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Vice chancellor to leave current post next year, will remain at university.

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Renovation will relocate dance classes to Rec Center

By Rebecca Jeffrey

Staff Reporter

The university's Ballet and Modern Dance Building will undergo its first major renovation beginning late this December, which may cause some sacrifice from both the dance department and University Recreation Center patrons.

Two of the dance studios as well as the costume shop, pilates studio and computer lab will all be moving to the University Recreation Center. The dance faculty offices will be moving into the former Writing Center in the Rickel wing. A third studio space will also be created at the bottom floor of the GrandMarc apartments, Ellen Shelton, the dance director, said.

"I think it'll be an adventure, and I'm sure that great things will come of it," Hannah Ernest, a senior ballet and modern dance double major, said.

Director of Campus Recreation Steve Kintigh said the dance department will be taking over Multipurpose Room 1 and general use will not be available for the spring semester. "We looked at all kinds of options," Shelton said. "We're putting them out in a lot of different ways and so we're trying to give from our end also."

The department was previously looking at having Multipurpose Rooms 1, 2 and 3.

All workout classes will continue to be

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Ham: Take valuables with you

By Christa Acuna

Staff Reporter

As Sgt. Kelly Ham responded to a call for a suspicious vehicle in a campus parking lot, he said he counted 12 visible GPS devices on car dashboards.

He said when he attended the call for the suspicious vehicle, it didn't seem like students paid close attention to the warnings that had been sent out in regard to the recent burglar-

"If the burglars don't see anything to steal, more than likely they won't break out a window to look through the car," he said.

There were 15 car burglaries on campus within the last month and 12 break-ins, he said. Since last October there have been 106 break-ins on campus.

Yesterday a student called TCU Police to report two individuals that looked into a car window, backed up into the spot next to the vehicle and then drove off approximately 30 to 45 seconds later, he said.

He said when the officers arrived at the scene they found a car that had been broken into.

The witness, who watched the individuals in action, was unaware of the break-in, he said.

He used this incident as an example but said a common report of suspicious behavior is people walking up and down rows, looking into cars.

There is one individual associated with several of the break-ins that has not yet been arrested, he said. There are three warrants for the individual issued by a judge, with a bond

Ham said the individual took GPS devices during every burglary, which is the most common stolen item from vehicles on campus.

The suspect's license plate was identified through a new surveillance system that has been installed in some areas of campus, he

He said the university is in the process of installing the surveillance system in all campus parking lots. The new surveillance system has been tested for approximately six

In a recent e-mail warning, Ham wrote that TCU Police and Fort Worth Police Department were advising all students, faculty, staff and residents to not leave any valuables in the vehicle.

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Sgt. Kelly Ham

TCU Police

He said he no longer encourages students to lock belongings in the car because of the large number of newer vehicles that have trunk releases. Instead, he said the best idea would be for students to take their belongings with them.

According to the e-mail, power cords, radar detectors, CDs, purses, books, backpacks, pagers, cell phones and radio faceplates were some items TCU Police advised to not be left where they could be seen.

According to the police reports, in 17 cases of car burglaries and break-ins, damaged property ranged from \$200 to \$600. In three cases involving theft, stolen property ranged from \$450 to \$530.

Most cases occurred in the campus overflow lot, located near the football stadium, according to the police reports.

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Student: Be aware of surroundings

By Amelia Wenzel

Staff Reporter

Jeff Pels, a senior accounting major, walks down Devitt Avenue to a friend's house almost every weekend. On Friday night, the 30-second walk down the street took a bad turn when he and two friends were robbed at gunpoint.

Pels said he believed there was little he and the two other victims could have done differently. They were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

About midnight Friday night, Pels, Charli Henderson and one of Pels' roommates who requested to remain anonymous were approached by two men while walking from Cockrell to Green Avenue on Devitt Avenue. According to the report filed by Fort Worth Police, Pels and Henderson were approached by the two men and robbed at gunpoint. Pels' roommate fled the scene and called 911.

Pels said Fort Worth Police officers thought the crime was a little peculiar because the students, who were walking in a group, were not the easy target criminals typically pursue.

Pels said he didn't really see how he could have done anything different to avoid the attack.

"Once they have guns, there is not much you can do, you know," Pels said.

He was so shocked by what was happening he said he thought it was a joke at first.

"I kind of just stood there and didn't say anything, and then he punched me, and I fell down and thought, 'This is serious," he said.

The police report said the assailants struck Pels in the face with a pistol and kicked him twice while he was on the ground.

Pels said the suspects asked him where his wallet was and demanded to know the amount of cash inside. He said one of the men then took Pels' phone and his wallet, which had no cash, from his back pocket.

Pels said that Henderson, a senior strategic communication major, handed the suspect her wristlet, which contained four dollars in cash. The suspect then threatened her, but did not take anything more than

"He pointed the gun closer to her and said, 'You better not be lying to me," Pels

The police report stated the suspects fled in a purple van.

Fort Worth Police came immediately to look for the van and question the three witnesses. Pels said they told the police everything they knew, but because of the darkness they didn't get a good look at the

Pels used Henderson's phone to call TCU Police, who came over to the house and informed Dean of Campus Life Susan Adams of the robbery. Adams also came to the house to check on the students.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said that if students are attacked off campus, he advises them to call the Fort Worth Police first and then contact TCU Police because Fort Worth Police might be able to get to the scene faster.

Pels advised students to be aware of their surroundings, walk in large groups, stay in lighted areas and pay attention to Crime

Pels said he used to disregard the alerts because he thought it could never happen

"Don't take anything for granted. You can never be too careful," Pels said.

No one was taken to the hospital, and Pels said that although no charges were made to his debit card, there were a few fraudulent charges on Henderson's credit card in Dallas and Oklahoma before she

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Jeff Pels

Senior accounting major

could get it cancelled.

Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, public information officer for the Fort Worth Police Department, said the case is still under investigation by the Fort Worth Robbery Unit.

"No arrests have been made, however the investigation is still active and open," Mahaffey said.

The crime is reported as Robbery-Individual on the police report, which Mahaffey said is a robbery of a person and a first-degree felony.

According to the Texas Penal Code section 12.32, a person convicted of a firstdegree felony can receive a sentence of 5 to 99 years or life in prison. In addition to the jail time, a person convicted may also have to pay a fine of up to \$10,000.

Texas Penal Code section 29.03 defines Aggravated Robbery as committing theft with intent to obtain or maintain control of the property by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury to another and uses or exhibits a deadly weapon.

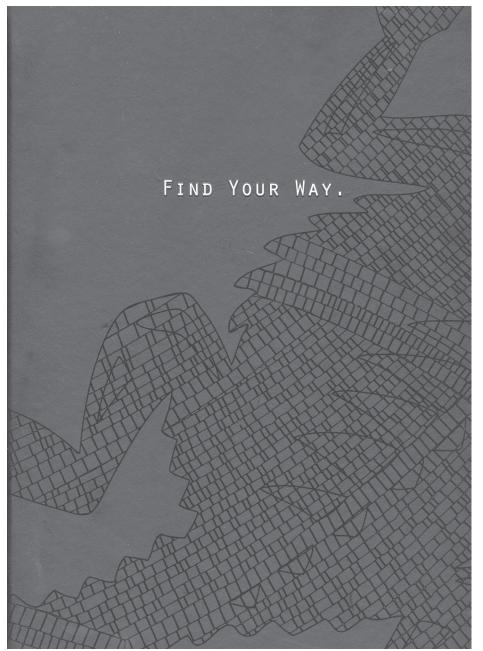


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ADMINISTRATION

Horned Frogs take third place



COURTESY OF THE TCU YEARBOOK

Staff Report

The Horned Frog, the university's yearbook, won third place in the Best of Show category at the 2010 Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Advisers National College Media Convention Oct. 27-31 in Louisville, Ky.

Yearbook adviser Kathy Hamer said the convention was the biggest convention of its kind in the country and that she thought the award was a prestigious one.

"[The yearbook] hadn't won in several years and that made it fun to win," she

Hamer credited the award to the year-book's individuality and artistic ability.

"Our book is distinctive because we

have a two-hour media DVD in it," she said. "We were the first university to have the DVD about six or seven years ago."

She said printing the yearbook in full color added to its artistic value.

"It was beautiful," she said. "It had a beautiful cover and a cool theme. Our editor [Mallory Burkett] did an amazing job."

Media advisers and local journalists served as judges. She did not know the exact number of books that were entered in the competition.

The yearbook also recently won second place in Best of Collegiate Design for the 2008-2009 book.

The book covers all events on campus including academics, athletics, Greek and student life, according to the year-book's website.



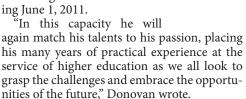
Mills to take on new position in 2011

Staff Report

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills will take on a new role at the university following the end of the spring semester, according to an e-mail from

the provost.

Provost Nowell Donovan wrote in an e-mail to faculty and staff Tuesday afternoon that Mills would become a Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership in the College of Education starting June 1, 2011.



As Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mills currently oversees Residential Services, Health Services, Campus Life, Student Development Services, Career Services and University Ministry, as well as campus security, crime prevention and parking through the TCU Police, according to the university's Web site.

Mills, who received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University, has served in many different positions in his 28 years at the university. Previous positions include director of housing and associate vice chancellor.

According to the university Web site, Mills received graduate degrees from TCU and the University of North Texas.

Mills has been serving in his current role for 17 years, Donovan wrote. He will continue his current responsibilities until the end of the spring semester of the 2010-2011 school year.

Mills was not available for comment by the time of publication.

EDUCATION

Classes raising scholarship money

By Lizzie Ferguson

Staff Reporter

Students from a local high school will be touring the university campus today as part of a scholarship competition organized by university students, a student helping to raise money for the scholarship said.

Junior communication studies major Meredith Woolsey said students in her group discussion class, taught by adjunct professor in the communication studies department Carie Kapellusch, are raising money for a scholarship along with an advanced public speaking class to be awarded to students at Eastern Hills High School at the end of the semester.

Woolsey said the class was given an assignment to raise money this semester for a scholar-ship called STRIVE TCU.

The class was divided up into five groups, with each of the groups in charge of different aspects of the scholarship, but all were working together to help raise money, Woolsey said.

Senior advertising and public relations major Olivia Boyce, whose group is in charge of fundraising, said that to apply for the scholarship, the students must write an essay about what they got out of their experience on the tour at TCU.

All students from high school freshmen to juniors are allowed to apply for the scholarship, Boyce said. The criteria for awarding the scholarship has yet to be set.

The goal for Boyce's group is to raise \$1,000 to help benefit students at the school, she said. The group has not yet decided whether it would be more beneficial to buy three netbooks for the school or to use the money for a scholarship for a student.



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The Skiff View

Compromise can ease construction woes

rom the hum of machinery and presence of traffic cones and caution tape to the shirts proclaiming TCU as Texas Construction University, there are constant reminders that our campus is undergoing renovations.

While the new buildings and renovations greatly benefit the campus community, the construction can be an inconvenience to current students. With that said, it is good to see university departments working together to minimize that inconvenience as much as possible.

The coming renovations on the Ballet and Modern Dance Building beginning this December caused the dance department to have to look for other accommodations for the spring semester. The department looked into using the three multipurpose rooms in the University Recreation Center, but thankfully for those taking workout classes, the dance department will only use Multipurpose Room 1. More studio space will be created at the bottom floor of the GrandMarc apartments. The rec center will still have 40 or more classes per week, but they will be held in Multipurpose Rooms 2 and 3.

Through different university departments working together and compromising, dance students will still get their studios, and rec center members will still get their classes. Construction will always create problems and inconvenience, but whenever these can be minimized as much as possible, it makes the renovation process that much more bearable for everyone.

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Election campaign ignored foreign policy

Barry Schweid Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican gains in Tuesday's midterm elections say a lot about how the American public wants the government to rule here at home, but very little about what it should do abroad.

Unresolved wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are taking their toll in American lives and capital, nuclear tensions are simmering with North Korea and Iran. But voters weren't asked to either approve or reject President Barack Obama's view of the United States' role in global affairs. It wasn't on the ballot.

"I can't think of an instance in recent times in which foreign policy was less prominent," said Andrew Kohut, president of the Pew Research Center.

The president, meanwhile, was in India on Saturday, opening a 10-day Asia trip to promote U.S. policy and commerce and to meet with foreign leaders.

Terror strikes from abroad are the clear and present

danger, as shown by the discovery of two package bombs headed to the U.S. from Yemen. But across the country, candidates offered little of substance on how the U.S. should respond to those threats.

There was little discussion during the campaign of a landmark arms control deal with Russia, which the Senate must ratify to take effect. Nor was there serious debate about the wisdom of withdrawing remaining U.S. forces from Iraq or starting the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan next July.

Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, a New York-based think tank, said "foreign policy hardly mattered" in the campaign and election.

"The principal reason," he said in an interview, is that "most Americans are preoccupied with their economic circumstances. People voted on the basis of butter, not guns."

Haass said a major crisis might restore the prominence of foreign policy in national affairs, but it would have to be "something big and bad," such as a war with Iran or the collapse of Afghanistan or North Korea.



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Was California right in voting down Prop 19?

No, legalizing marijuana could help reduce budget shortfall.



Jack Enright

The state of California is swamped in a \$26.3 billion budget shortfall. This crisis has galvanized efforts to legalize marijuana in an effort to generate revenue via taxation rather than spending money on enforcement.

Despite the newfound momentum, the bill that would legalize small amounts of marijuana possession and growth known as Proposition 19 failed to pass during last week's elections in California. While 46 percent voted in favor of the bill, another 54 percent voted against it.

Prop 19 would have legalized marijuana growth of up to 25 square feet and possession of up to an ounce for anyone over 21 years of age.

Rather than spend this kind of money for depriving people of their freedom to simply smoke a plant, California should legalize marijuana and generate revenue with taxation rather than spend it on incarceration.

During an interview on NBC's "The Tonight Show" Monday night, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said he believed it failed to pass because of another law he signed earlier this year called SB 1449. That bill downgraded the penalty for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana from a misdemeanor to an infraction, which Schwarzenegger equated to "a speeding ticket." He felt that Prop 19 "went a little bit too far" and "was written badly."

Indeed, this would have only been the next stepping stone toward full legalization from the bill Schwarzenegger signed and mentioned in his interview. Yet he still made a mistake in opposing Prop 19. SB 1449 only partially decriminalized marijuana and did not legalize it

like Prop 19 would have for growth and personal use. Although SB 1449 was a step in the right direction, marijuana is still illegal nonetheless.

The bill suffered its fate for several reasons. All major candidates for governor and U.S. Senator in California opposed it, even thought it had endorsements from the NAACP and Latino Voters League. They felt the bill would reduce the amount of blacks and Latinos in the state prison system, which holds a disproportionate number of these two racial groups. In addition, supporters of Prop 19 only raised a relatively meager \$4.2 million, and could not fend off a considerable advertising campaign by their opposition.

The NAACP and Latino Voters League were correct in supporting the bill, particularly in the interests of furthering civil rights. The Drug Policy Alliance noted that California had a 25-fold increase in drug offenders in state prison

from 1981 to 2000. While blacks and Latinos are a combined 38.4 percent of California males ages 18 to 59, they are 68.4 percent of those in prison on drug charges. As of Dec. 31, 2002, 22 percent of men and 33 percent of women in California state prisons were doing time for drug-related charges, costing the state nearly a billion dollars

each year. Rather than spend this kind of money for depriving people of their freedom to simply smoke a plant, California should legalize marijuana and generate revenue with taxation rather than spend it on incarceration.

But perhaps even more importantly than addressing the budget deficit, California should recognize the hypocrisy of banning marijuana when tobacco kills more than 400,000 people each year in the U.S., and any adult is allowed to smoke it.

Poor diet and physical inactivity kill 365,000 people each year, nearly the same number as tobacco. Maybe California and other states should legalize marijuana and send those people to a health camp instead. After all, the government is just trying to help its citizens, right?

Jack Enright is a sophomore political science and economics double major from Tomball. Yes, there is no evidence to support arguments for legalization.



Shane Smith

Proposition 19 did not pass in the California elections last week. The proposition, if passed, would have given Californians over the age of 21 the right to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and smoke it in non-public areas as long as minors were not present. Arguments for legalizing marijuana in California were that the drug would help decrease the state's debt and decrease drug war violence. However,

there is no substantial evidence that supports these outrageous claims.

Not legalizing marijuana establishes a few important points. First off, California is one of the most liberal states in the country. Because it did not pass Prop 19, the rest of the country might not either.

By not legalizing marijuana, society is doing its job of protecting individuals from others that take advantage of individual freedoms. If marijuana were legal, we would see people walking around and going to work high on pot. Society has the responsibility of protecting individuals from those who exceed their individual rights. The decline of Prop 19 does exactly that.

There is a misconception that making marijuana legal will help the state budget. This is not true at all. The main problem with the argument is that proponents assume that by making marijuana legal, more people will start buying the drug. This is a false assumption. Assumptions like this are dangerous because humans tend to be consistent. Whether or not it is legal, those who smoke pot now will do it again later. Those who do not smoke

pot will most likely never smoke the drug even if it were made legal. Marijuana sales would hardly impact the budget in California.

By not legalizing marijuana, society is doing its job of protecting individuals from others that take advantage of individual freedoms.

Marijuana is a drug that is harmful to the individuals that smoke it. If people want to smoke pot in their own houses, I personally do not have a problem with that. However, the smoke from pot does travel through the air, and therefore it affects the lives of anyone within smelling distance. Just because an individual wants to smoke pot does not give that individual the right to force the smell and the smoke on others. The good news is that Californians are smart enough to realize that the legalization of marijuana is dangerous to society.

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held in Multipurpose Room 2, Kintigh said. The revised workout schedule will be available before the start of the spring semester.

"We're still going to have 40-plus classes per week but they're all going to be in Multipurpose 2 and 3," Kintigh said.

Kintigh said the only concern he had was that Multipurpose Room 2 was 1,000 feet smaller than Multipurpose Room 1.

"I am disappointed since it is my senior year, but we're all mature about it and levelheaded."

Hannah Ernest

Senior ballet and modern dance major

Some changes will be made to Multipurpose Room 1 in order to accommodate the needs of the dancers.

Along with building a wall in Multipurpose Room 1 to create two separate dance spaces, dance floors will also be installed to ensure the dancers' safety, Shelton said.

Once the dance building renovations are completed, the dance floors and wall will be removed from Multi-



COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY RECREATION CENTER

Students focus on their instructor during a cycling class in the University Recreation Center.

purpose Room 1, Kintigh said.

All renovations are expected to be completed by August of next year, Kintigh said. The floors in Multipurpose Room 1 will also be resurfaced once the temporary dance floors are removed.

As for the renovations, the dance building's core will remain the same but one studio will be enlarged and an elevator will be installed. The first floor, basement and stairs will all be removed and redone. Shelton said new public restrooms will also be added to the building.

"I am disappointed since it is my senior year, but we're all mature about it and level-headed," Ernest said.

The dance building is one of the last to be renovated on the university campus. Ernest said she thinks having dance classes around campus will help bring more visibility to the dance department.

SGA

Committee proposes bill to allocate money for Scantrons

By Whitney Gipson

Staff Reporter

A bill awaiting approval by SGA's Finance Committee may help students save a bit of money on test day.

Tuesday night, SGA Campus Advancement Committee proposed a bill to allocate money to purchase Scantrons for students, Jackie Wheeler, vice president of SGA, said. The Scantrons would be provided for free in the library.

The bill must be approved by the Finance Committee before a final decision by SGA members is made. If the bill is passed, SGA will make a trial run this semester by purchasing 2,500 Scantrons, Wheeler said.

Finalization of the bill should occur in next weeks's SGA meeting.

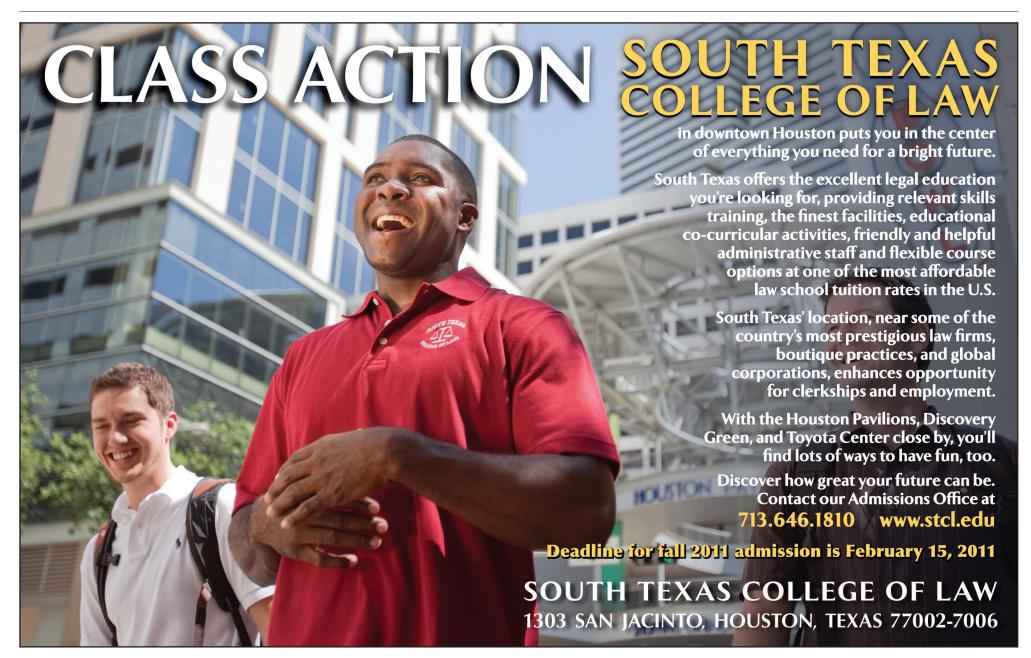
Representatives also discussed the announcement of the SGA election winners, which will occur today at 1 p.m. Polls close at noon.

As of 11 a.m. Tuesday there were roughly 500 students who had already voted. There had not been this many votes this early in previous elections, Lizzy Caudill, elections and regulations chair, said.

"Last year we had 2,000 total and between 7 a.m. and 11, we have 500. I think that's incredible," Caudill said.

The winners of the election will be announced from the third floor balcony of the Brown-Lupton University Union. There will be a sign on Market Square's balcony with the winners' names listed with their elected position, Caudill said.

If a candidate does not get the 50 percent majority vote necessary to win, there will be a runoff voting process. If there is a runoff, polls will open Thursday from 7 a.m. to midnight and the winners will be announced on Friday, Caudill said.



Career Services now on university app

Bv Jennifer Iller

Staff Reporter

A new Career Services application for the iTCU suite allows users portability and ease in obtaining career advice, a Student Affairs official said.

Director of Student Affairs Marketing Susan Nethery said the application launched as part of the iTCU application suite Tuesday. It is available and free to all users of the iTCU application.

Previously, content found in the Career Services application was only available online or in the Career Services office. However the application offers information ranging from interviewing tips to dining etiquette for the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch.

Eric Shulman, a junior marketing major, said his favorite feature was the interview preparation module.

"It's very applicable to me as I have to get a job soon," he said.

Nethery said she hoped users would be able to use its information to secure jobs and have successful interviews. She said the application is another platform for Career Services to reach potential job

Shulman said the application is an easier way for people to receive information from Career Services.

"It's right on your phone and you don't have to walk all the way across campus,"

Nethery said another great feature of the application is the convenience it offers.

"[It] would be reaching students and alumni where they are most of the time...their cell phone, iPhone or laptop," she said.

The application is something they can pull up quickly and get the information, she said.

For Grace Hughston, a junior marketing major, having the information on her phone is more about ease than anything, she said.

"Going to an office and making an appointment is very difficult for some," she said. "[The application] would be more accessible for a lot of students."

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CIA officer cleared in video destruction case

By Pete Yost

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special prosecutor cleared the CIA's former top clandestine officer and others Tuesday of any charges for destroying agency

videotapes showing waterboarding of terror suspects, but he continued an investigation into whether the harsh questioning went beyond legal boundaries. The decision not to



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prosecute anyone in the videotape destruction

came five years to the day after the CIA destroyed its cache of 92 videos of two al-Qaida operatives, Abu Zubaydah

and Abd al-Nashiri, being subjected to waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning. The deadline for prosecuting someone under most federal laws is five years.

The part of the nearly 3-year-old criminal investigation that examines whether U.S. interrogators went beyond the legal guidance given them on the rough treatment of suspects will continue, a Justice Department official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because that part of the probe is still under way.

Jose Rodriguez, who was the CIA's top clandestine officer when the tapes were destroyed, worried that the videos would be devastating to the agency if they ever surfaced and approved their destruction. Rodriguez's order was at

odds with years of directives from CIA lawyers and the White House.

Rodriguez' lawyer, Robert Bennett, said the department made "the right decision because of the facts and the law" and called his client "a true patriot who only wanted to protect his people and his country."

In January 2008, President George W. Bush's last attorney general, Michael Mukasey, appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney John Durham a special prosecutor to investigate the videotape destruction. Later, President Barack Obama's attorney general, Eric Holder, added the inquiry into the conduct of the harsh questioning.

Associated Press writers Matt Apuzzo and Adam Goldman contributed to this report.

ENTERTAINMENT

Paltrow discusses role in movie 'Country Strong'

By Caitlin R. King

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Actress Gwyneth Paltrow learned to play guitar and immersed herself in country music to pull off her latest role.

At the world premiere of "Country Strong" on Monday night in Nashville, Tenn., Paltrow said it was important to get her character right.

"I think any time you do any role you want to be as authentic as possible, but obviously in this case with it being around the world of country music, you have a whole culture to really respect and portray properly. So, it was some pressure," she said.

To prepare for the role of troubled country star Kelly Canter, Paltrow watched a lot of concert DVDs and You-Tube clips of country stars. She said she relied on advice from girlfriends who are singers more than from husband Chris Martin, lead singer of Coldplay.

"It was a lot of work, but it was really fun. It was worth it, very challenging," she said.

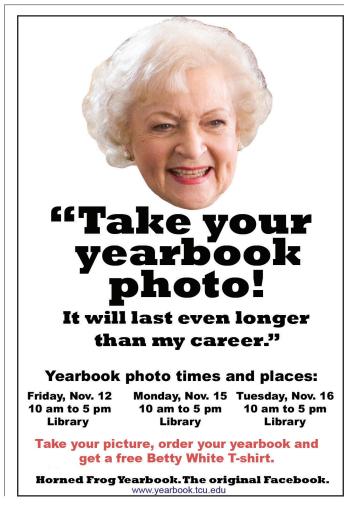
Paltrow plays a singer fresh out of rehab who's trying to pull her life, her career and her marriage together. Tim McGraw plays her manager/husband, who seems to be more interested in fixing her career than their marriage. McGraw says the key to keeping a marriage healthy is to support each other.

"I'm always her biggest fan," said McGraw of his real life wife, Faith Hill, who also attended the premiere with him. "I think that we totally support each other. I think that's what a marriage is about, supporting each other in whatever you do, and whatever your goals and your dreams and your aspirations are. I think that's what it's all about."

Leighton Meester plays pageant queen-turned-country star character Chiles Stanton. She said it was easy to relate to her character, who looks up to McGraw and Paltrow.

"Tim McGraw, he's so funny and so cool and really just awesome, and of course, he really knows the ins and outs of the business," said Meester.

"Country Strong" opens nationwide on Jan. 7.



Indonesian minister says handshake was forced

A conservative Muslim government minister admits he shook hands with first lady Michelle Obama in welcoming her to Indonesia but says it wasn't his choice.

Footage on YouTube shows otherwise, sparking a debate that has lit up Facebook, Twitter and the rest of the blogosphere.

"I tried to prevent (being touched) with my hands but Mrs. Michelle held her hands too far toward me (so) we touched," Information Minister Tifatul Sembiring told tens of thousands of followers on Twitter.

While Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world, the vast majority practice a moderate form of the faith. But Sembiring has flaunted his conservatism and says he avoids contact with women who are not related to him.

The minister was among the dignitaries in a receiving line that greeted President Barack Obama and his wife as they arrived in Jakarta on Tuesday — a homecoming of sorts for the president who spent part of his childhood here. Indonesians gathered around television sets across the country to watch the American president touch down. Children at the school he attended practiced a song dedicated to him just in case he visited.

In footage of the official welcome, Sembiring appeared to share his countrymen's enthusiasm. He smiled broadly as he shook the president's hand and then reached with both hands to grasp Michelle Obama's. But later he said she forced their contact.

His denial was in a response to tweets from Indonesians who noted the handshake and questioned his long-standing claims that, as a good Muslim, he restricts his contact with

Many posts had a "gotchya" quality to them. One female journalist — who said the minister had refused to shake her hand — gleefully

noted that now he would no longer be able to wriggle out of it.

"I tried to prevent (being touched) with my hands but Mrs. Michelle held her hands too far toward me (so) we touched."

Tifatul Sembiring

Indonesian Information Minister

Sembiring has often tweeted controversial comments, including blaming natural disasters on a lack of morality and joking about AIDS.

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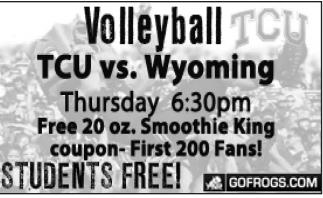
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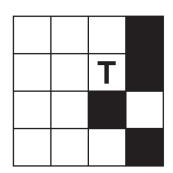


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INTERNATIONAL

Stranded cruise ship gets help from Navy

By Julie Watson

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Navy helicopters shuttled in supplies Tuesday to 4,500 passengers and crew members expected to remain stranded on a disabled cruise ship off the coast of Mexico at least through Wednesday night.

Mexican seagoing tugboats were expected to reach the Carnival Splendor on Tuesday afternoon to begin the slow process of towing it 150 miles to the nearest Mexican port at Ensenada. Passengers will be bused back to California from there.

The ship, which left from Long Beach on Sunday, was 200 miles south of San Diego when an engine room fire cut its power early Monday, according to a statement from Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines. It began drifting off the coast of northern Baja California.

Monty Mathisen, of the New York-based publication Cruise Industry News, called the fire a freak accident.

"This stuff does not happen, I mean once in a blue moon," he said.

Mathisen said the last major cruise accident was when a ship with more than 1,500 people sank after hitting rocks near the Aegean island of Santorini. Two French tourists died.

None of the 3,299 passengers and 1,167 crew members aboard the Splendor were hurt and the fire was put out in the generator's compartment, but the 952-foot Mexican Riviera-bound ship had no hot water or telephone service. Cell phone and Internet service were knocked out because of the loss of power, preventing families from communicating with their loved ones.

The temperature in the area was 62 degrees and there were scattered clouds, according to the Coast Guard.

Toni Sweet, of San Pedro, Calif., was frustrated Tuesday after relentlessly calling the cell phone of her cousin on board and getting no answer.

"We know everything is fine, but we're just worried," Sweet said. "She was nervous about going on a cruise ship even before this happened and now with this, I don't think she'll ever go again."

Carnival spokeswoman Joyce Oliva said the ship's command has been able to communicate with outsiders on a backup system.

After the fire, passengers were first asked to move from their cabins to the ship's upper deck, but eventually allowed to go back to their rooms.

Bottled water and cold food were provided, and the ship's auxiliary power allowed for toilets and cold running water.

On Tuesday, U.S. sailors loaded cargo planes with boxes of crab meat, croissants and other items for the stranded passengers. They were to be ferried to an aircraft carrier at sea, where helicopters will pick them up and drop them on the ship.

The tugboats were expected to arrive back at the port with the ship around 8 p.m. PST Wednesday, Coast Guard Petty Officer Kevin Metcalf said. Metcalf said the tugs, which will be escorted by a Coast Guard cutter, must move slowly because the ship is so big.

From Ensenada, passengers will be driven 50 miles by bus to the California border, said Oliva, who added that she was unaware of any safety concerns from passengers or their families about traveling by land in Mexico.

A woman who answered the phone at Grupo Boluda, which owns the tugboats hired to tow the ship to port, said the company could provide no information and referred questions to the port captain.

Ensenada Port Capt. Carlos Carrillo said some bus companies that normally work with cruise ships docked in Ensenada already take passengers to the border.

"I don't think it will be much trouble to get the passengers to the border," he said. Carnival Corp's stock was down about 1 percent Tuesday.

Mathisen commended the cruise line for its handling of the situation, saying officials responded quickly and were providing information.

But he said the accident deals another

blow to the industry, which already has been hurting from a drop in trips to Mexico because of the country's drug violence.

"She was nervous about going on a cruise ship even before this happened and now with this, I don't think she'll ever go again."

Toni Sweet

Relative of cruise ship passenger

It also will be costly for Carnival, which is refunding passengers, offering vouchers for future cruises and may have to dry dock the ship if the damage is extensive.

Once passengers are dropped off, the Splendor will be towed back to Long Beach, Calif., a journey that will take days. That's why the passengers will be dropped off in Mexico first.

"We know this has been an extremely trying situation for our guests and we sincerely thank them for their patience," Carnival President and CEO Gerry Cahill said in the statement. "Conditions on board the ship are very challenging and we sincerely apologize for the discomfort and inconvenience our guests are currently enduring."

Associated Press writers Elliot Spagat in San Diego, Olga R. Rodriguez and Alexandra Olson in Mexico City, and Carson Walker in Phoenix contributed to this report.



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In this July 12, 2008 file photo released by Carnival Cruise Lines, guests aboard the new Carnival Splendor swim in the pool, and watch a movie on the ship's Lido Deck, while cruising in the North Sea off the coast of The Netherlands.





TELEVISION

High ratings for 'Conan'

The Associated Press

TBS says Conan O'Brien was welcomed back to television by more than 4.1 million viewers.

The former host of "The Tonight Show," who left NBC eight months ago, returned to late night Monday with a new talk show, "Conan," which premiered on basic-cable network TBS.

In the 11 p.m. Eastern hour, O'Brien's opening night throttled his direct rivals on Comedy Central. "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" was seen by 1.3 million viewers, followed by "The Colbert (kohl-BEHR') Report (ruh-POR')" with 1 million.

Conan even beat Jay Leno, the host who reclaimed the "Tonight Show" chair from him. Starting at 11:35 p.m. Eastern, "Tonight" attracted 3.5 million viewers, according to Nielsen Co. figures released on Tuesday.



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ANALYSIS

Frogs have legitimate shot



J.D. Moore

Be excited, people. TCU has a legitimate shot at playing in the BCS National Championship game. Allow all the naysayers to say what they want about the BCS system. Now tell them to shut up and look at the reality.

After an impressive win over Utah, TCU stands tall in a dominating third place in the BCS rankings. They hold a commanding lead over Boise State and are not too far away from Oregon and Auburn, ranked first and second, respectively. Although the Horned Frogs lack any upcoming games that could vault them into the top two, there are still a number of ways for the Frogs to get into the BCS championship game.

The first and more unlikely way is for Oregon Ducks to lose to No. 18 Arizona. While there is an incredibly slim chance that California (5-4) or Oregon State (9-0) could pull off what would be the upset of 2010, Oregon would more likely lose to a tougher opponent such as Arizona (7-2). Unfortunately for TCU fans, the Ducks are playing at home against Arizona. Oregon has won its home games this season by an average of 49 points. Arizona still has plenty of talent, but they would have to bring their best game to stop the Ducks. The prospects of an Oregon failure seem dismal.

TCU has another, far more likely, way of get-

ting into the national title game.

The other option for TCU to get to is to get help from Auburn (10-0). While a bit more indepth than Oregon's scenario, Auburn's scenario is much more feasible. To start, Auburn needs to first beat the Georgia Bulldogs to clinch the SEC West. By winning against Georgia, Auburn would permanently take out LSU, the only one-loss team that could possibly jump into the national title picture.

The week after, Auburn goes on the road against former number one Alabama before heading to the SEC Championship. Like Texas and Oklahoma, Auburn and Alabama share a fierce rivalry. If Alabama can prevent Auburn from getting to a title game, they will do anything that they can to win. With talent and the home-field advantage, Alabama could be the saving grace for the Horned Frogs.

Even if the Tigers find a way around Alabama, Auburn still has a way to falter. Before punching a ticket to the BCS championship game, Auburn has to battle either Florida or South Carolina in the SEC championship. After a huge game against Alabama, Auburn would have an incredibly hard fight to take the SEC crown. It's a perfect safety net for the Horned Frogs' national title hopes.

The idea of TCU in the title game is not crazy. As of today, Fox Sports, Scout, CBS Sports and several ESPN analysts have predicted that a TCU-Oregon BCS championship game could happen.

As these scenarios have explained, the possibility is here. The Horned Frogs could be playing in the 2010-2011 BCS National Championship.

J.D. Moore is a freshman journalism major from Honolulu, Hawaii. NFL

Ochocinco not happy as sidekick

By Joe Kay

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chad Ochocinco is tired of being a sidekick.

When the Cincinnati Bengals signed receiver Terrell Owens at the start of training camp, Ochocinco was content playing "Robin" to T.O's "Batman," saying he was glad to stay in the background to help the team.

Not any longer.

Ochocinco went out of his way to call attention to himself during a 27-21 loss to Pittsburgh on Monday night, wearing bright gold cleats in a look-at-me gesture that caught everyone's eye. He also vented his frustration as the game went along and he got shut down, exchanging words with quarterback Carson Palmer and coach Marvin Lewis.

Lewis yanked him from the game briefly to help him cool down. Ochocinco finished with only one catch, while Owens had 10 catches and two more touchdowns.

"Yeah, he was upset," Lewis said. "But we've got to play football. If he's not going to get it done right, he's got to come take an opportunity to freshen up his mind and get right back in the game."

Right now, Ochocinco's mind seems to be about as out of sorts as his team's season. The loss dropped the defending AFC North champions to 2-6, essentially scuttling their season at the midpoint. They've got two more months of playing it out, eight more chances for everyone to see how Ochocinco handles his season of being a nonfactor.

"It's been like that all year," Ochocinco said. "Teams are taking me away. It's very frustrating. They're not allowing me to be available to help this team out. I was emo-



ED REINKE / ASSOCIATED PRESS Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer, right, talks with wide receiver Chad Ochocinco.

tional, but in no way did it affect what we were doing out there on the field."

The Steelers (6-2) have a history of getting under Ochocinco's skin. He's played them 19 times, but has only three touchdown catches and a pair of 100-yard games. In 14 of the 19 games, Ochocinco has been limited to five or fewer catches.

They used similar tactics again on Monday night, giving Ochocinco double coverage while Owens — lined up next to slot receiver Jordan Shipley — got different treatment. Owens finished with 10 catches for 141 yards. Ochocinco had his only catch — for 15 yards — on the Bengals' last drive.

"It felt like it'd be easier to get Ochocinco out of the game because he was the singlereceiver side guy," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said Tuesday.

AP Sports Writer Alan Robinson in Pittsburgh contributed to this report.

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McNabb: Allegations are 'really funny'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donovan McNabb says it's "hilarious" to think that he doesn't know the Washington Redskins' offensive play book. Or that he has trouble calling plays in the huddle.

"That is hilarious to me. That is really funny to me," McNabb said Tuesday during his weekly appearance on ESPN980. "For everyone who may not have heard any of this, it's probably a shock to them."

Those words aside, the six-time Pro Bowl quarterback spent most of his radio time trying to downplay the fallout from his benching in the final minutes of a loss to the Detroit Lions. Not surprisingly, McNabb said he was tired of the whole thing.

"It's over to me, and I just look to move on," he said.

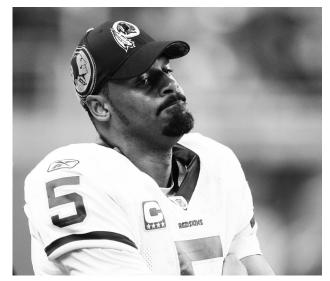
Coach Mike Shanahan has offered varying explanations of the decision to bench McNabb, initially saying that backup Rex Grossman had a better grasp of the team's 2-minute offense. Shanahan later said McNabb's sore hamstrings had kept the team from practicing the hurry-up attack and that he was concerned McNabb didn't have the "cardiovascular endurance" to run it as effectively as Grossman.

McNabb said he was able to clear the air in talks with Shanahan and offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan. He said he was satisfied with what he heard.

"Yes, I'm satisfied," McNabb said. "You get what you ask for,

and after that you put it behind you and move on."

McNabb remains the starter for the Redskins (4-4), who had a bye Sunday after the loss to Detroit. They resume play Monday night against McNabb's old team, the Philadelphia Eagles.



PAUL SANCYA / ASSOCIATED PRESS This Oct. 31, 2010, file photo shows Washington Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb after being benched.



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MLB

Rangers, Yankees battle for pitcher Lee



Jack Matusek

In his first three appearances in the 2010 postseason, Cliff Lee was flawless. Over 24 innings against the Tampa Bay Rays and the New York Yankees, Lee allowed a total of two runs and tallied 34 strikeouts.

Heading into Game 1 of the World Series, most were sure that Lee would dominate the offensively-challenged San Francisco Giants. However, the Rangers were routed in the series with Lee taking two losses in the opening Game 1 and critical Game 5 of the series.

Now the Rangers are in the offseason and Lee is a free agent. The Rangers find themselves battling against a familiar foe for Lee, the New York Yankees. Lee, dubbed a "Yankee Killer," pitched eight strong innings against the Yankees in Game 3 of the ALCS, giving up two hits and striking out 13.

Lee also faced the Yankees last year in the World Series while playing for the Philadelphia Phillies. While playing for Philadelphia, Lee posted two wins against the Yankees in the 2009 World Series. His two games included 13 strikeouts while giving up six runs. The Yankees would like nothing more than to add their "kryptonite" to their lineup.

The Rangers still have an opportunity to keep Lee. After Game 5, Lee commented on his upcoming free agency.

"I want to be on a winning team," Lee said. "I want to be on a team, if not this team, like this team. The most fun I've had playing the game [was] with these guys. It's been a good ride. I've enjoyed every single second of it."

Every Ranger fan loved Lee's 17-week stint with the Rangers; however they may be disappointed this offseason if he strays from the team. Over the past two years, Lee has been a part of four teams, including the Cleveland Indians, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Seattle Mariners, as well as the Texas Rangers. It appears if he could be on the move again.

The Yankees are prepared to throw



EZRA SHAW / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee throws during the first inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the San Francisco Giants Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, in San Francisco.

all kinds of money at Lee to get him on board. Lee could be looking at a three-year deal worth \$60 million from the Yankees. Expect the Rangers to offer a counter offer of something around two years for \$22 million.

A possible dark horse contender for Lee may be the Boston Red Sox. The Red Sox have lost their dominant role in the AL East and wish nothing more than to regain it. Ultimately, the decision is up to Lee. He wants to be a part of a winning team. The Yankees and Rangers both meet that requirement. But of course, the money is a big factor. The Yankees began talking with Lee starting Sunday. Only time will tell if Lee will remain in Texas or head to the Bronx in pinstripes.

Jack Matusek is a freshman broadcast journalism from Shiner. AUBURN

Coach defends player

By John Zenor

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — The Auburn Tigers found themselves defending quarterback Cam Newton for the second time in five days, this time adamantly sticking up for the Heisman hopeful in the wake of allegations of academic cheating when he was at Florida.

The second-ranked Tigers' coach Gene Chizik dismissed the latest report as "pure garbage" Tuesday in an emotional 4-minute, 25-second rant.

"I'm standing up here on a very important week trying to defend something that's garbage," Chizik said. The Tigers face rival Georgia on Saturday, and that's where Newton insists his focus lies.

Foxsports.com reported Monday that Newton was caught cheating three times and was to appear for a hearing in front of Florida's Student Committee facing possible expulsion during the spring semester of 2009.

Newton transferred to Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas, where he played last season. He declined to discuss the latest report, which came on the heels of former Mississippi State quarterback John Bond saying someone claiming to represent the Newton family sought money during his recruitment by the school.

"I'm not going to entertain something that took place not three months, not six months, not a year but two years ago," Newton said. "I'm not going to sit up here and say anything about it, whether I did or did not do it, because I don't want to beat a dead horse talking about it. It's not going to affect me any way, shape or fashion."

It didn't against FCS opponent Chattanooga last weekend, when he passed for four touchdowns and 317 yards, all in the first half. Georgia coach Mark Richt is expecting Newton's best again.

AP Sports Writer Mark Long in Gainesville, Fla.; Jeffery Latzke in Norman, Okla., and Paul Newberry in Athens, Ga., contributed to this report.



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Horned Frogs have a chance to **FOOTBALL** play for the national championship game. Page 10

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Senior quarterback Andy Dalton looks to throw the ball from the opposing team's endzone against Utah on Nov. 6. The play resulted in a touchdown for TCU. Horned Frogs went on to win the game 47-7.

Last game in stadium to feature past TCU letter winners

By David Stein

Staff Reporter

Head coach Gary Patterson said he has a goal on Saturday for the crowd to get involved in the last game at Amon G. Carter Stadium before the university begins its \$105 million

"I want it to be so loud that they have to go silent count for the whole four quarters," Patterson said at a weekly media luncheon.

Over 400 TCU letter winners from every decade since the 1930s will be on the field during halftime of the game, Patterson said. TCU great Jim Swink and 1984 Heisman Trophy candidate Kenneth Davis may be in attendance, among others.

The game also will mark the last in the stadium for the senior class. This year's senior Frogs are two wins away from becoming the winningest senior class in TCU football history.

Senior defensive tackle Cory Grant said the game will be very emotional for him as well as the rest of the seniors.

"To come here and not really know much about TCU and to be part of a program that has gone above and beyond what was expected, that makes it all the more emotional," Grant

Grant also said that despite the defense's success, they are still working on filling in loopholes and fixing technical things. He said that even before coming to the media luncheon, Patterson was talking to him about a blitz that Grant messed up on.

Wide receiver Curtis Clay, who has already graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism, said he wants to send the stadium off with a bang.

A week after dismantling then-No. 5 Utah 47-7, TCU will take on the San Diego State University Aztecs, a team that has only lost two games by a combined six points.

The Aztecs can still claim at least a share of the Mountain West Conference Championship, and they are bowl eligible for the first time since 1998 and for just the sixth time in school

Patterson said to beat SDSU, his team will need to be on the same high emotional level it was on before playing Utah.

"I knew on Sunday [before the Utah game] they were going to play hard, and that gives yourself a chance," Patterson said.

Patterson said he had a lot of favorite memories from the stadium that ran together.

"I think the thing more than the ball games

that stick out is to just remember the players," Patterson said. "The student-athletes, the kids that have played that are coming back that I get phone calls from."

Patterson did not have much to say as far as his team's position in the BCS standings but did say he didn't understand why the conversation had to be whether or not TCU or Boise State was better.

"Why is it just about us two? Everybody's being judged. We should be kept on the same playing field," Patterson said.

Clay said the team has to focus on what is in

"Boise State is a great team this year and last year. They beat us last season," Clay said. "If that's what the so-called experts want to go off of, that's their opinion, but again, you just have to look what's in front of you this season."