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Faculty Senate debates online course evaluations

By BAILEY SHIFFLER
Staff Reporter

Faculty Senate discussed the possibility of conducting course evaluations online Thursday at the Faculty Senate meeting.

This semester, a pilot study including 200 course sections instructed by ten-

ured professors will be conducted. Students in these courses will be notified by e-mail and asked to complete their evaluations online, said Catherine Wehlburg, executive director of the Office for Assessment and Quality Enhancement.

The online evaluation will

ask the same questions regularly included in the hand-administered surveys.

Wehlburg said if implemented, the online evaluation will allow the evaluations to be more specific.

"The faculty members will be able to add questions specific to their course," Wehlburg said.

Other advantages to the program include the possibility of getting results to professors sooner, more customized information and increased anonymity of students, she said.

Wehlburg said a concern of the assessment office is student response because the evalua-

tions will not be administered in class.

Senators also discussed the possibility of students allowing friends and classmates to fill out their evaluations instead of doing it themselves.

Other senate agenda items included presentations about

the student emergency fund, Froglife and employee health care.

Angela Kaufman, minister to the university, spoke about the student emergency fund. She said the fund is supported by donations and helps students in need of quick

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RAs pick up slack for hall directors

By KATIE GIANGRECO
Staff Reporter

With the absence of four hall directors on Main Campus, head residential assistants have taken on additional responsibilities in their halls, said the director of Residential Services.

When the hall directors of Waits, Jarvis and Foster halls and the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community left, Residential Services needed to quickly fill those positions, said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services.

Some of the dorms have been without hall directors since the beginning of last semester, Allen said.

"We decided that since we had veteran RAs in those halls, they could handle the additional responsibility as assistant hall director," Allen said.

The four assistant hall directors are receiving help from hall directors on campus with maintenance requests, discipline reports, safety inspections, fire drills and other issues, Allen said.

"The biggest concern we had about having RAs take on this responsibility

was that they'd get overwhelmed," Allen said. "The Residential Services staff is making sure this position isn't a burden for them."

Jacob Ross, assistant hall director in the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community, describes the combination of his social life, academics and being assistant hall director as a three-ring circus. But as the semester moves on, Ross said he's fitting into a routine and understanding his role better.

"My staff and supervisors have been very helpful in assisting me with whatever I need," Ross said. "I have people to turn to when I have difficulties with my job."

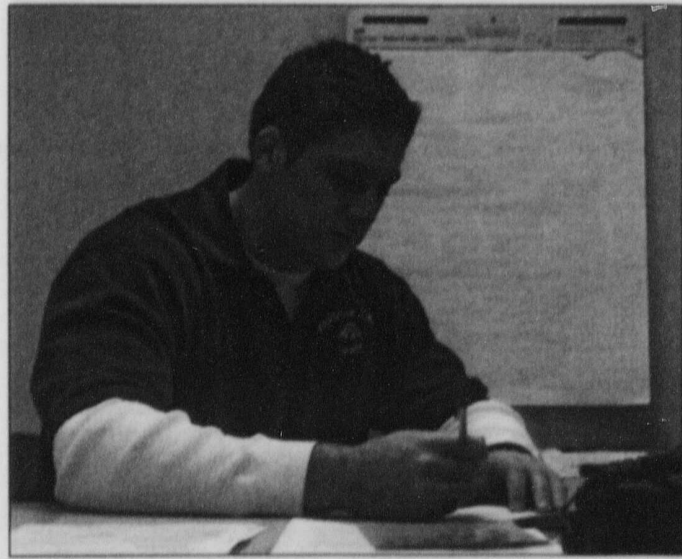
Sofia Rios, assistant hall director in Waits Hall, said she sees her new position as a great opportunity.

"I'm a people person," Rios said. "I now have the opportunity to meet more Waits residents and build relationships with them."

Allen said this situation is a chance to give a test run for the four new dormitories being built on campus.

"We will have one hall director for every two dorms,"

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Jacob Ross, junior, is an assistant hall director for the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community. Ross is also serving as an RA in Fish Hall due to the shortage of hall directors.

BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Historic Texas documents restored, brought to library

By JOHN BOLLER
Staff Reporter

A rare piece of Texas History was celebrated Thursday at the Mary Coats Burnett Library with the unveiling of the Texas Legation Records.

"This is a historian's dream," said June Koelker, dean of the library. "Not to sound cliché, but this truly is the real thing."

For the next five years, TCU has 270 Texas legation records from the first two years of the Texas Republic,

said Chris LaPlante, state archivist at the Texas State Library and Archives. The documents were written by both Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston, LaPlante said.

The 270 documents had been lost for 161 years. During this time period, the documents survived both a hurricane and a house fire, said Mary Volcansek, dean of AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

"The Houston-Jackson family had these documents

with them and were rescued by their neighbors from a hurricane," Volcansek said. "The documents continued to get passed down until J.P. Bryan, an amateur historical collector purchased them at the Texas State Historical Dinner."

John Bryan, a 1993 graduate from the Ranch Management program, was at the unveiling, representing his family's foundation.

"I am so glad to have a reason to come back to TCU,"

Bryan said. "I have not been back since I graduated, and I am proud that TCU will have these documents for the next five years."

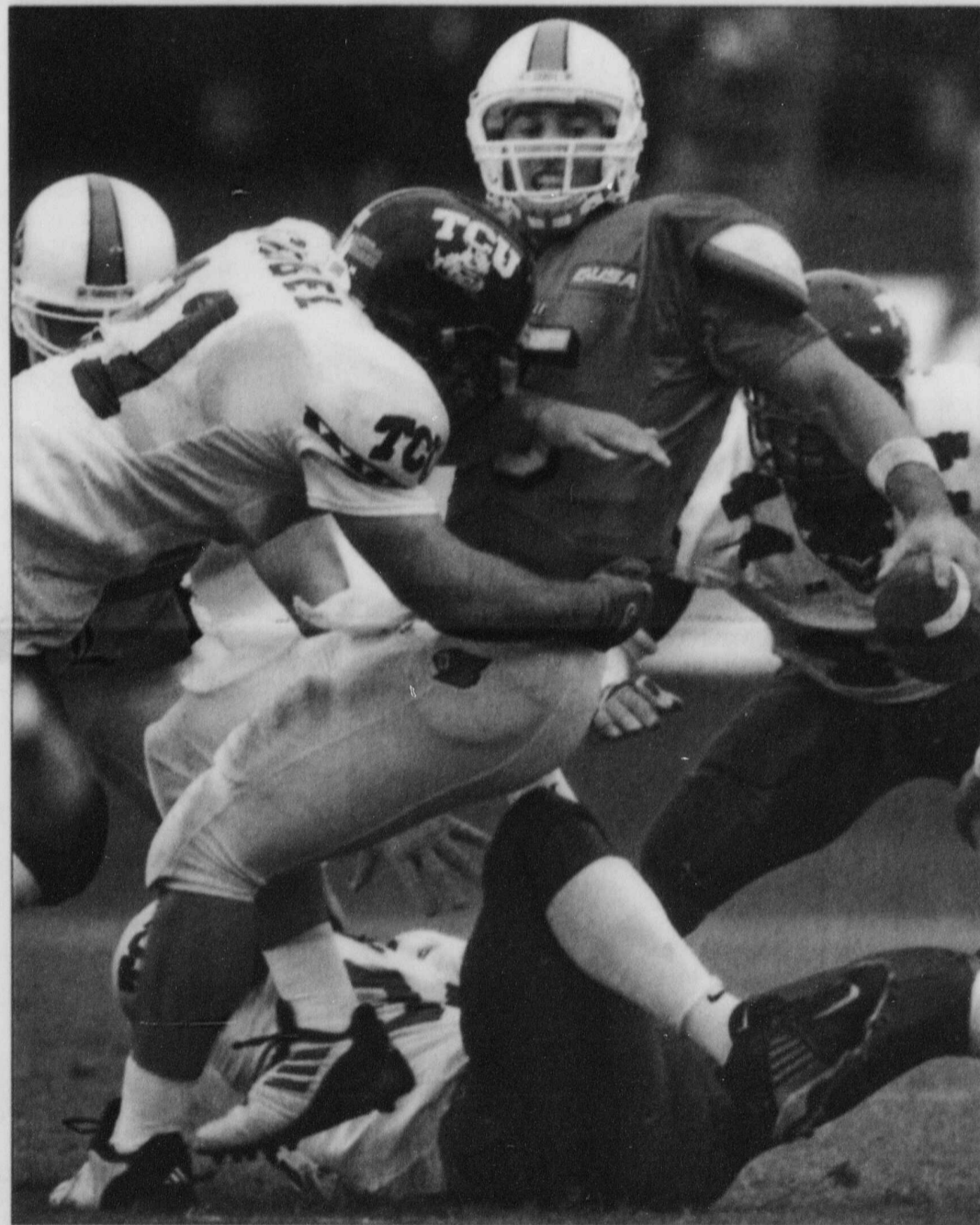
The records have been restored and went through a \$77,000 paper conservation that was funded by the Texas State Archivist, the J.P. and Mary Jon Bryan Foundation, the Lowe Foundation and alumni donations, Volcansek said.

The parties agreed that the

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BIG SHOTS

Former Frogs' NFL team to play in Super Bowl XLI



Alumnus Bo Schobel sacks Louisville's quarterback in the 2002 season. Schobel and fellow teammate and alumnus Michael Toudouze will be playing in their first career Super Bowl on Sunday for the Indianapolis Colts.

By TIM BELLA
Staff Reporter

This year's official Super Bowl colors may be orange and blue, but a hint of Horned Frog purple will be in the air Sunday.

Horned Frog football will add another chapter to its storied history Sunday in Miami when former Frogs defensive end Bo Schobel and offensive tackle

Michael Toudouze suit up for the AFC champion Indianapolis Colts in their Super Bowl XLI showdown with the NFC champion the Chicago Bears. Schobel and Toudouze will give the Frogs faithful another reason to tune in Sunday.

The director of athletic media relations said he thinks he knows whom Frog football fans might be rooting for.

With eyes seemingly glued on Colts quarterback Peyton Man-

ning and Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher among others heading into Sunday's showdown, Schobel and Toudouze will give the Frogs faithful another reason to tune in Sunday.

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"I think there's going to be

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Moveable Webcam gives view of campus

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE
Staff Reporter

Big brother is not the only one watching you; other students can use a camera to spy on the campus construction — and anyone going to and from the Student Center.

One of the 55 cameras around campus can be manipulated by students to watch the construction 24 hours a day by going to the TCU Web site and clicking the link to the campus construction page.

Every person who logs onto the camera has 30 seconds to change the direction of the camera, said Sgt. Kelly Ham of the TCU Police.

"The camera is actually like a large painting, it's not actually moving when you change the position of the camera on-screen," Ham said. "It's actually just zooming into a section of what the camera sees."

If a student was physically moving the camera the system would become useless to police in case of an emergency, he said.

Unlike traditional security systems, the camera is not being actively monitored by a TCU Police officer. But, if an incident were to happen, TCU Police could go back and verify what happened.

"It was installed as a beta and we liked it so much we installed a similar camera in the Sav-on lot," Ham said.

Suzy Adams, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said TCU needs more cameras to keep students safe.

"My right to privacy is one of my values," Adams said. "But I favor cameras and more of them."

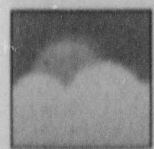
Ham insisted there are no cameras placed that would infringe on anyone's personal privacy.

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Chancellor Victor Boschini looks over the Texas legation papers in the Mary Coats Burnett Library. The papers were delivered to the library in a ceremony Thursday afternoon.

MICHAEL STEWART JR. / Staff Photographer



WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly Cloudy, 40/25
SATURDAY: Mostly Sunny, 46/29
SUNDAY: Sunny, 51/37

PECULIAR FACT

BOSTON: Several illuminated electronic devices planted at bridges and other spots in Boston threw a scare Wednesday in what turned out to be a publicity campaign for a cartoon. — Associated Press

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BOWL

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a natural affinity for TCU guys to do well," director Mark Cohen said.

QUIET SCHOBEL LEADS BY EXAMPLE

Schobel, who entered the league three years ago as a fourth-round selection of the Tennessee Titans, signed with the Colts as a free agent in September 2006 and played in 14 of the team's 16-game regular season schedule.

While at TCU, Schobel was an all-conference performer during the 2002 and 2003 seasons and gained All-American status his senior year when he racked up a school-record 17 sacks in 2003.

He was also a co-recipient of the Rogers Trophy in 2003, according to the team's media guide. The award, which he shared with kicker Nick Browne, signifies the team's most valuable player.

During his breakout 2003 season, Schobel was a tireless worker who was able to stay humble during practice, former teammate Jamison Newby said.

Senior defensive end Newby, who was a freshman defensive end when Schobel was a senior, said Schobel, who acted like a big brother for him, was able to keep his teammates loose with his sense of humor.

"Bo is one of those guys that doesn't say much," Newby said. "But when he does, it's hilarious."

If Schobel were to make a play and get announced on Sunday, it would reinforce momentum previously built up by the career years of San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson and Bo's cousin, Buffalo Bills linebacker Aaron Schobel, Cohen said.

"It's great exposure when you have guys from your school in the Super Bowl — the biggest stage," Cohen said. "A TCU mention would mean a lot."

ROOKIE LIVING THE DREAM

Toudouze, a rookie selected in the fifth round of this year's draft, was released from the team's active roster in September and signed with the Colts' practice squad. During his senior season, Toudouze enjoyed success earning all-conference honors in his first season as a starter. Before leav-

ing for this week's festivities in Miami, Toudouze said he is grateful to have the opportunity to take part in what he called, "a dream."

"I am amazed," Toudouze said. "I got so lucky to be on a Super Bowl team in my first year out of college."

Newby said he had a hard time with Toudouze when they would line up against each other on opposite sides of the ball in practice.

"I think I beat him once in maybe 100 times I went at him," Newby said with a laugh. "Once he got your arms on you, you were done."

Although he had to make adjustments during his transition to the pro game, Toudouze said, his time learning under Patterson and Eddie Williamson, the assistant head coach and offensive line coach, has benefited him greatly at the next level.

"I really learned how to focus with Patterson and Williamson," Toudouze said. "They helped me out a lot with that."

YEAR OF THE FROG

Super Bowl Sunday caps off a year that saw the football program gain national

recognition with its current batch of Frogs as well as with those who have produced in the NFL.

In addition to the 2006 team posting an 11-2 record to finish with a Top 25 ranking for the fifth time in seven seasons, San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson enjoyed a season full of record-breaking performances en route to being named The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player.

Not to be outdone was Buffalo Bills linebacker Aaron Schobel, who earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl, thanks to a career-high 14 sacks, good for third in the league.

As Patterson's record has showed, the 14 players drafted during his five-year tenure as head coach is representative of the type of player and person an NFL team is drafting, Cohen said.

"The fact we can show a record of guys being drafted and going to (training) camps cements the type of student-athlete we bring in and develop over five years," Cohen said.

APPEARANCES BECOMING THE NORM

With the looming possibility

that the former Frogs could be part of a Super Bowl championship in their third year and first year, head coach Gary Patterson said he is proud of his ex-players and their work ethics.

"We're proud of all our players in the NFL," Patterson said in an e-mail. "They work hard to get to that level."

Patterson said it will be the second consecutive year that a TCU alumnus has taken part in Super Bowl Sunday. Defensive end Robert Pollard, who earned third-team conference honors as a senior in 2003, was on last year's Seattle Seahawks team that lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Like Toudouze, Pollard was a member of the team's practice squad.

The Frogs could have also had a Chicago Bear in this year's big game. Bears defensive end Mark Anderson originally committed to TCU before following former TCU coach and current Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione to the University of Alabama in the winter of 2000-01.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FROGS

While TCU has had a history of Super Bowl appear-

ances ranging from safety Lyle Blackwood in the early 1970s to Super Bowl XXX MVP and former Dallas Cowboy Larry Brown, not all former Frogs get the opportunity to play on Super Sunday.

Since he said he is being realistic about his chances of playing at the next level, Newby said it's cool knowing people, especially former teammates, can get opportunities as big as playing in the Super Bowl.

He said being able to tell his grandchildren he played with teammates who went on to play in the biggest spectacle in sports will be an honor.

"You can kind of live vicariously through them," Newby said.

So while viewers might hear a lot about coaches Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith, Bears quarterback Rex Grossman, Urlacher, Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison and defensive end Dwight Freeney, as well as seeing Manning plug numerous products in what may seem like every other commercial, Horned Frog nation will watch as two of their own look to add something else to their young resumes: Super Bowl champion.

RA

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Allen said. "And in the dorms without a hall director, we'll have a student assistant hall director."

During the academic year, Allen said, professionals aren't searching for hall director positions.

"The type of people we want as hall directors are in school

working on their master's degrees right now," Allen said. "They won't be looking for jobs until May. Until then, we are confident that these students can handle their responsibilities."

Allen said Residential Services will be doing a national search for hall directors this spring.

"We have to be patient while we search for the best people to fill these spots," Allen said.

CAMERA

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Larry Markley, director of the Student Center, said the whole purpose of the camera is to watch the construction. When the current construction is completed, the camera will be removed and placed elsewhere.

Ham, however, said he hopes to keep the camera up

and running over the Frog Lawn area as part of his five-year plan.

Several years ago, when the Tucker Technology Center was under construction, a similar camera was placed on the roof of the library allowing students to watch the construction as it progressed, Markley said.

Ham said the camera was the first of many as part of a five-year plan he has proposed to place more cameras around campus. If the five-year plan is put into effect all

parking lots around campus would have coverage.

"We have discussed putting security cameras in the new Student Union; however, we didn't get very far because of cost concerns," Markley said.

He also said he had a similar discussion several years ago for the current Student Center but the same concerns about cost were encountered.

"So instead we decided to install fake video cameras to make people think they were on camera," he said.

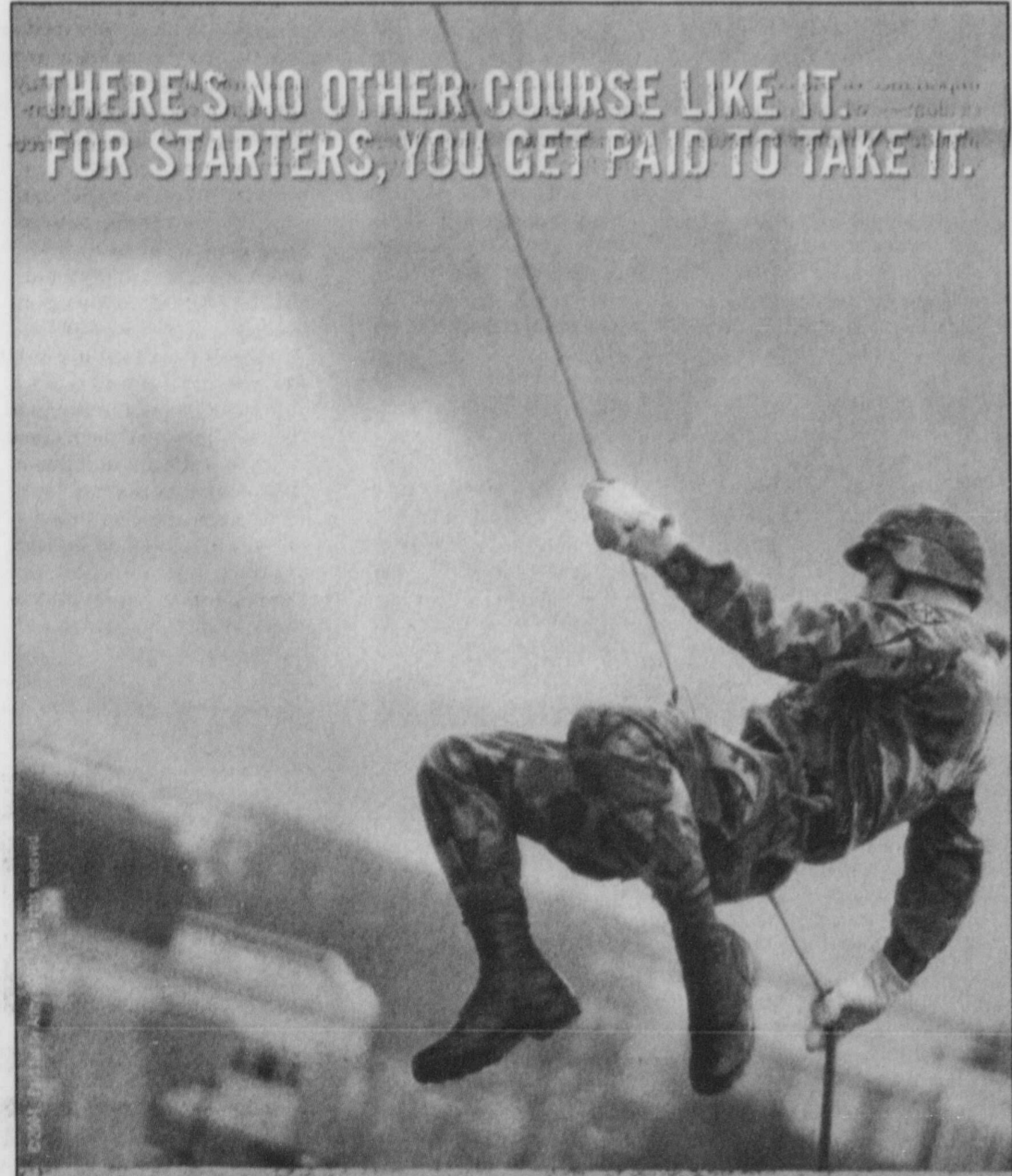
Some students do not share

Ham's optimism about the camera system.

Missy Haines, a sophomore psychology major, said she was unsympathetic about the idea of the camera when she first heard about it.

"To be honest, its kind of creepy," Haines said. "I'm not sure why it would benefit students, maybe TCU administrators."

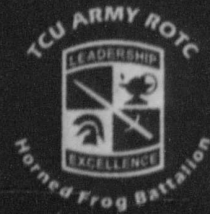
But Haines also said the camera could be useful to non-TCU residents such as her parents who live in Kansas so they could see how the construction is progressing.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A sense of humor...is needed armor. Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life."

— Hugh Sidney

THE SKIFF VIEW

Athletes slighted by Title IX

Ever wonder why TCU doesn't have a men's soccer team?

The answer lies in a complicated educational amendment called Title IX.

More than 30 years ago, Title IX was passed with the intention of creating an equal playing field, so to speak, for men and women in both education and athletics. The stipulation is that a school receiving federal funding cannot discriminate on the basis of gender.

In layman's terms, this means any women's activity or athletic team must receive the same funding as the men receive and must not be underrepresented in numbers or facilities.

Sounds great, right?

But there is a problem. While Title IX has significantly helped in the area of academics by recruiting women for previously male-dominated fields such as medicine and law, it has created an unforeseen backlash in athletics.

On Jan. 25, Ohio University announced it is cutting its men's indoor and outdoor track

and field teams, its men's swimming and diving and women's lacrosse to better comply with Title IX. Many other schools, including our own, have done the same.

The issue with applying Title IX to athletics is that no sport can compete with the multibillion-dollar industry of football. Just about every Division I school spends millions of dollars on its football team, and with good reason. Football is one of the main sources of revenue for universities.

The unequivocal weight thrown on the scale of men and women athletics by football is huge. With millions of dollars being spent on the male side of athletics for just one sport, no other team can compete.

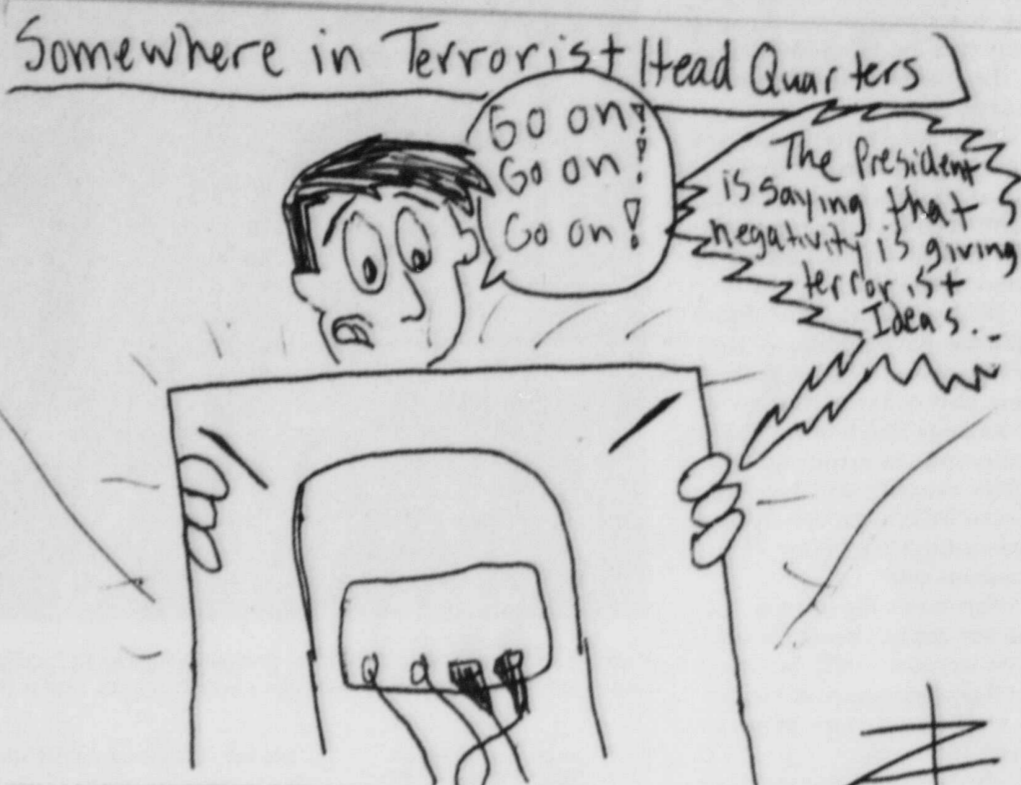
Thus, smaller sports that will never raise as much money as football are cut.

The blame lies not on football but on the unbending legislation of Title IX.

Title IX needs to be re-evaluated to better suit athletics before all that is left in collegiate athletics is basketball and football.

Features editor Amber Parcher for the editorial board.

BY RICKY ANDERSON



Sweeteners may unsweeten life

Artificial sweeteners may sound like a sweet alternative to real sugar, but they can cause health problems for the future.

COMMENTARY



Michelle Anderson

Since the discovery of low-calorie sweeteners, health experts have been suspicious if they are really safe.

Sugar substitutes are being re-examined to determine the long-term effects they may have on the body. I thought chemical sweeteners were a great way for me to enjoy treats, such as ice cream or coffee, without putting any calories into my body. I soon discovered my dieting trick was too good to be true. According to the book, "Splenda Is It Safe Or Not?", Dr. Janet Hull explains that the chemicals used in artificial sweeteners can actually stimulate appetite. This is one of the reasons why more than 180 million artificial sweetener-users are not losing weight, Hull says.

One of the most commonly used artificial sweeteners is aspartame. It can be found in diet sodas, as a table condiment, in sugar-free gum and many sugar-free foods. Aspartame was discovered in 1965 by James M. Schlatter, who tested it as an anti-ulcer drug. When Schlatter licked his fingers he noticed its sweet taste. Food and Drug Administration restrictions for the use of aspartame were not completely lifted until 1996 due to indications that it may cause cancer in humans. Aspar-



...tame is a great way to avoid calories from sugar but not worth the risk for potential health problems. Aspartame is suspected to cause brain tumors, brain lesions and lymphoma. Side effects of aspartame listed by the FDA are blindness, anxiety, abdominal pain, headache, migraine, nausea, diarrhea, insomnia and slurring of speech. Gradual weight gain is also suspected to be a side effect of aspartame, which, in most cases, defeats the purpose of using it.

Labels that claim a food is sugar-free is usually sweetened artificially. Check labels for one of the five artificial sweeteners that have been approved in the United States: aspartame, saccharin, sucralose (Splenda), neotame and acesulfame potassium.

Saccharin has been linked to bladder cancer in lab animals, and aspartame has been linked to lymphoma and leukemia in rats, according to the National Cancer Institute. However, studies done by the FDA show that none of the five sweeteners approved cause cancer in humans. Knowing that chemically derived sweeteners can cause cancer in ani-

...mals is reason enough for me to quit using them.

Also, researchers argue artificial sweeteners are consumed in such small amounts they do not harm humans, according to the American Cancer Society. A possible reason that the animals developed cancer from artificial sweeteners during testing was due to the large amounts they were given. If a person consumes a small amount of chemically derived sweetener every day, it adds up. This is why researchers are taking a look at the long-term effects artificial sweeteners may have on people's health.

Since researchers are not sure what causes many types of cancer, chemically altered food is a definite possibility. The closer we can consume our food to its natural state, the better. Trying to extract calories from a sweet treat by injecting it with chemicals is not the way to go. I thought I was doing a good thing for my body by using a calorie-free sweetener. Not anymore. Before you reach for your daily diet soda, consider what it might do to your health in the future.

Michelle Anderson is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Tyler. Her column appears on Fridays.

Core curriculum hinders students

For university officials around the nation, one of the most pressing issues in regard to the core curriculum is the debate over what exactly students need to know in the 21st century.

COMMENTARY



Matt Buongiorno

The fundamental idea behind the core curriculum is a pre-determined definition of what constitutes a well-rounded student.

Others may view the core curriculum as a detriment to academic freedom. The importance of the core curriculum — what it should include or whether it should exist altogether — is an issue that could revolutionize institutional academia in the U.S., depending on how it is decided upon.

The core curriculum has been the long-standing cornerstone of a typical university's education system. It provides a widespread consensus of "what is" and "what isn't" necessarily important to know. Advocates note it dramatically contributes to the wholeness of a student. Despite these benefits, however, I tend to take an opposite stance.

While TCU does have a highly accredited core, there are some concerns. In high school, my main extracurricular activity was speech/debate. In competition, I would be given 30 minutes to prepare an unrehearsed speech over world politics. The independent school district wasn't happy enough with this experience and required me to enroll in high school speech, where I composed ice-breaker speeches. Irritation was re-instilled upon learning I also needed to take basic communication studies at TCU — only this time, at a tuition rate that makes my head spin.

In light of TCU's Core Curriculum purpose, exactly how am I "understanding the past, comprehending the natural and social order, searching for the good and the beautiful, or integrating knowledge into significant wholes," as stated on TCU's Web site, by being enrolled in such a course? I have now taken speech twice. I would be much better without TCU's mandated speech course — either with money to allocate elsewhere or hours to spend on a course I believe to be more beneficial to my academic growth.

When a university commits to an engraved core curriculum, it relinquishes the student's ability to participate in an entirely liberal and free-minded education. I personally am fascinated by economics, political science, philosophy and psychology. But the detrence of needing to fulfill "x" number of hours within the core will prevent me from exploring all of my academic interests. The core undermines a student's ability to study everything he or she wants.

Argumentation opposing the idea of an open-ended curriculum is that a curriculum is far too varied for undergraduates to make intelligent decisions about their education. However, it is this exact notion that undergraduates are incapable of making

wise decisions about their education that undermines the spirit of academic freedom.

Even faculty members recognize the lack of importance of some classes assembled under the core curriculum. Friends have told me about professors frustrated with students who are "simply taking this class to fulfill a core requirement."

Brown University is one of the few universities in the nation that still has a free-ended curriculum. According to Brown University's Web site, "students value ... the freedom they have to shape their own academic program. It is only through a comparable mentality that true academic freedom can be attained."

Brown should be the model for TCU and other universities alike — an academic infrastructure that does not impose certain classes upon students, allows students to focus solely on their interests and passions, and a curriculum that does not undermine the capabilities of the student.

Most students only have four or five years here at TCU. As such, each hour should be spent on hours conducive to the interests, talents and willful explorations of the individual and autonomous student.

Matt Buongiorno is a freshman economics major from Arlington.



Sadler Hall

SKIFF ARCHIVES

Black History Month should transcend racial barriers

This Black History Month, as our nation grows more racially and ethnically diverse, we need a history that goes beyond race.

My mother taught me that blackness is a common history, a common community and identity to be cherished. She helped me understand true black pride engenders a respect for humanity that does not tolerate falsehoods of racial purity and separation.

I have been reminded of

this in the past few years as my family has pursued its own history project. In our search for family history, we were astounded to learn that one of our white ancestors was former Virginia Gov. Henry A. Wise, the signer of abolitionist John Brown's death warrant.

As we sought information, we ended up talking to a white Wise descendant in Virginia, and that contact eventually grew into a fall 2006 gathering of black and

white descendants of Gov. Wise in Richmond. Our family reunion was emblematic of the ongoing change in racial relations.

Fittingly, the reunion weekend was also the formal opening of the American Civil War Center at Tredegar, Va., a project spearheaded more than a decade ago by one of my newfound white cousins, Alex Wise.

The center tries to depict the history of the war

from Northern, Southern and black perspectives. Here, blacks are not portrayed as passive bystanders in American history but as a people who were actively engaged in determining their own fate and who took part in one of the greatest debates of our national history.

This is the kind of multilayered history we should honor not only during Black History Month but every day. When Carter Wood-

son urged the celebration of Negro History Week in 1926, it was a revolutionary idea. Many people could not imagine that blacks had a history to be recognized. But Woodson's idea survived, and Negro History Week became Black History Month in 1976.

And now we need a history that is inclusive.

We learn the true history of the United States when we look not only at black history but also at Latino,

Asian, American Indian, European American and other histories.

We need to get beyond the tokenism that often comes into play when we concentrate on one group's contributions to the past and then forget that group as soon as its holiday is over.

We can't afford to lose the common history that my mother held up so high.

Starita Smith is a sociology major at the University of North Texas. This article was distributed by MCT.

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records will be kept at TCU for the next five years. When the five years is over, the records will then be taken and kept at the Texas State Archives, she said.

Todd Kerstetter, interim director for Texas Studies, talked about what these documents meant both professionally, as a historian, as well as personally.

"Historians do not have labs; we have archives," Kerstetter said. "This is truly a great part of Texas History. To be looking and holding these documents is inspiring."

The records will be a big part of TCU, both locally and nationally, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

"This was a big day for TCU and for Texas," Boschini said. "The records will be used by TCU students and faculty, as well as scholars from all over."

Scholars will be able to come to TCU and do original research on these documents, Boschini said.

The history department is currently using the Texas Legation Records as part of a graduate seminar, said Gregg Cantrell, professor of history.



MICHAEL STEWART JR. / Staff Photographer
Angela Kaufman discussed the student emergency fund at the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday afternoon. The fund is supported by donations and helps students in quick need of financial aid.

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financial help in emergency situations.

Pat Jolley, director of compensation in human resources, spoke about FrogLife, which is an organization that helps faculty and staff

blend their responsibilities as employees with their life at home. It includes resources on topics from wellness and fitness to caring for elders.

Tracy Thompson, benefits manager in human resources, and Andy Fort, past chair of the Faculty Senate, discussed health care plans and the

importance of faculty and staff remaining educated on these issues.

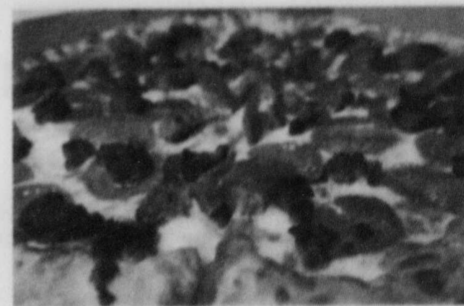
Provost Nowell Donovan spoke briefly about the addition of the Texas Legation papers to the library, the continued search for a new dean of the AddRan College and the upcoming tenure decisions.



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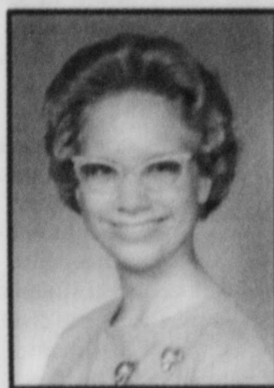
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By TAYLOR PASHLEY
Staff Writer

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Getting ready for the weekend

Today:

- Don't miss Diane Keaton and Mandy Moore in "Because I Said So" or Sienna Miller in "Factory Girl," opening today in theaters everywhere.
- First Fridays at the Modern presents James Hinkle Trio — Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 5 until 8 p.m., live music & cocktails. themodern.org
- Fort Worth Symphony presents Tan Dun's Paper Concerto at Bass Performance Hall, 8 p.m., \$5 a student, rush tickets available one hour prior to concert. (817) 212-4280

Saturday:

C'mon down to the honky tonk, and see Robert Earl Keen at Billy Bob's Texas. \$18 reserved tickets, \$10 general admission, billybobstexas.com.

Sunday:

"Voices of Change" recital in the PepsiCo Recital Hall at 7 p.m.

Monday:

Start the week off by seeing the TCU Jazz Ensembles at 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Professor's play to premiere on New York's Theatre Row

By REBEKAH HOOD
Staff Reporter

A 10-year-old girl from Mexico takes a trip with her mother to New York not knowing that life was about to change. Her dreams, goals and aspirations were all about to be set in one of New York's many theaters.

The girl, Kathleen Anderson-Culebro, and her mother buy tickets to see "Pippin." At the time, the musical starred a little-known actress named Susan Sarandon. They sit so close to the stage that the actors' sweat drips onto them. She becomes enamored with the atmosphere, and wants more of it.

Now, Culebro works in theater. In 2001, she began teaching stage makeup classes at TCU, and has taught several screenwriting

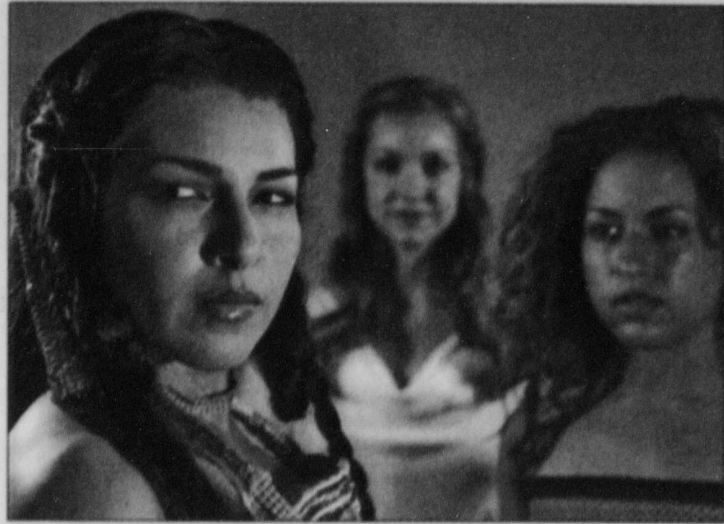
classes in the radio-TV-film department.

Her most recent accomplishment is an off-Broadway play, "La Llorona, The Crying Woman," which opens Feb. 4 at the Beckett Theatre on New York's Theatre Row.

The play is the story of an American executive assigned to open an American fast-food restaurant in Mexico City, according to a press release. He and his pregnant wife relocate to Mexico City and rent a centuries-old hacienda from a Mexican architect.

The hacienda is visited by La Llorona, a spirit who sings her song of sadness in hopes of rescuing both couples from danger.

Culebro was inspired to write the play back in the



Members of the cast of "La Llorona, The Crying Woman," perform in the play. The play written by Kathleen Culebro, TCU theatre professor, will open Feb. 4 in New York.

1990s after the U.S. signed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and American fast food

chains, like Taco Bell, started expansion in Mexico.

"They came down in droves," Culebro said.

The story's ghost, La Llorona, was inspired by a traditional Hispanic folk song with the same title, she said.

"I like her style of writing," said Sarah Elizondo, a junior theater major. "She always writes a piece of her own life. She writes Hispanic roles that have a lot of substance."

"La Llorona" has been in the works for years, and has constantly been rewritten, Culebro said. Its current producer and director, Tom Ferriter, eventually noticed the script, and now, the story has made its way to New York.

It is a tremendous honor to have a theater company choose her work, Culebro said.

"It's a labor of love," Cule-

bro said. "You don't make money off of the theater. You do it because it's what you have to do. There's a part of yourself that you tap into that you only experience when you're writing."

Nancy McCauley, a professor of scene design, scene painting and theatre graphics, said she had Culebro as a student before Culebro went on to teach one of McCauley's classes.

"I'm very glad the play is getting a viewing in New York," McCauley said. "Everybody should be in a live audience and see live theater. It's very unique."

Culebro said the play is a complicated story, but she hopes that, whether people hate it or not, they leave with a little more understanding of the Hispanic culture.

Pond St. Grill to unveil new menu option Super Bowl Sunday

By LESLIE DYER
Staff Reporter

Dining Services is launching pizza as a permanent Pond St. Grill menu item on Super Bowl Sunday.

Pond St. Grill will officially begin serving the pizzas Sunday at noon for pregame festivities, said Legia Abato, marketing manager for Dining Services.

Although the pizzas are not yet advertised on the menu,

Pond St. Grill began serving them Monday, said Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services.

The night was successful and more than 100 pizzas were sold, Flores said.

After Sunday, Pond St. Grill will offer pizza every night as a regular-menu item, Flores said.

Students will be able to order pizza at the grill or call in orders ahead of time

so their pizzas will be prepared when they arrive, Abato said.

Dining Services hired Chris Poulos, a 15-year pizza chef, to handle the orders.

The 16-inch pizzas range from \$12 to \$15 depending on toppings, Flores said.

Pizzas will be sold by the pie rather than by the slice because Pond St. Grill does not have an area to hold the cooked pizzas, Flores said.

"Orders usually take from 12 to 15 minutes to prepare," Poulos said, "because the orders are sent directly to me."

The pizzas begin with a

Freschetta self-rising crust and then fresh toppings are added, executive chef Joel Branch said.

The ingredients, including peppers, meats and fruits, are roasted and prepared each day by the cooking staff at Pond St. Grill, Branch said.

After the pizza is taken out of the oven, Poulos brushes a garlic butter on the crust to ensure flavor from beginning to end, Branch said.

Dining Services provided taste-testing to students a week prior to unofficially introducing pizza Monday to the Pond St. Grill menu, Flores said.



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor
Roman Morales, Pond St. supervisor, removes a pizza out of an oven in Pond St. Grill. Beginning Super Bowl Sunday, Pond St. Grill will be serving pizza.

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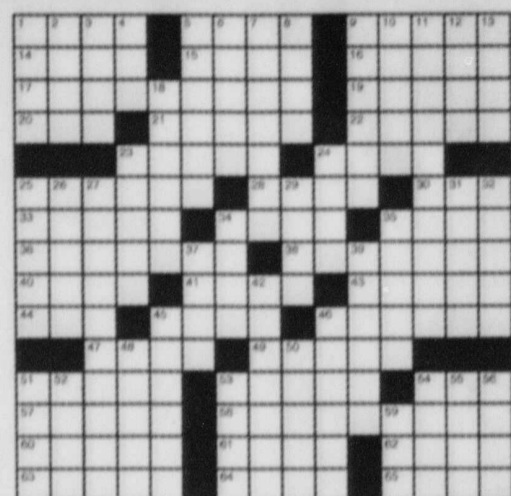
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By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Team faces off with alumni Saturday



Alumni team members (purple) shake hands with current Horned Frog baseball players after last season's alumni game. Coaches and players said the game is a good season warmup.

By MICHELLE NICOU
Staff Reporter

The baseball team faces its first opponent of the spring Saturday against more than 40 former Frogs in the annual alumni game.

The game gives players a final chance to refine their skills and provides alumni the opportunity to see their old teammates, as well as build a connection with current players, head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

Junior catcher Andrew Walker said the game is competitive but has its lighter moments.

"Coach keeps us competitive, but we get excited for it," Walker said. "There's joking and messing around though. It's real special."

Flint Wallace, former standout pitcher for the Frogs and current

director of baseball operations, said he will take the mound for the alumni despite feeling mixed allegiances.

There are high stakes riding on his performance, Wallace said.

"I probably can't throw even 80 mph anymore," Wallace said. "But it's kind of for bragging rights with the players. If they get out, they're going to hear about it, and, if they get a hit off me, I'm sure I'll hear about it all season."

Wallace's professional career was spent in the minor leagues and was highlighted by a no-hitter he threw for the Anchorage Bucs in the Alaska League in 1995.

Walker said he enjoys playing

against some of the teammates he had during his freshman season who now play professionally, such as 2005 Major League Baseball draft picks Lance Broadway and Kyle Dahlberg. Broadway is playing AAA baseball for the Chicago White Sox farm system while Dahlberg is working his way through the Baltimore Orioles organization.

The existing setup does not take into account how long a former player has been away from the game, Schlossnagle said. It places the current Frogs on a team and all the alumni together

on another, but Schlossnagle said he looks to change that soon.

"We would eventually like to get to the point of two games," Schlossnagle said. "We (would) have kind of an old-timers game where it's alumni versus alumni, and a game with our team versus the young-timers."

Schlossnagle will coach the Frogs, and the alumni squad will be led by Frank Windegger, former athletic director who was also the head baseball coach and a player.

The first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Lupton Stadium.

COMMENTARY

Chicago defense won't stop Colts

By BILLY WESSELS
Photo Editor

The 2006-07 NFL season will come to an end Sunday with Super Bowl XLI in Miami, with kickoff set for 5:25 p.m.

This year, the AFC's Indianapolis Colts (12-4) will take on the NFC's Chicago Bears (13-3) in a matchup that will pit strength against strength.

The Colts are touted as one of the top offensive teams in the league. They rank third in total offense, while the Bears have what might be the best defense in the NFL, which ranked fifth in total defense.

This weekend's game could look a lot like Super Bowl XXXVII between the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Buccaneers won that game with the NFL's top-ranked defense against the Raiders, who had the No. 1 offense in the league coming into the game.

One of the biggest story lines surrounding Super Bowl XLI is that the game will mark the first time that two black coaches have reached the Super Bowl. In fact, in the 40 years of the Super Bowl prior to this year, there had never been a black head coach in the Super Bowl, let alone a winner.

And it couldn't happen to two closer friends.

Tony Dungy, head coach of the Colts,

helped give Lovie Smith, head coach of the Bears, his first NFL job.

In 1995, Dungy was hired as the new head coach of the Buccaneers. Just one year later, Smith was hired by the Buccaneers to take over as the new linebackers coach. Smith left the Buccaneers after four seasons to join the St. Louis Rams. In 2001, Dungy was fired by the Buccaneers and was hired by the Colts in 2002. By



Billy Wesells

2004, Smith had moved on from the Rams and taken the job of head coach for the Bears.

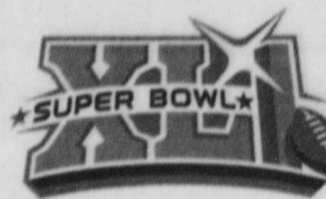
Smith will be the first Bears coach since Mike Ditka, in Super Bowl XX, to take the Bears to the big game.

This will be the first time since Super Bowl V, when the Colts were led by quarterback Johnny Unitas and playing in Baltimore, that the Colts have been in position for an NFL championship ring.

Even though I believe defense wins championships, I am picking the Colts to beat the Bears 24-17.

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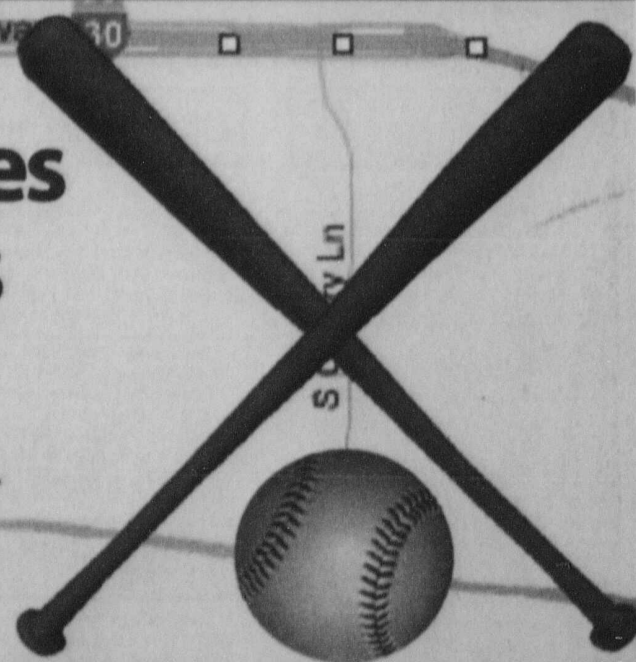
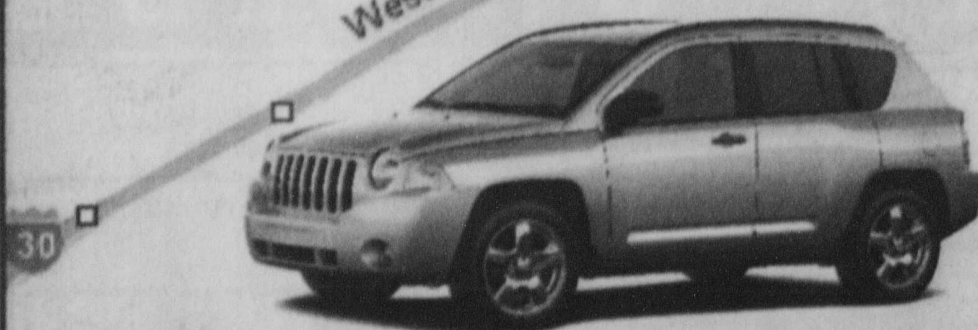
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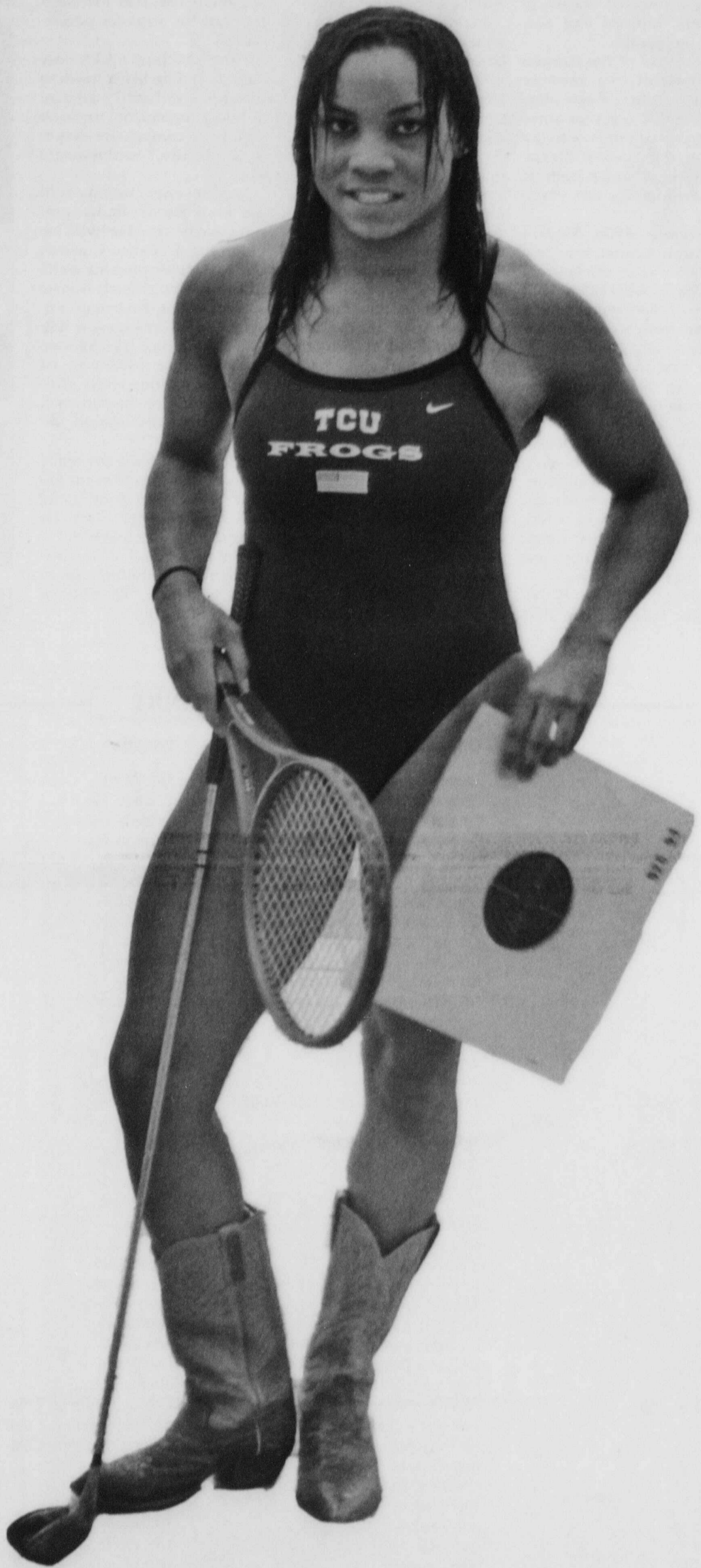
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BASEBALL

See how college baseball will impact a pair of high school teammates turned Horned Frogs. More on [page 2](#)

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Both tennis teams carry a national rank into the spring outdoor season. The women's team carries experience while the men's team has budding underclassman talent. More on [page 4](#)

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Underclassman guide the men's golf team while the women hunt for their 12th consecutive NCAA postseason berth. More on [page 5](#)

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Get ready to saddle up and ride as the first-year equestrian team looks to make an impact this spring. More on [page 6](#)

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With only 19 days until the conference championships, the swimming and diving teams prepare for their biggest meet of the season. More on [page 6](#)



Two long-time teammates reunite as rookie Frogs

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

The concept of teamwork and camaraderie is sometimes lost in sport. Bonds built between college athletes can become separated and disconnected thanks to transfers, injuries and academic ineligibility.

In the case of the Horned Frogs baseball team, a core of players who have been playing the game together since before they ventured onto the manicured grass of Williams-Reilly Field at Lupton Stadium are suiting up for this year's squad.

Freshmen Brett Medlin and Monk Kreder are part of a rookie class the Horned Frogs have this season, but the two of them being part of the same team is nothing new for Medlin and Kreder.

"We first met my sophomore year," Medlin said. "He was going to Grapevine, and I was still at Keller."

Medlin said the two played together in fall ball their sophomore year and the summer after with the Dallas Mustangs. After that, Medlin said, Kreder transferred to Keller, where the two played together their junior and senior years.

Although they play on opposite sides of the dia-

mond, with Medlin roaming the outfield gaps and Kreder crouched behind the plate, the two are part of a Horned Frog baseball program with a No. 24 preseason ranking, according to Baseball America.

In order to make for an easier transition into the school's baseball culture, Kreder's older brother and junior utility player, Teddy helped with the acclimation process for the rookies Medlin said.

"We let them know what to expect and help them out and get them to feel comfortable," Teddy Kreder said. Teddy and Monk Kreder grew up in Keller, the outskirts of Fort Worth, playing baseball since they were children. Though sibling rivalries were never an issue on the field, the two did look at each other as training partners.

"We used to compete with each other, but we also helped each other," Teddy Kreder said.

Medlin and Monk Kreder make up half of the true first-year freshman talent on the Horned Frogs, and head coach Jim Schlossnagle said he holds his rookies in high esteem.

"We recruited those guys with the thought in mind that

they would make an impact as freshmen," Schlossnagle said. "It's hard to do that at a top 20 school, but, as always, things sometimes change."

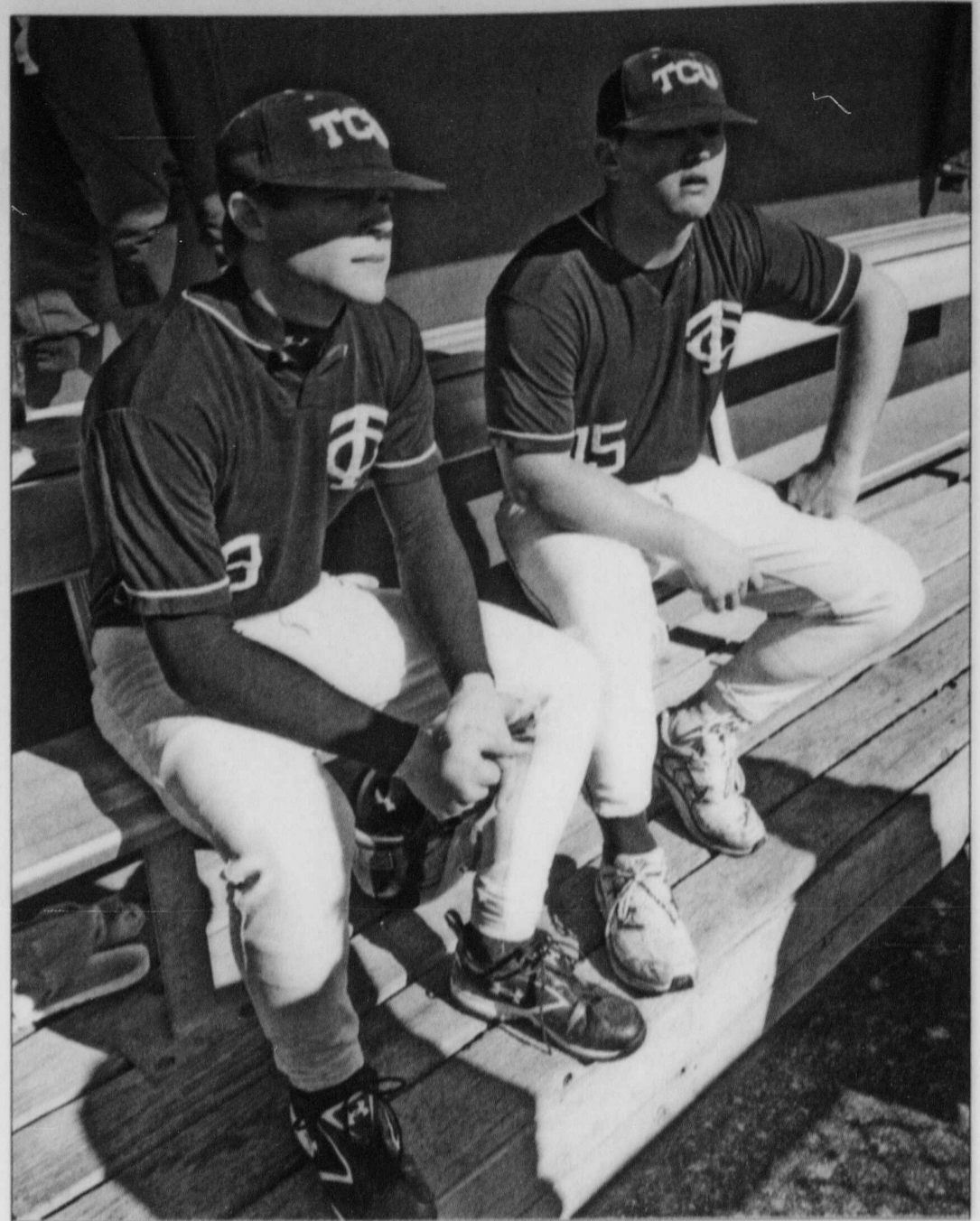
Preseason injuries are one of those changes to the seasonal plan that can alter the path of a team's performance.

"Brett is hurt right now and more than likely heading towards a red shirt year and shoulder surgery, but we think he'll be a competitive player in the future," Schlossnagle said.

Rookie expectations will put Monk Kreder in the spotlight early on. He will be vying for a chance to catch one of the elite pitching staffs in the nation, which boasts several collegiate-league all-stars led by preseason All-American junior Jake Arrieta. Schlossnagle said one of Monk's qualities is his ability to handle pitchers teamed with a maturity behind the plate.

"He has a great presence about him," Schlossnagle said. "He calls a good game and runs the field as if he were a junior or a senior."

The first game of the season is the exhibition alumni game at 1 p.m. Saturday in Lupton Stadium.



Brett Medlin (left), freshman outfielder, Monk Kreder, freshman catcher, played together at Keller High School before coming to TCU. MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographer

2007 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb. 3	Alumni Game	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
Feb. 9	Central Florida Golden Knights	Orlando, Fla.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Central Florida Golden Knights	Orlando, Fla.	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Central Florida Golden Knights	Orlando, Fla.	Noon
Feb. 13	Dallas Baptist Patriots	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Oral Roberts Golden Eagles	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Oral Roberts Golden Eagles	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	Oral Roberts Golden Eagles	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
Feb. 23	Coastal Carolina Chanticleers	Conway, S.C.	1 p.m.
Feb. 24	UNC Wilmington Seahawks	Conway, S.C.	10 a.m.
Feb. 24	Notre Dame Fighting Irish	Conway, S.C.	5 p.m.
Feb. 25	NC State Wolfpack	Conway, S.C.	3 p.m.
March 2	Vermont Catamounts	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
March 3	Vermont Catamounts	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
March 4	Vermont Catamounts	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
March 9	Rice Owls	Corpus Christi	7 p.m.
March 10	Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islanders	Corpus Christi	3 p.m.
March 11	Texas Tech Red Raiders	Corpus Christi	Noon
March 13	Texas Tech Red Raiders	Lubbock	6:30 p.m.
March 16	Air Force Falcons*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
March 17	Air Force Falcons*	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
March 18	Air Force Falcons*	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
March 20	Texas-Arlington	Arlington	6:30 p.m.
March 22	BYU Cougars*	Provo, Utah	8 p.m.
March 23	BYU Cougars*	Provo, Utah	8 p.m.
March 24	BYU Cougars*	Provo, Utah	3 p.m.
March 27	Texas A&M Aggies	College Station	6:30 p.m.
March 30	UC Santa Barbara Gauchos	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
March 31	UC Santa Barbara Gauchos	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
April 1	UC Santa Barbara Gauchos	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
April 3	Oklahoma Sooners	Norman, Okla.	7 p.m.
April 5	Air Force Falcons*	Colorado Springs, Colo.	3 p.m.
April 6	Air Force Falcons*	Colorado Springs, Colo.	3 p.m.
April 7	Air Force Falcons*	Colorado Springs, Colo.	1 p.m.
April 10	Baylor Bears	Waco	6:30 p.m.
April 13	UNLV Rebels*	Las Vegas	8:30 p.m.
April 14	UNLV Rebels*	Las Vegas	4 p.m.
April 15	UNLV Rebels*	Las Vegas	3 p.m.
April 17	Oklahoma Sooners	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
April 19	BYU Cougars*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
April 20	BYU Cougars*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
April 21	BYU Cougars*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
April 24	Texas Tech Red Raiders	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
April 27	San Diego State Aztecs*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
April 28	San Diego State Aztecs*	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
April 29	San Diego State Aztecs*	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
May 1	Baylor Bears	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
May 4	Utah Utes*	Salt Lake City	7 p.m.
May 5	Utah Utes*	Salt Lake City	2 p.m.
May 6	Utah Utes*	Salt Lake City	2 p.m.
May 11	Texas Pan-American Broncs	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
May 12	Texas Pan-American Broncs	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
May 13	Texas Pan-American Broncs	Fort Worth	1 p.m.
May 15	Texas Arlington Mavericks	Fort Worth	11 a.m.
May 17	New Mexico Lobos*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
May 18	New Mexico Lobos*	Fort Worth	6:30 p.m.
May 19	New Mexico Lobos*	Fort Worth	2 p.m.
May 22-27	MWC Tournament	Las Vegas	TBA

*Denotes conference game

PLAYER STATS

PLAYER: MONK KREDER
POSITION: CATCHER
HEIGHT: 6'2
WEIGHT: 220 LBS.



COACH'S THOUGHTS

"He was a highly-recruited guy and one of the best hitters and catchers in the state if not the best. We really anticipate him playing a significant amount behind Andrew Walker this year and competing to be our catcher in the future."
— Coach Jim Schlossnagle

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

"After meeting this kid it is obvious he has the size to play the part of a modern day catcher. The days of smaller stout kids calling the game are long since past, but this prototype power hitter also has a very touted glove that he brings with him behind the plate."
— Marcus Murphree

Top TCU Alumni in Big Leagues

- Scott Atchison** - AAA Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners)
Seasons at TCU: 1995-1999
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 1999-2006
- Lance Broadway** - AAA Charlotte Knights (Chicago White Sox)
Seasons at TCU: 2005
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 2005-2006
- Royce Huffman** - AAA Round Rock Express (Houston Astros)
Seasons at TCU: 1996-99
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 1999-2006
- Derek Lee** - AAA Oklahoma Redhaws (Texas Rangers)
Seasons at TCU: 1994-1997
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 1997-2006
- Justin Crowder** - AA Midland RockHounds (Oakland A's)
Seasons at TCU: 2001
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 2001-2006
- Eugene Espineli** - AA Connecticut Defenders (S. F. Giants)
Seasons at TCU: 2004
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 2004-2006
- Justin Hatcher** - AA Mobile BayBears (San Diego Padres)
Seasons at TCU: 2002-2003
Seasons in Pro Baseball: 2003-2006

Source: gofrogs.com

Rifle team strives for personal, group success

By LAUREN PARKER
Staff Reporter

Focus, hard work and intense concentration are the chief aspects of success at every match for the rifle team, head coach Karen Monez said.

Last year, the team was a national contender finishing in 16th place in the National Rifle Association sectionals.

The Horned Frog Rifle team is shooting down records this season in hopes of making it to the NCAA Championships in the spring.

Emily Paper, freshman rifle team member, said the team has individual

goals, but the success as a whole is paramount to any individual achievements.

"Common goals and collective unity is what drives us more than anything," Paper said.

The team opened this season with a first place at the Horned Frog Invitational and finished second against Nevada-Reno, West Point and Colorado Springs.

The Frogs are also getting used to breaking current TCU records. In October, the Frogs broke the current TCU record for the aggregate score of 4,626 with a score of 4,650 at the

match in Austin against UTEP and Nevada-Reno.

Monez said the veteran leadership of senior Tanya Gorin and the new dynamic of the freshmen will help the team step up this season.

"When you get to this level of competition, a lot of what you need to work on is mental training, just knowing you can do it and thinking through it," Gorin said.

Monez said she helps the team with the mental aspect of rifle by encouraging the development of their mental skills. She said throughout the season she sets goals and reiterates the goals to the team to stay focused.

"Visualization and goal setting skills play a lot into this and are important to success," Monez said. Monez said the team has been working hard this season and they do not have any obstacles in way of their goals.

"If the team stays focused, they will be successful," Monez said.



Lauren Sullivan, freshman, lines up a shot during the competition against the Air Force Academy. ROBYN SHEPHERD/ Staff Photographer

2007 RIFLE SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time/Result
Feb. 3	UTEP Miners	El Paso	All Day
Feb. 10-11	vs. NRA Sectionals & NCAA Qualifier	Fort Worth	All Day
March 9-10	NCAA Championships	TBD	All Day

Coaches' expectations high for track and field teams

By DIA WALL
Staff Reporter

Returning from the 2005-2006 season as a sprint powerhouse, the Flying Frogs are preparing to defend their conference titles on the oval.

The men's team swept the relays in the Mountain West Conference last year, and a new standard was set after a strong 2006 rebound from a lackluster 2005 season, said

head coach Darryl Anderson.

"We're going to work hard every day," Anderson said. "Expectations are pretty high, and I want them to know it, live it and make it part of our environment."

Junior sprinter Otis McDaniel, winner of the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in 2006, said the team has been redefining its goals this year.

McDaniel said he has been working with Anderson on running the curve and coming out of the blocks harder on his 200 to lower his time.

A pair of first-year coaches for the Flying Frogs, Eric Heins and Jeff Petersmeyer, has been a strong addition to the staff, Anderson said.

"They have reinforced good work habits and diligence through paying attention to

detail," Anderson said.

Heins works with the distance runners while Petersmeyer works with the long jumpers and triple jumpers in the field.

Fine-tuning technique and learning how to compete are also priorities for coach John Kenneson, a third-year throwing and vertical jumps coach. Kenneson said the team is made up of talented athletes who have competed well from the start of the season.

One of the leaders in field events for the Frogs is sophomore thrower Candis Kelley.

Kelley, who won the conference title in the women's

shot put for the 2006 season, said she has been working on her technique and getting stronger.

Her teammate Virgil Hodge, a junior sprinter, grabbed headlines after being named Mountain West Conference Female Athlete of the Week at the end of January. At the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., Hodge posted two NCAA provisional marks in the women's 60 meters and 200 meters.

Hodge said she is working to not get complacent after her times in Arkansas.

"I train harder," Hodge said. "I stay motivated to

run faster because I know I can."

Anderson said the Flying Frogs express tenacity and confidence about this season, and he would like for the men and women to take the conference titles.

Seven men and seven women received all-conference honors last season. The men and women both took the conference titles in the 4x400-meter relays in 2006.

The track team is sending a very small group to Lubbock for the Wes Kitley Invitational this weekend while everyone else will resume practice to further prepare for the remainder of the season, Anderson said.

2007 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time/Result
Feb. 3	Wes Kitley Invitational	Lubbock	All Day
Feb. 9-10	Tyson Invitational	Fayetteville, Ark.	All Day
Feb. 23-24	Mountain West Indoor Championships	Albuquerque, N.M.	All Day
March 2-3	Last Chance Meet	Fayetteville, Ark.	All Day
March 9-10	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.	All Day
March 24	Horned Frog Invite	Fort Worth	All Day
March 31	UTA	Arlington	All Day
April 5-7	Texas Relays	Austin	All Day
April 14	Mt. Sac Relays	Walnut, Calif.	All Day
April 14	North Texas	Denton	All Day
April 21	TCU Invitational	Fort Worth	All Day
April 26-28	Penn Relays	Philadelphia	All Day
May 10-12	Mountain West Outdoor Championships	San Diego	All Day
May 25-26	NCAA Midwest Regional	Des Moines, Iowa	All Day
June 6-9	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Sacramento, Calif.	All Day
June 21-24	USATF Championships	Indianapolis	All Day

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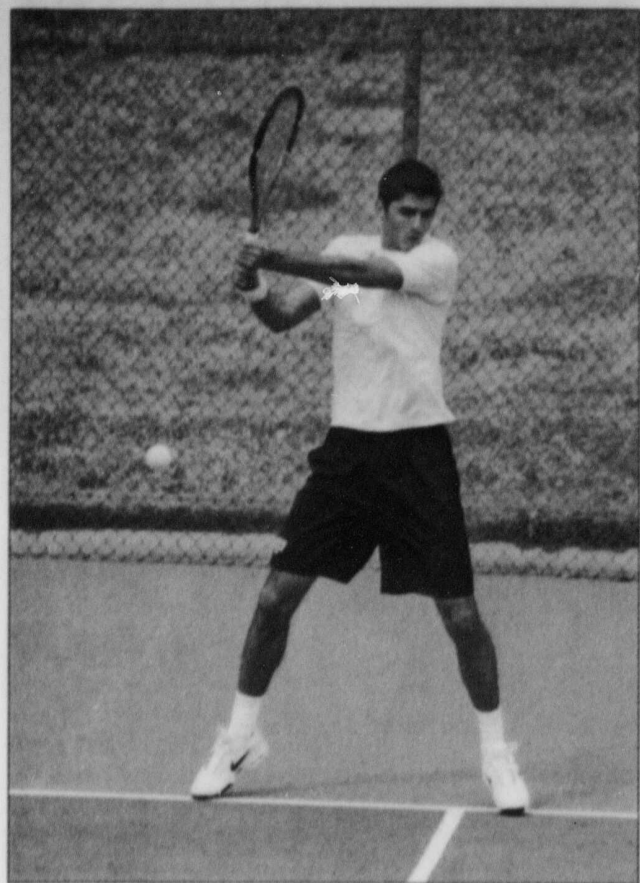
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Team prepares for spring season by filling vacant spots



Cosmin Cotet, junior, returns a serve during his match versus UT-Pan America. BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

By ELISA GOMEZ
Staff Writer

Staying competitive through each match as well as self-improvement is the focus for the 2007 men's tennis team, said the men's head coach.

"We want to compete and stay in every match and do it with class," head coach Dave Borelli said.

Transfers Chris Biro and Stuart Row, along with freshmen Mike Donovan, Jack Seider and Caleb Bulls are helping to fill gaps left after the team lost four of six starters from last year's squad.

Row, a junior transfer from Trinity University in San Antonio, showed promise in the fall season after advancing to the singles quarterfinal at the Baylor HEB Intercollegiate. He also provided support in both singles and doubles in the Frogs' first event of the season.

Biro, a transfer from Arizona State University, recorded a team leading 18 wins in the 2004-05 season. In the fall, he and sophomore teammate Krieglner Brink paired together to advance to the quarterfinals of the Baylor HEB Intercollegiate.

Bulls showed signs of competitiveness after teaming up with Row to make it to the Doubles B-Flight consolation final at the Rice Indoor Tournament.

Seider will bring strength to doubles after ranking as high as No. 4 in the nation in doubles.

"The new players are all athletes and they have that fighting mentality," Borelli said.

Senior captains Radu Barbu and Andrew Ulrich will be looked at as the leadership position. Junior Cosmin Cotet and Brink will round out the four returning Frogs.

Ulrich showed strong play to begin the season versus the University of Texas-Pan America Broncs by beating his opponent in straight sets.

While Barbu is out, Cotet has become the No. 1 player for the Frogs, Borelli said.

Brink displayed a powerful effort teaming up with Bulls for a win against the Broncs. He also proved to be a force clinching the winning point to capture the Frogs' first win.

Borelli said the team is being asked to create a "warrior culture"

by fighting in every match to the end.

"When they do this, they will create the environment needed to become a great team," Borelli said.

The team is also looking inward, Borelli said, by focusing on the individual improvement of each player.

"We're trying to get better every day and to be playing our best tennis in April and May," Ulrich said.

The closeness of the team has helped the dynamics of the young team, Donovan said.

"Since the first day it's been great," Donovan said. "You couldn't ask for a better group of guys."

The Horned Frogs are ranked No. 36 in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll and begin the season as the highest ranked team in the Mountain West Conference. They are scheduled to play six top 25 teams including three Big 12 foes the Baylor Bears and the Oklahoma State Cowboys away and the Texas A&M Aggies at home.

WHO TO WATCH FOR



PLAYER: KRIEGLNER BRINK
HEIGHT: 6'1
WEIGHT: 162 LBS.
FROM: GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS:

"Brink is one of the most entertaining young guys I have ever seen play. He uses the serve and volley style of play very similar to a young John McEnroe. Once he is in a rhythm, the sophomore is a delight to watch, and a dagger to his competitors."

— Marcus Murphree

Women look to future after success in fall

By TIM BELLA
Staff Reporter

The women's team is preparing to capitalize on a great fall season, the interim head coach said.

The fall season was highlighted by a No. 15 national ranking and an invitation to the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

Interim head coach Jeff Hammond said the team wants to build off of the fall's success and have it carry over to this upcoming spring season. The team has a preseason ranking of No. 16, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for the outdoor competition in the spring.

"I think last fall's success at the regular and national tournaments gives us a big confidence boost because you know you can play with anybody," Hammond said. "It builds on everything we've been doing for the past two years."

The team is currently competing in the National Team Indoor Championships.

Hammond said he leads an experienced group that fields seven upperclassmen out of nine active players. The team also features one of the top 10 women's tennis doubles duos, senior Ana Cetnik and sophomore Anna Sydorska. The Eastern European duo, ranked as the No. 9 doubles pair in the country, according to the ITA, understand where to be on the court and continue to improve from a technical standpoint, Hammond said.

"Their knowledge of the game is what separates them from most doubles teams in the country," Hammond said.

Even though Cetnik and Sydorska said they hope to use the fall season as a springboard into spring success, Sydorska said the team's dedication and camaraderie



Kewa Nichols, junior, returns a serve in a match last season. SKIFF ARCHIVES

before and after practice as well as being able to stay healthy will lead to the type of success they are hoping to accomplish this season.

"I think we have a pretty unique team," Sydorska said. "All the girls are pretty smart, and we really respond well to one another."

Cetnik said the opportunity to spend more time with Hammond and first-year assistant coach Colin Foster has been pivotal to the team's success. Hammond said the team is very fortunate to have Foster's knowledge of the game because it makes the players even better.

Cetnik said she feels honored to have played a significant role in the development of a perennial women's tennis power.

"It's great because expectations are higher (at TCU)," Cetnik said. "I like a challenge."

Hammond said he expects the team to have solid showings during the regular season and conference play.

Last season, the Frogs went 8-0 against Mountain West

WHO TO WATCH FOR



PLAYER: ANA CETNIK
GRADE: SENIOR
HEIGHT: 5'11
FROM: BELGRADE, SERBIA

REPORTER'S NOTES:

"If you're looking to build a championship program, a player of Cetnik's caliber and background is a good place to start. Her high tennis IQ stems from the fact that she comes from a family of tennis coaches. When you figure in her advanced understanding of where to be on the court at all times as well as natural talent that most players would die to have, was there any doubt she would be in the position she is in today?"

— Tim Bella

Conference opponents en route to a conference tournament title win. Hammond said a second-consecutive Sweet 16 appearance gives the team an idea of where they are in comparison to some of the country's best.

"We feel confident that there's no doubt that's where we should be," Hammond said.

Hammond will continue in his position as the Frogs kick-off the spring season at the National Indoor Championships from Feb. 1 to Feb. 4 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

2007 MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb. 7	Texas Arlington Mavericks	Arlington	1:30 p.m. CT
Feb. 11	Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islanders	Fort Worth	1 p.m. CT
Feb. 27	LSU Tigers	Baton Rouge, La.	2 p.m. CT
March 4	Baylor Bears	Waco	1 p.m. CT
March 7	SMU Mustangs	Fort Worth	6 p.m. CT
March 10	Tulsa Golden Hurricane	Fort Worth	2 p.m. CT
March 11	Oklahoma State Cowboys	Oklahoma City	1 p.m. CT
March 14	Duke Blue Devils	Fort Worth	1 p.m. CT
March 17	Abilene Christian Wildcats	Fort Worth	12 p.m. CT
March 17	Wichita State Shockers	Fort Worth	6 p.m. CT
March 27	Texas A&M Aggies	Fort Worth	6 p.m. CT
March 30	Utah Utes	San Diego	TBA
March 31	BYU Cougars	San Diego	TBA
April 1	San Diego State Aztecs	San Diego	TBA
April 3	Wisconsin Badgers	Fort Worth	6 p.m. CT
April 10	Rice Owls	Houston	1:30 p.m. CT
April 13	Air Force Falcons	Fort Worth	6 p.m. CT
April 14	UNLV Rebels	Fort Worth	6 p.m. CT
April 15	New Mexico Lobos	Fort Worth	TBA
April 26-29	MWC Championships	Colorado Springs, Colo.	All Day

2007 WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time
Feb. 2-4	National Team Indoor Championship	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Feb. 20	Texas State Bobcats	Fort Worth	11:00 a.m. CT
Feb. 20	Texas-Arlington Mavericks	Fort Worth	4:00 p.m. CT
Feb. 22	Texas A&M Aggies	College Station	6:00 p.m. CT
Feb. 25	Mississippi Rebels	Fort Worth	12:00 p.m. CT
Feb. 27	Baylor Bears	Fort Worth	6:00 p.m. CT
March 1	Oklahoma Sooners	Norman, Okla.	2:00 p.m. CT
March 3	Rice Owls	Houston	1:30 p.m. CT
March 7	SMU Mustangs	Dallas	2:00 p.m. CT
March 14	USF Dons	Fresno, Calif.	5:00 p.m. CT
March 15	Fresno State Bulldogs	Fresno, Calif.	8:00 p.m. CT
March 17	Cal Golden Bears	Berkeley, Calif.	2:00 p.m. CT
March 19	Kansas State Wildcats	Fort Worth	6:00 p.m. CT
March 23	VCU Rams	Fort Worth	5:00 p.m. CT
March 29	New Mexico Lobos	Fort Worth	5:00 p.m. CT
March 31	San Diego State Aztecs	Fort Worth	10:00 a.m. CT
April 1	UNLV Rebels	Fort Worth	10:00 a.m. CT
April 6	Utah Utes	Salt Lake City	1:00 p.m. CT
April 7	BYU Cougars	Salt Lake City	1:00 p.m. CT
April 13	Colorado State Rams	Albuquerque, N.M.	3:00 p.m. CT
April 14	Air Force Falcons	Albuquerque, N.M.	11:00 a.m. CT
April 15	Wyoming Cowgirls	Albuquerque, N.M.	10:00 a.m. CT
April 18	Baylor Bears	Waco	6:00 p.m. CT
April 25-28	Mountain West Conference Tournament	Colorado Springs, Colo.	All Day
May 11-21	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.	All Day
May 23-28	NCAA Individual Championships	Athens, Ga.	TBA

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Women to work on mentality

By MEREDITH ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

The women's golf team, which is known for its short game, is working to maximize its potential for the spring season, head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said.

After an average fall for these players' capabilities, the next step is to work on game mentality, Ravaoli-Larkin said.

"A lot of it is raising expectations and believing and realizing how good we really are," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

The team knows it is just as good as other teams, senior Catherine Matranga said.

"I think you have to believe in yourself and really trust and believe in each other that you can do it," Matranga said.

The focus this spring is on confidence, freshman Ashley Watkins said.

Matranga said the ultimate team goal is to get to nationals, and, in the off-season, they have had work-outs to prepare for the spring.

Watkins said she is working on her short game as well as consistent play.

The four returning seniors have provided strong leadership, Ravaoli-Larkin said.

"Each of them has a strength that they bring," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "It's just a matter of balancing that and coming together as a team and each person doing their individual part to help lead us to a national championship."

Matranga said the seniors are able to lead the younger players through example and confidence because they have been in their position before.

"They look up

to you whether you know it or not," Matranga said. "The younger ones are watching what you do out on the course, seeing how you handle pressure and how you play."

Matranga starts the spring season showered with honors. She is ranked No. 2 in the Mountain West Conference, No. 38 individually, and is both a Mid-Season All-America and the Nation's Most Improved Player, according to Golf World magazine.

All-American has been her goal all along, she said. Matranga said her other goals are to make and win nationals. After graduation, Matranga said she plans to continue playing golf.

The team has four players who have yet to compete in conference. Two freshmen, Megan O'Donnell and Wat-

kins, played in the fall.

Watkins said she became a part of the team quickly and the seniors helped guide her through the first tournament at the Branch Law Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M. She was the only non-senior to travel to the tournament.

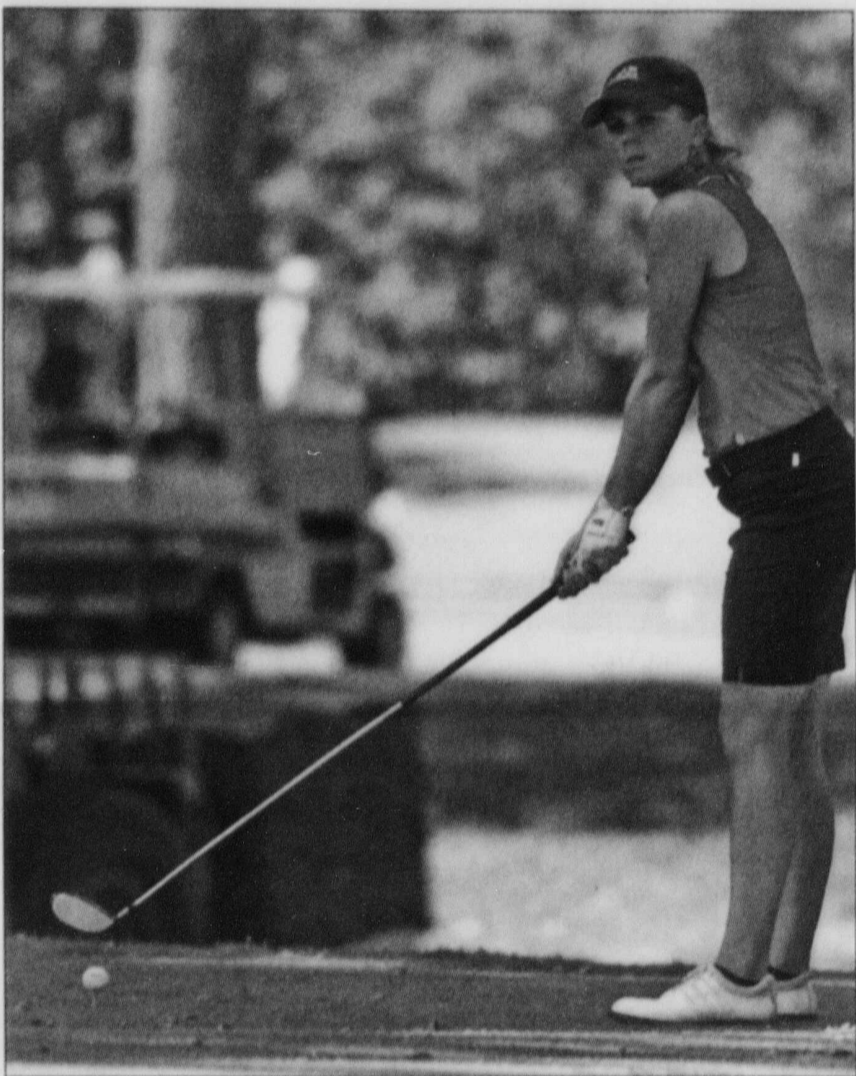
"They helped me out by showing me the ropes and telling me not to be nervous," Watkins said. "Just watching over me and showing me what I need to be."

The newcomers for the spring are international student Valentine Derrey, from Paris, France, and red-shirt sophomore Christina Schams.

In spite of the adjustments for Derrey, Ravaoli-Larkin said, she brings a new depth to the team.

"A lot of it is raising expectations and believing and realizing how good we really are."

Angie Ravaoli-Larkin
Head coach

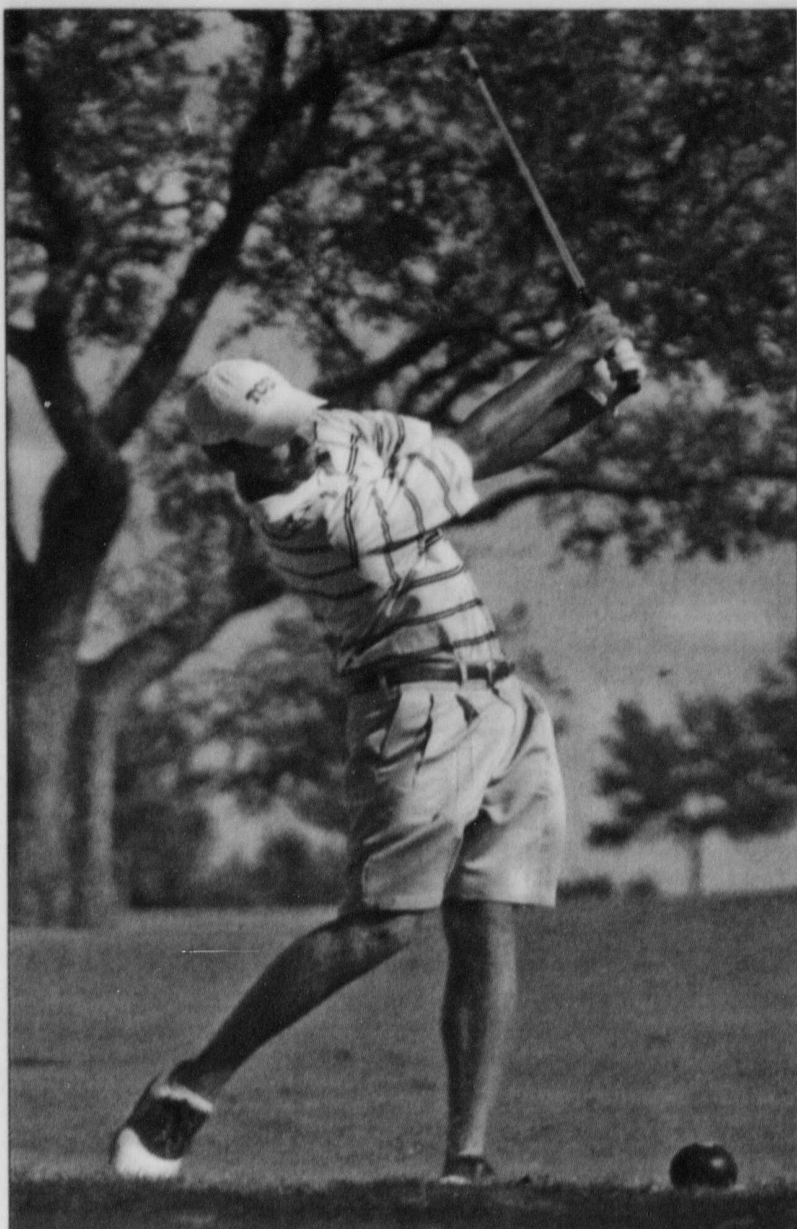


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2007 WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time/Result
Feb. 19-20	Central District Invitational	Parrish, Fla.	All Day
Feb. 23-25	Lady Puerto Rico Classic	San Juan, Puerto Rico	All Day
March 10-11	SunTrust Lady Gator Invite	Gainesville, Fla.	All Day
March 16-18	Betsy Rawls Invitational	Austin	All Day
April 3-4	BYU Dixie Classic	St. George, Utah	All Day
April 19-21	Mountain West Conf. Champ.	St. George, Utah	All Day
May 10-12	NCAA Regional Championship	TBA	All Day
May 22-25	NCAA National Championship	Daytona Beach, Fla.	All Day

Men return after 3-month break



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Franklin Corpening, junior, takes a swing in practice play.

By KYLE ARNOLD
Staff Writer

The men's golf team is back in full swing this spring after a three-month hiatus from competition.

Right now, the Frogs are in the process of qualifying for the UH Hilo Intercollegiate tournament. This tournament, set to begin Feb. 7, will officially begin the team's 2007 campaign.

Head coach Bill Montigel said he wants to see an increase in success as the season progresses.

"I would like to see us be competitive and play our best golf at the end of the year, when it comes time for conference, regionals and the NCAA tournament,"

Montigel said. "I would like to see us get better as the year goes on."

The Frogs have a lot of young talent making up this year's team, and it will take good play from them to ensure success, Montigel said.

"We have a lot of young guys, and I think those young guys are starting to get better," Montigel said. "Jon McLean is just a sophomore, Jesse Speirs is just a sophomore and Robby Ormand is just a sophomore."

These previously mentioned players are currently first, fourth and third, respectively, in qualifying for the upcoming tour-

nament in Hawaii, according to a Jan. 23 e-mail stat sheet from Montigel.

The team for each tournament is made up of five players. As of now, this triumvirate makes up part of the squad.

Sophomore Jon McLean and senior Drew Stoltz are hoping to have consistent spots among the five competitors and both are working on their individual game to achieve this.

"I have been doing work with my swing coach and focusing on my short game," Stoltz said.

McLean also said simply getting out and playing is what has helped him the most in the off-season.

"I have been playing a lot of golf, like 36 holes a day over the (Winter) break," McLean said.

In addition to working on individual parts of their game, Stoltz, McLean and Montigel agree a complete team effort will be needed to succeed this season.

"The key is going to be for us to find five guys that can all contribute at every tournament, and when we have played poorly, that has been our problem," Montigel said. "We would only have a couple of guys play well and the others would not play well."

The Frogs will get to compete against the best the NCAA has to offer, Montigel said.

This competition is something McLean enjoys.

"I am always excited about playing against any opponent, like Oklahoma State or Florida," McLean said. "They have some very good golfers, and it is fun to go up against them."

2007 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time/Result
Feb. 7-9	UH Hilo Intercollegiate	Waikoloa Village Course (Waikoloa, Hawaii)	All Day
March 5-6	USC Ashworth Intercollegiate	North Ranch Country Club (Westlake Village, Calif.)	All Day
March 26-27	Morris Williams Intercollegiate	Austin Country Club (Austin)	All Day
April 2	National Invitational Tournament	Tucson National Golf Resort (Tucson, Ariz.)	All Day
April 9-11	U.S. Collegiate Championship	Golf Club of Georgia (Alpharetta, Ga.)	All Day
April 26-28	Mountain West Conf. Championships	Tucson National Golf Resort (Tucson, Ariz.)	All Day
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals	TBA	All Day
May 30-June 2	NCAA Championships	Golden Horseshoe Golf Club (Williamsburg, Va.)	All Day

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Riders face Mustangs in first home competition

By MICHELLE NICOU
Staff Reporter

Saddle up and get ready because the Horned Frogs' newest NCAA team will have its first home competition today against nearby rival SMU, but it hasn't come without months of preparation.

The team competed its match debut at Baylor on Sept. 29, and senior rider Kindel Huffman said its first semester was one of transition and a dose of reality.

"I think we learned we have to work really hard to be the best," Huffman said. "We have workouts and on top of that, we have to try to find the means to ride our horses."

The time commitment was not the only challenge. Head coach Gary Reynolds said riders must use horses provided by the host university that they have never worked with before. A rider randomly draws a horse and gets four minutes to warm it up, so mental toughness is something the team has worked on perfecting.

"Most of the equestrian athletes that we have on the team have the equestrian skills to compete at a very high level," Reynolds said. "We have worked with them on being mentally strong so that when they go get on a strange horse, they can compete at that same high level."

A competition consists of four events: equitation over fences, equitation on the flat, western horsemanship and reigning, Reynolds said. Reynolds defined equitation as "an athletic seat and posture that a person takes while riding a horse." He said the alignment of the rider's hands and elbows and overall balance are judged as part of equitation.

All 16 events, four of each type, are based on the skill of the athlete to ride or show the



Carrie von Uhlit, sophomore, completes a jump in an event against Oklahoma State in the fall. The TCU Equestrian team will host its first equestrian event today against SMU.

horse, Reynolds said.

Each event is a head-to-head competition between two riders, a deviation from traditional horse shows, Reynolds said. A 100-point scale is used to determine a raw score, and the rider with the highest raw score receives one point for her squad, Reynolds said. Raw scores are kept in case a tiebreaker is needed, he said.

Nicole Barnes, a junior transfer named the 2006 High Point Amateur by the American Quarter Horse Association, said horsemanship and reigning are western-style events, while equitation over fences and equitation on the flat are English.

Barnes, a western specialist, said she came to TCU because of its location and the leadership opportunities a fledgling squad could provide.

Reynolds said it was not too difficult to build a talented squad since three of the five current world champions were already Horned Frogs.

"TCU just happens to attract

quality athletes," he said. Three decades in the industry also worked to the team's advantage, said Reynolds, a former competition judge and horse trainer.

"Fort Worth is the center of the horse world," Reynolds said. "I mean it is mecca for the horse activity. Every major horse venue has an event at the Will Rogers."

Huffman, who competes in western and English riding events, stressed the importance of team unity while the team gets off the ground.

"Basically, just work really hard as a team to get better and volunteer to help get everything started," Huffman said.

The senior said learning the rules and finding enough horses, as the team currently only leases half the number it needs, are two challenges that will continue to be addressed. There is no timeline for the university to acquire its own horses soon, Reynolds said.

2007 EQUESTRIAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time/Result
Feb. 2	SMU Mustangs	Mansfield	3:00 p.m. CT
Feb. 4	Fresno State Bulldogs	Mansfield	10:00 a.m. CT
Feb. 24	Texas A&M Aggies	College Station	All Day
March 1	Auburn Tigers	Mansfield	All Day
March 3	Fresno State Tournament	Fresno, Calif.	All Day
March 31	South Carolina Gamecocks	Mansfield	10:00 a.m. CT
April 18	Varsity Equestrian National Championship	Waco	All Day
April 19	Varsity Equestrian National Championship	Waco	All Day
April 20	Varsity Equestrian National Championship	Waco	All Day

EQUESTRIAN EVENT GLOSSARY

- **Equitation over fences:** Jumping over fences, judged by the appearance and posture of the rider as well as the approach and path of the horse while jumping the obstacle.
- **Equitation on the flat:** Showcasing the horse and rider over the flat ground in a certain pattern. Judged on appearance, posture and showcasing of the horse.
- **Western Horsemanship:** Showcasing the horse in a path prescribed by the judge. Scored based on how well the rider can get the horse to move and respond.
- **Reigning:** A skill event performed by riders where they hold the reins in one hand and the horse responds based on the rider's rein tugs and movements.

Coach confident in swimmers

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

Nearly three weeks remain until the Mountain West Conference Championships, and the H2O Frogs are in a position to score well in almost every event, the head coach said.

Led by a senior-heavy lineup, the H2O Frogs have sunk most of their opponents this spring. The men's team remains undefeated while the women's squad has posted a 4-1 record for the spring.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said he is confident in his swimmers as the conference competition approaches.

"I am really confident in our sprints and relays," Sybesma said. "In every event, we

have someone who can score in the top three places."

On Wednesday, the team gathered together for an intra-squad meet to give a simulated race experience and element of competition, Sybesma said.

While at practice, Sybesma pointed out the lighthearted attitude his swimmers had even though they were about to compete against the clock in a series of time trials.

"They are giggling and jumping around, and they know we are racing today," Sybesma said. "This gives our swimmers who aren't going to travel to conference a chance to get a final clocked time for the season."

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