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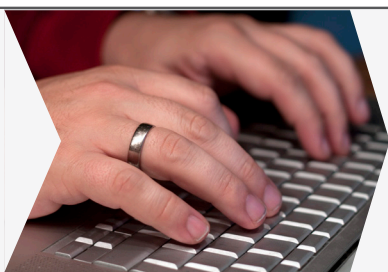
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Frogmylife.com is a new Web site where students can share their embarrassing tales from around campus. Tuesday



DINING SERVICES

ALL SMILES



Dining Services employee Lieu Nguyen holds a painted pumpkin that bears her face in Market Square on Thursday evening. The pumpkin received second place in a Dining Services pumpkin-carving competition. To read a story about the pumpkin carving competition, visit dailyskiff.com.

FTDM

'Office' assistant director pays visit

By Alex Butts
Staff Reporter

Film, television and digital media students who are fans of watching the characters on "The Office" make fools of themselves on a weekly basis will soon have the chance to pick the brain of an assistant director of the hit show.

Julie Harrison, a sophomore film, television and digital media major, said "The Office" was her favorite TV show. She will get to learn about the behind-the-scenes details of her favorite show from its assistant director, Rusty Mahmood, when he speaks to FTDM students Nov. 2 and 3.

Mahmood will visit FTDM classes with his wife, Kara Harshbarger, a university alumna and a writer and director for TV and film.

In addition to "The Office," Mahmood worked as the second assistant director for "The Forty Year Old Virgin" and "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events." Harshbarger directed and wrote the movie "A Little Inside."

Harshbarger and Mahmood's visit

Rusty Mahmood

Nov. 2: Mahmood speaks to the 10 a.m. Video I class and 11 a.m. Video II class
Lecture by Mahmood and Harshbarger at 7 p.m.
Nov. 3: Mahmood and Harshbarger speak to History of Broadcasting class
Lectures open to FTDM students only

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Prison inmates deserve equal access to the swine flu vaccine.

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PECULIAR FACT

KUALA LUMPUR - Malaysian legislators in the poor conservative Muslim northeastern state of Kelantan should marry single mothers to help care for their children, a state representative suggested.

— Reuters

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OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Albert named as new director

By Andrea Bolt
Staff Reporter

Lisa Albert said she was never expecting a promotion, but that was exactly what she received when she was recently named director of communications in the university's Office of Communications.

The position was vacated by Tracy Syler-Jones earlier this year after she was named vice chancellor for marketing and communication at the university.

Albert said she had always thought of the possibility of moving toward the position of the director, but she was excited to actually receive the opportunity.

Albert said she now has the re-

sponsibility of overseeing the entire day-to-day operation of the communication office.

She said that while the communications department cannot do everything, it accomplishes quite a lot in the area of advancing and publicizing the university.

In the past, Albert said she was the go-to person anytime a crisis arose in the department.

"I was the media point person, the liaison that would help get valid and accurate information out there," Albert said.

Sandy Record, internal communications manager in the department, said Albert's competence and determined attitude have helped them in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

"She's been here four years, so she's been through some of everything with us," Record said.

Shawn Kornegay, associate di-

rector of communications, said in an e-mail that Albert had a track record of success in communications.

Kornegay wrote that Albert is especially knowledgeable about the university, considering Albert received her bachelor of science degree in journalism and advertising/public relations and her master's in strategic communication from TCU's Schieffer School of Journalism.

"I think Lisa will do a wonderful job, based on her previous work experience to TCU and her work experience here with the Office of Communications ... she is also a great leader, strategic thinker and very committed," Kornegay wrote.

Kornegay said Albert's definitive strengths include professional and educational experience and her ability to prioritize and multi-task simultaneously.

HOMECOMING

Halftime show to be a Halloween treat

By Jourdan Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The music played during halftime at Saturday's Homecoming football game will reflect the Halloween holiday.

JP Wilson, TCU band drum major and senior music education major, said fans in attendance can expect to hear something different Saturday.

"We're going to play some 'Ghostbusters,' and we're going to play 'Thriller,'" Wilson said.

The performance will feature a Halloween theme and also showcase bits from the band's regular halftime show, he said.

Wilson said it took the band five rehearsals to prepare for the special show.

Brian Youngblood, director of

the Horned Frog Marching band, said the band will also play "Party Like a Rockstar."

With the performance a day away, Youngblood said the anticipation of the show continues to grow.

"The students have had a good time working on it," Youngblood said, "It will be fun to see what (the crowd) thinks."

Christine Schwaebler, TCU band drum major and junior finance and accounting major, said the holiday game will give the band a chance to focus on entertaining the crowd.

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usually get up at halftime to get food will sit and watch the show once they hear something familiar.

"The chances of you seeing a marching band do what we're going to do are pretty slim to none these days," Schwaebler said.

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NEWS

ECONOMY

Costco starts taking food stamps

By Dan Sewell and Sarah Skidmore
AP Business Writers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — With many families suddenly struggling to feed themselves, the big warehouse clubs known for king-size packages of steak and jumbo boxes of Cheerios are increasingly competing with grocery stores for the 36 million Americans now on food stamps.

Costco Wholesale Corp. said Wednesday that it would start accepting food stamps at its warehouse clubs nationwide after testing them at stores in New York. That is a big about-face for a chain that has catered to the bargain-hunting affluent with its gourmet foods, and a reflection of the fact food-stamp use has hit new highs.

Costco joins warehouse-club competitor BJ's Wholesale Corp., which started taking food stamps last April, and Sam's Club, which began accepting them in the fall of 2008.

Up until recently, some wholesale clubs were skeptical poor people would pay the \$50-a-year membership fee or would be interested in buying food in the bulk quantities for which the stores are famous.

"Certainly this economy was a wake-up call," Costco chief financial officer Richard Galanti recently told investors. "It is not just very low-end economic strata that are using these."

The rolls of food-stamp recipients have grown by 10 million over the past two

years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said nearly 200,000 retailers nationwide now accept food stamps, 20 percent more than in 2005.

Most major food chains — like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Safeway Inc. — have accepted food stamps and other public assistance as payment for many years.

Costco had refused to do so, arguing that there would not be enough shoppers to make it worth the trouble of updating its electronic payment systems and that food stamps would slow down the

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Richard Galanti
Costco chief financial officer

checkout lines.

In May, however, Costco began accepting food stamps in New York under political pressure, and the practice turned out to be more popular than expected. Richard Galanti said the company's assumptions were "probably a bit arrogant."

Moreover, some of the warehouse club chains say that poor people — particularly those with large families to feed — can save money by buying food in bulk.

The warehouse clubs are not waiving their membership fees for food stamp recipients, and memberships

cannot be bought with food stamps.

But Costco executives said they were surprised to find that some shoppers are, in fact, paying the \$50 fee precisely because the company takes food stamps.

The company hopes to accept food stamps in about half its 407 stores in the U.S. by Thanksgiving. The rest will be phased in as Costco gets the necessary state approvals.

As for Kroger Co. and other grocers that have long accepted food stamps, they are adding new signs to welcome those on food stamps, as well as increasing staffing and stocking up on key products at the times of the month when benefits are issued.

Kroger cashier Richelle Crawford in Cincinnati said she sees more shoppers using food stamps, and she tries to help the newcomers. When they try to pay for items that cannot be purchased with food stamps, she escorts them back to the aisle and points out the signs indicating what is eligible.

Latoya Murdock, a single mother of two small children, smiled recently as Kroger employees fussed over them. She said she needs food stamps to help keep her youngsters healthy.

"I have absolutely no shame in using it for them," she said, holding up her benefits card. "It's been a lifesaver. I never leave home without it."

Peter Hsia, a retail strategist for the Kurt Salmon Associates consulting firm, said taking food stamps could help stores even after customers don't need them anymore.

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will include an evening lecture and several visits to FTDM classes like Video I, Video II and History of Broadcasting. They also will offer one-on-one sessions where students will be able to ask questions and discuss issues in the film industry.

Harshbarger said she wanted to return to the university because she felt she owed her former professors and administrators a lot. She also said she wanted to share her experiences in the film industry in Los Angeles.

"I have never forgotten what it felt like to sit in that classroom and really hunger for that outside information," Harshbarger said. "If someone, like myself, had come back at that time and talked to me about it, it would have been incredible for me."

Harshbarger said she hoped to prepare students to work in the new film industry. She said the industry in L.A. has changed with the

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Kara Harshbarger
university alumna and a writer and director for TV and film

economy.

"When I moved out it was very cool and hip for studios and companies to find the next new talent, and now, because of the economy, they only want to work with seasoned people," Harshbarger

said. "They only want to work with someone with a solid resume."

The film industry put art and creativity on hold because production companies were not willing to take financial risks, she said. Students needed to realize their creative ideas would need audiences to make money for a company.

In addition to her experiences, Harshbarger said she thought students would be very interested in her husband's work on "The Office."

Richard Allen, chair of FTDM said he thought Mahmood would be able to provide insight into every behind-the-scenes aspect of "The Office." An assistant director deals with everything that goes on behind the set of a production, he said.

"If you want to ask him 'Does Steve Carell come on time to work?' ... he'll know everything," Allen said.

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initiative that Dining Services felt would benefit the campus by reducing the amount of waste Dining Services creates, Raw said.

"Any time we can reuse something or compost it ... any time we can do something like that with our waste instead of throwing it away, we're going to take advantage of the opportunity," Raw said.

Sodexo, the food service provider for the university, has implemented used grounds programs at other colleges, Raw said.

Sophomore Abbey Brokos, SGA Dining Services Committee chairwoman, said she

thought the initiative would be well received by students who are concerned with going green.

"It's just one more step that (Dining Services) is taking to be more sustainable in every aspect," Brokos said.

Bob Goode, supervisor of Frog Prints, said he has seen improvements in his garden since he started fertilizing it with used coffee grounds about 20 years ago. He uses the grounds about once a month on his tomatoes, bell peppers and rose bushes.

The most noticeable change since Goode began using the grounds was in his rose bushes, he said. He said the bushes seemed to have more blooms and appear greener.


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Kelly Raw
marketing manager for Dining Services

"If they're not looking good and I throw coffee grounds on the roses, (in a) couple (of) days, they're looking great."



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The Skiff View

Dining Services ahead in sustainability quest

Dining Services and its employees have proved yet again that the department is one of the most dedicated on campus when it comes to making changes aimed at lessening the university's impact on the environment.

Their latest eco-friendly effort will give students, faculty and staff the opportunity to collect used coffee grounds for free. The grounds contain certain nutrients that, when spread on soil, can help acid-loving plants grow. The grounds have also been shown to help speed up the composting process.

With the construction of the Brown-Lupton University Union last year, Dining Services implemented the use of a machine called a pulper. The pulper grinds and blends food scraps and other waste products and turns them into an organic compost material, which can then be used as animal feed.

When you add up these sustainability efforts, which also include take-out containers made from sugarcane, cups made from corn and potato-based utensils, it becomes clear that Dining Services is truly concerned with going green. Giving away used coffee grounds is by no means a giant step in the sustainability movement, but it should be applauded nonetheless.

If more university departments followed Dining Services' lead, there's no telling how much progress could be made in a short amount of time. Sure there are other eco-friendly measures being implemented on campus, but while most people are simply talking about change, Dining Services is actually making one.

News editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.

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

Brown's new tour lacks real apologies



RYLEE NYE

Chris Brown, the singer infamously known now for his domestic dispute with fellow musician Rihanna, is doing what anyone else in his position would do: a "fan appreciation" tour.

Not only that, but he publicly announced the tour only a few hours after the release of a new Rihanna single.

Instead of concentrating on the judicial punishment he received for attacking Rihanna, which was six months of community service, domestic abuse counseling and five years of probation, he is staying true to his entrepreneurial roots.

According to an Associated Press article, his record company said the concerts are taking place in small venues because they are meant to be "intimate" gatherings. This may be farfetched, but maybe being publicly denounced for beating your girlfriend leaves you with only an "intimate" number of fans. Or maybe he's hoping at \$35 apiece, only people who aren't there to throw tomatoes will show up.

To Brown's credit, a portion of the concert's proceeds will be going to charity. If he is not looking to beef up his bank account while he still can, why tour at all? Brown's fan base is notably a younger group of teens and tweens who are highly impressionable. If

I suppose the lesson here is that if you beat your girlfriend, you too can come out with flying colors and showcase your skills for an "intimate" group of loyal followers.

the fans Brown is aiming to show such appreciation for are 12-year-olds, the world is in for a real treat.

I can only hope that the parents of these mini-teens are paying attention to what is going on and who they allow their children to listen to on the radio. I'm not a proponent of the ideology that rap music is making kids shoot other kids or that as soon as you become a Bob Marley fan you will inevitably find yourself in rehab one day, but I also don't think domestic violence deserves a reward.

Brown is only 20 years old and is probably still hanging onto the idea that he can apologize and the whole world will respond with one big dimple-squeeze. After all, he's not really an adult yet. Those dimples aren't fooling anyone, and they obviously weren't fooling the judge.

Nevertheless, Brown will be in Dallas in November for all the loyal fans out there who want to show their support for the singer's ability to avoid jail and rack up a few million dollars with a new CD.

I suppose the lesson here is that if you beat your girlfriend, you too can come out with flying colors and showcase your skills for an "intimate" group of loyal followers.

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Inmates deserve vaccines



KATIE MARTINEZ

After front-page articles announced that Texas would be vaccinating inmates in Texas prisons for the swine flu, a public outcry led to an apparent reversal of the decision.

One woman commented to NBC 5 that Texas should use the inmates like "guinea pigs" to see if the vaccine has any ill effects. Am I the only one who sees the hypocrisy of statements like this being made on the premise of moral superiority?

The fact is that people make mistakes and not everyone in Texas' jails and prisons deserves to die. Some of them are teenagers who went looking for role models and found the wrong ones; others were swept away by addiction or were stricken with the desperation of poverty that one really can't comprehend unless they have been there.

The confined quarters and close proximity associated with incarceration make it an especially dangerous situation if any contagious illness is introduced.

All of these inmates are someone's loved one, and they all aren't evil at heart. They have

mothers, children and siblings who love them and believe in their ability to atone and come home to start a new life. I dare say there are people in prison who aren't guilty of anything as we see time and time again for inmates who are lucky enough to have their cases re-examined.

Immunizations should be distributed to various demographics based on the risk factors, not opinion of individual personality or character. Who are we to judge? No one is perfect, and we are all sinners to a degree.

It's far too easy to demonize "others" and fall into a false sense of security in our own superiority. We do it with people in other countries to justify war in our own minds, we do it with people from the other side of the tracks and we do it with people who have been convicted of crimes.

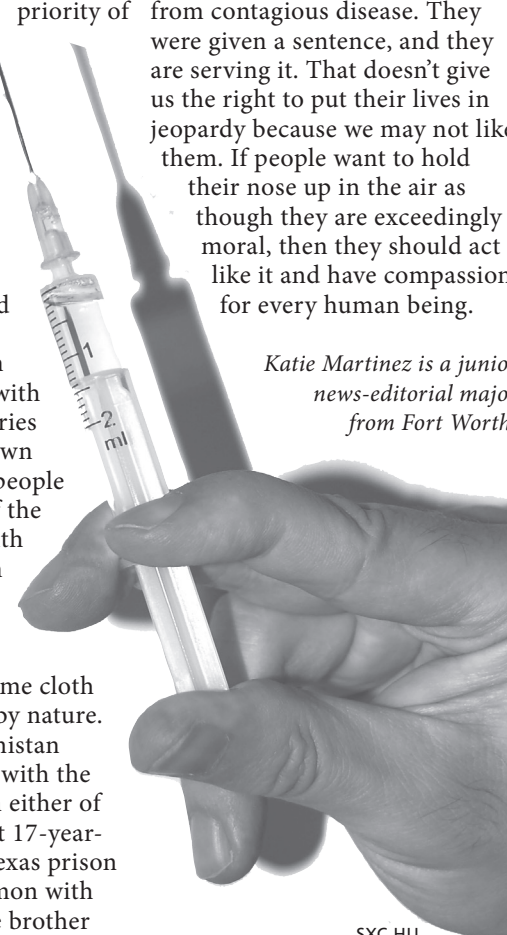
The truth is there are no "others." We are all cut from the same cloth and are all imperfect by nature. The mother in Afghanistan has more in common with the mother in Dallas than either of them knows. And that 17-year-old young man in a Texas prison cell has more in common with your 15-year-old little brother

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than you think.

We as a society still have a responsibility to protect inmates from contagious disease. They were given a sentence, and they are serving it. That doesn't give us the right to put their lives in jeopardy because we may not like them. If people want to hold their nose up in the air as though they are exceedingly moral, then they should act like it and have compassion for every human being.

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Modeling industry unreal



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Filippa Hamilton is a tall, gorgeous model. You have probably seen her in advertisements for Ralph Lauren for the last seven years, where she has been a contract model. Recently Hamilton was "let go" (read: fired) from her modeling contract due to the "inability to meet her contractual obligations," according to the New York Daily News.

Hamilton says she was actually fired for one reason. She was too fat. Yes, that's right. A 5-foot-10-inch woman, weighing in at a paltry 120 pounds, was fired for being fat. But Hamilton's horror didn't end there. A week later images of her that had been drastically altered appeared in Japan. The Photoshopped image showed Hamilton looking like an anorexic scarecrow. She was horrified and so are many other women.

It's bad enough that most of us can't relate to any of the models we see in magazines. I don't know a

single person that is that tall and skinny in real life, so I don't even pay attention to most models. It's like they aren't real people because they don't look like me.

I make it a point to leave Bust Magazine lying around the house because I want my daughter to see the models. Some are plus size and some have tattoos or funky hair. Now, those girls look like me or people I actually know. Comparing ourselves to models is a dangerous pastime. Who really wears a size four? Hamilton does, and apparently that doesn't make her thin enough.

Hamilton said she was worried what girls would think when they saw the retouched picture. She doesn't want to be a bad example, according to msnbc.com. I couldn't agree more. Most of us have the self-esteem and sense to know these are impossible body ideals, but some younger girls may think that's what normal women look like.

Last month, Glamour did a feature story on "normal" sized models (called "plus size" in the modeling industry, of course). I was both happy and angry to see these amazing hourglass-shaped women. Why hadn't I seen them in magazines or advertisements before? Why was it such a big deal

Tell every young woman you see about Photoshop's ability to make models look like aliens, and women are actually supposed to have curves.

to see them now? Advertisements like the Dove's Campaign for Real Beauty are very positive. But we need more of these things. Write letters to your favorite magazines demanding to see real-sized women with boobs and hips. Boycott magazines that put size-zero skeletons on the cover in bikinis. Tell every young woman you see about Photoshop's ability to make models look like aliens, and women are actually supposed to have curves. But be smart and don't ever use the word fat.

I was so relieved when Kate Moss stopped being the ideal model of beauty and fashion. Let's bring in a new ideal. I'd like to call it the "you are beautiful the way you are, whatever your shape" ideal. I hope Hamilton finds a new job where she can revel in being her beautiful self.

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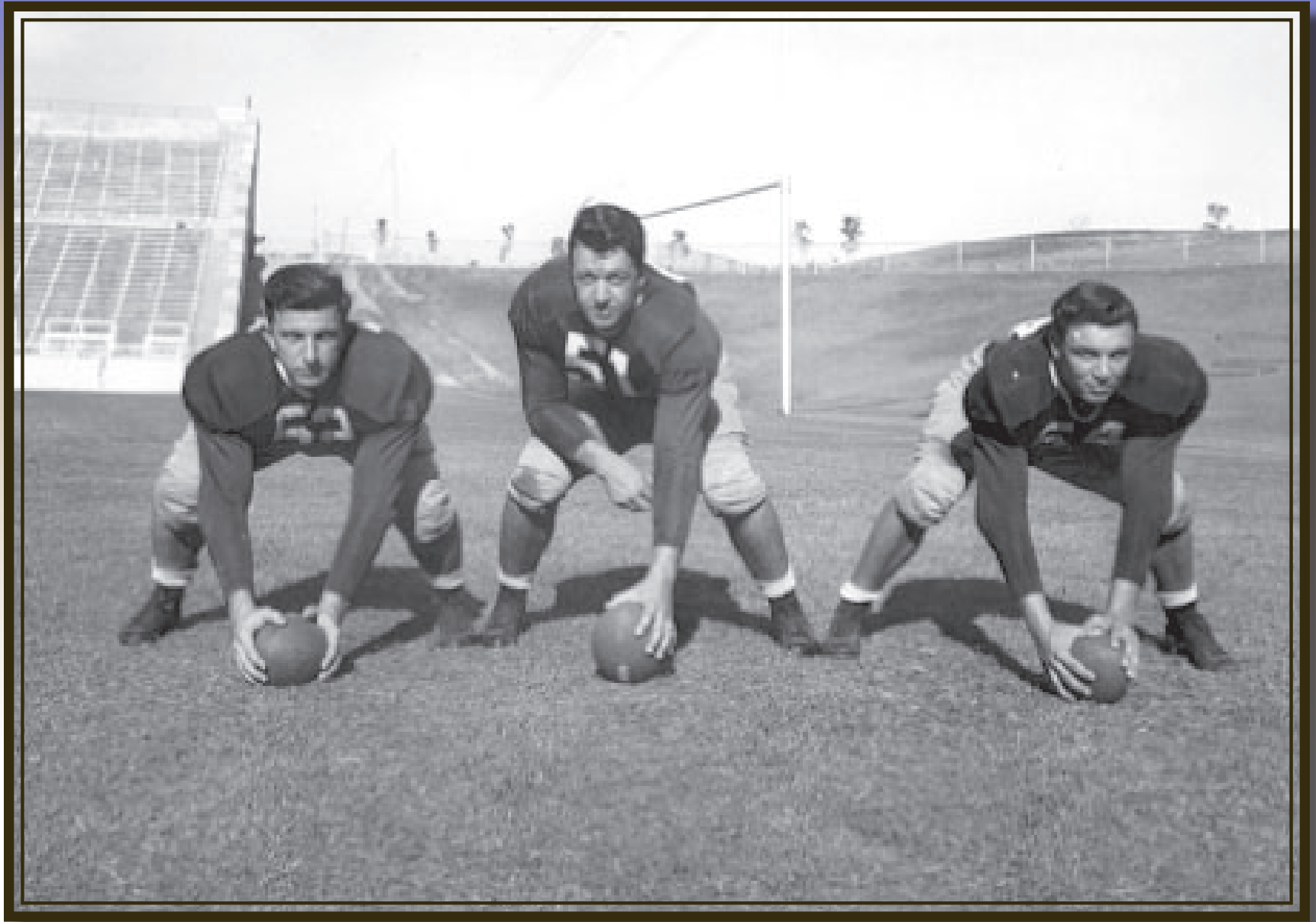
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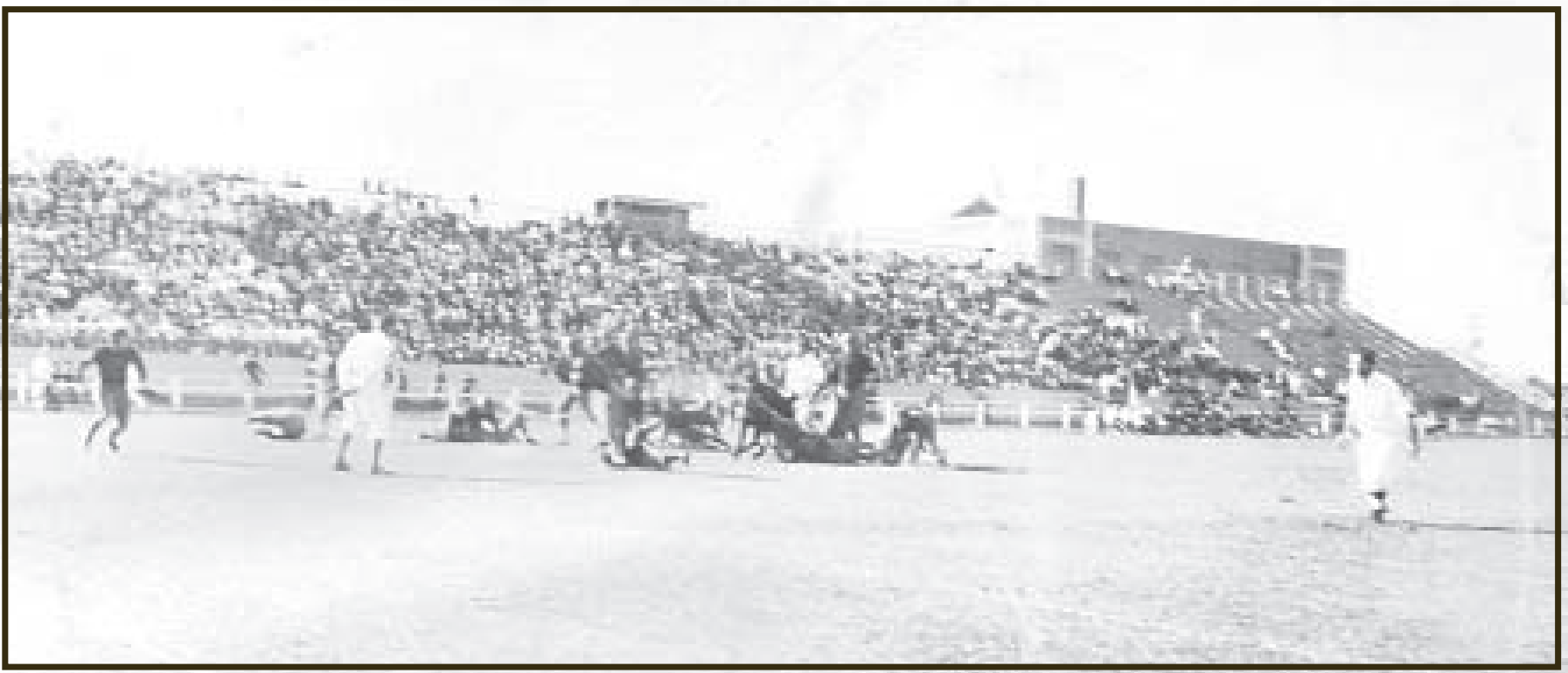
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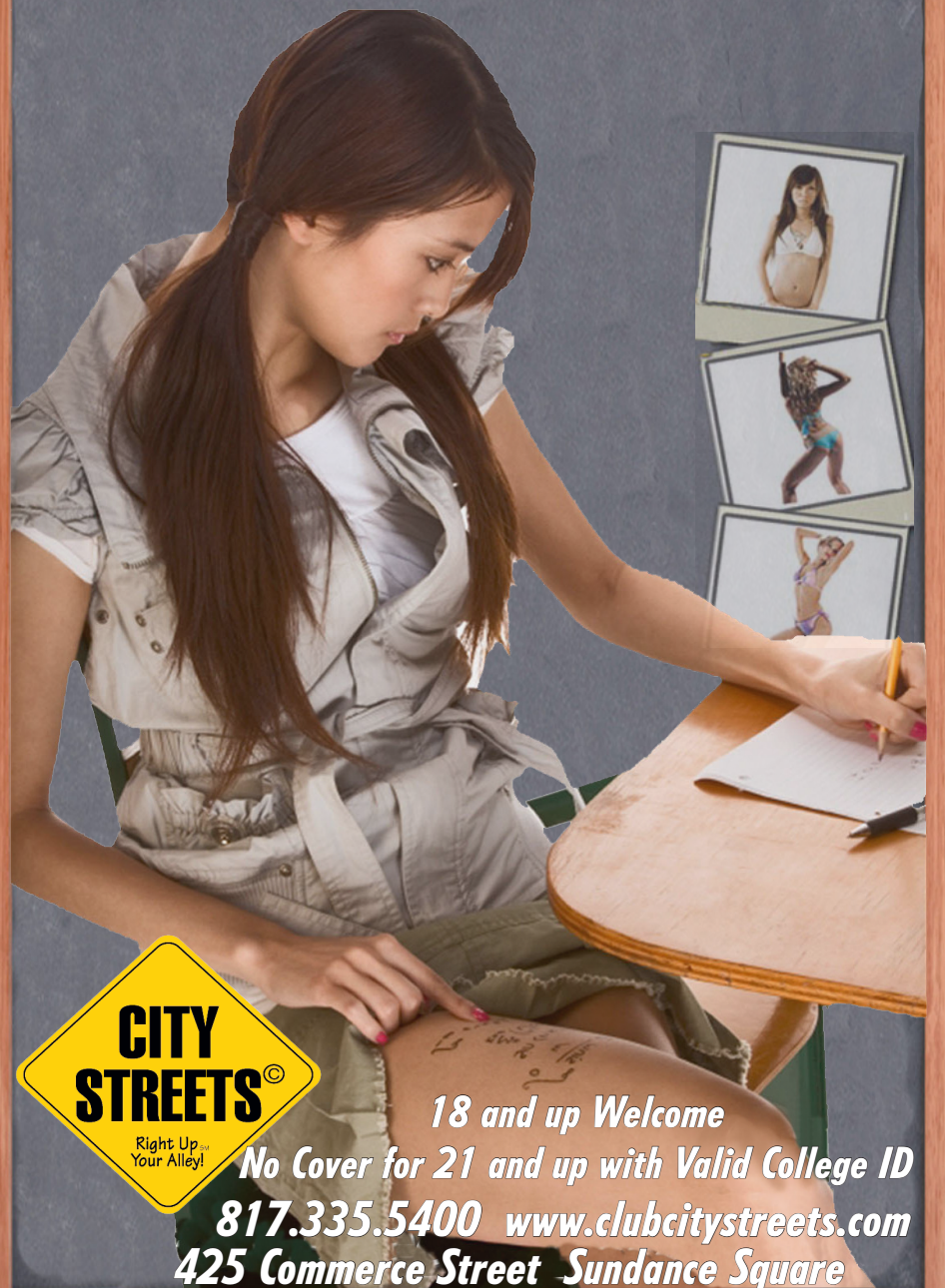


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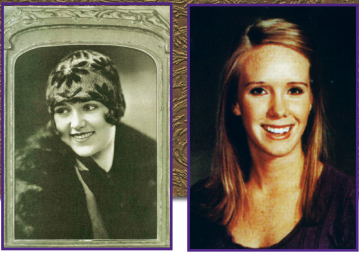
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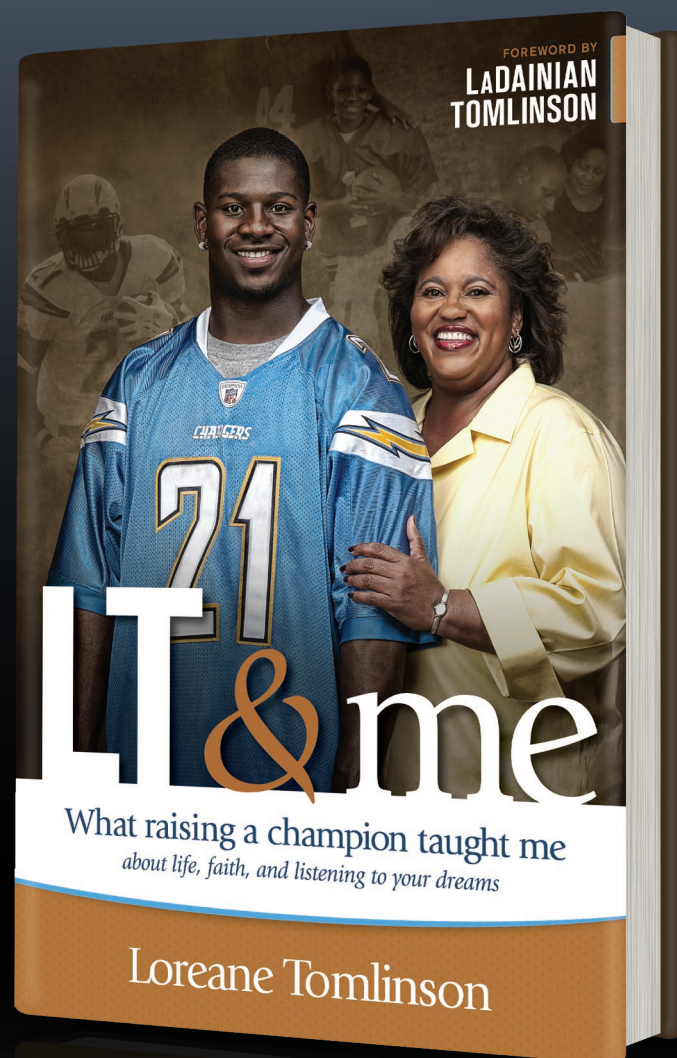
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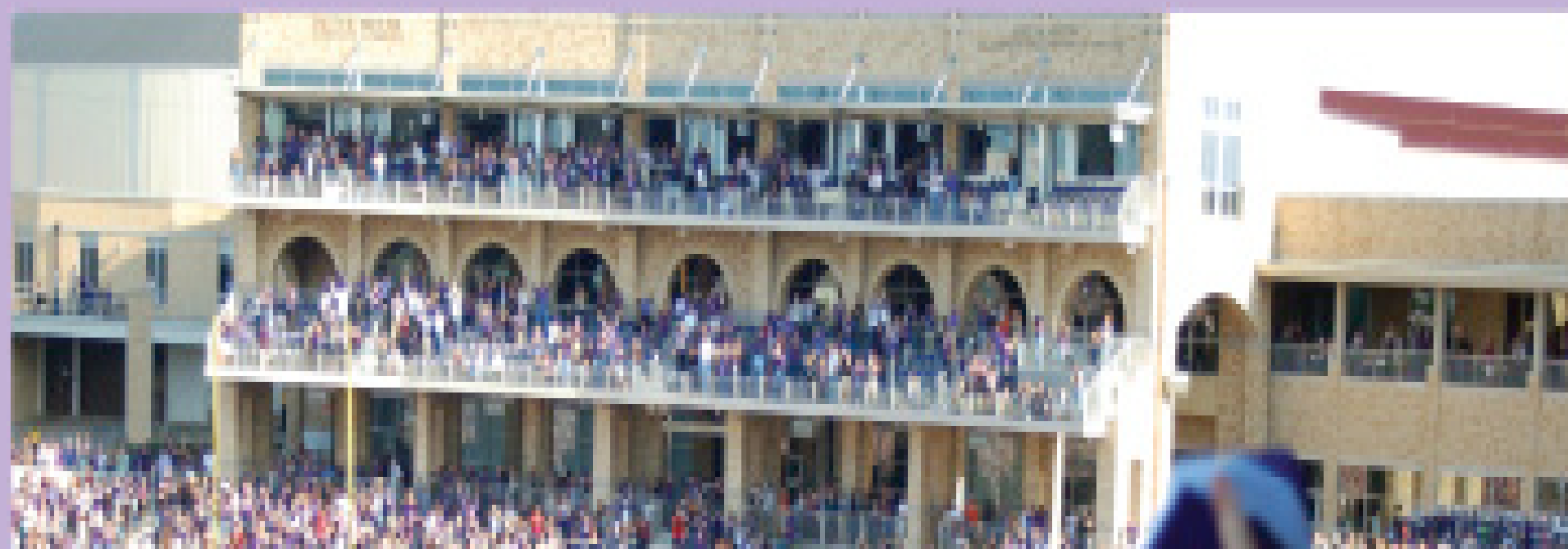


When I was a student at TCU in the late 70's and early 80's I had the good fortune to be blessed to be pals with a fellow student who played on the TCU football squad, Jim Bayuk. Jim was a linebacker for the Frogs in the 70's and 80's and was a good player. His older brother also played for the frogs and was a good player as well. In those days the Frogs struggled near the cellar just about every year and Jim used to talk with me about how discouraging it was but fighting knowing things would get better. Those were some pretty tough years for TCU Football but I admire the way those wonderful guys kept fighting. I think it's fair to say that the foundation of TCU athletics, specifically football, is today was because they fought so hard to regain respectability in the old SWC. The proof was what happened in the years that followed and how close we always seemed to get to grabbing the brass rings....and always a little short. Those guys kept trying and fighting for inches and seconds as they say in the movies. I remember Jim talking about the sacrifice it took to play college level football both on his time to devote to scholastics and to his body. How on Saturday, he'd suit up to play and how hard the kids hit, he described it as being hit by a freight train. How he was so sore on Sunday that it took all he had to climb out of bed to get going and then practice, films, studies all ahead of him. How on Monday he was still sore and tired from Saturday but kept digging. On Tuesday the soreness starts to ease some and by Wednesday and Thursday you start to feel almost like a human again and by Friday you are back to your old self only to start from scratch on Saturday. This was true for 11 weeks in the fall, nearly the entire semester. They don't get to go home on weekends and Thanksgiving was not a holiday for them since they usually had a game.

The one thing Jim said that really stuck was the way they felt a sense of value and worth for the sacrifice they made by looking in the stands and seeing their friends and fellow students there cheering regardless of the outcome, pulling for them and sharing the tough losses and the great wins. Sadly, in those days, all too often there were more students and faculty away from the games than at them. It was discouraging and disappointing. So why this letter now and really what's my point.....

It is time to reclaim the magic of Baugh, O'Brien, Lilly and all the others who laid the foundation for TCU football and what it means. There is so much tradition that goes along with the purple all you need to do is listen to the echo's and remember that in this case the past can be prologue. We have national championships to our name and a Heisman winner. We may be cockroaches as Coach Royal used to say. Isn't it time for the FROGS? It starts with the kids in the stands cheering for your classmates and with the faculty supporting other faculty and kids who had already provided so much joy the first 2 months of this season and for the last few years. The football world is watching and it's time to show your fellow students what it means to you that they try so hard every week in the fall. Show up early, be loud and finish! All you need to do is imagine it happening and believe. Do it for them.

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WORLD NEWS

Couple abducted by pirates while vacationing

By Jill Lawless and Mohamed Olad Hassan
Associated Press Writers

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A British man kidnapped by Somali pirates while vacationing on a yacht with his wife said in an interview released Thursday that the sea bandits had crept aboard with guns while he was asleep and demanded money.

Paul Chandler told Britain's ITV News that he and his wife were being held aboard a container ship anchored about a mile from the Somali coast.

"They kept asking for money and took everything of value on the boat," Chandler said in the interview, before the connection was lost.

Chandler later told the BBC in a telephone interview broadcast Thursday that he is being treated well by his captors.

"We are well, and being looked after OK," Chandler said in a telephone interview with the BBC's Somali Service. "Food is OK," he said.

But he did not appear to be able to speak freely.

Asked whether he was in Somalia, he said: "I can't answer that," and responding to a question about whether he had a message for British officials, he said there was "nothing I can say."

A fisherman told The Associated Press he saw two

boats carrying eight pirates and a white couple that had arrived in the village of Ceel Huur.

Dahir Dabadhahan said a convoy of around 30 other pirates in six luxury vehicles met the group in front of fishermen preparing their boats of the day, he said.

"The pirates opened fire into the air, waving us to move away," he said.

"They are not a wealthy couple. They just wanted to take early retirement, to take a boat and to see more of the world"

Jill Marshment
kidnapped
yachtsman's sister

Ceel Huur is just north of a notorious pirate stronghold in the town of Haradhere.

Earlier Thursday, the British navy had found the couple's empty yacht in international waters. Warships have been searching for Paul and Rachel Chandler since their yacht, the Lynn Rival, sent out a distress signal last Friday.

Relatives of the British couple pleaded for their release and said the pirates had targeted the wrong people.

"They are not a wealthy couple. They just wanted to take early retirement, to take

a boat and to see more of the world," said Paul Chandler's sister, Jill Marshment, 69, of Bredon.

The couple, who have been married for 28 years, took early retirement about three years ago and have spent several six-month spells at sea. Their voyages — which have taken them to the Greek islands, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Oman, Yemen, India, the Maldives and the Seychelles — have been chronicled on a blog.

According to a blog entry on Oct. 21, the couple planned to set sail the next day and be at sea for eight to 12 days, heading south toward Tanzania.

"We probably won't have satellite phone coverage until we're fairly close to the African coast, so we may be out of touch for some time," they wrote.

Somalia has not had a functioning government for 18 years. The multimillion dollar ransoms the pirates collect are a strong lure for young gunmen in a country where nearly half the population is dependent on aid.

The high-seas hijackings have persisted despite an international armada of warships deployed by the United States, the European Union, NATO, Japan, South Korea and China to patrol the region.

Also Thursday, pirates hijacked a Thai fishing vessel



This undated photo made available by the family shows Paul Chandler who went missing with his wife Rachel when sailing from the Seychelles to Tanzania after sending a distress signal on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, at an unknown location. The British navy on Thursday found an empty yacht in international waters belonging to the missing British couple and a defense official said Somali pirates may have transferred them to another vessel.

north of the Seychelles islands, the European Union Naval Force said.

The Thai Union 3 reported it was under attack by pirates in two skiffs 200 miles (320 kilometers) north of the Seychelles and 650 miles (1050

kilometers) off the Somali coast, according to a press release issued by the headquarters for the EU's Operation Atalanta.

A naval aircraft sent to the scene saw pirates aboard the vessel and two skiffs tied up

behind it. The EU force said the ship is now heading toward Somalia.

The latest seizure means pirates are now holding a total of eight ships, four of which were seized in the past two weeks.

UNITED STATES

Obama daughters' swine flu vaccinations cause stir



SUSAN WALSH / AP Photographer
President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and their children Sasha, second from left, and Malia, right, walk across Pennsylvania Ave as they head back to the White House after leaving St. John's Church in Washington on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009.

By Lindsey Tanner
AP Medical Writer

With Dad a world leader and Nobel Prize winner, Malia and Sasha Obama surely could have been first in line when vaccinations began for swine flu.

They weren't, the White House says.

But that hasn't stopped complaints that President Barack Obama's daughters got preferential treatment.

"You definitely think there's some favoritism going on," said Vernon Stanley, who stood for hours in the snow Tuesday to get his 6-year-old granddaughter vaccinated near Salt Lake City.

Sarky comments began popping up on blogs and other online sites after Tuesday's announcement that the Obama girls got vaccinated by the White House doctor last week.

"We have two very compromised special needs children in our home but can't find any vaccine," Walter Ponfick of New Braunfels, Texas, said in comments posted on a Fox News blog. "Makes me think just the important population is able to be taken care of."

Many doctors and public health experts have a different take.

For one thing, children are one of the high-risk groups the government says should get swine flu vaccine first. Even then, the Obama girls weren't rushed to the head of the line. They got their vaccine at least two weeks after the first Americans received their shots and, according to Michelle Obama's spokeswoman, only after vaccine became available to other Washington schoolchildren. And no vaccine shortages have been reported in Washington's schools.

Announcing that the girls have been vaccinated "is a great example for all families," said Dr. Judith Palfrey, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "It's an important statement about how important vaccines are."

Emory University vaccine expert Saad Omer said his research has shown that parents are likely to support immunization if they learn that their doctors have vaccinated their own children. The Obamas' decision could be just as influential, he said.

Dr. Mark Dworkin, an infectious-disease specialist at

the University of Illinois at Chicago, agreed. And he suggested there is good reason to give preferential treatment to the presidential daughters, 11-year-old Malia and 8-year-old Sasha.

"If his children get sick with a high fever, that's very distracting for any parent,

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Mark Dworkin
infectious-disease specialist

and we all want his attention focused on all the issues before him," Dworkin said. Also, if Malia and Sasha were to get the flu, their father could catch it from them.

"That's a guy I don't want to see out sick," Dworkin said.

The president and Michelle Obama are waiting until priority groups are inoculated to get their own swine flu shots, the White House says. Besides children, who

have been hard-hit by the swine flu, these include pregnant women and people with chronic health problems.

The government initially said as many as 120 million vaccine doses could be available by mid-October, but because of production delays, only about 25 million had come through as of Thursday. As a result, thousands of ordinary citizens and their children have had to wait in line for shots, sometimes only to find that supplies ran out.

Despite the shortage, Jena McNeill, a homeland security analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation, said the Obama girls' getting shots "is a non-issue."

"This falls right in line with what they should be doing," she said.

Walter Ponfick, the disgruntled Texan who complained to Fox News, called The Associated Press late Wednesday with an update: His kids' doctor had received a supply of vaccine earlier in the day.

"We loaded the two kids up, rushed into San Antonio, and got their shots," Ponfick said. "I still am kind of upset by the situation, but sometimes God works in mysterious ways."

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Prominent lawyer dies

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Flamboyant Houston lawyer John O'Quinn, who won billions in verdicts against makers of breast implants, pharmaceuticals and tobacco products, died Thursday in a traffic wreck. He was 68.



O'Quinn

O'Quinn was one of two people killed when police say a sport-utility vehicle skidded across the median of a rain-slicked parkway just outside downtown Houston, went airborne and slammed into a tree.

"Certainly the roads being slick could have had something to do with it," Houston Police Lt. L.J. Satterwhite said. "It's a very preliminary investigation. It will take some time to figure out exactly what happened."

A witness said the SUV appeared to be moving at a high rate of speed when it went out of control about 8:15 a.m.

It was not immediately clear if O'Quinn or the second victim was the driver. The identity of the other person killed was not immediately released.

O'Quinn, one of Houston's best-known trial attorneys, was known as a Texas-sized lawyer with a Texas-sized ego and a wallet to match, lavishly spending on himself, philanthropic causes and Democratic politicians.

O'Quinn's name is on many of his beneficiaries' buildings. His John M. O'Quinn Foundation donated tens of millions of dollars to the University of Houston — which he attended and where the football field carries his name — the Baylor College of Medicine, and Houston's Children's Assessment Center, a private-public partnership with Harris County to help abused children.

"He worked tirelessly on behalf of this university and was one of its most generous financial contributors," said

Renu Khator, president of the University of Houston and chancellor of the University of Houston System. "A good deal of this school's success can be credited to John's unflagging commitment to making UH a better institution."

In 2006, he paid \$1 million for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle signed by scores of celebrities. The money was donated to a fund for Hurricane Katrina survivors. The motorcycle was added to an auto collection that already featured the original Batmobile and Pope John Paul II's 1975 Ford Escort GL, which O'Quinn bought for \$700,000.

Four years ago, he was the single largest contributor in the Texas governor's race, giving Democrat Chris Bell \$1 million and loaning him another \$1.7 million. Bell lost.

In September 2006, O'Quinn celebrated his 65th birthday with a party that a local society columnist said ranked among the most legendary in a city that relishes conspicuous consumption. Ballrooms featured multi-

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tiered crystal chandeliers mounted above Monte Carlo-style casino tables, crystal wall sconces, 56 vintage cars and three musical acts — including Don Henley of The Eagles.

O'Quinn made his money and his reputation taking on wealthy corporations. He was one of five lawyers who shared a \$3.3 billion fee for helping the state settle its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

His first big win came in

1986, when a jury found Monsanto negligently exposed an employee to benzene at a Houston-area plant and ordered the company to pay \$100 million. The award was later vacated and the case settled out of court, but O'Quinn's fame was cemented.

By 1992, he began a long and profitable run of silicone breast-implant lawsuits with a \$25 million verdict against Bristol-Myers Squibb. O'Quinn said he took in \$3 billion from more than 3,000 breast-implant cases between 1992 and 2000. In 1995, Dow Corning, an implant manufacturer, cited his lawsuits as reasons for its bankruptcy filing.

In 2004, O'Quinn won a \$1 billion verdict in an east Texas state court in a case involving Pondimin, part of the now-banned weight-loss combination of fen-phen.

O'Quinn also faced legal problems, disbarment threats and lawsuits as well.

The State Bar of Texas reprimanded him and ordered him to perform 100 hours of community service in 1989. The bar said O'Quinn had paid runners to solicit clients after a December 1985 air crash in Newfoundland that killed 248 U.S. soldiers.

O'Quinn faced similar charges in the mid-1990s in Texas and South Carolina. He pleaded guilty to practicing law in South Carolina without a license and agreed to pay the state \$250,000, but charges of improper solicitation were later dismissed.

He was briefly jailed in November 1996 after Houston police said they spotted O'Quinn driving 80 mph and running red lights. O'Quinn pleaded no contest to a charge of driving under the influence.

Stories of his drinking were common among both his friends and enemies throughout the 1990s, and O'Quinn acknowledged at least one 90-day stay at the Menninger Clinic in Kansas in 1998 to treat a drinking problem. In recent years, he insisted he remained sober.



Gregg Sutton ducks under a snow covered tree as he uses a snowblower to clear his driveway in Denver on Thursday. A slow-moving storm has dumped more than 2 feet of snow on parts of Colorado and much more is expected.

Snow slams Rockies, Plains

By Ivan Moreno
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — A slow-moving autumn storm showed no signs of letting up in Colorado and the western Plains on Thursday, blanketing areas already buried with as much as 3 feet, closing schools and businesses and delaying flights.

Roads across Colorado and Wyoming were snow-packed and icy from the first big winter storm of the season in the West, and the snow's not likely to stop anytime soon. The storm spread a blanket of white from northern Utah's Wasatch Front to western Nebraska's northern border with South Dakota.

"There's definitely some adverse driving conditions right now, and it's expected to continue throughout a good portion of the day," said Bob Wilson, a Colorado Department of Transportation spokesman. Wilson said although some cars are sliding off roads, not many accidents had been reported.

The storm created headaches for airport travelers as airlines canceled hundreds of flights because of drifting snow and high winds. Up to a foot of snow was expected at Denver International Airport by Thursday afternoon.

Denver-based Frontier Airlines said it canceled 19 flights in and out of Denver because the airport had been unable to keep enough runways and taxiways open. The airline also said some flights were delayed by up to four hours.

"We're at the mercy of airport conditions at DIA this morning and hope they can recover sufficiently to help us avoid further flight cancellations today," Frontier said in a statement on its Web site.

Airport spokesman Chuck Cannon said airport crews were keeping up with snow removal and the airport was up to 64 arrivals per hour by midmorning. That's about double the number from hours earlier, he said.

Airport officials planned a news conference to detail their

efforts. Two runways were closed.

United Airlines, the dominant carrier at the Denver airport with about 400 flights per day, canceled about half its flights, which is standard during such weather conditions, said spokesman Charlie Hobart. He said the move keeps delays and cancellations from spilling over into the next day.

"We're doing everything we can to accommodate the travelers and we're also asking them to check online for their flights," for cancellations, he said.

Colorado U.S. Highway 6 is closed to Loveland Pass, while a 35-mile span of Interstate I-25 is closed from Wellington to Cheyenne. Wilson said the closure is to prevent traffic congestion going into Wyoming, where driving conditions are

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Charlie Hobart
United Airlines
spokesperson

worse than in northern Colorado. Blowing snow and poor visibility also prompted the closure of I-70 between the eastern edge of Denver to Limon.

A 40-mile stretch of Interstate 80 is closed from Cheyenne to Laramie.

Wyoming officials said they'd had reports of about 70 crashes, most of them on I-80, before deciding to close the road.

Laramie County District 1 schools have closed and some state offices are opening later in the day. High winds were causing drifting snow and reduced visibility, and two or three inches of snow were expected to fall Thursday, said meteorologist John Griffith with the National Weather Service in Cheyenne.

The storm that began Tues-

day already added enough snow to break records for total snowfall in October for Wyoming. It was the biggest October snowmaker in the Denver area since 1997, said Byron Louis, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Boulder, Colo.

The Denver metro area will be under a winter storm warning until 6 p.m. Thursday, with snow through the afternoon, blowing snow throughout the day and temperatures in the upper 20s, the National Weather Service said. As much as 7 inches could fall around parts of Denver before the storm ends.

"The plows are out, but the roads are kind of icy and snow-packed," said Ryan Drake, traffic operations specialist for the Colorado Department of Transportation. "Be patient and take your time."

Many schools in metro Denver remained closed Thursday, but the University of Colorado in Boulder and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, where 17.5 inches fell, decided to reopen, a day after sending students home early. At least three high school football playoff games set for Thursday in Nebraska were postponed.

Whiteout conditions were predicted Thursday for the plains areas of eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Nebraska, where 12 inches of snow were reported in Rushville and 11 inches in nearby Clinton. Three-foot drifts were reported elsewhere in western Nebraska, and transportation officials closed I-80 west of Big Springs to Laramie, Wyo., a stretch spanning almost 200 miles.

Winds were a concern farther west, too.

Winds gusting through Southern California forced a commuter train line to shut down and knocked a tree onto a car, but no serious injuries have been reported.

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PICKTEAM

Each week, members of student publications make their picks on the big NCAA football games. Each correct pick is awarded one point and a correct upset pick is worth two points. TCU News Now reporter Maddy Foxx remains in the lead with 27 points, followed by Skiff editor-in-chief David Hall with 26 points. Skiff reporter Mary Sue Greenleaf is in third with 24 points followed by Skiff sports editor Travis L. Brown with 22 points. Bringing up the end is Skiff news editor Michael Carroll with 22 points and KTCU's Phil Mann with 19 points.

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or a tie Friday in order control their own fates in terms of the MWC Tournament. Abdalla said the game will most definitely be an exciting and fun one to watch as both teams have a lot at stake and a lot to lose.

SDSU currently sits in second place behind Brigham Young University in the MWC. In order to win the MWC title outright, SDSU must beat the Horned Frogs and BYU must lose to Wyoming. In any outcome, the Aztecs will finish no worse than second place and have secured a spot in the quarterfinals of the MWC Championships.

Torda said the Horned Frogs have raised their intensity level in practice to prepare for Friday's match.

"We're out here, all competing and working hard for each other and it's fun because people get pumped up," Torda said.

Friday night is also senior night for the Horned Frogs and midfielder Kelly Faerber, forward Lizzy Karoly and midfielder Michelle Nguyen will be honored for their hard work and commitment to the program.

As far as the match itself, Abdalla said the Horned Frogs don't need to make many changes in their strategy.

"We've just got to keep doing what we're doing, keep pressing the tempo of the game, being aggressive offensively and we've got to be a little bit sharper defensively," he said.

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Michael Carroll Skiff News Editor						Georgia over Florida
Phil Mann KTCU News Director						Georgia over Florida

HUGHES

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sons that summer. Without supplies or a budget, the university students put on a camp based on their skills or abilities.

"One of the interesting things about Jerry is he was nervous working with the kids," Roberts said. "I told him you know what, you're going to get out there and give back because you have a lot of gifts and talents and you've had a lot of opportunity and this is a great opportunity you can be a positive role model in the community."

After working the camp, Hughes came back to Fortress to volunteer with the children. After several months of volunteering, Hughes took on the role as a mentor, Roberts said.

"Fortress called him and said, 'We have a young man who is having a lot of difficulty in school. He's fighting with his teachers and fighting with his peers.' So they called Jerry and asked him if he'd go for a visit," Roberts said.

Hughes did go for that visit and had the child promise he would stay out of trouble for three weeks. In return, Hughes would come visit him again, Roberts said. The promise did the trick.

"The kid stayed out of trouble for three weeks which was a remarkable feat for that young child to do that," Roberts said.

Now, Hughes brings the child to various events and stays constant in the child's life, Roberts said. He even answered a call from the child's principal at school and talked to the child after he was called into the principal's office, Roberts said.

Hughes said, "It's great to see them change over time and the fact that we as college students can actually have an impact on a young person's life."

But his service doesn't stop there. Last year, before the annual Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, Hughes gathered a group of students from TCU and some different members of the

athletic department, including former athletics director Danny Morrison, and held a pep rally for the students of an elementary school that feeds into Fortress.

Roberts said, "He really understands the value of his education and the first time I met Jerry, he said, 'I'm here to get an education.' Even though he's a very talented athlete, this is not about his athletics. This is about his education and the focus his parents have given him and his drive to get back."

Even though he might hang up his pads after the game, Hughes knows his role as a positive role model is not over, Roberts said.

"He's a good role model for his peers here on campus," Roberts said. "I had a student in my office the other day and saw a picture of him here and said, 'You know what, he says my name wherever I am on campus. He stops to say hello to me.' That's the kind of person Jerry is. He's a solid, steady, constant person."

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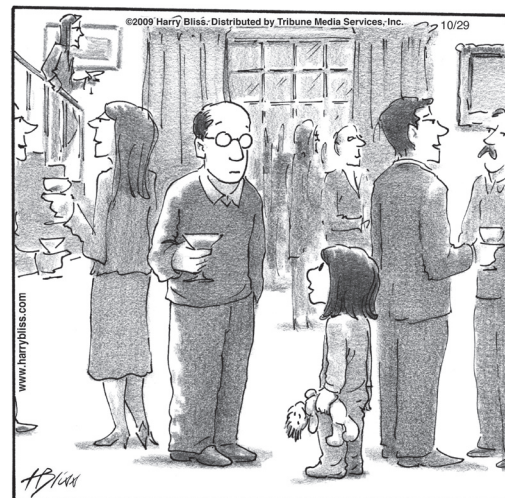
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- 20 Kenan's comedy partner
- 21 Baltic capital
- 22 -Z: high-performance Camaro
- 23 Train former senator Dole to do without?
- 28 More than fortunate
- 30 Grandeur
- 31 Brand of bubbly
- 32 Open a worms
- 33 The first indication that I had one too many last night?
- 40 Tongue and liver
- 41 Genetic molecules
- 42 As you like it
- 45 Lydian king known for his wealth
- 48 Earp in a stage show?
- 50 Man or Mull
- 51 Small batteries
- 52 Shad delicacy
- 55 Pontiac muscle car
- 56 Skater Katarina enjoying a Camel?
- 60 Grant, e.g.: Abbr.
- 61 Do the Wright thing?
- 62 Swedish furniture chain
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- 64 Approached
- 65 One with a list

DOWN

- 1 Peddle
- 2 Theater award

By Dan Naddor

10/30/09

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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FOOTBALL

Frog star shines light in community

By Travis L. Brown
Sports Editor

When Frog defensive end Jerry Hughes isn't busy sacking Division I quarterbacks, he is taking on the challenges of being a role model to the children of Fort Worth. For Hughes, however, this job isn't restricted to just the football field, but includes the playground as well.

Hughes was honored Thursday at the Bank of America 2009 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Awards as a Local Hero of Tarrant County at Cowboys Stadium. The awards celebrate those making a difference in the communities Bank of America serves. Each Local Hero was honored with a \$5,000 grant, which could be donated to an eligible nonprof-

it of his or her choice, for serving Tarrant County neighborhoods. Hughes donated his grant to the Texas Christian University Foundation.

"It's a great honor for the school as well for me to be recognized for some of the work that I'm doing throughout the community," Hughes said.

Hughes got started working with the organization Fortress Youth Development Center in summer of 2008 through Le Ann Roberts' service learning program in the College of Communication, he said.

Roberts said Hughes, along with the other students in the program, put on a sports camp with incorporated leadership les-

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TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes with communication studies professor Le Ann Roberts.

FOOTBALL

Fans giving others chance to see games

By Chris Blake
Staff Reporter

Fans have not filled Amon Carter Stadium to the brim since Sep. 16, 2006 when the Horned Frogs beat Texas Tech 12-3.

On Tuesday, head coach Gary Patterson called for the TCU community to support his team as it worked toward an undefeated season.

"It's not all on the shoulders of the team," Patterson said. "(Fans) need to get themselves out. It needs to be a loud crowd ... There needs to be a home-field advantage."

The athletic department lowered prices of unused seats on the visiting side of the stadium from \$35 to \$20 in an effort to draw more fans.

One way a group of Frog fans have decided to help raise attendance is to make a donation to Purple People Seaters, a group that helps at-risk youth, and brings the children to TCU football games.

SpitBloodTCU.com, a blog that focuses on TCU sports, is encouraging its readers to donate to Purple People Seaters so more youth will be able to be in attendance Saturday.

Although the idea to donate to Purple People Seaters started with Patterson's call to the fans, Thomas Fincher of SpitBloodTCU.com said it is not just about football.

"If we can fill the seats (and) it costs \$25 and you're making a kid's day, it has motivated a lot of people to help out," Fincher said. "It's helping two causes, but first and foremost we're helping out underprivileged kids around the Metroplex."

Purple People Seaters pays \$25 for each youth to attend a game. The price includes a ticket, a Horned Frogs T-shirt, a hot dog and a Coke. Robert Costas founded the organization and started

bringing youngsters to football games before the 2007 Texas Bowl.

"I really feel like I was making a bigger impact than I could have with the small amount of money I had on my own," Costas said.

He said he expected to bring 30-40 kids to the game against UNLV Saturday. The ultimate goal would be the final home game against New Mexico, because Saturday is short notice for parents and he hoped that the game against Utah would sell out on its own.

"The great thing about Purple People Seaters is that it bridges the gap between TCU and the community," Costas said. "It is a small step

"The great thing about Purple People Seaters is that it bridges the gap between TCU and the community. It is a small step in bringing the four corners of Tarrant County together to support TCU."

Robert Costas
founder of Purple People Seaters

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With road wins in front of big crowds at Virginia, Clemson and BYU over with this season, Patterson said his team enjoys playing in front of rowdy crowds.

"When we play in front of those kinds of loud crowds, whether they are yelling for us or against us, we have played ... at a high level," he said. "If we can get that in the next five games, you are going to see a very good TCU football team."

SOCCER

Team looks to wrap up with strong finish

By Andrea Bolt
Staff Reporter

After three straight losses, the Horned Frog soccer team secured a dramatic overtime win against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas last Friday. This week, the Horned Frogs will be fighting for a win at home in their last home match of the season against the San Diego State University Aztecs.

Junior forward Jackie Torda was named Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Week after her game-winning goal in the Horned Frogs' 3-2 victory over UNLV.

"The whole team really worked hard for each other, we really created the goals we got," Torda said, regarding the Horned Frogs' win.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said Torda approached him three weeks ago and told him of her desire to play harder.

"It was fun to see her get rewarded in Vegas because she had been working at such a high level and had been playing as well as anybody in the conference ... She is making other players around her better and raising everybody's level," Abdalla said.

SDSU junior goalkeeper Aubree Southwick was also recognized by the MWC and awarded the MWC Defensive Player of the

Week award for the second straight week after leading the Aztecs in two wins and posting her eighth shut-out of the season against UNLV. Abdalla said the Horned Frogs look forward to the challenge Southwick will give them offensively, especially due to the fact that Southwick played for Abdalla as a youth on his Olympic Development Program team.

"I think our kids will enjoy that challenge, we have some kids that are extremely hungry, that have been knocking on the door, so I

"The whole team really worked hard for each other, we really created the goals we got."

Jackie Torda
Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Week

think they'll look forward to having the opportunity to keep what they had in Vegas going," Abdalla said of his offensive line.

In MWC play, the Horned Frogs stand at 2-4-0 and 9-8-0 overall, while the Aztecs hold a 4-0-2 record in the MWC and are 11-3-5 overall.

Both teams need a win

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