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Spokeswoman says Baylor 'goofed'

By Chance Welch
Staff Reporter

Baylor University's controversial offer of a \$300 bookstore credit to incoming freshmen to retake the SAT is something TCU would never allow, several university officials said.

Earlier this month, Baylor's student

newspaper, The Lariat, reported that members of its incoming class who retook the SAT over the summer were being paid \$300 in bookstore credit.

Ray Brown, TCU dean of admissions, said the incentive program was a misuse of testing because freshmen who retook the test were already admitted and didn't need to take another test to get in. Brown said

the program was a way to drive up the U.S. News & World Report's college ranking.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, wrote in an e-mail that there has never been a proposal at TCU for an incentive program like the one at Baylor.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications for Baylor, said the school's

intention was to help applicants get more merit scholarships, but admits the university "goofed" when it came to awarding bookstore credit.

Fogleman said Baylor allowed admitted students to retake the tests up until the first day of classes for either semester until 2006,

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Student Government Elections

SGA has added another information session for students interested in running for office in order to make the upcoming elections more competitive, said Joey Parr, chair of the elections and regulations committee.

Parr said students interested in running for president, vice president, treasurer or programming council chair should attend the Candidate Orientation Session today at 7 p.m. in the Student Organizations offices of the Brown Lupton University Union.

TOP 10 MOVIES

(millions of dollars)

1	Max Payne	\$18
2	Beverly Hills Chihuahua	11.2
3	The Secret Life of Bees	11.1
4	W.	10.6
5	Eagle Eye	7.3
6	Body of Lies	6.9
7	Quarantine	6.3
8	Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist	3.9
9	Sex Drive	3.6
10	Nights in Rodanthe	2.7

—Associated Press



Read about the men's basketball team's first practice of the season. Sports, page 8

PECULIAR FACT

MORGAN, Utah — A Utah sheriff's office has found that it shouldn't underestimate the golf cart as a getaway car.

A suspect in a souped-up cart managed to elude officers who pursued him last month through an alfalfa field — but only for a while. He was arrested the next day at his grandmother's house.

— Standard Examiner

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HIT THE BOOKS



Sara Neal, a sophomore English major, studies for a Spanish quiz before class in Beasley Hall on Monday.

JASON FOCHTMAN / Staff Photographer

Social justice awareness goal of concert

By Jessica Reho
Staff Reporter

TCU's own Tim Halperin and other musical artists will be performing today in the Campus Commons to increase awareness and raise funds for global social justice.

The TCU chapter of Amnesty International, campus organization Invisible Children and TOMS shoes have come together to host "Invisible Soles Event of Justice," a social justice concert event, in the hopes of increasing visibility on campus and energizing the student population into action, said Alexis Branaman, a junior international communications and strategic communication major.

Branaman, president of the TCU chapter of Amnesty International, said the university has a wide variety of social justice groups that aren't necessarily widely known. She said she has teamed up with several of these groups, from both on and off campus, to work to change this.

The event will feature live music from Matt Cliff, Matt Meyer, Tim Halperin and the J.Walkers.

Students will also have the opportunity to shop with TOMS shoes, Invisible Children and other vendors committed to social justice, said Dani Folks, vice president of Amnesty International and a senior social work and anthropology major.

Erin Griffin, president of Invisible Chil-

dren and junior entrepreneurial management major, said all funds raised through Invisible Children T-shirt sales and donations will go directly to Pabbo Secondary School, TCU Invisible Children's partner school in Northern Uganda. Pabbo educates children from the largest internally displaced persons camp in Northern Uganda, she said. Pabbo is also supported by the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas at Arlington, Griffin said.

For every pair of TOMS shoes bought at the event, a pair will be donated to a child in need, said Kim Jones, a sophomore art education major and TCU representative with TOMS shoes.

According to the TOMS Web site, since its beginning in May 2006, TOMS has given more than 10,000 pairs of shoes to children in Argentina and 50,000 pairs in South Africa. In 2008, TOMS plans to give 200,000 pairs of shoes to children in need around the world.

Amnesty International held a concert last fall as part of its "Week of the Missing," an event which educated students on prisoners of conscious, or people imprisoned for their beliefs, as well as Amnesty International's ongoing efforts to have them released, Branaman said. Conversations between Branaman and best friend Griffin led, she said, to this "now sprawling social justice event."

"This is an opportunity for questions,

Invisible Soles Event of Justice

What: Social Justice Concert
When: Today 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: TCU Campus Commons

for discussions and a time to light a fire for justice in the hearts of our students at TCU," Branaman said. "I believe that countless students are searching for something to be impassioned by, something to get behind. We are giving them an opportunity to find a cause at the event for justice."

Frogs for Fair Trade and off-campus organizations Falling Whistles, Esther Havens Photography and Wishing Well Africa are also scheduled to attend, Griffin said. The groups will make presentations between the music transitions and will have tables set up all day to promote awareness and give students a chance to get involved, she said.

Folks said she hopes the event will inspire students to become more educated on social injustices.

"We never imagined it would blossom into something so big," she said. "We want TCU to get excited about becoming part of the change."

The Invisible Soles Event of Justice will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Campus Commons. Admission is free.

Kroger in talks to buy Albertson's

Retail chain may turn store into mixed-use building

By Rose Baca
Staff Reporter

Retail food chain Kroger is interested in turning the Albertsons on the northwest corner of University Drive and Devitt Street into a mixed-use grocery store and residential housing development, a representative for the chain said.

Kroger is still in discussions with the landowners and have yet to finalize any plans concerning the property, said Rebecca King, consumer affairs manager with Kroger.

"We absolutely have an interest in this area," King said. "We're always looking for great locations for new Kroger stores."

David Schroeder, development project coordinator for the city of Fort Worth, said Savannah Developers, the developers of the project, submitted preliminary plans to the city in early this month.

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NAACP

Organization close to being reinstated as official chapter

By Logan Wilson
Staff Reporter

The university's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter is one member away from being reinstated in the national organization's college network, an officer in the group said.

Dominique Akins, vice president and treasurer of the university's NAACP chapter, said the chapter, which was founded in 2004, hasn't been officially recognized by the NAACP Youth and College Division since 2006 because of low membership.

The group aims to serve as the voice for all students at the university and to break down racial barriers that may arise, according to its mission statement.

Gary Briggs, a junior political science major who served as president last year, said a college chapter is considered to be in compliance when membership reaches 25.

Briggs said when this year's freshmen become active members, the group should have no problem meeting that qualification.

"The freshman class just came in ready to go — so active," Briggs said. "They haven't become members immediately, but they come to the meetings every other Tuesday and they're really active, so we have the potential to become a very strong chapter well above 25 members."

Krystal Upshaw, president of the university's NAACP chapter, said one reason interest has increased this year is the group is more structured and organized. When the founding members graduated, interest and involvement declined, and Briggs basically

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SCHIEFFER SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Director candidate says still a need for journalists

By Brian Smith
Staff Reporter

Although some believe that journalism is on its deathbed, certain inevitable truths regarding human nature will keep journalism alive and healthy in the future, a Detroit Free Press editor said Monday during a campus visit.

Caesar Andrews, a finalist for the Schieffer School of Journalism's open director position and the executive editor for the Detroit paper, said it is human nature not only to want information, but also to look to experts who can interpret what that information means. Andrews said that although the newspaper business revenue has fallen during the past few years, the industry still generates \$55 billion per year in revenue.

The Schieffer School has selected Andrews as a finalist for the school's director position. Journalism professor John Tisdale took over as interim director after the founding director, Tommy Thomason, resigned from the position in March.

Andrews has worked in journalism for almost 30 years. He has held senior positions at Gannett Suburban Newspapers in White Plains, N.Y., and USA Today, among others. He also served as an editor-in-residence for a year at his alma mater, Grambling State University. In addition, Andrews served six years on the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

In order to keep journalism alive as a profession, Andrews

said journalism schools must adapt to digital demands. Getting students acclimated to new digital forms of media is essential to keeping journalism alive, Andrews said.

"It's not just an awareness of digital trends, and it's not just the purchase of certain equipment," Andrews said. "It is really creating a fluency as it relates to the digital options for telling stories."

However, Andrews said he believes the most important aspect of a successful journalism organization is its ability

"It is very important to carve out the particulars that make sense for your program."

Caesar Andrews
executive editor of the Detroit Free Press

to understand its audience.

"Ultimately, it's not about the technology ... that is just the means of getting someplace," Andrews said. "But the content, still, makes all the difference in the world."

Andrews said even before recent staff and budget cuts that have hit most newspapers, it was difficult to have a "workable strategy for covering all the things that we wanted to cover."

"It's virtually impossible to do A to Z anymore," Andrews said. "It is very important to carve out the particulars that make sense for your program."

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when the new chief financial officer added a testing deadline of Feb. 15. Fogleman said since then prospective students had expressed concerns that later testing dates had been a barrier from them qualifying for additional merit scholarships, and in the spring of 2008, the university saw there was merit aid still available.

Baylor extended the deadline for submitting SAT scores in mid-May to include the last national testing day, June 7, after high school seniors had already graduated, Fogleman said. The enrollment management committee decided to offer the \$300 bookstore credit to motivate students to retake the test, Fogleman said. If the students' scores improved by 50 points or more, they would receive a \$1,000 merit scholarship, but in some cases, the students improved so much that they moved into another scholarship category, Fogleman said.

"In hindsight, we really regret having the cash incentive for students to retake the SAT this summer, and we understand the criticism of the action," Fogleman said. "We won't again offer any cash incentive for students to retake the SAT."

A member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Baylor is being investigated to determine whether there was a violation of the organization's Statement of Principles of Good Practice, said Scott Anderson, chair of the NACAC Admission Practices Committee. He said the investigation will be confidential despite its high-profile nature.

"In reference to the discussion we have seen here, I think NACAC members are right to debate the use and misuse of standardized testing, especially in light of the testing commission's recent report," Anderson wrote in an e-mail. "As for potential SPGP violations, please know the process we have in place is designed to handle all allegations in the same manner: thoughtfully, deliberately, and quietly."

Georgia Green, professor of music education and chair of the faculty senate for Baylor, said she was surprised when she first found out about the program in June. The faculty senate passed a resolution to decry the program and to suggest it be discontinued. Even if the students were to improve their SAT grades and receive the scholarships, Green said the practice is wrong.

"If it is true that what Baylor did is a violation of anybody's code of ethics, then that's obviously very serious for our university," Green said. "That's something that no one would want for Baylor, and I would hope that the administration would take whatever steps needed to be taken to correct that."

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According to the preliminary plans submitted to the city, the building will be five stories high, have retail space on the ground floor and 164 two- and four-bedroom housing units on the upper four floors. The concept plan shows a pool, a clubhouse and a parking structure, which will be integrated into the south side of the building.

Schroeder said the developers have met with the zoning and city staff to go over the requirements and guidelines necessary for the project.

"They're pretty far along with their planning," Schroeder said.

Jennifer Vroman, director of public affairs for Albertsons, said at this time Albertsons does not have any plans to close the store, but it does have a leasing contract with the property owners.

"So just like any location where land is leased there is always a chance that it will be renegotiated," Vroman said.

Vroman would not release the expiration date of the lease contract, but she said the lease

is fairly long term and does not expire for the next several months.

John Davis, a member of the executive committee for the Bluebonnet Hills Neighborhood Association, where the Albertsons store is located, said most of the residents in the area have negative views about the proposed building.

The increase in density living and the amount of traffic the building would generate would change the area dramatically, Davis said.

"The density would just be horrendous," Davis said.

Several neighbors are worried the proposed plan might remove a barrier on the west side of the Albertsons store on Rogers Avenue, which was created to decrease traffic within the neighborhood, Davis said.

As long as the building fits within the mixed-use zoning of the area there is not much the neighborhood can do about it, Davis said.

"But it's something we just haven't explored enough yet," Davis said.

Savannah Developers, the project builders, could not be reached for comment on the proposed plans.

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had to restart the organization with no one to guide him, she said.

"This year we have a structure in place, and we all get along and know each other," Upshaw said.

She said more than 25 people regularly attend meetings and participate in events, however only 24 have paid dues, which is required of active members.

The reason for this, Upshaw said, is that students don't recognize the benefits of official membership.

Briggs and Akins said one of the biggest perks of being recognized by the NAACP's college division is the campus organization will be able to receive funding from the national organization as well as from the university's Student Government Association.

Upshaw said another important benefit is the opportunity to attend the national organization's events.

"We'll be able to participate in local, regional and national conventions," Upshaw said.

Briggs said the university's NAACP chapter isn't well known outside the minority community, and he hopes by reaching compliance,

students will be more aware of the group and what it does on campus.

One of the group's main focuses is getting freshmen involved, Akins said.

"We really try to reach out to incoming freshmen, to ease them in and to show them what resources are available to them," Akins said.

There has also been a focus on the election, Briggs said.

"Voting and the election is the key issue in 2008," Briggs said. "Last year we hosted presidential informationals, we registered people to vote, which is huge, and we stressed the importance of voting."

The group has also hosted forums on issues such as homelessness and the African versus black divide, he said.

Both Briggs and Akins said one misconception about the group is it is only for black people.

"We've been striving to open it up to everyone, and we want it to be really diverse," Akins said.

Briggs said the NAACP provides students with the opportunity to be active on campus and to meet people with similar views and goals.

Editor's note: Krystal Upshaw is a Skiff reporter.

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The Skiff View

Baylor’s attempt to up rankings unethical

The university may have agreed to discount items at the bookstore after a Horned Frog victory, but until recently Baylor University was giving a bookstore break for something with a bit more baggage. Baylor offered a \$300 bookstore credit to incoming freshmen to retake the SAT during the summer. Baylor gives students who improve their score by 50 points or more a \$1,000 merit scholarship. Lori Fogleman, director of media communications for Baylor, admitted that this was not one of Baylor’s shining moments, and said Baylor only had good intentions in hopes of increasing merit scholarships for students. However, TCU administrators don’t see any silver lining in Baylor’s actions. Dean of admissions Ray Brown said the effort to drive up student scores was, in his opinion, a way to drive up college rankings. Baylor’s bookstore-credit incentive program was shut down after the university received criticism nationwide on the practice. Baylor is also being investigated by the National Association for College Admission Counseling to determine whether the school violated the organization’s code of ethics. TCU students can find solace in the knowledge that they would never be asked to “try to be smarter.” Having students retake SAT scores to drive university rankings upward is a practice that should never be condoned, least of all by a prestigious private institution such as Baylor, and it was caught red-handed. TCU students and, more importantly, university officials, are perfectly content with SAT scores students earned before they were admitted to college.

Multimedia editor Allie Brown for the editorial board.
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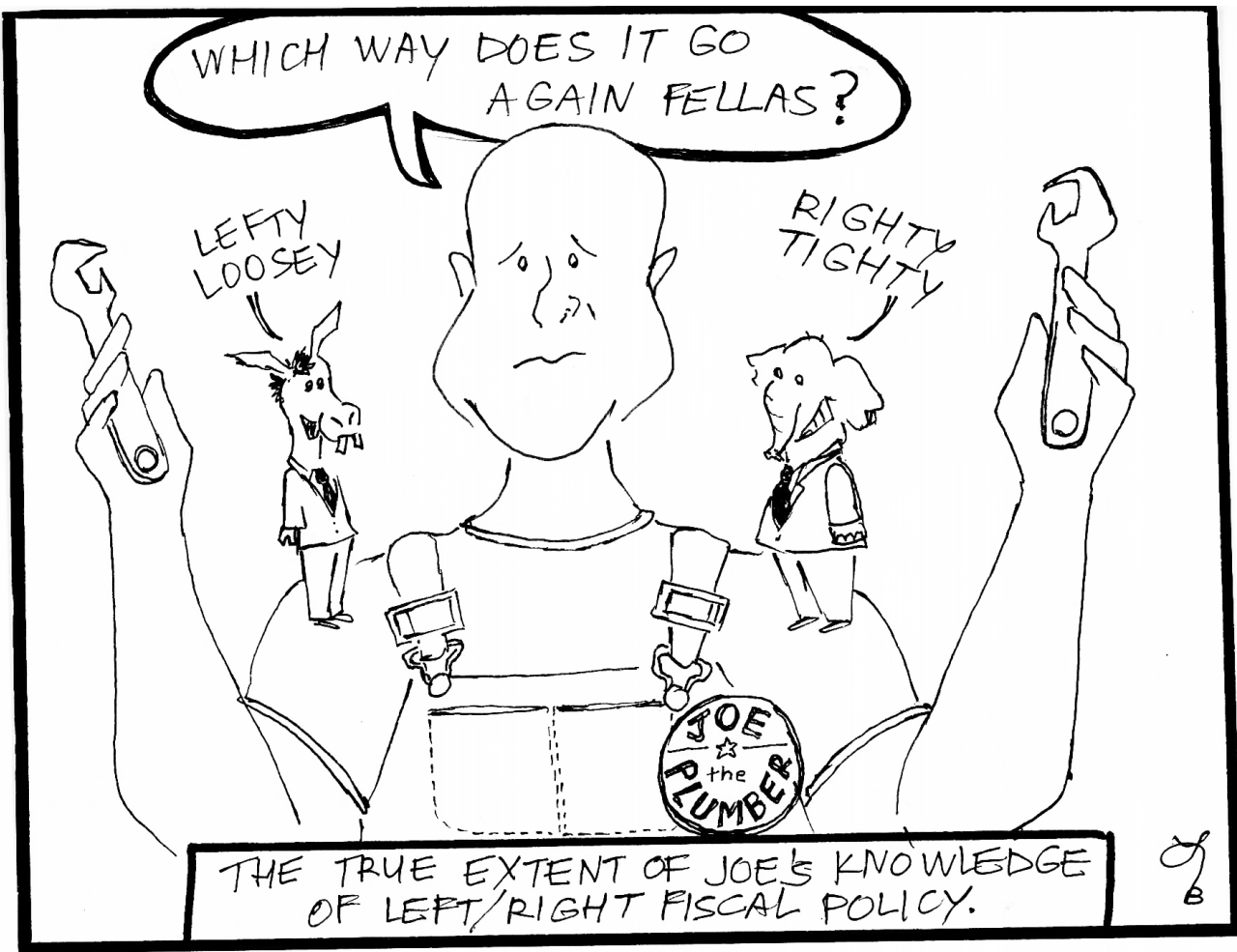
Presidential debates end with nothing said



If you had the misfortune of setting time aside to watch the three presidential debates and could actually pick out a policy or plan that either candidate supported, then I applaud you. The three debates were nothing more than chances for the two candidates to size one another up, all while hurling insults back and forth and stumbling over their proposed plans for America’s future. All the debates showed me was that both were fighting for the common man. The first presidential debate was rather tame by this election’s standards. Sure, the mudslinging has been going on, and the smear campaigns were common knowledge, but the two candidates did their best to put on a real debate. Somewhat. After introductions and other formalities, the two got right to it, locking horns and crying shenanigans on the other’s political plans and policies. When the \$700 billion bailout plan was discussed, Barack Obama blamed the Bush administration and all of the Republican Party for the failing economy. John McCain would have none of this and lashed out at what he said was Obama’s delightful \$800 billion spending plan for the near future, while Obama countered with what his campaign says is McCain’s \$300 billion in tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy. While the bickering over who had the bigger economic plan continued, the clock slowly ticked on, and my brain cells slowly committed seppuku to counter the apathy. Next on the agenda came defense and because McCain served in combat once upon a time, by golly, he knows what he is talking about. After shouting down Obama for wanting to meet with leaders of nations on our black list, McCain proposed a league of democracies to keep bad guys in check. Imagine the Justice League with an unlimited budget and voracious spending ability. Obama, still in his child-like fantasy realm, declared only by peaceful negotiations can sanctions be imposed. It’s akin to politely asking a rabid dog to stop biting your face. To end the debate, both candidates talked about the energy crisis we have here in the U.S. McCain proposes shifting our focus from foreign oil, digging up Alaska and the coast to plunder oil in our own territory, driving prices down. He also wants to focus more on nuclear energy, calling for more plants to be built. Obama agreed with McCain’s plan, but

being the one-upper he is, decided to throw in solar and wind power for good measure. And this was only the first debate. The next two debates followed similar styles: McCain and Obama shake hands, then walk to opposite sides of stage. McCain blasts Obama for having connections with terrorists. Obama rails Old Man for being old fashioned, belittles terrorist connections, then talks about his magical money fountain and how all of his expensive plans are attainable, and no one will be taxed any more than they are now. In the second debate, the same questions were asked, and the same answers given. The only difference appeared to be the debate location, and the new and exciting insults hurled at one another. If anyone still cared at this point, there was yet another debate. The third and final debate ultimately declared a winner, and had one candidate pull so far ahead of his opponent that he dropped out of the race. Just kidding. The third debate had Old Man McCain blasting Obama’s 40-year-old connection to an aging hippie terrorist. Obama then declared that McCain was nothing more than George Bush the Third. After several brief mentions of their economic, social, political strategies (all taken from their last debates), McCain brought up the story of his good friend, Joe the Plumber, not to be confused with Mario. Apparently, Joe the Plumber had complained to Obama that under his new tax plan, Joe would be paying more taxes for his plumbing business. Attempting to recruit the common man back into this election, McCain told the story of poor Joe, lost and alone without a tax plan (except McCain’s) to take care of him. By the end of the debate, Joe the Plumber had become a celebrity, and once again, viewers were left with absolutely no understanding of their candidates’ policies or plans for the future. The debates are supposed to be informative, and show us what our candidate believes in for America. Instead, we were forced to watch three sessions of professional name-calling, all the while trying not to flee for Canada where televisions are rumored not to exist. Would it be so hard for the candidates to simply talk about their plan, how they are going to do it and where they will get the resources? I believe we might as well have nominated two schoolyard brats and then had them face off for the election. Instead, we decided McCain and Obama were better at promising to pass things out and make life easier for everyone, we are going to send one of these fools to the White House. I think it is time for the debate to really rethink its existence.

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Cutting back on water use good way to be eco-friendly

GRETCHEN WILBRANDT

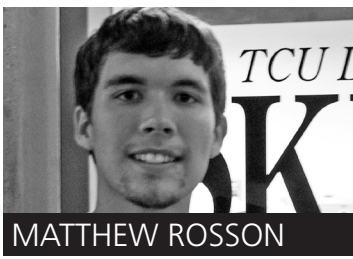
Reflecting upon the last few weeks of my writing, I have found that all of my pieces revolve around one point. This point also happens to be the center of the environmental movement and shift in cultural ideology: values. What do you value? What is the Earth worth? What are you willing to give back in order to sustain the Earth? What are you willing to do to ensure the future existence of humankind? While questioning can lead to painful realizations, it is essential for one to reflect and consider our actions today. What would you do to ensure a clean water supply? While there continue to be economic fluctuations and constant changes in government and policy, our fresh water supply dwindles. In New Delhi, about 78 percent of the India’s water supply is overexploited, and women are forced to quit their jobs to wait for access to clean water, usually only a few gallons. Across the country, more than 700 million Indians do not have sufficient sanitation, mainly due to the scarcity of water, according to a

2006 New York Times article. But even closer to home, in the western United States, governments are scrambling to buy water rights to aquifers — underground reservoirs of water in a permeable layer of rock — from other states to ensure that their residents are receiving clean water. There is such a demand placed upon the aquifers, that it is only a matter of time before they are utilized beyond their capacity. So where do we come into play? First of all, think of all the little ways in which we use water: showers, dishwashers, toilets, lawn watering, or your cup of coffee, for example. Then it is necessary to think of all the products that we own that use water in some way. For example, coffee plants need water to grow, and when they are harvested, coffee beans need to be sorted and cleaned. Water is used when packaging is created, as well as when the machines are cleaned and the coffee beans are shipped. When the beans arrive at a nearby coffee shop, water is generally running all day in side sinks. Coffee is just one simple example, but nearly all manufactured goods deal with water

before they are sold. OK, so does this mean that we all need to stop drinking coffee? No, but maybe we should focus on all the other little actions we partake in to reduce our water consumption. Why does this matter? It is easy to see a problem and easy to see solutions on an individual level, but it is hard to commit to a drastically different lifestyle, putting the future and the needs of the Earth before the luxuries we take for granted. It sounds a bit silly, but it is true. If people are honestly looking to make an environmental difference, the first step is to be aware of their own lifestyle and habits. To make a change, things will have to be given up. Are people willing to do this? Do people value the Earth more than a 30-minute shower? Could you give into a slightly less green lawn for the sake of saving water? Essentially, it comes down to personal objectives and experiences in your life and what they mean to you, and how those affect you in the future.

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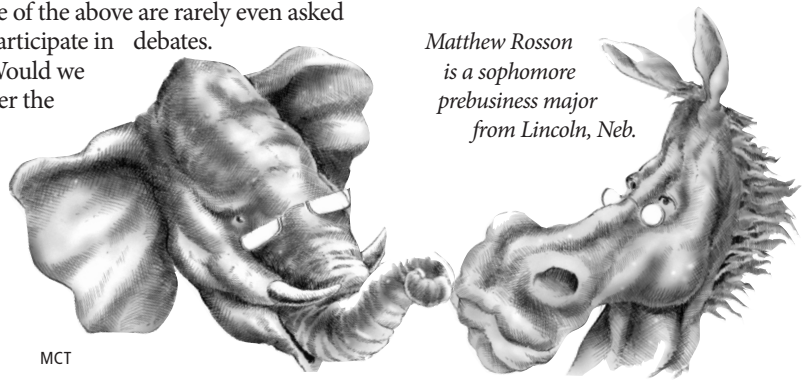
Party system forces voters to pick between lesser of two political evils



On Facebook, MySpace and on college campuses across the nation, there has been a huge drive to get voters registered. Local voting precincts all across the nation have had a difficult time keeping up with the huge influx of new voters. This election promises to be different — not just the choice between the lesser of two evils. But do the American people view it as different this time? Movies released this year such as “W.” and “Swing Vote” are bringing voting into the forefront of cultural discussion. The unpopularity of incumbent President George Bush is motivating millions of voters to become more active in the political process. Unfortunately, there are a number of flaws in our election system. Third party candidates don’t have a prayer of winning, and while there is some discernable difference between Republicans and Democrats, most of our everyday lives are not drastically impacted by who occupies the Oval Office. In many other industrialized countries, smaller political parties have proportional representation in govern-

ment. In the United States, of course, the Electoral College leaves the decision up to a handful of “swing” states. I know several students here at TCU who are Texas residents who tell me they think it’s a waste of time to vote in the general election in Texas. Since Texas’ electoral votes haven’t gone to a Democrat since 1976, there’s probably a lot of truth to that. The two-party system leads to a level of cynicism where people tend to vote for the candidate they disagree with least, rather than the candidate who truly represents their views. In past elections, such as in the 2004 election between the incumbent Bush and Sen. John Kerry, this was particularly true. While Democrats tend to want to use government to control people’s economic decisions, and Republicans tend to want to use government to suppress people’s civil liberties and control people’s personal and moral choices, libertarian-leaning politicians like Ron Paul who want to do none of the above are rarely even asked to participate in debates. Would we rather the

federal government expand its powers beyond what even the Founding Fathers could have possibly imagined — either in supporting military bases in 130 countries, leading to anti-American sentiment, or in social services, which the Constitution says should be left to the states? Both options lead to immense levels of government spending, yet politicians on both sides make promises to expand federal powers to placate voters. Do we go into debt to pay for all this spending, or do we raise taxes? Both options are undesirable choices, yet that is the modern-day difference between Republican and Democrat. It becomes a “lesser of two evils” question in the end. Voters choose the candidate who makes the most convincing campaign promises, regardless of whether they’ll actually be able to keep those promises. Despite the flaws in our nation’s political structure, will voter apathy ever truly be cured?



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Close to heart

Group promotes cancer awareness in honor of staff, survivor



Students of Alpha Epsilon Delta, premedical and pre dental honor society, take the field during the halftime show Thursday at the Frogs for the Cure game against BYU. AED's academic program specialist, Denise Bennett, is a breast cancer survivor. JASON FOCHTMAN / Staff Photographer

By Jessica Reho
Staff Reporter

Amid a sea of purple TCU Frogs for the Cure T-shirts, about 100 students with "AED" printed on their sleeves proudly walked on to the football field at halftime Thursday night.

These students did so, in major part, to honor breast cancer survivor Denise Bennett.

The fourth annual Frogs for the Cure football game against Brigham Young University marked the second year Alpha Epsilon Delta, TCU's premedical and pre dental honor society, participated in the festivities. Bennett is the academic program specialist to AED faculty adviser Phil Hartman.

"Denise is like our mom," said junior neuroscience major and AED historian Brighton Richie, "We love her so much and all support her so much."

Bennett said she was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago, despite no family history of the disease, and underwent a mastectomy, the operation of removing all or part of the breast, and four months of chemotherapy, a chemical treatment with special toxic effect to destroy cancerous tissue. But, she kept working at TCU throughout everything.

"She has been the biggest rockstar ever," senior biology and Spanish major Miraie Wardi said. "She always looked so awesome, even when she was sick."

Lindsay Morgan, a senior biology and Spanish major, said Bennett always had a positive attitude.

"She always wanted to know

what was going on in our lives," Morgan said. "She never wanted to talk about herself or her illness."

Bennett said she is deeply moved by her students' care and compassion.

"It means everything to me," she said. "It's hard for me to talk about it. I'm an emotional person."

AED social chair and senior psychology major Troy Dodge, along with senior biology major, Nicole Zamora, served as student representatives to the Frogs for the Cure committee, which

"This is a really neat event... It has really solidified my TCU experience"

Troy Dodge
senior psychology major

worked directly with Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tarrant County, a partial beneficiary of the proceeds from ticket and T-shirt sales.

Dodge said this year the committee tried to include BYU as much as possible in the planning phase. Some ideas like having BYU join the Frogs on the field for half time did not work out this year, but the committee was able to work with the BYU athletic department to link

proceeds from tickets and T-shirts bought by BYU fans to the Komen fund.

Five dollars from every ticket sold and \$3 from each T-shirt sale went to Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tarrant County.

The foundation also helped educate students on the topic.

Komen on the Go demonstrated self-checking procedures for breast cancer outside the Brown-Lupton University Union for most of the day Thursday, Zamora said.

Zamora, who wants to be an oncologist, said while the committee wants to raise money for the Komen fund, it also really wants to promote awareness and prevention through early detection. She hopes students take the message to heart, and pass it on to their friends and loved ones.

Both, Dodge and Zamora, have first-hand experience with cancer's impact.

Beside honoring Bennett, Dodge walked onto the field Thursday night to honor his mother, a seven-year survivor of breast cancer.

"This is a really neat event," Dodge said. "It has really solidified my TCU experience."

Zamora honored both her father and mother that night. Her father is a Hodgkin lymphoma cancer survivor, and her mother passed away from breast cancer two years ago.

"I wish my mom could see this," Zamora said. "I bawled on the field last year. It's humbling to see all those people who care, to see people opening their hearts to the message. My mom would be so proud of me and of my school."



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Research suggests gorillas smarter than previously thought

By William Mullen
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When the frozen blueberry rolled out of a tube near a 42-inch touch-screen computer in the Lincoln Park Zoo's great ape house, a lowland gorilla named Rolie popped the berry into her mouth, gleefully stomped her feet and let out a celebratory hoot.

Rolie had correctly solved a seven-step number puzzle on the screen, winning a treat and an enthusiastic cheer from a keeper. But her skills are also being noticed outside the confines of the zoo.

Conventional wisdom has it that gorillas are somewhat less intelligent than their great ape cousins. Rolie's surprising success at her morning research routine is challenging those assumptions, suggesting she might in fact be faster on the uptake than chimpanzees and orangutans. A report on her work recently caused a stir at the biennial meeting of the International Primatological Society Congress in Scotland.

"Gorillas have always had a reputation of being a little bit slower-witted than other great apes," said Steve Ross, who supervises cognitive and behavioral research for the zoo's primate research arm, the Lester E. Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes. "They aren't as dynamic as chimps socially, and they don't show the mechanical cleverness that orangutans display."

Ross admits he subscribed to the theory himself.

"This study can't generalize for all gorillas, but because (Rolie) has been such a quick learner, it suggests that gorillas in general are smarter than we have given them credit for," he said.

Ross' immediate aim in studying primate cognition and intelligence is to devise preference tests that allow animals to "talk" to keepers, expressing what foods they like and don't like and reporting on good and bad features of their habitats. But exploring animal cognition also is a way of looking at the history of human intellect and language, giving insights into how they evolved.

Chimpanzees and orangutans are studied often at primate and medical research laboratories worldwide. But captive gorillas — perhaps too temperamental as adults to be used as research subjects — aren't often kept outside of zoos, so they are far less studied.

Lincoln Park, in fact, is the only place in the world that is doing touch-screen testing with both chimps and gorillas.

"It is exciting to see that (Rolie's) performance is comparable with

other great apes," said Tara Stoinski, a Zoo Atlanta primatologist. "What is really exciting is to see this kind of work being done with gorillas because so little research is being done on gorilla cognition."

Ross first started training some chimpanzees in 2005 to do tasks on a touch-screen computer. He waited some months before training Rolie as his first gorilla subject.

At first, she merely had to touch the blank computer screen to get a reward. Later, she would be rewarded only after touching a floating numeral 1 about 2 inches high. When the number 2 was added, she was not rewarded unless she touched the numbers in the right sequence. Rolie can now touch the numbers 1 to 7 in order.

Ross emphasizes that Rolie, age 12, is not counting.

"This ... is mastering the task of sequencing — categorizing — which is an important cognitive skill that humans depend on," he said. "We memorize sequences so that we can remember phone numbers, understand a calendar or perform dance steps. The most important use of the skill is language in which we learn the rules of syntax, what parts of speech come first, second and third."

The exercise Rolie works on is similar to one used elsewhere to test other animal species that display high intelligence, including pigeons, rhesus and capuchin monkeys, lemurs and chimps.

Still, "there are some big differences in the research regimens," Ross said. "A rhesus monkey in a lab setting might have 1,000 trials at a time, while we have very limited time with our apes, doing 30 trials at a time."

The animals' motivation to perform varies too.

"The testing period with the snack rewards may be the highlight of the day for lab animals," Ross said. "In the zoo ... our animals live with families, friends and intergenerational companionship, (so) there isn't as much motivation to learn a skill on a computer for token rewards. That makes Rolie's performance all the more impressive."

Thus far, she has outperformed Optimus, a 9-year-old male chimp being measured in an identical test regimen.

Ross has begun broadening his gorilla data by recruiting two other apes for the computer exercises: Kwan, a regal 19-year-old male silverback, and Azizi, an impish 4-year-old male who is showing signs of being an even faster learner than Rolie.

There are differences in style when gorillas and chimpanzees work the computer, Ross said. Chimps, like humans, let their hand hover, index finger extended, in front of the screen before touching the icon they want. Gorillas use knuckles instead of fingers to touch, and their hands sweep recklessly across the screen before striking the target. Sometimes they accidentally swipe a wrong number on the way, aborting the test.

As a reward, chimps like sugarless, jelly bean-like Primatreats in banana and pina colada flavors. But the first time Kwan smelled a Primatreat, the gorilla threw it out of his cage. Gorillas prefer frozen blueberries or dried pasta.

And some animals, including Rolie, don't much care if they are rewarded or not.

"Rolie is a really motivated gorilla," Ross said. "All of the animals participate willingly in the experiment, but Rolie seems to enjoy the computer tasks so much, she will even do it without getting a food reward, but just for the joy it gives her."



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Rolie, pictured in September at Lincoln Park Zoo, is the subject of cognitive research by Lincoln Park staff researcher Steve Ross.

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Football

The Horned Frogs went from being unranked last week to being the No. 15 team in the nation according to the AP poll and No. 14 in the first BCS poll. The Frogs beat then-No. 9 Brigham Young University 32-7 last Thursday. In the game junior defensive end Jerry Hughes had four sacks and forced two fumbles to earn him the honor of Walter Camp Football Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week. The team was also named the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America.

Rifle

The rifle team defeated The Citadel 4635-4462 to extend its regular season win streak to eight. Juniors Erin Lorenzen and Lauren Sullivan both scored 1164 points on the aggregate to help the Horned Frogs extend their win streak.

Cross Country

Junior Festus Kigen finished

in tenth place to lead the TCU men's cross country team at the Chile Pepper Festival on Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark. Sophomore Tanja Ivandic finished 53rd overall to lead all of the TCU women's team.

Volleyball

Freshman Megan Munce was named Co-Mountain West Conference Player of the Week. Munce recorded 12 service aces in Friday's match against Air Force. Those 12 aces set a new conference record, the previous record was nine set in 2002. All but one of those aces came in the first set Friday, including a stretch of five in a row.

Soccer

The soccer team defeated the Utah Utes 2-0 Saturday to improve to 11-3-1 (3-2-0) in conference play. Freshman Jordan Calhound scored her 13th goal of the season in the match.

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-fort during every drill and communication between the players on the floor.

"That's the way I am," Christian said about his fiery demeanor during practice. "I love being on the floor. I want them to understand and see my enthusiasm and start spreading it, and I think it's starting to spread to the guys."

Despite being young, the Frogs do return with their leading scorer and rebounder from last season in 6'9" senior forward Kevin Langford (13.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg). TCU's leader in assists and steals from the 2007-2008 season, junior guard Jason Ebie, also returns.

Ebie and Langford are not only seen as statistical leaders for the team, but also as the emotional leaders and as examples for the younger players to follow.

"We have a whole lot of new guys, so they look for us to set the tone. We have to show them how it's supposed to be done, because a lot of guys haven't even played a game yet [in college]," Ebie said. In order for Ebie and Langford to lead, the younger players on

the team must buy into the team's philosophy. "Trust the System," which is being used by the team this season. The philosophy describes the attitude that the team must share in order to succeed, Christian said. The team has the word trust where their names would be on their practice jersey to further show their commitment.

"For us to win, we have to trust each other," Christian said. "It can't be about you. You have to believe in the system that we're playing in. You have to believe that if we execute the things that we're doing, we can beat anybody we play."

With a new head coach and so many new faces on the roster, most prognosticators see TCU struggling this season. In many pre-season polls, TCU is picked to finish last in the Mountain West Conference. But the Frogs seem indifferent to those who don't give them a chance.

"Everything's new here. We've got new players, a new coach — it's a whole new beginning we're trying to build here," Ebie said. "It's just a setup for us to write the best story in college basketball this season."



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Senior John Ortiz attempts a shot over teammate senior Kevin Langford during the team's first practice Friday night.

U.S. sports teams, fans feeling pinch of financial crisis

By Gary West

McClatchy Newspapers

Major League Baseball attendance has dropped for the first time in five years. In a cost-cutting move, the NCAA recently sent a letter to its members outlining new postseason travel restrictions. The future of the Grand Prix du Canada, the only Formula One race in North America, could be in jeopardy with the recent announcement that organizers have pulled their financial backing.

Even the sports world reels. It can't avoid or escape, not this time, the salvo of economic blows. Bankruptcies, bailouts and dubious mortgages, which Warren Buffett

once called, back in 2003, "financial weapons of mass destruction," dominate the headlines. The Dow recently had its worst week ever. And sports won't be far removed from the effects of it all.

Economic turmoil historically has had little impact on sports. As an escape from quotidian drudgery and gloom, sports even thrived during The Great Depression. (Think Joe Louis, Babe Ruth and Seabiscuit.) But that won't be the case this time around, except perhaps for a few.

The old business model for sports franchises was simple: Sell tickets and hot dogs, win games and make money. Nothing to it. Revenue depended on ticket sales

and concessions depended, in other words, on the average fan. But when sports teams and leagues became big business, they hitched their prosperity, along with their futures, to all those economic indicators and factors that have veered in recent weeks onto a bumpy, perhaps even treacherous, road.

"It will have a different effect than it would have 15 or 20 and certainly 30 years ago," said Michael Leeds of Temple University, co-author, with Peter von Allmen, of The Economics of Sports, about the economic downturn. "That's because sports teams and leagues have very much shifted their focus from the average fan to corporate interests. And that, I think,

will come back to bite them a little bit."

Or maybe bite them viciously. At this point, though, it's impossible to tell how deep the bite will be. But the effects could be felt for years, and they're already becoming apparent.

With season-ticket renewals down, the NBA is laying off 80 workers, or 9 percent of its work force. Commissioner David Stern explained the reduction by citing a "deteriorating" economy that's a "bit wobbly." The Arizona Diamondbacks are searching for a company to sponsor their right-field pool; the original sponsor has filed for bankruptcy protection.

Through the first nine months

of the year, the handle, or money wagered, at North America's race-tracks has dropped 5.75 percent from a year ago, according to the National Thoroughbred Association. The Milwaukee Mile has blamed a loss of sponsorship dollars for it not paying its cleaning bill.

The impact on sports is ubiquitous; it even affects billionaires. Talking about his efforts to buy the Chicago Cubs, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban told the Chicago Sun-Times that the "failing economy" has put the "brakes on the sale." The economy, Cuban said, will affect the deal and "create a challenge."

But not only do they feel the ef-

fects; sports also provide a measure of the nation's economic problems. How severe must the problems be if the PGA Tour loses four sponsors and General Motors announces it won't air a commercial during the Super Bowl? Well, that's how severe the problems are.

And like the economic downturn itself, which has spread with seismic reverberation, the effects on sports have become global. The Olympic Delivery Authority has had to rely on "contingency funding," according to London's Telegraph; and the British government may have to contribute more than \$250 million toward the completion of the Olympic Village for the 2012 Summer Games.



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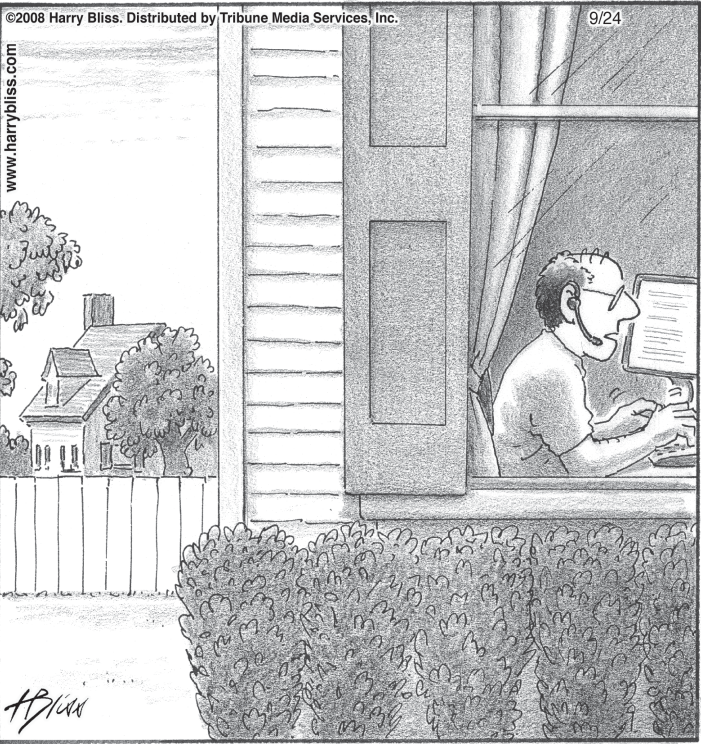
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By Verna Sult
Silver Spring, MD

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

GAME ON



Senior John Ortiz attempts to block a shot from teammate senior Kevin Langford in the team's first practice Friday

Team begins Christian era

By Brian Smith
Staff Reporter

A new era in TCU basketball began Friday night as the men's team took the court for its first practice of the season. The practice was the first for new head

coach Jim Christian, along with seven new players for the Horned Frogs.

Most of Friday night's practice was spent working on the defensive side of the ball. Several drills focused on transition defense and Christian's man-to-

man scheme.

In the middle of it all was Christian, whose high-intensity style set the tempo for most of practice. Christian, along with his assistants, stressed maximum ef-

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Frustrated at last year's finish, returning trio has high hopes

By Brian Smith
Staff Reporter

The 2007-2008 season saw the women's golf team make marked improvement, but it ended on a disappointing note.

Although the Lady Frogs had three first-year golfers play prominent roles, head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said that she and her team were not happy with finishing in a tie for 17th place at the NCAA Championships.

"I really felt like we could've done better, and I think the team does too," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

However, Ravaoli-Larkin said last year as a whole was certainly not a disappointment.

"Looking back on the whole year, I was very pleased with how far they came and what they ended up accomplishing," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

This year, with several golfers returning, including All-American junior Valentine Derrey, Ravaoli-Larkin said the bar is set high for this season's squad.

However, Ravaoli-Larkin said the team's lofty goals can only be achieved by meeting some of the smaller, more rou-

tine goals she has laid out.

"My main thing is to set those goals, then focus on those goals that we have control over," said Ravaoli-Larkin. "Those are our practice goals and our work ethic, and our discipline and focus. We do those things and the results will come."

Derrey, voted a second-team All-American by the National Golf Coaches Association last season, said she still has room to improve.

She said she worked this off-season to improve her mental game, and she is working toward attaining a No. 1 national ranking by the end of her senior year. Derrey finished last year ranked 14th nationally by Golfstat.

Derrey credits her coach with pushing her toward success.

"She's really tough," Derrey said. "She knows we're capable of everything, and that's why she pushes us really hard."

This season, much like last year, first-year players are being counted on to contribute. One of them, Rachel Raastad, tied a TCU single-round record when she shot a 67 at the Ron Moore Intercollegiate tournament Sept. 23.

A native of Norway, Raastad was also selected to compete for her country in the Women's

World Amateur Team Championship in Adelaide, Australia, earlier this month.

However, even after competing almost all her life, Raastad said she was still anxious during her first tournament as a Horned Frog.

"I was almost shaking,"

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Angie Ravaoli-Larkin
Women's golf head coach

Raastad said.

The Lady Frogs have finished in second place in two consecutive tournaments. However, due to several complications, Ravaoli-Larkin said she has not had a full roster to work with yet.

That should change on Oct. 27, Ravaoli-Larkin said, when the Lady Frogs compete in the Las Vegas Collegiate Show-down.

BILLY KNOWS BEST

Path to BCS bowl still long



BILLY WESSELS

The Frogs were ranked going into their Sept. 27 game against the then-No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners.

After that loss, I wondered if they would be in the top 25 again this season. Then TCU hosted Brigham Young University last week.

That demolition of the then-No. 9 Cougars, coupled with losses by eight ranked teams, boosted the Frogs from the realm of the unranked to right in the middle of the BCS picture.

Now the Frogs are ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 and USA Today poll. And, more importantly, TCU is No. 14 in the BCS standings, putting them squarely on the bubble for a chance at playing in a BCS bowl game.

What that means is if the Frogs can win all of their remaining games, they have a

chance to get a bid to one of the five bowl games with the largest national attention and largest payout.

But the road isn't exactly easy

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for TCU. They have to beat the Wyoming Cowboys, who defeated the Horned Frogs in Laramie, Wyo., last season, in this week-end's homecoming game. After that the Frogs go on the road for two games.

First, they will visit the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, who beat the then-No. 15 Arizona State Sun Devils earlier this season.

Then TCU will have its biggest challenge on its remaining schedule when it plays the No. 11/12 Utah Utes on the road on a Thursday night. The Utes knocked off the Frogs on a Thursday night last season in

Fort Worth.

Finally, the Horned Frogs will return home to try and extract revenge for last year's loss against the Air Force Academy Falcons, hopefully catapulting them into a BCS bowl game.

So the road isn't exactly easy for the Frogs, but if we have learned anything from college football over the last two years it is that anything is possible.

But if you do want to look ahead and ask yourself "What if?", here are some things to look forward to.

If Oklahoma wins the remainder of its games, which will make TCU's one loss look a little less glaring, don't be surprised to see a rematch between the Sooners and the Frogs in Glendale, Ariz., on Jan. 5, 2009, in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. This would be the Sooners' third straight Fiesta Bowl appearance.

The other most likely BCS bowl appearance for the Frogs could be against whoever finishes second in the SEC if Alabama wins out and gets to the national title game. If the Crimson Tide does make its way into the national title game, the Georgia Bulldogs could finish second in the SEC and face the Frogs in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 2, 2009. This would be the Bulldogs' second straight Sugar Bowl appearance.

But the fact is, you never know. And that is the nature of this beautiful game.

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