

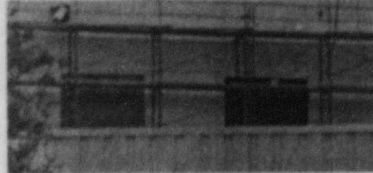
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Board approves new budget, plans more renovations

By NATHAN BASS
Staff Reporter

The board of trustees approved a \$315 million budget Friday, including increased employee compensation and additional financial aid for the upcoming school year at its final meeting of the year.

The new budget includes \$9.4 million in additional compensation for employees and \$6.4 million in

additional financial aid. It also includes \$500,000 to improve student life, including student health and well-being, housing and student services, according to Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

Student body president Jace Thompson said the board's discussions were an indication of how well the univer-

sity is doing right now.

"The meeting discussed a lot of the present and future projects of TCU," Thompson said. "There were a lot of items to discuss but no real bombshells to talk about."

Thompson also said the board approved to proceed with the renovation on the older dormitories beginning next fall with Clark Hall. Once it is completed in fall

2008, Clark will be a co-ed dormitory.

In addition, the university is looking into the possibility of renovating Amon G. Carter Stadium as well, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"We hired a marketing and architecture firm to help us work out the costs for the renovation," Mills said. "I think people would like to see the

stadium get renovated but we're just in the investigative stage right now."

Mills said the new indoor practice facility will be named after former All-American quarterback Sammy Baugh. Baugh led the Frogs to a Sugar Bowl win in 1936 and a Cotton Bowl win the following year before being selected by the Washington Redskins in the 1937 NFL draft.

TCU also reported that the endowment reached \$1.1 billion. Thompson said the board requested for Jim Hille, chief investment officer, to submit a report to them comparing the endowment to that of other universities.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, told the board the

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SGA rejects Activity Board funding

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association rejected a budget proposal for the first time in several years because of record-keeping discrepancies in the Activities Funding Board.

Jace Thompson, student body president, said the budget was not passed because SGA wants to reduce funding to the Activities Funding Board.

"The reason we cut funding is not because we want to cut activities funding but because (we) didn't have records of how organizations spent their money," Thompson said.

Because the budget was submitted early, SGA said it determined the funding for the AFB was too large and decided to revise it. Otherwise, SGA would not have a budget to work with if it was rejected at the last minute, Thompson said.

The last date to submit a budget is April 10, but the budget was submitted March 27.

To pass the budget, the Programming Council and the House of Student Representatives' Executive Board and Finance Committee all have to approve the budget with a majority vote. However, the Executive Board failed to pass the budget with a vote of 15-13 and one abstention.

Thompson said the AFB was created in 2005 to allow individual organizations to apply for funding.

Nate Arnold, student body treasurer, said the AFB was originally funded by a \$25,000 surplus in the SGA fall 2005 budget. The AFB budget was increased in fall 2006 to \$38,000 per semester, with a total of roughly \$76,000 for a fiscal year, Arnold said.

Arnold said about \$16,500 of the total \$76,000 of the AFB budget would be given to Programming Council.

When an organization receives funding, it is obligated to turn in receipts of what was purchased with the provided funds. However, not all organizations returned their receipts to the AFB, Arnold said.

Alan Ruiz, a graduate student in the MBA program, disagrees with the redistribution of funds. Although the redistribution of funds makes some sense, Ruiz said, SGA is getting rid of a budget that has been structured in order to appropriate money to organizations.

As a member of the lacrosse team, Ruiz said he does not believe his organization should be allotted the same amount of funding as other organizations because the lacrosse team has higher operating costs because of the equipment.

It should especially receive more funding than other organizations because lacrosse games generate revenue, Ruiz said.

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HOME ON THE RANCH



Senior Caitlin Holmes tends to livestock while at work on her family's ranch in New Mexico. Holmes will go back to work on the Trigg Ranch, near Tucumcari, N.M., after she graduates from the ranch management program in May. The ranch has been in her family for almost 90 years.

Student uses courses to help family business

By ASHLEIGH WHALEY
Staff Reporter

When one woman in the ranch management program graduates in May, she will return to her family in New Mexico to save them and their business.

In 1996, Caitlin Holmes' grandfather Steve Trigg gathered his family in Dallas to discuss the future of what his children now call on their Web site "the last family ranch left standing," which Caitlin Holmes will help manage this summer.

Trigg, who managed the 50,000-acre Trigg Ranch for 60 years, wanted to keep the ranchland, which was pioneered by his father in 1918, family-owned and operated, said Kristin Holmes, Trigg's daughter and mother of Caitlin Holmes. Before Trigg's death in 2002, the family decided to leave the ranch and its cattle operation in a trust fund for future generations.

"Nobody owns the land now," said Richard Holmes, Caitlin Holmes' father. "All the money the ranch makes is reinvested in the ranch."

This arrangement is meant to preserve the familial bond felt at the ranch while ousting the ownership issue that often breaks families apart, Richard Holmes said.

Kristin Holmes said family is an important aspect of the ranch life.

"You want to take good care of the country and have the best cattle," Kristin Holmes said. "But you also want your family and children around."

Richard and Kristin Holmes, who began managing the ranch in 2002, said they will certainly have the best of both worlds when Caitlin returns to Trigg Ranch this spring.

"Even though we've been running the place, we're basically doing it the same way we've observed," Richard Holmes said. "When Caitlin comes home, she will bring the whole family up to date with all her knowledge. She'll be a fountain of knowledge."

Caitlin Holmes said she plans to teach her parents all she's learned in the ranch management program, which is "absolutely stuff they don't know."

She always knew she'd go back to the ranch but never quite like this, she said.

"After I got my undergraduate degree in English at Southwestern University, I saw that nobody else in my generation was interested in taking that path," Caitlin Holmes said. "And, if nobody else was going to step up to it in my family, I would

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hate to see the ranch not managed by someone in the family if I had the opportunity and the interest to."

She said she didn't realize how special the ranch was until she left it.

"This is about the best thing that could happen to us," Richard Holmes said. "We do feel kind of guilty, though."

Richard and Kristin Holmes worry that Caitlin will be isolated on the Trigg Ranch, but Caitlin does not.

"I've met some awesome people here and networked with people in the industry," she said. "When you get out on the ranch, you kind of feel isolated if you don't know people who are dealing with the same things as you."

Caitlin Holmes is one of two women in the ranch management program. She calls everyone else her "27 brothers."

"It's true. I'm going to be spoiled," she said. "It's just too much fun going two-stepping with them on the weekends."

Trans fat withdrawn prior to U.S. trend

By LESLIE DYER
Staff Reporter

TCU Dining Services beat a recent health curve by providing a trans fat-free menu in all its dining facilities since January 2006.

Following a health-conscious trend that began in the new millennium with the abundance of low-carb diets, some fats were no longer seen as the enemy. However, the dangers of saturated fat and trans fatty acids have risen to the top of the populations' health worries, according to Market Research.

As of January 2006, the Food and Drug Administration began forcing food marketers to display the amount of trans fat in their products, according to Market Research. To avoid this information disclosure, some companies, cities and other businesses have begun to ban trans fat in their products all together, Market Research said.

Aramark, a food management company that handles 400 college campuses, announced its plan to ban trans fat in January 2007. These colleges include Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Minnesota Twin-Cities and Saint Joseph's University, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

However, TCU was ahead of them all and has already celebrated its one-year anniversary of being trans fat-free.

Sodexo, the largest food management company in North America, provides food services at TCU. Sodexo completed its switch to trans fat-free products before January 2006, according to the Sodexo Web site.

The conversion at Sodexo began in 2005, but it took some time to sell out the TCU stock in order to replace it with the new products, said Legia Abato, marketing manager of Dining Services.

Sodexo changed to trans fat-free products because it realized there were healthier and better products for its consumers, which range from toddlers to senior citizens, Abato said.

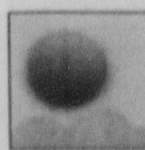
All the food produced by TCU is trans fat-free. However, pre-packaged products on campus may still contain trans fat, Abato said.

Trans fat is found in partially hydrogenated oils and in pre-packaged foods because it increases shelf-stability, said Gina Hill, TCU nutrition assistant professor.

Hydrogenation is a process of pumping-up oils with hydrogen, forming a denser substance with a butter-like consistency, according to the On-line Medical Dictionary.

These oils may be cheaper for food vendors to keep in stock, but they are costly for consumers' health, Hill said.

Trans fat decreases the body's HDL. See **TRANS FAT**, page 2



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TODAY: Mostly sunny, 84/58
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, 63/51
THURSDAY: Partly cloudy, 67/50

PECULIAR FACT

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A man who repeatedly went to the same restaurant each Wednesday and ordered two drinks and a steak and skipped out on his \$25.96 bill was arrested by police on his fifth visit. — Associated Press

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(high-density lipoprotein or "good cholesterol") and increases LDL (low-density lipoprotein or "bad cholesterol"), according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

HDL is good for heart health because it slows the build-up of cholesterol in the arteries, according to the American Heart Association.

LDL on the other hand can

build up on artery walls increasing the risk of heart disease, according to the AHA.

Jeff Proctor, a junior radio-TV-film major, worries about his heart health.

"All the men on my mom's side of the family have a high risk of heart disease," he said.

Trans fat is now one less thing that TCU students, like Proctor, say they must worry about.

"I didn't know about the trans fat ban at TCU," Proctor said, "but it makes me feel better about eating on campus."

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university has now received 11,703 applications for 1,650 spots in the fall freshman class. He said that at least another 100 applications are still expected to be submitted as well.

"What we're experiencing this year is a phenomenon unlike any I've ever heard of in my nearly 30 years of doing admission work," Brown said. "An increase of 38 percent over the previous record year is simply stunning."

He said to put this into perspective, and he said

he felt an increase of even 5 percent during the year would have been considered a success.

In other news, the board voted unanimously to remove the loyalty oaths listed in the faculty/staff handbook before the upcoming school year, according to Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The Mary Couts Burnett Library also announced it's considering leaving the library open until 3 a.m. on weeknights instead of closing at midnight. This won't be decided on until a later date.

The next board of trustees meeting is scheduled for a date between Nov. 7 and 9.

BUDGET

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Brian Andrew, former SGA treasurer, said he believes funding should remain with the AFB because the smaller organizations deserve funding just as much as other organizations.

"I was not in favor of giving such a large amount of money to PC because it's important to keep the smaller groups fund-

ed so they can be able to hold their events," Andrew said.

Arnold said SGA wanted students to rely less on AFB.

"The idea now is to make organizations go to PC instead of having AFB be a sort of welfare," Arnold said. "What I mean is that AFB will simply provide money and not help with anything else. With PC, organizations can get money as well as getting their name out to the rest of the student population."

Groups unite for Praise Fest

By JENIGHI POWELL
Staff Reporter

The muddy ground of Sadler Lawn did not stop more than 50 students from following Lady Michelle Nurse as she led the crowd Sunday night in "flowing," a continuous free-form dance for Christian worship.

Saturday marked the second annual Christian-focused Praise Fest, a day-long event that included a morning conference and an evening concert.

Praise Fest was organized by several Christian and intercultural and inclusiveness organizations on campus in order to promote this year's theme "One Day, One Place, One Body." Holly Dacke, a junior entrepreneurial management major and Praise Fest committee member, said they chose the theme in order to promote bonding of all the Christian organizations.

"We based Praise Fest off a need to see the campus come together," said alumna Felecia Benton, master of ceremonies for the concert. "When you see a need for something, God gives you the desire to act."

The Praise Fest committee raised more than \$5,000 through fundraisers, raffle tickets and selling T-shirts promoting the event, and the remaining \$15,000 of the \$20,000 budgeted for the event came from donations from local churches, Intercultural and Inclusiveness Services, Programming Council and University Ministries, said Kelly Kramer, a junior social work major and

Praise Fest committee member.

The four-hour morning conference consisted of praise and worship through song, dance and prayer as well as "Digging Deep" workshop sessions led by several local pastors and community members. About 30 people, mostly TCU students, attended the morning conference, which provided student-oriented information on how to unify Christian believers.

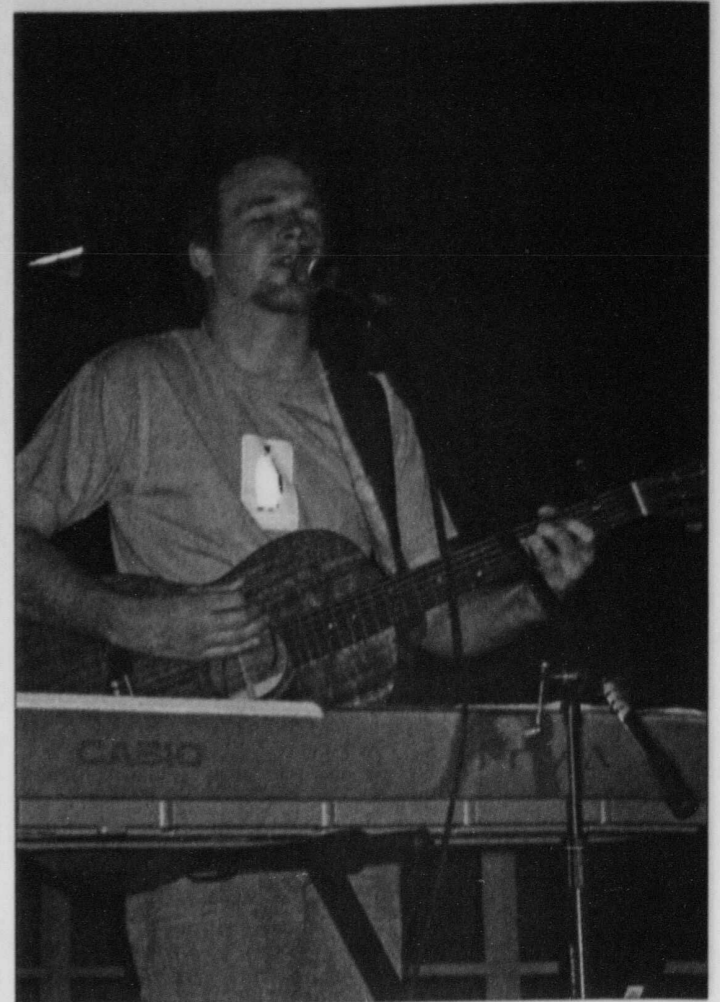
"The conference is really encouraging," said Ryan Hambley, a junior middle school education major. "I think Praise Fest takes faith to another level."

Praise Fest also focuses on a philanthropic cause such as last year's Invisible Children campaign and this year's One Campaign to raise awareness to end poverty and the spread of AIDS. Kramer said the One Campaign complemented this year's theme.

The evening concert, which was from 6 to 10 p.m., featured local Christian performers of several different gospel and rock genres, as well as Great Commission Mime Team, TCU's Soul Steppers and Calling in Action Christian Dance troupe.

"We hope, by having different genres, people could plug in to what they like while experiencing new artists at the same time," Kramer said.

Angela Kaufman, minister to the university, spoke to



Sophomore Andrew Sullivan performs at the second annual Praise Fest on the Sadler Lawn on Saturday night. Sullivan was one of seven musical acts to perform during the event.

the crowd of about 100 people on the One Campaign as well as Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian movement to end hunger. Performers also were supportive of the event's promotion of poverty awareness. Singersongwriter Andrea Thomas sang about living on less than \$1 a day in her song "Jesus Love."

Katrina Grote, a junior biology major, said she enjoyed the concert because of the variety of acts.

Kramer hopes to involve more variety in the acts next year by including more genres and cultural influences such as Latin and Asian worship styles.

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THE SKIFF VIEW

U.S. cannot ignore global warming

The split of the nation's judicial leaders on whether America needs to do something about global warming is a good thing. In a 5-to-4 decision Monday, the Supreme Court ruled the Bush administration's Clean Air Act does allow the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate carbon dioxide emissions and berated the EPA for not attempting to regulate them in the first place. By law, the EPA must regulate "pollutants," but the Bush administration has said the Clean Air Act does not consider carbon dioxide a "pollutant." The majority of the Supreme Court thought differently. So does this mean the highest court in our nation has expressed the reality of global warming and any greenhouse gas-producing industry will suffer? Not quite. More accurately, it has qualified the looming danger of greenhouse gases and given the EPA a chance to regulate it. It's a step in the right direction for the highest-producing carbon dioxide emissions

nation in the world, but it's a good thing we haven't swung into ultra-green mode yet. There are still four significant dissents in the Court. Chief Justice John Roberts said this issue is better solved by the other two branches of government than his. According to The New York Times report on the case, the EPA can continue to refuse to regulate carbon dioxide emissions only if it can prove they do not affect global warming or present a good reason for why "it cannot or will not exercise its discretion to determine whether they do." Here's where qualifying the issue comes into play. America is the world's superpower for one obvious reason: our developed industry. Regulating our oil refineries, car manufacturers and everything in between is a good idea in theory but needs to be looked at carefully by Congress and the executive branch. It's time to accept global warming as a real issue but also time to stop and consider our nation's economy before we jump into the role of saving the world.

Features editor Amber Pearcher for the editorial board.

BY BRENDAN KIEFER



Cadbury Junkies

Some relationships should end amicably, honestly

Today's news is filled with negativity — that's why many of us don't watch the nightly news anymore. All we ever hear about is

COMMENTARY



Anahita Kallianivala

murders, violence, burglaries and the like. We hope and pray we will never miss hearing about someone we know in a context like that. Nobody wakes up in the morning expecting to hear on the news that something tragic has happened to someone they know. Unfortunately, last week, something tragic did happen. March 26, a Keller woman was strangled by her husband. The family reported her missing, and the husband aided in the search — until he finally confessed to her murder. According to a March 30 Star-Telegram article, police reported that he strangled her with a shoestring around 4 a.m. March 26. He drove her car to a location a few miles from their home and then drove his own car to Waco for a business meeting, with her body in the trunk. When I first heard this story from my Spanish professor, who had seen her friend on the news helping to distribute missing-person flyers, I kept thinking about the fact that the woman was from Keller.

Though my home is in Fort Worth proper, my high school, just two miles away, is in Keller. I couldn't help but wonder if it was someone I knew.

That same afternoon I received a phone call from a high school friend, making an unfortunate connection for me. The woman killed was Donna Sandlin, the secretary in the counseling office at Fossil Ridge High School — my alma mater. As if the story wasn't horrendous enough in itself, I found out that it happened to someone I knew. Now, when I see Richard Sandlin's picture in the media, I cringe. I don't understand what the state of our moral code must be that a woman's husband — someone who has vowed to be with her in sickness and in health and to love and cherish her — can look her in the eye and think to himself, "I'm going to kill you someday." How is it that our society has become so accustomed to murdering a spouse rather than resolving the minor issue that friction arises from? According to a Star-Telegram article from March 30, police revealed that Richard Sandlin was having an affair with a woman in Denver. It is unknown whether Donna Sandlin knew about it. Keller police Lt. Brenda Slovak said, "He just recently started seeing her." Maybe he was just too afraid to

confess his adultery to his wife, and, of course, the easy way out from a potential divorce is murder, right? Maybe the divorce rate has become so high people feel like they do not want to fall into that statistic. But that is not a reason to make yourself part of the murderer statistic — it is reason to work it out. I am not an advocate of divorce, but perhaps the solution is to promote it so that dazed and confused husbands don't feel like murder is their only option. I wonder how he thought he would get away with it — which is the same question many others close to her have been asking. At best, he could have carried on a life with his lover in Denver — holding the secret that he strangled his former wife. Or if he confessed to her, there would be greater motivation for her to be his next victim. And who is to say he would not have killed her anyway, if and when he found a third woman who sparked his interest? Crimes we hear of every day are unfortunate enough, but when they happen to someone you know and love, coping with the atrocities man is capable of is even harder. A man with a skewed moral compass and an obvious need for rehabilitation took away an adored woman and the nicest lady in the counseling office.

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Housing sign-up system needs improvements, order

Earlier this year, TCU broke with the long-standing tradition of requiring only freshman to live on campus. Starting in the fall, all first- and second-year noncommuting students will be required to live in university-approved housing. Students and university employees are entering uncharted waters. It is in this venture into the great unknown that Residential Services has dropped the ball.

COMMENTARY



David Hall

First, let's start with the situation in the new dorms. Touted by the university as the greatest thing since Christ and moveable type combined, they have everybody fighting for a space. With private bedrooms, full-size beds and living rooms, who wouldn't do a couple of mafia hits to be living the "suite" life? Trying to curb an outbreak of such violence, the university wisely granted the first 100 people to pay their advanced housing fees spots in the new halls. Those who got in were under the impression that the other bedrooms in the suite would be reserved so they could invite their friends to live in them. Easy as pie, right? Not exactly.

Students in the first 100, who were banking on living with their friends next year, received bad news two weeks ago. They found out that people eligible for housing sign-ups based on their credit hours could just move in and take up a bedroom in the suite. Craig Allen, director of Residential Services at TCU, said that the staff never specifically told students that being in the first 100 would guarantee that they would be able to live with all of their friends in the upcoming academic year. While this may be true, many students had the opposite impression. Mischa Astroff, a freshman advertising/public relations major said, "The fact that so many students had the 'wrong' impression about sign-ups for the new dorms points to a serious flaw. The information should have been presented in a clearer fashion." It's not just the new dorms that are giving next year's on-campus residents a headache, either. There's not even a good system for those trying to room with their friends in other residence halls. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This leads to pressure and angry Facebook messages to try and force those deemed "undesirable" to live with to vacate their positions in a room in favor of friends of current occupants.

Thus, hostilities between "squatters" and friends of roommates could become very heated. This could lead to blackmailing, emotionally scarring battles of wit or, worst of all, break-dance fights. Nobody wants that. There has to be a better way. Why doesn't Residential Services offer a service in which students submit the names of those they wish to live with, and they do their best to accommodate students' demands? Friends can room together, and those who wish to go potluck can do that, too. Also, they could completely block off the suites for those who did early sign-up for the newer dormitories. If the number is reduced to the first 50 to sign up, those lucky students should have the right to pick their suite-mates. In that case, there would still be plenty of spaces left for upperclassmen. The way in which housing sign-ups are handled at TCU is in need of improvement. The people in Residential Services are smart, and they strive to do all that they can to ensure a positive residential experience for students. However, they are capable of creating a system to facilitate room assignments to eliminate all of the chaos. The current method has to go.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears Wednesdays.

Horoscopes, signs play role in personalities

There are many factors responsible — at least in part — in regard to the connections we make in life, whether business or personal.

COMMENTARY



Ylona Cupryjak

To make a connection with — or first impression on — a person, there are required actions one must fulfill, such as openness, friendliness and genuine interest in others. However, many people have wondered sometimes why they can't connect or become acquaintances with certain individuals. Though there usually isn't something obviously wrong or out of place; sometimes, it can be something that is felt but can't be outwardly explained.

Explaining about horoscopes and people's signs in connection to how it can and does affect their lives might seem a bit strange and, frankly, alien because of people's skepticism, and the almost laughable notion that this is something to take somewhat seriously or at least be aware of and keep in the back of one's mind. Also, though this too might vary, there are foundations and set characteristics about each sign that might not explain everything about a person but seem to be somewhat

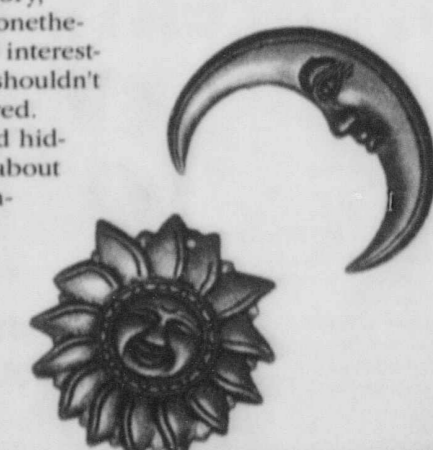
of a hint or link about the type of person he or she is, whether it is obviously shown or secretly hidden. Relationships or friendships I have observed have succeeded or been long-lasting because of open communication, a sense of humor and patience; having compatible signs to go along with that doesn't hurt, either. The same goes for relationships or friendships that have disintegrated; it was a common factor that both parties' signs were at odds from the start, though the reasons for separation or split have varied tremendously. Signs weren't always the common factor but were

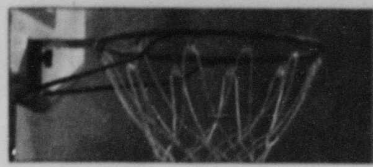
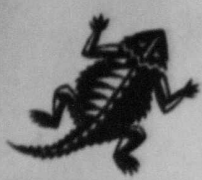
more often than not. This is not to say horoscopes are supposed to dictate people's lives. There does seem, however, to be a sort of underlying truth or similarity between people's signs and the connections or associations they make. For example, many people I have met whom I didn't fare well with or whom I couldn't find a common connection to were ironically people whose signs I found out I wasn't compatible with, though that isn't the main or only reason I attribute to when I don't or can't become friends or more with someone. It is simply a thought to keep in the back burner of the mind — a thought that holds

some valid coincidences regarding associations but is too vague and mystical to be cited as tangible or substantial proof of the way relationships and connections work in life. This is only a theory, something that is nonetheless fascinating and interesting to explore and shouldn't be completely ignored. There are truths and hidden secrets to find about each sign, and learning about one's horoscope could expand his or her mind and self in the process; after all, knowing who you are, what you can do and who you are compatible

with shouldn't dictate your life, but simply knowing such information can't be detrimental, either.

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Some NCAA eligibility rules have been impacting TCU sports.
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WEATHERING DAMAGE

Completion delayed on new sports facility

By MICHELLE NICOU D
Staff Reporter

The \$7 million Sam Baugh indoor practice facility could be complete by the end of the month despite some weather-related construction delays. Head football coach Gary Patterson said crews are working to finish the construction before April 27, the start of a two-day Nike camp that could bring several possible recruits to campus.

"To actually be able to use it for recruiting reasons and have it done for student-athletes to see what TCU has to offer (is our goal)," Patterson said.

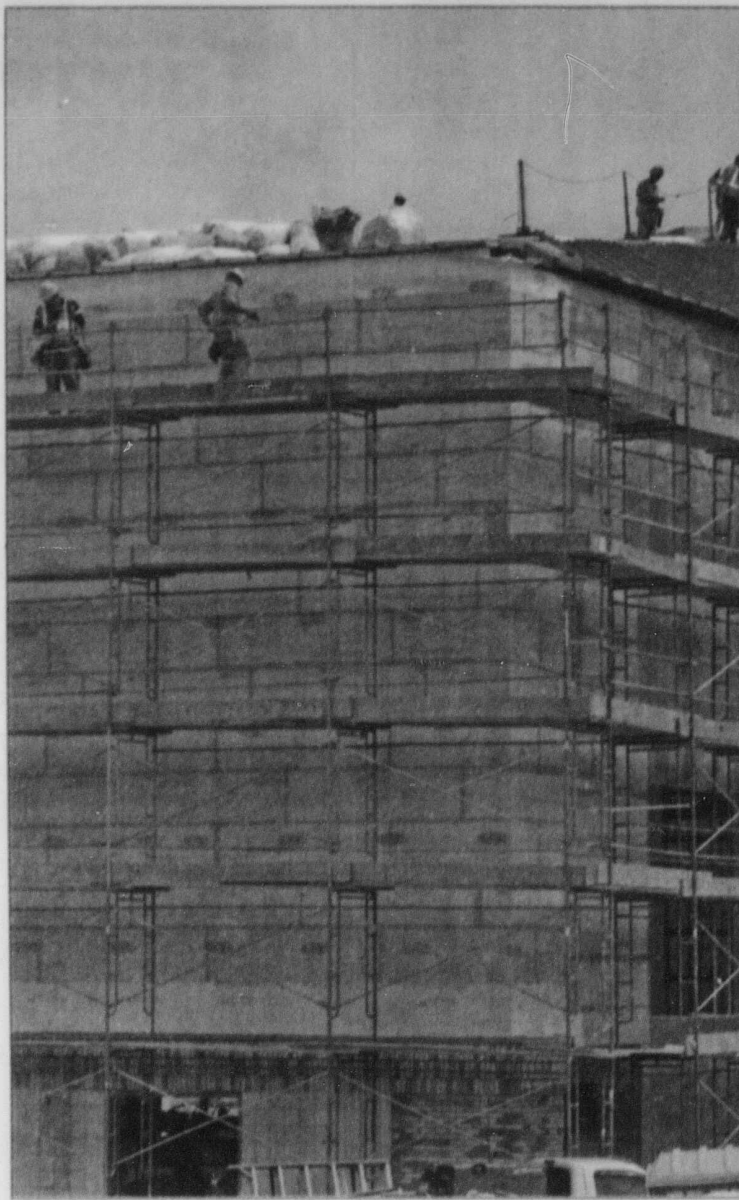
High winds related to a dust storm at the end of February blew off a portion of the roof, and recent rain has also slowed the building process, said Ross Bailey, associate director of athletics for operations.

Bailey said construction is 17 days behind because of the weather.

"We're replacing the east side of the roof that was damaged from the storm," he said. "They're finishing up the plaster on the sides and the outside cosmetics are getting finished up."

For the inside, Bailey said workers must clean the turf and put in the lights.

The football team will



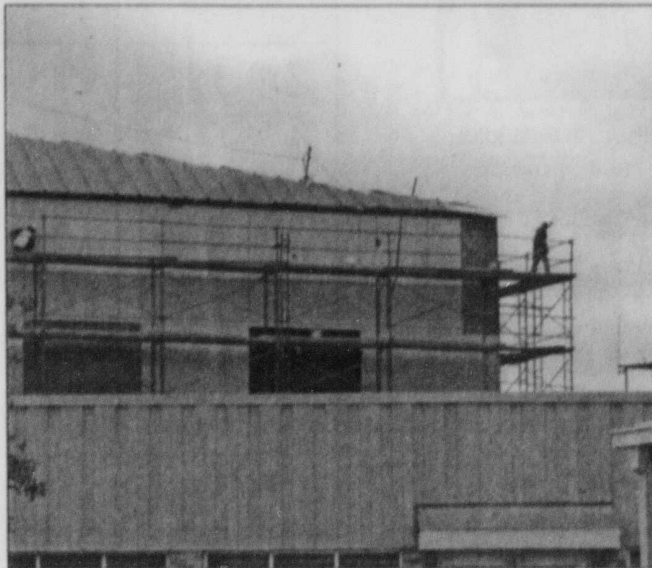
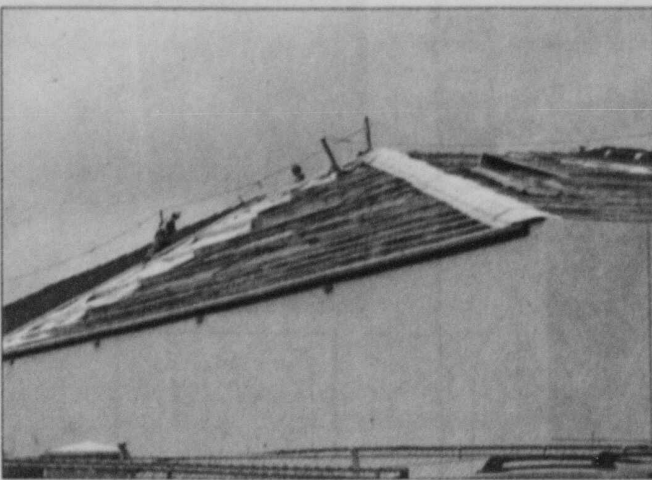
be able to practice all the maneuvers it needs to except punting, Patterson said. He said punting in the facility would require a higher roof that would add more than \$3 million to the price tag. "For us in Texas, we don't have that much bad weather for it to make that much difference," Patterson said. A higher roof was never in the plans as TCU was able to quickly get two donations to finance the

project, said Davis Babb, associate director of athletics for development. The university received a \$3 million donation from the Jean and John Justin Foundation while the remaining \$4 million was an anonymous donation, Babb said. "There are some schools that have facilities that large (for punting)," Babb said. "Our fundraising effort was to go right in and get the money raised for this particular one. It's good

enough for field goals and passing." The football team will use the facility during lightning storms and possibly in extreme cold though never in extreme heat, Patterson said. The field turf will not be new to the football team as it practiced there for two

years prior to the addition of the roof, Patterson said. The soccer, baseball and track and field teams may also utilize the facility for their strength and conditioning programs, Bailey said.

A dedication ceremony is planned for May 10.



RYAN CLAUNCH / Staff Photographer

Construction workers continue to work on the football team's new \$7 million Sam Baugh indoor practice facility. The facility is set to be completed before April 27. Construction is 17 days behind because of recent rain and a dust storm at the end of February that blew off a portion of the roof.

Home wins continue for Frogs

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

The No. 28 Horned Frogs baseball team will try to get the first win against a Big 12 opponent of the season tonight against the No. 21 Oklahoma University Sooners. The team extended its home winning streak to 18 games after taking a three-game set from the University of California at Santa Barbara Gauchos last weekend, bringing the squad's record to 21-8. However, tonight's contest will be played on the road in Norman, Okla. as the team starts an eight-game road trip. This could present a problem as the Horned Frogs are 7-8 while suiting up away from Lupton Stadium this season.

During head coach Jim Schlossnagle's tenure at TCU, the Horned Frogs have gone 2-5 against the Sooners. The last time the two teams squared off was in the 2006 NCAA Regional Tournament, where the Sooners knocked out the Horned Frogs 15-6 in an elimination game.

Last weekend's sweep of the Gauchos featured a potent Frogs offense as the team pounded out 34 hits over three games en route to scoring 28 total runs.

During the series, the relievers turned in lights-out performances as the bullpen worked more than eight scoreless innings, and closer Sam Demel earned credit for two of the wins.

Demel's win in the third game of the series capped off a late-inning come-from-behind victory keyed by some timely hits and sloppy Gauchos fielding. The comeback victories in the second and third games of the series were paid in large part to the four-run rally in the second game and the five-run eighth inning scoring in the series finale.

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