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In Wednesday's edition of the Skiff, due to a reporting error, candidates running for Student **Government Association** treasurer were mistakenly listed as running for **Programming Council** chair and vice versa.

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— Reuters

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SPORTS

Two sports editors debate who will win this Saturday's TCU vs. UNLV football game. Friday



NEWS

An assistant director from "The Office" will be visiting the film, television and digital media department. Friday



CAMPUS RECREATION

JFFLED FEATHERS



ALLISON ERICKSON / Staff Reporter Freshman psychology and child development major Kristen Upton and junior psychology major Lindsay Randall fight it out with pillows in the Intramural Pillow Fight Tournament. Randall would go on to win the match and the tournament for the women's division.

36 compete in Campus pillow fight

By Allison Erickson Staff Reporter

Lindsay Randall and Preston Thompson won two Dallas Cowboys tickets apiece in the univer- merchandising major, in the early sity's first intramural pillow fight match. Randall, a junior psychol-Wednesday evening in the Cam-

pus Commons. wooden beam over an inflated, and child development major. red and blue apparatus, partici-

Four participants signed up

matically qualified for the semifinals. Alyson Morales, a freshman journalism major, defeated Alison Deathe, a freshman fashion ogy major and Campus Recreation employee, defeated Kristen Straddled across a padded Upton, a freshman psychology rolled over the beam.

The men's division saw a larg-

for women's division and auto- er turnout, with 32 contestants. Only 16 made the initial tournament list, while the other 16 were waitlisted. The final four in the men's division included Preston Thompson, Jeremy Burkett, Will Gaffney and Ben Halliday. Thompson, a freshman pre-business major, battled Ben Halliday, also a business major, in a vigorous display of aggres-Randall won the final in the best sion, strength and agility for the pants swung pillows at each oth- of three match when Morales, in final match. Halliday swung hard, er while trying to maintain their yellow, lost her balance twice and and delivered fast hits directly

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ATHLETICS

Texas-themed group supports Frogs

By Katie Love Staff Reporter

When it comes to Horned Frog spirit, seniors Kelly Barnes and Nile Elam travel the distance to show their purple pride. Although both seniors have internships in Washington this semester, Barnes, a political science major and Elam, a history major, fly to all of the university's home football games to cheer the Frogs on as members of the TCU Rangers, a new student organization on campus.

"We have a phenomenal football team and some people have really underestimated how much work has gone into this football team and I think the least we can do is honor them with this group," Elam said. "I would like this team to get a dedicated group of fans that they deserve."



Courtesy of WES WYNNE The TCU Rangers just before kickoff before this month's home game against Colorado State.

Barnes said TCU Rangers devel- student participation.

oped during a new student participain May 2009. The Back the Frogs committee focused on ways to increase

"Students at TCU can be pretty tion committee called Back the Frogs apathetic sometimes about football

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HOMECOMING

Adopted frog latest university addition

By Katie Love Staff Reporter

A frog-filled Friday awaits students, faculty and anyone else interested in taking part in Homecoming activities on campus this weekend.

One of the newest additions to the festivities, Frog Fest, will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Friday immediately following the Homecoming Parade which is scheduled to begin at 5:45

Kendal Rader, a junior speech pathology major and Programming Council Homecoming director, said activities during Frog Fest will include a hot air balloon, a bounce house, a live band called Professor D, fried Oreos, Snickers, cheesecake from the company Fried What? and pumpkin patches. The first 1,000 children who enter Frog Fest with a costume on will receive a free football ticket for the TCU vs. UNLV game Saturday,

The university also adopted a real Horned Frog, also known as the Texas Horned Lizard, from the Fort Worth Zoo, Rader said.

"I wanted to work with the zoo because they are our neighbors and part of my goal for Homecoming was to build a strong relationship with the community," Rader said.

Originally, the goal was to have the Horned Frog live on campus, but they need special care. They eat 80 to 100 harvest ants a day, Rader said. The Texas Horned Lizard is also listed by the state of Texas as Protected since there population has declined. Owners of the creatures also need a special

Chancellor Victor Boschini described the Fort Worth Zoo as a treasure to the community and said making sure the Fort Worth Zoo prospers would be in the community's best in-

"I think anything we can do to support our great zoo helps support TCU and Fort Worth at the same time," Boschini said. "I also think this would be a neat tie-in for Homecoming."

Merillat Pittman, a senior political science major and speaker for the House of Student Representatives, said the university is always looking for new traditions. Pittman said she thinks it is important for people unfamiliar with Fort Worth to see how the campus takes tradition seriously and embraces the mascot.

Rader said adopting the horned

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HOUSING

Residential Services undergoes name change

By Xan Angelovich Staff Reporter

Residential Services is no more -

by name anyway. Heather Miller, associate director of Residential Services, said the department has changed its name to

derstand the purpose of the office. "People always called us housing anyway," Miller said. "We felt it was a little more representative of what we

to make it easier for students to un-

actually did." Housing and Residence Life opened their doors at a celebration last Wednesday allowing students to meet staff members and learn about new developments within the department, Miller said.

"It makes people more comfortable to ask you questions later and putting faces with names," Miller said.

"Residential Services didn't always resonate with them. A lot of times they just didn't realize that Residential Services was who would Housing and Residence Life in order help them with their meal plan, or their room assignment."

> Craig Allen director of Housing and Residence Life

Craig Allen, director of Housing and Residence Life, said he felt better name recognition was an important step toward decreasing the number of students who were confused about which office to call when they had housing questions.

resonate with them," Allen said. "A lot renovations were completed. of times they just didn't realize that Residential Services was who would theater outside Milton Daniel, the help them with their meal plan, or their room assignment."

Holding the celebration at the department's offices was also important because it familiarized students with the location of Housing and Residence Life, in the basement of Samuelson Hall, Allen said.

Although students were aware of the services provided by their resident assistant and hall director, students have not been aware of all of the services Housing and Residence Life provided and they needed to know where to come for those services, Al-

The event also provided students a sneak peek of the newly renovated Milton Daniel Hall. Allen showed the ing," he said. students blueprints and sketches of

"Residential Services didn't always" what the dorm would look like when

The sketches included an amphireturn of the sand volleyball courts and a "Harry Potter-style great hall," Allen said.

Madi Reid, a freshman communication studies major who was at the event, said she was especially interested to see the preview of Milton

"I live in Moncreif right now and I was excited about seeing what all the construction would end up looking like," Reid said.

Although the name has changed, Allen said, Housing and Residence Life has not changed its goal of providing excellent housing facilities and programs for students.

"We're more than just the build-

NEWS

Palin's pipeline plan scrutinized

By Dan Joling Associated Press Writing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Sarah Palin hit the vice presidential campaign trail last year and touted what Alaska could provide for the rest of America — a natural gas pipeline to help lead the country to energy independence.

When a pipeline might be built remains a giant question for Alaskans who need the project to support a vulnerable economy and for the Lower 48 states that need the gas, and a petroleum economist who spent more than 25

"To have 60 of us (legislators) trying to negotiate a project of this magnitude — we bring integrity to the transaction but we don't bring the sophistication of a Fortune 500 business board of director."

Jay Ramras State Rep., R-Fairbanks

years in the Alaska Department of Revenue says it may never happen under Palin's

The former governor's proposal used faulty accounting to reach the flawed conclusion that a pipeline Sean Parnell, remains comowned by a third-party



CHRIS MILLER / AP Photo Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, center, addresses members of the media and legislators during a news conference on August 1, 2008 following the Senate's approval of the TransCanada proposal under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act to build a gas pipeline, in Juneau, Alaska.

gas producers, who must be on board for any project to be successful, wrote Roger Marks, in his paper, "Why America May Not See Alaska Natural Gas Soon," published last month in the Journal of Economic Issues.

Palin's alternative, Marks said, discourages their participation and may even stand in the way of a more financially viable project.

"The prospects for success in getting a pipeline constructed appear doubtful," he wrote.

Palin's replacement, Gov. mitted to her plan however. would be more profitable Marks' former boss, Revenue Fortune 500 business board feet.

says Marks' perspective was thoroughly analyzed and "found to be without merit."

The issue is confusing to the public and even to state themselves in pipeline details when they passed Palin's plan in 2007. State Rep. who has become a critic, said lawmakers "wandered into tall grass without a very good GPS system."

"To have 60 of us (legislators) trying to negotiate a project of this magnitude we bring integrity to the

than one owned by major Commissioner Pat Galvin, of directors," said Ramras, a hotel and restaurant owner. "We lack that. I'm a pretty smart business guy and I lack that."

There's more at stake than legislators who immersed Palin's legacy. About 90 percent of Alaska's general fund revenue budget is fueled by the petroleum industry. Jay Ramras, R-Fairbanks, High prices have kept coffers filled, but Alaska's golden goose, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, now operates at less than half its capacity as North Slope production winds down.

Natural gas was found at the same time as oil at Prudtransaction but we don't hoe Bay in 1967. Proved rebring the sophistication of a serves are 35 trillion cubic

PILLOW FIGHT

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at a comparatively smaller Thompson, some landing on his face. Thompson maintained his balance while fighting back with hard hits of his own.

"It's all about balance," Thompson said. "Look at me, I had to win."

event. The "Pillow Bash", as Texas Sumo employee Patrick McHenry called the red and blue apparatus, had a bar in the middle for contestants to balance on while dueling each other. The rules, explained by Mike Hackemack, assistant director of Campus Recreation, forbade the pillow fighters to grab each other's pillows, The blue and red inflatable touch the middle or bottom apparatus came from Texas of the Pillow Bash for sup-Sumo, the company Cam- port, or interlock their feet pus Recreation hired for the to prevent them from falling.

HORNED FROG

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frog will cost the university an annual fee of \$1,000.

A table with information about the adoption will be set up at Frog Fest and donations can be made to help support the horned frog. Discounted Fort Worth Zoo tickets will also be available to buy.

"I think anything we can do to support our great zoo helps support TCU and Forth Worth at the same time." Victor Boschini

chancellor

RANGERS

and sports in general," Barnes said. "We wanted to create a new tradition where we could get students involved and get excitement going about football

Carter English, senior marketing major and president of the TCU Rangers, said the Rangers march behind the band into the stadium an hour before the game, defend the Frog Horn and raise the goal net behind the goal post. Six different memfootball games, which allows all members to get a chance to stand on the field.

The Rangers' western outfits promote the university as the only Texas school in the Moun-

tain West Conference, English said. Rangers wear western attire, including cowboy hats and white or purple button down

Along with wearing uniforms, Rangers must have junior or senior standing and have a 2.75 GPA, English said. Since the organization was formed during the summer, a private recruitment took place and members were selected based on their involvement on campus and leadership ability.

John Festervand, assistant director of marketing for the bers are chosen to work home university's athletic program and adviser to the TCU Rangers, said recruitment is open to all students regardless of race or

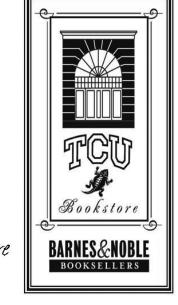
> Formal recruitment will begin this spring and announce-

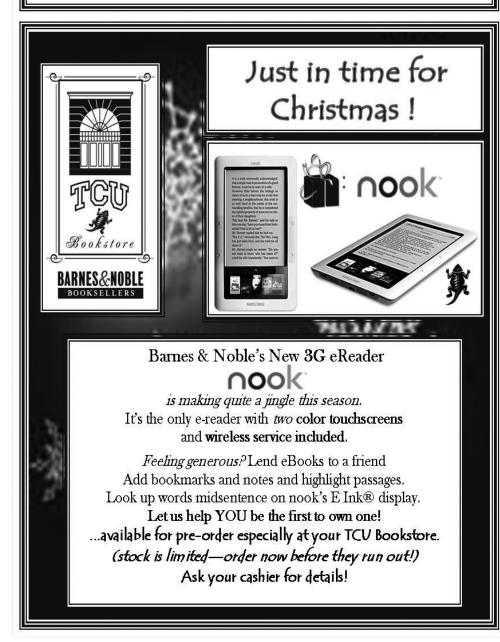




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The Skiff View

Spirit group just what Frog football needs

Their uniforms speak for themselves. A buttoned down shirt, leather vest, jeans, cowboy boots and a handkerchief tied loosely around the neck. No, they're not the Texas Rangers, but the TCU Rangers, and they're out defending the Horned Frogs at every home football game. The newly-created organization was formed in order to increase the weak student participation that often exists at the games. And by their consistent home game attendance, the TCU Rangers are giving the team the representation they are rightly owed.

The university is lucky to have such a great football program and a talented team to boot. The same team that gives as much school spirit in every play as they sometimes receive. So at a time when the team truly deserves our support it sure is nice to see a group of students doing just that.

One of the best things about the TCU Rangers is that almost anyone can join their force. To be a member, a student must be of junior or senior standing regardless of gender and have at least a 2.75 GPA. So if you can fulfill those requirements, have school spirit and don't mind yeehawing the football team to victory, get those spurs on and make your way out onto the field.

Web Editor Rose Baca for the editorial board.

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Attacks on Sikhs show lack of American trust



WYATT KANYER

The Sept. 11 attacks changed the United States in a series of cultural, social and political ways. While the war on terror rages on, to the chagrin of some and the disdain of others, possibly the most serious battle taking place is on U.S. soil. This war isn't fought with bombs and firearms, though.

Although the attacks took place over eight years ago, the hate crimes against Muslims, Arabs and Sikhs continue. Of these three groups, however, the Sikhs seem to receive the brunt of attacks based on appearance alone. In fact, the year after the attacks, the number of Sikhs who were victimized was seventeen times higher, according to civilrights.org. According to the report, five percent of all hate crimes committed in the U.S. that year were directed toward Sikhs, and 481 Sikhs were victims of hate crimes.

According to the New York Daily News, the New York Supreme Court convicted a 19-year-old man from Queens to 180 hours of community service after he forced a Sikh man into a bathroom and shaved his head. For Sikhs, long hair is a religious custom, and cutting one's hair is a violation of

Sikhism is a peaceful religion. There are short spurts of violence in its background, which happened as Sikhs fought for independence in India during the late 1980s and early

I was not aware of the extent of Sikh hate crimes until a serious one took place two hours from my hometown in Seattle. According to the Seattle Times, a drunken passenger brutally attacked his cab driver, who was a Sikh man wearing a turban.

The attack was not only shocking in that it happened without a legitimate reason (the drunk man had not been threatened in any way), but also because it happened in Seattle, which is culturally diverse and accepting of most people.

Attacks like the two mentioned here are not freak incidents. They have been taking place on a regular basis in the U.S. since the 9/11 attacks, even thought the planes hit the World Trade Center almost a decade ago.

The lack of cultural understanding nationwide has been a significant contributor to the crimes. Sikhs are often mistaken for Muslims, and people in the U.S. often associate Muslims with Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaida. Like Muslims, Sikhs wear turbans, have beards and long hair and are characterized by their dark complexions. And yes, there are Sikhs in some Muslim areas of the world.

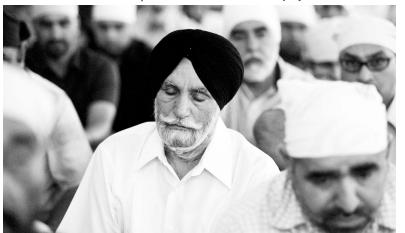
But when the two religions are ompared, it is immediately clear that the confusion between the two is irrational. For instance, Sikhs do not practice pilgrimages, while pilgrimages are almost essential for Muslims. Also, Sikhs do not proselytize, or make attempts to convert people who are not Sikhs, and Muslims do.

I'm not making an attempt to elevate Sikhs over Muslims or vice versa. Rather, I'm comparing the two in an attempt to reiterate the gravity of U.S. cultural insensitivity. Hateful people are confusing two cultures whose similarities are limited to their devotees' physical appearance. Yet, for some reason, many would say the United States'

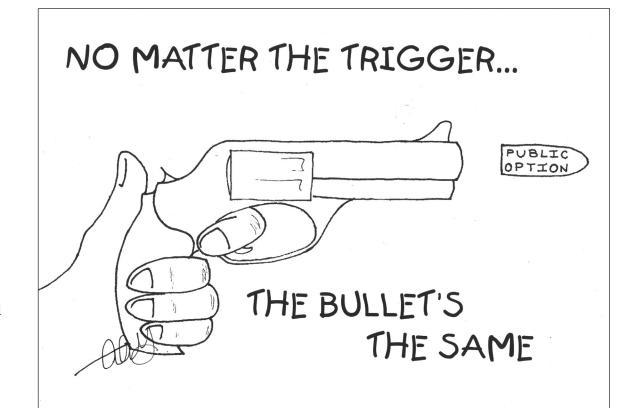
racist days are behind it. The U.S. still has a racist society. The more races, cultures and people groups that fall victim to stereotypical discrimination, the more racist the nation will become. Once again, the xenophobic attitude that has pervaded many minds in this country has manifested itself in ignorance and insensitivity.

September 11 was a dark day for the U.S. Before the nation claims it has healed from the devastation, however, it must keep in mind the cultural effects that day has had over the past eight years. The cities and people involved in the attack may have healed, but beliefs-based battles like those declared against Sikh Americans demonstrate just how little the country has recovered.

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Sikh men sit in prayer at the Gurdwara or Sikh Temple of the Frenso Sikh Society in July 2008



Alissa Garrett is a graduate mathematics student from Fort Worth.

U.S. soccer teams need work



When Jonathan Bornstein scored the most amazing header of his life in the fifth minute of stoppage time during the USA/Costa Rica game Oct. 14, I jumped, screamed, yelled and celebrated idiotically, like I'm sure every other U.S. soccer fan did at that moment. The goal led to the U.S. tying Costa Rica 2-2 and was a huge boost for the U.S. after being down nearly the whole game. Moments like these give me hope. They make me want to believe in the U.S. soccer program and have faith that we might actually be able to compete on a world stage next summer with the best teams in the world. They have these shining moments of glory and skill, but then my mind flashes back to the grisly, inexcusable disaster that was the Mexico/USA Gold Cup final and the USA's more recent loss to Mexico in August.

The fact is that the U.S. soccer program has come a long way since its inception. We have world-class players like Tim Howard, the ubiquitous Landon Donovan, Frankie Hejduk and the young, yet dangerous, Jozy Altidore. They have made

appearances in the last five World Cups, won CONCACAF numerous times, yet they are still lacking in a multitude of areas.

The most obvious issue concerning the U.S. soccer team is the individualism. It is the first lesson we're taught when we join little league or FFPS (Fun-Fair-Positive-Soccer) as kids. You have to play as a team.

The U.S. consistently has issues with pulling it together as a team and working toward a win. In the horrific loss to Mexico last summer, they played as 11 individual guys on a field, not a well-oiled unit. Some

They'll embarrass themselves in a loss against Mexico and then they'll rock the world as they triumph over Spain, the number one team on the planet.

players, like Brian Ching, will never offer anything as team players, yet still see playing time because of individual talent and popularity.

Another critical concern with the U.S. is its blatant inconsistency. Oftentimes, it is a total crapshoot with U.S. team. They'll embarrass themselves in a loss against Mexico and then rock the world as they triumph over Spain, the number one team on the planet. Their playing style

changes like David Beckham's hair. Many critics argue that the U.S. simply lacks the mental composure

to compete on a world stage due to its relative youth. If the U.S. isn't mentally prepared to play the best in the world, a perfect example would be the loss to Brazil in the recent Confederations Cup. The U.S. blew a comfortable 2-0 lead and crumbled in the second half to end up losing

What teams like Brazil and Spain are known for creativity, which the U.S. hugely lacks. Landon Donovan will make some great runs and have the occasional flash of brilliance but the U.S. needs more than that. They have size, speed and heart, but they need to think on their feet. Being more creative with passes, runs and shots will not only up the level of their competition, but will also gain them some much-needed worldwide

If they want to legitimately pose a threat to the best in the not-so-faroff World Cup, then they're going to have to step up and make some major adjustments. The U.S. is the perennial underdog in soccer. To those of you who say the U.S. will never place in World Cup competition, I say, have a little faith. They've surprised us before and they can do it again.

Andrea Bolt is a junior news-editorial journalism major from the Woodlands.

Foreign arrests under question



The passage of time has provided many concrete examples of the perils of journalism. Within the past year there have been plenty of kidnappings throughout the Middle East and few releases. However, a new issue has burst onto the scene recently: that of the jurisdiction of these countries in arresting journalists and reporters whom they view as protestors or directly threatening to the political system.

The most recent example of this is found in the arrest of Iranian-American journalist, Kian Tajbakhsh, for his protests to the outcome of the recent Iranian election. According to CNN, he underwent trial procedures with other journalists, reformist leaders and former government ministers with the total amounting to nearly 100 people of the 1,000 who had been detained. Iran, in its fit to demonstrate power, has once again proven itself to be an enemy of humanitarian efforts and is further isolating itself from the good esteem of neighboring countries. By negating these trials, perhaps it could finally take a step in the right direction.

But this arrest is not an isolated incident. Though the regime of Ahmadinejad has long been criti-

cized for its anti-Western rhetoric and condemnation of various social groups, others also view journalists as a threat. Myanmar officials recently arrested a rogue US civilian for his attempt to 'rescue' a pro-democracy leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, while she was under house arrest.

Earlier this summer, two Korean-American journalists were sentenced to 12 years hard labor by the government of North Korea for illegal entry into the country. It seems free speech and demonstration are not considered fundamental rights everywhere. Rather, stability and organization focused around a strong leader are the more valued characteristics.

A less aggressive, though perhaps more demonstrative example of this is in China's heavily regulated communication network systems. The country unjustly censors a large amount of media both coming into and leaving the country. Internally, Google searches yield unusual results; a query for 'Tiananmen Square' shows nothing about the military's violent response to prodemocratic protests in 1989. Instead it shows the current gardens and tourist areas of the region. The government fears that rioting and protests may ensue. Additionally, when such reactions do occur, the government tends to 'make an example' of the violators by quelling any of these revolutionary desires that may arise in the common man.

Sadly, this is exactly what is occurring in Iran. Tajbakhsh, arrested along with other intellectuals in the protest of the election, will serve as nothing more than a reference of a

It seems free speech and demonstration are not considered fundamental rights everywhere.

potential fearful outcome for those considering similar responses. However, they now finally have the opportunity to improve their relationship with other respectable nations and particularly their perception by the United States. Burma eventually reduced the sentence in its convictions mentioned above, and Korea rescinded the punishment all together. By doing so, they engaged in an active response to the desires of the global community. Another example exists in Karzai's agreement to obey the Afghan constitution and engage in a runoff election because a majority consensus was not achieved the first time and because of allegations of massive ballot fraud.

Both of these exhibit a desire for diplomacy, an engagement of compromise rather than aggression and the intent of gaining control or power. This is exactly the type of action that should be taken in any similar future circumstances. By repealing this arrest of Tajbakhsh, the Iranian government could send a message that it is ready to cooperate within the larger realm of politics and perhaps begin to establish itself as a respectable na-

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FEATURES



A list of events for November in the DFW area. Tuesday

Costumes under \$10 that will make you holler

By Katie Ruppel **Features Editor**

Don't feel like spending \$50 on a provocative Disney princess or an overpriced horror costume?

Here is a list of 12 costume ideas for under \$10.

I. Gangster

White T-shirt: \$4.00 at Walmart Borrow baggy, oversized pants from a friend Make your own bling from foil

2. Saintly Figure

Sheet from home for toga-type dress Large cross necklace: \$1.99 at Halloween USA Rosary and Bible if you already own them No shoes necessary! Give your blessings at parties, maybe offer baptisms

3. Ghost Sheet from home Cut two holes for eyes

Swine Flu

Make SpoOoOoky sounds

Pig nose: \$3.95 at Magic Etc. Carry around a box of tissues, perhaps a syringe

5. Baby (for boys only) Hand towel: \$2.79 at Target

Safety pins

Fashion the towel in the shape of an old school diaper The perfect excuse to act immature.

Bunch o' Grapes

Bag of purple balloons: \$2.39 at Walmart Purple sweatshirt: \$7.00 Walmart Safety pins

Blow up the balloons and pin the uninflated ends all around your sweatshirt. Juicy!

Roody Person
Normal clothes you don't care about ruining
Bottle of "blood": \$8.95 at Magic Etc. or \$6.99 at Halloween USA Put "blood" all over your clothes and yourself

8 Vampire Black clothes

Vampire kit: \$5.99 at Halloween USA, complete with fangs, make-up and sponge, liquid blood capsules and black nails Memorize lines from Twilight and repeat

9. Alter Ego

Alter ego face piece: \$1.49 at Halloween USA Flesh make-up kit: \$3.99 at Halloween USA Everyone will think your costume is lame until you flip back your hair and AH! You're disgusting!

10. Hairy Man

Normal everyday clothes, with a shirt that can be unbuttoned.

Hairy chest piece: \$5.99 at Halloween USA Live out your fantasies of being that fat uncle

11. Horned Frog

Derek Kennedy, the owner of Magic Etc. Fort Worth Costume, said that when trying to make a costume for under \$10, you want to head to the accessories. This includes not just mouse ears and make-up, but swords, wings,

If you happen to wait until the very last minute, fear not – it might benefit you! Denise Mayfield, the manager of

the Goodwill on Granbury Road, said every Goodwill in Tarrant County is participating in the Midnight Madness Sale, where all items are 50 percent off starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and ending at midnight. Whether they have a costume you are looking for or not, Mayfield said they almost always have sheets, t-shirts and oversized

TCU gear you should already have Set of horns: \$4.95 - \$7.95 at Magic Etc. Get it, Horned Frog!

12. Dinner Table

Cardboard from an old box Tablecloth: \$2.99 at Walmart Cut a whole in the cardboard for your head, rest it on your shoulders

Glue tablecloth on cardboard and then glue napkins and utensils on tablecloth

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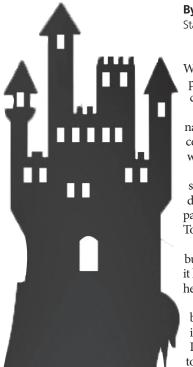
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Record-holding horror house gives real hauntings



By Mary Sue Greenleaf Staff Reporter

Outside of downtown Fort Worth lies a 100-year-old meat packing plant with a suspicious past.

Doors slam with no explanation. People hear things in when no one is there.

A ghost has even been sighted in the clown room, dubbed the most haunted part of the warehouse by owner Todd James.

James, who purchased the building 5 years ago, said that it has conjured up haunts since he acquired it.

"When we found that old building ... it had some things in it that were a little suspect. It looked like it had been up to no good for awhile," James The building, al-

ready haunted by its past, transformed into an entirely new home of ter-

ror when James and his group ended," Thompson said. turned it into Cutting Edge Haunted House.

Freshman pre-major Mason Thompson visited the house with a group of friends last

Upon entering the house, an eerie video instructs you maze in the dark and find a door, Thompson said.

The group frantically searched for the non-existent door, and exited through a fire escape into the next haunting

Thompson described that portion of the house as completely dark with water misting from the ceilings. Soaked and afraid, she continued her long trek through the haunted tour.

From ceiling to floor, the final room in the warehouse was packed with soapy bubbles, which Thompson described as a washing machine explosion.

"You are walking through and it's getting all over you ... and then you are outside, covered in bubbles. So that's how it ers wind through

Thompson said that the actors were acrobatic and would according to the Web site. wildly jump around behind bars

sonal boundaries," Thompson the top haunts in the country.

certain parts of the building to proceed through a haunted through a three-week audition Edge Haunted House No. 7 attend courses that teach them Haunts. the tactics and philosophy used at Cutting Edge Haunted House.

> scariest haunted house she had makes any sort of horror flick ever visited, due to the intensity on any level really wants to be and length.

"It was so long, so it never let up. You were just constantly being jumped at," Thompson said.

World Records Web site, the 19 years in Fort Worth. house takes about 55 minutes to complete.

The Guinness Book of World start the proj-Records dubbed The Cutting Edge Haunted House the longest walk-through horror house in the world.

Haunted House go-

over 2,261 feet of the warehouse from entrance to exit,

James said that the attracbefore popping out at passers by. tion received a lot of national "They had no sense of per- recognition this year as one of

Fangoria, an American hor-James said that the actors go ror magazine, ranked Cutting process for their parts. They also of their Top 20 Hometown

"In the horror industry, it's kind of the Rolling Stone," Thompson described it as the James said. "Anybody that

The group who started the haunted house celebrated their 20th anniversary together this According to the Guinness year. They have spent the past

reviewed in that magazine."

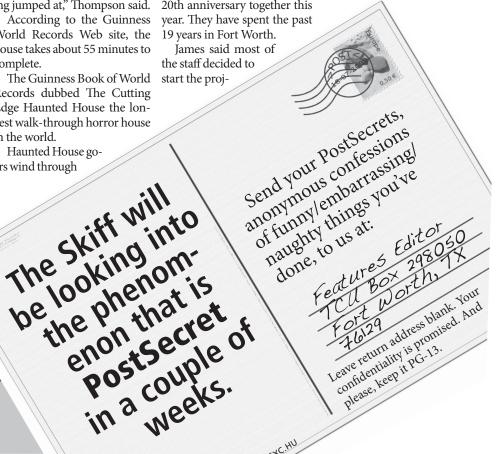
the staff decided to

ect after graduating together from the University of Texas-Arlington.

He said they all loved Halloween and talked about opening a haunted house when they were younger. After graduation, the group decided to make their nightmares reality and opened their first attraction in Austin.

James said that most of the staff has been together since the opening.

"We're a giant family and we get to play practical jokes on people. I just don't see how it gets much better than that," James said.



MADISON DONAHUE/ Staff Designer



An honor guard stands at attention as the remains of Air Force Sgt. Robert Stinson are unloaded by ground personnel at Ontario International Airport on a flight from Hawaii in Ontario, Calif. on Wednesday. The remains of the World War II airman missing for 65 years are being returned to the family for services Friday.

Pilot's remains returned home

By Gillian Flaccus

Associated Press Writer

HIGHLAND, Calif. (AP) -For two decades after her son's bomber went down in the Pacific Ocean during World War II, Vella Stinson faithfully wrote the U.S. government twice a month to ask if his body had been found — or if anyone was looking.

The mother of six strapping boys went to her grave without the answer that has finally reached her two surviving sons: the remains of Sgt. Robert Stinson are coming home.

Military divers recovered two pieces of leg bone from the wreckage of a B-24J Liberator of the ocean off the coast of the island nation of Palau. DNA testing showed the femur fragments belonged to the 24-yearold flight engineer who died in combat on Sept. 1, 1944.

Stinson's remains arrived under U.S. Air Force escort Wednesday and will be buried Friday at Riverside National Cemetery with full military honors. In between, the body will be kept at a mortuary less than 100 yards from the home where Stinson grew up with his brothers.

"He's not little island or at the bottom of the ocean. He's home," said Edward Stinson, who was 9 when his brother died.

For Robert Stinson, the journey home was far from a sure

Stinson's family knew only that his bomber had gone down in the Pacific Ocean. The government politely responded to his mother's letters but said again and again that no new information had surfaced.

The family learned that Stinson, who joined the Air Force right out of high school, won several medals in the summer of 1944 for participating in dangerous attacks on Japanese it odd the photographer had airdomes, military installations and enemy ships.

In 1994, a nonprofit group of adventurers and scuba divers began to search for the missing bomber off the waters

The 15-member group, called BentProp, travels to the island ing. nation each year for a month to search for some 200 missing U.S. World War II aircraft.

Half of the wrecks scattered in the waters around the archipelago's 300 tiny islands have missing crew members asso- 2004 and instantly hit a jackciated with them, said Dan- pot: a B-24 propellor at 30 feet iel O'Brien, a member of the and then the plane, broken in BentProp team. Stinson's plane, dubbed "Babes in Arms," had 11 crew members — and there were eyewitness reports of where it went down. Eight crew plane; three parachuted out, but were captured by the Japanese.

The group attended reunions bomber found at the bottom of Stinson's bomber squad and cy that searches for U.S. prisonthe aging veterans told them ers of war and missing soldiers.

> "We knew that three of them had gotten out of the plane and ... you always hope that the three that got out, that one of them would be him and that maybe he survived."

Richard Stinson surviving brother of Robert Stinson

where they thought they had seen the plane go down as the rest of the formation raced back to base at 200 mph. Bent-Prop members methodically searched that area for six years, but found nothing.

Then, in 2000, several members of the group doing more research stumbled upon obscure black-and-white aerial photos in the National Archives that were taken by a crew member aboard another bomber just went down. The team thought taken shots when no bombs were falling, and then realized the pictures were probably an attempt to document where the last two, three weeks. He has bomber crashed.

The pictures indicated a

of Koror, Palau's biggest island. splash zone eight miles from where BentProp had been look-

> An elderly fisherman bolstered that evidence: he had seen plane wreckage in that area while spear-fishing about 15 years before.

> The team dove the site in three parts around a coral head where it had sat for more than 60 years. Debris was scattered at up to 70 feet deep.

The divers quickly turned members went down with the over their findings to the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command, or JPAC, the government agen-

> Military divers soon confirmed the plane's identity and recovered hundreds of items from the ocean floor, including dozens of tiny bone fragments, a rusted metal eyeglass frame, a tangled parachute cord attached to singed parachute, a shoe sole,

> coins, dog tags and a shoelace. In 2006, Edward Stinson and Richard Stinson, the other surviving brother, gave DNA samples. On Feb. 1, Richard Stinson got the call: their brother, the 6-foot-4 clown with curly hair and a love of sports and poker,

was finally coming home. Four other missing crew members were also identified. Three could not be identified, but the remaining bones will be buried together at Arlington National Cemetery next spring.

"There's finally an ending to it. We never expected something like this," said Richard Stinson, now 87. "We knew that three of them had gotten out of the plane and ... you always hope that the three that got out, that one of them would be him

and that maybe he survived." With Stinson's remains commoments after Stinson's plane ing home, his brothers are overwhelmed with the memories they have stored away all these decades — memories that, until now, are all they had.

> "He hasn't been lonely the risen," said Edward Stinson. "Welcome home, brother."

NASA tests prototype moon rocket in Florida

By Marcia Dunn AP Aerospace Writer

CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — NASA's newest rocket successfully completed a brief test flight Wednesday, the first step in a back-to-the-moon program that could yet be shelved by the White House.

poor weather.

carried no passengers or payload, only throwaway ballast and hundreds of sensors. The large crowd. flight cost \$445 million.

on early indications.

pressive is that," said Jeff Han- late because of bad weather. ley, manager of NASA's space Launch controllers had to frontier program, known as retest the rocket systems af-Constellation. "You've ac- ter more than 150 lightning complished a great step for- strikes were reported around ward for exploration," he told the pad overnight. Then they launch controllers.

nearly 30 years that a new that thwarted Tuesday's try. rocket took off from Kenne-

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"You've accomplished a great step forward for exploration."

Jeff Hanley

manager of NASA's space frontier program

The 327-foot (100-meter) years in the making, repre-Ares I-X rocket resembled a sented the first step in NASA's giant white pencil as it shot effort to return astronauts to into the sky, delayed a day by the moon. The White House, though, is re-evaluating the the spaceship it's supposed to and may dump the Ares I replace — the shuttle — the in favor of another type of skinny experimental rocket rocket and possibly another destination.

The test flight attracted a

The prototype moon NASA said the flight was rocket took off through a a tremendous success, based few clouds from a former shuttle launch pad at 11:30 "Oh, man. Well, how im- a.m., three and a half hours had to wait out interfering It was the first time in rain clouds, the same kind

The ballistic flight did not dy Space Center. Columbia come close to reaching space made the maiden voyage for and, as expected, lasted a the shuttle fleet back in 1981. mere two minutes. That's how Liftoff, in fact, occurred 48 long it took for the first-stage not want to hear anymore years and one day after the solid-fuel booster to burn out first launch of a Saturn rock- and separate from the mock et, a precursor to what car- upper stage 25 miles (40 kiried astronauts to the moon lometers) up. But it will take during the Apollo program. months to analyze all the data rocket off the ground. Future The Saturn V moon rockets from the approximately 725 were the tallest ever built, an pressure, strain and acceleration sensors.

Wednesday's launch, three and dropped the booster into lem," he promised.

the Atlantic, where recovery ships waited.

The upper portion of the rocket — all fake parts were hurtled to an estimated altitude of 28 miles (45 kilometers) and then fell uncontrolled into the ocean. Those pieces were never meant to be retrieved.

It was all over in six min-

'Think about what we just did. Our first flight test and the only thing we're waiting on was weather," launch Nearly twice the height of human spaceflight program director Ed Mango told his

> NASA contends the Ares I will be ready to carry astronauts to the International Space Station in 2015, four to five years after the shuttles are retired. But a panel of experts said in a report to President Barack Obama last week that it will be more like 2017, and stressed that the entire effort is underfunded.

> The first Ares moon trip would be years beyond that under the current plan.

No matter what direction the Obama Administration takes, NASA managers expect to learn a lot from Wednesday's experimental flight, even if it's for another type of rocket. They said they already have learned a lot.

Hanley, for one, does about the cloudy, electrically charged conditions — triboelectrification — that made it so difficult to get this test rockets will have proper protection.

"Whatever we end up fly-Parachutes popped open ing, this will not be a prob-

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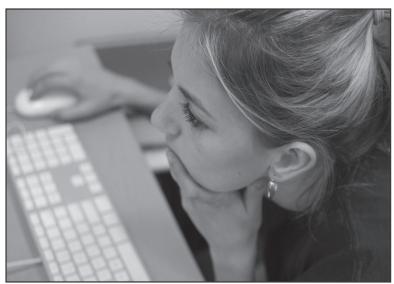
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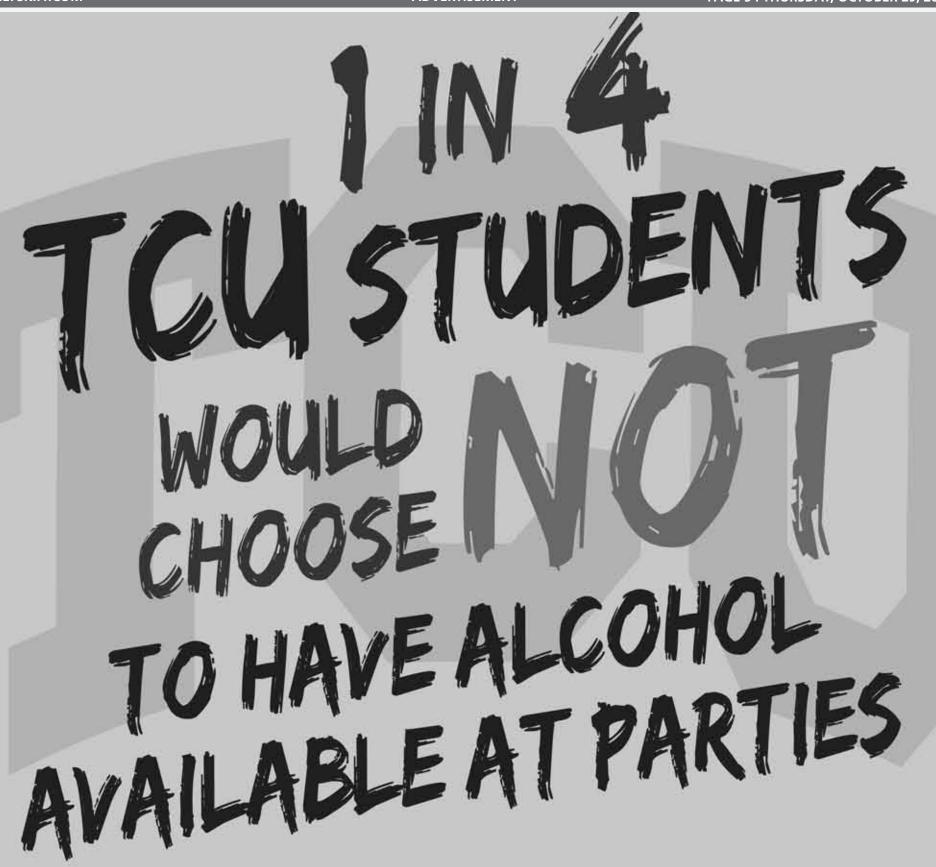


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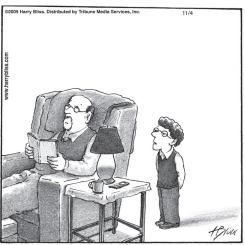
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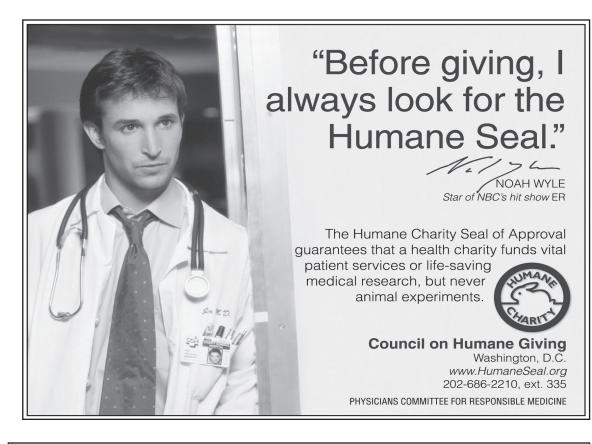
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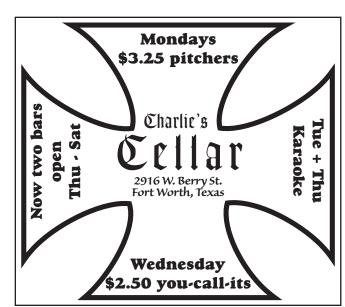
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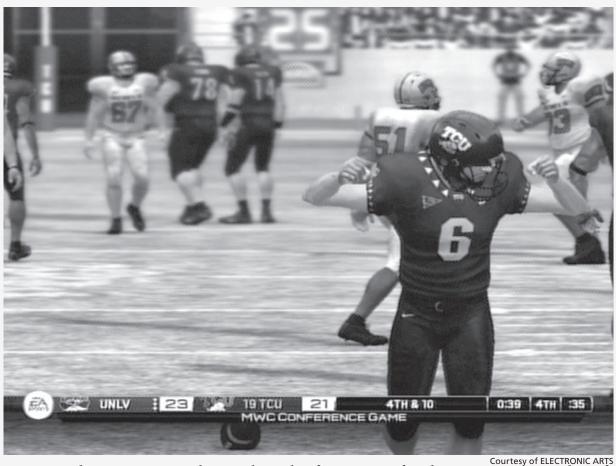
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SPORTS



SIMULATION VEGAS NIGHT



Wide receiver Bart Johnson shows his frustration after dropping a pass on a last effort drive at the end of the game. TCU was dethroned from its win streak high by the UNLV Rebels in the Skiff's weekly NCAA 10 simulation, 23-21. Quarterback Andy Dalton threw two interceptions and gave away one fumble which lead to three Rebel field goals. For video highlights of the game check dailyskiff.com.

VOLLEYBALL

Team heads west to face Aztec squad

By Seth Dahle Staff Writer

Aztecs in San Diego, Cali-

pleted the sweep over Wyo- 13-10. ming Oct. 24 as they topped the Cowgirls 3-0 (25-20, 25- brought the Horned Frogs 11 kills, and senior Katelyn TCU set one. Blackwood held up the defensive end with 13 digs.

A tight first set saw seven against the San Diego State Munce, the reigning Mountain West Conference Player of the Week, started a 7-2 match. The Horned Frogs com- run that put TCU up three,

A Cowgirl service error of its own.

second set, TCU burst out to double-double with 13 kills sixth place. TCU held Wyoming to an advantage. With the score 26 kills and a .143 hitting tied at 8, the Horned Frogs percentage. Senior Lauren turned up the offense with bury is the offensive Otto and sophomore Kris- a 14-2 run to go up 22-10. leader with 2.65 kills ten Hester combined for 17 Kills by Irene Hester and Otto per set. Freshman

ties and three lead changes, run to win the third set. as Wyoming hurried to an Trailing 8-5, the Horned TCU volleyball will look 8-6 lead. A Cowgirl miscue, Frogs stormed to a 21-13 against the SDSU, with the to push its winning streak to a kill by junior Irene Hester, advantage thanks to a 16-5 last victory coming on Oct. five matches Thursday night and a service ace by Megan push. Edwards' kill put the 3 in Fort Worth. The Horned team up 23-14, and two Wy- Frogs won a hard fought 3-1 oming errors won TCU the (25-20, 25-11, 20-25, 26-24)

four-match winning streak Edwards (16 kills).

13, 25-15). Senior Kourtney to set point, 24-18, and a heels of a 3-1 (25-17, 22-25, rently stands in second place Edwards led the team with Katelyn Blackwood kill won 25-21, 26-24) win over Cal State Bakersfield Oct. 24. while, the Aztecs (10-10) After three quick ties in the Junior Hannah Evans had a are 4-5 in league play and in and 11 digs.

Junior Lauren Salisof the 41 Horned Frog kills. handed TCU the second set. Kristi Jackels leads the

TCU used another big defensive end and racks in 4.10 digs per set.

TCU is 5-6 all-time battle and were led by Irene San Diego State is on a Hester (10 kills, 14 digs) and

In the Mountain West The Aztecs are on the standings, TCU (19-5) curwith an 8-2 record Mean

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T-BALL

Fans need to accept serious role in BCS bid



TRAVIS L. BROWN

The Frogs are ranked No. 6 in the nation and are in the driver's seat of their own destiny. This Saturday, they have the chance to move another step closer to their greatest season in over 70 years. The Frogs are playing Top 10 football, which is more than Texas Tech, Texas A&M and even Oklahoma can say this season. Not to mention this weekend is Homecoming, a time to celebrate the tradition of this school. Why wouldn't every Frog fan be at Saturday's game?

It's a question many fans have tried to answer for years now. How can TCU have such a dominant program yet draw such a mediocre crowd?

Head coach Gary Patterson addressed the issue several times this year. He credited the team's slow start against Colorado State to lack of energy not only within the players but from the stands. The Frogs have played some of their best football on the road, especially in venues such as Clemson's Death Valley and BYU's LaVell Edwards Stadium, where they can draw off of the energy of the crowd, even if it is negative energy toward the Frogs.

Now more than ever, it is up to all Frog fans, alumni, students and community fans alike, to bring the Frogs through the home stretch into a BCS bowl. Patterson even issued a call to action this week at his press conference.

"It's not all on the shoulders of the team. (Fans) need

to get themselves out (and) it needs to be a loud crowd," Patterson said. "We don't need to be loud as soon as something good happens. We need to be loud as soon as we walk in the stadium."

The Frogs have fulfilled their end of the bargain so far, reaching the seven game mark unscathed and putting a nationally-spotlighted beating on BYU so bad it will be hard to forget for many years to come. Now, Frog fans must do their part.

From here on out, BCS representatives will be at TCU football games not only gauging the play on the field, but the loyalty in the stands. The Frogs can play their heart out and run the table, but if a representative thinks Boise State fans can pull in more money, they could get the nod over the Frogs. It might not be the most fair selection process, but money can talk louder than any poll or game score.

It is evident Patterson thinks the intensity of the crowd, or lack thereof, really affects the play on the field. TCU has a coach for which fans should be proud. He understands the role fans play during a game and throughout the course of a season. Frog fans should give him and his team their due respect by showing up to see the fruits of their labor, which this year could be oranges.

So for the rest of this year, gather up your tailgate just a few minutes early to make it into the stadium by kickoff and scream your lungs out, you Frog faithful. Those few minutes lost each week will be made up in one more glorious tailgating opportunity after Jan. 1.

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

FOOTBALL

Patterson: Strong UNLV team could present a challenge

By Mary Sue Greenleaf Staff Reporter

After a physical battle in Provo, Utah the Horned home in the Halloween Homecoming game.

The Frogs face off Saturday against the UNLV Rebels for the No. 1 team in the Mountain West Conference.

Head Coach Gary Patterson said that the Rebels are a strong team and could present a challenge for the Frogs on Saturday.

They played a good game against New Mexico and played Utah tough at home," Patterson games before. They beat Arizona State last year and came close with Oregon State."

cord, with one conference win coming against New Mexico last Saturday.

Last year's contest against TCU victory.

Dating back to the 1996 campaign, TCU holds a 6-1 lead over UNLV.

The Frogs are also the thirdhighest ranked opponent the have good coaches and good Rebels have ever faced at No. 6 in the BCS standings.

The Frogs are 3-0 against the Rebels in Fort Worth, and 3-1 in Las Vegas.

The most recent Horned 1997 with a 19-21 defeat in Las Vegas.

In his weekly press conference Tuesday, Patterson urged caution when discussing Saturday's game.

"UNLV is very talented on Frogs return to defend their offense, especially at the skill positions, and they are getting healthier on defense," Patterson said.

Senior UNLV wide receiver their fourth conference game as Ryan Wolfe currently leads all active NCAA players in both receptions and receiving yards with 250 for 3,392 yards during his college career.

Wolfe is an All-American candidate for 2009 with 657 receiving yards and 2 touchdowns so far.

Junior running back Chansaid. "They have played in big ning Trotter leads the Rebels in rushing yards this season with 422 on 93 carries.

In passing yards, the Rebels The Rebels have a 3-5 re- are led by junior quarterback Omar Clayton. Clayton has thrown for 1,663 yards and 10 touchdowns so far in 2009.

Patterson said there is no UNLV ended with a 44-14 easy contest for the Frogs this season, and that the team must be prepared each week.

"You can't decide not to play well in a ball game, because those guys on the other side players too," Patterson said. "We have to be ready to play."

Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in Amon Carter Stadium.

Versus HD will air the Frog loss to UNLV came in game. This marks UNLV's first appearance on the channel since 2007.