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The above illustration shows the distribution of football teams in the Big East. Monday's press conference confirmed longtime rumors of a conference switch.
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Natural gas a big step in university's green pledge

By Rebecca Jeffrey
Staff Reporter

The TCU "Frogmobile" was a staple at home football games this season, but its existence represents more than team spirit with its Horned Frog logo. The car represents the potential future of cleaner energy.

After receiving a C- last year from The College Sustainability Report Card, TCU made some eco-friendly changes which resulted in a full letter grade increase granted last month. Among those changes was the addition of the "Frogmobile", Ken Morgan, director of the TCU Energy Institute, said.

Donated in early September to the TCU Energy Institute, the Natural Gas Vehicle Honda Civic made a statement not just on campus, but in Texas.

"It was given to us so that the community would get a better appreciation of what's probably coming," Morgan said.

Morgan said he expects the vehicles will become more popular in the future.

The "Frogmobile" was donated by Chesapeake Energy Corp., Quicksilver Resources Inc., Encana Oil & Gas Corp., Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc., EOG Resources Inc., Devon Energy Corp. and Western Production.

Morgan said the car is powered by the same natural gas used in gas-powered homes. The gas is 30 percent cleaner than its gasoline equivalent.

Becky Richards, an environmental science professor, said Chancellor Victor Boschini signed The American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2008.

The commitment focused on creating sustainable, carbon-neutral and environmentally friendly institutions of higher learning, according to the commitment website.

Morgan said the vehicle could serve as evi-

dence of that commitment.

Richards said part of the agreement also includes a curriculum component in which the university would provide sustainability education to each student.

Morgan said while the "Frogmobile" is not a part of a specific course at TCU, the car is used by the Energy Institute to increase community awareness, involvement and understanding of natural gas.

Each form of energy has its place and value as long as the cleanest fuels possible are backing it up, Morgan said.

Wind and solar power do not provide the same amount of power and energy that natural gas does, he said. Some back-up energy sources may not be as clean or locally retrievable such as gasoline or coal.

Natural gas however, is the cheapest, cleanest and most abundant energy source in the U.S., Morgan said.

"We're the Saudi Arabia of natural gas," Morgan said.

According to the Natural Gas Vehicles for America website, transit buses account for about 66 percent of all vehicular natural gas use.

Currently there are about 110,000 Natural Gas Vehicles in the U.S. and over 12 million worldwide.

Morgan said General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. are expected to create natural gas trucks and vans for 2012.

Companies are ready to build natural gas stations, but Morgan said they need the government to help promote it and cut the red tape on the project.

With an increase in natural gas stations, Morgan said he thought it could be expected to see more Natural Gas Vehicles like the TCU "Frogmobile."



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The TCU Energy Institute unveiled its Honda Civic run on natural gas Wednesday. According to a press release the car will be driven to events around campus.

- The natural gas used in the "Frogmobile" is 100 percent domestically produced in Texas
- Natural gas emissions are 30 percent cleaner than its gasoline powered equivalent
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ECONOMY

Students work holidays with future in mind

By Kerri Feczko

Staff Reporter

Despite reports of a growing economy, junior nursing major Katelyn Marsh, along with many other TCU students, is still experiencing consequences of the recession by spending time during winter break at work.

Marsh's employer, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, has required longer working hours instead of hiring additional employees due to the recovering economy, she said.

"They want everyone to work more hours because it costs a lot to train more people," Marsh said.

According to an MSNBC article, a total of 151,000 jobs were added by employers in October, the first monthly increase since May, but falling short of the 200,000 needed to start returning the 15 million unemployed Americans to work.

Dean Homer Erekson of the Neeley Business School said the unemployment rate often can reflect inaccurately those who have been out of work. He said the unemployment rate consisted of those who were out of work and actively looking for work. This does not include those unemployed workers who have become discouraged and

stopped looking for work.

"They stop looking for work so that the unemployment rate actually looks better," Erekson said. "It is a complex variable."

Senior environmental earth resources major Ryan Forrest will be working at Norwood Land Services LLC over the holiday break for the first time. Although it was a personal decision to work over the break, concerns of obtaining a future career helped make that decision, he said.

"I think that if I have a job now, maybe they'll offer me a full-time position after school and [I] won't have to worry about finding a job," Forrest said. "I know that's a big factor."

According to the MSNBC article, the job increase did not affect the unemployment rate, which remained at 9.6 percent for the third consecutive month.

Junior nursing major Jenna Jacobsen said that although she would be working as a sales associate at Victoria's Secret for the third holiday season regardless of the economy, she has seen stores and other prospective workers affected by the economy.

"I think it's affected stores on hiring people," Jacobsen said. "During the summer it was really hard for me to

find a job as opposed to in the past."

Erekson said the Neeley Business School and the university as a whole have seen an increase in the number of students who have acquired internships and careers in the last year. Both have been looking at ways to expand and improve career services, he said.

"That includes not only preparing students for interviews and trying to attract more companies to come to campus, but it's also [a] continuous effort to establish the national brand of the Neeley School and TCU," Erekson said.

Whether students were facing longer work hours, hoping to acquire a permanent job or just looking for another way to earn some spending money, Jacobsen said she has experienced some economic improvement. This could be due partially to the holiday season, she said.

"I think [the] holiday season is very good for our economy," Jacobsen said. "Retail sales go way up, and I'm sure it causes an increase in everything."

Forrest agreed that after a period of stagnancy, the economy has been slowly recovering. Regardless of what the future may hold, working over winter break will help him save money for the future, which has always been a priority.

INTERNATIONAL

Korean conflict continues

By Foster Klug and Lee Jin-Man

Associated Press

The view from this South Korean island takes in the undulating hills of North Korea just seven miles away and the seafood-rich waters all around — a region of such economic and strategic importance to both countries that one expert calls it a recipe for war.

Violence often erupts in this slice of sea claimed by both countries. Boats routinely jostle for position during crab-catching season, and three deadly naval clashes since 1999 have taken a few dozen lives.

The origins of the attack can be traced to a sea border drawn at the close of the Korean War, nearly 60 years ago.

As the conflict ended in a truce, the U.S.-led U.N. Command divided the Yellow Sea without Pyongyang's consent, cutting North Korea off from rich fishing waters and boxing in a crucial deep-water port, a move that clearly favored the South.

North Korea has bitterly

contested the line ever since, arguing that it should run farther south. But for Seoul, accepting such a line would endanger fishing around five South Korean islands and hamper access to its port at Incheon.

Normally home to about 1,300 civilian residents, the island was declared a special security area Monday, which could pave the way for a forced evacuation of those who did not flee last week. Military trucks carrying what appeared to be multiple rocket launchers were seen heading to a marine base on the island.

Long-range artillery guns and a half-dozen K-9 howitzers were also on their way, the Yonhap news agency reported, citing unidentified military officials.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, in a nationally televised speech, vowed tough consequences for any future aggression, without offering specifics.

"I feel deeply responsible for failing to protect my people's lives and property," he said.

ECONOMY

Post-Black Friday, economic boost still hazy



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Nov. 26, 2010, shoppers carry their bags as they walk in downtown Seattle.

By Anne d'Innocenzo

Associated Press

Holiday shoppers gave retailers a happy Thanksgiving weekend, crowding stores and malls more than last year.

Add strong spending earlier this month and robust sales online, and retailers head into "Cyber Monday" encouraged. Particularly because many shoppers were buying for themselves, in addition to gifts.

But retailers remain unsure how much people will spend before Christmas in an economy that's still bumpy. Shoppers, grappling with an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent, remain careful about spending and driven by deals. Discounts, particularly early-morning specials, were deep enough that many shoppers say they bought more than they had planned. But some

say that means they're done, and they spent less than last year.

The heavy discounting and lower prices on some things, particularly LCD TVs, held down overall spending. On Friday, retailers at shopping malls had sales of \$10.7 billion, an increase of 0.3 percent over last year, according to preliminary figures from ShopperTrak, a research firm that counts shoppers at 70,000 stores.

Earlier buying in November also stole some sales from Friday. But 2.2 percent more customers came into stores on Black Friday than last year. ShopperTrak tracks sales at stores in shopping malls, not big discounters like Wal-Mart and Target, which draw much Black Friday spending.

AP Business Writer Chip Cutter in Cincinnati contributed to this report.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Conference jump will challenge all sports

It's official: TCU is moving out of the Mountain West and into the Big East Conference.

After months of speculation about changing conference, rumors were finally confirmed yesterday during a press conference where it was announced that TCU would officially be moving to the Big East in 2012. This is giant news. However, the benefits of making the move might be fewer than one would think.

There is the benefit of having an automatic qualifier in the BCS selection and the prestige that is associated with the Big East. On the other side though, the Big East as a conference was one of the worst in college football this year, currently having only one ranked team. In addition, the Mountain West is gaining two highly-ranked football teams in Nevada and Boise State that will boost its reputation and national standing.

Only thinking of football is extremely narrow-minded. We must consider the other sports that stand to benefit. The Big East had one of the strongest showings in last year's NCAA Basketball tournament. Our basketball program hasn't been particularly strong recently and easily stands to benefit from the boost to recruiting that would result from joining a basketball power conference.

The move to the Big East overall is still a good thing. It helps garner more national attention and will be a big boost not only to the athletics program, but the school as a whole.

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Daydreaming can be helpful, but don't forget to focus



Danika Scevers

Picture this: you're in a class and you are struggling to understand the material. You've got a big party tonight, and you start to focus less on the professor and more on what you're going to wear. An hour later, you walk out of class and realize you don't have a clue what happened during that time.

According to a study conducted by two Harvard psychologists using the iPhone application, "Track Your Happiness," "a wandering mind is an unhappy mind." But to me there is only one way that mind wandering can cause unhappiness.

Mind wandering equates to lack of focus, and lack of focus causes mistakes. Lack of focus might be forgetting to grab your notes after class or being involved in a car accident on your way home. Mistakes can cause unhappiness, both for yourself and others around

you. Unhappiness derived from your mistakes caused by your lack of focus equals mind wandering that indirectly affects your joy, or lack thereof, and this is the only way that the study can be looked at as even partially true.

When your mind is wandering, however, it often means you're unhappy with your current situation.

When your mind is wandering, it often means you're unhappy with your current situation. Whether you're in a class you aren't fond of or you're at a funeral, you aren't completely engaged in what's going on because you would much rather be somewhere else or doing something else you enjoy. So your mind wanders to escape the unpleasant situation. Call it retreating to your happy place.

That isn't to say you should never daydream. According to Phillip Sharp, Nobel Prize laureate for the discovery of split genes, complete focus on a task can limit inspiration. Your brain stores memories and information from the time you are born, but when you focus on a task, it blocks out every-



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thing except what relates to your job. This leads to a mental block. Taking a step back and thinking about other, unrelated things for awhile is often the fastest way to the solution and is crucial to creativity.

While it's safe to say that letting your mind wander all the time is sure to cause unhappiness in the long run, a little creative daydreaming can only help.

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PERSPECTIVES

'Potter' film full of subtle changes

Jacob Barrett

Review ★★★★★

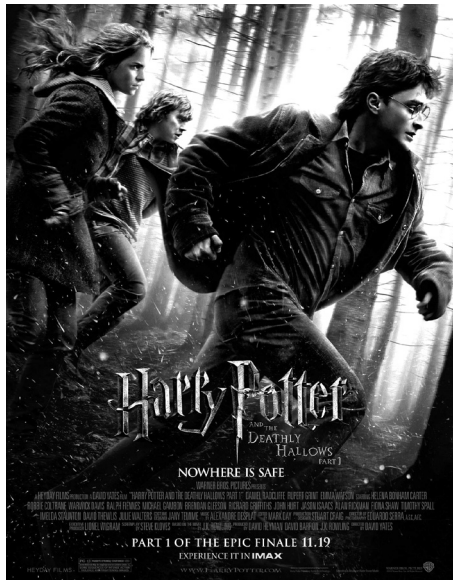
"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" was a subtle letdown. The movie was a disappointment; from the amount of time spent in scenes in the woods or traveling, to the seizure-inducing rapid cutting. Director David Yates tried too hard to make the movie an epic ending of the series. Instead it was merely a mashup of "The Lord of the Rings," "Twilight" and teen angst to make an alright movie.

"The Deathly Hallows" was one of the most anticipated movies of the fall which guaranteed it ticket sales, but that doesn't excuse the movie from deviating from the book drastically. I'm not disappointed that some scenes were left out, because "The Deathly Hallows" is nearly an 800-page book, but when scenes are completely changed to suit the flow of the film there is a problem.

First off, Harry Potter's owl, Hedwig, does not attempt to protect him. She is supposed to be killed in her cage by an ill-aimed curse. Second, there was no mention in the book of Harry and Hermione dancing together after Ron leaves, and there is definitely not a scene in the book that Ron's greatest fear is Harry and Hermione eloping in topless glory. These scene changes cut out essential information from the books.

Harry Potter is supposed to have been recognized by the Death Eaters by the use of his signature disarming spell. The absence of this fact in the movie alters what will happen in the second film. The complete absence of Voldemort in the Godric's Hollow scene is also a huge departure from the book. The relationship between Voldemort and Harry is severely weakened with each subtraction of interaction between the two.

The acting was also a bit lackluster. Daniel Radcliffe (Harry) and Emma Watson (Hermione) were phenomenal, but other the acting in other serious scenes seemed a bit forced.



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There were many things I liked, including the scene change of the kiss between Harry and Ginny. Instead of Ron walking in on them, George walking in and watching his reaction was hilarious. His body language was perfect and the expressions were priceless. Overall, the humor was phenomenal throughout the entire movie. The awkwardness between Harry, Ron and Hermione was on point and the special effects were first rate. The Moving Picture Company really did a great job of animating Nagini the snake and creating the effects for the battle sequences and spell-casting.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" is an entertaining movie and it was well made. Despite the inaccuracies with the book and the resemblance to other recently created book-films it deserves a watch, especially before the second part that comes up in July. I just wish that Yates would have left the storyline alone.

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Patriots don't have to agree with politicians to show love of country



Jordan Rubio

Patriotism is and always has been a tricky subject to broach. Love of country has been used throughout history to achieve great things and to justify the most horrific of atrocities. Patriotism is still a potent force, especially in the role that it plays in the United States and in American politics.

Far too often politicians criticize their opponents as not being patriotic enough. It has been cheaply used as a weapon by people of differing ideologies to attack those who think differently. These same people call those who agree with them "real Americans" for the very patriotic reason of thinking like them. The time has come for Americans to quit using patriotism as a political tool and as a way to justify one's agenda.

Let's clear up a very common misconception: the vast majority of Americans dearly love this great country and the ideals upon which it was founded. Yet if one listens to comments about "real America" and "real Americans" from former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and former governor of Alaska Sarah Palin one would think that only certain Americans, who funnily enough happen to agree with Gingrich and Palin, are patriotic and love their country.

To be frank, I view a "real American" as someone who is a citizen of the United States whether it is through birth or natu-

ralization, not someone who holds a particular political view. One really does not need a particular ideology or world view to love this nation and its founding principles and values. Yet for far too long patriotism has been used as a cheap political tool to further a personal or partisan agenda or to justify a course of action or ideology.

To be frank, I view a "real American" as someone who is a citizen of the United States whether it is through birth or naturalization, not someone who holds a particular political view.

The only ideology one needs to subscribe to in order to be a patriotic American is that of the Constitution and the principles it espouses: freedom, equality and tolerance of those that are different. One needs not vote Republican or Democratic in order to be patriotic or a "real American."

Patriotism is not found in wearing flag pins or God Bless America T-shirts. Nor is it found in waving the flag incessantly. Yes, these activities are physical manifestations of one's love of country but if that person does not practice and believe in the founding principles on a day to day basis than these activities are merely empty symbolism.

Objects such as flags are a wonderful way to express a love of country yet it should not matter what objects one owns or what one's ideology is to determine patriotism. Rather patriotism should be determined through cherishing and applying the principles on which this nation was founded.

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ATHLETICS

All TCU sports jump to Big East Conference in 2012



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TCU Athletic Director Chris Del Conte speaks during the press conference announcing TCU's moving to the Big East.

By Madison Pelletier

Sports Editor

TCU announced Monday that all athletic teams will leave the Mountain West Conference to join the Big East Conference beginning July 1, 2012.

Monday morning, the TCU Board of Trustees unanimously voted to accept the Big East's offer to join the conference for a number of reasons, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

"We have spent the entire morning...discussing the pros and cons in this decision, and we decided unanimously about the pros," Boschini said.

Boschini said the conference gives TCU a chance to excel not only athletically, but also academically.

Athletic Director Chris Del Conte said he first thought of switching conferences in mid-September during the football game against Baylor. He said the MWC was not the same conference the Horned Frogs joined in 2005, especially after losing

BYU and Utah for the upcoming season.

The only con against moving to the Big East was leaving the relationships made in the MWC, Del Conte said. The Frogs will be the 17th team to join the Big East in all sports besides football, where the Frogs will be the ninth addition.

Joining the Big East benefits the football program more than other sports because the Big East will give the Frogs a chance at an automatic qualifying bid to a BCS bowl game. Head football coach Gary Patterson said the Big East also gives the program a different identity and will allow the athletic program to grow.

"People are going to get an opportunity to see us in a different light...not just as a football program but as a university," Patterson said. "It gives us a different avenue to be able to sell our university."

The move to the Big East will expand TCU's media exposure to the fifth-largest television market, including exposure through ESPN and CBS Sports, according to the press release.

Big East commissioner John Marinatto said no other confer-

ence can claim such a large geographical footprint.

"I fully realize that some people will question geography," Marinatto said. "TCU and their fans will be right at home in the Big East."

TCU will be the only team in the Big East from Texas. The closest school to the Frogs is Louisville, at around 750 miles away, compared to the Frogs' current closest conference opponent, New Mexico, which is around 560 miles.

Men's head basketball coach Jim Christian said traveling to schools in the Big East is not a big concern compared to travel time in the MWC.

"Right now our closest road conference game is a two-hour flight to Albuquerque...I don't know if it's going to be that different," he said. "Travel is travel."

Big East members, beginning July 1, 2012

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- DePaul University
- Georgetown University
- *University of Louisville
- Marquette University
- University of Notre Dame
- *University of Pittsburgh
- Providence College
- *Rutgers University
- St. John's University
- Seton Hall University
- *University of South Florida
- *Syracuse University
- *Texas Christian University
- ^Villanova University
- *West Virginia University

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^The Big East has extended an invitation to Villanova to be its 10th football member

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ANALYSIS

Big East will offer competition, respect for the Frogs



J.D. Moore

Big East, welcome to Texas. TCU, welcome to a little respect in the world of collegiate football.

For the Horned Frogs, this is a huge move that has significant positive aspects. By being a part a BCS automatic qualifying conference, the Horned Frog football team should get far more respect and recognition. West Virginia, Pittsburgh and South Florida turn out productive teams on a regular basis. Rutgers, Louisville and Syracuse have also shown they have the capability to be excellent football teams. Last year, Cincinnati went 12-0, made an appearance in the Sugar Bowl and was ranked third in the BCS standings.

Practical benefits abound in the Big East. For the Frogs, revenue and television ratings will be significantly better than what the Mountain West offers.

The Big East may be having an off year right now, but the conference is still a solid one. Even in this not-so-great season, five of the eight teams that make up the conference have a winning record, and the current cellar-dwellers sits at 4-7. Compare that to the Mountain West, which only has four winning teams, including TCU, and a load of bottom-feeders like New Mexico (1-11), Wyoming (3-9), Colorado State (3-9) and UNLV (2-10).

The Big East offers a rich and competitive conference, one that the Mountain West won't be able to compete with. Over the past 10 years, the Big East has gone 6-4 in BCS

games, with a few national title appearances. The Big East as a whole has a better win-loss ratio than the MWC and has put its teams into better-paying bowl games.

When TCU moves into this great competition, they will become a consistent conference favorite. Because of that, expect TCU to see a lot of BCS bowl games with the new AQ status. Head football coach Gary Patterson will get a perfect tool for recruiting, and the Horned Frogs will get to permanently stamp their mark on the BCS system. Beyond all that, TCU will still receive better incentives from the Big East compared to what the Mountain West has to offer.

Practical benefits abound in the Big East. For the Frogs, revenue and television ratings will be significantly better than what the Mountain West garners. Because of a great contract with ESPN, the Big East offers better national markets. With a better market, more revenue will be shared throughout the conference.

According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, the Big East could get TCU upwards of \$7 million more than what the Mountain West could. Marquee match-ups against Pitt and West Virginia will be great fodder for TV and bring TCU much deserved attention and credit.

The Big East may force TCU to travel quite a bit, but under the new Mountain West, TCU would have had to travel to games in Boise, Fresno, San Diego and possibly Hawaii. Those trips alone would add up to almost 7,500 miles in away game traveling. If TCU is getting better opponents, yet traveling the same distance for away games, why wouldn't they switch to a BCS automatic qualifying league such as the Big East?

The move makes a lot of sense for TCU and will help the national profile of the team. Revenue will be increased, the Horned Frogs will no longer have to fight tooth and nail to get into a big game and the Frogs will get much more respect from the BCS system.

TCU will be a fantastic addition to the Big East. The Big East will love having the Frogs as well.

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Freshman Casey Pachall runs and dives for a touchdown against New Mexico during Saturday's game. Pachall was put into the game after starting quarterback Andy Dalton was injured.

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POLITICS

Obama announces federal pay freeze

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

President Barack Obama announced a pay freeze for two million federal employees Monday and warned the American public that the move is the first of many difficult decisions that must be made to slash the nation's mounting deficits.

"The hard truth is that getting this deficit under control is going to require some broad sacrifice, and that sacrifice must be shared by the employees of the federal government," Obama said.

The two-year freeze would apply to all civilian federal employees, including those working at the Department of Defense, but

would not affect military personnel. The freeze is expected to save more than \$5 billion in savings over two years, \$28 billion over five years and more than \$60 billion over 10 years, White House officials said.

Congress is not covered by Obama's order, but lawmakers voted last April to freeze their pay, with the House and Senate opting to forgo an automatic \$1,600 annual cost-of-living increase. House members and senators now are paid \$174,000 a year. Their last pay increase was \$4,700 a year at beginning of 2009.

The president's pay of \$400,000 a year was fixed by Congress in January 2001. It has not changed since then.

While Obama said the federal employee

salary freeze was necessary to put the nation on sound fiscal footing, he also said that he didn't reach the decision lightly.

"This is not just a line item on a federal ledger," he said. "These are people's lives."

The savings from the pay freeze make only a small dent in the nation's \$1 trillion-plus budget deficit. But with voters voicing their anger over Washington's spending during the midterm elections, even a symbolic gesture would show the White House got the message. Obama and bipartisan congressional leaders will meet at the White House Tuesday for the first time since Republicans gained control of the House and increased their strength in the Senate during the midterm elections.



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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. gestures on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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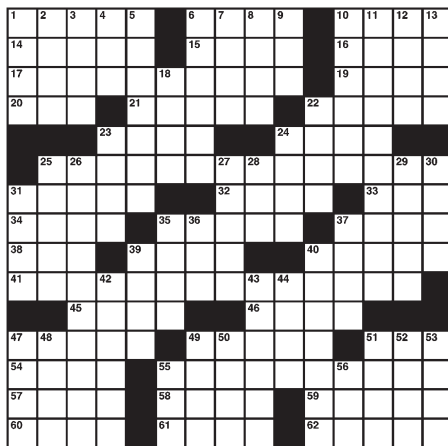
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 - 15 "Mona ___ Smile": 2003 film
 - 16 Actress Perlman
 - 17 Song involving body parts
 - 19 One of several on some wedding cakes
 - 20 View
 - 21 English Channel port
 - 22 Particular
 - 23 Staff addition
 - 24 Business
 - 25 Driveshaft component
 - 31 McQueen or Martin
 - 32 "The Bridge on the River ___": 1957 Best Picture
 - 33 "Father not!"
 - 34 Quote
 - 35 ___ light: moviemaker's tool
 - 37 Hardy's "obscure" stonemason
 - 38 Husband of Fatima
 - 39 Mottled
 - 40 "Gymnopédies" composer
 - 41 Gulped-down Mexican cocktail
 - 45 "For ___ us a child is born"
 - 46 Spoonbill's kin
 - 47 Leave the cockpit suddenly
 - 49 Fawcett Towers, for one
 - 51 Tabloid craft, briefly
 - 54 Sports page info, e.g.
 - 55 Marker
 - 57 Quibbles
 - 58 Like some hygiene
 - 59 Lasso feature
 - 60 Sheltered, on a ship
 - 61 Hereditary unit
 - 62 Ladies' men
- DOWN**
- 1 Dull pain
 - 2 Be overly sweet
 - 3 Golfer's need, at times
 - 4 Poetic preposition
 - 5 Execute a high jump?
 - 6 "Lethal Weapon" costar
 - 7 Valley girl word
 - 8 Microsoft customer
 - 9 Kentucky Derby time
 - 10 Maestro Toscanini
 - 11 "Now!"
 - 12 Pro shop bagful
 - 13 ___ a soul
 - 18 Small opening
 - 22 Island country since 1970
 - 23 Swam's home
 - 24 Standard
 - 25 Functional
 - 26 Avoiding off-topic posting, say
 - 27 Path to ruin, with "the"
 - 28 Dazzle
 - 29 Low point
 - 30 You, in a classic E.B. Browning poem
 - 31 Sing like Satchmo
 - 35 Metric weight, for short
 - 36 Grazing field
 - 37 Jazz sessions
 - 39 Aniston's ex
 - 40 Like the Cheshire Cat
 - 42 Remove from its box
 - 43 Chicken ___
 - 44 Help to perpetrate
 - 47 "Show Boat" author Ferber
 - 48 Synonym for the ends of 17-, 25-, 41- and 55-Across
 - 49 ___ and now
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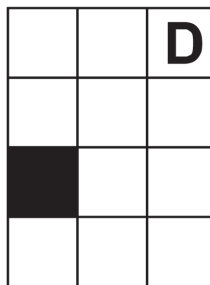


By Gareth Bain 11/24/10

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"Childhood Obesity"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (80pts)

How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

Sample



"Freeze"

Tuesday's Solution



"Laser Eye Surgery"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (60pts)

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Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Last Tuesday's Solution

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REMEMBRANCE

Kershner, director of Bond, Star Wars films, dead at 87

By Robert Jablon

Associated Press

Irvin Kershner, who directed the Star Wars sequel "The Empire Strikes Back" and the James Bond film "Never Say Never Again," has died at age 87.

Kershner died Saturday in Los Angeles after a long illness, said Adriana Santini, a France-based actress who is a family friend. He is survived by two sons, she said. His agent, Derek Maki, also confirmed the death Monday in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Kershner already had made a number of well-received movies when he was hired by George Lucas to direct "Empire," which was the second produced but fifth in the "Star Wars" chronology.

The 1980 production was a darker story than the original. In it, hero Luke Skywalker loses a hand and learns that villain Darth Vader is his father. The movie initially got mixed reviews but has gone on to become one of the most critically praised.

Kershner told Vanity Fair in October that he tried to give the sequel more depth than the original.

"When I finally accepted the assignment, I knew that it was going to be a dark film, with more depth to the characters than in the first film," he said. "It took a few years for the critics to catch up with the film and to see it as a fairy tale rather than a comic book."

Kershner said he had only one sharp disagreement with Lucas. The script originally called for the heroine, Princess Leia, to tell space pilot Han Solo "I love you" and for him to reply "I love you, too."

"I shot the line and it just didn't seem right for the character of Han Solo," Kershner said.

Instead, actor Harrison Ford improvised the reply: "I know."

Lucas wanted the original line but after test previews agreed to leave in Ford's reply,



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American film director Irvin Kershner, right, and actor Peter Weller, as RoboCop, are seen during the making of "Robocop II."

which has gone on to be one of the best-known lines in the series.

The Philadelphia-born Kershner had both musical and photographic training and worked as a freelance illustrator before he turned to filmmaking. He graduated from the University of Southern California film school and in the 1950s made U.S. government informational films in Greece, Turkey and the Middle East.

He was a director and cameraman for a television documentary series called "Confidential File" in Los Angeles before getting his first movie break in 1958 when

Roger Corman hired him to shoot a low-budget feature called "Stakeout on Dope Street."

He went on to direct a number of noted features in the 1960s and 1970s, including "A Fine Madness" with Sean Connery, Joanne Woodward and Jean Seberg, "The Flim-Flam Man" with George C. Scott, "Loving" with George Segal and Eva Marie Saint, and "The Eyes of Laura Mars" with Faye Dunaway.

The 1976 television movie "Raid on Entebbe" earned him an Emmy nomination for direction.

Besides "Empire," his big-budget work included the 1983 James Bond movie "Never Say Never Again" with Connery and "Robocop 2" in 1990.

Kershner also was an occasional actor. He played the priest Zebedee in Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ."

He also was a faculty member at the University of Southern California.

AP Entertainment writer Alicia Quarles in New York and AP writer Angela Doland in Paris contributed to this report.

CRIME

All hostages released from Wisconsin school

Associated Press

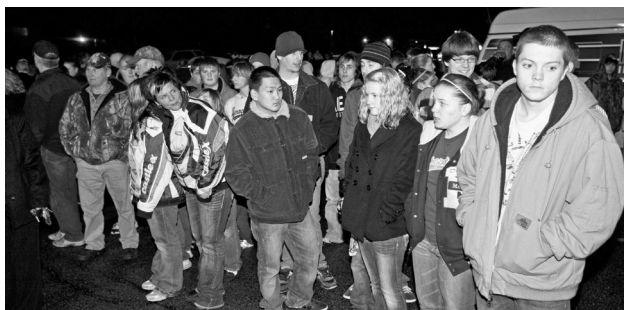
A student armed with a hand-gun burst into a high school classroom in eastern Wisconsin on Monday, taking nearly two dozen students and a teacher hostage at the end of the school day, authorities said. All were released by mid-evening.

A Marinette High School administrator called authorities after 3 p.m. to say a student had taken over a classroom, officials said. Police Chief Jeff Skorik said officials had been able to communicate by phone with the teacher inside and no injuries had been reported or shots fired.

Skorik said he did not know what led up to the five students being released about 8 p.m. but said the teacher still was acting as a mediator between the hostage-taker and authorities.

"There were five released and law enforcement will be interviewing those five to of course gather some more information," Skorik said at a hastily called news conference. "They'll be evaluated and if they need anything, provided services."

A SWAT team had arrived at the school Monday eve-



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Students and parents wait in a parking lot near Marinette High School as they await word on a hostage situation at the school Monday night.

ning, city councilman Bradley Behrendt said.

"I would say there's over 100 officers here, everyone from Marinette County, Green Bay ... It's very shocking. You've just got to hope and pray no one will be hurt," Behrendt said. "They just spent a whole bundle of money on classroom doors to make them secure, but they don't have metal detectors at the school."

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FOOTBALL

Frogs earn BCS bowl berth

By Marshall Doig
News Editor

The No. 3 TCU Horned Frogs secured at least a Rose Bowl berth with their 66-17 win over New Mexico Saturday while also clinching their second consecutive undefeated regular season and Mountain West Conference title.

Coupled with a 34-31 overtime loss by then-No. 4 Boise State to then-No. 19 Nevada Friday night, the Frogs' path to a BCS bowl became clearer without the Broncos threatening to jump TCU (12-0, 8-0 MWC) in the standings.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the Broncos' loss actually increased the pressure on TCU before its Saturday game because it gave the Frogs a clearer shot at a potential national championship or BCS berth.

"To be honest with you, I felt bad for Boise State," Patterson said after Saturday's game. "I know how hard they work to get where they're at. We've been down the same road."

Senior quarterback Andy Dalton echoed Patterson's view and compared the Broncos' loss to the one TCU had at Utah in 2008 that ended the Frogs' BCS hopes that season.

"It's a tough break for Boise," he said. "It's kind of a lot of how it was for us two years ago when we went to Utah [and lost 13-10], and unfortunately we didn't make two field goals [like Boise missed Friday night]. So I feel for them."

Patterson said the Frogs would still have to wait to see how No. 1 Auburn and No. 2 Oregon fare in their games next week before speculating what TCU's bowl fate would be — BCS bowl or national championship.

"I'm still not counting out [Oregon or Auburn to lose]," Patterson said. "One's playing a rivalry game [Oregon against Oregon State] and one's playing in the SEC championship game [Auburn against South Carolina], so there's still a lot of football left."

If Oregon and Auburn do win out, TCU would likely receive a Rose Bowl invitation to take the spot the Pac-10 champion — which would be Oregon — usually fills. If one of the two loses, however, TCU would likely be next in line for a spot in the BCS National Championship, unless a team from an automatic-qualifying conference with

one loss jumps TCU.

After watching Friday's games unfold, which included wins by Auburn and Oregon, sophomore running back Ed Wesley said Boise's loss gave the team a slight boost but didn't make much of a difference in the team's performance on Saturday.

Wesley set a career high as he topped 1,000 rushing yards for the season on a 44-yard run during TCU's first drive of the game. Wesley is the first Horned Frog running back to run for more than 1,000 yards in a season since Robert Merrill ran for 1,107 yards in 2003.

The Frogs sprinted to a quick lead as Dalton threw for three touchdowns in the game's first nine minutes to take a 21-0 lead. The touchdowns gave Dalton 26 total touchdown passes for the season, breaking Max Knake's single-season school record of 24 set during the 1994 season.

Even though Dalton left the game in the second quarter with an elbow injury, he threw for 156 yards, which moved him past the 10,000-yard mark for career passing yards. His 10,095 career passing yards rank first all-time at TCU.

The Frogs' momentum slowed in the second quarter when Dalton left the game, and the Lobos

(1-11, 1-7 MWC) took advantage of a couple of TCU turnovers to make the score 31-17 TCU at halftime. TCU's offense couldn't produce any long drives before halftime with backup quarterbacks Yogi Gallegos and Casey Pachall, and it looked as if New Mexico might continue to keep it close.

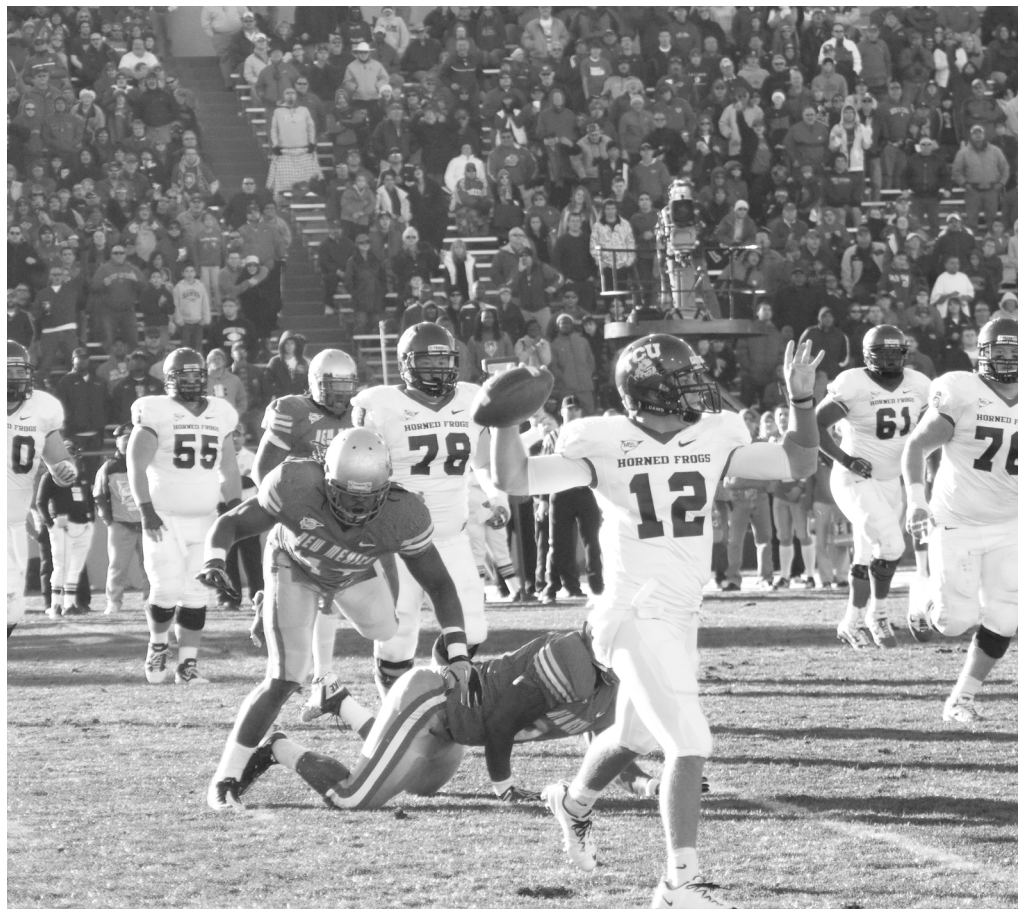
Wesley said, however, that Patterson calmed the team down at halftime.

"[Patterson] pretty much told us that next year, Andy's not going to be here anyways, so it's time for some of these other guys to step up," Wesley said.

The offense, led by Pachall, came out in the second half and scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to pull away, aided each time by a short field provided by the TCU defense and special teams.

The Frogs ran the ball on offense the rest of the game and ended up with their 66-17 win. The team's 66 points were the most TCU had ever scored in a MWC game and were two shy of the most scored in a game all-time.

BCS Poll	
1. Auburn	12-0
2. Oregon	11-0
3. TCU	12-0
4. Stanford	11-1
5. Wisconsin	11-1
6. Ohio State	11-1
7. Arkansas	10-2
8. Michigan State	11-1
9. Oklahoma	10-2
10. LSU	10-2



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Sophomore quarterback Yogi Gallegos throws a pass against New Mexico during the game on Saturday. Gallegos threw only three times with zero completions before being replaced by freshman Casey Pachall.

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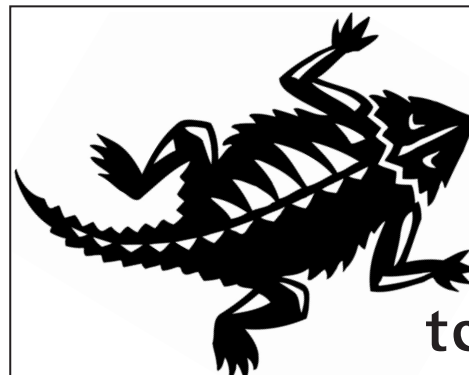
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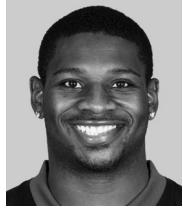
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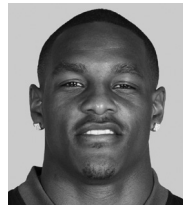
NFL

Former Horned Frogs complete another week in NFL

**Name: LaDainian Tomlinson**

Position: Running back
Years Played at TCU: 1997-2000
Current Team: New York Jets
Outcome of game: New York Jets 26, Cincinnati Bengals 10
Stats: 13 carries for 49 yards, two receptions for 14 yards

Analysis: Tomlinson was held to just 63 total yards — 49 rushing and 14 receiving — in Thursday's victory over the Bengals. Not only was he held to one of his lowest yardage totals of the season, but he was also held out of the end zone for the fifth straight game. The Jets got control of the game early in the second half and used Shonn Greene, who had 70 yards on 18 carries, as the closer. Tomlinson figures to get a few more touches next week against New England.

**Name: Drew Coleman**

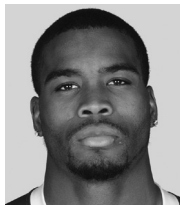
Position: Cornerback
Years Played at TCU: 2004-05
Current Team: New York Jets
Outcome of game: Jets 26, Bengals 10
Stats: Three tackles

Analysis: Coleman was in on just three tackles in the Jets' victory. Coleman and the Jets secondary, however, held the Bengals passing attack to a mere 117 yards. The Jets defense also shut down Terrell Owens, one of the league's best receivers this season. Owens, who has 65 receptions for 914 yards and eight touchdowns on the year, was held to three catches for 17 yards. Next week, Coleman and the defense will need to be sharp to stop Tom Brady and the red-hot New England Patriots offense.

**Name: David Hawthorne**

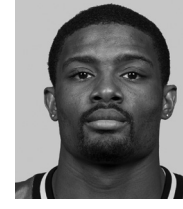
Position: Linebacker
Years Played at TCU: 2004-07
Current Team: Seattle Seahawks
Outcome of game: Kansas City Chiefs 42, Seattle Seahawks 24
Stats: 13 tackles, one tackle for loss

Analysis: Hawthorne led the Seahawks defense with 13 tackles in Sunday's loss to the Chiefs. Seattle's defense was on its heels throughout the game, as Kansas City was able to pass for 233 yards while rushing for 270. The Seahawks had no answer for Jamaal Charles, who torched them for 173 rushing yards and a touchdown. Next week, when the Seahawks take on the Carolina Panthers, Hawthorne and the Seattle defense will have to step up to stop running backs Jonathan Stewart and Mike Goodson, who lead Carolina's offensive attack.

**Name: Daryl Washington**

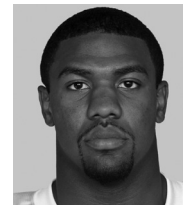
Position: Linebacker
Years Played at TCU: 2006-09
Current Team: Arizona Cardinals
Outcome of game: San Francisco 49ers at Arizona Cardinals Monday night was after deadline

Analysis: As the Cardinals take on the 49ers on Monday Night Football, it will be up to the Cardinals defense to stop former Heisman Trophy-winner Troy Smith and the 49ers offense. In a wide open divisional race, a win here would put either team in a position to be in the hunt for the playoffs. Washington may not see much time this week, but when he does, look for him to make an impact.

**Name: Aaron Brown**

Position: Running back
Years Played at TCU: 2005-08
Current Team: Detroit Lions
Outcome of game: New England Patriots 45, Detroit Lions 24
Stats: 13 carries for 36 yards, four receptions for 29 yards

Analysis: Brown had a team-high 13 carries in Thursday's loss to the Patriots. With Jahvid Best still hampered by toe issues, Brown saw his most extensive action this season against New England. On Thursday, Maurice Morris was the Lions' primary back, as he carried the ball nine times for 55 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but going forward, Brown's speed could earn him a decent share of the touches on Detroit's offense.

**Name: Jerry Hughes**

Position: Defensive end
Years Played at TCU: 2006-09
Current Team: Indianapolis Colts
Outcome of game: San Diego Chargers 36, Indianapolis Colts 14

Analysis: For the second straight week, Hughes did not make much of an impact, as he was unable to record any tackles. The Colts, however, were attempting to come back during most of the second half and could not afford to rest their starters. Hughes should see more time going forward once Indianapolis' offense gets its swagger back.

WEEKEND RECAP

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team ended its season Saturday with a 3-0 win against the University of South Florida.

Senior Irene Hester had a match-high of 16 kills, and senior Christy Hudson had 20 assists.

TCU finished the season with a 15-16 record.



GO FROGS!

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team lost all three games at the 11th annual Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands last weekend.

The Frogs started with a 62-49 loss against West Virginia Thursday, followed by a 64-59 loss against Iowa State. The Frogs lost 59-55 to Virginia Saturday in their last game of the tournament.

Emily Carter scored 14 points, and Starr Crawford followed closely behind, scoring 13 points against Virginia. TCU dropped to 3-3 for the season. The Frogs play at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at home against Houston.

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The Frogs will join the Big East starting the 2012 season. Page 6

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BOWL OUTLOOK

Frog football team guarantees spot in at least the Rose Bowl. Page 10



KATIE SHERIDAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior guard Hank Thorns goes to block a pass against USC on Monday night. The Frogs won 81-69 and remain undefeated at home.

Victory over USC gives TCU best record since 2004

By Sara Neal
Staff Reporter

After a close first period, the Horned Frogs came out strong in the second to defeat the USC Trojans 81-69 Monday night to strengthen their record to 5-2 for the first time since the 2004-2005 season.

Head coach Jim Christian said points scored at the beginning of the second period, including a three pointer by senior forward Nikola Gacesa, helped the Horned Frogs stay ahead for the rest of the game.

"It's important when you play a team like this when you get a little in the lead to take advantage of it," Christian said.

After earning the 14-point lead, the Horned Frogs stayed ahead for the rest of

the game, never allowing the Trojans within eight points of the lead.

"It's important when you play a team like this when you get a little in the lead to take advantage of it."

Jim Christian
Head coach

Defensively, the Horned Frogs had 29 rebounds, with a total of 40 rebounds for the game. Gacesa was the team leader for rebounds with seven for the game.

It was important for TCU to rebound the ball to stay ahead of a team like the Tro-

jans, which averages seven more rebounds a game than their opponents, Christian said.

Junior guard Ronnie Moss scored a game high of 20 points.

Christian said winning early in the season could set a standard for the rest of the season.

"That is why we play this many games early. This is part of a seven-game stretch with two more this week," he said. "I think you do that so you can get all the kinks out. The only way to get better at this game is to play. Coming into this year we wanted to become a better team, we wanted to defend our home court and play the way we are capable of playing, and I think we've done it."

Though they are playing well, the team still has a few kinks to work out with a lot of players seeing regular play for the first time, said junior guard Hank Thorns.

"Off the court, we get along great. On the court, we still got a lot to do but we still get along great. We're still all trying to get used to each other," he said.

Thorns said some players still need to adjust to his passing.

But freshman forward Amric Fields said he thought they were on the right track.

"We need to keep growing as a team and we will be fine," Fields said.

The Horned Frogs are now undefeated at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with a record of 4-0 at home. They will face Prairie View A&M at 7 p.m. Wednesday night.