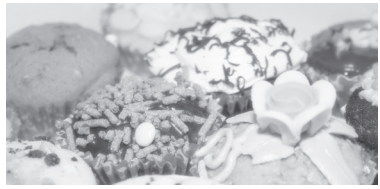




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## Voters voice election predictions for Texas

By JEREMY REYNOLDS  
Daily Treador

As Americans prepare to hit the polls today for another round of congressional elections, representatives from both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party are voicing their predictions for national and gubernatorial races.

Cole Shooter, president of the College Republicans of

Texas Tech University, said he has seen a polarization in the United States over the last four years to the point of half the country hating the other half.

Shooter said he hopes things will get better before they get worse.

"Sometimes it just comes down to ignorance on both sides," he said. "If the Dem-

ocrats do win over majority in Congress, it will be only by a few seats. A lot of people underestimate the GOP. There's going to be a lot of races that will be very close."

Shooter said he predicts the Republicans will win across the board in West Texas considering the state's track record of conservative voting.

Conversely, Johnnie Jones, chair of the Lubbock County Democratic Party, said she does not have the same faith in the Republican Party.

"The governor race can still go any way," she said. "There's such a sense of dissatisfaction that Texas wants a change across the board."

Jones said gubernatorial hope-

ful Kinky Friedman could help Democratic candidate Chris Bell more than hurt him.

"Kinky is taking a lot of votes from extreme Republicans and first-time voters," she said. "(Carole) Strayhorn will hurt Rick Perry more because she is going to take votes away from him. She's splitting the Republican vote."

However, John Steinmetz, chairman for the Lubbock County Republican Party, said Strayhorn will hurt both Perry and Bell in the coming election.

"She's obviously going after Republican votes but soliciting Democratic dollars," Steinmetz said. "She can affect both Democratic and Republican votes."

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## Ranch program to grant 1st degree

By RACHAEL RILEY  
Staff Reporter

In one month, Paxton Motheral will become the first student to receive a bachelor's degree from TCU's ranch management program.

Motheral first enrolled at TCU as a finance major and planned to receive certification from the ranch management program because his family is involved



in the ranching industry. TCU began offering a degree in ranch management in 2004, but before applying for the degree, students must first complete TCU's university core curriculum requirements, said Kerry Cornelius, director of the ranch management program.

Each year, about 35 students who want a certificate, degree or minor in ranch management are admitted to the program, Cornelius said. Students who want a degree are in the same nine-month program and 34 credit-hour classes as certificate and minor applicants, but they will take additional business and science courses, Cornelius said.

"When the degree for ranch management was introduced, I was already taking some of the business classes it required," Motheral said. "It made sense to apply for the degree."

The ranch management certification program is more than 50 years old, Cornelius said. He said most students who get a certificate have already been to college. Students who haven't attended college before entering the ranch management certification program have had experience working in the ranching industry, he said.

"All applicants are interviewed to make sure that they have some sort of experience in the ranching industry," Cornelius said. "Experience helps them understand courses offered in the program."

Cornelius said students only take ranch management courses while enrolled in the program.

"In addition to in-class instruction, students take five-week long trips throughout the

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## AT THE POLLS



OLIVIER DOULIERY / Abaca Press

Voters try to avoid lines by arriving early at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004 in Boston. In Tarrant County, less than half of people, ages 18-25, are registered to vote. Of that half, fewer than one in five actually vote.

## Students unlikely to vote in election, believe vote doesn't count, poll says

By AMY KITCHEL  
Staff Writer

Turn on the TV or take a look at a newspaper this week and all you'll see is election, election, election.

From bumper stickers on cars, to signs stuck in lawns, even "Facebook" has a section for "campaign issues" this fall. The upcoming midterm elections seem to be everywhere.

Everywhere that is, except TCU.

"I didn't even know there was an election on Tuesday," said senior nutrition major Jennifer Gitchell. "What are we voting for?"

The average college student seems completely unaware of the election, according to New Voters Project, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that seeks to register young people to vote and then get them to the polls.

Young people, ages 18-25,

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vote less than any other age group in the U.S. In Tarrant

County, less than half are registered to vote, and of that half, fewer than one in five actually vote. In 2002, the last midterm election, 19 percent made it to the polls.

With 3.1 million eligible young voters in Texas, one would think politicians would want to reach out to this demographic for votes.

"Unfortunately, there's a mutual cycle of neglect going on," said Kathleen Barr, the national media coordinator for Young Voter Strategies, another youth vote organization. "Campaigns and candidates ignore the college demographic and so college students generally ignore them."

Indeed, many TCU students said the reason they don't plan

to vote on Tuesday is because they have no information about issues on the ballot.

"I'm not going to vote because I don't have enough information to make an informed decision, and I'm not convinced my vote would actually affect me at all," said Ryan Ferguson, a senior political science and psychology major.

There are dozens of organizations that exist to show young people that voting does impact their day-to-day lives. From MTV's "Choose or Lose" and the well-known "Rock the Vote" project, to

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## Students living in car win third place in nationwide Chevrolet challenge



LINDSAY COPELAND / Staff Photographer

Senior middle school education major Cohlby Youtsey plays on his computer last week in the Chevrolet Aveo challenge. TCU placed third.

By SARAILEYNN FRANKLIN  
Staff Reporter

The sidewalk adjacent to the Mary Coats Burnett Library is bare once again after two students moved out of the car parked there as part of last week's Chevrolet Aveo Challenge.

Chris Qualls, a junior communications major, and Cohlby Youtsey, a senior middle school education major, placed third in Chevrolet's Aveo Challenge, where they were required to live in a 2007 Chevy Aveo from 10 a.m. Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 at 11 p.m. central time.

The challenge was a competition

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Visit the Chevy Aveo Challenge Web site at [www.aveo-olivinlarge.com](http://www.aveo-olivinlarge.com) for additional information.

competition.

The challenge rules required Qualls and Youtsey to attend all classes chaperoned by a Chevrolet-hired public relations firm representative, but to otherwise be in



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor

Finance major Josh Long, left, and associate professor of accounting Arnold Barkman discuss the plus/minus system in depth at a plus/minus forum Monday in the Student center.

## Plus/minus forum addresses concerns

By JOHN BOLLER  
Staff Reporter

Although a resolution on the plus/minus grading system was not reached, a vice chancellor said all who attended Monday's forum have a better understanding about the issue.

The plus/minus forum in the Student Center Ballroom let students speak face-to-face with faculty members about the plus/minus system.

"Faculty has tried so hard to put this together," said Justin Brown, a sophomore political science major. "They adjusted their schedules, and the high number of faculty in attendance shows that they really do care about student interests."

After Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, gave a slide-show presentation, students and faculty separated into groups to discuss the plus/minus system.

Joshua Long, a senior accounting and finance major, said some students are worried the plus/minus system could interfere with activities on campus.

"I think that students are concerned that using a plus/minus system would take

away from extracurricular activities because students would have to spend more time studying for their classes," Long said.

Brian Andrew, a senior economics major and SGA treasurer, followed up on Long's statement about extracurricular activities.

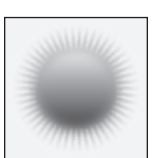
"TCU is not an academic powerhouse," Andrew said. "TCU is more than just a school about academics. Extracurricular activities and organizations are a big part of TCU as well."

Members of the faculty said the idea of using a plus/minus system is not to increase TCU's academic standing.

"The Academic Excellence Committee's goal of implementing a plus/minus system was not so that TCU could better compete with other universities in academics," said David Grant, professor and chair of the religion department. "We came to a decision to look at the current grading system and see if there was a better way for the faculty to evaluate student performance."

Brown said earning a 4.0 is another concern for students.

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### WEATHER

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### PECULIAR FACT

**TENNESSEE** — A couple that began squabbling in a motel room Friday morning carried their dispute over to an adjacent Waffle House diner in the nude, police said. — AP

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of the five challenges; the best online political voting campaign, which is visible on the challenge Web site, aveolinvinlarge.com, and the challenge for the most people touching the car at once, which was accomplished through 143 simultaneous car touches, Qualls said.

Qualls said though they did not win the overall challenge, they did win a free massage at the University Recreation Center and dinner catered by Silverfox for their two daily challenge wins, all paid for by Chevrolet. If victorious, Qualls said, Qualls and Youtsey would have each won a new Chevy Aveo.

"I really wanted it," said Youtsey. "A new car, are you kidding me?"

Sophomore business major Sal Rallo, who spent time at the car throughout the week, said he was glad to keep Qualls and Youtsey company.

"Chris is my big for Pi Kappa Phi," Rallo said. "I was actually able to see him more because I knew where he was."

Rallo said it was no surprise Qualls and Youtsey competed in the challenge.

"Of all people, Chris and Colby would," Rallo said.

Both Qualls and Youtsey said even though they knew a win was unlikely due to TCU's relatively small size, the experience was still fun.

"It's a good story" Youtsey said.

Qualls said he was glad the competition was over.

"It's great sleeping in my own bed," Qualls said.

Both Qualls and Youtsey said though it was not difficult living in a car for a week,

it was inconvenient.

"It's just the sleeping at night," Youtsey said, "and the cramps and soreness the next morning."

Qualls and Youtsey said they had to depend on others for constant assistance in attaining food and other necessities because they could not do it for themselves.

"You find out who your real friends are," Youtsey said. However, Qualls and Youtsey

both said unless their win was guaranteed, they would not participate in the challenge again.

**OTHER UNIVERSITIES INVOLVED IN THE CHALLENGE:**

Boston University, Howard University, Michigan State University, Northwestern University, University of Florida, University of Southern California, Qualls said.

**PLUS/MINUS**

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"For the most part, it seems students' biggest concern is the 4.0 will become much harder to achieve," Brown said.

Brown said these students should voice their opinions.

"They should do research and maybe find another solution other than a plus or minus added to their letter grade," Brown said. "The Academic Excellence Committee and all faculty at TCU want students to speak out on any issue that students have concern for."

Geology professor John Breyer said if a plus/minus system is used, students would not have to make a single A to keep their scholarship require-

ment of a 3.25.

"You can keep a scholarship and get a B+ in all of your courses," Breyer said. "I also think that students are forgetting that grades alone do not get you a job or into graduate school."

Donovan also said the Academic Excellence Committee could possibly revisit this issue and make possible adjustments to its proposal.

"From the discussions that I was hearing, it seemed that students and faculty had a lot of give and take, and compromise about plus/minus was happening between the students and faculty," Donovan said. "I am proud with the faculty turnout and the students also did their own research and presented their arguments and ideas very well."

**RANCH**

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semesters to ranches all over Texas," Cornelius said. "There's no way they could afford to miss classes in other courses for that amount of time."

Motheral, who completed

the ranch management program last spring, said it was unlike any other experience.

"You're with the same group of people each day," Motheral said. "Some of those guys are now my best friends."

Motheral was a good candidate for the degree option, said Jeff Geider, director of

the Institute of Ranch Management, which is affiliated with the overall program.

"Mr. Motheral contributed to the program and showed much interest in the ranching industry," Geider said. "He had good grades, participated in class and was willing to help other students."

**CANDIDATES**

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Steinmetz said he does not see the governor's race as being as close as Jones would like to predict.

"I think Governor Perry's results stand on their own, and the voters will elect him for another four years," he said.

Jones said her organiza-

tion is working closely with the University Democrats, a political student organization on the Tech campus, in getting students to the voting booth.

"On-campus polling stations tend to have a low turnout," she said. "Government makes decisions that affect (the students). All the bad things that happen to students happens because they don't come out and vote."

Jones said she doesn't see half the country hating the other half, though she did say one half has a little more anger than the other.

"I've been called a Communist and a Marxist," she said. "I'm not either of those things; I'm simply someone who has a different view. Some of the things that come out of (Republicans') mouths are the most un-Christian things you've ever heard."

**VOTING**

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smaller organizations such as the Young Vote Coalition, these organizations exist to get the nation's millions of young people to the polls.

According to a 2005 survey done by the Youth Vote Coalition, a voter-registration organization directed at young people, young people think voting matters and that it's important to vote, but they don't believe their individual vote makes a difference.

"This generation is more in tune with current events and election issues than many have been in the past," said Heather Smith, the director of Young Voter Strategies. "We know this generation is paying attention and if you ask them to, young people will vote."

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**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Democrat appeals to students**

Elections in Texas, for the most part, are one-sided, but thanks to this year's gubernatorial race, this may no longer hold true. Among the candidates we've been dealt, Democratic candidate Chris Bell stands out from the crowd.

For the younger voting population in Texas, Bell's policies are the most sound and hold the most promise for a positive change in the state.

Bell keeps the young voters in mind, focusing on policies that will have a lasting impact on them.

In a point that hits home, his policy to end tuition deregulation in colleges and universities is a move that will affect many voters. This will allow families with younger children, regardless of their income bracket, to have a greater chance of sending their children to college. His proposal could also halt, or at least slow, the ever-increasing tuition

hikes college students currently face.

Furthermore, as young voters who will face having families and children of their own, Bell's push for every child in Texas to receive their shots and immunizations under a revamped healthcare system is not only a smart idea, but one important for the children of Texas and their future.

For many years, the GOP has been the sole voice in Texas government, and although the governor may not wield that much power in our state, another point of view having a say in state politics is as much a necessity as it is a relief. Bell would give Texas a fresh breath of democracy by having a member of the opposing party in the Governor's Mansion, better representing the people of Texas.

The editorial board recommends Chris Bell for governor of Texas.

*Opinion editor Ryan Claunch for the editorial board.*

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**COMMENTARY**

**Enjoy candidates' smear ads**

Election Day. On this magical date once every couple of years, the halls of local middle schools are turned into the heart of the

**COMMENTARY**



David Hall

American political system. When you drop your ballot in the box, you can rest assured that you've done your civic duty, and

you are now an upstanding citizen — minus the tax evasion and littering and whatnot.

As much fun as voting is, I'd have to say my favorite part about election season is the attack advertisements. Seriously, nothing glues me to the television like two people taking pot shots at each other, especially if they're politicians. What's so amazing about these 30 seconds of advertising heaven are the subtle nuances.

As the adage goes: A picture is worth a thousand words. Politicians use this to their full advantage when trying to smear their rivals.

First of all, they love to run unflattering photos of their opponents. These scream that not only did the incumbent vote against an increase in public education funding, but his ugly face undermines the integ-

city of the great looking people of this city, state or country.

Another photo that is a favorite of attack campaigns would be the "smug politician." Nobody likes a pretentious jerk, so just hoist up one of these snapshots and accuse their opponent of being against discount muffler repair for pregnant teens. They've pretty much won themselves the election.

Something else that is important to note about these commercials is how the "good candidates" always try to make themselves look like God's gift to mankind through a bunch of audacious promises like: "Mr. Smith is for higher taxes and lower pay for teachers. I will desalinate the oceans and reveal the secret of how to turn lead into gold." After the mud slinging dies down is a great time to sucker punch your opponent and start thumping your chest.

In 2002, Congress passed the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act that required politicians to say they approved the messages that their campaigns had put together. This little number has served to put an exclamation point on the end of these advertisements. What used to be a modest "my name is Mr. Jones, and I approved this message" has turned

into something more spectacular. Now politicians use this little snippet to take any final blows at their opponents that might be deemed necessary. Now, you are more likely to hear "my name is Mr. Jones, and I approved this message because Mr. Smith is no good for Texas, and he also cheated on his 10th grade Algebra II test by writing the formulas on the palm of his hand."

While we think political fighting is bad today, we've got nothing on 1856. Back then, Congressman Preston Brooks of South Carolina savagely beat Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner with a cane after a round of debates about escalating violence in Kansas. Sumner was badly hurt and was absent from the Senate for three years.

Before you go out and cast your vote and make this great machine known as democracy run, take the time to enjoy the wonderful smear campaigns littering the airwaves. Laugh, gasp and marvel at the idiosyncrasies that make attack ads so can't-turn-your-head-away extraordinary. And remember, as long as no one busts out a cane, it's all good clean fun.

*David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears every Tuesday and Friday.*

**OTHER VIEW**

**Party change necessary**

If they aren't in denial, many Republicans around the country have most likely begun to brace themselves for a rough day Tuesday. And a loss might just be thing that the party needs.

Do I want the Republican Party to lose its majority? No. Does the party deserve to be unseated? In my opinion, yes. Much like Democrats have failed us in certain states, Republicans have failed us in Washington.

Undoubtedly, many conservatives within the party will likely disagree with this position. No rational person wants to accept defeat. However, a defeat in the midterm elections might be the best thing for them.

Take, for example, spending. Republicans are supposed to be the ones advocating for smaller government, privatization and elimination of unnecessary programs; maybe we've just forgotten about that.

According to CNN.com, spending has increased 45 percent under the Bush administration, "which is three times as fast as it did under Bill Clinton."

According to this same article, more than half of this spending is "discretionary." In other words, we can't even blame the terrorists.

The lack of leadership in the spending arena is unfortunately just the beginning. Scandal after scandal has plagued the party. Do the

names of Foley, Abramoff, Libby, Delay or Rove ring a bell?

Furthermore, the behavior of many of these senior-level members are completely contrary to their large Christian support base. The GOP has long been a party running on a return to traditional values; however, the cries of these same leaders have begun falling upon deaf ears. They have failed both personally and politically to follow through.

Additionally, the Republicans have failed to provide a clear plan on how to alleviate the situation in Iraq. Regardless of political orientation, many would have a difficult time arguing that our occupation has gone well.

It's no secret that our presence in this region has become extremely controversial. Likewise, America's willingness to continue with an occupation that many view as counterproductive has helped the Democrats in many ways.

Some of our current administration's policies, most notably on illegal immigration, have drawn criticism from both sides of the aisle. Our Republican-led Congress and current administration have failed to provide an effective plan for curbing the influx of illegals present in our country. As a result, the Republicans have created and utilized a monopoly on power they themselves can no longer control.

Combine this monopoly with a growing distrust from many voters and one can easily see where our election is heading.

Consequently, a shake-up might be exactly what the party needs. The job of an informed voter is to examine how our elected officials have done come election season. While I'm a registered Republican, I sometimes chose to stray when casting my vote on certain ideological issues.

No matter what political philosophy you subscribe to, the party you consistently align yourself with the most does not always serve your best interests and act within your own belief system.

Furthermore, with Bush's low poll numbers, a Nancy Pelosi-led majority might be the only way to ensure a Republican victory for the next presidential election. It's no secret that the individuals at the top receive all the praise and criticism; my bet is that her leadership will most likely receive the latter.

Despite the rhetoric of both sides, our leaders have done a poor job and have lost the trust of many around the country. I hope that, in this election, voters look beyond partisanship and examine the issues closely.

I hope that partisanship in this election is dead.

*Matt Lewis is a columnist for the OSU Daily Barometer. This column was distributed by U-wire*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Student loans investment, require research and analysis**

Friday's article on student debt did not cover the entire story concerning student debt and the profitability of a college education.

Just to clear a couple things up, you do not have your entire life to pay off student loans. Most student loans are required to be paid in a period around 15 years. So unless you plan on being ready to retire at around 37, then you may have a problem with that calculation. It is also obvious that most 18-year-olds do not do a lot of analysis on how they will profit from their education after graduation.

Making education a good investment requires research like any other

good investment, such as real estate, stocks, bonds, etc. Not every degree is going to pay off the same, and some degrees may make a person's satisfaction less than if they had never been to college. Now, I admit the statistics you see in the news make the decision easy. The news anchor says, "On average, over an entire lifetime, a person with a college degree earns \$200,000 more than someone with only a high school education." So what does this actually mean?

Well, first of all it, says on average, which means that obviously not everyone is going to experience these payoffs. It also says over an entire lifetime, which means



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your earnings could fluctuate, and these gains may not be realized perfectly over a 40-year work life. Finally, it makes the comparison between a four-year degree and a high school degree

with no mention of the returns to two-year degrees, technical degrees or other types of education.

The idea that an expensive four-year college education for all will make

society perfect and everyone happy is a flawed plan. With the costs of TCU tuition increasing 8 percent each year, it does not take a college degree to see that without increases in grants, the increasing burden of debt that future students will incur will not always be less than possible future earnings.

The main point I hope to convey is that imperfect information about the benefits of a college education, with increasing tuition costs and a lack of new grants and other non-loan-based financial aid, means that future students may wind up incredibly educated but broke at 30.

An investment in college education should be tem-

pered with the knowledge that past returns do not guarantee future earnings.

Our higher education system is on its way to pricing out most of the population. If we are not careful, education may once again be only a rich man's pursuit. The solution is not to just send every high school senior to college. We must find training alternatives and other ways to provide people with meaningful careers. If everyone has a four-year degree, then the degree becomes economically worthless, which makes a society of overeducated customer service reps with loads of debt.

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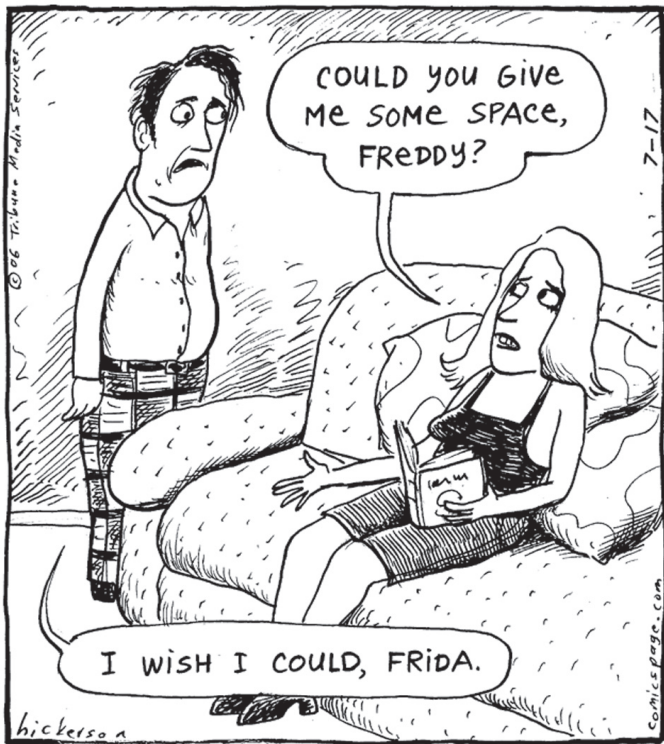
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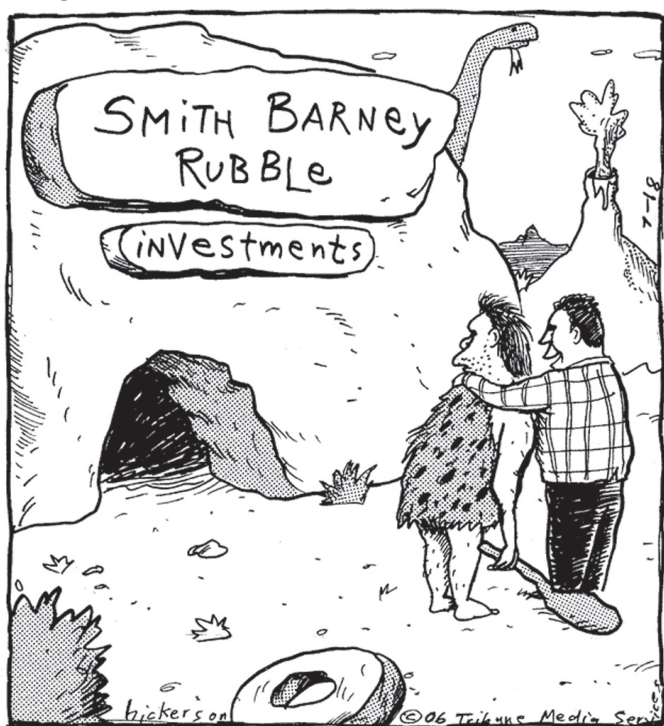
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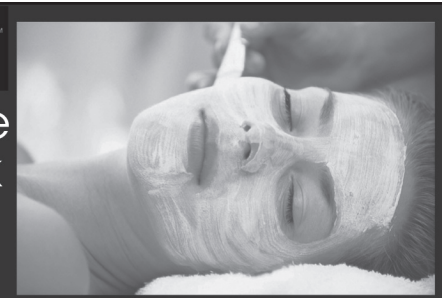
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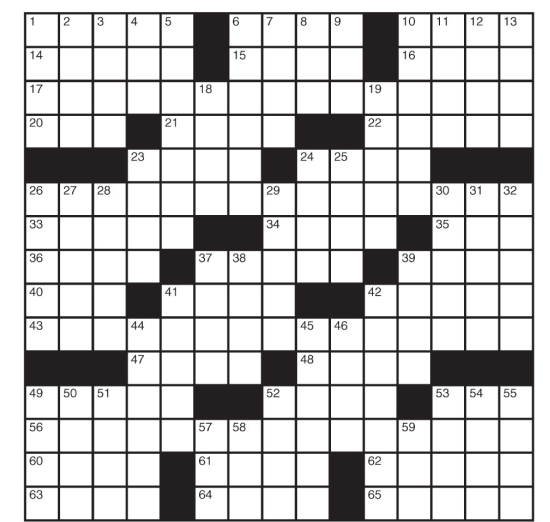
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23 Actress Gilbert  
24 Criminal, to a cop  
26 Cezanne, notably  
33 Eagles' home  
34 Assessment  
35 One of Bonaparte's marshals  
36 College credit  
37 Snow unit  
39 Put one's foot down?  
40 Put on  
41 Murmurs  
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52 Roman Empire harasser  
53 Track circuit  
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61 Ukraine capital  
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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

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**TOMORROW IN SPORTS**

With the Horned Frogs rising in the Mountain West Conference, find out what head coach Gary Patterson had to say about his team's expectations for Saturday's game against the New Mexico Lobos.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

# H20 Frogs look to improve after weekend



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

The women's swimming and diving team loses to BYU 156-144 Saturday at the University Rec Center. Senior Alejandro Gomez said BYU has an edge against MWC competition because they train at higher altitudes. The men's and women's teams head to Colorado Springs, Colo., Thursday to swim against Air Force and New Mexico State.

By MARCUS MURPHREE AND CORTNEY STRUBE  
Staff Reporters

There is room for improvement for the H20 Frogs following their first two meets against Mountain West Conference opponents, said head coach Richard Sybesma.

Thursday, the women faced the Colorado State Rams, and Saturday, both the men's and women's teams took on the BYU Cougars.

The H20 Frogs lost by 12 points to the Rams on Wednesday, while the men's and women's teams lost by a combined total of 134 to the Cougars on Saturday.

Despite the two losses, the women's team still turned in quality performances from senior sprinter Erica Tate

and freshman diver Jennifer Ferguson, Sybesma said.

"Practice this week hasn't been going very well," Ferguson said. "I was glad I could pull it together at the meet."

Ferguson won both the one-meter and three-meter diving events on Thursday and Saturday, while Tate scored two victories Thursday in the 50-yard freestyle, 100 freestyle and another victory in Saturday's 50 freestyle.

Tate said the two meets with only one day to train in between may have impacted the performance.

"For the second day of racing (this week), it went well overall," Tate said. "We'll look at where we need to go from here."

The men's team took to

competition Saturday where it showed power in the sprints as well as the distance categories, said senior Alejandro Gomez.

Gomez led the distance swimmers and had a second-place finish in the 1,000 freestyle and third-place showing in the 500 freestyle.

"I felt good, and we had some good races," Gomez said.

Sophomore diver R.J. Hesselberg had a third-place performance in the one-meter dive and followed it up by finishing second in the three-meter springboard competition giving TCU seven points for his efforts.

Though the results of both meets had TCU on the losing end, the meets were a benchmark for improvement going

into conference competition, Sybesma said.

"We need for people to step up with them (top swimmers from TCU)," Sybesma said. "If we do that, we'll be tough to beat in conference."

Gomez said Colorado State and BYU have an edge against their Mountain West competition by being able to train at higher altitudes.

"It helps open our minds up for what to look for in conference," Gomez said. "And what to work on during training."

The H20 Frogs will return to action Thursday in a three-team meet in Colorado Springs, Colo., against the Air Force Falcons and the New Mexico State Aggies.

**VOLLEYBALL**

# Team to challenge 2 conference rivals

By MARCUS MURPHREE AND JOANNA BERNAL  
Staff Reporters

With two conference matches remaining, the Horned Frogs will try to recover from their weekend losses before the Mountain West Conference Championships.

Friday night, the Frogs flirted with a possible upset against the No. 9 Utah Utes, but they fell short after a four-game match in front of a school record of more than 850 fans.

Led by freshman outside hitter Lauren Otto, the Frogs started to mount a comeback Friday against the Utes, but it was too little too late

"We needed to finish what we had in game three," head coach

Prentice Lewis said.

The Frogs took the third game of the match by a 12-point margin, before losing the match in game four.

Otto tallied 21 points while pounding the sideline with 17 kills throughout the match along with a pair of assists.

The Horned Frogs' defense rose to the occasion Friday night as they were going toe-to-toe with one of the top defenses in the country.

"For us to have beaten them in blocks is odd, as Emillie Toone is the best middle blocker in the nation," Lewis said.

Toone, the 6-foot-7-inch

middle blocker from the Utes is one of the acclaimed defensive players in college volleyball, Lewis said.

A ray of optimism came out of this loss, Otto said, as the Frogs played better against the Utes after being swept a month prior.

The following night, the Frogs were swept by the No. 21 BYU Cougars. Saturday night's loss to BYU brought the Horned Frogs' (17-12 overall) conference record to 5-9,

which is good enough for sixth place out of nine teams.

The outcome of Saturday's contest was controlled by the airtight Cougar defense that had 12 blocks on the night.

Although losses aren't what any team wants, senior middle

blocker Anna Vaughn said, the losses did give the Frogs some high points as the end of conference play draws near.

"Passing, I think we did really well," Vaughn said. "The defense really went after it and fought hard."

The Frogs will be going on the road this week for a Friday night match against the New Mexico Lobos. TCU won their previous match against the Lobos 3-0 and will be facing an opponent with a losing record at home.

"I think our team has a new energy, and they're ready to step up and play them on the road," Lewis said.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Frogs win preseason games

By MARCUS MURPHREE AND KYLE ARNOLD  
Staff Reporter and Staff Writer

The men's and women's basketball teams finished out preseason play with two exhibition games at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Lady Frogs hosted the WNBA Lake Truck All-Stars on Sunday and took the victory 76-70 after regaining their com-



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Junior guard Adrienne Ross scored 14 points against the Lake Truck Lines for a win in an exhibition game Sunday.

posure following a slow first half.

"We were trying too hard in the first half," said Jeff Mittie, women's head coach.

The second half brought new life to the Lady Frogs as they quickly erased their 34-32 halftime deficit and took control of the game, in part due to junior Adrienne Ross' leadership on court.

Ross had been feeling ill during the first half, but she managed to up the intensity level during the second half and put 13 second-half points on the board.

"The first half caught me off guard," Ross said. "My teammates picked me up at halftime."

Ross wasn't the only Frog to experience a second-half resurgence as the whole team stepped up its game after halftime.

"We had better ball movement," Mittie said. "There was more of a unit-looking scoring in the second half."

While the game was an exhibition, it did give a preview for how the season may progress, Mittie said.

"It's important to play against somebody whom you don't know how to react," Mittie said. "There is still a lot of areas we need to improve."

The men also found success at home during their 103-64 win over the Lithuania Academy.

The Frogs forced 40 turnovers, which led to the easy scoring opportunities TCU hoped for going into the game, said sophomore power forward Kevin Langford.

"I liked our pressure we put on them," Langford said. "It wasn't perfect, but we forced them to make turnovers, and we got

many of the shots we were looking for."

Head coach Neil P. Dougherty said he was pleased with the teamwork displayed by the Frogs during the exhibition match-up.

"Overall, I liked our effort and our unselfishness," Dougherty said. "There were a couple of times that Brent (Hackett) and Ryan (Wall) particularly turned down shots that I do not mind them taking, to make an extra play for someone else."

The play of freshman guards Keion Mitchem and Tiese Morones, along with the inside game displayed by the Frogs created success, Dougherty said. He believes that inside play will be very important to a successful outcome this season.

"It's going to be huge because if we are going to be small on the outside, then we really have to be good on the inside," Dougherty said.

The victory was a result of simply having fun, junior guard Brent Hackett said.

"Everybody had fun," Hackett said. "Last year, we were way too serious, and I do not think we were having any fun. Everyone came out positive and ready to start off on a good note."

Dougherty, Langford and Hackett agree a lot to work still needs to be done.

"We have to get in better shape, and our execution needs to get better also," Dougherty said.

Hackett said the Frogs still need to work on their motion on the floor.

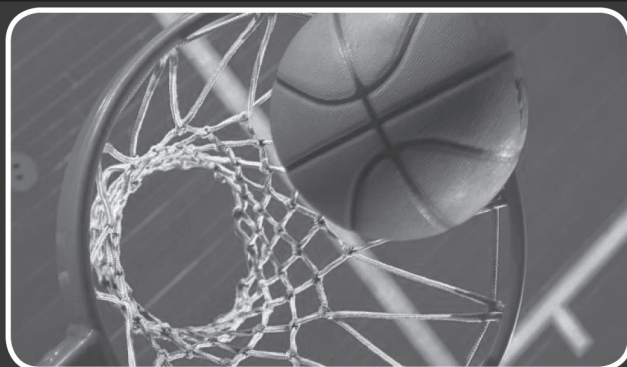
"At times, we were kind of stagnant," Hackett said.



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Freshman middle blocker Kourtney Edwards reaches for the ball against BYU Saturday in the University Recreation Center. The game ended in a loss for TCU.

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