percent said it was not important at all.

With a country as diverse as the U.S., most of the people should think it's important to engage in other languages.

The "legacy" Reagan mentioned is imperialism. To assume that we have the right to establish a "common language" is insensitive. There's a difference between understanding English and being able to speak it. An understanding is sufficient. In the same way, the United States as a whole should acquire an understanding of other languages.

Reagan struck out on one essential idea in his statement too: there are multiple "Americas." Citizens of South, Latin and Central America are called South, Latin and Central Americans. Therefore, it's quite a slap in the face to say that all "American" people should speak

English.

The average United States' citizen is trapped in a limited linguistic perspective. Some even call the Spanish language Mexican because they don't understand that more than Mexican people speak Spanish.

I started learning Spanish as a freshman in high school. I'm still a gringo, but by simply understanding it, I've been able to engage in its culture: the people, the history, the customs and everything else.

My hometown is an agricultural community in East Washington state. A significant percentage of the community is Hispanic, mostly Mexican. Because I could speak a second language, I could become acquainted with the people in the community. The knowledge I had of Spanish eventually led to a series of opportunities. I was able to interview Javier Lopez Ortiz, an artist from Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico, in Spanish for an article I wrote for the local newspaper.

I didn't have to teach myself the language; all I did was take classes in school and observe the culture around me. Additionally, it's not even necessary to become immersed in the language to understand it.

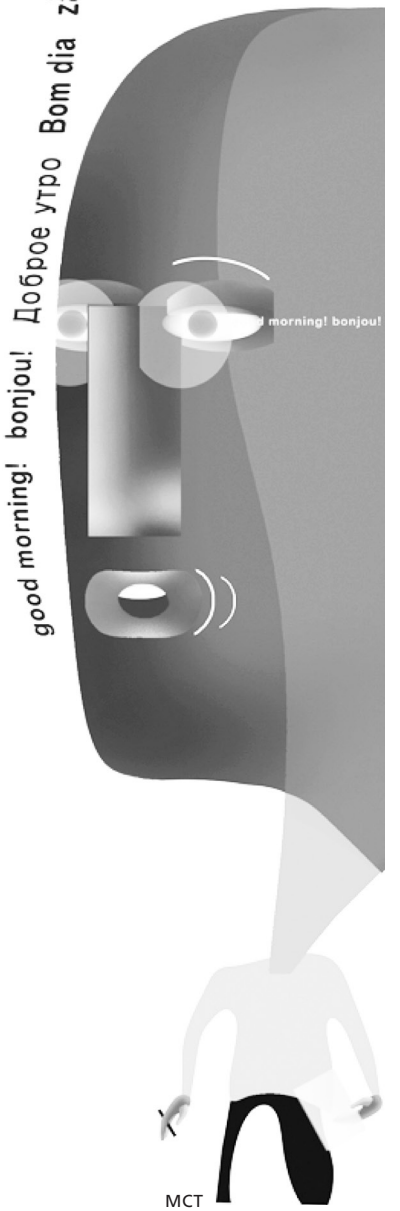
Spanish is one of the many languages spoken in the United States. According to the same 2001 Gallup poll, 55 percent of those who speak a second language in the U.S. speak Spanish, 17 percent speak French, 10 percent speak German, three percent speak Italian, 2 percent speak Chinese, and 13 percent speak another language. These numbers are promising, but with a national attitude like the one expressed in Reagan's statement, it's likely that those in the U.S. who speak another language are either immigrants or native speakers.

Understanding other languages brings more than a diverse cultural mind set. When people in the U.S. look back many years from now,

they should be able to say that the country emphasized multiple languages, which safeguarded a proud multilingual legacy, and helped ensure that the nation's future will be as great as her past.

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Changing your everyday routine fights mental stagnation



JUDITH SCHOMP

We are concluding the eighth week of classes for the Fall semester.

Fall break blessed us with a short three-day week, the football team has yet to do anything less than impress and the first round of tests are only memories. Whether it affects those with graduate school only a year away, those only months out of high school or anyone in between, the same schedule and inexorable pile of homework can leave many in a state of ennui.

Defined as a sensation of complete

exhaustion and dissatisfaction resulting from satiety or apathy, the same old routine quickly becomes the only way to live. Boredom mars the reality of goals and aspirations to the point that they are almost intangible.

How about shaking things up? Sure, you could try a Red Bull to get energized or Google "things to do when you're bored," but to break out of the monotonous, consistent everyday patterns, we must change to mend long-term ennui.

For example, watching late night comics can provide therapeutic remedies for the mundane. As is the case with talk show host Conan O'Brien and Mayor Cory Booker from Newark, N.J. A debate ensued when O'Brien called out the mayor's stomping grounds by saying the new healthcare program would consist of "a bus ticket out of Newark."

After two weeks of playful rep-

It may be halfway through the semester and many of us are on "cruise control" until the winter holidays, but I recommend a healthy dose of living vicariously through organized plans and spontaneous details.

arte, Booker has been booked to appear on "The Tonight Show" and finally lay to rest their enduring, heated argument. This is an example of a mayor with a little too much time on his hands that transformed into a great publicity boost for his city.

Alternately, too much time on hand and the monotony of everyday life molds destructive behavior. Take

for example the group of teenagers from Florida who could not comprehend the magnitude of their actions after setting fire to their own classmate a few days ago. The boy affected will spend the next five months in the hospital recovering from second-degree burns covering 80 percent of his body solely because of actions that might have been prevented had there not been a large margin of free time for those students.

Adolescent atrocities might occur out of the tendency to fall into destructive patterns when life becomes tedious, and some choices are utterly unacceptable. Positive or negative ends can stem out of repetitive means.

However, a clear and fresh perspective on school, relationships, and life in general is a road not too far traveled off the beaten path. Through motivation and persistence we can

achieve a long-standing objective, but the spices of life emerge through everyday detail. The key purpose to this idea is focus and incentive in pursuit of achievement.

To always have a smile, approach that impending paper from a new angle, or realistically assess a troubled relationship are keys to this pursuit. It may be halfway through the semester, and many of us are on "cruise control" until the winter holidays, but I recommend a healthy dose of living vicariously through organized plans and spontaneous details.

But of course, if you're really bored, you can always try sending a copy of your latest anthropology paper to Conan O'Brien for review and public comment.

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NEWS

Drills prep Californians for future quakes

By John Antczak
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — School children dove under tables in Los Angeles and sirens sounded in San Francisco on Thursday as California practiced how to survive a major earthquake.

"Drop, cover and hold on," dozens of fourth-graders chanted just before the announcement of a simulated earthquake sent them scurrying under tables at the California Science Center at 10:15 a.m.

At the same moment nearly 7 million other people up and down the state were expected to do the same while emergency agencies and hospitals began response drills and mass casualty exercises.

Medical personnel triaged mock victims at the University of Southern California Health Sciences Campus and the Los Angeles County Fire Depart-

ment practiced an evacuation of its headquarters and transfer of command to battalion chiefs using their vehicle radios as the primary means of radio dispatch.

A 70-person urban search and rescue unit began a day-long exercise at a county training site that can simulate collapsed structures.

Organizers said the statewide Great California ShakeOut was the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history. The first drill, held last year, focused on Southern California and drew 5.5 million participants.

People in San Francisco who were unaware the drill was beginning were startled when the city's emergency sirens reverberated through downtown.

On the campus of the Academy of Art University, dozens of students in a computer animation class pushed back from their desks and scrambled beneath them.

"This is an earthquake drill. Everyone please drop, cover and hold," the public address system announced.

The drill came just two days before the 20th anniversary of the magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta quake that struck the San Francisco Bay region in 1989, killing 63 people.

Art student Lisa Allen, who grew up in upstate New York, said was 4 at that time.

"I don't really realize the threat of earthquakes," Allen, 24, said just before the drill. "It's definitely good to practice. I don't really know what to do in an earthquake."

That's precisely the problem organizers of the ShakeOut said they were trying to address.

Many parts of California shake every day but it's been more than 15 years since millions of Californians experienced something like the 1994 Northridge earthquake, which caused 72 deaths, injured thou-



NICK UT / AP Photo
During this mock disaster exercise called the Great Southern California ShakeOut on Thursday in Los Angeles, mock victims are attended to by personnel in an earthquake drill.

sands and caused \$25 billion in damage to the Los Angeles region.

U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Lucy Jones, who crawled under a table along with a row of suited government officials at the science

center, asked the fourth graders if they had ever felt a big quake. "You haven't," she said. "Since you guys were born we haven't had a big earthquake in Southern California."

Jones noted in an interview that the problem goes well be-

yond children. Adults — if they went to school in California — may have practiced drop, cover and hold, but most have never done it, she said.

"What we are trying to do is get this in the adult consciousness in California," she said.



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Best Buy gives shoppers new avenue to gifts

By Mae Anderson
AP Retail Writer

Want that flat-panel TV or iPhone this holiday season but don't think Santa has enough cash to deliver? Group gifting may be the answer.

Best Buy introduced its new "Pitch In" card last weekend as one way to "group gift," and online sites, such as lolligift.com, offer a similar service.

At Best Buy, shoppers can sign up at store kiosks or online for the card, similar to a gift card (if you register online one will be mailed to you).

Then they can register online for gifts they want and send out a notice to interested parties, from friends to grandparents, via e-mail or social networking sites like Facebook.

Then gift-givers can sign up online to help pay for part of the items.

"It's a way to enable customers to get those items they can't buy for themselves," said Anne Platt, Best Buy senior director of marketing.

Though launched for the holidays, "Pitch In" cards are reusable and can be used for birthdays, graduation and other events.

The idea came after customers asked Best Buy for a registry, but the company wanted to improve on the tra-

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Anne Platt
Best Buy senior director of marketing

ditional registry formula. "It's hard to put large-ticket items on a registry list, but those are the things people want," Platt said.

While customers register for specific items, they're free to use whatever money friends and relatives contribute any way they want, and there's no expiration date on the card.

"The customer is totally in control," Platt said.



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Soccer looks to turn tables in Utah

By Andrea Bolt
Staff Reporter

After suffering a 2-1 overtime loss against Wyoming last week, the Horned Frogs will be fighting for a win in Provo, Utah Saturday against BYU.

BYU is currently ranked No. 11 in TopDrawerSoccer.com's weekly poll and brought a nine-game winning streak to the match against New Mexico on Thursday.

BYU has recorded seven shutouts this season, as well as beat both Utah and UNLV. The Cougars carry an 11-2-2 overall record and a 2-0-1 conference play record.

Cougar junior forward Kassidy Christensen-Shumway was named the Mountain West Conference Player of the Week on Monday. Christensen-Shumway garnered seven shots, an equalizer against San Diego State last week and the game-winner in BYU's win at UNLV on Oct. 8. Christensen-

Shumway has four goals and twenty-seven shots for the season.

Also a strong force on the Cougar offense is freshman forward Carlee Payne who has five assists for the season, as well as nine goals, making her the team's top scorer.

The Horned Frogs continue to outshoot their opponents. In their loss against the Wyoming Cowgirls, the Horned Frogs outshot the Cowgirls 11-2 in the second half, and 18-14 total. In ten of their 14 games this season, the Horned Frogs have outshot their opponents.

Sophomore forward Jordan Calhoun remains a force to be reckoned with on the offensive line. Calhoun is responsible for scoring eight goals and six assists, ranking her second in the MWC in assists, shots and shots-per-game.

Senior forward Lizzy Karoly was ranked fourth in the MWC with five goals and



Sophomore forward Kaylie Garcia chases after the ball during the game against Texas Tech on Sept. 4.

sophomore forward Kaylie Garcia sits at fifth place with two goals.

The Horned Frogs head into Saturday's match-up ranked No. 5 in the MWC with 26 goals and a 1.86 record of goals per game.

TCU vs. BYU
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: South Field, Provo, Utah

NCAA FOOTBALL

Virginia excitement starting with players

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Three games into the season, things were miserable at Virginia. The Cavaliers were winless, attendance at home games was the lowest it has been in a decade and it looked like a bye week could mark the end of coach Al Groh's tenure.

The only changes that came, though, were in the attitude of the players. Now Virginia appears energized, has won two straight and could be on one of its much-needed October rolls.

The turnaround started, linebacker Aaron Clark said, with a little player education.

"I think everybody made the decision within themselves at the same time that enough is enough and we need to turn it around," he said, and the changes needed to be across the board. "We've tried to change the energy of the team during practice and make them understand that you've got to practice in order to win and you've got to get out there and compete against your teammates to even give you a chance to compete against other opponents."

In a season with only 12 games, Clark and Virginia's five other captains also decided that the Cavaliers needed to act excited, instead of seeming anxious before a game.

Beginning at North Carolina, where the Cavaliers (2-3, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) ended their early-season skid, the locker room before games has become supercharged.

That the Cavaliers put together their best showing in several

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Al Groh
Virginia head coach

seasons, taking control early and beating the Hoosiers 47-7, ensures that the hooting and hollering will continue.

Even better, he said, it has carried over onto the field.

"I think you could just see it in the excitement in the last game," Clark said with a wide smile. "When plays were made, the entire sideline would erupt. And after the game, being in the locker room, it was a very contagious and energetic environment. It's been the kind of football you dream about playing and being around the past two weeks. It's been amazing."

Virginia has won 11 of its last 12 games in October, so it is no stranger to starting a season slowly and then finding its stride. Clark hopes he's experiencing another streak.

So does Groh, who would love to see his 'Mr. October' credentials enhanced again.

"I think the players feel positive about themselves concerning what they've done the last few weeks, and they can see themselves getting better," he said.

MLB

Yost: Astros 'can definitely be a contender again'

By Chris Duncan
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Ned Yost says he knows how to turn around the Houston Astros.

The former Milwaukee Brewers manager met with the team on Thursday, the third candidate to interview to become Houston's skipper next season.



Yost

The Astros plan to interview a total of 10 candidates, including former manager Phil Garner. San Diego Padres hitting coach

Randy Ready met with the team later Thursday.

Houston is looking for a successor to Cecil Cooper, who was fired on Sept. 21. Dave Clark, who was named interim manager when Cooper was relieved, and minor-league coordinator Al Pedrique interviewed on Wednesday.

A former catcher, Yost was the Atlanta Braves' bullpen coach under Bobby Cox from 1991-98 and the Braves' third-base coach from 1999-2002. He said he would apply lessons learned from Cox in fixing the Astros, who went 74-88 in 2009.

"The Atlanta Braves were in last place for years and years

before I got there," Yost said. "Being a part of a staff that got 12 consecutive division championships, I saw how Bobby did it. I watched how to go about it."

Ready, 49, became the Padres' hitting coach in July when Jim Lefebvre was fired. He was managing the Padres' Triple-A affiliate in Portland.

Previously, Ready managed a team in the New York-Penn League and Single-A and Double-A teams in the Padres' organization. Ready acknowledged his lack of big-league experience, but tried to convince the Astros' brass that he was worth the gamble.

"Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa, Lou Piniella, Joe Torre — they had to get a start somewhere," Ready said. "Someone took a chance on them and look where they are today. I think my time is now."

Yost was fired by Milwaukee in September 2008, after the Brewers lost 11 of 14 games and a 5½-game lead in the wild-card race.

He took over the Brewers in 2003, after Milwaukee won only 56 games the previous season. The Brewers finished

with winning records in Yost's final two seasons — and rallied to earn the wild card after he was relieved.

Yost compared the Astros to this year's Colorado Rockies, who started 18-28 this season, replaced manager Clint Hurdle with Jim Tracy and rallied to make the playoffs.

"A different voice can make a difference in their style of play," Yost said. "That's important."

Yost thinks the Astros are one good starting pitcher away from becoming a winner again. He said Houston's success next season depends heavily on the health of ace Roy Oswalt, who sat out the last three weeks of the season with a bulging back disk.

Yost sees a solid offensive foundation in the Astros' starting outfield — Carlos Lee, Michael Bourn and Hunter Pence — even though the Astros ranked 27th in runs scored in 2009.

"I don't think nine holes they have to fill," Yost said. "I think it's a couple of key spots and they can definitely be a contender again."

FOOTBALL

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tackles this season.

"(Hughes) is certainly a talented young man, so we will have to know where he is and be cognizant of the down and distance," Fairchild said.

Offensively for TCU, senior running back Joseph Turner and junior quarterback Andy Dalton have each accounted for six of their six meetings with the Rams, including the past five touchdowns. Turner has carried the ball 69 times for 376 yards and Dalton has completed 78 of 119 passes for 1012 yards.

Since Saturday's game is the first home game in Mountain West Conference play, Patterson

said it would present a new set of challenges.

"Once you get into conference play, everyone has seen what you do and how you do it," he said. "You can fool (opponents) once, but after you have played them you aren't going to be able to fool good coaches again."

Last season TCU beat CSU 13-7 in Fort Collins, Colorado. The Horned Frogs have won five of their six meetings with the Rams, including the past five meetings.

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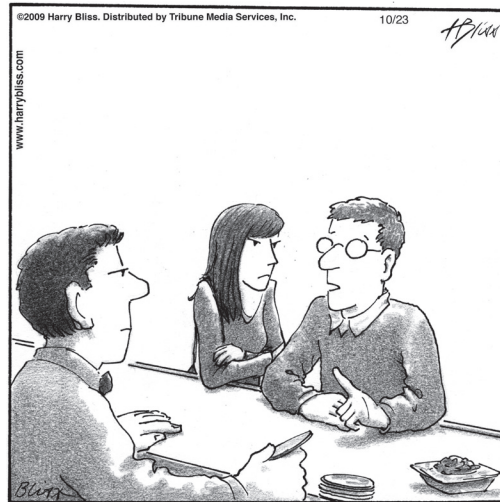
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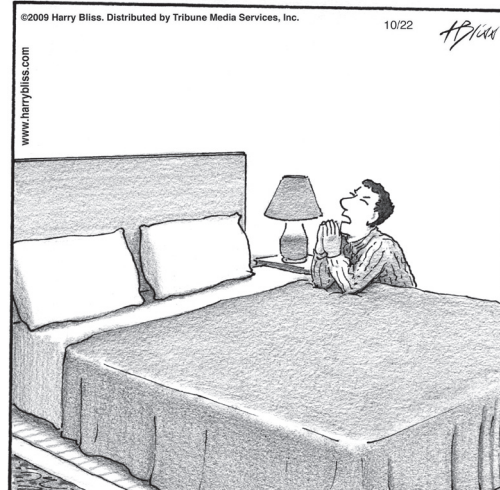
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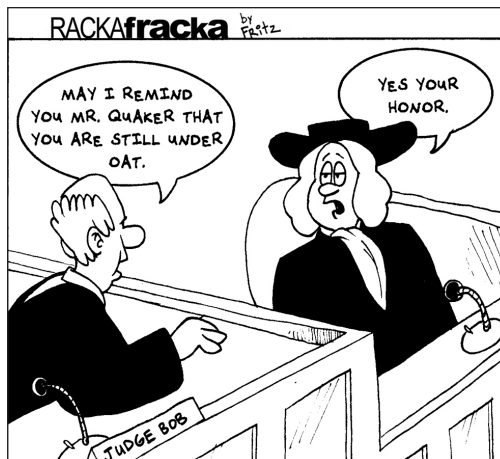
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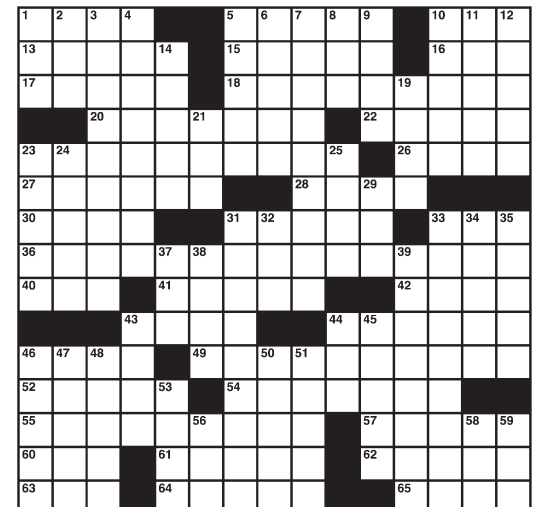
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- 13 "In other words ..."
- 15 Decide to participate
- 16 "You stink!"
- 17 Oktoberfest dance
- 18 Seat for eating scallopine?
- 20 Speaker's stand
- 22 Blue Cross competitor
- 23 Tool for a dueling snake?
- 26 Home of the witch who melted
- 27 Earth tones
- 28 Newspaper ad meas.
- 30 Sainted fifth-century pope
- 31 Playfully
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- 36 What Tarzan became after years of swinging?
- 40 Half and half
- 41 Madison's neat roomie
- 42 Bottom-line negative
- 43 Sykora of the NHL
- 44 "The Tempest" king
- 46 Facts and figures
- 49 Egotistical describer of laws of motion?
- 52 Month for fools?
- 54 Uranium-238, e.g.
- 55 Paleontologist's ski resort discoveries?
- 57 "Au contraire!"
- 60 Nest egg item, briefly
- 61 Cheri of "SNL"
- 62 Firestone Country Club city
- 63 Arch site; Abbr.
- 64 Passover meal
- 65 Home of the witch buried under a fallen house



By Dan Naddor

10/16/09

DOWN

- 1 Chill in the air
- 2 Latin 101 verb
- 3 Texting device
- 4 View from Cleveland
- 5 Shack
- 6 "The Barber of Seville," e.g.
- 7 Represents
- 8 Zilch
- 9 Peruvian ancestor
- 10 Taper off
- 11 Tender beef cuts
- 12 Sacha Baron Cohen title character
- 14 Mother-of-pearl
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- 21 Atlanta-based sta.
- 23 Saab competitor
- 24 Trap during a winter storm, maybe
- 25 Prefix with distant
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 46 Lincoln's Confederate counterpart
- 47 Separately
- 48 Court case
- 50 Grenoble's river
- 51 Boot camp negative
- 53 Debt-laden corp. takeovers
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SPORTS



Will the Frogs continue their undefeated streak toward the BCS? News, recaps and reactions from Saturday's game. Tuesday

FOOTBALL

RAM JAM



Senior tailback Joseph Turner breaks through defenders and runs for a first down against Air Force last Saturday.

CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

FOOTBALL

Frog center was natural at start

By Justin White
News Now Reporter

When Blake Schlueter graduated, Horned Frog fans worried that his replacement would not be as successful. But senior Jake Kirkpatrick filled the void and more. All it took was one year of high school football.



Kirkpatrick

Kirkpatrick said he transferred to Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler his senior year because his private school growing up did not have a football team.

"My parents weren't too happy about it," Kirkpatrick said. "They didn't think it was a good idea."

Although it was his first time to play football, he earned the starting tackle job. In fact, he was good enough to earn a home visit from TCU head coach Gary Patterson. During the visit, Kirkpatrick said Patterson offered him a scholarship.

"I was new to the whole recruiting process, especially football," he said. "But I was excited. Very excited."

Kirkpatrick described his role as center as a full-time job. He constantly receives advice from coaches and former players to help him deal with any pressure.

"There's always going to be people saying stuff," he said.

"But all we can do is go out there and do what we know how to do and work hard."

Kirkpatrick said he sometimes wonders how his life would be different if he never transferred to Robert E. Lee High School. He said he most likely would have enrolled at Texas A&M University like the rest of his family, but is glad he chose TCU.

"I wouldn't have met my wife and I wouldn't have got to play football," he said.

After getting married during the summer, he started adjusting to his new life.

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Jake Kirkpatrick
senior center

He said living with his wife is a little different than living with former roommates quarterback Andy Dalton and tight end Evan Frosch.

"My wife Callie is a little neater than they are," he said.

Kirkpatrick is pursuing a degree in entrepreneurial management, but hopes to play football professionally after he graduates. Maybe, once again, one year of starting will be enough to make it to the next level.

Rams' speed presents pass threat

By Chris Blake
Staff Reporter

The No. 8 ranked Horned Frog football team will continue its quest to bust the BCS on Saturday when the Colorado State Rams come to Fort Worth.

TCU is 5-0, its best start since 2003, and coming off a 20-17 win in below-freezing temperatures at the Air Force Academy last Saturday. Colorado State started the season 3-0, but

has dropped three straight games, including Saturday's 24-17 loss to Utah.

In his weekly press conference on Tuesday, head coach Gary Patterson said the Colorado State offense will pose a threat to the Frogs because the Rams do a good job beating defenses deep down the field.

"We will have to stop the run, but also keep enough (players) back so we can help double-cover guys running vertical routes," Patterson said.

"That makes for a tough match-up."

The Rams' offense features two receivers with more than 300 yards through the air. Senior Rashaun Greer has 22 catches for 436 yards and fellow senior Dion Morton has 17 receptions for 344 yards and four touchdowns.

On the ground, junior running back Leonard Mason leads the Rams with 493 yards on 100 carries. Head coach Steve Fairchild said the TCU defense could cre-

ate a tough match-up.

"They are fast and have great team speed," Fairchild said. "They know their scheme and get lined up right and know their technique and assignments almost perfectly every time."

The Horned Frog defense is led by defensive end Jerry Hughes. Hughes has made seven and a half tackles for a loss, six sacks and 27 total

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Sports Editors' spat: Who will get the win in Saturday's game?

Frogs should blow past Rams despite good start



TRAVIS L. BROWN

TCU's final test in conference, this side of BYU, comes to Fort Worth this weekend in a trail of green and gold. A traditionally bad Colorado State team has put together a fairly good season this year with three non-conference wins, including an upset over in-state rival, the University of Colorado.

In a terrible weather game last year, the Frogs narrowly beat the Rams 13-7.

The Rams even gave Utah a run for their money last week, leading the entire game until Utah was able to come back and take the game in the fourth

quarter.

None of this, however, should phase the Frogs this Saturday.

The Frogs come into the game with the seventh best defense in the nation, and should have no trouble stopping the Ram offensive attack.

This year, Colorado State has leaned more toward the pass, throwing for an average of 249 yards per game. Despite the Frogs' apparent weakness in the defensive secondary, they come into the match 22nd in the nation in pass defense allowing 101.19 yards per game, which is well under the Rams' 249 yards per game passing average.

Beyond the numbers, the Frogs are finally clicking. Somehow, through snow and freezing temperatures, the Frogs finally came together and played well on both sides of the ball last Saturday. Take away a

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couple of ill-timed turnovers and the close match in Colorado Springs becomes a rout for the Frogs.

The Frogs finally won't have any weather issues to deal with, and they will also have the home crowd behind them to build momentum in a blowout game that will propel the Frogs into Provo for the biggest challenge in their BCS buster saga.

Travis L. Brown is a news-editorial journalism major from Dallas.

Passing attack is the Rams only chance



MATT L. STEPHENS

The Colorado State football team will be playing with a lot of emotion Saturday at TCU for no other reason than the desire to not lose four consecutive games.

While their first 3-0 start since 1994 — the season in which the Rams went to the Holiday Bowl — felt like an epic beginning to what seemed to be a blockbuster season, three consecutive losses have resulted in a lackluster downturn in Fort Collins. Things won't get any easier for CSU this week-

end when facing the Horned Frogs, who tout one of college football's best defenses. For the Rams to have a shot in this one, they're going to need senior quarterback Grant Stucker to have a consistent passing game. Stucker, who's ranked second in the Mountain West for passing yards, was appearing to finally hit his stride in the Rams' losses against BYU and Idaho, throwing for nearly 700 yards, six touchdowns against three picks. But he took an unfortunate step backward against Utah last week when his touchdown to interception ratio was 1 to 3 — all of which were to the Utes' Robert Johnson.

It has to be about the air attack on Saturday.

And while Stucker needs to be consistent, so does senior wide receiver Rashaun Greer, who has been anything but Biletnikoff-worthy in 2009. While he may lead

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the Rams in receiving yards, he also seems to have a bit of Terrell Owens syndrome, leading them in dropped passes — at least four of which were guaranteed touchdowns.

The Rams have proved that they can play with the MWC's elite, but whether or not they can win is another question — one that CSU will have its chance to answer on Saturday.

Matt L. Stephens is the sports editor for the Rocky Mountain Collegian.

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