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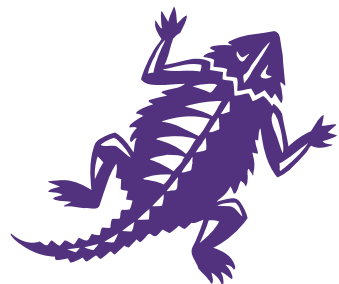
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**NCAA football rumor mill pairs Patterson with Cornhuskers**

By BRETT LARSON  
Staff Reporter

The seemingly annual merry-go-round of college football coaches came into full swing Monday with head coaching vacancies at the University of Arkansas and Georgia Tech, and the TCU athletic director said head coach Gary Patterson is probably on a few programs' lists as a potential replacement.

**PATTERSON**

lists, but declined to talk about job speculation.

The fast approaching end to

ment. Athletic director Danny Morrison said it would surprise him to find out Patterson was not on any teams' lists, but declined to talk about job speculation.

the 2007 season already features 10 universities with available head coaching positions.

Since Patterson took over TCU football at the end of the 2000 season, he has had four 10-win seasons, six trips to bowl games and a likely invitation to another bowl game this season.

At the end of the 2005 season, Patterson's contract was extended through the 2012 season,

according to the TCU athletics Web site.

Morrison said TCU does not release contract information. A USA Today national analysis of football coaches' salaries listed Patterson at \$952,162 in 2006.

Patterson has been considered as a replacement to numerous schools in the past and could be considered by several teams this year.

Southern Methodist University and Baylor University got the ball rolling with the dismissal of head coaches Phil Bennett and Guy Morriss, and the University of Arkansas and Georgia Tech kept things going with the resignation and firing of head coaches Houston Nutt and Chan Gailey yesterday.

The University of Arkansas, Duke University, Georgia Tech,

the University of Michigan, the University of Nebraska, the University of Mississippi, the University of Southern Mississippi and Washington State University are also all without head coaches.

Nebraska, which fired head coach Bill Callahan on Saturday, may be a potential suitor for Patterson.

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**MODERN ART**

BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Senior studio art majors Jane Fischer, left, and Genie Thompson view Fischer's art titled "301 Alamo Plaza" at the Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio Art Senior Exhibition in the University Art Gallery in Moudy Building South on Monday. The free exhibition will be open until Dec. 1. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. on weekends.

**University ranks second in CPA success**

By JOE ZIGTEMA  
Staff Reporter

Though the Horned Frogs could not defeat the Texas Longhorns on the gridiron, they did corral them in the books.

TCU's Master of Accounting program ranked second among Texas schools in the latest Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam reports for the summer 2007 testing period with a 71.8 percent pass rate, ranking ahead of both the University of Texas and Baylor University.

Texas A&M University ranked first in the state with a 73.21 percent pass rate, and the average for Texas schools was 54.8 percent, according to the Texas

State Board of Public Accountancy.

According to the CPA exam Web site, the test consists of four sections: auditing and attestation, business environment and concepts, financial accounting and reporting and regulation. Pass rates are measured by a parts passed to parts taken rate — total sections of the exam each student passed divided by total sections of the exam taken.

Barry Bryan, director of the MAC program, said TCU's pass rate was the highest success rate to date, while having the most students sit for the exam in the history of the program.

"(The exam scores) are reflective of the quality of instruction in the program and the emphasis on lifelong learning skills," Bryan said. "If you can develop those lifelong learning and professionalism skills, you're going to see success on the CPA exam."

The program's success is largely driven by student effort but it helps that national accounting firms offer incentives such as \$5,000 bonuses for students who pass the exam on their first try, Bryan said.

"We are seeing quality applicants — people who are really dedicated to wanting to be CPAs," Bryan said. "And all we do is encourage them."

Jennifer Palmer, a recent MAC

graduate, said she passed all parts of the exam when she took it in the summer and now works at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Palmer said TCU's ranking See **PROGRAM**, page 2

**FOR YOUR INFO****September test period Texas Rankings**

1. Texas A&M (73.21%)
  2. TCU (71.82%)
  3. UT Austin (68.60%)
  4. Baylor (66.67%)
  5. SMU (62.93%)
  6. UT Arlington (58.91%)
- Average for Texas schools: 54.83%  
National average: 45%

— Reuters

**Residents prepare for area gas drilling**

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

The voices of Horned Frogs cheering for the home team will soon be silent around Amon Carter Stadium, only to be followed shortly by the sound of natural gas drilling.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said meetings were held last spring with the neighborhood association leaders around the TCU campus to address their concerns and suggestions about the drilling, which is set to begin next semester in the stadium's remote parking lot.

Gutierrez said the leaders of each association had prepared their concerns, which were reviewed, and made sure that they were taken into consideration while drafting the lease with the Four Sevens Resources Co. in summer 2007. The lease has now been transferred to Chesapeake Exploration, LLC.

Will Adams, a senior

**FOR YOUR INFO**

There will be three drilling periods:

Jan. 10 through July 31 in 2008, 2009 and 2010

entrepreneurial management and English major, lives in the University West neighborhood next to the parking lot where the drilling is supposed to take place.

Adams said he thinks the natural gas drilling is a good because it brings in additional revenue for TCU. Adams said he was initially worried about the loud noise caused by drilling. However, because there is an ordinance on how loud it can be, he said, it should not be a problem.

Gutierrez said noise was one of the issues considered by TCU and the operators are required to abide by city of Fort Worth noise ordinances.

Paul McKinney, president See **GAS**, page 2

**Athlete may have charges dropped**

By MEGAN MOWERY  
Staff Reporter

A football player who was arrested Oct. 10 after police said he assaulted his wife was referred to a diversion program in a court hearing Monday, court officials said.

Horned Frogs junior wide receiver Walter Bryant, 21, of San Angelo, was suspended from the team Oct. 16 after he was arrested on suspicion of assault with bodily injury to a family member, a misdemeanor.

The diversion program, which is similar to probation, consists of weekly reports and counseling, said a spokesperson for Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 5.

Bryant will know if

he is accepted into the program on his next court date, Jan. 3, assistant district attorney Jason Battenfield said. If Bryant completes the diversion program, his case could be dismissed, he said.

Bryant has 30 days to set up an appointment with the counselors at the University of Texas at Arlington who make up the diversion program, Battenfield said. The UTA counselors and the victim in Bryant's case have to give consent before he can be accepted into the yearlong program, he said.

Bryant did not play in the Oct. 18 game against Utah but did play in the Nov. 3 game against New Mexico.

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said he did not know exactly when

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**WEATHER**

**TODAY:** Sunny, 61/44  
**WEDNESDAY:** Partly cloudy, 67/45  
**THURSDAY:** Mostly cloudy, 61/50

**PECULIAR FACT**

ROME — An Italian teacher has been suspended from school because of her extra-curricular activities as a porn star.

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## Campus organizations join to recruit leaders

By VICTORIA PUENTE  
Staff Reporter

This semester, the resident assistant information session will combine with other leadership programs on campus to increase awareness of the various leadership opportunities available to students, said the hall director for Carter and Samuelson Halls.

Rachel Siron, hall director for Carter and Samuelson Halls, said students who are interested in becoming an RA, Frog Camp facilitator, orientation leader or Connections mentor can attend an information session today or Thursday from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Student Center.

Chris Sewalish, hall director for Milton Daniel Hall and coordinator of the information session, said it is important for students to attend because they will learn about the various leadership opportunities available on campus in one setting.

"There will be time for students to mingle with staff members and students in leadership positions, as well as formal presentations about each leadership position available," Sewalish said.

Director of Residential Services Craig Allen said RA recruitment was one of the biggest projects for Residential Services because it takes hours of preparation and effort to recruit the best candidates for the positions.

"Any student development

**FOR YOUR INFO**  
Interested in becoming a residential assistant, Frog Camp facilitator, orientation leader or Connection's mentor?  
WHAT: Campus Leadership Information session.  
WHEN: 9 to 11 p.m. today and Thursday  
WHERE: Brown-Lupton Student Center

theory and research will tell you that any type of student leadership position and involvement really increases that student's ability to be connected on campus," Sewalish said. "It allows them to lead a much happier lifestyle on campus, while at the same time connecting them to other students who need their mentorship."

Sewalish said students involved in leadership positions learn skills such as how to mediate conflict, peer communication, team work and experience working with people from diverse backgrounds, which will give them an advantage in the job market.

"For example, a lot of companies enjoy hiring folks who were RAs because they come with incredible people skills and personal skills, which a lot of students coming out of college don't have," Sewalish said.

Food and drinks will be available at the information sessions.

## GAS

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dent of University West Neighborhood Association, said Gutierrez has assured the neighborhood association their concerns will be addressed with the best technology and quiet drilling machines.

McKinney said the drilling must be at least 600 feet away from the houses.

John Wilmoth, a resident of the University West neighborhood, said he hopes proper research will be done before beginning the drilling to prevent accidents.

"I am a little concerned about it from a safety perspective," Wilmoth said.

Wilmoth said he is also concerned about noise, bright lights generated during the drilling and the flow of traffic during the drilling period.

Steven Harris, another resident of the University West neighborhood, said the drilling is inevitable because TCU has already signed the contract.

"I am not opposed to urban drilling," McKinney said. "But why does it have to be so close to our houses?"

Gutierrez said there will be three drilling periods from Jan. 10 to July 31 in 2008, 2009 and 2010, as outlined in the lease. Besides accommodating the football season, the periods were set to make the work more efficient, Gutierrez said.

"What this does is it encourages the energy company to come out and be very efficient about their time that they spend at TCU," he said.

Gutierrez said the revenues generated by TCU will not be released to the public.

"I have a non-disclosure agreement on the finances with respect to the lease," he said.

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reflects the way teachers prepare students for the exam and working life in general.

"I definitely feel that I was prepared as much in the same way students from other schools were prepared, if not much more prepared," Palmer said in an e-mail. "The advice (Bryan) shared while I was in class has been most helpful when facing the challenges of public accounting and working life."

Mark Becker, who will graduate in May 2008 and work at KPMG LLG in Fort Worth, said he saw a lot of overlap between his classes and his internship at KPMG.

"We're always encouraged to study together and take group exams," Becker said. "It's more about working the problems out and knowing how to do it rather than just straight accounting ... I'm very prepared and I think the teaching staff has done an incredible job."

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or why Bryant was reinstated, and said head coach Gary Patterson was unavailable for comment because he was on the road recruiting.

According to a Fort Worth police report, Bryant's wife said he slapped her in the face during an argument the two had outside of his residence. His wife had visible physical injuries, according to the police report.

## POSITIONS

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reported Monday that Patterson is a possibility and has connections with Parker Executive Search, which Nebraska is using in its hunt for a new head coach.

Patterson was a top choice by the University of Minnesota last year, which used the same search firm.

Randy York, the associate athletic director of communications at Nebraska, said it was against school policy to comment on who may or may not have been contacted, but said Patterson is respected at Nebraska.

"I know he's a great coach, everyone respects Gary Patterson," York said. "His record speaks for itself but I don't want to get into a speculative position."

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations at TCU, said he did not know whether Nebraska was interested in Patterson, but said an Internet search would probably bring up some talk on the subject.

The Cornhuskers have one the most successful programs in NCAA football history with five national championships and rank in the top five for all-time wins in college football.

Patterson was raised in Kansas and is an alumnus of Kansas State University,

joining Nebraska would put him back in the Midwest.

Part of the appeal for Patterson is his background with Texas recruiting. A member of the TCU football staff since 1998, Patterson has extensive experience with finding Texas prospects.

As head coach of an out-of-state school, he may give a team an in with Texas' coveted recruits.

Another school on the lookout for a new head coach, Georgia Tech, fired head coach Chan Gailey on Monday.

Associate athletic director for public relations at Georgia Tech, Wayne Hogan, said TCU has not been contacted regarding Patterson.

Nicholas Joos, the associate athletic director of communications at Baylor, said Baylor has no comment on its coach search until the process is completed.

SMU has had numerous inquiries over the past few weeks concerning its head coach position, said Brad Sutton, the assistant athletic director of media relations at SMU.

He said until an official selection is made, SMU will make no comment confirming or denying individual rumors concerning any prospect for the vacant head coaching position.

Sports editor Tim Bella and staff reporter Allie Brown contributed to this report.

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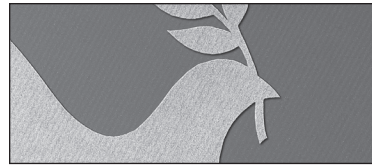
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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known."  
— George C. Marshall

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Evaluations give students voice**

As the semester winds down, most students look forward to the one day in class when the professor leaves 15 minutes early so the class has time to fill out Student Perception of Teaching course evaluations.

Although many students see this 15 minutes as a get-out-of-class-early pass — one minute to randomly pencil in some bubbles, then it's a rush to the door — it should be taken seriously.

Course evaluations come just once a semester, and it is the students' chance to voice their opinions, likes, dislikes, compliments and complaints about the class they've spent 42 hours in over the past 14 weeks. Use this time wisely.

This semester, don't blow off evaluations. Although it is tempting to simply fill in a row of bubbles, it's important for the professor and his or her future students that the evaluations be as

complete as possible. This means filling out the free responses in the comment section, too.

It's true. The professors read these evaluations and seriously consider the critiques. Any student who has ever complained about a class now has the opportunity to have his or her voice heard by the person who can actually do something about it.

This 15 minutes, though it could be spent perusing Frog Bytes or getting a jump on the line at The Main, could potentially enhance an already good course, or could save next semester's student from the torture you endured for the past four months.

Get in tune with the holiday spirit, take the 15 minutes to fill out SPOT course evaluations, and give a gift to professors and to the student who will be sitting in your seat next semester.

*News editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.*

**BY LANA BLOCKER**



SCROOGE IS READY FOR A BOWL GAME...ARE YOU?

**Pure luck, hard work often lead to surprising rewards**

Like every episode of "Sex and the City," one called "The Freak Show" from season two begins

**COMMENTARY**



Talia Sampson

with Carrie Bradshaw narrating her latest sex column. But unlike other episodes, "The Freak Show" opens with a reel of footage of immigrants entering the United States, pausing for a few seconds on two men looking up hopefully, seemingly at the promise of a new life in a new country.

The man on the right wears a wide-brimmed hat, and his starched, white collar and dark-colored necktie are just visible beneath his buttoned-up trench coat.

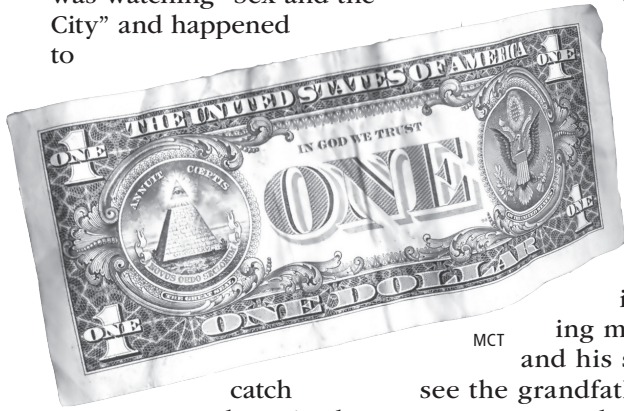
To anyone who saw the episode, he was just another nameless face, a couple of seconds of stock footage before the real fun began.

But as my grandmother, Eva Sampson, watched a rerun of "The Freak Show" a few months ago, she saw not a random immigrant, but someone very dear to her — Fritz Jessner, her father.

My great-grandfather, an actor and director, was in a documentary in the 1940s about immigrants, based on his own experience coming to the United States to escape Nazi Germany.

Even more incredible than the fact that my

90-year-old grandmother was watching "Sex and the City" and happened to



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catch the episode with footage of her father, is the fact that she was able to obtain a copy of the original documentary.

Fritz died of a heart attack about two years after the movie's release, but copyright law prevented my grandmother and her stepmother from obtaining a copy of the movie all those decades ago.

Until a few months ago, my grandmother had thought it was lost in time.

Sometimes, pure dumb luck does exist.

But even for those who are extraordinarily lucky — no one in my family will gamble without Eva around — the trick is recognizing how to take advantage of momentary fortune.

For example, Eva could have simply been satisfied with knowing her father's documentary existed, and millions of viewers across the country caught a glimpse of it.

Instead, Eva recruited the help of my aunt in tracking down the film through

a couple months of e-mail correspondence with HBO and Getty Images.

Now my family has a copy of it, allowing my father and his siblings to

see the grandfather they never met, and my generation and those after to see a piece of history that is slowly being forgotten with time.

Sometimes luck is just finding a dollar on the street, being treated to lunch by a friend or having a professor postpone that unfinished assignment.

But finishing that assignment by the new date may lead to an excellent recommendation that is the determining factor in landing the perfect job.

Being treated to lunch might lead to decades of fond memories if the friend is treated in return.

That dollar could be the start of a billion-dollar empire if used wisely.

Thomas Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

A single lucky moment can lead to a lifetime of good fortune — if we, also, are willing to work.

*Talia Sampson is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Moorpark, Calif.*

**Shopping mania foils holiday spirit**

I get paid to wake up at 2:30 a.m. three times a week.

The news never sleeps and, as a TV news production assistant, I don't get to either.

What I cannot understand

**COMMENTARY**



Sonya Cisneros

is why anyone who isn't making a buck would get up that early just to save one?

Known to savvy shoppers as Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving is rumored to be the busiest shopping day of the year.

Let the madness begin. In preparation for Black Friday, Best Buy held a nationwide dress rehearsal for all employees, according to an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Employees were divided into two groups: black shirts and blue shirts.

Those dressed in black posed as customers and were given a card with a store item on it. When those employees barged into the store like the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, those dressed in blue were expected to give perfect customer service by helping to locate the desired item.

I admire the strong effort to ensure that customers are happy this holiday season — but is this necessary?

At some stores across the country, throngs of people waited patiently outside in 40-degree weather — some as early as 1 a.m. — gearing up for open signs to



Eager shoppers push through the front doors of the Boise Townsquare Mall on Black Friday in Boise, Idaho.

flicker on and doors to be unlocked.

Outside many stores Friday morning, eager shoppers had set up camp — literally.

Campers outside the Parks Mall in Arlington were entertained throughout the night and into the early morning by concerts, among others things.

The celebration of the holiday shopping season was like a New Year's Eve party.

Fun, maybe, but champagne and sparklers should be used to ring in the new year — not to ring up purchases.

This strong emphasis on holiday shopping is the reason the true value of the Christmas season is overshadowed.

Black Friday sets the tone for the 32 days preceding Christmas.

How much can I buy, and how much can I save?

The true holiday spirit should be reflected in buying more time with family and saving early mornings for work, hospital visits or

something other than standing in line to buy anything but a cup of coffee.

Instead of stores providing incentives for the earliest riser, why can't they give discounted prices for those who volunteer or who adopt an "angel" to take care of this season? With the focus on shopping and the best deals, people miss out on the most important aspect — giving of oneself.

Thoughtful gifts are those remembered and are often cherished more than impulse discount purchases with little regard for the receiver.

I can't think of much around 4 a.m., let alone make an informed and thoughtful decision on a gift for a loved one.

I may get paid to work at ungodly hours, but I'll never be offered enough money to leave my bed in the middle of the night to go shopping.

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**Rapper's effort to raise sagging pants homophobic**

Dallas is being lectured on fashion by — drum roll, please — a rapper.

Dooney Da' Priest has joined efforts with Dallas

**COMMENTARY**



Julieta Chiquillo

city councilman Dwaine Caraway in a campaign to dissuade youths from wearing sagging pants.

Caraway hit a snag in October when his proposal for a city ordinance that would ban saggin' — wearing pants under the waistline to reveal

underwear — was labeled unconstitutional.

Da' Priest took up Caraway's cause and wrote "Pull Up Your Pants," a song that links sagging pants to homosexuality.

"You walk the street with your pants way down low. I dunno, looks to me you on the down low," read the lyrics.

"On the down low" is slang for a secret sexual encounter between two men.

Caraway gave the song the green light after Da' Priest changed the chorus line from "I think it's gay"

to "I think it's rude."

Billboards around town with the message "It's rude, not cool ... walking around showin' your behind to other dudes" are also part of the campaign.

According to Da' Priest, young people wear their pants low without knowing that, in prison, it signifies letting other men know one is available for sex.

"In Dallas, in some of

the schools, some of the kids are starting to pull their pants

up because of the song," Da' Priest said in a Dallas Morning News article.

"I was just trying to make it uncool," he said.

Discouraging saggin' through homophobia? What an achievement.

Da' Priest's claim that he didn't mean to offend gay people rings hollow considering the intent of the song is to shame peo-

ple who wear their pants low by relating the fad to homosexuality.

Furthermore, Da' Priest encourages racial stereotyping by tying sagging pants to being black: "Behind bars it's a code for the 'N' word. The word saggin spelled backward is the 'N' word." It should be noted that Da Priest is also black.

While I agree there is no pressing need to so blatantly display one's skivvies to the public, Caraway and Da' Priest have breached the lines of propriety in their attempts to

correct this behavior.

Sagging pants are a distasteful fashion trend, yes, but more deserving of opprobrium is Caraway and Da' Priest's questionable campaign for decency.

The councilman and the self-proclaimed gospel rapper might think their crusade is doing the community a favor, but what it's really doing is nourishing bigotry — a more injurious offense than wearing low-riders.

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# At 91, N.J. man majors in history he helped make

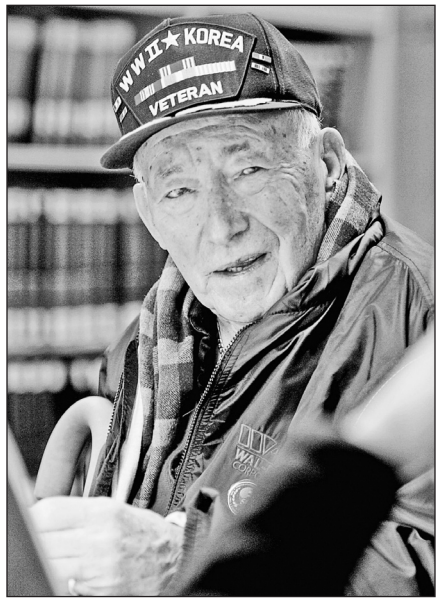
By RUTH PADAWER  
The (Hackensack, N.J.) Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Harold Dinzes may be the oldest college kid in New Jersey and is surely one of the most gung-ho.

At 91, Dinzes is a history major at Montclair State University at a time when the percentage of college students age 65 and older has plummeted in New Jersey.

Four days a week, the Passaic, N.J., man is on campus wearing jeans and a backpack like any other student, drawn by the lure of academics and a conviction that he has discovered a place where he finally belongs. He has even asked the administration if he can be buried at the school.

As he makes his way across campus, Dinzes is greeted by professors, secretaries and classmates who wave and holler, "Hi Harold!" At the academic advising office, the counselors welcome him with hugs and pecks on the cheek. At the library, mature librarians and young interns whisper with him about gems in the stacks. At the student cafe, pals from class plop down beside him to discuss assignments.



CHRIS PEDOTA / The (Hackensack, N.J.) Record via MCT  
At age 91, Harold Dinzes is the oldest student at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J., where he attends class four days a week.

"I asked a kid sitting next to me if I had to raise my hand when I had to go to the bathroom. No, the kid said, you can just go. I thought, Wow, it wasn't like that when I went to high school."

## Harold Dinzes

history major at Montclair State University

"These kids," he says, referring to everyone on campus under 80, "make me feel like a million bucks."

Around him, the students are typing on laptops, listening to iPods or chatting on cellphones — all contraptions that seem to Dinzes like futuristic wizardry. Dinzes doesn't even have a typewriter. His teachers allow him to write his assignments by hand, which he does in three drafts: one in chicken scratch to get his ideas down, a second to pull it together and a third to perfect his penmanship.

There are, of course, other reminders of his age. On his first day at school, he scoped out every bathroom on campus because the water pill he takes for his heart requires a quick response.

"I was so naive when I started here," he says. "I asked a kid sitting next to me if I had to raise my hand when I had to go to the bathroom. No, the kid said, you can just go. I thought, Wow, it wasn't like that when I went to high school."

Even before Dinzes graduated from Passaic High in the 1930s, he dreamed of going to college but his family needed him to work. His parents could afford to send only one child to school and Dinzes' sister was the brainier one. Their mother hocked all her jewelry to pay the tab.

In 1942, Dinzes was drafted, spending four years with the Army in the South Pacific. He yearned for books but the only book at the base — besides Army manuals, and he



CHRIS PEDOTA / The (Hackensack, N.J.) Record via MCT  
War veteran Harold Dinzes walks through Montclair State University as the oldest student on campus. He is planning on majoring in history and has taken 21 classes so far. Most of his courses are in the social sciences and humanities ranging from anthropology to archaeology and political science.

even read those — was a worn copy of Plato. He read it until it came apart in the jungle humidity.

When the war ended, Dinzes signed up as a reservist. But in 1950, with tensions rising in Korea, he was tapped again. His wife was four months' pregnant with their first child. Dinzes served until 1953.

After his return, Dinzes worked with his father in a plumbing supply shop, which Dinzes eventually took over. His sons worked with him until he closed shop at age 84, trounced by the Home Depot down the street.

Unsure of what to do next, he applied for a job at the Barnes & Noble in Clifton, N.J. Five times he was turned down, but he pestered them until they relented. When he's not in class, he still works there.

At 88, he applied to Montclair State, where his granddaughter is

in graduate school. His 83-year-old wife, Doreen, says he checked the mail every day to see if he had been accepted. When the letter finally arrived, he framed it.

He has taken 21 classes — mostly in history, anthropology, archeology and political science — about half the amount needed for graduation.

His wife says sometimes it's wearing to live with a college boy.

"I have to be quiet in the morning when he's sleeping or studying, and we don't have any social life because he always says, 'I have to go home and study,'" she says. "I thought when he retired he'd finally be around more, but he's always busy with school. I had to take up canasta and mah-jongg to find something to do."

Last Monday at the lecture hall for his general humanities course, Dinzes headed straight to the front row, the better to hear the profes-

sor. He put his cane and veterans hat on the table and laid out his textbook, his binder, his hearing aids, his pencils and highlighting marker and his three sets of eye-glasses — one for watching the teacher, one for checking his notes and one if the light gets too bright. He swiveled around and offered Life Savers to the two cute coeds sitting behind him, both of whom politely accepted.

Class that day was about how art in the late Roman Empire reflected divisions in society. Though Professor Senta German was animated, some students chatted and some dozed. Not Dinzes. He took notes, chuckled at her jokes and was the only student out of nearly 100 to answer when she asked a question.

When class ended, he repacked his things, making sure to refill his coat pockets with Life Savers so he didn't have to fumble when he wanted to hand them out.

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# In The SPOTLIGHT

Twelve faces. They may not be familiar faces — they're not usually in the spotlight or on the front page of the newspaper — but their stories are worth a look. These are the members of the TCU family who have had experiences or achieved accomplishments that many others can only imagine. These are the familiar voices on the airwaves or on the other side of the phone line that we never took the time to get to know. These are the faculty and staff who deserve recognition from those outside of their departments.

For the complete stories, see [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com)

**Ralph G. Carter**  
 political science professor

By STEPHANIE VANDER WERF  
 Staff Reporter

Political science professor Ralph G. Carter said he chose political science in college while looking for a major with easy A's.

"You can do almost everything you want with a political science degree," said Carter, who has been teaching political science at TCU for the past 25 years. "You learn how to think critically and analytically. You get better working with people, and you learn how to express yourself."

Carter said students who graduate with a political science degree obtain skills they can apply to all aspects of their lives.

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**Juan Sola-Corbacho**  
 history professor

By MOLLY WILKINSON  
 Staff Reporter

Teaching offers one history professor a chance to get a change of scenery.

"One of the best things is to be a teacher," said history professor Juan Sola-Corbacho. "In an office you see only the same people. That's boring."

As a teacher, you get to meet so many different people each semester, Sola-Corbacho said. He believes the best way to teach is to think of each student as a universe and as a human being. It is only when you accept the differences between people that you are able to help them learn and be at their level, he said.

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**Doug Newsom**  
 journalism professor

By CARMEN O'NEILL  
 Staff Reporter

In high school, she sported a fashionable belt that read "Doug."

Now with three textbooks under her "belt," a Ph.D. and numerous awards, journalism professor Doug Newsom's name is not the only thing that makes her stand out.

The name Douglas has been passed down through her family. Her father was Jeremy Douglas, and Newsom, an only child, was named Douglas Anne. From an early age, she was simply called Doug. She said her full name was used only by her mother when she was in trouble.

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**Scott Meyer**  
 junior studio art and environmental science major

By KELLY CUTBIRTH  
 Staff Reporter

Art provides one student the freedom to express his thoughts on world issues and allows people to perceive the world differently through the eyes of an artist.

"I want other people to be able to see the world the way I do," said Scott Meyer, a junior studio art and environmental science major.

Meyer, a Jacksonville, Fla., native, describes himself as "always heading toward the horizon." His inspiration for pieces comes from the ocean and the experiences he gained from his recent travels abroad.

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**Katelin Reddick**  
 senior fashion merchandising major

By CHRISTINA WIGINTON  
 Staff Reporter

If you were to walk down the halls in the design, merchandising and textiles department, the chances of hearing her name are almost certain.

Fashion students admire her work, determination and success, and professors applaud her array of accomplishments while at TCU.

"Katelin Reddick is someone that you can't help but admire," said Ashley Short, a senior fashion merchandising major. "Her passion for the fashion industry is astounding. Reddick's determination is what will push her to the top and allow her to go extremely far in life."

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**Robin Williamson**  
 associate director of administration

By JESSICA COX  
 Staff Reporter

When there is a problem involving a housing situation, students are told to e-mail Residential Services.

But who is it that answers all these student e-mails and provides solutions to the problems?

In many cases, this job falls to Robin Williamson, associate director of administration in the Residential Services office. Williamson oversees many residential aspects of TCU, including housing sign-ups and housekeeping.

Williamson's first job on campus as an undergraduate at Loyola University Chicago was in her hall office.

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**LaVonne Anderson and Phyllis Isbell**  
 switchboard operators

By TALI BYRNE  
 Staff Reporter

We've all used them, and we've most likely taken them for granted. We've listened to their voice countless times, and tomorrow we'll call, only this time knowing a little bit more about the voice on the other end.

"Good afternoon. TCU. May I direct your call?" This is the question people hear every time they dial the Texas Christian University main phone line.

There are two women who work the switchboards at TCU: LaVonne Anderson, who has worked there for 25 years, and Phyllis Isbell, who has been there for a little more than three years.

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**Stephen Quinn**  
 economics professor

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO  
 Staff Reporter

In "Ferris Bueller's Day Off", heads sag and drool pools on desktops as students fight to remain conscious while their economics teacher drones on about an obscure tariff bill and a revenue curve.

This is not Stephen Quinn's microeconomics class.

Quinn, professor of economics and the 2007 recipient of the Honors Professor of the Year award, developed the introductory microeconomics course offered at TCU. Along with basic economic principles, the course incorporates game theory, which students get to apply firsthand in the classroom.

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**Courtney Hamilton**  
 junior psychology major

By ASHLEY ISZKUN  
 Staff Reporter

It was a Friday night. She was at the mall with friends, and Hurricane Katrina was stirring in the Gulf of Mexico. The next day, her school, the University of New Orleans, implemented a mandatory evacuation.

This was how junior psychology major Courtney Hamilton began her college experience.

After the evacuation announcement, Hamilton sought shelter with friends on her swim team in Baton Rouge, La., then continued home to Southlake.

The next week, they were told classes were canceled for the rest of the semester.

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**Marie Candace Ruocco**  
 junior political science major

By YUSI CHENG  
 Staff Reporter

Even though it was late in the evening after a whole school day, Marie Candace Ruocco kept up her excitement and energy.

As a junior, Ruocco, along with some other political science majors from TCU, became one of the 100 fall 2007 interns for the White House.

Ruocco then applied for the position as first lady Laura Bush's assistant and got the job.

"It's so real," Ruocco said. "There were times I couldn't believe I was really working there."

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**Rachel Gollay**  
 senior radio-TV-film and English major

By HILLARY KLOTZ  
 Staff Reporter

Turn your radio to KTCU 88.7 FM "The Choice" on a Monday night, and you'll most likely hear an eclectic mix of indie, underground and local music. You'll also hear friendly yet quirky voices talking to you throughout the mix. But have you ever wondered about the person behind the voice?

Meet Rachel Gollay, a senior radio-TV-film and English major, who is co-host of a Monday night show on KTCU called "The Cassette Deck." Gollay has co-hosted the show since 2006 with her best friend of 10 years, Leslie Ward, a senior radio-TV-film major.

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**Derrick Anene**  
 sophomore political science major

By DRUE ALBRITTON  
 Staff Reporter

When Derrick Anene enlisted in the Army, he did not expect to be deployed to Iraq two weeks after returning from basic training.

"There is chaos. Unpredictable, spontaneous, nerve-racking waves of chaos, not knowing if your life will be included in the following day," said Anene, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and sophomore political science major.

Anene, then 18, reported to his National Guard unit base in Fort Worth where he was told, "Say your goodbyes. You have two weeks."

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PRO FOOTBALL

# Bears' running back talks TV face time

By VAUGHN MCCLURE  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Devin Hester has the ideal ad campaign all mapped out.

He envisions himself on a race track, lined up to run against his dream car — the blazing yellow Chevrolet Aero Camaro used in the "Transformers" movie and due out for the 2009 model year.

Hester vs. Horsepower has a nice ring to it.

"Yeah, some kind of crazy commercial that has to do with speed," he said. "That's my goal. And maybe I could get at least a couple of free cars or something for doing the commercial."

That's not a far-fetched fantasy.

"We would be happy to discuss such an opportunity with Devin Hester," said Terry Rhadigan, Chevrolet's director of communications. "We're honored that Devin would think of us."

When you're Devin Hester, opposing defenses aren't the only ones that want a piece of you.

The Bears have struggled on the field, but Hester continues to enjoy a meteoric celebrity rise off it. Sunday, he returned a Todd Sauerbrun punt 75 yards for a touchdown and brought back a kickoff 88-yards in another as the Bears beat Denver in overtime.

The most dynamic return man in the history of the league is starting to put his face with his name.

"Devin is in a real interesting situation because he's coming off that rookie year in a fantastic market, but his challenge right now is the team's record," said Angela Manolakas, the NFLPA's assistant vice president for player marketing. "Right now, he's getting more attention from our NFL sponsor partners than any other guy on that team."

You will see Hester in a Campbell's Chunky Soup commercial with his mother, Juanita Brown, and a host of other players. You will catch a glimpse of him in the film room during a spot on the NFL Network. You might recall a solo shoot he did for Madden 2008, a video game on which he's the only player with a perfect 100 rating.

"Whenever I get a chance to be on TV showing my face rather than just being in uniform, it's great," Hester said.

Pretty soon, he will be challenging teammate Brian Urlacher for MFT-Most Face Time.

"A lot of advertising deals have been thrown my way, but I've had to turn them down," said Hester, whose marketability skyrocketed after two touchdown returns in last season's Monday night game at St. Louis. "Whenever you're a hot commodity, it comes regardless if you have marketing or not."

"Whenever I get a chance to be on TV showing my face rather than just being in uniform, it's great."

**Devin Hester**  
Chicago Bears

But it certainly helps to have good marketing help.

Brian Lammi, president of Lammi Sports Management, was set for wine and dine Hester upon their initial meeting this summer.

"I mean steak dinner, courtside seats or whatever," Lammi said. "But Devin and I actually bonded over pancakes at Denny's, and he wanted to meet there. That just kind of tells me what kind of humble, down-to-earth guy he is."

Eugene Parker, Hester's contract agent, hooked Hester up with Lammi's Milwaukee-based agency this summer because of its reputation and Midwest presence. Lammi currently works with Packers receiver Donald Driver and has done a lot with quarterback Brad Johnson in the past.

Keeping up with the high demand for Hester might qualify as one of Lammi's most challenging endeavors.

"We've probably turned down at least 25 deals in the last four, five months," Lammi said. "Not all of those are national endorsements. We're also talking about making appearances and things of that nature."

"Of course, we're looking for deals with companies that Devin actually cares about. And you always want to look into establishing long-term relationships."

Lammi said a "Devin Hester speed camp" is in the works. Under Armour, Samsung, Nike and Reebok have inquired about Hester's availability, to name a few large corporations. The latter two point to Hester potentially getting a shoe deal, although nothing has materialized.

"Football players traditionally don't command as much attention in shoe deals as basketball players," Parker said. "But Devin is a unique athlete who might have an appeal to the non-football purist."

## FOOTBALL

From page 8

was as long as the football field on which the two teams played.

The Horned Frogs had 24 first downs to SDSU's seven. TCU converted on 9-of-12 third-downs; the Aztecs succeeded on just 1-of-7. The Horned Frogs held the ball for more than 21 minutes.

It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out what that means.

SDSU, however, still held a lead.

That didn't last.

TCU quickly scored 21 points in the third quarter, leaving the Aztecs in its wake.

"Hats off to TCU," SDSU head coach Chuck Long said. "After we got 'em down, they hung in there and came back

and fought to get back in the game and eventually won it."

As SDSU slipped farther behind, frustration set in.

The Aztecs stalled on their first drive of the period, going three-and-out, leaving O'Connell openly frustrated on his own 1-yard line.

The referees didn't call what might have been defensive pass interference on the Horned Frogs halfway through the same period, and

Long was none too pleased, uncharacteristically yelling on the field.

At the final whistle, SDSU had allowed 694 total yards and a school-record 39 first downs.

"It's obviously not the best feeling in the world," said O'Connell, who converted 26-of-51 passes for 366 yards and two touchdowns. "Tonight was just one of those games."

## FOOTBALL

# Sherman's hiring ends A&M vacancy

By BRAD COX

The (Texas A&M) Battalion

COLLEGE STATION — Houston Texans assistant head coach Mike Sherman was named as the head coach for the Texas A&M Aggies on Monday. A&M athletic director Bill Byrne introduced Sherman with a simple "Welcome home, Mike."

Byrne began talks with Sherman almost as soon as former head coach Dennis Franchione had resigned on Friday night.

"What we always heard was if there's ever going to be a change at Texas A&M, the person you need to look at is Mike Sherman," Byrne said. "Most of all what I like about him is he is an Aggie."

Sherman, who has 26 years of coaching experience, six of which were as the head coach of the Green Bay Packers, is replacing Franchione, who resigned Friday following a 38-30 victory over Texas.

Sherman began his career as a part-time coach at the University of Pittsburgh in 1981. In 1983, Sherman moved on to Tulane where he was the offensive line coach until 1984. Sherman then took a job at Holy Cross, a private Catholic college in Massachusetts, as the offensive line coach in 1985 and later became the offensive coordinator in 1988.

He then coached under Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum from 1989 to 1993 as the offensive line coach. During this time, Sherman met future Houston Texans and Aggie quarterback Gary Kubiak. Sherman coached the offensive line at UCLA in 1994, but returned to Texas A&M in 1995.

"I was very fortunate that he took me back with my tail tucked between my legs," Sherman said about returning to A&M in 1995. "If that

hadn't happened I might not be sitting here today. When I was at Texas A&M, I dreamt about being the head football coach after R.C. (Slocum) was done."

Sherman was hired as the offensive line coach and tight ends coach for the Green Bay Packers in 1997 and coached there until Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren took a job with the Seattle Seahawks in 1999. Sherman followed Holmgren and was the offensive coordinator in Seattle for the 1999 season.

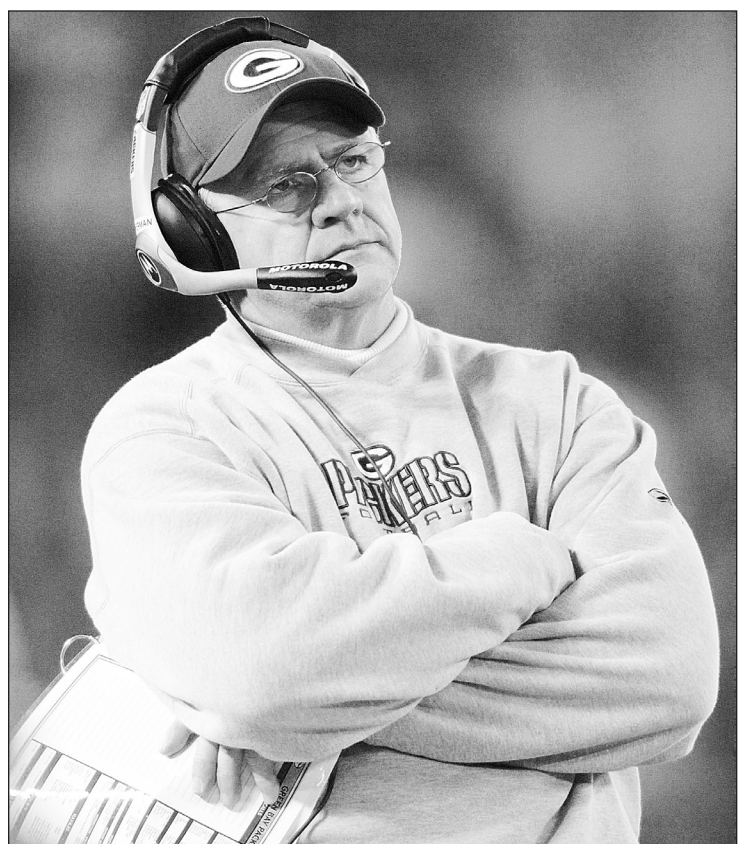
In 2000, Sherman returned to Green Bay as the head coach, his first head coaching job in his career. The Packers went 9-7 in Sherman's first season and finished third in the NFC Central, failing to make a playoff appearance.

Sherman turned the team around in 2001, leading the Packers to a 12-4 finish, which included a victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the Wild Card Round of the playoffs. Sherman's Packers lost to the Super Bowl bound St. Louis Rams in the Divisional Round.

After Green Bay was moved to the NFC North in 2002, Sherman led his team to three straight first place finishes with records of 12-4, 10-6, and 10-6. Only in 2003 did the Packers reach the Divisional Round of the playoffs again, losing to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Sherman's Packers finished the 2005 season by going 4-12 and finishing in fourth place of the NFC North. Sherman was fired following the rough season.

Kubiak, who had met Sherman during his college days, hired Sherman as his assistant head coach and offensive coach of the Houston Texans on February 15, 2006. Sherman was later named offensive coordinator the following



STEVE DESLICH / MCT  
Mike Sherman looks on from the sidelines during a 2005 game when he was head coach for the Green Bay Packers. Sherman was hired Monday as Texas A&M's football coach, replacing Dennis Franchione, who resigned after Saturday's win against the University of Texas. Sherman will complete the NFL season as offensive coordinator for the Houston Texans.

January.

During Sherman's time at Houston, the Texans have compiled an 11-15 record and had never made a playoff appearance. The Texas A&M job will be Sherman's first head coaching job at the college level and first job at the college level since 1996.

"I would only go to a situation where I feel we had the excellent opportunity to win," Sherman said about taking the job. "We've got a lot of work to do, but we know what we have to do."

Byrne said he wanted to hire a coach who could bridge the gaps over issues that the Aggies had had in recent years. Byrne said that rec-

ommendations from players who had played under Sherman factored heavily into his decision.

"I thought Mike was the perfect fit for us," Byrne said. "He is the person to take Texas A&M where we all want to go, and that is to win championships."

Sherman has agreed to a seven-year contract for \$1.8 million a year. Byrne said he was pleased when discussing salary with Sherman.

"I liked what he said to me," Byrne said. "Dennis (Franchione) was making two million and he said 'I don't want that much. I would rather take less and be able to hire the best assistants.'"

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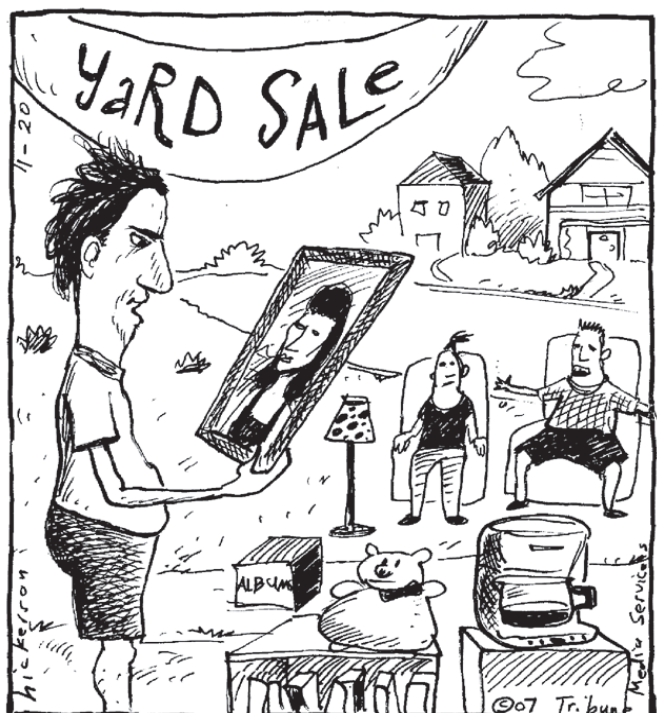
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by Buddy Hickerson



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See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

**Tuesday's Solutions**

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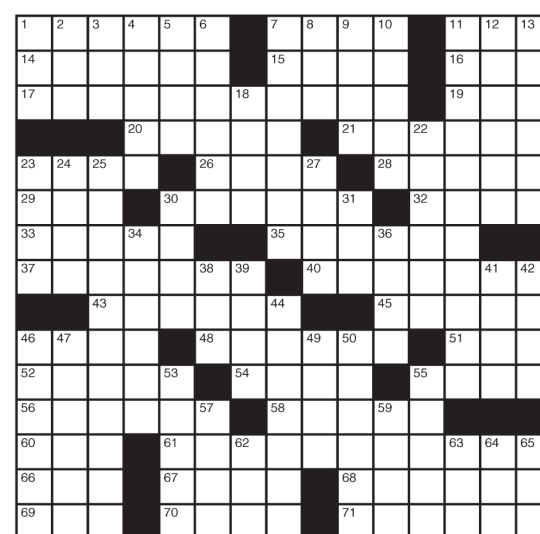
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By Robert H. Wolfe  
North Woodmere, NY

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1 Amer. ship letters  
2 Bunk  
3 Commercial word with "Cone" and "Cap"  
4 Dismantle mortise joints

- 5 Licentious  
6 Greek goddess  
7 Sovereign  
8 Sapporo sash  
9 The Swedish Nightingale  
10 On the up-and-up  
11 Motherly command  
12 Blimp filler  
13 Shoe part  
18 Somali supermodel  
22 Pat of "Happy Days"  
23 African antelope  
24 Privy to  
25 Motherly command  
27 Twelve months  
30 First name in denim?  
31 One and one  
34 Gary of "CSI: New York"  
36 "\_\_\_ Lang Syne"  
38 Med. feeders  
39 Praise

- 41 Syngman of Korea  
42 TVs  
44 Made  
46 Saudi \_\_\_  
47 Country  
49 Eats  
50 Make beloved  
53 Finished  
55 Blood channel  
57 Info  
59 Should that be the case  
62 Born in Cannes  
63 Continental abbr.  
64 Fr. holy woman  
65 Of a female

See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's crossword.

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**TO LUBBOCK THEY GO**

The men's basketball team travels to Lubbock to defend its perfect record.  
**TOMORROW**

**QUICK SPORTS**

**Team's perfect record intact**

The men's basketball team remains undefeated after their win against Grambling State on Wednesday at home, 99-67. Brent Hackett and Henry Salter both completed a 23-point performance. TCU had a successful shooting night with nearly a 50-percent performance.

**Holiday not kind to squad**

The Lady Frogs dropped two games over the break to SMU and to California. TCU's Adrienne Ross was the high scorer in both games with 17 points against SMU and 14 points against California. The Lady Frogs host Fresno State on Wednesday.

**End of the road for volleyball**

The volleyball team ended its season with an overall mark of 22-12 after falling to the Utah Utes Thursday in Las Vegas. LaMeita Smith led the Frogs with a team-high of 14 kills and posted a .375 hitting efficiency, but it was not enough to grant a victory. TCU was ranked fourth seed in the Mountain West tournament, and the 22 victories won by the Frogs was the second-most in school history.

**Sophomore completes run at national competition**

Sophomore Festus Kigen placed 157th out of 250 competitors Monday at the NCAA Championships. Kigen was the first Horned Frog to run at the championships since Kip Kangogo in 2005. Josh McDougal of Liberty won the race finishing at 29:23.4 but it was Oregon who brought home the men's national title.

*Sports editor Tim Bella*

**FOOTBALL**

**NEVER SAY DIE**



STAN LIU PHOTOGRAPHY  
Sophomore running back Joseph Turner breaks a tackle in the backfield during TCU's 45-33 win over San Diego State University. Turner was named Mountain West Conference Co-Offensive Player of the week by rushing for 226 yards and four touchdowns in the victory.

**Comeback kids defeat Aztecs**

By DAVID BIDERMAN  
*Sports Editor, The (San Diego State) Daily Aztec*

The San Diego State Aztecs fell short of a chance to put another hurdle in front of TCU's post-season pursuit.

Instead of being a hurdle, the football team was little more than a speed bump en route to a 45-33 loss to the Horned Frogs at home Saturday night.

Last year, SDSU was dominated by the Horned Frogs on the road to the tune of 52-0 in Fort Worth. The Aztecs were down 38-0 at halftime and were out-gained by 537 yards.

It was an ugly showing in an even uglier season

in 2006.

Saturday, in front of 18,350 fans at Qualcomm Stadium, the story started differently. SDSU (4-7, 3-4 in Mountain West Conference) jumped out to a 17-0 advantage in the first quarter, thanks in part to a pair of TCU fumbles. Senior quarterback Kevin O'Connell connected with his classmate, wide receiver Chaz Schilens, for a 97-yard touchdown pass — the longest in Aztec history.

Then the winds of fortune shifted.

In a rehashing of last year's performance, the Horned Frogs posted the next 21 points on scoring drives of 74, 75 and

65 yards. TCU sophomore tailback Joseph Turner accounted for the Horned Frogs' third score and finished the night with 226 rushing yards and four touchdowns. This performance earned Turner the Mountain West Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Week honor after the contest.

SDSU managed to score before the break to re-gain its lead, but that was only a facade that the statistics had already revealed with stunning detail.

After two quarters, the distance between TCU (7-5 4-4) and the Aztecs — numerically speaking — See **FOOTBALL**, page 6

**TIM'S TAKE**

**Late surge caps whirlwind season**

By TIM BELLA  
*Sports Editor*

Nothing could have prepared me for Thanksgiving break — my last as an undergraduate student.

After having a talk with my mother about 401(k)s and seeing the "My New Haircut" video for the first time on YouTube, I thought I was ready for anything.

**COMMENTARY**



Tim Bella

That was before stepping into my unofficial high school reunion at a local bar Wednesday. For some reason, having to scream in a loud, smoky bar with some people you have not seen in years concerning topics such as your school and your major never gets old.

"You're in journalism? Do you like it? Do you like living in Dallas?"

Do I need to slap someone? Ugh.

My response is unprintable, but it ended with the person nodding his head in approval to the tune of a Buckcherry song, taking a swig from his Bud Light bottle.

Some classmates gain a few pounds, some become skinny. Some keep in touch as others drift into oblivion.

Heck, some even go to jail, get married, have kids or go for the hat trick and do all three.

Do not think the hat trick group does not exist either.

And though all of this change is happening, these people are still the same deep down.

And yes, the same applies for Gary Patterson's crew.

OK, maybe a near 700-yard performance from the offense was a little out of character for a group that has looked out-of-sync on more than one occasion this season, but showing the type of poise, focus and above all else, composure to respond to an early 17-0 deficit? It was like watching Jack Bauer, on the verge of death, bite a chunk of flesh from a terrorist's neck during the sixth season of "24."

If you watched Joseph Turner and Andy Dalton have their way with the Aztec defense, then no guess is needed as to who was on Team Bauer.

Yes, things have changed, but what is done is done. The regular season wrapped up with two decisive victories that guaranteed another winning season and a possible return to, by most standards, a pretty good bowl in Houston.

Hey, with the way the season has gone, Albuquerque, N.M. is nice this time of the year, too — or so I have heard.

When walking out of the reunion Wednesday, I was reminded that it is never too late to make a positive impression on someone, or in TCU's case, an entire fan base in relation to this season.

Even if you do not understand what I am saying, just nod your head in approval.

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