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Members of Pi Kappa perform a skit for Frog Follies Thursday night. The event was part of Homecoming Week.

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Businesses offer discounts to Frog fans sporting purple.



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Journalism professor awarded Public Relations Society of America fellowship.



EDUCATION

Official: students taking a year off of school not a trend on campus

By Bailey McGowan
Staff Writer

Though a recent study shows an increase in the number of students taking a year off between high school and college at other private universities, this is not a trend at TCU, Dean of Admission Ray Brown wrote in an e-mail.

An article in *TIME Magazine* reported that other institutions, including Harvard and Princeton, were seeing an increase in students opting to take a year off for various reasons, including travel opportunities and internships. This year off between high school and college is known as a gap year.

Brown wrote that at TCU, fewer than 10 students per year opt for deferment after their admission is granted.

"Everyone who has submitted that type of request to TCU has been given one in the decade I've been here," Brown wrote.

According to a study conducted by Stefanie DeLuca, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University, students who took a gap year for any reason were 64 percent less likely to complete a bachelor's degree than students who began college immediately after graduation.

While the university does not have a way to track the students who opt for deferment, Brown wrote that he thought taking a gap year could have a positive effect on students.

"I'm a fan of them since, just as study abroad experiences illustrate, in most cases students return from these programs completely different people — in really wonderful ways," Brown wrote.

In a transcription of an NPR broadcast, DeLuca said gap years were more common among wealthy students who were looking for real world challenges.

"For the other end of the socio-economic spectrum, the gap year is not called the gap

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Dean of Admission

year; it's just called life," she said.

Sophomore biology major Alejandro Orfanos said taking a year off could mean a significant delay in projected graduation as well as being a year behind for one's professional plans.

"If you want to go to medical school or something like that, it's a long process," Orfanos said.

Sophomore kinesiology major Christian DeLaughter said a gap year could make his classes seem more difficult because it would allow him time to forget some of the material from earlier classes. With many science classes, progressing is all about repetition, he said.

"The longer you wait between classes it just makes it harder for you," DeLaughter said.

STAFF ASSEMBLY

Group offers more service events, increases involvement

By Alex Collins
Staff Reporter

Richard Oliver wanted to give cell phones to homeless children.

So, he and his wife spent one week searching the streets of Weatherford for homeless children in need of cell phones and found 12 children he wanted to offer the phones to, Oliver said.

Oliver, assistant director of facilities for Housing & Residence Life, has since been collecting cell phones for children and families through Staff Assembly, he said.

According to its website, Staff Assembly consists of university staff members from all departments on campus and meets once monthly to discuss issues affecting staff.

Staff Assembly is conducting the used cell phone drive so that children and families without a phone would be able to call emergency services.

Oliver said he had no specific reason for wanting to collect the cell phones other than that he just wanted to help out. His position as Staff Assembly's chair of the Community Service Committee helped him do that.

Staff Assembly member Sheri Milhollin said Staff Assembly increased community involvement to celebrate TCU's 100th anniversary in Fort Worth.

Oliver said a coat drive, cell phone drive, Halloween candy collection and toy drive have been planned for the semester.

Milhollin, who works as the ID card services coordinator, said the Community Service Committee was working to create a service project for members of Staff Assembly and the university community to engage in each month. This was the first semester this many service events have been undertaken, she said.

The committee planned to include the same amount of projects for next semester as well, Milhollin said.

Co-chair of the coat drive and member of the Community Service Committee Betty Nance said that having so many events has allowed staff members to become more involved in the university community.

"I'm hoping we can do a lot with this," she said.

Milhollin said the increased number of projects allowed staff members to get more acquainted with one another.

She said faculty, staff and students can drop off cell phones at the University Recreation Center on Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Staff Assembly's At the Staff Water Cooler event.

According to the website, the event will offer free flu shots, snacks, beverages and an opportunity for staff members to socialize.

Nance, an administrative assistant for the department of modern language studies, said coats and candy could be dropped off during the event as well.

Drop boxes for coats would also be in the library, the Moody building, Scharbauer Hall and Residential Services. The committee members are trying to collect as many coats as possible by Nov. 30, but the collection would be ongoing, she said.

All of the coats the committee members collected would be donated to Kirkpatrick Middle School, Nance said. The committee members want to collect 300 to 500 coats to satisfy the needs of the students enrolled at the school.

She said the committee would give any coats left over from the drive to another organization, which will be determined later.

Oliver said that in addition to the coat collection, the committee members planned to host a toy drive for underprivileged children during the holiday season.

Toys could be brought to the At the Staff Water Cooler event as well, Oliver said. Other drop-off locations would be announced at a later date.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

George becomes PRSA Fellow

By Kayla Travis
Staff Reporter

Associate professor of strategic communication Amiso George is now a Public Relations Society of America Fellow.

The ceremony for the 14 PRSA inductees took place Oct. 16 at the PRSA 2010 International Conference in Washington, D.C.

According to a press release on the PRSA website, The College of Fellows was founded in 1990 as a way to recognize individuals who have demonstrated superior capabilities as public relations practitioners or educators.

According to the press release, the PRSA Bylaws



George

require that College of Fellows candidates have 20 years or more of experience in the public relations industry and exhibit exceptional personal and professional qualities while advancing the state of the profession.

George, who has taught at the university for five years, said it was exciting and an honor to be inducted.

"It's validation for me and for the work that I've done quietly over the years in public relations," she said.

In honor of George's ac-

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Amiso George
Associate professor of strategic communications

complishment, the PRSA Greater Fort Worth Chapter will hold a reception at Dos Gringos at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29.

George said she was looking forward to the reception dinner.

"It's a very nice surprise by my chapter here and the chapter has been very supportive," she said.



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FORT WORTH

Local businesses join celebration of “Go Purple” Fridays

By Emily Agee
Staff Reporter

“Go Purple” Fridays have become a tradition all over Fort Worth, and many local businesses are jumping on the bandwagon.

The official days, as declared by Mayor Mike Moncrief, occur every Friday during football season. Citizens are encouraged to wear purple and display TCU memorabilia.

Many businesses around the area offer discounts to those who wear purple on Fridays.

On campus, students and fans can enjoy discounts at Yo! Frozen Yogurt Lounge and the TCU Bookstore. Yo! offers

a 15 percent discount and the bookstore offers 20 percent off a purple T-shirt. The discounts continue all over Fort Worth.

A “Go Purple” business a little farther from campus is Sweet Sammies, a cookie bakery that opened in the West 7th area in February.

Sweet Sammies loves “Go Purple” Fridays, said co-owner Kelly Close. “We offer any Sammie for \$1.99 and we also make a Purple Sammie on Fridays just for TCU fans,” Close said.

The Purple Sammie is made with purple ice cream sandwiched between two homemade sugar cookies with purple sprinkles.

Sweet Sammies caters to

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Fred Ayoub
Real estate finance major

many TCU fans every day of the week, but especially on Fridays, Close said. If students forget to wear purple, all they have to do is show a valid student ID.

Junior real estate finance major Fred Ayoub, however, said he had no knowledge of the deals for “Go Purple” Fridays.

“I think TCU should do a

better job of advertising these discounts,” Ayoub said.

Because the university sends out so many e-mails a day, important messages get overlooked, Ayoub said.

Junior real estate finance major Courtney Dunn said she appreciated the discounts but chose not to take advantage of them.

“I just never have a lot of money to spend because it all goes to groceries or bills,” Dunn said.

The businesses will continue to offer discounts through the end of November. Participating businesses can be identified by a “Go Purple” Fridays window cling by their front doors.

“Go Purple” Fridays Deals

- Blue Mesa: Free tableside guacamole
- Blue Sushi Sake Grill: 50 percent off the TCU Tower (cold plate)
- Carino's: 10 percent off total bill
- Circle Cleaners: Five dollars off a \$15 ticket
- Free Birds World Burrito: Free chips and salsa
- Hoffbrau: Free appetizer or dessert up to a \$6 value
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- Ol' South Pancake House: Ten percent off entire meal
- Pappadeaux: One dollar gumbo with entree purchase
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- TCU Bookstore: Twenty percent off one purple shirt
- Yo! Frozen Yogurt Lounge: Fifteen percent off
- Sweet Sammies: \$1.79 for any sammie

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Weekend will feature century of homecoming

By Kerri Feczko
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frog football team's success will not be the only thing to celebrate this weekend.

This year's Homecoming Celebration commemorates the university's 100th anniversary in Fort Worth. The university was relocated here in 1910 after a fire in Waco destroyed the campus.

Student Activities Coordinator Brett Phillips said this year's events will focus on the anniversary by trying to promote it visually with the logo “TCU Homecoming: A Century of Partnership.”

“We're really just trying to honor and bring the community together with the alumni coming back [and] to just enjoy this centennial year and just celebrate that,” Phillips said.

Groups participating in the Homecoming Parade will also incorporate the university's anniversary in the float competition, Phillips said. One group will have a Halloween-themed float to commemorate a century of celebrating the occasion in Fort Worth. A lot of the floats will creatively use the university's history in Fort Worth and its 100th anniversary, he said.

Homecoming events began Oct. 20 with the Homecoming Kickoff party and student voting for this year's Mr.

“We're really happy with participation as long as people are able to get to one event and get the feel of the buzz of homecoming.”

Brett Phillips
Student Activities Coordinator

and Ms. TCU.

On Thursday, Frog Follies featured 10 student groups that created skits and variety acts related to the anniversary. Four Day Weekend, an improvisational comedy group from Fort Worth, hosted the event and performed comedic skits between acts. Professional emcees were an attempt to professionalize the event more than previous years, Phillips said.

Today's events will include Lunch on the Lawn, the Homecoming Parade and Frog Fest. Homecoming events will end with the football game against Air Force Academy Saturday and the crowning of Mr. and Ms. TCU at halftime.

Lunch on the Lawn will feature free barbecue sandwiches and Sweet Sammies cookies for university students, staff and faculty. Frog Fest will include attractions such as a live band, bounce houses, giant slides and carnival games, according to the homecoming website.

This year, prizes will be offered through a giveaway promotion, in which items like cups, sunglasses and scarves will handed out to event participants, Phillips said.

Although university officials hope for full participation at every event, Phillips said, the parade will most likely be the biggest and most popular event because of the variety of groups that will attend. The Mr. and Ms. TCU finalists, the TCU Marching Band, Fort Worth community members, athletes, and alumni plan to be there, he said.

“We're really happy with participation as long as people are able to get to one event and get the feel of the buzz of homecoming,” Phillips said.

Upcoming Homecoming events

Lunch on the Lawn: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. today, Sadler Lawn

Homecoming Parade: 6:30 p.m. today, Main Campus

FrogFest: 7:30 p.m. today, Campus Commons

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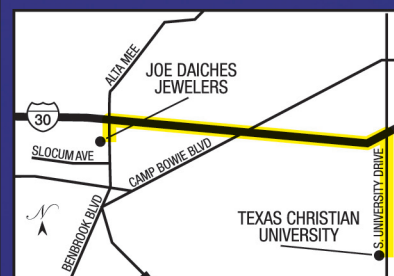
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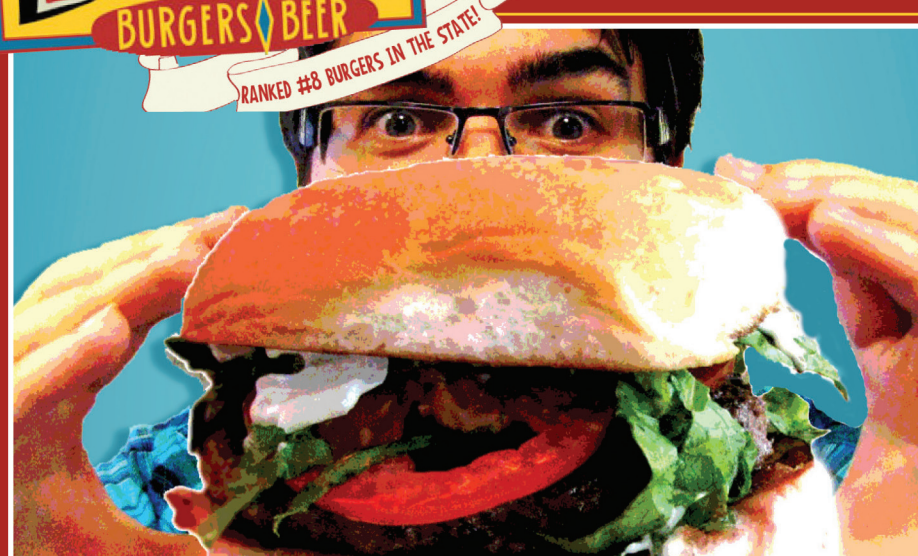
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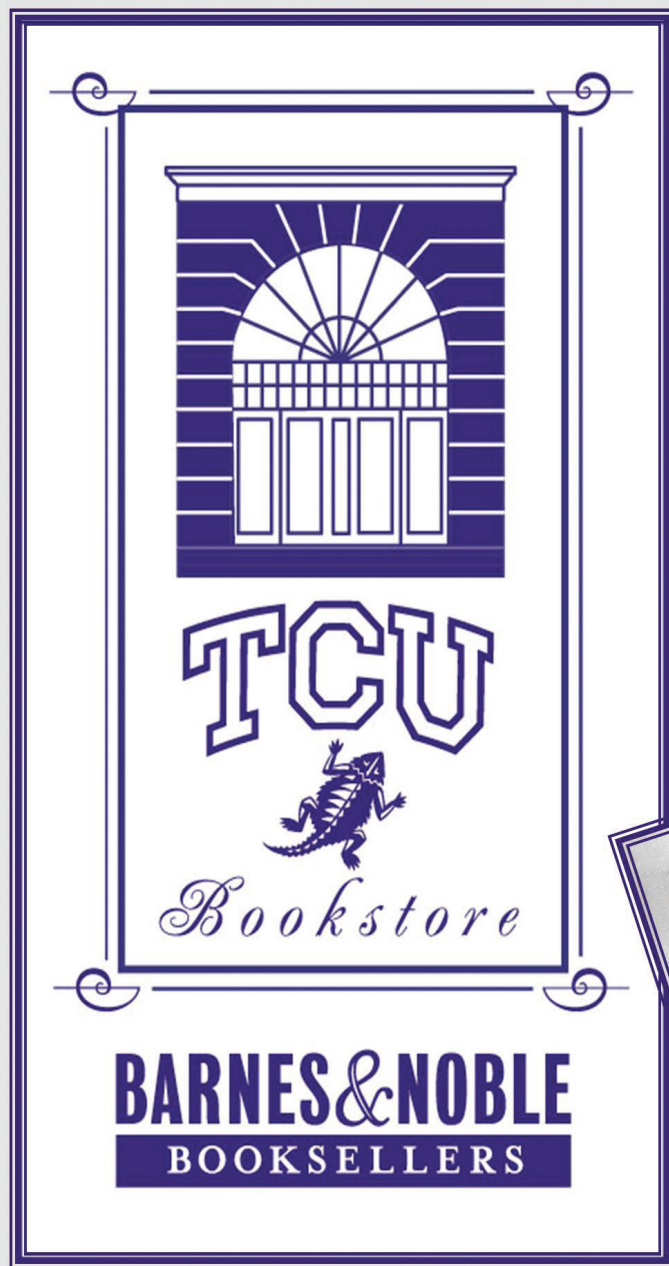
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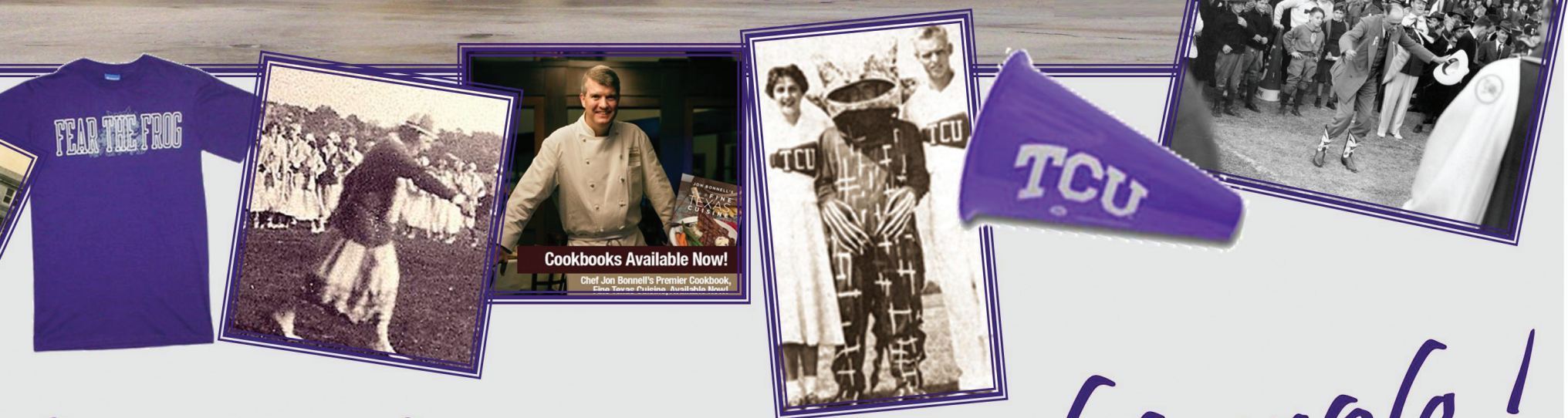
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The Skiff View

Staff Assembly right to increase service

As college students, we see a steady barrage of volunteer and community service opportunities. Peers, faculty and staff say it is important to make a difference while we are at TCU, and fortunately, many students take that advice to heart.

What students probably don't often consider, however, is that the faculty and staff practice the advice they give.

Starting today, the university's Staff Assembly will hold an event at which faculty, staff and students can drop off cell phones at the University Recreation Center. The assembly is holding a drive to give cell phones to children and families without a phone so they can call emergency services.

Staff Assembly will also hold three more service events during the semester: a coat drive, a Halloween candy drive and a toy drive, all of which will benefit children in the area. Staff Assembly created a staff equivalent of TCU LEAPS, one of the foremost student service events on campus.

Not only does this create more good will for the university in Fort Worth, it also provides an opportunity for students and staff to connect over service goals.

And when the campus is more unified, the possibilities on what can be achieved are vastly improved.

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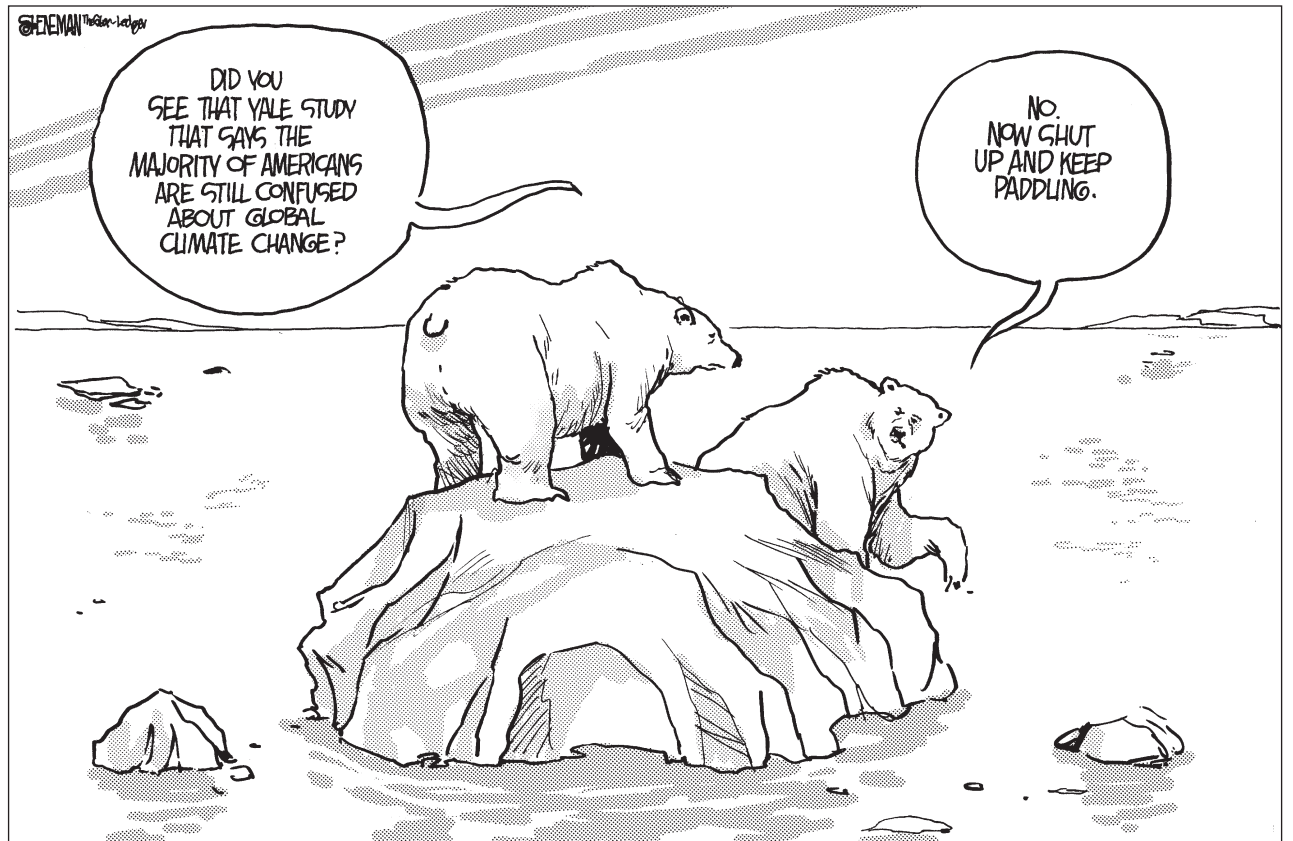
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Topics such as nightlife, news, friend requests and inside jokes with friends were given an online medium. Now leaving the bird's nest and meeting with countless others who had done the same, students did not expect the incoming from mama-bird. Like a moldy strawberry past its age encroaching on the other perfectly ripe fruit, adults soured Facebook's exclusivity and "coolness" factor.

Even more than that, as more started to join, the question of appropriate interaction was called out. Were younger people expected to monitor and tailor their profiles for the scrutiny of their parents and other authoritative individuals? If not, how were the adults supposed to respond to unwanted intimate information they normally would not have access to?

I am not suggesting that ties between generations should be severed. There is a time and place for everything, but it is not the older generation's time and Facebook is not its place.

Some adults argue that it has brought them closer to

their younger relatives. However, if Facebook is the only thing feeding these important relationships of parent-child, teacher-student and so on, there is something wrong.

A lot of the time, adults are brought down to kids' level, losing their status and compromising their age. CNN pointed out some of these inappropriate interactions between teachers friending their students. The internet is changing so many things, but do professional and social standards have to be one of them?

Above all, it is the expression of free thought and interaction that is under attack as adults view and interpret the youth while taking into consideration the responsibility of their role.

Adults are climbing up the tree and into the club house and confusion has ensued as a result. Is the space's sanctity deluded? A recent study shows that since this past year, Facebook use by adults ages 35-54 has increased by 328.1 percent and by 922.7 percent for those ages 55 and older.

It's not that college kids want to hide a life of scandal, drugs and sex. They want the privacy to post as they please. Above all, it is the expression of free thought and interaction that is under attack as adults view and interpret youth while taking into consideration the responsibility of their role. Instead of waiting on the park bench, adults are on the jungle gym, falling in the cracks and ruining all the fun.

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PERSPECTIVES

Alumni presence notable



Pearce Edwards

Memories of homecoming reach back to the earliest days of high school. Always synonymous with football, dances and a whole weekend of fun, the concept falls from its true meaning in the collective minds of students in high school and college alike. This weekend, therefore, affords a perfect opportunity to rediscover this meaning with a simple question: who are the alumni?

As a cross-section of the university's 72,000 living alumni fills the campus this weekend, from the most elderly to the most vivacious, it is important to consider a broad and deep perspective on their great significance to the university, and the strong identity they share with the student body. The Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center and various buildings named for the prominent figures in TCU history are more than assemblages of metal and brick: they are living monuments and testaments to the formative role of alumni in this university's mission.

Financial contributions are a cornerstone of TCU's alumni support. TCU dedicates an entire department and a vice chancellorship to the maintenance and development of these types of alumni contact. Through active alumni participation, TCU is able to generate funds for academic scholarships that spur the visionary growth of an intellectual culture. Initiatives like The Campaign for TCU, which has raised more than \$335 million, overflow with the generosity of past students. The TCU Board of Trustees, which is composed of alumni and community leaders, exerts important oversight in university investments and endowment.

It only makes sense that alumni should play a role as shareholders in TCU's present and future, as their niche shifts from student of the university to investor in the mission of the university. The dedicated investment of thousands of alumni has guided the university to a well-planned and well-managed endowment that has survived and grown through its investments, even in the midst of economic turmoil. Alumni investment and dedication extends far beyond money. Many current TCU students have extensive family connections with the university. Whole families bleed purple, and dedicate hours and educations to the provision of a values-centered experience. A truly connected and renewed community comes from this foundational sense of family.

Extensive alumni networks form and develop within and beyond Fort Worth. These groups give back on a personal level through sustained contact, support at sporting events, special campus programs and experiences such as Homecoming Weekend. Professionally, alumni return to TCU to infuse their knowledge and expertise into the colleges from which they graduated, such as the Neeley School of Business with its annual Leadership Week.

Who are the alumni? Alumni only exist because they were once students themselves. They have shared the same experiences: the same walks to class, the same fun and the same excitement that comes from being a Horned Frog as current students do today.

As the purple-clad faithful tailgate, move between buildings and fill the stadium, it is important to remember that they are completely bound in identity to the transcending ideals of TCU. As the "Go Frogs!" cheer echoes between sides of the football stadium, or as right arms raise in a salute to "mem'ries sweet, comrades true," see your true comrades in the ranks of TCU alumni.

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Calm local road rage for good perception



KC Aransen

One of the things New York City is known for its road rage. The sounds of New York City are always portrayed by loud horns and expletives yelled out of car windows. This representation of New York causes people to view city residents as being not only angry but also outright aggressive.

Recently, Dallas-Fort Worth was named as having the second-worst road rage in the United States, according to a survey by AutoVantage. What does this mean for the DFW area?

The high ranking may change how people outside DFW see us. Texans are usually seen as being somewhat relaxed, the perception of Texans may now be more strained. This obviously means there is a problem with aggression, showing perhaps a higher level of stress than there had been

previously thought in DFW.

Road rage is defined by the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary as "a motorist's uncontrolled anger that is usually provoked by another motorist's irritating act and is expressed in aggressive or violent behavior." Road rage is such a problem because such behavior can be seen by the receptive driver as predatory, and can then lead to aggressive behavior on both sides. In some instances, this aggression is more than just gestures, but leads to actual violence.

"a motorist's uncontrolled anger that is usually provoked by another motorist's irritating act and is expressed in aggressive or violent behavior."

Instances of violence caused by aggression led to the term "road rage." In the late 1980s, a series of shootings on the major highways of Los Angeles caused by aggressive behavior also led to this phrase. The high DFW ranking may cause a problem because of possible events such as those in Los Angeles. Though we are not guaranteed

to see such examples, we are at risk.

When we look at New York City citizens compared to Texans, who are usually portrayed as friendly, open and independent, you see a large difference. The typical portrayal of Texans makes the high ranking surprising.

Because the average driver is so affected by road rage, the ranking may change the general outsider's view of Texans. Our portrayal may go from friendly and kind to aggressive, like a New Yorker. Road rage is not only bad for how we are seen by others, but also how it affects us in DFW. Since road rage can lead to violence, people need to know that road rage is a problem, where it seems to be considered more of a joke right now. There is a need for people to learn more about road rage and how to properly deal with it, perhaps in drivers education or in defensive driving.

If drivers not only know how to properly deal with road rage but also know the signs and how to avoid it, perhaps in the next round DFW will not be so high on the list.

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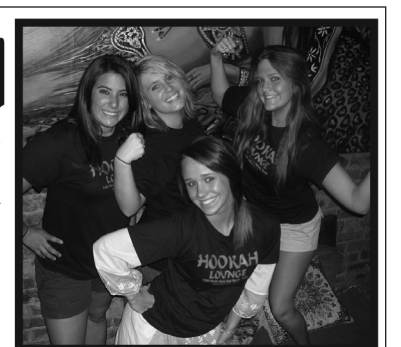
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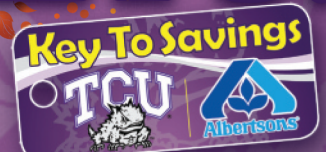


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POLITICS

Democrats seek female votes



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President Barack Obama talks in the backyard of the home of Erik and Cynnie Foss, in Seattle, Wash., Thursday, Oct. 21.

By Darlene Superville and
Liz Sidoti

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — In a last-ditch effort to prevent electoral disaster, President Barack Obama and Democratic allies are vigorously wooing women voters, whose usually reliable support appears to have softened.

From blunt TV ads to friendlier backyard chats, they're straining to persuade women that it's the Democrats who are on their side and it's in women's vital interest to turn out and vote in the Nov. 2 elections that could give Republicans control of one or both houses of Congress.

In Seattle on Thursday, Obama told local women and others that "how well women do will help determine how well our families are doing as a whole." Accompanied by women who own businesses, he spoke in a family's backyard about the economy's effects on women and outlined ways he said his policies have helped them.

Later, trying to rekindle the enthusiasm of his presidential race, he all but ordered thousands of cheering supporters at a packed University of Washington arena to get out and vote, even though he's not on the ballot. Hoarsely shouting over the applause, he said, "If everybody that voted in 2008 shows up in 2010, we will win this election. We will win this election. But you've got to come out and vote."

Campaigning for one of the Democrats' female senators, Patty Murray, who is in a tight re-election fight, Obama attracted a bigger crowd than the 10,000 who could fit into the arena. The others moved to an overflow area set up in the university's football stadium, and the president ran through the stadium tunnel onto the field to greet them.

With the elections less than two weeks away and Democrats fearing big losses, candidates, party allies and others are joining Obama in seeking women's votes by hitting Republican opponents — in ads, mailings and speeches — on issues such as abortion rights. In every corner of the country, they are arguing that the GOP would erase progress American women have made under Democratic control of the

White House and Congress.

The latest Associated Press-GfK poll underscores the Democrats' concern: Women long have leaned toward Democrats but, at a time of great economic unrest, those who are likely to vote now split fairly evenly between the two parties, 49 percent favoring Democrats, 45 percent Republicans. That's a significant drop from 2006 when Democrats had a double-digit edge. The current margin mirrors 1994, the year of a Republican wave that swept Congress.

Men usually break for Republicans, and they broadly favor the GOP this year, too.

Women could hold the key for Obama and his party as Democrats look to minimize expected widespread losses at all levels of government in a year when, particularly on the Republican side, female candidates top ballots in statewide races in Connecticut, South Carolina, California, New Hampshire, New Mexico and elsewhere.

Hope for the Democrats: A lot of women are undecided, and more than a third who are likely to vote say they could still change their minds before the election.

With that in mind, the White House, Democratic candidates and outside groups are reaching out to female voters.

Making it personal, Obama told the backyard group on Thursday he's determined to make sure that girls get as good an education as boys, particularly in math and science.

"As a father of two daughters, this is something that I spend a lot of time thinking about," he said.

He presented two women — Christina Lomasney, a physicist and president of a local metals company, and Jody Hall, who has five cupcake shops in the Seattle area — who praised the government for business help.

Besides the president, first lady Michelle Obama has campaigned on Democrats' behalf with a particular focus on women. She recently pleaded for their votes during a New York fundraiser that partly benefited the Women's Leadership Forum. She was flanked by Vice President Joe Biden's wife, Jill, and actress Sarah Jessica Parker of "Sex and the City."

AUTO SAFETY

Report: fatal car crashes involving teen drivers down

By Mike Stobbe

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Fatal car crashes involving teen drivers fell by about a third over five years, according to a new federal report that partly credits the drop to tougher state limits on younger drivers.

The number of deaths tied to these accidents fell dramatically from about 2,200 in 2004 to 1,400 in 2008, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report.

The CDC looked at fatal accidents with drivers who were 16 or 17. There were more than 9,600 such incidents during the five-year span and more than 11,000 people died in the crashes.

The rate of these fatal crashes has been declining since 1996. CDC officials credit a range of factors, including safer cars with airbags and highway improvements.

But experts say a chief reason is that most states have been getting tougher, curbing when teens can drive and when they can carry passengers.

"It's not that teens are becoming safer," said Russ Rader, spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an Arlington, Va.-based research group funded by auto insurance companies.

"It's that state laws enacted in the last 15 years are taking teens out of the most hazardous driving situations," such as driving at night or with other teens in the car, he said.

Graduated driver's licensing programs, as they are called, began appearing in

1996 and now 49 states have them. Some are more restrictive than others, which may be one reason why death rates vary by state, Rader said.

The CDC found that Wyoming had the highest death rate, with about 60 traffic fatalities involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers per 100,000 people that age. New York and New Jersey, which have rigorous driving restrictions on teens, had the lowest rates, at about 10 per 100,000.

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Russ Rader

Spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

New Jersey and New York the most restrictive licensing programs — New Jersey essentially bans kids from driving until they are 17, and New York City prohibits teen driving until 18.

Wyoming has a graduated driver's licensing program, but it's somewhat lax. For example, younger teens are allowed to drive until 11 p.m., while other states force them off the roads starting at 9 p.m., Rader noted.

The report is being published this week in a CDC publication, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.



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Weekend Recap

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The TCU women's soccer team will go up against Wyoming on Friday in Laramie, Wyo. TCU is 7-8-1 for the season after the Oct. 16 loss against Utah.

TCU vs. Wyoming

Date: Oct. 22
Place: Laramie, Wyo.
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Horned Frog volleyball team will play at home Saturday against BYU. The past two times the teams played each other, the Horned Frogs defeated the Cougars 3-0.

TCU vs. BYU

Date: Oct. 23
Place: Special Events Gym in the University Recreation Center
Time: 1 p.m.

SWIMMING

Both the women and men's swimming teams will compete in the annual Varsity Alumni meet Saturday. This meet comes a week after the women's swimming teams' third-place finish at the North Texas Relays.

Varsity Alumni Meet

Date: Oct. 23
Place: University Recreation Center Natatorium
Time: 10 a.m.

RIFLE

The TCU rifle team will travel to Morgantown, W.Va. to take on West Virginia University on Sunday. Sophomore Sarah Scherer was named Athlete of the Week by the TCU Athletic Department after taking home first-place honors with an aggregate score of 1,179 in TCU's 4,687-4,600 win over UTEP Oct. 16.

TCU vs WEST VIRGINIA

Date: Oct. 24
Place: Morgantown, W.Va

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The TCU women's tennis team will participate in the ITA Texas Regionals this weekend in Waco. The team was unable to compete in the consolation doubles bracket at the ITA/Riviera All-American Championships on Oct. 13 due to heavy rains in the Los Angeles area.

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MEN'S TENNIS

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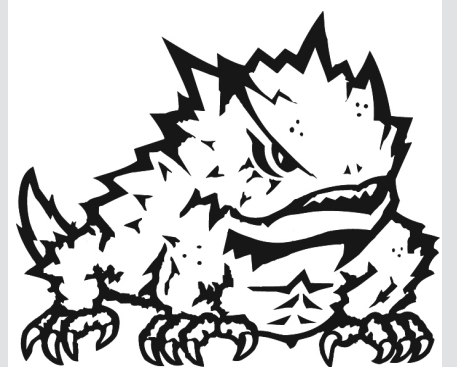
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NBA

League seeks salary reduction

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA commissioner David Stern said Thursday there was no quantifiable progress in collective bargaining talks over the summer, and the league revealed it is seeking a reduction in player salary costs by about one-third.

Stern said the league wants player costs to drop \$750-800 million. Deputy commissioner Adam Silver said the NBA spends about \$2.1 billion annually in player salaries and benefits.

"We would like to get profitable, have a return on investment," Stern said. "There's a swing of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$750 to \$800 million that we would like to change. That's our story and we're sticking with it."

Stern and Silver spoke after completing two days of meetings with league owners, who are seeking major changes to the current CBA that expires June 30. Silver said the league has told the union that owners are in a "diseconomic situation," with projected league-wide losses of about \$340-350 million this season.

Though season ticket sales are up, both insisted that no matter how well the league does at the box office, it won't change the fact that an overhaul is necessary to a system in which the players receive 57 percent of basketball-related income.

"Even though we reported we have record season ticket sales over the summer

and otherwise very robust revenue generation, because of the built-in cost of the system, it's virtually impossible for us to move the needle in terms of our losses," Silver said.

"There's no chance we can change the fundamental economics regardless of our success because it just costs us too much money to generate those sales."

The league and union began meeting last summer, and Stern said the sides had their most recent discussion in a small group this week. But they remain far apart on talks toward a new deal, raising fears of a lockout next summer.

"I couldn't give you any listing numerically or in word form of progress," Stern said. "But there seems to be a mutual determination to push and probe and do and discuss, because there's an increasing understanding on both sides of what the risk of not making a deal entails, and that this is actually palpable, but not quantifiable. So we're very much engaged in it."

The players association has responded to the league's claims of massive losses by calling for expanded revenue sharing among owners. Stern and Silver said the owners agree it's coming, but that it will arrive in conjunction with a new deal.

And while there's still time, Silver — the lead negotiator for the league — acknowledged that business could suffer if progress is not made soon. Ticket holders and sponsors will have decisions to make early next year without knowing if there's going to be a 2011-12 season.

SPORTS

SWIMMING & DIVING

Men's team aims to defend title

By Mason Kerwick
Staff Writer

The TCU men's swimming and diving team will compete against Air Force in its first Mountain West Conference dual meet of the year on Friday at 4 p.m. at the University Recreation Center.

This past season, the men won every dual meet in the Mountain West Conference, an accomplishment they hope to defend this season. Head coach Richard Sybesma said TCU was the surprise team in the conference, but that this year would be a little different.

"Everybody is ready for us," Sybesma said. "So I know that Air Force will come in here trying to burst our bubble, and we're not gonna let that happen."

Scotty Smidlein, a junior swimmer and entrepreneurial management major, said Air Force is one of the toughest teams in the Mountain West.

"We brought it to them last year at their house and I think it took them by

surprise," Smidlein said. "This year we do not have that luxury. They are coming to win with everything they have."

Going into the meet, Sybesma said that Air Force was strong in the butterfly, the individual medley and the sprint freestyle, while TCU was better in the butterfly, the backstroke, the relays and diving.

Sybesma said the meet will be a close match and each university may win in each division. He said he expects the team to be ready for competition.

Much like the MWC basketball season, each team in the conference will compete against each other before the conference tournament at the season's end. Sybesma said there is a regular season champion and a tournament champion.

With the season under way, the Horned Frog swimming and diving team has several events coming up. The team will be signing autographs in Frog Alley on Saturday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
































TCU vs. Air Force
Date: Oct. 22
Place: University Recreation
Center Natatorium
Time: 4 p.m.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Witness: police mishandled situation

Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press

VALHALLA, N.Y. (AP) — A college student who was at the scene when a schoolmate was shot to death by police said Thursday that the killing was "over the top, aggressive and unnecessary," joining a chorus of witnesses who say police mishandled the situation.

"None of it made sense to me," said Robert Coulombe, a Pace University senior.

Danroy "D.J." Henry, of Easton, Mass., was killed early Sunday after police were called to a disturbance that spilled out of a Thornwood, N.Y., bar.

Police have said that Henry, a 20-year-old Pace football player, sped away and hit two officers after a policeman knocked on his car window.

His family's attorney said Wednesday that eyewitnesses have contradicted that account and said that paramedics ignored Henry, handcuffed and dying, to attend to injured officers.

Coulombe, who shot video of the cha-

otic scene after the shooting, said he was behind Henry's car and did not see the shooting, but heard the shots after he saw Henry pull away "as if he was being asked to leave the fire lane."

He said he could not estimate the speed of Henry's car but said Henry drove only about 100 feet and couldn't have been going dangerously fast before his car crashed into a parked police cruiser.

"They didn't give him a chance to pull over," Coulombe said. "They could have pursued him in their vehicles."

Coulombe said he felt police overreacted.

"I think they unnecessarily shot someone," he said.

Mount Pleasant police Chief Louis Alagno, who is investigating the shooting with state police, did not return a call seeking comment.

Coulombe's account is similar to that presented Wednesday by Michael Sussman, the Henry family attorney, who said he had spoken with two men who were in the car with Henry.

Sussman said Henry was parked in a fire lane when an officer beckoned him to move. He said Henry complied and drove a few feet at low speed when another officer yelled, "Stop that car!"

An officer then "ran in front of the car, weapon drawn, and started firing within seconds," Sussman said.

He also said that paramedics who arrived after the shooting tended to the officers for several minutes rather than the mortally injured Henry.

A message left for the captain of the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which covers Thornwood, was not immediately returned. Alagno said he would respond to those allegations, possibly Friday.

Coulombe spoke outside the Mount Pleasant town courthouse, where one of Henry's teammates appeared on a charge that he broke a store window in the aftermath of the shooting.

Pace quarterback Joseph Romanick, of Slidell, La., entered no plea during a brief appearance Thursday in Mount Pleasant Town Court.

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TUESDAY

Former TCU players are successful in the NFL.

SPORTS

SWIMMING

The Horned Frog swimming team opens conference season at home today.



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Senior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley runs a punt back against BYU on Saturday. The game against Air Force will pit a strong Falcon offense against the Frogs' 4-2-5 defense.

Patterson: Frogs' defense has prepared all season for Falcons

By David Stein
Staff Reporter

Head coach Gary Patterson said he has been preparing his defense all season for Air Force's triple option offense, and that experience will be necessary against the nation's best rushing attack.

Patterson said this is probably the best Air Force offense he's seen since TCU joined the Mountain West Conference in 2005. The Air Force Falcons are averaging just under 350 yards per game rushing this year and rank second in rushing touchdowns.

The Air Force offense is led by junior quarterback Tim Jefferson, a fast quarterback who knows the system well, Patterson said.

"Anytime you're facing a triple option of-

fense and an older quarterback who can run and really does a good job of throwing, it creates a lot of problems," Patterson said. "We understand we've got a lot of work to do."

Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun will also have his hands full against a Horned Frog defense that has given up fewer points than any other team in the nation. TCU has only allowed three points in the last three games.

Patterson said his team has prepared all season to face Air Force by having the scout team simulate the triple option offense.

This isn't the first time Air Force will be going on the road to face a Top-10 team this season. The Falcons rushed for over 350 yards in a 27-24 heartbreaker against Okla-

homa, the No. 1 team in the nation, according to the BCS standings.

The Falcons are coming off a 27-25 loss at San Diego State that knocked them out of the Top 25 in the polls. Air Force rushed for over 300 yards against SDSU, but were forced to kick two field goals as well as failing on a two-point conversion in the first half.

The Falcons also had trouble with big plays as SDSU freshman running back Ronnie Hillman had two touchdown runs of 44 and 65 yards, respectively.

TCU is coming off a 31-3 win over conference rival BYU in the last conference game between the two schools before BYU goes independent next year. The Frogs entered the game as one of the best rushing teams in the nation, but got the job done through the air.

Senior quarterback Andy Dalton threw for 273 yards and tied a career mark with four touchdowns.

In the first BCS standings released Sunday, TCU was ranked fifth, just four spots ahead of conference rival Utah and just two behind fellow non-automatic qualifier Boise State.

The Horned Frogs take on Air Force on Saturday at a sold out Amon G. Carter Stadium at 7 p.m.

TCU vs. Air Force

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: Amon G. Carter Stadium

Broadcasting: CBS College Sports; WBAP 820 AM & 96.7 FM; KTCU 88.7 FM

WEEKEND COVERAGE:

Follow dailyskiff.com for live chat during the game and for post-game coverage against Air Force. Also, follow live updates from the Skiff on KTCU FM 88.7 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Saturday.