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## Portable offices to be vacated next year

By Kristin Butler  
Staff Reporter

The office portables in the parking lot behind Beasley Hall will be vacated in December 2009 after more than 20 years, the dean of the college of liberal arts said.

The two portables that house the sociology, criminal justice, anthropology and economics departments have stood there since the mid-1980s, said Andrew Schoolmaster, dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts.

Schoolmaster said the reason the move from the portables took so long is because the university had other priorities that were pursued before building a new facility for the AddRan College.

The new building, Scharbauer Hall, will be located where the old student center used to stand. AddRan faculty and staff will be located on the fourth floor.

Schoolmaster said the total cost put toward construction, equipment and furniture is \$25 million.

"Relocating to new offices allows for better teaching and research space, and a better environment for both faculty and students," he said.

The plan for the portables is to get rid of them completely, said Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects for the Physical Plant.

Leeman said Brite Divinity School is planning on building a new hall where the por-

tables currently stand. The portables may stay up to six months after AddRan moves out to accommodate other construction on campus.

Morrison Wong, professor of sociology, said he has been teaching at TCU for 28 years and has been in the portables since the 1980s.

An advantage of moving is greater visibility on campus, and people will know where to find the buildings because a lot of people do not associate the trailers with offices, Wong said.

"We will become not part of the trailer trash anymore," Wong said jokingly.

A disadvantage is that currently they are aware of who enters and leaves the trailer,

but when they move they will not have that luxury, Wong said. The close proximity between friends and colleagues will also be gone, he said.

"We allow cats and dogs in our building, and we are in charge of what we do," Wong said. "When we move we won't be able to have our own culture we have gotten used to anymore."

John Lovett, professor of economics since 2000, said his main problem with the trailers is the animals that serve as a distraction.

"When we have visitors and you hear the squirrels, it's kind of embarrassing," he said.

The portables are the last two temporary buildings on campus, so moving will be welcome change, Lovett said.

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### PECULIAR FACT

**BUTTE, Mont.** — A 61-year-old woman got into a tussle with an aggressive deer after it attacked one of her poodles at her home on Monday. Carol Lince said she let her three dogs outside, then heard one "screaming bloody murder." She went outside her home and saw a doe attacking her smallest dog.

— The Montana Standard

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## LIGHTING UP



Sophomore engineering major Josh Gill smokes outside Wright Hall on Wednesday.

ROSE BACA / Staff Reporter

## Some fume over campus smokers

By Rose Baca  
Staff Reporter

Freshman engineering major Robert Elliott gets the feeling people walking by him look a little too long when he lights up a cigarette outside Winton-Scott Hall.

"If students don't like it, they're not willing to put up with it," Elliott said.

Despite the Student Government Association's rejection of a resolution that would ban tobacco smoking in the Campus Commons, the university continues to receive complaints about student smokers, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student

affairs, said the number of students smoking on campus is not increasing, but more students are complaining about it.

Students are mainly voicing their concern over smokers who gather outside the residence halls and entry doors to buildings, Mills said.

"This is an issue that has been discussed by municipalities," Mills said. "There's a lot of conversation about it."

Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said the largest concern is for nonsmokers who have to walk through areas of campus or near doorways where others are smoking and breathe in the secondhand smoke.

By implementing a smoking ban on campus, smokers might be less inclined to light up, Giovanis said. However, smokers who are truly addicted to nicotine and are psychologically addicted to the act of smoking would most likely find ways to violate a ban, she said.

Reports from the Core Survey, a representative student survey conducted on campus last semester regarding the different behaviors around alcohol and substance use, show that 21 percent of students smoke on a regular basis, which is slightly below the national average of 26 percent, Giovanis said.

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## Professors not forced to squelch opinions

*Although discouraged, showing political views in class OK*

By Katie B. Martinez  
Staff Reporter

A new book claims American universities' tendency to disengage from the world of politics leaves students unprepared for citizenship in a democratic society, but some university officials, administrators and students do not think it is a good idea for professors to share their personal beliefs in the classroom.

The book, "Closed Minds? Politics and Ideology in American Universities," is based on research from surveys, focus groups and interviews with students and professors nationwide. The authors, two professors and an associate professor at George Mason University in Virginia, wrote that contrary to popular belief the problem with higher education in the U.S. is not too much politics but too little.

Educating students about politics can and should be done free of any bias, wrote Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, in an e-mail.

"It is perfectly possible to discuss the nuances and balances of political debates and arguments in an impersonal way," Donovan wrote. "The various professors in our political science department do this all the time, and do it very well."

Donovan wrote that although no university policy specifically forbids a teacher from mentioning their personal political views, it is considered unprofessional and could fall under the section Academic Freedom and Faculty Responsibility in the Faculty and Staff Handbook.

In the classroom, teachers are entitled to the freedom to discuss their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce controversial matters that have no relation to their subject, according to the handbook.

Ranae Stetson, associate professor of ed-

SEE POLITICS · PAGE 2

## On-campus art gallery exhibit features political theme

By Chelsea Smith  
Staff Reporter

It's almost impossible to avoid talking politics during an election year, especially when you spend a lot of time near a university. But the latest place politics is popping up might come as a surprise.

Political discussion is coming to the university-owned Fort Worth Contemporary Arts gallery in the form of "Electioneering," an exhibition focusing on the politics of persuasion.

"When I was looking at the program for planning for the future, I noticed that this slot would coincide with the election," said Gavin Morrison, the gallery curator. "It seemed that that would be a useful and obvious date to relate to."

Even though the election helped inspire the show, "Electioneering" steers clear of typical red versus blue politics. In fact, Morrison said he made a point of including a more international perspective on political art.

"I didn't want to be didactic, so it's much more about the ways in which we get other

people to believe other points of view," he said.

Works on display range from a wall painting that Argentinean-born Milwaukee resident Santiago Cucullu made by popping paint-filled balloons to a flash animation piece by Young-Hae Chang Heavy Industries, a Korean art company. Morrison said both pieces were specifically commissioned for "Electioneering."

"Within certain states, there's been a very long history of using art in a very overt way to convince the populace of the benefits of some regime," Morrison said. "In the contemporary world, there is quite often overt and covert relationships to the political ideas and political ideologies. So rather than the art being there as an isolated or perfect object, it's a means to certain ideas."

To further emphasize art's role in the world at large, Morrison has invited three TCU professors to give "lunchtime talks" on the ways in which their fields of study intersect with politics and the art of persuasion.

"I think that kind of reflects the idea of art existing outside of just the gallery," Morrison said. "There's a real interplay with the ideas within culture and society and contemporary art."

Claudia Camp, a religion professor, will discuss how people are persuaded to submit to religious authority on Dec. 2.

"I'm going to talk some about religious symbols and rituals, and how they help to communicate and shape identity and create authority," Camp said.

Political science professor Donald Jackson said he plans to contrast the ideal of the informed voter with the reality of voting in contemporary elections during his lunchtime talk on Nov. 11.

Philosophy professor Blake Hestir is scheduled to speak as well, in addition to several artists.

Morrison said he hopes students will take full advantage of the Fort Worth Contemporary Arts gallery, especially by coming the exhibition's opening at 6 p.m. tonight.

"I think one of the more exciting ways to look at art is to actually get a chance to

**"Electioneering" Events**  
**Friday, 6-9 p.m.:** Opening Reception  
**Monday, 7 p.m.:** Artist and author Michael Corris, "Ad Reinhardt"  
**Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m.:** Political science professor Donald Jackson, "What Has Happened to Popular Democracy?"  
**Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.:** Artist Gary Rough on his work in relation to "Electioneering"  
**Nov. 18, 12:30 p.m.:** Philosophy professor Blake Hestir, "Artistic Protest v. Protest Art"  
**Dec. 2, 12:30 p.m.:** Religion professor Claudia Camp, "Grabbed by God: How Religion Gets to Your Body, You Mind, and Maybe Your Soul"

talk to people about the things that you're looking at in sort of a sociable setting," Morrison said.

He said students can visit the gallery Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.



# NEWS

## SMOKING

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"I think a lot of our students are situational smokers or social smokers," Giovanis said. "So I think that some of our students don't necessarily smoke even on campus or between classes."

Elliott said he started out as a social smoker at the age of 18. He said when he joined the U.S. Army in 2004 he used smoking as an outlet to relieve stress and quickly became a regular smoker.

Four years later, Elliott said he still finds himself standing outside Winton-Scott Hall with a cigarette in hand.

Elliott said despite what some might say, a smoking ban would do little to decrease the sheer number of smokers.

"You can't break peoples' addiction by force," Elliott said. "You have to want to stop doing it."

Giovanis said to help those who want to quit, the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center has support systems in place to help smokers.

TCU is not the only university posing concerns about smoking on campus.

Thomas Carr, manager of national policy for the American Lung Association, said more and more campuses are implementing a complete smoking ban on campus grounds.

A report released last month conducted by the American Lung Association showed that more than 130 colleges and universities across the United States have prohibited smoking on campus, and about 31 have prohibited smoking on campus with some exceptions, Carr said.

"I do think it's a trend, and probably the way it's going to go," Carr said. "More and more you're going to see that this will accelerate."

Schools implementing new no-smoking policies include the Pennsylvania public universities, Carr said.

Rosalee Rush, director of communications at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, said the policy prohibiting smoking on campus was a result of the Clean Indoor Air Act approved by the state of Pennsylvania, which prohibited smoking in the workplace as well as locations defined as public places.

Rush said the university has not had any real issues with the new smoking ban.

"Of course when you put out an

all-smoking ban you're going to get some complaints," Rush said. "But I wouldn't say that we had a lot."

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania already had designated areas on campus that prohibited smoking so students didn't have much reaction to the ban, Rush said.

Carr said for a university to introduce a new policy like the smoking ban, the student body would need to be prepared for it.

"If the campus isn't ready for it, then it certainly shouldn't be implemented yet," Carr said.

Mills said before the university would consider a smoking ban, it would want to make sure there was a general consensus, which would mean involvement from the SGA and the Faculty Senate.

"If there is a ground swell of support for a campus ban, the university would be amenable to that," Mills said.

All university facilities are designated "No Smoking" in accordance with a city ordinance, according to the faculty and staff handbook. This policy means smoking is not allowed in any campus building or in any university-owned vehicle, according to the handbook.

political views," he said. "Nor should they use their position as a professor to try and influence their students' behavior."

Riddlesperger said students should feel comfortable to express their views and not worry about their beliefs being different from their professors. In his 26 years of teaching at TCU, he has never heard of any professor discussing his or her own personal beliefs in class.

"You need to have freedom of open expression in the classroom," he said. "Anything that is going to inhibit that, professors should be leary of."

This point is one Ashley Tambunga, a junior English major, said she agrees with.

After one of her professors made a reference to "stupid liberals" in a lecture, Tambunga did not feel com-

fortable expressing her own views in the classroom.

"There are some teachers that you would love to know the conclusions they have drawn about certain issues in politics," she said. "But not mentioning their personal view in the classroom seems more professional and inviting to discussion."

Matt McGuirk, a senior communications major, said he has never heard bias from any of his professors, but has heard plenty of students have nasty arguments about political views this year.

"I don't think it would necessarily be a bad thing for professors to discuss their views in class, as long as everyone is open to debate," he said. "It could turn bad, though, if there wasn't some sort of mediating and the argument got out of hand."

# Make sure your vote counts; Know rules and regulations

By Chance Welch  
Staff Reporter

The Brown-Lupton University Union will be a county early voting station from Monday through Friday next week. The hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. In the meantime, here are some tips if you are confused about how to vote.

For early voting on campus, students will need to bring their voter registration card and a photo ID. For voting stations in the area, most forms of photo identification will be taken, said Steve Raborn, Tarrant County elections administrator.

Early voting in Tarrant County started Oct. 20 and will last through the end of the month. If a student lives away from the campus or can't make it to the BLUU in time, there are several locations in Fort Worth where students can vote early such as the Tarrant County Elections Center, the Tarrant County Plaza Building and the Southside Community Center. Cynthia Walsh, assistant dean of student development and a member of TCU's Vote Purple, Vote Smart team, said when she asked students if they were registered, they would give her a straight "yes" or "no" answer, but when she followed up with a question about where they will vote, she often got a confused response.

"There's a whole laundry list of acceptable identification," Raborn said. "Most voters bring either their voter certificate or driver's license, but they can use student ID if it has a photo. We don't have a photo ID requirement in the state, but if you do have a photo ID that establishes your identity like an employee card or student

ID or even a Sam's Club card, that will suffice."

Raborn added that driver's licenses from out of state are acceptable too.

Raborn said voters are not allowed to wear campaign T-shirts, buttons or anything promoting a candidate. He said that might be a problem, especially for new voters. People who wear clothes or accessories promoting a political party into the polling place will usually be forced to turn the shirts inside out, Raborn said.

"It's a long-standing Texas law that you can't wear campaign materials into the polling place," Raborn said. "You can't wear it within 100 feet of the outside door of the polling place."

For a list of county early voting stations, visit <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote>.

### Out-of-State Voting

Voters who have moved to Texas have called the Tarrant County Elections Center with several questions, Raborn said. Students have the option of remaining registered at their home or registering at their college, but the deadline for registration has already passed. Another option for out-of-state voters is to use an absentee ballot, but voters would have to check their home county's rules and deadlines, Raborn said. For voters who moved from another county in Texas, they can vote by mail in their home county but must have written a request to their home county by Oct. 28, Raborn said.

Ashley Griffith, a senior finance major and Arizona native, said problems registering in her home state of Arizona and living in Texas prevented her from voting in the last presidential elec-

tion. Griffith said she requested an absentee ballot, which was sent to her parents' address. Her parents sent the ballot to her address in Texas, and she filled it out and sent it back to her home county, but it was too late. This time around, Griffith said she had the absentee ballot sent to her Texas address. With a choice of faxing it or e-mailing it, Griffith faxed her ballot with a copy of her driver's license before the deadline, but she said it was still a hassle.

"Just stay on top of it, and keep going through the process that they tell you to," Griffith said.

### Myths and Misconceptions

Raborn said one prevalent myth he has heard circulating through e-mails is if someone votes a straight ticket for either major political party, the vote for the presidential race won't be counted. Raborn said when you vote a straight ticket, you vote for every candidate from a specific party, including the presidential candidate.

Walsh said one of the goals of Vote Purple, Vote Smart is to clear up any misconceptions about the voting system.

Voters who have registered but are confused about where the candidates stand can check out [www.opencongress.org](http://www.opencongress.org) to see the voting records of senators and representatives in Congress. The site has updates on the presidential candidates' stances on issues such as health care and Wall Street regulation. Another site voters may use to wade through the swarm of attack ads and shifting positions is [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org). The site criticizes misleading and even outright false statements from both of the candidates' campaigns.

## POLITICS

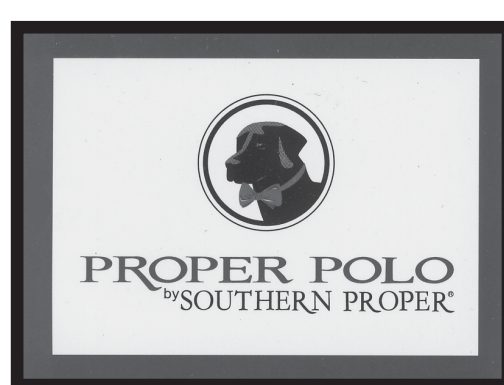
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ucation, said she does not think the practice is common at the university or she would have heard about it from her students.

"It definitely can alienate students," she said. "We do talk about current events in the classroom, but as far as showing support for one candidate or the other... I will not do it."

Jim Riddlesperger, a political science professor with expertise in American politics, said he is often asked about his personal political beliefs, but he declines to answer because of the potential to influence professors can have over their students.

"One should not use their classroom as a pulpit to further their own



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*The Skiff View*

## Professors' opinions should stick to class topic

In this election year, political views are everywhere, but the university discourages professors from expressing their personal political views in the classroom. Although no specific policy forbids such talk, Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for student affairs, said it could interfere with the Academic Freedom and Faculty Responsibility section of the faculty handbook. This policy is commendable and should be maintained to ensure that professors do not push their political leanings on students. The policy ensures the classroom stays a forum for open discussion and gives students more of a feeling that they can express their opinions without being singled out. Universities should foster open discussion.

While there may be situations where a professor expressing an opinion may be warranted or even necessary, it should be relevant to the topic at hand.

Political science professor Jim Riddlesperger said he agrees with the policy and does not answer personal political questions in class. He said he feels faculty "should not use their classroom as a pulpit to further their own political views." Students should be able to think for themselves and not be pressured by professors, who directly or indirectly influence them.

*Associate Editor Michelle Nicoud for the editorial board.*

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

## Obama inspirational, deserves presidency



LIBBY DAVIS

Dear Senator,

I doubt you will actually read this note, but I wanted someone in your campaign to know how happy I am. You see, I voted for the first time Tuesday. I am 20 years old and live in Fort Worth. Like a lot of students here, I am thinking about what is to come and how best to shape the future.

I first saw you when you announced your bid for the presidency. To be honest, I had no idea who you were. But then you spoke and you told me about a world where my single vote mattered. You told me about true equality for everyone and suddenly those dry words in my history books became real.

I saw you again when you visited Fort Worth for a speech during the primaries. You looked so tiny on the stage, but your words filled the stadium and even then, you looked presidential.

Some people are saying that this is a historic race because if elected, you will be the first biracial president. I have also had people accuse me of supporting you so fervently because I wished to relieve myself of the white debt to the black community.

But when I look at you, Senator, I don't see a black man or a tall man or a man with big ears, as you so frequently joke. I see my future and it is glorious.

I didn't vote for you because I liked your words or agree with all your policies because policies can change and fail. I voted for you because you are the most qualified. You ran the hardest primary campaign in history. You are smart enough to understand the need for good counsel.

Because of you, I have become politically active. I have recruited friends to join the cause and I proudly wear my Obama '08 shirt every chance I get.

I know the election isn't over yet. There is still a lot of work to be done. But I wanted to tell you thank you. Thank you for voicing my concerns and fears about the future. Thank you for energizing the youth. Thank you for giving me hope.

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## Misinformation shouldn't stop citizens from voting

JOSE A. GARCIA

AND SCOTT NOVAKOWSKI

The mortgage crisis should not put at risk the voting rights of more than 1 million American households.

Some Republicans have floated the possibility of using foreclosure lists to challenge voters at the polls. Fortunately, they now say they've discarded those plans.

But displaced voters who have not re-registered at their new addresses may believe they are automatically ineligible to vote.

This widespread confusion could discourage eligible voters from coming to the polls.

Low-income and minority communities may be especially impacted. A disproportionate number of sub-prime loans were extended to black and Latino borrowers. In 2006, one of every two home loans that were made to blacks was subprime, while two of every five subprime mortgage loans belonged to a Hispanic homeowner. Add in renters who are getting kicked out of foreclosed homes and the number of displaced voters skyrockets. As foreclosures mount, misinformation and intimidation at the polls could become a serious impediment to voting rights of historically disfranchised people. Displaced voters who have not had

a chance to re-register may be able to vote at their regular polling places. These laws vary by state and are not widely known. With less than two weeks left until the election, protecting the rights of these voters will require immediate public education efforts by election officials.

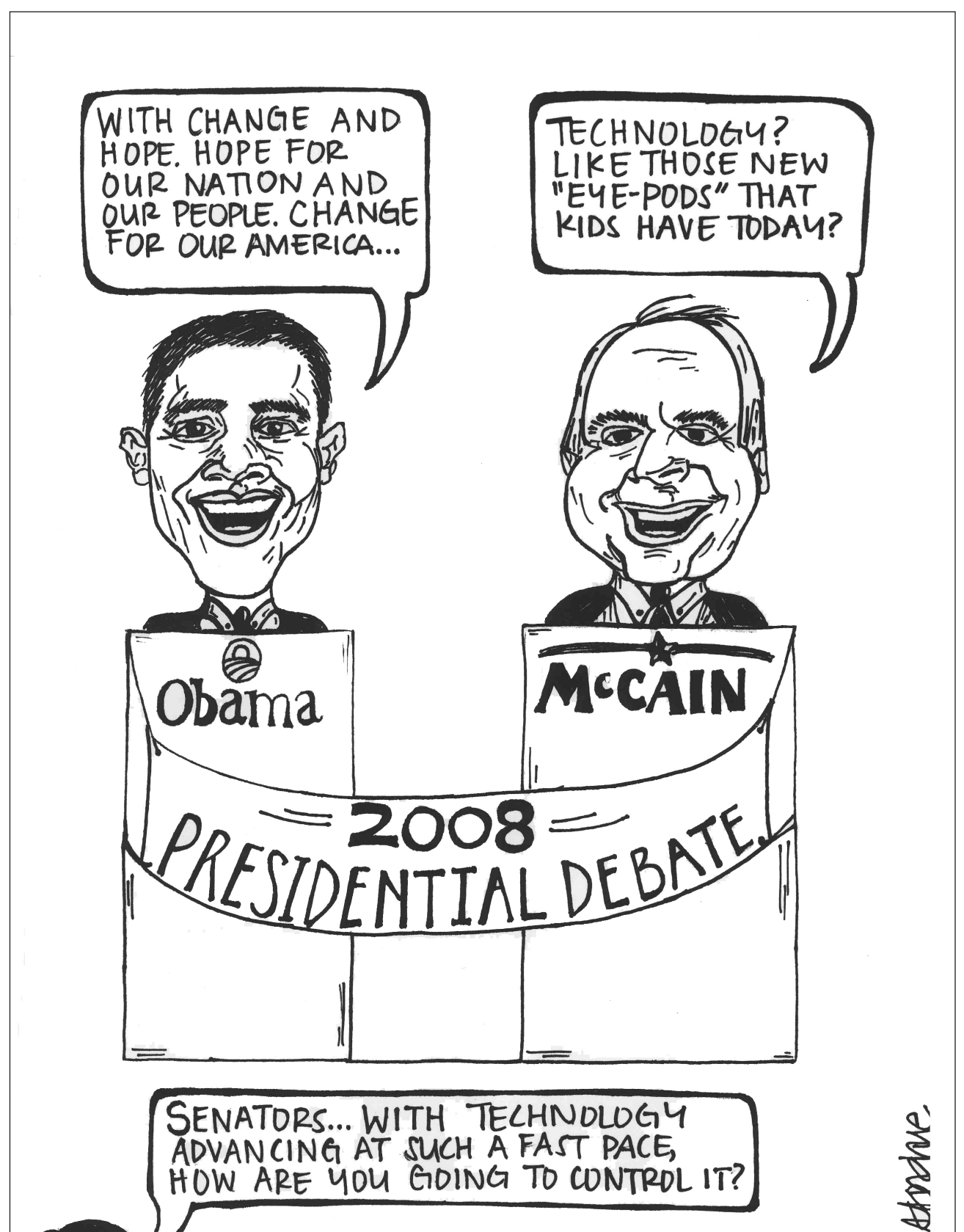
State officials must provide their citizens with clear and accurate information concerning state laws for voting if they've changed residences. Similarly, they must warn partisan operatives that foreclosure lists are not an appropriate basis for challenging voters at the polls.

As it happens, some of the nation's highest foreclosure rates are also in crucial swing states. In August, more than 44,000 household units were in the process of foreclosure in Florida and more than 13,000 in Ohio due to non-prime mortgages. Many more people have been displaced from foreclosed homes.

Misinformation and efforts to challenge foreclosure victims undermine the cornerstone of American democracy: the right to vote.

All eligible voters should be able to make their voices heard on Election Day.

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SATIRE

## Alerts a ploy to control minds



BRUNO BRUELHART

The other day, the university tested its much-anticipated TCU Alert System. In an instant, most of the campus population received text messages and e-mails to be used as a preliminary mass message system. The concept seems to have worked thus far, allowing the administration to quickly notify students, faculty and staff about any pressing matters. These can range from weather fiascoes, changes in school functions and other disasters on campus. Although I applaud the concept of mass communication in a matter of seconds, I have found that it somewhat resembles a Big Brother-esque type of uniformity and obedience. As most every other student on cam-

pus did upon receiving the messages, they followed its orders without thinking. Without even a hesitant thought concerning my actions, I replied to the text message's orders almost immediately. It asked me to respond with a "YES," which I did. Then I checked my e-mail, where it ordered me to click the link provided. I clicked the link. Only after I had done these arbitrary demands did I stop and realize that I had obeyed a message from the central command of TCU.

Why is this a big deal? It is a system designed to help keep the TCU community alert and on track, all at the same time. And therein lies the problem. By squashing and taking that small piece of individuality from us with a mere text messaging system, we have given in to the Big Brother that is the university administration. What is to stop them from installing a system of speakers throughout campus that continually blare our fight music, briefly pausing to alert us as to how we should react upon certain situations, like meeting a person from a rival school? Next, the system could be

telling us that Brown-Lupton University Union is not a waste of money after all. It is a necessary building for TCU's future. Simple things like this eventually lead to much bigger shows of force. Just examine Lenin's project code named USSR.

First it was the signs posted around campus, telling us where and when to cast our votes for some silly Mr. and Ms. (not Mrs.) TCU election. Then came the mass electronic communication, hijacking our phones and Internet into conformity. Next we'll have parades across University Drive as Supreme High Chancellor Victor Boschini sits in his dark office, contemplating the next universal message needed to ensure loyalty. Perhaps this is overreacting, but then again, wouldn't you rather keep them from bugging you with commands and mass obedience? They may take our tuition, but they'll never take our minds, comrades!

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## Senator deserves punishment for misuse of tax dollars

"Senate staff are compensated for the purpose of assisting Senators in their official legislative and representational duties, and not for the purpose of performing personal or other non-official activities for themselves or on behalf of others." — U.S. Senate ethics manual.

In Ted Stevens' trial on charges of failing to report years' worth of gifts from convicted lobbyist Bill Allen, his wife Catherine plays a critical role in his defense. She was in charge of the teepee, as Sen. Stevens put it. She handled all the bills. Sen. Stevens had no idea Bill Allen supplied home improvements they hadn't paid for.

Pointing the finger at his wife may help Sen. Stevens fight the charges in the trial, but evidence about his wife's conduct has created new ethical and legal problems for the senator.

Undisputed evidence shows that

Sen. Stevens allowed his wife, a highly-paid Washington, D.C., lawyer, to use his government-paid Senate staff as a personal errand service.

Catherine Stevens used her husband's Senate staff to keep the family checkbook. She used the senator's staff to pay her credit card bills from luxury stores like Saks Fifth Avenue. Catherine Stevens had the senator's staff make runs to an ATM to fetch cash for her. The senator's staff wrapped Christmas gifts for the Stevens, walked the family dog, fed the family cat, cut the family lawn, paid personal parking tickets and handled overdue personal video rental bills.

Much of that help came from someone who reportedly cost U.S. taxpayers \$126,000 a year, supposedly to perform official U.S. government business.

Using Senate staff as a household

helper is a clear violation of Senate ethics rules, as stated in the Senate Ethics Manual.

If Sen. Stevens wins re-election, he will almost certainly face an inquiry by the Senate Ethics Committee. If he loses the election, the violation of Senate ethics rules is moot, but he could face new legal charges for misappropriation of federal funds.

Because whether or not the jury convicts Sen. Stevens of filing false reports about gifts, one thing is clear. In letting his wife use his Senate staff as a concierge service, he abused the privileges of his office.

Bottom line: There's trouble ahead for Ted Stevens, now that it's clear his wife repeatedly used Senate staff for personal business.

*This editorial appeared in the Anchorage Daily News on Wednesday.*



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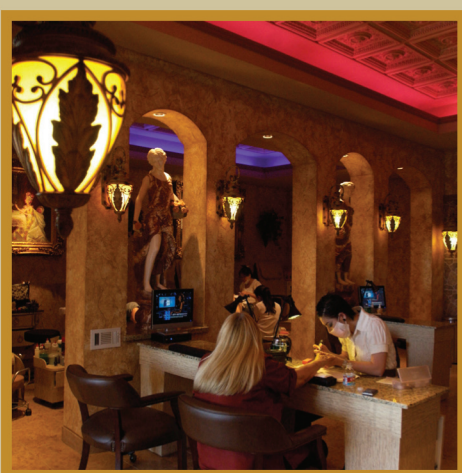
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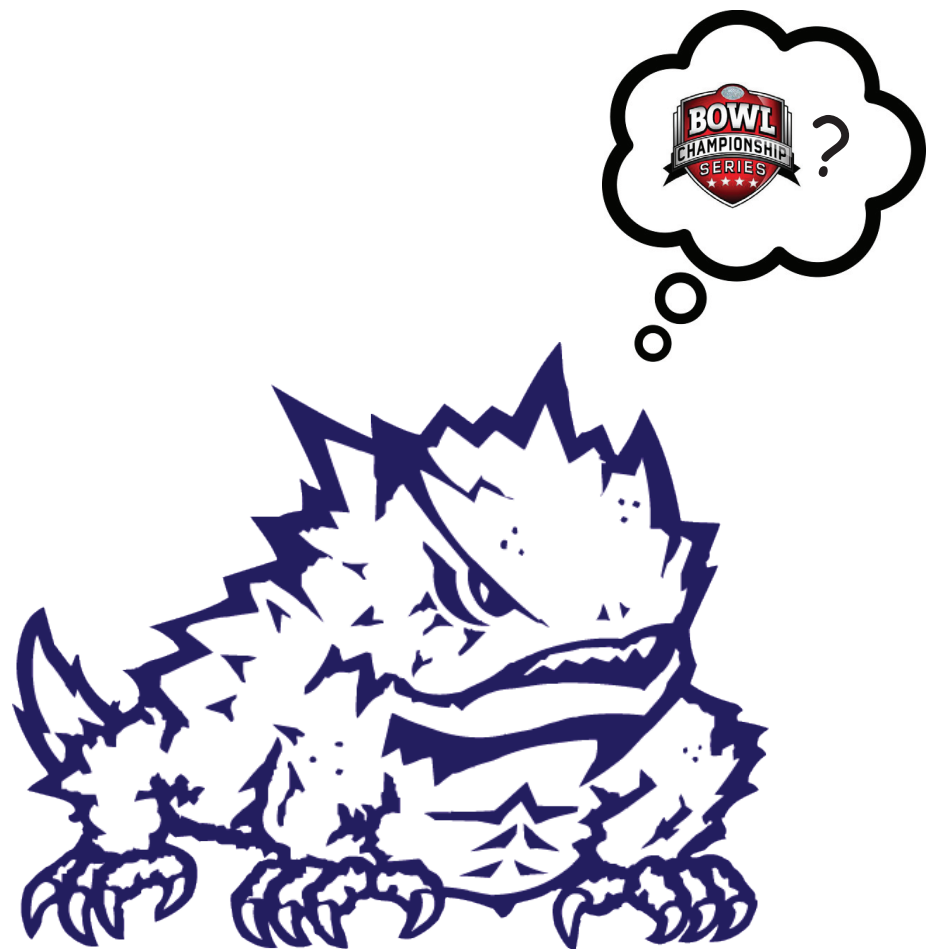
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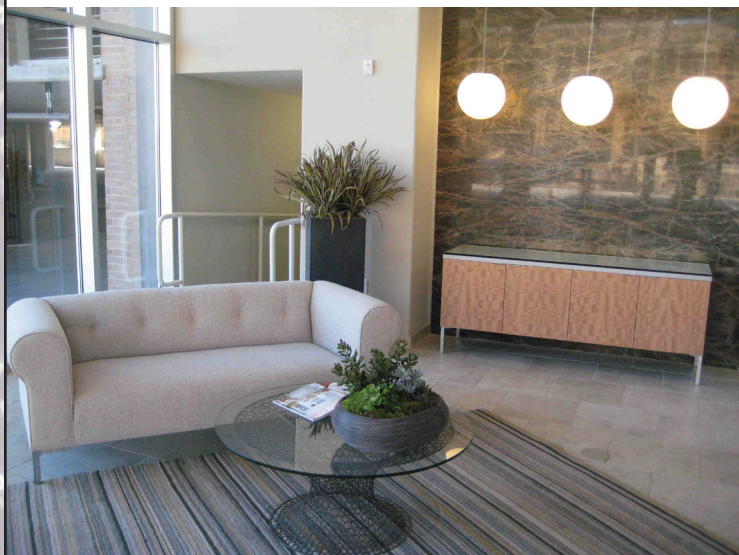
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## Searching for the leader within

### Senior takes it one step at a time

By Lauren Rausch  
Staff Reporter

Trekking through the Scottish terrain was not something Kristen Chapman was accustomed to. The senior marketing major had never camped a night in her life, so five days in the wilderness was quite a feat.

But as she rambled through the woods alone one night, she started to feel something change. With each step, everything that had caused her anxiety before seemed to be falling at her feet. Soon she came to the edge of the tree line. As she took a few more steps, she found herself in a clearing in the middle of the stars.

"I felt like things were weighing me down. It was a good chance for me to stop," Chapman said. "I realized how awesome life is."

#### Sweet Southern Charm

Chapman grew up in Sugar Land, a city that originated as a sugar plantation and has been the headquarters for the Imperial Sugar Company since 1843. The commodity can also be used to describe her personality. Chapman's curly locks, endearing smile and sanguine eyes support this claim. Her values reflect her Southern roots; family, friends and faith are things Chapman said are top on her list of priorities.

Chapman's parents, who have been married for 27 years, and her younger sister, Kelsey, 15, now live in Prosper. Chapman said they are a family of positive thinkers.

"My dad always says, 'Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things,'" Chapman said.

In high school, she was a "serial student organization member," Chapman said. Choir, Peers As Leaders (PALS) and student council were her main focuses. She served as student body vice president and class favorite, Miss Clements, her senior year. College provided her with just as many opportunities to get involved as well.



#### Getting the Job Done

Originally, Chapman had pictured herself at a school like New York University in a big city far from home. But, after being accepted to NYU, Chapman reconsidered.

Her grandmother died during her senior year of high school and Chapman saw the difficulty her aunt, who lives in London, faced with the distance from family.

Chapman chose TCU for its small, personable feel and the prestigious Neeley School of Business. She is thankful for her decision because of the numerous opportunities she has been given and things she has been able to be a part of, she said.

Chapman has served as Programming Council Chair in Student Government Association for two terms since January 2007. In her terms, events including performances by singer Tyler Hilton and Full House star Dave Coulier and a luau promoting safe Spring Breaks as well as CD release parties have taken place.

She was also instrumental in making the Pat Green concert and larger TCU holiday events possible.

"She's got a lot of energy and enthusiasm for everything she does," said Merillat Pittman, Programming Council Homecoming director. But she is also very task oriented." She brings a really good, lighthearted side to it but also knows what needs to be done."

Her job has not always been painless. In October 2006, Chapman, who was then the special events director helped the Homecoming director with the Mr. and Ms. TCU competition and had to disqualify three Ms. TCU candidates for soliciting votes on Facebook, a social networking Web site. The cases were later taken to the SGA Judicial Board and overturned.

"It was one of the first times when I actually had to step up in Programming Council and make a decision that I knew was the right one, but I also knew it might not be the most popular one," Chapman said. "I knew that I had to make an ethical, value-based decision and I don't regret it to this day."

Outside of SGA, Chapman is a part of Neeley Fellows, Sigma Kappa sorority, Student Foundation, American Marketing Association and Order of Omega, to name a few.

Last summer, Chapman landed an internship at Latitude, a creative marketing communications organization affiliated with The Richards Group advertising agency in Dallas.

As account executive, Chapman served as a liaison between the client and the creative team. She worked on accounts including Red Lobster Seafood Restaurants and Life Walk, an event that benefits AIDS Arms Inc.

As the only intern at the time, Chapman was able to directly participate in promotional merchandising. She worked on menus and newspaper ads and participated in photo shoots and conference calls.

Chapman was able to see the "Endless Shrimp" promotion for Red Lobster from start to finish. She even planned to go back to Latitude for a "shrimp-a-thon" to celebrate the campaign with her former associates, Chapman said.

"Her biggest strength is her personality, her people skills," said Beata M. Jones, director of Neeley Fellows Program and Associate Professor of Professional Practice.



Photo courtesy of KRISTEN CHAPMAN  
Kristen Chapman gets a picture with country singer Pat Green. Green performed in a concert at TCU on Sept. 5, an event Chapman helped plan.

#### Finding her inner-leader

"I think the hardest thing about college has been making sense of all of the opportunities provided to me, both educationally and socially, and using them to truly define who I am as an individual," Chapman said.

An experience that helped Chapman channel herself and find her voice was a trip across the pond. During the Winter Break of her junior year, Chapman traveled with a group from the business school to the United Kingdom.

After a few days in London studying leaders from history, the group moved on to the Isle of Skye in Scotland. Here, near the misty sea where winds sweep the water onto the jagged cliffs, they set up camp.

The purpose of being in the Scottish countryside, miles from the nearest town, was so the students could reflect on themselves, gain self-awareness and assess both what it means to be a leader and how to guide their world to change, business school Assistant Professor Gregory K. Stephens said. Stephens led the team on the trip.

They also were asked to dream and develop ideas of their purpose after college to affect the world around them.

"I don't think she will be content with just having a career," Stephens said. "I think she will want to have a broader impact, and I think she is fully capable of that. I suspect that her influence will be through her quiet relationships with other people."

Chapman agrees. In her paper for the program she wrote: "I want to be a good Samaritan, a friend, an advocate and a smiling face to someone in need. I want to eventually trade in the power suits and portfolios of my career and find something more useful with my life, where it is not about what you are wearing or who your client is but what you are doing for others. Critics may find this dream absurd or not 'grand enough,' but it is my dream and I am determined to make it a reality."

While she has come so far, Chapman is still molding herself, stretching her strengths and bending her weaknesses. Her positive attitude helps to scale back the impact of her time management errors.

But, it does not look like that will encumber her long because she has been compared to an American dignitary.

"If I were to compare her with prominent leaders that we know about now, I think I would probably compare her to Colin Powell," Stephens said. "He's not in your face, but most people that I know, whether they agree with him or not, respect what he has to say and will listen to what he has to say. That's the way I see Kristen."



Photo courtesy of KRISTEN CHAPMAN  
Kristen Chapman (center) and other participants in the Leadership in the United Kingdom program (left to right: Nate Arnold, Laura Soben, Larry Wilkerson, Reagan Smith) pose for a picture on the Isle of Skye in Scotland.



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SPORTS

# San Jose State's resurgence proving critics wrong

By Bryant-Jon Anteola  
McClatchy Newspapers

San Jose State is thinking big these days.

Or at least bigger than before. No longer content to play spoiler or simply happy to reach a bowl, San Jose State has its sights set on a Western Athletic Conference title.

With a strong start, the Spartans (5-2 overall, 3-0 WAC) are in position to take a commanding lead early in the conference season.

In a clash of undefeated WAC teams, San Jose State hosts perennial power and No. 13-ranked Boise State (6-0, 2-0) on Friday.

A win would further distance San Jose State from the WAC pack and severely damage Boise State's quest to reach a second Bowl Championship Series game in three years.

San Jose State has won 15 of its past 17 home games and is gunning for its first WAC title in school history.

"This is the best team we've had," said coach Dick Tomey, in his fourth season at San Jose State. "This team does a lot of things very well. ... I trust them. They trust us.

"(Fans) around here say, 'You've got a chance to spoil Boise State's BCS (run)'. That's the furthest thing

from our mind. We're trying to compete for the championship."

Predicted to finish fifth in the WAC preseason coaches' poll, the Spartans have quietly emerged as a championship contender behind quarterback Kyle Reed, a transfer from Cal who ranks second in the conference with a 69.4 percent completion rate.

San Jose State also has been aided by the return of senior running back Yonus Davis, who received an unexpected medical redshirt season in late August.

But perhaps most impressive to the Spartans' start has been their defense. Sophomore cornerback Duke Ihenacho leads the nation along with two others with five interceptions. He returned two for touchdowns. His brother, Carl Ihenacho, a defensive lineman, tops the country with 14 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Defense was the primary reason San Jose State won 31-14 at New Mexico State last week despite Reed's first poor showing of the year. Though Reed uncharacteristically completed a mere 8 of 18 passes for 50 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions, the Spartans made up for the sluggish offense with three turnovers, includ-

ing two interceptions returned for touchdowns.

"They continually get better," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "When (Tomey) got the job, we were all saying, 'OK, we know what's going to happen there.' He's as good as they come. He knows how to coach a team and he knows how to win."

Boise State continues to get better each week, too.

With a 27-7 win against defending conference champ Hawaii last week, the Broncos debuted at No. 12 in the first BCS standings.

A team from a mid-major conference must finish among the top 12 in the final BCS standings or in the top 16 and ahead of a BCS conference champion to receive an automatic bid into a BCS bowl. Only one team from a mid-major conference, however, can get an automatic BCS bid.

Boise State's BCS-buster dreams were aided with Brigham Young falling, 32-7, to Texas Christian last week. BYU was ranked No. 9 before the game.

Boise State, however, remains behind another Mountain West Conference team with No. 12 Utah (8-0) still undefeated and No. 11 in the BCS standings.

Despite the interesting scenario, Petersen refuses to allow himself or

his team to entertain thoughts of any BCS aspirations.

"Not even kind of," said Petersen, when asked if he had any interest following Utah's weekly results. "That doesn't have anything to do with us right now. You talk to me in six more games. If we're still doing well, it'll mean something.

"The only thing that matters is San Jose State. ... I don't think it's a distraction when we take that mentality."

Originally considered somewhat of a rebuilding year because of the uncertainty at quarterback, Boise State has maintained its place among the WAC's best with the surprising play of quarterback Kellen Moore.

The redshirt freshman sports a 172.7 pass efficiency rating, with 123 of 170 passes completed for an average of 265.2 yards with 13 touchdowns. Moore is Boise State's first freshman starting quarterback in school history.

Moore's play has offset the lack of a dominant season from senior running back Ian Johnson. In 2006, Johnson was the star of the Broncos team that won the Fiesta Bowl and finished as college football's only undefeated team that season.

Johnson, however, has been used in multiple roles this season. It's



San Jose State University Spartans' Duke Ihenacho scores a touchdown off an interception against the Utah State University Aggies on Oct. 11.

helped the Broncos spread the ball around but, in turn, stifled Johnson's statistics.

For the season, Johnson has 78 carries for 363 yards (60.5 yards per game) and four touchdowns, 10 catches for 146 yards, three kick re-

turns for an average of 24.7 yards and one punt return for 19 yards.

By comparison, Johnson was averaging 94.6 rushing yards with 16 touchdowns in 2007, and 142.8 rushing yards per game with 25 touchdowns in 2006.

## PATTERSON

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of a candidate for (the Kansas State coaching job), and that might happen again if that opens up," Barnhouse said. "If (TCU) goes one loss or two losses again by the end of the season, his name is going to come up. It just depends on whether he wants to make a move."

Barnhouse added Patterson's history at KSU might make that school a good fit for the coach, but he added it is difficult to win at KSU.

"He wasn't that interested in it when it opened up the first time; it's not a really

great job," Barnhouse said. "It seems like he would be in a pretty good position to make a move, and I would assume that if he were to make a move it would be to a BCS conference. It seems like he would be a good fit in the Big 12."

Patterson was not available for comment, but athletic director Danny Morrison took the rumors in stride.

"We do not comment on speculation," Morrison said in an e-mail. "It would surprise me if (Patterson) was not on someone's list."

Managing editor Joe Zigtema and staff reporter Travis L. Brown contributed in this report.

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anything with that excitement.

"We came out down two, we were really excited about the white out and we didn't turn that excitement into focus," Blackwood said. "We got real excited real pumped up, but it wasn't focused energy."

Senior setter Nirelle Hampton agreed with Blackwood that the team came out with a lack of focus.

"We were just really tense and really tight," Hampton said. "We tried to relax, come out and get the team settled down, but it just took to long."

The last time these two teams met, Sept. 27, the Horned Frogs swept the Aztecs (25-14, 25-23, 25-23), but Lewis said this is a different team then the one they faced last

month because they put in a freshman outside hitter.

That new player was Kyle Sexton, who recorded 14 kills in the match.

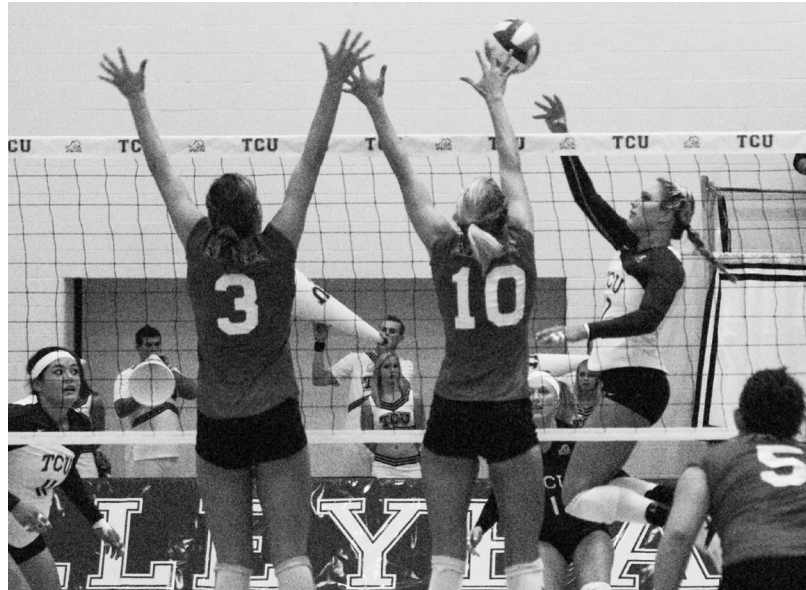
Hampton said this game will serve as a wake up call for the team.

"We have been struggling in practice," Hampton said. "We know we are going to have to pick it up going into the second round of conference."

The lone bright spot of Thursday's match was the 1,036 fans, a new attendance record.

Lewis said Saturday's match against UNLV is a must-win, and another record-setting crowd would really help the Frogs.

"The crowd was phenomenal," Lewis said. "If we had crowds like this every time, I couldn't see us losing a match."



Junior outside hitter Lauren Otto attempts to tip the ball over San Diego State defenders Thursday in the University Recreation Center gym.

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For the past two games, he has nine receptions for 138 yards and a TD. He has become a solid option for Marc Bulger playing opposite Torry Holt.

Mike Furrey (WR-DET): In the aftermath of Calvin Johnson being drafted and Roy Williams being dealt, it has been easy to overlook

a fantasy upstart from a few seasons ago. But Furrey made a statement against the Texans last week in Williams' absence catching six passes for 89 yards. He could be a useful safety valve for inexperienced Dan Orlovsky and therefore a useful receiver for you in PPR leagues.

Deuce McAllister (RB-Hou): Reggie Bush is down and could be out for quite a while. Over the

past few weeks McAllister has reasserted himself as a force in this offense and his role is only going to increase. If he's not available, look in to Pierre Thomas. He was New Orleans' battering ram at the season's outset and should also reap carries from Bush's injury.

### Week 8 Matchups

Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles: Matt Ryan and the Falcons

have been impressive this season and have a swagger walking in to the Linc this week. But the Eagles' bye week couldn't have come at a better time, allowing them to get healthy for this game. Michael Turner has had a problem against teams with good run defenses, but he is too good not to start. This should be a close game yielding good stats for the major players on both sides.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Dallas Cowboys: Marion Barber remains the only surefire starter on this Dallas squad right now.

Meanwhile, Jeff Garcia and Antonio Bryant are making it happen for the Bucs, but they both should have fantasy owners holding their breath due to their inconsistencies over the years. Earnest Graham is a true team player opting for more snaps at full back due to the injuries Tampa Bay has suffered at that position, but it leaves fantasy players unnerved. For the moment, however, both he and Warrick Dunn are reliable starters and could have big games against the tissue paper that is the Dallas defense.

New York Giants at Pittsburgh

Steelers: Plaxico Burress should play this week despite being hobbled by finger, shoulder and neck issues. This is good news for fantasy owners because no matter the matchup, or the amount he practices, he always delivers. Willie Parker should return this week, but Mewelde Moore should have at least one more good week in him. As goes the Steelers' offensive line, so goes this game. If they can protect Big Ben, which I have my doubts about, then Hines Ward should help Pittsburgh win this game, but if they can't, New York's defense will be a must-start against a team that gave up nine sacks against Philadelphia.

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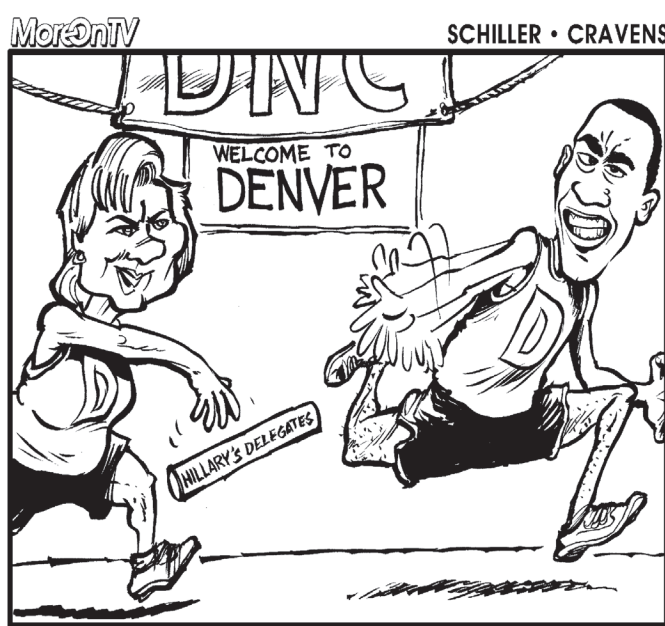
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## VOLLEYBALL

## TOUGH LOSS



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Senior setter Nirelle Hampton and junior middle blocker Kourtney Edwards block a hit against San Diego State University on Thursday in the University Recreation Center gym.

## Attendance record set in team's loss

By **Billy Wessels**  
Sports Editor

For the first time ever, a Horned Frog volleyball match was televised Thursday night.

The volleyball team turned the television debut into a drama, but

fell to the San Diego Aztecs 3-1 (25-17, 25-12, 22-25, 26-24).

"We didn't come to play the first two games," head coach Prentice Lewis said. "They came out very fired up until point 10, but when they started to put a little pressure on us, we started

to back off. When you don't come to play, you don't come to play."

Junior defensive specialist Katelyn Blackwood said her team came out excited to play in its first TV game but couldn't do

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## FOOTBALL

## Frogs try to avoid letdown

By **Michelle Nicoud**  
Associate Editor

Last season, the Frogs, coming off of two straight home victories, went on the road to Laramie, Wyo., to face the Wyoming Cowboys.

The Cowboys proceeded to shock the Frogs and pull off a 24-21 upset.

"When we played them last year, they had two weeks to prepare and embarrassed us," head coach Gary Patterson said.

The Cowboys rushed for 232 yards in that contest, including two 100-yard rushers. The Frogs have allowed 168 yards rushing in eight games this season.

But Patterson also noted that it wasn't just the defense that played poorly in Wyoming last season.

"They intercepted us three times," Patterson said of his of-

fense last season. "We played terribly and got beat."

Although the Cowboys come into the game with a 2-5 record, Patterson said the team is solid both offensively and defensively.

"They have two excellent running backs, and their defense is senior-oriented," Patterson said. "They are very good and know what they are trying to accomplish."

Junior defensive end Jerry Hughes, who leads the nation in sacks with 11, has been instrumental in the Frogs' No. 1-ranked defense, the coach said.

"I don't think anyone could imagine the consistency he has had this year," Patterson said. "He's having as good of season as any in the history of that position at TCU," Patterson said.

Patterson said he has encouraged the team to approach Sat-

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urday's game with the same level of intensity as previous games against BYU and Oklahoma — something he said is necessary if the Frogs are to win their second Mountain West Conference title.

"This week is when you worry — coming off a big win and trying to bottle up any attention they have left from all the distractions," he said. "We have to find a way in the next four weeks to give our kids a chance to win a conference title."

Sports Editor Billy Wessels contributed to this report.

## FOOTBALL

## Fans start Patterson rumor mill

By **Billy Wessels**  
Sports Editor

The Horned Frogs' success may be creating a buzz among college campuses about the prospects of luring head football coach Gary Patterson away from TCU, but

the publicity created from a Kansas State University fan's Web site prompted its shut down this week.

The coach is being mentioned in rumor mills for jobs at Clemson University, KSU and the University of Iowa. But the Web site, [www.hirepatterson.com](http://www.hirepatterson.com), which was created by a KSU fan to promote Patterson, to drum up support for the coach among fellow fans has

been taken down just weeks after its creation.

Chris Harris, the site's creator, said he took the site down Wednesday. Even when the site was up and running, it was blocked on TCU's campus network.

Harris said he did not know anything about restricted access from TCU's network, and he declined further comment.

Jim Mayne, TCU director of information security services, said the university does not block Web sites.

Even with this site down, there are still rumors circulating around the Internet about Patterson's next location. He has been mentioned as one of the top five candidates to fill Clemson's open head coaching position by both The State, the local newspaper in Columbia, S.C.,

and Sports Illustrated's Web site.

All of those are currently just rumors, but Wendell Barnhouse, correspondent for the Big 12's Web site, confirmed no one school is looking at Patterson specifically.

"I haven't heard anything specifically about him and I am a little surprised by that," Barnhouse said. "I think that might pick up a little bit. Obviously there are going to be openings at Syracuse and Washington, and the Clemson job is open. I think a lot of the jobs right now that are going to come open aren't really a good fit for him."

Barnhouse did say Patterson might be one of the finalists for the job at his alma mater, currently held by Ron Prince.

"A couple years ago he was

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## FANTASY FOOTBALL

## Game in London highlights NFL week 8

By **Erick Moen**  
Staff Writer

Regular readers of this column may remember my feelings toward playing NFL games abroad: Don't do it.

I wrote a column saying just that before the Giants-Dolphins game in London last season. A few weeks later, I found myself on a British Airways flight to London, which gave me a chance to talk to some genuine Brits about their feelings regarding the NFL in Europe. Mostly the reaction was, "They played a game over here?" followed by, "Why?"

The NFL made a few dollars off the people who did find their way to the game last year, but one

would reason the novelty of it that drew them. Don't get me wrong, there are followers over there, just not enough to make a legitimate fan base.

Take David Beckham as an example. He just signed a loan deal to play for AC Milan, which means two seasons into his deal with the Galaxy, he might be realizing soccer doesn't work in the U.S. So maybe next year the NFL will realize there can't be two footballs in Europe.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. L.T. will be OK. His toe has given him a large amount of trouble, but he bounced back from last year's slow start and he will

do it again this year.

2. The Cowboys may not be OK, but taking away responsibility from Brian Stewart so Wade Phillips can do what he was brought here to do, field a dominating defense, is a good start. Stewart's side of the ball has been a disgrace.

And now the main event: This week's top three waiver wire adds and the matchups to keep an eye on.

### Waiver Wire Adds

Donnie Avery (WR-STL): He made Dallas' defense look silly last week and is really starting to make strides in his rookie sea-

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