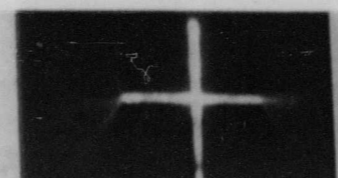




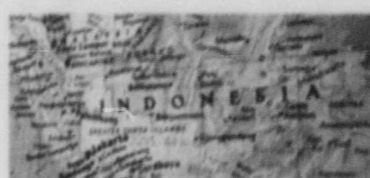
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Record attendance sends concession sells through roof

By KATHERINE LANE
Staff Reporter

The jam-packed crowd of more than 45,000 at Amon Carter Stadium Saturday meant more than record attendance and a traffic nightmare. Hungry and thirsty fans bought between \$120,000 to \$140,000 worth of food and drinks, more than double the average of last year's home games, according to estimates by TCU Dining Services.

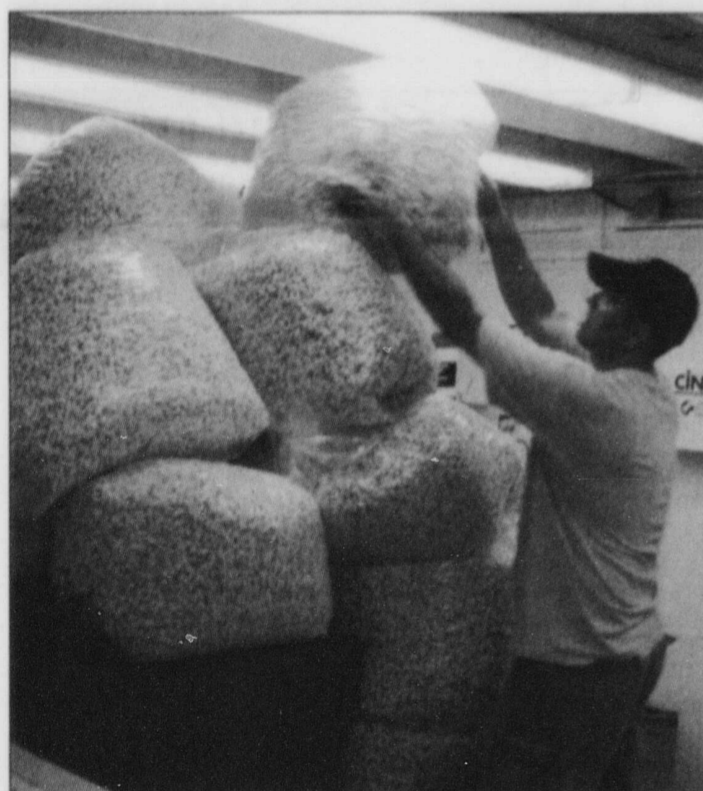
Typically, sales average anywhere from \$50,000 to \$60,000, said Rick Flores, general manager for Dining Services. The average attendance for the 2005 football season was 31,254 and the UC Davis game had 25,277 attend, said Sean Conner, director of ticket operations for TCU athletics.

Because of the high number of Texas Tech University and TCU fans, Dining Services

increased the number of items ordered for concession stands by more than 120 percent, said Legia Abato, marketing manager for Dining Services.

Temperatures Saturday reached 95 degrees, according to weather.com, and Flores estimated 18,000 bottles of water were sold.

Sodexo food services, which has a contract with Dining Services, found additional concession stands and staff needed to handle the overflow crowd. Approximately 50 extra staff members were called in from different organizations. Additional supervising managers were called in from several universities sharing contracts with Sodexo including the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Tech University, Flores said.

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LAUREN JOHNSON / Staff Photographer

TCU Dining Services and Sodexo food services loads up the TCU concessions stands on Thursday with bags of popcorn for the TCU vs. Texas Tech game.

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DEFENDING THE STREAK

STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

TCU defense, right, celebrates after making another stop on Texas Tech. Robert Johnson, left, was helped off the field by trainers after the play. **More on page 6.**

Organizations raise awareness about hazing

By LINDSEY BEVER
Staff Reporter

TCU's student organizations are kicking off their first National Hazing Prevention Week with a hodgepodge of events aimed to prevent hazing, though TCU officials said the events are not in response to past hazing issues.

National Hazing Prevention Week is geared to educate students, campuses and community members on hazing prevention, policies and procedures within state and federal law, as well as TCU's policy, said James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life.

"I think this is a proactive way for the university, the student organizations and the students to say, 'Let's go out and educate people on the proper way (to prevent hazing),' Parker said, "rather than reacting after something happens."

According to TCU's anti-hazing policy, hazing is any action that creates "mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule," which may include scavenger hunts, road trips or anything that causes excessive fatigue.

Greek officials declined to comment on past hazing allegations, but Panhellenic adviser Stephanie Williams said hazing can easily arise within any student

organization.

"I think we all notice that we don't have many conversations about hazing until after the investigation," she said. "We want to make sure that not only students, but staff and faculty ... are aware of what we are trying to prevent so it can be a campus-wide effort."

At least 20 members of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council, and at least five members of the National Panhellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council, are required to attend the event to learn about hazing prevention, Parker said.

NATIONAL HAZING PREVENTION WEEK EVENTS:

- Anti-Hazing Petition: Outside The Main Sept. 18-22.
- Ribbon Campaign: Outside The Main Sept. 18-22.
- Hazing Symposium and Luncheon: D.J. Kelly Cox BC Sept. 20 at 12 p.m.
- Slogan Contest: Student Center Sept. 20 at 4 p.m.
- Speaker T.J. Sullivan: Ed Landreth Hall Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

To report hazing allegations call: 817-257-HAZE

The presidents of each student organization, including the 29 sororities and fraternities, have been educated on hazing prevention, but the issue has not been openly discussed in the past, Williams said.

Phi Gamma Delta member Thomas White, a junior radio-TV-film major, said although National Hazing Prevention Week might educate some, "It's not going to stop everybody regardless of what they do."

National Hazing Prevention Week was initiated last year by CAMPUSPEAK, an agency that hosts a college circuit of speakers, to fight against hazing after a brainstorming session at the Association of Fraternity Advisors 2003 Annual Meeting, according to campuspeak.com.

Williams said she suggested TCU take part in the National Hazing Prevention Week this year after attending the AFA meeting last November. There she watched "Unless a Death Occurs," a documentary that describes the legal and emotional effects of hazing.

TCU Greeks will show that documentary at a hazing symposium and luncheon for all faculty, staff and advisers Wednesday as a part of National Hazing Prevention Week, Williams said.

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Dean: New SAT test lowers scores, admissions standards stay the same

By RASHI VATS
Staff Reporter

Nationally, the graduating class of 2006 had the sharpest drop in SAT scores in 31 years. While scores are dropping, admissions standards at TCU are not, said the dean of admissions.

TCU actually has better students this year than before because the average GPA and class ranks have gone up in the applications, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

"We have as many 1200s this year as years before," Brown said. "We look

just SAT scores because we want to know who the applicant is."

He said the SAT score accounts for about 25 percent of the application.

This year's scores are comparable to the scores of applicants in 2004, Brown said.

The concentration should be on the 2004 scores and not on the scores between 2005 and 2006, he said. The drastic drop in scores this year is partially due to the new format of the test, he added.

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SAT SCORES — NATIONAL REPORT

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Band performs student's jazz tunes

By MICHELLE NICOU
Staff Writer

Football games mean thousands of fans, young and old, decked out in purple, cheering the Horned Frogs to another victory.

Those thousands of fans in Amon Carter Stadium include the TCU Marching Band. The band has played the same tunes to pump up fans for decades — until now.

Trumpet player Andrew Fowler, junior instrumental music major, arranged some new, more contemporary pieces over the summer and presented them to Brian Youngblood, band associate director, during the band camp.

Youngblood said he told the band that anyone who wanted to try arranging music should go for it.

He said Fowler's music looked good on paper, so he handed it out and had the band read it at summer band camp.

Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and

Gene Puerling's "One More Time Chuck Corea," a piece often used by drum corps, were a couple of modern-era songs Fowler arranged, Youngblood said.

Fowler said his inspiration for the new shorts came from the monotony

of playing the same tunes at every game and the lack of a modern sound. Although the music is arranged for all instruments, he said it has a jazz feel to sound particularly good when accompanied by trumpets.

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ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

The TCU band marches at the TCU vs. UC Davis game Saturday. The band jazzes up their marching shows with pieces arranged by junior instrumental music major Andrew Fowler.

WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, 86/60

WEDNESDAY: Mostly Sunny, 88/68

TOMORROW: Partly Cloudy, 91/73

PECULIAR FACT

Austria: Organizers of a campaign trying to clear Vienna's streets of dog droppings are urging residents to record droppings they see and report the figure as part of a census. — AP

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Considering the mass quantities of concessions ordered, Flores said, the staff anticipated the necessary amounts well.

"The hardest part was trying to find a benchmark because we didn't have another game that size to model the order after," Flores said.

The order, especially for beverages, was the largest order Dining Services has placed, he said.

Attendance at the Texas Tech game reached 45,647, including

members of the media and stadium workers, which is why the 44,008 seating capacity at the stadium was surpassed, Conner said.

The 88 degree weather at the UC Davis game on Sept. 9, along with a smaller crowd, may have contributed to the lower number of bottled water sales, Flores said.

When ordering for concession stands, Dining Services pays close attention to the number of people attending, the weather and the time of the game, Flores said.

"If a game is played in rainy

weather, we don't sell as many concessions," Flores said. "If it's cooler, we have to order less soft drinks and serve coffee and hot cocoa instead."

Also serving food and beverages are non-profit organizations raising money for their group by serving beverages to people in the stands, Flores said.

Some of the organizations include the Faith Temple Church and a Boy Scouts of America troop, Abato said.

The order for the UC Davis game was similar to the concession stand orders for most games, Abato said.

SAT

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much as a correction," Brown said.

The corrections made by the College Board include higher-level math and the elimination of analogies, Brown said.

Brown, who said the changes to the SAT have improved the test, is one of about 30 deans chosen nationwide by the College Board to state his opinion on the changes.

Rebekah Rupel, a freshman anthropology major, said she was not concerned about the new SATs.

"I had a high GPA and a lot of extra-curricular activities, so I wasn't too worried," Rupel said.

David Vigil, freshman biology and chemistry major, said he wasn't concerned about the new format because he knew his class — the first to take the test — would set the bar.

Texas students usually score below the national average on SAT tests, but the Fort Worth Independent School District is making an effort to stop that trend, said Cynthia Sedam, director for advanced academic services for the FWISD.

"We actually went up in verbal and math and have gone against the national trend," Sedam said.

Students in the FWISD made small gains in the critical reading and math sections of the SAT in 2006, but overall, the district's average scores continue to lag behind the state and nation scores, according to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article.

According to cnn.com, the decline in scores was due, in part, to some students taking the newly lengthened test once instead of twice.

Caitlin Bataillon, a freshman premajor, said the test was exhausting, and said she is glad she did well the first time she took the test.

The old test took three hours to complete, and the new test takes an additional 45 minutes.

"Many of my friends just didn't even care by the end of the exam," Bataillon said.

Luke Brandenburg, a freshman management major, said he thought the test required more endurance than actual knowledge.

TCU is part of the Southern Consortium, which is comprised of 19 private universities in the South and Southeast, including Southern Methodist University and Rice University, Brown said. Of the 19 universities, 12 responded to a poll about SAT score ranking, which was conducted by the Southern Consortium, and said the overall SAT score of applicants went down.

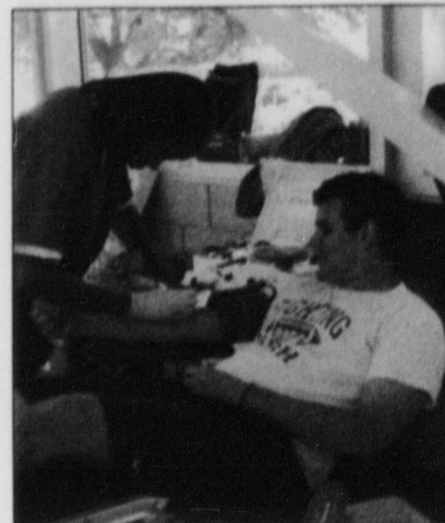
Females scored higher than males on the writing section and, for the first time in 35 years, performed better on the exam overall, said Jeff Olson, national research director of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

The new writing section consists of an essay and a multiple choice section.

This year's national average on the writing section was 497 out of 800 with females scoring 11 points higher than males, according to an article on cnn.com.

Olson said females are more abstract and tend to do better on writing essays as compared to males who do better on the math and critical reading.

The new SAT isn't a standardized test since it was just introduced this year, Olson said, so the low scores aren't surprising.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer
Nurse Kamesha Cooper takes junior political science major Eric Lopez's blood Monday afternoon in the University Recreational Center. The blood drive is sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and Carter Blood Care. Blood can be donated again Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

HAZING

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The documentary also addresses the repercussions of not reporting hazing incidents, she said.

"Just because you aren't the person who may be participating in the act, you knowing about it and not preventing it or trying to stop it makes you just as guilty," she said.

Along with the hazing symposium, T. J. Sullivan, founder of CAMPUSPEAK, will speak on "Confronting the Idiot in Your Chapter" Thursday, Parker said.

In addition to this week's hazing prevention activities, Williams said TCU is introducing a direct phone line where anyone can report hazing allegations.

Emily Gilmore, director of social enrichment for Panhellenic, said she is working on signature tables located outside The Main where student organizations, Greeks and athletic groups can sign anti-hazing petitions.

"It's each organization's way of showing support for hazing prevention," said Gilmore, a senior interior design major.

Martha Botts, Kappa Kappa Gamma president and senior fashion merchandising major, said hazing is not just a national problem in fraternities and sororities; it's also an issue in high schools and sport teams.

"Hazing is getting worse," she said. "If it's not nipped in the bud, it will just keep growing."

BAND

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"The TCU Band has been playing the same kind of stuff for about the last 40 or 50 years, and it was time for a change," Fowler said. "I looked up some cool charts and just got to work on it."

Fowler arranged music for marching shows during high school and currently writes material for his own bands. Youngblood said Fowler's arranging abilities are highly developed for a college student.

"I think he's got a pretty good handle on music-arranging," Youngblood said, "and there are plenty of jobs out there for people who are good at that."

Freshman music education major J.P. Wilson said arranging for large groups such as the 200-plus students in the Horned Frog Marching Band is difficult because of the different notes and sound qualities associated with various instruments.

"It's hard to know the

notes that each instrument can play well," Wilson said.

Over the summer, Fowler toured the country with the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps, a Drum Corps International Group. Youngblood said the group requires top musical and physical abilities from its participants.

"That is an activity that is an elite level marching group," Youngblood said. "It's fairly physical and the demands for marching and playing are at the highest level in that group. Interestingly, a lot of our trumpet guys at TCU have been drum corps' high-note trumpet guys."

Fans at both the Baylor University and University of California, Davis, games received the music positively, Youngblood said.

"What will be great is for (Fowler) to come to a TCU game 20 years from now and see if we're still playing them in the stands," he said.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 19

Inclusiveness Luncheon featuring Dr. Miguel Leatham

Mexican-American Culture in Fort Worth. Dr. Miguel Leatham, from the department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Anthropology, explores the rich cultural practices and beliefs of Mexican-origin communities in the American Southwest, with an emphasis on Texas-Mexican traditions.

11:30 a.m. - SC 207-209

Aztec Pyramid Sand Castle Event

Organizations vie for \$200 first place prize by building sand pyramids of the Aztec era. Come out and enjoy music and food to celebrate the day's Kickoff atmosphere!

5:30 p.m. - University Recreation Center

Wednesday, September 27

Kinomondo Film Series: Lone Star (1996)

The famous TCU film series presents John Sayles' murder-mystery exploring interpersonal and interracial tensions in Rio County, Texas.

6:30 p.m. - Sid Richardson LH 1

Thursday, September 28

Fiesta de los Frogs

This sixth annual event promises a festive Latin theme environment before the Frogs' game against conference foe BYU. Free pre-game festivities include live music, face painting and educational booths from community vendors and TCU student organizations.

3:00 p.m. - Frog Alley

5:00 p.m. - TCU vs. BYU

Sunday, October 1

Alumni Mixer - "Eternalizing our Culture"

A social mixer for students to mingle with Fort Worth area alumni to hear their insight on how things have changed over the years at TCU.

6:30 p.m. - Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center

Tuesday, October 10

Latin Jazz Performance & Food Tasting

A wonderful way to end the month's celebration by listening to Latin beats and tasting some of the wonderful dishes from all over Latin America.

12:00 p.m. - SC Lounge

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CHEMICAL LEAK

A harmful chemical, potassium hydroxide, leaked from the oxygen vents of a space station Monday.

-Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Student support encourages teams

If you've ever doubted whether fan appreciation and support is important, just look at what happened to the Horned Frogs football team the past couple of weeks.

Two weeks ago, the Frogs gave up 13 points to University of California, Davis, a team ranked No. 19 in Division I-AA. A week later, the same Frogs team held Texas Tech University, the No. 2 passing offense, to just three points total.

What's the difference? Against UC Davis, there were just more than 25,000 crowd members in Amon Carter Stadium. In that game, the Frogs, though strong on offense, still saw their defense give up double digits.

But against Texas Tech, a top 25 Division I-A opponent known for posting high scores, more than 45,000 watched the Frogs display speed and composure as they dispatched another Big 12 foe.

A few years ago, former Skiff sports

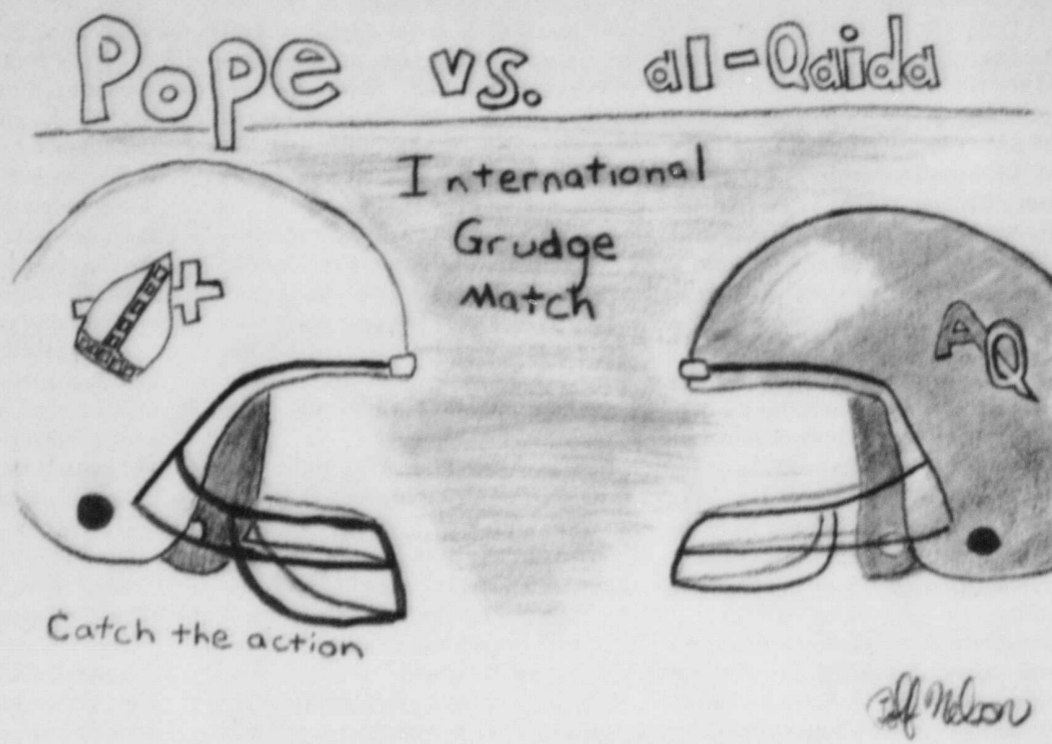
editor Braden Howell wrote that the attendance at games would surge if beer were sold in the stadiums and fans didn't spend all of their time sitting outside the stadium at tailgates. He wrote that just around the time of one of the more exciting times for TCU: the LaDainian Tomlinson era.

But fans should not be coaxed into the game with the allure of alcohol inside the fences. They should realize how important their presence is to their team, now 3-0 and looking stronger each week.

If Saturday's game was any indicator, fans need to get away from the 30-packs and take their places inside the stadium, where they can cheer on the team that will continue to fight even if the support isn't there.

But hopefully, the support that was there this weekend continues because it does make a difference.

Sports editor Mike Dodd for the editorial board



OTHER VIEW

Racial controversy sells like hotcakes on CBS' "Survivor"

When I first heard that the 13th installment of "Survivor" was being divided by races, I almost laughed, because it did not surprise me at all. Networks are sell-

ing their souls to the Almighty Advertising Dollar, and not caring whom it offends, or even realizing they are only continuing to pick at the deepest wounds of the nation.

Nevertheless, controversy sells. This is what CBS and "Survivor" creator Mark Burnett immediately realized as they sat at the board room table, formulating ways to change the decrease in the reality show's Nielsen ratings. Suddenly a light bulb flashed: "Race ... that's it!" And here we are, months later, listening to host Jeff Probst explain his rehearsed rationale for the division between ethnic lines.

He claimed that this is "the most ethnic-diverse cast in the his-

tory of TV," yet the show is contradicting the entire purpose of diversity by having the teams split and competing against each other. Diversity, defined, is mixed up — not homogeneous. But ultimately, this is what sells, and millions of people tuned in last Thursday to view the first broadcast of what feels like the truest form of what a reality show was made to be: a controlled experiment.

Here is the hypothesis: If a major network chooses teams of different races to compete against each other for survival, then how much money will it make, and how much will America fall for it?

Race relations in the United States today are in direct correlation with what mass media feeds us. What we witness on television and through other forms of media is a primary cause of our generation's increase in apathy toward social and racial issues.

The biased exploitation of mainstream generalizations and stereotypes set much of the framework, in which we form ideals about race, and how we choose to interact with each other.

For example, the extreme use of racial identity and relations in comedies has become a daily sight on network and cable television. Sure, nothing is wrong with sometimes embracing or even laughing at the realities of who we currently are, as races or in general. However, we must realize that much of the weight of our nation's ignorance rides on how we let entertainment consume us. But also, our ignorance and apathy is double-fold: The networks continue to fall in place, with shocking and absurd plotlines and twists — guaranteed to keep them paid, and leaving us with false ideas about the people around us, particularly men and women of color.

In entertainment and mass media regarding the exploration of racial issues, there should be a balance between shock value and education. Otherwise, how can our society move forward as citizens who respect racial progress and race relations as equally key factors in a positive shift toward true diversity?

This new season of "Survivor" is only causing detriment and is evidence to the ruthlessness of upper-level network executives willing to pit races against each other for their own gain. To many of us looking forward to the next episode, this version of "Survivor" is nothing but a great way to vent our own frustrations to the television screen. But as an audience, we must see there is nothing affirmative about the shock value and ultimately negative discussions that this program will bring about.

Like many of the television shows that explore race relations in a harm-

ful context, the controversy and the shock will be great. We will see the voted-off contestants on late night television, capitalizing on their newfound fame. They will discuss the conflicting moments of "Survivor" as if nothing happened. No big deal. However, the backlash of entertainment like this is akin to a silent criminal — quietly robbing us of the vast opportunities to be a more well-informed and racially aware nation.

In our youthful generation of scholars, someone like me is often looked upon as one who overanalyzes, dramatizes or even misconstrues the issue of race in our fractured society. But someday, we all must realize that every glimpse of individual or social oppression is an issue we should not ignore or falsely embrace as a "national crisis," but only attempt to improve through our daily interactions with others.

Tameka Greene is a writer for the Iowa State Daily at Iowa State University. (U-Wire)

COMMENTARY

Rankings don't measure success

Just recently, throngs of young people headed to the local grocery store to pick up their copies of U.S. News & World Report. Can we chalk it up to an increased interest in both international and domestic poli-



David Hall

tics among America's youth? Sadly, no. In reality, it was to pick up the 2007 edition of the publication's popular "America's Best Colleges" series.

Each year, U.S. News & World Report publishes a ranking of the nation's top colleges based on various criteria. Such categories include acceptance rate, freshmen in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and average SAT score.

Princeton University was at the top of the list, followed closely by Harvard University and Yale University. California Institute of Technology, Stanford University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology rounded out the top six. As for TCU, it came in a five-way tie for 105th.

Have we really come to that point as a nation? Do we have to rely on a bunch of numbers in order to tell us where the best places to go to school are? College is about so much more

than that. It's about branching out from your comfort zone. It's about accepting new challenges. It's about moving on from being an ignorant kid to an informed adult. It's about growth.

Musty libraries and so-called "distinguished" faculty don't constitute the total university experience. Selectivity doesn't necessarily correlate with quality, and bigger isn't always better. University selection should be a choice made with concern for the abilities and feelings of the individual, not a decision heavily influenced by a ranking system devised by a bunch of magazine editors in New York City.

America's youth is too concerned about attending the top universities and not focusing enough on schools better suited to certain students and their situations. But who can blame them? Every aspect of our culture seems to be preoccupied with the whole "bite and claw your way to the top" mentality, and academia is no different.

Case in point: my high school. I know people who graduated summa cum laude by pretty much cheating their ways to the honor. I was once offered \$60 for the answers to a U.S. history test — an offer I promptly refused. During my high school experience, I was made privy to more cheating rings than I care to recall.

The sole reason? These students wanted to get into University of Texas or Texas A&M University. Sadly, most of them did.

While this compelling evidence suggests the growing problem of academic dishonesty in our nation's schools, it is part of a greater whole: Students believe their happiness and future success depend solely on which colleges they attend. Some believe if they don't attend Harvard or Yale, they will just simply cease to exist. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Let's look at some famous names. Investment guru and multimillionaire Warren Buffet attended the University of Nebraska. Dr. Phil received his doctorate from the University of North Texas. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice graduated from the University of Denver. While none of these colleges are currently ranked in the top 85 in the nation, their graduates have served to shape today's world.

In the end, the decision is left up to the applicants. What everyone needs to realize is that rankings carry little importance for future success. Students are not defined by the universities they attend, but universities are defined by the people they produce. Make someone a believer today.

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OTHER VIEW

Smoking cigarettes sexy when done right

Warning: This column is not for anyone under the age of 18, anyone who suffers from being too "PC," or anyone who lives righteously by "morals." I want to declare that cigarettes make you look cool, but only if you know how to smoke in the sexiest way possible.

According to the World Health Organization, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death, and the death toll caused by tobacco-related products is at nearly five million people a year. By the year 2020, the number of deaths will double to 10 million a year if the current smoking patterns continue. But, to a smoker, do statistics matter, or does that warm, oakey, satisfaction in your mouth and throat matter more?

Besides the taste, cigarettes and smoke rings provide an air of mystery. Why would one smoke if he did not want to be the ultimate in sexy? People aren't stupid. I could write about cancer, yellow teeth, bad skin and other disastrous effects of lighting ciggies, but those effects are already known and disregarded. I could blabber on about being a role model to children, but that argument is too cliché.

The bottom line is that women smoke to be as elegant and classy as Audrey Hepburn in Breakfast at Tiffany's. Men smoke to be wild and mysterious like Brad Pitt in Fight Club. Besides that, smoking is an enjoyable activity after a stressful day. The Marlboro Man embodied that rugged sexiness one can create while smoking cigarettes. Although, ironically, the two actors who portrayed him, Wayne McClaren and David McLean, died of lung cancer, we as a

nation will never forget how the Marlboro Man taught adults, teenagers, and children what it really meant to be "cool."

It saddens me to see smokers on campus not enjoying their cigarettes correctly. They walk, hunched over, their cigarettes hanging out of their mouths. They blow their smoke in front of us nonsmokers and receive looks of disdain. Smoking while walking is not alluring. Smoking in a crowd of nonsmokers is worse. Being annoying is not seductive.

When people are walking, they can't really enjoy their cigarettes, so what is the point of wasting one of those precious, expensive sticks of tobacco? Put a patch on if you can't wait to savor the flavor.

Smokers are at their sexiest when they are outside in dark corners, brooding and staring off into the sky, away from public entrances. It is at this moment when smokers really channel their inner Johnny Depps or Carrie Bradshaws from Sex and the City. Sometimes it's sexy to smoke when giving phone interviews or creating artwork alone in a studio. Sometimes it's sexy to smoke in an alleyway in the winter with a greasy man and a haggard woman, while all the happy nonsmokers are inside.

That is where smoking belongs. Either when the smoker is alone or when the smoker is in a dark, alluring area away from the general public. Smoking should not be done while walking on campus, or dining out, or near building entrances. Receiving dirty looks is not sexy.

Teresa Lo is a writer for the University Daily Kansan at the University of Kansas. (U-Wire)

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Egg donation center ads to college women controversial

By NANCY MCVICAR
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Young women headed to college will see the ad in their school newspapers and on the papers' Web sites: "SEEKING SPECIAL EGG DONORS. Red/Blonde/Brunette Hair. Blue/Green/Brown/Hazel Eyes. Young, Tall, Athletic. High Compensation!! Make a real difference!!"

The ad includes the toll-free number and Web address for Loving Donation, a Florida agency that matches couples who want babies with young women willing to provide the eggs to help make it happen. About 70 agencies provide similar services around the country, and some have offered \$50,000 and more for eggs from women with specific physical attributes and intelligence criteria.

But medical ethicists and women's health advocates say offers of high compensation can lead some women to make a decision without considering the possible health and psychological risks of egg donation.

Deana DeGroot, who operates Loving Donation, said most women are usually paid in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range.

"They're not being compensated for the eggs. The compensation is for the time and the effort she's gone through," said DeGroot, who during the past six years has matched about 1,500 donors with couples trying to have babies.

The time required to be a donor is four to six weeks. It involves extensive physical and psychological testing, as well as hormone shots that cause ovaries to produce many more eggs than they would produce during a regular monthly cycle. There is some discomfort, such as pre-menstrual syndrome symptoms, bloating and irritability. Retrieval of the eggs requires that the donor be sedated.

In 2003, the most recent year for which statistics are available, donor eggs were used in 14,323 attempts to become pregnant. About 12 percent of those used assisted reproductive technology, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I truly feel this is women helping women," DeGroot said. "Young women aren't always given an opportunity to be a part of something that matters. It's not a decision they make lightly, or just for the dollars. There are women who do this for the right reason."

But specialists in the field say young women need to consider all the pros and cons.

"I think we have a pretty good idea about what the short-term risks are," said Kathy Hudson, director of the Johns Hopkins Genetics & Public Policy Center.

She cited a condition called ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, which can cause enlargement of the ovaries and a buildup of fluid in the abdomen. A mild form occurs in 10 to 20 percent of women taking the drugs, and in 1 to 2 percent, the syndrome causes severe symptoms.

"What we don't know is the long-term risks," Hudson said.

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine, which represents many of the 400 or so fertility clinics nationwide, has drafted ethics guidelines that suggest women go through the donation process no more than six times.

Prospective parents can study the catalogs of available donors' photos posted on those agencies' Web sites for physical traits that appeal to them. Some agencies provide photos of the potential donor as a baby or young child.

(Correspondent Toni De Aztlan contributed to this report.)

Bush to address U.N. assembly

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS AND WARREN P. STROBEL
McClatchy Newspapers

President Bush addresses world leaders at the United Nations today as his administration grapples with crises around the globe and seems to have fewer options for dealing with them.

The nuclear standoffs with Iran and North Korea, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and attacks in Sudan's Darfur region will top the president's agenda when he speaks to the U.N. General Assembly and privately to foreign leaders.

Bush has expressed frustration over the lack of progress in his key foreign policy initiatives and, at times, has criticized the United Nations for its deliberative pace and propensity for passing resolutions instead of taking concrete action.

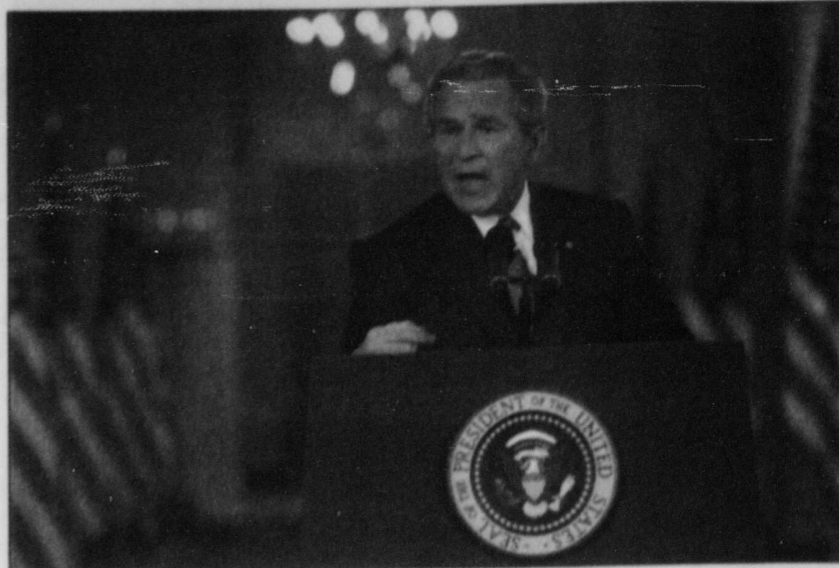
U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and world leaders, in turn, have criticized the White House for the go-it-alone approach it took in Bush's first term.

"Bush is frustrated with the U.N. because the U.N. won't pick up and respond in an immediate way," said Stephen Schlesinger, director of the World Policy Institute at the New School in New York. "Iran remains a big problem for the administration, North Korea is a question mark and Darfur is in the balance — three issues on the plate of the U.N. with no clear resolution."

Bush intends to highlight his vision of spreading democracy in the Middle East as a way to combat terrorism today.

"He will talk about, and I think really challenge, all of the other countries assembled there, and the United Nations as an institution, to take some responsibility in its role — and step up to the role of encouraging ... the forces of moderation in this struggle against extremism," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters Monday.

On Iran, administration officials have put on hold the U.S. drive for sanctions against Tehran if it doesn't suspend uranium enrichment. Although they fear the Iranians are merely playing for more time to develop nuclear weapons, admin-



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President Bush speaks about the war on terror in the White House on Sept. 6. Bush will speak today at the U.N. General Assembly about democratic reform in the Middle East.

istration officials have little choice but to allow Europe's diplomacy with Iran to play itself out; their push for sanctions has run into resistance from allies.

The administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks, said they wouldn't be able to get European, Russian and Chinese support for sanctions until diplomatic efforts are exhausted. France, Russia and China are veto-holding members of the U.N. Security Council.

French President Jacques Chirac said Monday that Iran's suspension of uranium enrichment shouldn't be a precondition for negotiations. The Bush administration insists that it must be. Chirac also called for the threat of sanctions to be set aside, apparently backing away from a strategy that the European countries, Russia and the United States agreed to in June. Chirac and Bush are to meet today.

European Union negotiator Javier Solana will meet here later this week with Iran's senior nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani. The EU, with U.S. backing, is trying to get Iran to suspend uranium enrichment temporarily, which would open the door to negotiations that the United States would join for the first time.

A senior State Department official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Chirac's comments weren't a break with the U.S. approach.

They're "consistent with the principle of suspension for suspension," said the official, referring to a prospective deal in which Iran would suspend uranium enrichment and the major powers would suspend efforts to impose sanctions.

The United States "will continue to actively work to define which sanctions will be in a U.N. Security Council resolution," the official said. "Meanwhile, Solana will keep open the channel with Larijani."

Bush has said he has no intention of meeting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who'll address the general assembly Tuesday night.

Despite the lack of formal diplomatic contact between Tehran and Washington, some Middle East analysts believe progress could be made on the nuclear issue this week because it's in the best interests of both countries.

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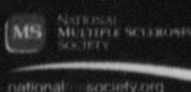


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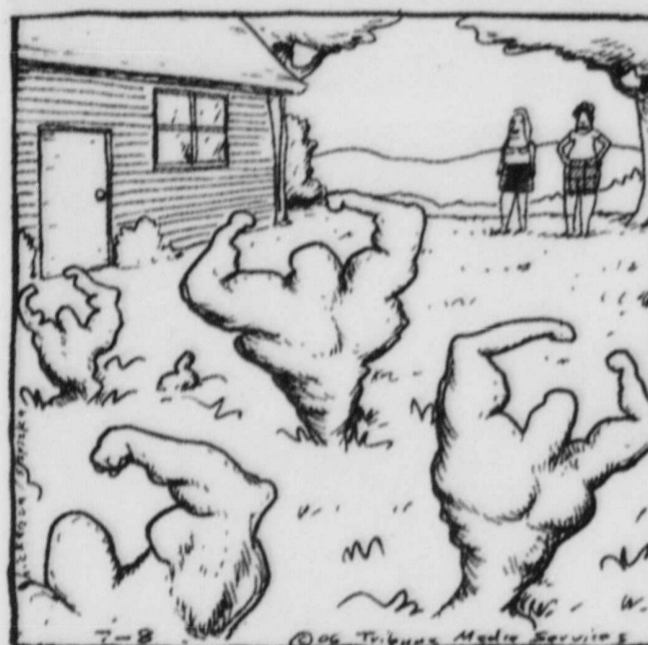
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See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Friday's Solutions

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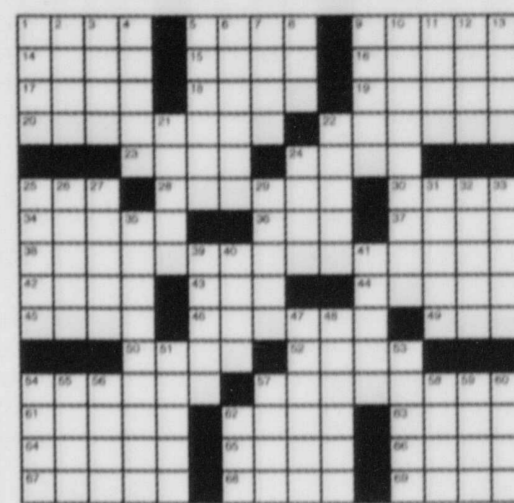
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By James E. Buel
Edgewater, FL

9/19/06

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CROSS COUNTRY

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Soccer team defeats Sam Houston State despite knee injury

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Writer

The soccer team showed poise under pressure in its 2-1 victory against Sam Houston State Friday night at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, bringing its record to 4-3.

TCU pulled out a 1-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game thanks to a goal by freshman forward Chelsea White. It was set up by a rolling pass from senior defender Karissa Hill that met White's right boot from three yards out. The goal was White's second of the season.

The Bearkats responded in the 20-minute mark when the team's defender, Brittany Foerstner, sent a long-range chip in the direction of Sam Houston State striker Yoanna Garcia. Garcia quickly connected with a volley that drifted into the goal, past the outstretched arms of TCU senior keeper Katy Buchanan.

Minutes later, freshman midfielder Michele Nguyen found the net on an unassisted shot from about 20 yards out. The ball bounced underneath diving goalkeeper Melissa Saucedo as Nguyen notched her third goal of the season.

"The defense left a huge gap, and I took the opportunity to hit it," Nguyen said.

The second half found both teams battling for ball possession as TCU tried to preserve its one-goal lead.

"I think it was one of those games where the tempo slid out of our favor," head coach Dan Abdalla said. "We needed to keep the pace at our level."

NEWS BRIEF:

The Horned Frogs soccer team suffered a 4-0 defeat to the Nebraska Cornhuskers Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

After the loss, the Frogs fell to 4-4 on the season.

Freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Vross, who filled in for senior goalie Katy Buchanan, played the second half of the match. She allowed just one goal and made three saves.

"It was a good experience for a freshman against a ranked team," head coach Dan Abdalla said.

The next match will be Thursday night against SMU at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

Abdalla said the lineup for the game was missing a few players, so that he could rest the team for the trip to Nebraska for the Sunday matchup.

"We had some players that were not playing, and we knew it would be a battle," Abdalla said.

That battle had TCU ripping shot after shot on the opponent's goal, but none of the 19 second-half shots found the back of the net.

Abdalla said TCU had its chances to score but the team needed to do a better job of finishing its shots.

With 14:28 remaining on the clock, silence fell over the stadium as junior midfielder and leading scorer Lauren Pope fell to the ground with a possible knee injury.

After Pope left the field, the match began to wind down, and the Bearkats had fewer scoring opportunities. Sam Houston's final chance came on a free kick in the closing seconds, but the cross was thwarted by a jumping save from Buchanan.

"All I could think was we've worked this hard for 90 minutes, we can't let them tie it now," Buchanan said.

After the game, Pope was taken to a hospital for her knee to be examined, but as of Monday afternoon, Abdalla said there was no information on the extent of her injury. He said that Pope was undergoing an MRI and the team is waiting for results.

Nguyen will be taking Pope's place in the midfield line, Abdalla said.

Though Nguyen said she has played center midfield before, she said, "It is a big responsibility taking her place, because Pope is such a great player."

Kicker, defense extend winning streak



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

By MICHAEL DODD
Sports Editor

In front of a sold-out crowd numbering 45,647, the Horned Frogs downed the Texas Tech Red Raiders 12-3 extending their nation-leading winning streak to 13 games.

Junior place-kicker Chris Manfredini, who provided the Frogs with 12 points going 4-4 on field goal attempts and extended his perfect field goal career at TCU, said he still gets nervous before every kick and attributes that to his strong record.

"The nervousness is what makes me a good kicker," Manfredini said. "I also have the confidence to overcome it, but you need both. You never want to be too confident and then go in there being very lackadaisical and laid back."

Although TCU's offense was unable to put the ball in the end zone, the defense did its part by holding the nation's No. 2 passing and No. 19 scoring offense to just three points — a dilemma many sports analysts thought the Frogs would be unable to solve.

"I had college-show guys wondering how we're going to stop Texas Tech's offense," head coach Gary Patterson said. "Well, you just saw it. Speed, baby."

The Frogs' defensive secondary included two freshmen, right cornerback Rafael Priest and left cornerback Nick Sanders, who rose to the

challenge of defending against the Red Raiders — a fact that brings a smile to the face of senior safety Marvin White.

"They did good to stay with the big-time ballgame like this," White said. "They held their composure, and they played within themselves. They weren't trying to force anything. They played well for being redshirt freshmen."

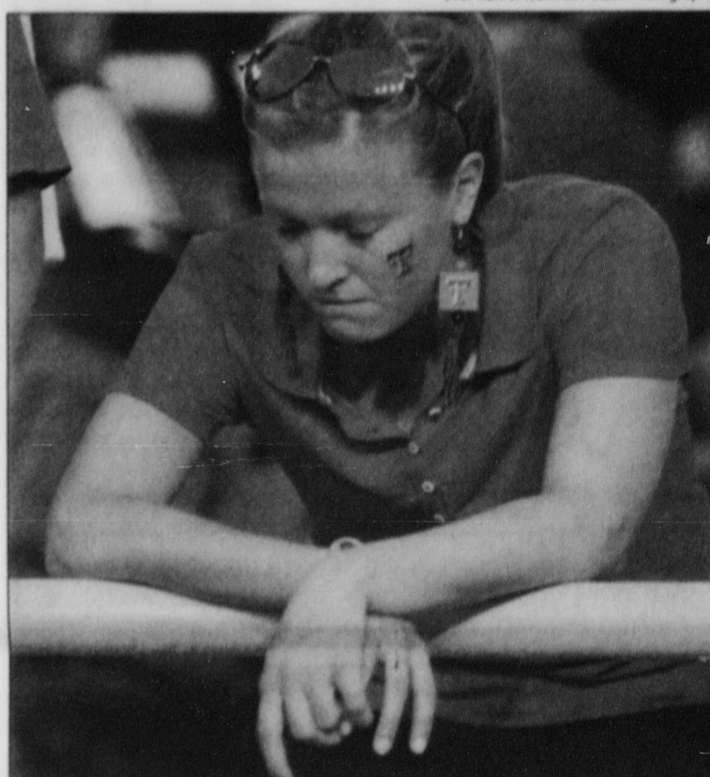
Wearing bracelets with the words "make it personal", the Frogs did just that, taking revenge for the 2004 70-35 loss in Lubbock.

"We gave up 70 points two years ago," Patterson said. "We've been waiting for this one for a long time."

With the win, the Frogs extended two other winning streaks as well. Against Big 12 opponents, TCU has won their last four meetings, and senior quarterback Jeff Ballard's winning streak as a starter now stands at 11 games, which ties 1938 Heisman Trophy winner Davey O'Brien and is one game shy of Sammy Baugh's all-time record.

"The team streak is really what's important to me," Ballard said. "It doesn't matter if the score is 12-3 or 3-2. As long as we are winning, that's all we care about."

The Horned Frogs came into this game ranked No. 20 in both the USA Today Coaches Poll and the Associated Press Media Poll, and this win has already propelled the Frogs



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

TOP: TCU sophomore linebacker Robert Henson blocks the kick of Texas Tech punter Alex Reyes; BOTTOM: A Tech fan in the final moments of the TCU vs. Texas Tech game, which ended in a 12-3 victory for the Frogs.

up the national rankings. As of Monday, the Frogs have moved up to No. 15 in the USA Today Poll and No. 16 in the AP Poll, which are jumps that emphasize the newfound respect the Frogs are getting from pollsters and the respect Patterson desperately wants for his team.

"People have been underselling our kids for years," Patterson said. "All anyone wants to talk about is the

Big 12. We're not the Big 12; we're just a Texas team that plays with Texas players. I have a lot of respect for Mike Leach and his staff and the job they do. The bottom line is I'd like to get a little bit here at TCU."

TCU will now have about two weeks to prepare for their first Mountain West Conference game against the 1-2 BYU Cougars at Amon Carter Stadium.

Volleyball pulls ahead in five-game match

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Reporter

The volleyball team, 12-2, opened conference play against 7-4 Wyoming and captured a victory in what became a five-game match after falling behind the Cowgirls Saturday afternoon at the University Recreation Center.

TCU advanced to 1-0 in conference play, and pushed Wyoming to 1-1.

After losing the first two games in the best-of-five match, the Horned Frogs had their backs against the wall as they headed into the third, and possibly final, game.

During the 10-minute break after the second game, head coach Prentice Lewis said she talked about improving the quality of play in the second part of the match.

"They were not playing their game," Lewis said. "We were playing well for a few points but not for the full 30."

Freshman outside hitter Lauren Otto said the team pulled together during the break.

"We decided as a team to step it up and play harder," Otto said.

A fired-up TCU team scored four quick points in game three before giving Wyoming a chance to respond. As the game progressed, the morale of the Frogs increased, and the 506-person crowd came alive.

Airtight play at the net by Otto, redshirt freshman middle blocker Kourtney Edwards

and senior middle blocker Anna Vaughn led to a handful of blocks in the third game that began shifting momentum for TCU.

"The blocks in game three really helped turn things around," said sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton.

Winning the third game still left TCU behind 2-1, but in game four, the Horned Frogs defeated the Cowgirls by a 12-point margin.

The match had come down to the fifth and final game, a 15-point playoff. TCU gained an early eight-point lead that dwindled to four points before they scored their final three points.

The big blow to send the game into match point came during the longest rally of the match. A series of blocks and digs sent both teams sprawling over the court to hang on to a chance for victory. The rally came to a close when Hampton found space on the floor and dumped the ball over the net.

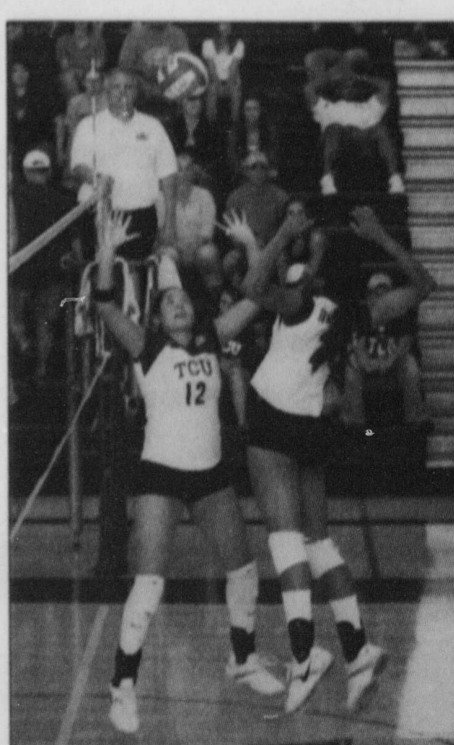
Hampton said she was able to make her shot as a result of the deeper defense the Cowgirls provided her.

"In long rallies, people start sitting further back expecting everyone to be killing," Hampton said.

Otto led the Horned Frogs through the match with seven aces and tallied double digits in both digs and kills.

After the match, Lewis said her team needed to work on playing a more complete game during the 30-point sets.

"If we don't come out ready to play,

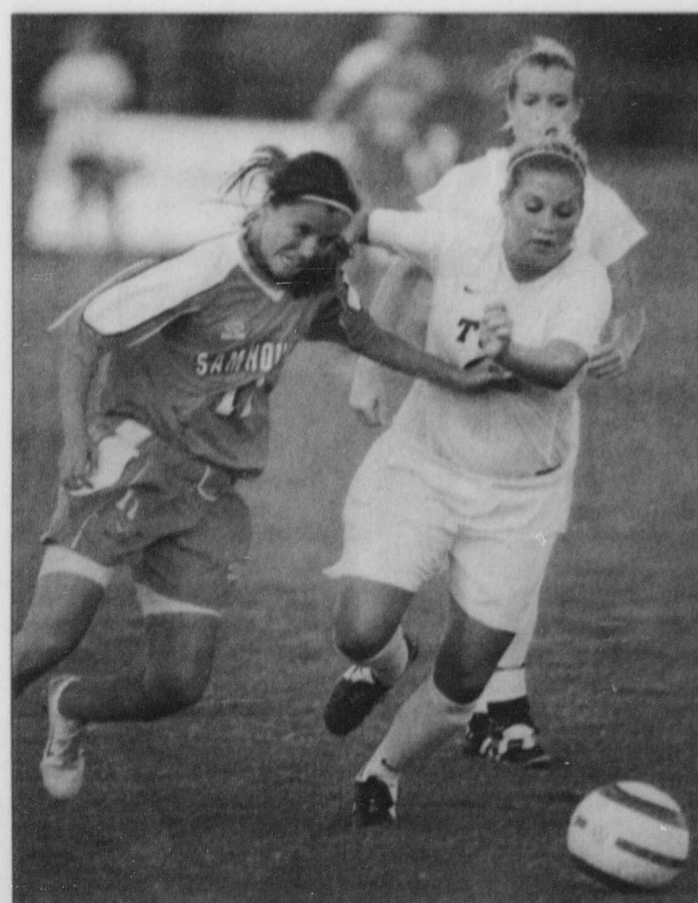


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Sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton, left, and freshman middle blocker Kourtney Edwards jump up to hit the ball over the net Saturday afternoon. The Frogs won 3-2 against the Wyoming Cowgirls.

it will be five-game matches like it was today," Lewis said.

The next match will be against Air Force on Friday in Colorado Springs, Colo., as the Horned Frogs try to build momentum in the early stages of conference play.



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Freshman midfielder Lizzie Batten resists Sam Houston State midfielder Raquel Bueno's attempts at the ball in the first half of play Friday night.

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