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## Rec Center to offer flu shots to students, faculty, staff

By AMANDA SHIMKO  
Staff Reporter

The first 500 students and 500 faculty and staff to the University Recreation Center special events room Wednesday will receive a free flu shot compliments of the Rec Center.

The flu vaccination will be free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis at this year's Mini Health Fair, said Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation.

The Rec Center purchased the vaccination doses with money from a special fund, Kintigh said.

Those who miss the health fair can purchase the vaccination for \$20 at the Brown-Lupton Health Center, said Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of health services.

The University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington and Southern Methodist Uni-

versity are all offering the vaccination through their health services offices with prices ranging from \$15 to \$25 a shot.

SMU has already given out about 2,000 shots since Oct. 1 and will continue until they run out of doses, said Patrick Hite, executive director of health services at SMU.

Hite said although the number of vaccinations stays fairly consistent from year to year,

many people do not feel the need to get one when it is 85 degrees Fahrenheit outside and they are feeling good.

Kintigh said this is the second year the Rec Center has sponsored a free flu vaccination clinic, however, he said, this is the first year students have been included.

Kintigh said last year the program vaccinated 255 faculty and staff. Some students

don't feel the flu vaccine is worth it.

Colin Douglas, sophomore history major, said the shot is an option for him.

"I have not (had the flu shot), because I haven't needed it, but if it were free, I'd probably go get it," he said.

Students and faculty who plan to take advantage of the free shots must show their TCU ID cards.

### FOR YOUR INFO

#### Tips For Flu Prevention

1. Avoid close contact.
2. Stay home when sick.
3. Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.
4. Clean hands often.
5. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
6. Practice healthy habits.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## THEY'RE BAAAACK



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief

Ervin Dickerson and Joseph Turner celebrate after Dickerson pulled down a one-yard pass from quarterback Andy Dalton in the fourth quarter, scoring the Frogs' final touchdown and putting TCU up 37-0 against the University of New Mexico Lobos on Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

## Frogs get close to bowl eligibility with win

Though Frogs players may have seen pink fill up Amon Carter Stadium on Saturday, Gary Patterson's team had the New Mexico Lobos leaving Fort Worth in a purple haze after a 37-0 win for TCU.

The win was not only the Frogs' second shutout of the season, but it also brought them one win closer to bowl eligibility.

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ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief

University of New Mexico players sit on the bench during the final minutes of the Frogs' victory Saturday. The Frogs rushed for 238 yards while the Lobos rushed for 28.

## Staph infection scare hits close to home

By TIM BELLA  
Sports Editor

It was Family Weekend when Lindsay Moore found out she had it.

During a time usually reserved for catching up with parents and siblings and enjoying a football game at Amon Carter Stadium, Moore, a senior graphic design major from El Paso, noticed that a simple bump on her right elbow had turned into an open cut, with a sharp tint of red.

"At first, I didn't really pay attention to it, but then it started to hurt a lot," Moore said. "It was probably the most painful thing I've ever been through."

Moore went to the Health Center, where she was told she had been infected with Staphylococcus aureus, better known as staph infection.

But Moore dodged a bullet and avoided Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), the "superbug" that has made headlines thanks to a recent editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study estimated that more than 90,000 people were infected with MRSA in 2005, with close to 19,000 deaths that year alone — surpassing the annual death toll average for the AIDS virus.

Moore shivered when recalling the feeling of helplessness having staph gave her.

"I couldn't bend my arm," Moore said. "It hurt so bad."

### Getting It Clean

The Staphylococcus aureus bacteria, which

is the lifeblood for the MRSA infection and is usually found on the skin or nose area, is transmitted through open wounds or cuts on a person's body, and has the potential to be carried or colonized even by those people who have not fallen ill to the infection.

"About 2 to 4 percent of all of us have this organism living on our skin or in our noses," said Suzanne Whitworth, a doctor who specializes in pediatric infectious diseases at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. "In a small percentage of that 2 to 4 percent, illness or infection can occur. This can be in the form of skin boils, cellulitis, pneumonia, bloodstream infection, or bone or joint infection."

Mary Rae, TCU's director of Health Services, said the Health Center usually sees about two staph cases a week, but the type of staph infection Health Center personnel see most often is that of community-acquired MRSA.

Community-acquired MRSA, though potentially dangerous, is not the type of MRSA accounting for the largest number of fatalities in the Journal of the American Medical Association's recent study. According to the study, the vast majority — about 85 percent — of the fatal staph cases are connected to MRSA strains that are either hospital-acquired or healthcare-associated. In other words, the MRSA cases that most often result in death are ones stemming from living in a hospital or healthcare

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## Motivational speaker to discuss ethical living, R-rated theme

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

A motivational speaker will be speaking on living a compelling and ethical life today during the Martin Delta Gamma Memorial Lecture in Values and Ethics, a faculty member said.

Natasha Chapman, associate director of the TCU Leadership Center, said the lecture is an endowed bien-

nial event that bring speakers from disparate fields to speak on campus.

This year's speaker Jim Jacobus, president of Champion Education Resources, will be relating his talk to TCU's theme semester, "Rights, Respect and Responsibilities," Chapman said.

Chapman said the lectureship was established at TCU

in October 2001 by Joelle Martin, a TCU alumna, after her grandfather Paul Martin decided to endow it with \$50,000. It was done in honor of her late grandmother Dorothy Garrett Martin, a Delta Gamma member. Currently, the lectureship is funded by Delta Gamma at TCU, Chapman said.

"It is really to bring compelling speakers to campus

who can talk on values and ethics," she said. "We are hoping that students will leave here with the tools needed to be responsible citizens in their community and I think a large part of that of course is to assess personal values and what it means to be an ethical leader."

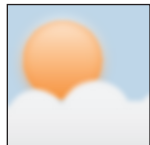
Cindy Walsh, assistant dean of Student Develop-

ment Services, said the leadership center works with Delta Gamma in hosting the lectureship since they are tied together on the common grounds of ethics.

Walsh said it is always beneficial for students to have the opportunity to get involved in dialogue and explore their values and ethics in curricular activities.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said Fraternity and Sorority Life has been supporting the lectureship ever since it was first endowed by the Martin family and Delta Gamma.

Parker said he thinks Jacobus has a compelling insight that students can utilize not just at TCU, but even when they enter the real world.



### WEATHER

**TODAY:** Partly cloudy, 64/44  
**WEDNESDAY:** Partly cloudy, 68/51  
**THURSDAY:** Sunny, 78/59

### PECULIAR FACT

SYDNEY — An Australian man who kidnapped and raped a woman blamed his actions on a spider. — Reuters

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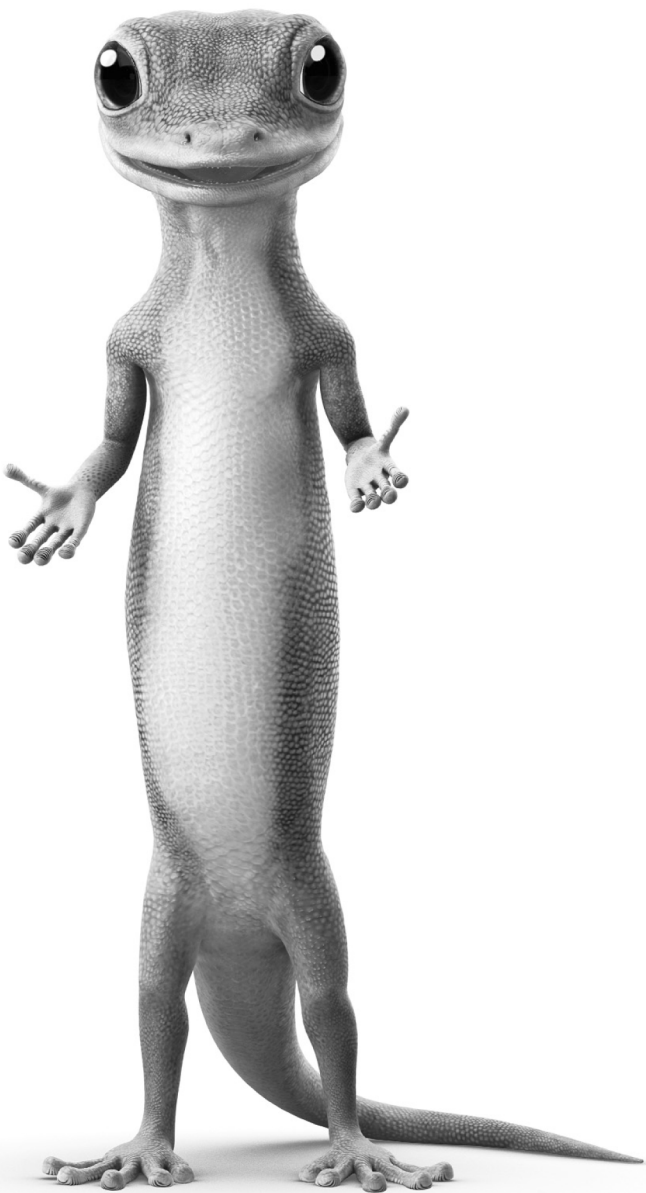
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Mistakes are a part of being human. Appreciate your mistakes for what they are: precious life lessons that can only be learned the hard way. Unless it’s a fatal mistake, which, at least, others can learn from.”

— Al Franken

THE SKIFF VIEW

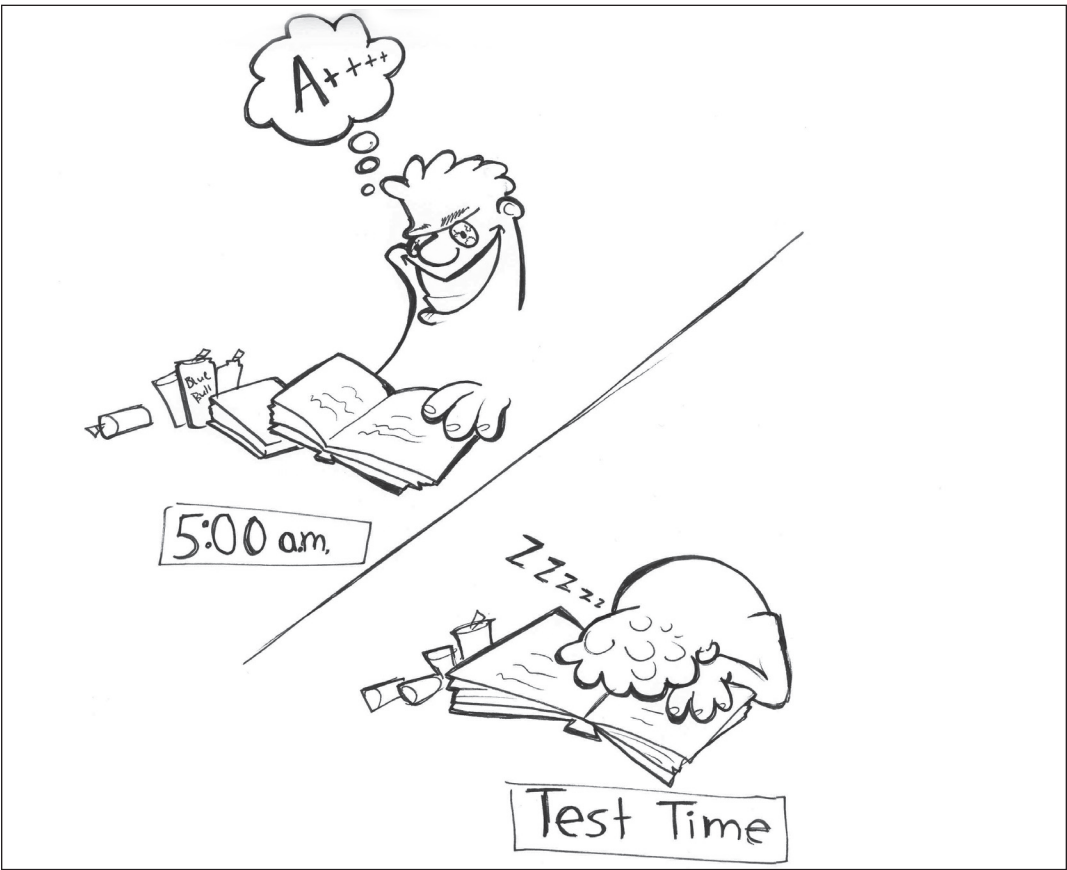
Student involvement vital to elections

It’s November, and the smell of ballots is in the air. Campaign teams have been formed, stickers have been handed out and front yards have been decorated with candidate endorsement signs. Don’t let it go unnoticed — exercise the much-envied freedom to vote. Whether it’s for city council members, state representatives or Student Government Association officers, students have a say, so they should use it. Though it might be too late for many to register or file for an absentee ballot, it’s not too late for them to get involved and make their vote count in the SGA elections. With the increased technology being used in campaigns, it’s only getting easier for students to get to know the candidates. Check out your favorite candidates’ Web sites, watch their YouTube videos or even join their Facebook group.

Though a student may not know a candidate, it’s impossible to miss the signs covering campus lawns. Find a name on a sign and be proactive. Students constantly complain about meal plans, library hours and parking. Here’s the chance to do something about it. Choose an issue and find a candidate who agrees with students’ complaints. Students pay SGA fees each semester, so it’s their money being put to use by the elected officers. Ensure that they will use it wisely. Take the elections seriously. These officers are being elected to represent the voice of the students who elect them. If students don’t vote, they won’t be represented. So whether it be by wearing a sticker or helping pass out flyers, get involved. Vote.

*News editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.*

BY BRENDAN KIEFER



Don’t play election day guessing games

Today is the first Tuesday in November. Guess what that means? It’s election day.

It seems people claim to be patriotic, politically active and have national pride long before they either vote or step into a discussion about the United States.

For example, in 1991 Vice President Dan Quayle said, “It’s wonderful to be here in the great state of Chicago.” Take a moment to let the complete lack of syntax from Danny Boy sink in. Before heading to the voting booth to pretend to be political by punching a straight party ticket without researching the candidates, try this little pre-suffrage examination. The topics are simple, American History, modern politics and general knowledge every voter should have.

1.) Who are the four faces on Mount Rushmore (President Rushmore is not a president)?  
2.) How many members are there in the president’s cabinet (More than the dwarves, but less than

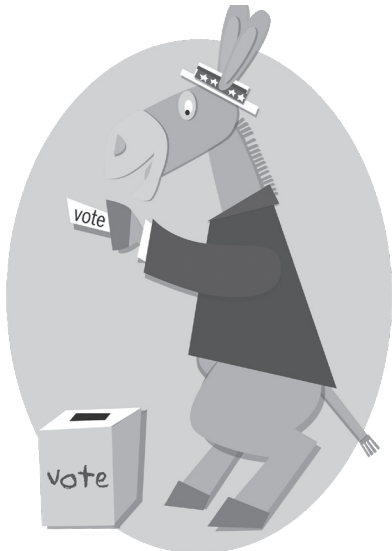
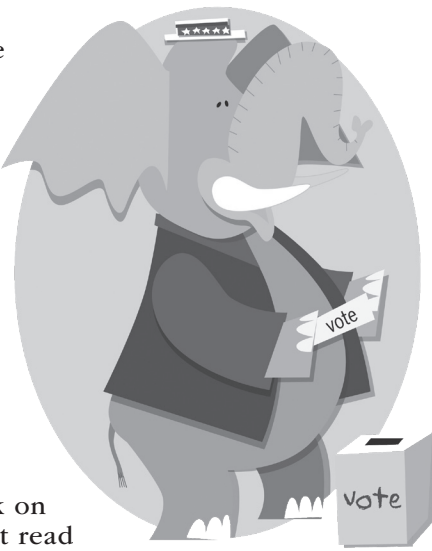
“...being ill-informed while making choices for the progress of a nation is a crime against democracy.”  
**Marcus Murphree**

the disciples)?  
3.) What is the difference between a president and a precedent?  
4.) Name the three branches of government:  
5.) Which color represents Republicans, which is for Democrats?  
6.) Would you have known it was election day had the first sentence of this not told you (Yes/No/Maybe)?  
7.) Who were the first father/son presidents?  
8.) Briefly describe your favorite constitutional amendment. This is free response (Mine’s the 3rd):  
9.) How long are terms for members of the house of representatives, the presidency, the senate and the Supreme Court?  
10.) Who is David Souter (kinda tricky, but go for it)?

Perhaps this is seen as an attack on people who don’t read

newspapers or keep up with current events, but being ill-informed while making choices for the progress of a nation is a crime against democracy. Taking a moment to read a newspaper or magazine and use information to form an individual opinion that stimulates intelligent political discussion is imperative. Stronger discussion yields stronger conviction, which creates a smarter voter and citizen.

**Answers:**  
1.) Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Roosevelt



2.) 10  
3.) President leads an organization, precedent deals with judicial law  
4.) Judicial, Legislative, Executive  
5.) Red, Blue  
6.) Yes/No/Maybe  
7.) John Adams and John Quincy Adams  
8.) Third amendment deals with quartering of soldiers, but what is yours?  
9.) Two years, four years, six years, lifetime  
10.) Justice of the Supreme Court who lived with his mother until he was in his 50s. They even made a joke about him on Family Guy. He’s been there since 1990.

*Associate editor Marcus Murphree is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Beaumont.*

Speaker choices show university prejudices

If you had the choice of letting the president of Iran or the former president of Harvard University speak at your school, whom would you choose?

Maybe before you make a decision, you should know that the former president of Harvard is Lawrence Summers. Summers resigned from his post at Harvard last year after a lengthy spat with faculty that began when he suggested women may not have the same natural abilities as men in some fields.

That spilled over to the University of California at Davis when faculty members petitioned the university to withdraw its invitation for him to speak at a dinner the school was hosting Sept. 15.

The administration caved, and rescinded the invitation just days before the dinner. Funny thing is, Summers wasn’t going to talk about gender differences. He was going to discuss academic excellence with university chancellors and the UC system’s board of regents. Furthermore, he wasn’t even speaking to the fac-

ulty or students for that matter. Is the faculty at UC Davis so insecure that it is afraid to hear controversial views?

Summers served as chief economist of the World Bank as well as secretary of the treasury before being named president of Harvard. He has also won several awards for his contributions in a number of fields in economics.

Wouldn’t you be interested in what a scholar with his credentials might have to say about academic excellence?

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, elected president of Iran in 2005, could be considered one of the most dangerous men in the world, yet Columbia University allowed him to speak on campus amid complaints from critics.

If the president of a country the U.S. could potentially go to war with can speak at one major university, why can’t the former president of Harvard speak at another?

Maybe ideas really are scary things.

*Nathan Bass is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Tomball.*

Neighbors before strangers; charity begins at home

“Move that bus!” chants the cheering crowd as the music swells and a bus pulls away to reveal an imposing house to a family reduced to racking sobs.

This is the climax to another “life-changing hour” of “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” as ABC likes to promote its popular reality show.

About 14 million viewers tune in every week to watch heartthrob Ty Pennington from “Trading Spaces” and a crew of builders and designers rally to remodel the home of a tragedy-stricken family. Pennington and his team watch a video clip of the family explaining their situation, usually a medical malady that afflicts one or

more of the family members, as the poignant piano of woe plinks away in the background. The show follows a formula that never fails to tug at one’s heart-strings: The mother dissolves into tears in the arms of her husband while Pennington and company stand at the other end of the screen looking like someone ran over their puppy. The team takes a tour of the run-down home and tries to get acquainted with the tastes of the family as the teammates work on individual projects that focus on each family member. In this week’s episode, the camera zooms in on the father’s tear-streaked face and then back to Penning-

ton in what can only be described as the pingpong of misery. “Hang on, man,” Pennington tells him and pulls him into a hug — a Kodak moment that was obviously staged. The family is then shipped off to a week-long vacation during which Pennington and company will rebuild the house. My tear ducts are dry. I once read that if you don’t like this show, then you don’t have a heart. Well, I would like to dispute that theory. I refuse to be called heartless on account of not liking a show that exploits a family’s suffering to boost a network’s ratings. It is not my intention to mock or negate the plight of these families, but reality TV shows like ABC’s

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” degrade their experience to trite lines and saccharine scenes that lack authenticity.

Shows like this one are attempts in poor taste to make the audience feel warm and fuzzy inside by broadcasting grief and flaunting the “good deed” that is supposed to make everything better.

If you want to feel good about the world, then get off that couch and do something. Help out someone in your community, and make things happen yourself. The effects of your actions will last longer than the fleeting stupor of any TV show.

Reach out to your neighbor — not the screen. Your tears aren’t doing anyone any favors.

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The Llanes family stands in front of their “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” house, Sept. 15, 2006, in Bergenfield, N.J.

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# STAPH

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environment or from when a patient is recovering from a type of medical procedure or treatment.

Rae said the low numbers associated with community-acquired MRSA of the study that examined 16.5 million patients puts TCU at a low risk for having any type of potential staph outbreak.

“When you look at the data from patients ages 18 to 34, the extrapolated data was 460 in the entire U.S. in that age group,” Rae said. “In that group, if you break it down to community-acquired, it’s just six or seven (cases). We find that very reassuring.”

Despite the low risk of an MRSA outbreak on the TCU campus compared to a retirement home or a hospital, there is still a cause for concern.

Jimmie Borum, a sixth-year clinical instructor for the Harris School of Nursing, said students could become more vulnerable by being immunosuppressed. She said immunosuppression can build up in a college student’s system because of several reasons: stress, diseases such as AIDS, poor eating habits, sleep deprivation and steroid usage.

Karen Bell, the assistant dean of Campus Life for Health Promotion, said the university is in the process of making information provided by the Tarrant County Health Depart-

ment available in the residence halls. Rae said the university will also make this information available on its Web site, which is still in the process of being updated.

Although the increased level of information can only help in preventing a potential outbreak, Borum said she knows how extreme and out-of-hand the infection can get if it is not treated properly or if prevention methods are not what they should be. In addition to being carriers of the infection, people can also be infected through outdoor athletic activities such as football or any intramural sport that can be played outside on grass. Borum said that because MRSA can be found in soil, open wounds that come in contact with dirt are at risk of getting infected.

Rae said it is pivotal for students to practice staph infection prevention in all facets of their everyday life. She recalled a couple instances last year when a group of girls got infected as a result of — of all things — a day of beauty.

“A couple of girls had infections, and when we kind of looked into it and put things together, they most likely acquired it getting a pedicure,” Rae said. “Part of the preven-

tion is to be really careful about what you expose yourself to. You just don’t know how clean a facility is.”

## Dangerously Beautiful

It’s a sunny, late-October day in downtown Fort Worth as women file one-by-one into Stylemakers Salon.

While taking care of a client during a 12:45 p.m. hair appointment, Shelly Baeatty is open and honest about her disgust for salons that have strengthened the link between pedicure treatment and staph infections.

Beatty, the president of Stylemakers, Inc., said her salon has gone to disposable pedicure units to increase staph prevention measures following the February 2006 death of a woman who was infected by MRSA — an infection directly related to a visit to Angels Nails in Fort Worth.

“The disadvantage is (disposable units) don’t get that sudden, great hot-water feeling,” Beatty said, “but then you don’t have to worry about losing your life to a staph infection either. Kind of

like when you have sex with someone, you have sex with everyone they’ve ever had sex with.”

Beatty said it takes time and

effort to maintain a high level of staph prevention.

“Proper solution is very expensive,” Beatty said. “It has to be replaced every day. A lot of places don’t do that. They’ll leave that stuff in there all week long.”

Salons that still use the plumb units, Beatty said, are supposed to be cleaned thoroughly for about 15 minutes through drainage, rinsing and solution application — a practice that a lot of salons do not tend to follow.

“Here’s what happens: One person gets out, they drain it, they fill it and the next person gets in,” Beatty said. “They just don’t do it. It takes too much time. You’re talking about 15 minutes of downtime in between pedicures that most of these places that are charging \$20 per pedicure.

“They don’t have time,” Beatty said. “It makes their chair unusable for about 15 to 20 minutes.”

Beatty emphasized that MRSA has become an unavoidable part of today’s society.

“Staph is everywhere,” Beatty said. “It’s all over the place. It’s at the bank; it’s in the restroom; it’s on your purse; on every door you touch. The problem is, if you have a susceptibility to it, then it’s going to affect you.”

## To Prescribe or Not To Prescribe

Even if patients insist on wanting to use antibiotics against common bacteria, Rae

said, doctors such as her must present the cons of prescribing antibiotics to patients who may not need them.

“The more antibiotics we prescribe, the more likely bacteria will become resistant to the ones that we know what work,” Rae said. “If doctors and health-care providers aren’t worried about it, they need to be.”

People such as Borum think the dependence on antibiotics has become a little much.

“We’ve used antibiotics too much,” Borum said. “I think it is the responsibility of the doctors in being judicious when prescribing antibiotics.”

When deciding when to pre-

scribe antibiotics, the responsibility lies on both doctors and patients to be aware of when the situation calls for it, Rae said.

Until researchers keep perfecting drugs to solve the “superbug” mystery, the growing danger that these bugs can mutate and spawn off into a stronger infection remains “a tragedy,” Borum said.

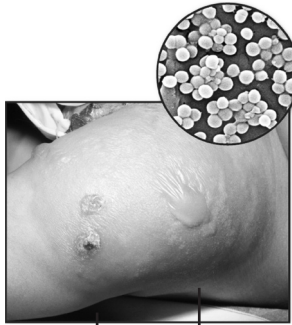
“We cannot develop drugs quickly,” Borum said. “It takes years. By the time we may have a drug to treat one mutation, it has gone on to mutate into another form so we’re always behind the eight-ball on that.”

## FOR YOUR INFO

### Staphylococcus aureus

#### Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus

- Resistant to penicillin-related antibiotics; can be treated with other drugs, but health officials fear resistance to those, too
- Bacteria lives on skin or in nose; can be carried by healthy people



#### Prevention and treatment

- Keep wounds covered, dry and clean
- Avoid sharing personal items
- Consult doctor at first sign of infection
- Bacteria enters skin through cut or small break
- Spread by skin-to-skin contact

Red, swollen and painful Pus or other discharge

- More severe if bacteria enters bloodstream

SOURCE: Journal of the American Medical Association, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. GRAPHIC: Melina Yingling

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By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

Beating almost 6,000 schools and more than 1 million professors, TCU secured sixth place for having the highest-rated professors in the nation on RateMyProfessors.com, the largest professor-rating Web site.

"It is certainly a testament to what great professors you have at TCU, and how much students value them and think of them," said mtvU General Manager Stephen Friedman. MtvU bought RateMyProfessors.com in January.

Professors are rated on a scale of one to five, five being the highest score, and only include professors with at least 30 ratings for quality purposes, Friedman said.

The ratings were made possible by statistical support from Wolfgang Jank, a tenured associate professor in the department of decision and information sciences at the University of Maryland.

Friedman said RateMyProfessors.com helps students learn about professors before registration.

"It is a great resource for students to hear from other students about what professors are inspiring, difficult, easy or really hard," he said.

Friedman said he was going through TCU professors' ratings when he came across Darren Middleton, an associate professor of religion.

"He is the kind of professor I wish I had in college," Friedman said.

Middleton, who has a score of 4.8, said he is flattered by his rating.

Middleton said he thinks the site is interesting and provocative at the same time.

"It provides formal mechanisms of assessments," Middleton said. "I think it is a helpful device."

However, Middleton said the Web site has its drawbacks. He said negative remarks posted by students affect professors' teaching reputation.

Also, there is a "hot" option on the Web site that allows students to rate how attractive a professor is. This application slightly reduces the site's credibility, Middleton said.

Todd Davis, an accounting lecturer, said he thinks RateMyProfessors.com is a good site and he has visited it to check his ratings.

"It is a good opportunity for students to be able to anonymously provide feedback on their professors," he said.

Davis, who has a score of 4.4, said a few negative comments will not deter students from taking his class because they will be looking at his overall performance and ratings.

Ronald Pitcock, assistant director of the honors program and assistant professor of English, said he likes the idea behind the Web site.

"It is important for students to have the chance to give feedback," Pitcock said. "I think it is important that students feel comfortable talking about their professors online."

Pitcock, who has a score of 4.7, also has 32 ratings for "hot," which makes him the highest-rated professor for that category.

"I would hope that comment is about teaching," Pitcock said. "If it is not, then it gives evidence that TCU students have a good sense of humor."

Pitcock said overall the site is good, as long as it deals with teaching. He said he dislikes the idea of students being able to leave comments anonymously because they often launch personal attacks on professors.

Neil Daniel, a junior finance major, said he uses the Web site a lot, and it helps students to know which professor suits their learning style best.

Daniel said it is important for students to be able to post comments anonymously because if a student decides to retake the professor on whom they commented, it will not influence the teacher's

decision on grading the student.

Christine Cook, a junior education major, said she used the Web site during her first semester at TCU, and it is useful for freshmen who have little or no knowledge about professors.

"It is a good way to get a feel for the different teachers in different departments," Cook said, "especially since they (freshmen) have not formed any bond."

Cook said she does not use the site anymore because she relies on the words of students who have already taken the classes, rather than the comments posted on the Web site. Most of the time, students post negative comments about a teacher because they did not do well, Cook said.

Sylvia Garcia, a sophomore English major, said RateMyProfessors.com is helpful in letting students know what the professors and their courses are going to be like.

"It kind of keeps you from the classes you are not going to enjoy," Garcia said.

As far as the "hot" application goes, she said it is simply funny and has no real purpose.

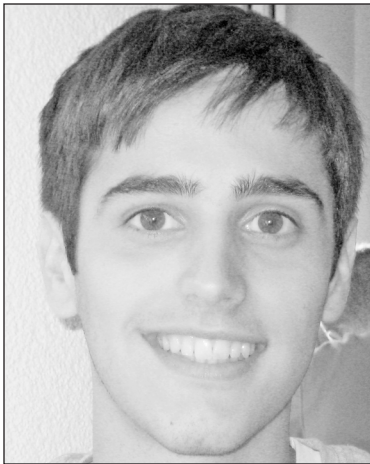
Friedman said three new features were added to RateMyProfessors.com in October.

One is a video application called "Professors Strike Back" and is ranked among the most popular mtvU programs. The program gives professors 30 seconds to speak their mind about their ratings. Professors on this show are either contacted by mtvU, or in many cases, the professors contact them, Friedman said.

Another feature called "Professor Rebuttal" can be found on the comments page for every professor at RateMyProfessors.com, Friedman said. This is another way for professors to express their concerns.

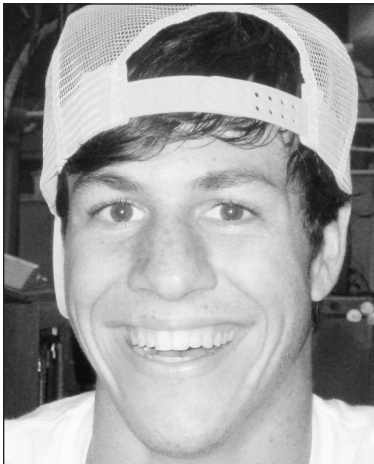
An application has also been added on Facebook that allows students to search for the professors and their ratings, Friedman said.

## How students rate professor-rating Web site



**Marlon Figueroa**  
Freshman, finance and German major

“I think it is a useful tool for students to know what they are getting into before taking a class. I am a freshman and I did not have peers at TCU that could tell me what professors to take for each class. I changed half of my classes because of RateMyProfessors. I think it is pretty accurate.”



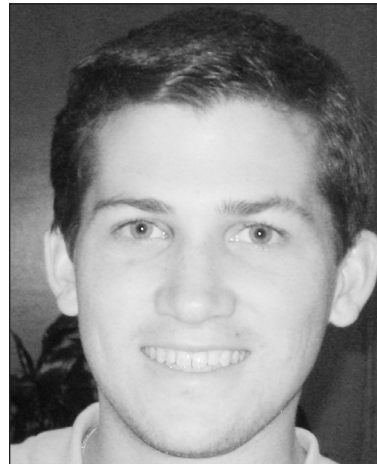
**Drew Doty**  
Freshman, pre-business major

“I never looked at it because after I signed up for my classes, I did not think there was any point for me to look up my professors. I will definitely do it for this upcoming semester just to make sure that my classes are not going to be too difficult to handle.”



**Tiffany Smith**  
Sophomore, middle school education and Spanish major

“It can be useful when you are trying to pick what kind of professor you want for a class, but at the same time, you have to take it with a grain of salt because it is based on people's opinion, which can vary. Some people, they just do not like certain professors so they might write malicious things that might not be true.”



**Ryan McCrory**  
Sophomore, finance and accounting major

“It can be useful at times, but unreliable at others. Sometimes if a student is bitter about a class, they will just use RateMyProfessors as a way of bashing the professor when what they say might actually not be accurate.”



**Alexandra Araneda**  
Freshman, biology major

“I definitely think it is accurate. Everything that it says there describes my professors perfectly. It said Dr. Akkaraju's lectures were going to be interesting but the tests were going to be hard. It also said that he was willing to help and that is how it is.”



# QUICK SPORTS

## Team Returns From Loss With Sweep

A Thursday loss had little effect on the volleyball team in its Saturday match.

Head coach Prentice Lewis' squad bounced back to sweep the Utah Utes (34-32, 30-25, 30-24) on Friday at the University Recreation Center. The win puts the squad at 20-10 for the season and lifted its conference record to 7-6.

After holding off the Utes in a first-game tiebreaker, the Horned Frogs took the next two games behind strong performances from sophomore outside hitter Lauren Otto and senior libero Calli Corley. Otto had a double-double performance with 16 kills and 11 digs, while Corley paced the team in digs with 19 on the night.

Sports editor Tim Bella

## Freshman Helps Lead Squad

As the fall season came to a close for the women's tennis team, a pair of freshmen made headlines in singles and doubles competitions in San Diego.

Maria Babanova took home top honors in the Flight No. 3 singles bracket, downing a University of California-Irvine player in three sets in the finals of the San Diego State Fall Classic No. 2 on Sunday.

Although Idunn Hertzberg was unable to produce a similar result in her championship match in the Flight No. 1 singles bracket, she was able to win the Flight No. 2 doubles consolation championship with Babanova on Sunday.

Sports editor Tim Bella

## Playoffs Begin With Ranked Foe

Following an overtime loss to cap off its regular season schedule, the soccer team found out it will go on the road for the first round of the conference tournament.

With an 8-10 record, the Horned Frogs will travel to Provo, Utah, on Wednesday to take on the nationally ranked No. 24 BYU Cougars. In the season's lone matchup between the two teams, the 14-3 Cougars defeated TCU 4-1 in an Oct. 11 match in Provo, Utah.

The announcement came on the heels of a 1-0 overtime loss to San Diego State on Friday. The team could have another crack at the Aztecs if it can get by BYU as the winner of Wednesday's match to face San Diego State in the next round of the tournament.

Sports editor Tim Bella

## H2O Frogs Splash Competition

Another meet and another big day for head coach Richard Sybesma's swimming & diving teams came Friday.

The men's and women's teams swept Air Force by scores of 131-112 on the men's side and 127-102 for the women.

The men's team rolled behind strong outings from seniors Scott McCracken and Jonathon Berrettini, with first-place finishes in the 50-freestyle, 100-freestyle and 200-backstroke events.

Freshmen Nikki Pappas and Jessica Miles would help pace the women with wins in the 50-freestyle, 100-freestyle and 200-freestyle events.

Sports editor Tim Bella

# FOOTBALL

From page 8

its winning streak to 19 games when the unit goes for at least 167 yards on the ground.

Following a 17-point second quarter, TCU would continue to wear out the Lobos in the third quarter, controlling the ball for almost 11 of the 15 minutes in the quarter. One minute after senior kicker Chris Manfredini booted an 18-yard field goal to put the Frogs up by 23 points, Patterson's club would effectively end the game thanks in part to another big play made by junior safety Stephen Hodge.

Hodge, who recovered a blocked punt 31 yards for a touchdown against Utah, forced a fumble on a catch made by Brown, which allowed sophomore cornerback Rafael Priest to recover the fumble for a 13-yard touchdown.

The Tatum native, who started Saturday at strong safety and allowed seniors Brian Bonner and David Roach to switch safety positions, said he had been taking advice from his brother, Anthony, in how to make the most of an opportunity.

"I always complain to him that I'm not getting enough playing time and he was like, 'Whenever you get in, make the best of your opportunities,'" said Hodge, who had his second sack in as many games, "and that's what I've

been doing: Making the best of my opportunities."

Coming off a 16-day break from game competition, the Frogs would gain control of the game early on and had a firm grip heading into the locker room, taking a 20-0 lead at halftime.

Dalton connected with senior wide receiver Derek Moore on a 29-yard strike to put the Frogs up 10-0 early in the quarter. Not to be outdone was sophomore quarterback Marcus Jackson, who found senior wide receiver Marcus Brock from seven yards out a little more than three minutes after Dalton's touchdown to give TCU a three-score lead.

To put TCU's first-half performance into perspective, the 273 yards of offense put up in the first two quarters Saturday nearly matched the 285-yard total from the previous outing against Utah.

Turner said the team's collective mindset heading into Saturday's game returned to some kind of normalcy following the break.

"It helped us get our mind where we needed to be," Turner said. "This season hasn't been so good, and everybody got to sit down and relax and get everything back to where they are supposed to be."

Patterson said the atmosphere before, during and after the win is the kind of support the Frogs need if

they are to win the last three games and beyond.

"One of the things we have got to get to a point of understanding is, hey, we're a little bit down, we're all down," Patterson said. "You just don't cast us away. We all have to battle. We all have to put our backs against the wall. Not just the team. The school, the fans, I mean everybody."

"You've got to put your back

against the wall and come out fighting, and tonight, everybody did. I applaud everybody."

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Watch a video of head football coach Gary Patterson's post-game press conference online.

## BY THE NUMBERS

60

total rushing attempts for TCU

36:52

TCU's total offensive time of possession

58

total offensive plays for New Mexico

2 for 16

New Mexico's third-down conversion rate

302

difference in offensive yards between TCU and New Mexico

19

consecutive wins for TCU when the team runs for at least 167 yards

# FORE

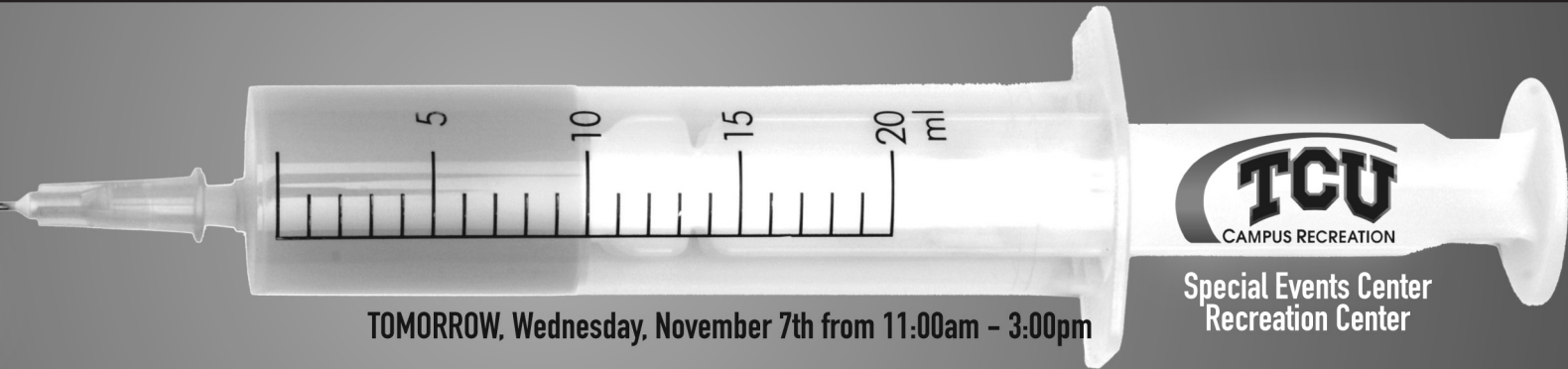


SKIFF ARCHIVES

Sophomore Valentine Derrey tees off at a spring 2007 event. Derrey and the women's golf team dropped both of its matches at the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship in Kissimmee, Fla., on Sunday and Monday. The Horned Frogs, ranked No. 24 nationally heading into the event, lost to No. 1 Duke, 4-1, on Sunday and would follow that with a 4-1 loss to No. 16 Denver on Monday. Freshman Prisela Campbell and Derrey picked up the lone wins for the team during the competition.

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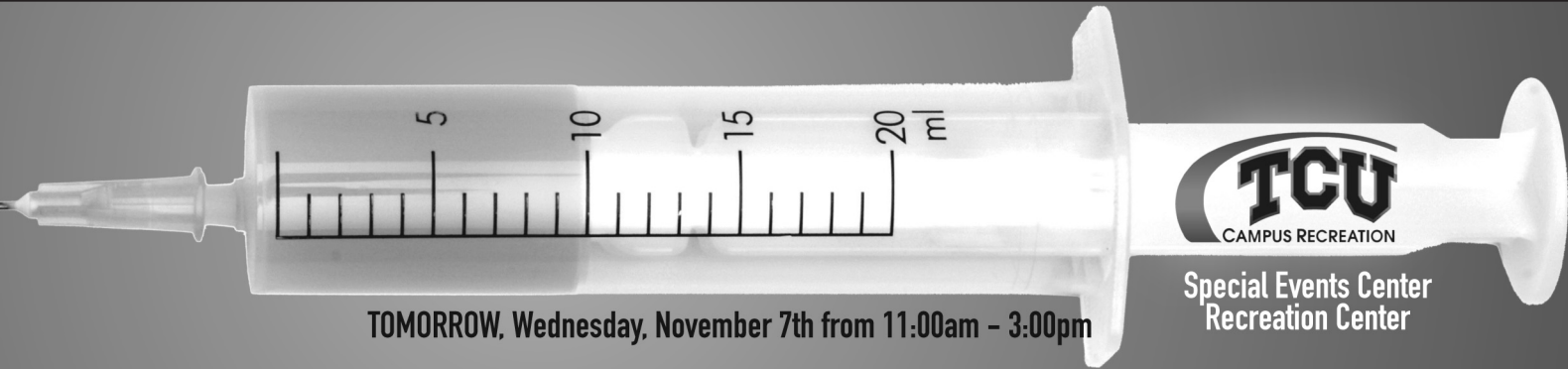
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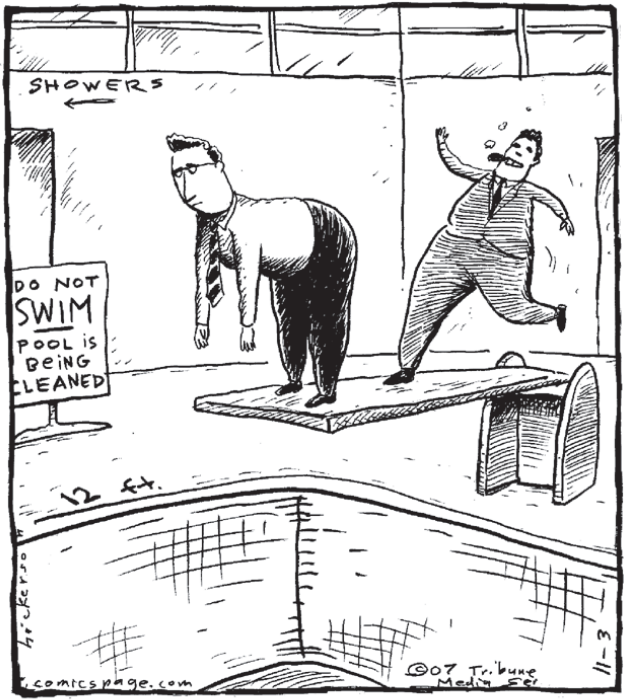
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"Ah-ha, Thag! I caught you getting on one of those dating sites again."

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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 answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Friday's Solutions

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19 Van Halen or Trebak  
20 What's black?  
23 Audit expert's letters  
26 Letters that bang  
27 Put on a first coat  
28 Continue without change  
30 Swiss peaks  
32 In reserve  
33 False god  
34 Lohengrin's love  
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FOOTBALL

# NEW BALL GAME



Quinton Cunigan goes for a touchdown Saturday against the University of New Mexico. The Frogs defeated the UNM Lobos, 37-0, bringing the Frogs to 5-4 for the season.

## Defense key to 37-0 weekend victory

By TIM BELLA  
*Sports Editor*

All it took was a little bit of pink to remind the Frogs of the purple-clad juggernaut that fans at Amon Carter Stadium had come to know.

In what was arguably the most impressive and decisive win of the season, TCU turned back the clock and overmatched the New Mexico Lobos on both sides of the ball, routing the Lobos, 37-0, at Amon Carter Stadium on Saturday.

The win moves TCU to 5-4 on the year and 2-3 in conference play, and one more victory makes the team bowl eligible for the sixth time in head coach Gary Patterson's

seventh season career.

The "Pink Out" game, which served as TCU's annual game to promote breast cancer awareness, saw the Frogs rack up 421 total yards on offense compared to 119 yards for New Mexico.

TCU's defense stifled New Mexico's rushing attack to the point of nonexistence, limiting the Lobos to 28 yards on 26 carries. The defense would also frustrate one of the conference's best receiving duos in seniors Travis Brown and Marcus Smith, holding them to a combined 83 receiving yards.

Patterson said being able to halt any kind of production on the ground and gaining a big lead allowed the defense

— which now includes senior defensive end Tommy Blake after his return to the starting lineup Saturday — to focus more on drop-back coverage in defending against New Mexico's passing game.

He said this kind of performance gained extra confidence heading into the final three games.

"I think the group got back a bit of swagger tonight," Patterson said of the team's collective performance.


Coming off an abysmal performance against Utah, redshirt freshman quarterback Andy Dalton rebounded nicely, going 11 for 18 through the air for 149 yards and two touchdowns. Car-

rying the load on the ground for TCU was sophomore Joseph Turner, who went for 115 yards on 28 carries, filling in for junior Aaron Brown. Patterson said Brown was on "a limited basis" knowing the team faces a short week of rest when it travels to play BYU on Thursday.

Even without Brown, the offense went for 238 yards on the ground in the win, extending

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View a slideshow online of photos from the Frogs' Saturday game against UNM.

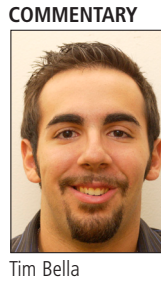
TIM'S TAKE

## Team turns around during shutout win

By TIM BELLA  
*Sports Editor*

We all get tired at one point or another during any given stretch of time.

And I am not talking about the kind of tired you get the morning following a long night of responsible — or careless — partying, or the level of tired you might be after pulling an all-nighter in the library for an 8 a.m. final.



Tim Bella

No, I am definitely not talking about the mornings that have you asking yourself, "Why did I order that last drink?" "Why did I order that second taquito at Whataburger?" or "Has it really been three days since my last shower?"

Instead, it is the tired you get when you are frustrated or disappointed.

It could be something as big as the war in Iraq or as unimportant as Jennifer Aniston's hair, but you get frustrated and tired over things we can and cannot control.

Take the Frogs, for example. To put it plain and sim-

ple, Gary Patterson's team was tired.

You know the story by now. The heralded little guys with big-time talent and even larger dreams became an afterthought in the 2007 season. Heck, even the Charlie-In-The-Box and the Misfit Elephant toys exiled to the Island of Misfit Toys in "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" would not have envied where TCU stood — or didn't stand — in the minds of college football fans.

The Frogs were fading and fading fast until Saturday. Now, I don't know what happened, but from the time Chris Manfredini kicked-off to start the game, it was over. It was a display more suitable for a Playstation 2 game than a Division-I football game.

If I would have told you before Saturday's rout the Frogs would have had more rushing attempts than New Mexico had total offensive plays, you more than likely would have spit your drink back in my face from laughter. Now? Not so much of a laughing matter as a tip of the hat.

What happened between the Utah loss and the New Mexico win?

See **TEAM**, page 6

CORRECTION

In Friday's basketball preview section, there was a story about Sandora Irvin's return to the women's basketball program. She is the niece of Michael Irvin.

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