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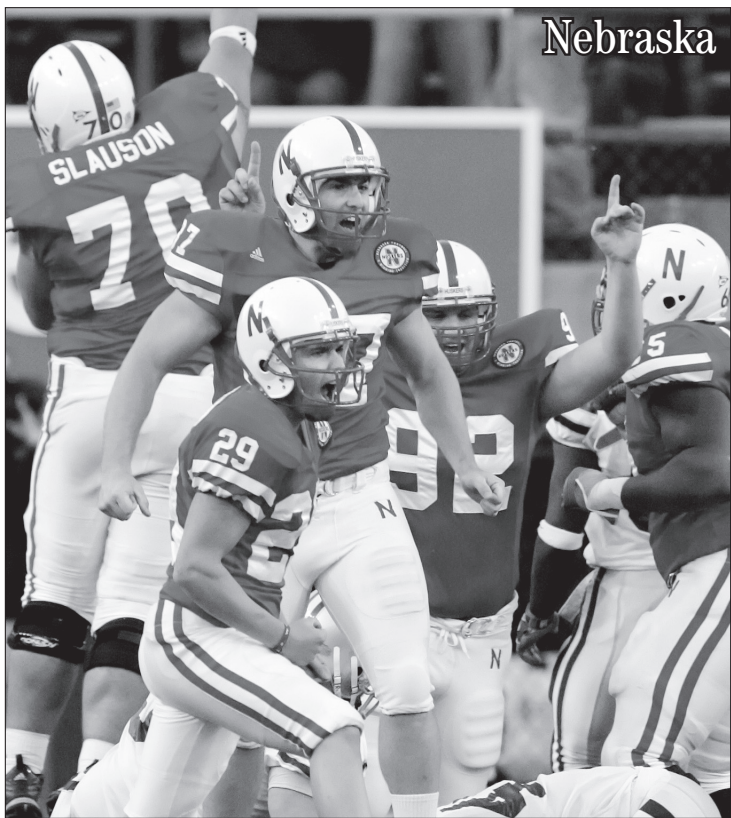
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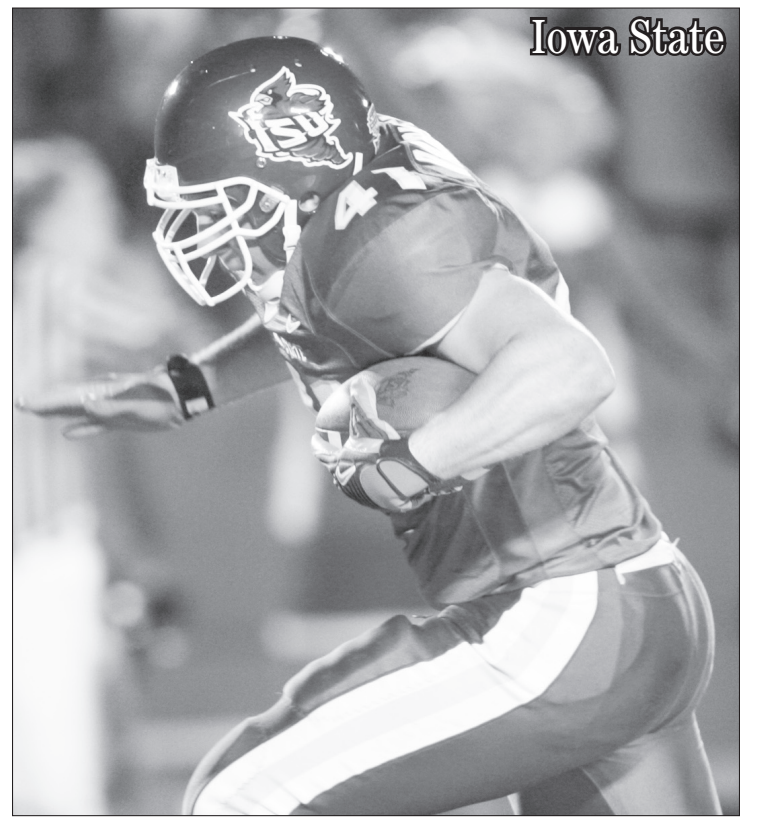
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Horned Frogs to face Big 12 team in Houston Bowl

Coach signs contract extension through 2012

By TERRILL ESTABROOK
Staff Reporter

TCU athletics director Danny Morrison announced Tuesday that head

football coach Gary Patterson signed a contract extension to stay at TCU through 2012.

The details of the contract were not immediately available.

"We are excited with coach Patterson and with what he's done with the team," Morrison said.

Morrison also announced TCU has accepted a bid to play in the Houston Bowl on Dec. 31. Patterson has led TCU to four bowl games in five years, Morrison said.

Patterson said TCU will face a Big 12 Conference team — Nebraska, Missouri or Iowa State — in the game.

"We can play against anybody," Patterson said.

TCU is going into the bowl game, which has a \$1.2-million payout, with a record of 10-1 but will most likely not be favored in Houston, Patterson said.

"We usually win as the underdogs," he said.

The key is to play in a bowl game that best fits you, Patterson said. The Houston Bowl is a great opportunity to show off what kind of football program TCU has, he said.

A bowl game helps the team grow up, helps with recruiting freshman and more on BOWL, page 2

Mono is common among college students

Stressed students more susceptible

By ADRIENNE LANG
Staff Reporter

When Alison Raff could not rid herself of a congested head or constant fatigue, she knew something was wrong.

"It was a drag just to get out of bed," said Raff, a junior movement science major.

An RN and lecturer for the Harris School of Nursing, Kris Riddlesperger, said Raff's symptoms of a chronic headache and fatigue are common signs of infectious mononucleosis, or mono, a disease college students are easily susceptible to due to increased contact and lifestyles.

Suspecting mono as the cause of her ails, Raff went to the Health Center to get tested three times — and returned with negative results each time. Still convinced that she had it, she said she went to a doctor in Arlington and tested positive in December 2004.

Barbara Murph, an RN and manager of the outreach division of the Fort Worth Public Health Department, said college students are more at risk for the disease because of the number of people on campus and students' activities.

Since mono is an infection of the Epstein-Barr virus, it can affect a person when the immune system is weak, she said. The risk is higher when people do not take care of them-

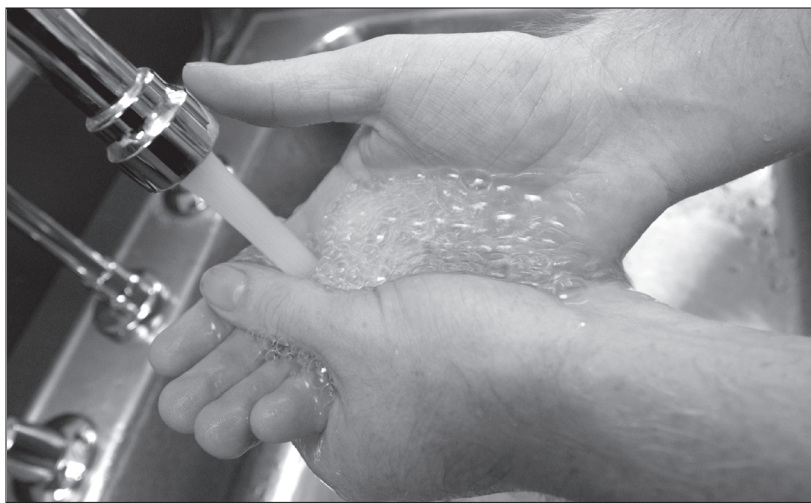


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selves by getting sufficient sleep and eating properly, which many college students do not practice, she said.

Murph said many students also have habits that allow the

sharing of saliva, which is how mono is contracted. Among these practices are sharing cigarettes, drinking after someone else and kissing.

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Changes to be made to recycling program

Students support improvement

By JENIFFER BERRY
Staff Reporter

You walk into The Main, get your food in a to-go container and later throw the container away. You read a newspaper and toss it in the wastebasket when you're done. When you finish your bottled water, where will the bottle go? In the trash?

The average American throws away nearly 8 pounds of garbage every day, according to the America Recycles Web site.

The city of Fort Worth recycles 20 percent of its collected trash, up from 6 percent in 2003, according to its Web site.

So, what does TCU do to recycle?

In the 1990s, people were bringing their bottles, cans and newspapers to TCU to recycle. Now, it is the TCU community that has to more on RECYCLE, page 4

Office space becoming limited

Incoming faculty have no place to go

By AMY HALLFORD
Staff Reporter

TCU's record-high enrollment and increasing number of faculty members could be causing campus buildings to burst at the seams.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nowell Donovan said the problem of limited office space has been "creeping up" on the administration for years but has accelerated in recent years because of the administration's goal to decrease the student-faculty ratio from 15-1 to 13-1.

Donovan said the undergraduate population has increased by 26 percent over the past 15 years.

"This means we have add-

ed faculty each year for quite a while, which adds an additional accelerated component to the capacity problem," he said.

In his 2005 convocation speech, Chancellor Victor Boschini said the Board of Trustees took a significant

"All of our adjunct faculty work in a bullpen cube area."

Mark Muller
Assistant dean

step forward last spring by authorizing the capping of undergraduate enrollment at the current 7,200, along with the growth of graduate programs over the next decade.

Donovan said TCU still needs 51 faculty members to reach the 13-1 ratio.

But where will the new faculty tell their students to meet them for office hours?

Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said she has been working with administrators to create additional office space for two years.

"We have divided every office I can think of, we have built offices and we have taken over vacant buildings and houses around campus," Volcansek said.

AddRan has roughly 1,750 students, representing one-third of TCU's undergraduate enrollment, and the number continues to grow, Volcansek said.

Volcansek expects to welcome seven to 10 new faculty members into AddRan in the next academic year but said she doesn't know where she is going to put them.

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Vatican to release new priesthood rule

Catholic stance on homosexuality to become stricter

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

The Vatican is toughening its stand against gay candidates for the priesthood, specifying in a new document that even men with "transitory" homosexual tendencies must overcome their urges for at least three years before entering the clergy.

A long-awaited "Instruction," due to be released next week, was posted Tuesday on the Internet by the Italian Catholic news agency Adis-ta. A church official who has read the document confirmed its authenticity; he asked that his name not be used because the piece has not been pub-

lished by the Vatican.

Conservative Roman Catholics who have decried the "gay subculture" in seminaries will likely applaud the policy because it clarifies what the Vatican expects of seminarians and their administrators.

Critics of the policy warned that, if enforced, it will likely result in seminarians lying about their orientation and will decrease the already dwindling number of priests in the United States. Estimates of the percentage of gays in U.S. seminaries and the priesthood range from 25 percent to 50 percent, according to a research review by the Rev. Donald Cozzens, an author of "The Changing Face of the Priesthood."

The document from the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education says the church deeply respects homosexu-

als. But it also says it "cannot admit to the seminary and the sacred orders those who practice homosexuality, present deeply rooted homosexual tendencies or support so-called gay culture."

"Those people find themselves, in fact, in a situation that presents a grave obstacle to a correct relationship with men and women. One cannot ignore the negative consequences that can stem from the ordination of people with deeply rooted homosexual tendencies," it said.

"If instead it is a case of homosexual tendencies that are merely the expression of a transitory problem, for example as in the case of an unfinished adolescence, they must however have been clearly overcome for at least three years before ordination as a deacon."

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