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Lowering student-to-faculty ratio key, chancellor says



By CALLIE COX
Staff Reporter

The university has hired 20 faculty members this fall, contributing to the almost 60 new faculty and instructional positions that have been added during the past three years, Chancellor Victor Boschini said at the Honors Convocation on Tuesday.

Boschini said the current student-to-faculty ratio is 14 to 1.

"We are committed to further lowering this key measure of educational

excellence to 13-to-1 in the future," he said.

Boschini said this year's freshman class of 1,644 students was chosen from a group of nearly 12,000 applicants, which is a 38-percent increase from last year.

The class of 2011 has high SAT scores, a male-to-female ratio that brings TCU to the national college average and has more students with diverse and international backgrounds than in years past, Boschini said.

Boschini also said during

this changing time at TCU, the Campus Commons project is taking center stage.

"When all phases of the Commons are finished, we will have realized our dream," Boschini said. "We will have created an environment rich in personal interaction, a place where intellectual vitality and social engagement intersect and a place where students of different cultures and values can learn from each other."

He also talked about three

new buildings that have either been built or in the process of being built: the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation Education Complex, the Sam Baugh Indoor Practice Facility and Cox Field and the Barnes and Noble Bookstore. These new facilities and other campus renovations add up to \$150 million of campus additions.

In addition to the Chancellor's address, Boschini presented two prestigious faculty awards.

John M. Thompson

received the Wassenich Award for Mentoring in the TCU community, which recognizes a faculty or staff member who has been a mentor to students. Thompson has been an instructor in the Neeley School of Business for 28 years.

"Showing respect is the most important thing in mentoring students," Thompson said.

This year's Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar. See **CONVOCATION**, page 2

New shop to provide subs, beer

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

Starting in November, students 21 and older can walk up to the window of a new South University Drive restaurant and order a frozen daiquiri to-go.

Buffalo Bros. Pizza Wings and Subs is scheduled to open Nov. 1 at 3015 S. University Drive next door to Dutch's Burgers and Beer. The restaurant will fill the old Texadelphia store lot.

Jon Bonnell, a co-owner of the restaurant, said the restaurant has a beer and wine license that allows alcohol to be served on or off the premises.

A wine and beer permit allows the distributor to sell wine-based not liquor-based drinks off premises, said Yvette Price, a Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission agent.

To avoid breaking open-container laws, the wine-based daiquiris served from the window will come in a hard plastic cup with a lid, tied in a bag, Bonnell said.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said Buffalo Bros. won't have an impact on the students' alcohol-related citations.

"It's going to come down to personal responsibility of the consumer," Ham said.

With the amount of alcohol already accessible in the TCU area, Ham said, one more establishment isn't going to affect anything.

Junior Chris Ramirez, 21, said other than minors trying to buy the drinks, there will be no problems with Buffalo Bros.

"I'd want to go," Ramirez said.

Ed McOwen, the other co-owner and a Buffalo, N.Y. native, said he got the name and idea from a restaurant in Buffalo that served good buffalo wings. He said he will also be the general manager and chef of Buffalo Bros.

The restaurant will also serve pizza by the slice, buffalo wings, subs and beer seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Bonnell and McOwen are co-own Bonnell's Restaurant on Bryant Irvin Road.

OVERBOOKED



Spencer Youtsey, a freshman prebusiness major, is among 20 students across campus who are living in study lounges due to a shortage of dorm rooms. Administrators say the housing shortage can be attributed to increased male enrollment in the 2011 class.

Displaced freshmen inhabit study rooms

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS
Staff Reporter

While some students study in their living space, usually in dorm rooms, some TCU students are living in designated study rooms.

Some male students were placed in

study rooms because of an increase in applications, said David Cooper, associate director for residential living.

He said there are about 20 male students without "fixed housing," all of whom are men. There are a few vacancies in

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Non-profit finances students in need

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

For the past 19 years, a private foundation has been helping non-traditional students by rewarding them a monthly allowance in the form of a unique scholarship.

According to financial aid representatives, the terms of the scholarship are simple: the gift is to be given to a non-traditional student with financial need.

However, some non-traditional students agree it's not the terms of the scholarship that has them asking questions, but rather why the scholarship is not advertised publicly.

Former student and single mother Jennifer Glover said she was not aware of the scholarship even existed.

"TCU doesn't really tell you that stuff when you owe them money," Glover said.

Glover would've graduated last year, she said, but she had to drop out prematurely when she had problems with financial aid. Glover, who is a mother to 1-year-old Kaylee, said she is no stranger to college-bound parents.

"When I was younger my dad went back to school and he had to take me with him to class because my mom would be working," Glover said. "Because I was older and it was only once a week or so, it was OK, but you really can't go to school with a 1-year-old or a little baby."

Glover said the money definitely would have made a difference in her schooling, if not

toward bills, toward a babysitter for her daughter.

"If she was with a babysitter during the day I could go to class and work at night," Glover said. "The only bad part is that I wouldn't get to see her much."

Glover said she would definitely be grateful if TCU had a daycare center available because that would mean she could arrange her schedule to see her daughter at least once every day

"Sometimes you cannot really access financial aid until student bills are paid."

Melet Leafgreen
assistant director of financial aid

on campus and it would cut down on her bills. However, since TCU doesn't offer a daycare center, scholarship recipients agree the Mary I. Gourley Scholarship is especially helpful to undergraduate parents.

Melet Leafgreen, assistant director of financial aid, says the scholarship is not advertised because it is such a unique award. Leafgreen said the money awarded does not go through the student's account, it is directly deposited to the recipient in the form of a check.

"Sometimes you cannot really access financial aid until student bills are paid," Leafgreen said. "This scholarship does not work that way. (Recipients) use it as they see fit and a lot of students use it for childcare."

According to representatives, the Mary I. Gourley Foundation was founded in 1988 and since then has helped 563 non-traditional students graduate at a number of different schools.

Karen Krause, director of financial aid at UTA, said the scholarship isn't advertised at UTA either. Krause said she

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Hall of Fame disc golfer to oversee campus course design

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

Lace up your walking shoes and polish your Frisbees because a disc golf course on campus has already been staked.

Student Government Association President Jace Thompson said the course is waiting on approval from the Physical Plant and administration, but after that he hopes the course will be ready.

"The course has been staked out and played so the only issue now is approval," Thompson said. "The stu-

dents might have to take it to the Board of Trustees but they're willing to do that to get this course running."

Activities coordinator Kim Appel said the nine-hole course will begin at Stadium and Bellaire North drives and loop around Worth Hills.

Jay Iorizzo, associate director of campus recreation, said campus recreation has been working with course designer John Houck. Houck is a 1998-inductee into the Disc Golf Hall of Fame.

Appel said SGA wrote and passed the bill to build the

course last fall. She said when the bill was originally passed it called for the relocation of \$5,000 to finance building the course. The project will come out of the Campus Advancement Committee, a committee under the House of Representatives, Appel said.

Thompson said campus recreation is funding some aspects of the project and is providing money for annual maintenance and for a designer. However, SGA will fund the final project bid, he said.

"The bid was more than SGA originally allocated so for more money to be spent SGA must pass another bill," Thompson said.

Thompson said he doesn't think it will be a problem for SGA to allocate a little more money to bring the course to campus because he thinks the course will benefit the school.

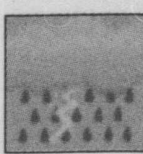
"I think it is one way to develop on-campus environment, expand intramurals and promote residentiality on campus," Thompson said. Appel agreed.

"This course is a chance for TCU to do something different and yet still promote healthy lifestyles," she said.

Iorizzo said he has no doubt the course is a good investment for TCU and will draw in lots of people.

"The sport is different but once you get into it, it's addicting," Iorizzo said. "Anyone can do it."

When the course is finished, campus recreation will be ready with discs to check out and maps of the course.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 85/67
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FRIDAY: Isolated T-storms, 87/70

PECULIAR FACT

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A thief chased and caught by a group of Malaysians after he snatched a woman's handbag turned out to be a policeman. — Reuters

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DORM

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the female dorms and in the upperclassmen housing, Cooper said, however, residential services cannot place the students in these dorms because they don't fit the classification requirements to live there.

There are 675 men enrolled this year, compared to 665 enrolled last year, said Amanda Sanchez, research analyst for the institutional research department.

Dean of Admissions Raymond Brown said he had requests for more male students on campus from many people and that TCU is trying to increase diversity, including gender.

"The first thing — which is a great thing — is that our admissions office is being more selective, but the yield is too high," Cooper said. "So there are not enough beds for them in their own room."

Cooper said TCU wants students living on campus to experience the "campus life" and all the amenities that go with it. He said many schools across the country are placing students in study rooms and

lounges because of a lack of space.

Some schools, Cooper said, are placing three students to a room to be sure the students get the campus-living experience.

Sam Thompson, a freshman prebusiness major, said TCU told him he would be living in a study room a week or two before school started.

Thompson and his roommate, Spencer Youtsey, said they each have their own bed, two small tables as desks and share a TV. They have no closets or windows, Youtsey said.

Even though Thompson was on the waitlist for admissions, he said, he never wanted to go anywhere else but TCU. Living in a study room was not going to keep him from his first-choice school, he said.

Cooper said they determined who would be placed in the study rooms by when students turned in their application.

Youtsey and Thompson said they pay around \$1500 to \$1600 a semester to live in the study room, which is about half of the cost to stay in a Waits dorm room.

Youtsey said he tried to

move in with a friend down the hall, but before he could talk to the hall director, another student had moved in already.

Cooper said when rooms become available, they offer the room to students based on space, the living environment and the amenities of the room and dorm.

He said some of these students were offered a room later when they became available, but declined. Cooper said he knows four men in Clark Hall who don't want to move because they like their living situation.

Thompson said despite the unique housing arrangements he and his two roommates get along just fine.

"They said only two weeks at first, but then said it'll be indefinite," Thompson said. "I'll stick with it for the semester, but if it's for next semester, then I won't be very happy."

Youtsey said he loves Waits and would like to stay there, as well as stay with his roommates.

"If they found another room, we would debate going because we are already friends," Youtsey said. "We are a lot alike."

SCHOLARSHIP

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thinks all schools awarded the scholarship money are likely not to advertise it.

"Because of the criteria established by the foundation, it's just easier to invite students to apply as we understand their situations," Krause said. "We're not trying to keep it a secret but we also know there are limited funds."

Jennifer Hesselbrock, an undergraduate student and single mother, received the scholarship in spring 2007. Hesselbrock said she had been working with financial aid throughout the year because as a mother of two daughters, 10 and 6, she struggled with financial worries.

"I am one of those peo-

ple who doesn't ever have enough money so I was always in the financial aid office and (the scholarship) was heaven sent," Hesselbrock said. "One day Melet said, 'Oh apply for this.'"

Hesselbrock said she is aware the scholarship isn't advertised but as a recipient of \$500 a month, she understands why TCU doesn't publicize the money. She said the scholarship might attract the wrong kind of people interested in fast cash.

"There may be a more qualified person than me but that person may have more options available to them that I didn't have," Hesselbrock said. "I think allowing the scholarship to have access to everyone would draw in people who it wasn't necessarily intended for."

As for advertising the scholarship on her own time,

Hesselbrock said she would certainly spread the word to those who are in need.

"I have absolutely no problem with giving information especially when it helps someone," Hesselbrock said.

Krause said she has no problem volunteering the information to applicants and she's sure there are people equally worthy of the scholarship, but advertising it more would mean more applications and more rejections.

"I don't think any of us have ever had difficulty spending our money," Krause said. "So if it comes to us having money available we'll look into advertising it further."

In the meantime, the scholarship application remains in financial aid available to students who fit the profile.

CONVOCATION

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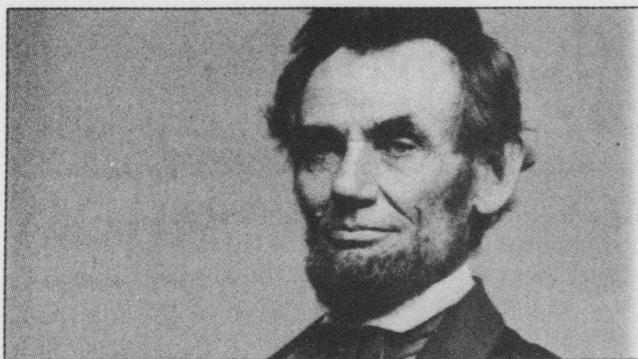
Teacher and Scholar honored Stacey Floyd-Thomas of the Brite Divinity School. The award is chosen by the Chancellor and given to a faculty member who is considered to be extraordinary in teaching and scholarship.

"TCU is a community that values each unique individual, that values frank interchange and dialogue and a community where students can refine their thoughts," Boschini said. "This university is about the people who teach and learn here."

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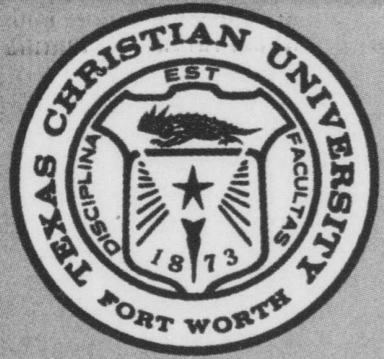
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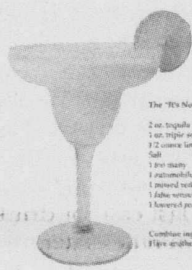
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart"

— E.E. Cummings

THE SKIFF VIEW

Housing for freshman males sub-par

This year, the university admitted more males than ever. Though this is great for increasing diversity on campus, TCU failed to properly prepare for these students' arrival.

Fall 2007 marks the first semester in which both freshman and sophomore students are required to live on campus. With this in mind, it seems only logical that there should be enough housing for all freshman and sophomore students — no matter their gender.

Still there are 20 students without fixed housing and all of them are male.

The female-to-male ratio has historically been 60-40, said Mindy Hollan, assistant director of housing assignments, and the dorm situation — five all-female halls, two all-male halls and three coed halls — reflected that. Now, the number of male freshmen admitted this semester has changed the ratio to 58-42. Although two of the all-female halls — Waits and Wiggins — have been converted to coed dorms, three female-only dorms remain. There are currently zero all-male residence halls.

David Cooper, associate director for residential living, said there are vacancies in some all-female and upperclassmen dorms. However, since these displaced students do not meet the criterion for these halls, Cooper said, they cannot move into the vacant rooms.

TCU should have converted more female dorms into coed halls to cope with the influx of male residents. Admitting students for whom there is not physically room is inexcusable.

The two new residence halls built this summer, Amon G. Carter Hall and Kellye Wright Samuelson Hall, don't even alleviate the problem. Both halls are for upperclassmen.

Because TCU was ill-prepared for its entering class, a number of students are left in limbo: living in study rooms with no windows, locks or privacy. Freshmen students have a hard enough time adjusting to being away from home, this only worsens their load.

Increasing diversity on campus is ideal, but when it comes at a cost of students' comfort, maybe TCU should rethink its priorities.

Managing Editor Aly Fleet for the editorial board.

BY LANA BLOCKER



WALDO PROTESTS BECAUSE HE FEARS FOR HIS CAREER...

Extending last-call hours could make streets safer

It's 10 p.m. Friday night. You get a call from your friends to meet at your favorite bar, so you jump in the shower and rush to get ready.

11 p.m. — You meet your friends at the bar.

11:30 p.m. — You have to wait in line outside the bar.

11:45 p.m. — Finally, you are inside and have to wait again — this time at the bar — for a drink. You just started having a fantastic time when the last call for drinks comes 15 minutes later.

But you just got here! Well, your friends are buzzed and your face is getting a little flushed from that Long Island Iced Tea. But the fun hasn't even really begun yet.

What do you do? Call it a night? Yeah right.

No. You go someplace that has a later last call. Ahh, but how do you get there?

Generally, people have to

drive to get from one place to another.

Let's hope your designated driver didn't punk out already.

So this is where the turning point happens. People have to make a decision about whether they should break the law to keep having a good time.

According to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Web site, 2.1 million college students ages 18-24 drive under the influence of alcohol each year.

Extending last call hours won't necessarily keep students from driving while intoxicated, but it could mean fewer drunk drivers on the road. At the same time, it is likely to be people who aren't drinking behind the wheel.

Denton's neighboring city, Frisco, has already taken the initiative.

Last call hours will be extended from midnight to 2 a.m. for bars in Frisco sometime this month thanks to a vote from Frisco City Council.

And there was support from what some would think an unlikely source — MADD.

The organization supported the decision to extend last call hours to 2 a.m. to create consistency and safer roads in the area. Since cities near Frisco had later last call hours, MADD said the stag-

gered hours promoted bar hopping.

I think MADD has the right idea here.

If fewer intoxicated drivers were on the road between midnight and 2 a.m., then it would be less likely drunk driving-related accidents would occur between those times.

I've gone shopping at Wal-Mart around midnight a few times, and I always see moms with their small children.

Obviously, this is the only chance they get to go shopping or they just want to avoid busier shopping

hours. Either way, they are there and are potentially in danger — essentially during drunk drivers' rush hour.

I hate the thought of a mother driving home with her kids and getting hit by a drunk driver rushing to get to another bar."

Gretchen Hollis

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SXC.HU

Be wary of discount food

Discount food: a cornerstone of the college experience. Whether it's Taco Tuesday at Rosa's or some great deal found in the seemingly endless supply of coupon books given out on campus, monetarily challenged students love low-priced sustenance.

With these values, however, comes the unfortunate consequence of overeating.

After driving around aimlessly for about 30 minutes because I'm an idiot and thought there was an Applebee's on Hulen Street (it's actually a Chili's), we finally made it to our destination near Green Oaks Road at about 9:45 p.m.

Our waiter was named "Jeff," or "Steve" or "Jim". I can't really remember. All I know is that the look on his face seemed to say, "I'd rather have my eyes gouged while rolling around in a pit of used hypodermic needles than work at Applebee's a second longer."

We promptly ordered our discount appetizers and made him split checks. Not to mention we had water to drink.

Jeff/Steve/Jim presumably stuck his head in the deep fryer after we left.

Our appetizers were promptly delivered to our table and Jeff/Steve/Jim told us to "enjoy." However, the lack of inflection in his voice seemed to say "I hope you die, cheapskates."

I choked down a massive quesadilla full of chicken, bacon, cheese, pico de gallo, hollandaise sauce, laundry detergent, stem cells and whatever the heck else they managed to shove in there. Then I had some of my roommate's buffalo wings and cheese sticks. I

topped that off with a generous helping of his girlfriend's nachos. Then we split a brownie three ways.

My share of the bill? Only \$6.33 after tip. Tremendous value. I thought the night couldn't get any better.

I was right. Soon after arriving back at the dorm, I felt as if that chest burster from Ridley Scott's "Alien" was about to make its escape. The massive amounts of discounted appetizer fare I had eaten had run out of space in my stomach and were starting to press against my sternum.

I tried to take a couple of ibuprofen before bed to get rid of my splitting headache, but, having no room to rest in my stomach, they sat at the base of my esophagus as I slowly felt them fall in with the heaping mass of cramping and discomfort throughout a 30-minute period. It was pretty much the worst night ever.

Oh, not to mention that my roommate, uh, "purged" the excess food in his stomach at about 5:30 a.m.

So, don't end up like us. Always eat discount meals in manageable increments. There's no law saying that you have to scarf down superhuman amounts of chow just because it's cheap. Remember, there's always a to-go box.

For the love of God, there's always the to-go box.

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Students should limit activities, take time to relax

Joining and getting involved too much in college can become more of a hassle than not sometimes. College students generally feel the urgent need to

get involved in their school or university in order to belong, to be accepted and to find people with whom

friendships and relationships can occur and blossom. Through time, however, these once helpful and genial activities can quickly turn time-

consuming and stressful. Yet, college students everywhere still feel determined to be as involved as possible as well as keeping themselves consistently busy. But where is the limit regarding how thin a college student spreads him or herself and their time over their various interests and activities?

In this day and age, life moves at a rapid pace. In a subconscious way, college students undoubtedly feel that pressure and respond to it. There is a plethora of activities and interests to choose from at a university or college, including extracurricular activities,

various clubs, and the obvious sororities and fraternities. There are also activities that quietly and quickly consume time and energy, such as outside work, social life, volunteering and relationships of all kinds.

Too much, however, can quickly turn what was once fun-filled into something that weighs as heavy as an anchor and causes stress as well. Too many activities can distract college students from their goals, whether it is acquiring a degree from taking classes, earning money from a job, or building friendships or network-

ing contacts. The more involved a student gets in their college life, the more the discipline, awareness and stress levels increase.

These days, this rapid pace of life becomes so normal that students actually thrive on it. They feel empty or purposeless if their social or educational plate is not completely filled to the brim with various activities. Students might feel guilty or believe they are being lazy when their days are not completely full. Whenever there is any downtime or freedom to relax or time to contribute to self-solitude, students might

get anxious or bored easily without some required stimuli. They will have forgotten how to create work or activities for themselves instead of always being flooded with it.

One thing students can do is take the time to realize that not every hour of everyday needs to be filled and kept busy. Solitude is good for a person's health, and calms the mind, body and soul from the everyday white noise and chaos that life can create. Also, joining or participating in a few essential or personally important activities can be better

than taking part in everything imaginable. This will eliminate unnecessary stress and strengthen a foundation of discipline that will be constant for later. Overall, being smart and disciplined about what a student is involved in, and not succumbing to outside pressure, can be of the most help. After all, one person can't do everything, and it is far better to do a few things extremely well with the utmost interest and dedication rather than approaching many things only halfheartedly.

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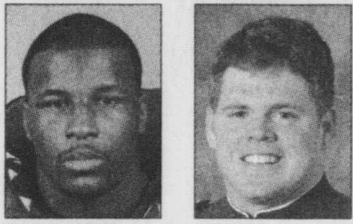
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TCU: Tommy Blake, Chase Ortiz, Cody Moore, Kelly Griffin
Air Force: Josh Clayton, Jake Paulson, Jared Marvin

Advantage: TCU

For a line that brought back three starters from last season, it is safe to say the starters have gotten off to a slow start with just 11 tackles and no sacks. The group needs to pick it up against one of the nation's best rushing teams. While Paulson is a monster at left end for Air Force, Marvin is a bit undersized at nose guard.

LINEBACKERS



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FOWLER

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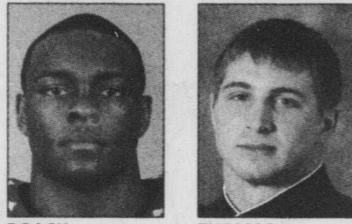
TCU: Jason Phillips, David Hawthorne
Air Force: John Rabold, Aaron Shanor, Drew Fowler, Hunter Altman

Advantage: TCU

It should come as no surprise that Hawthorne, Phillips and Robert Henson are three of the team's top-four tacklers. These three need to make plays to reestablish confidence back in the defense following Saturday's collapse. Fowler, coming off a 14-tackle performance against Utah, is a

ball hawk that can flat out hit people in the mouth.

SECONDARY



ROACH

THOMAS

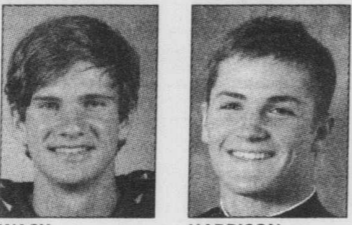
(Probable Starters)

TCU: Brian Bonner, David Roach, Steven Coleman, Nick Sanders, Rafael Priest
Air Force: Carson Bird, Garrett Rybak, Chris Thomas, Aaron Kirchoff

Advantage: TCU

There's no doubt that the secondary continues to make plays as evident by Torrey Stewart's 45-yard interception return for a touchdown Saturday. Maintaining high intensity and concentration levels for four quarters should be a point of emphasis in practice. Air Force's secondary is not overwhelming, but Thomas' playmaking ability at free safety cannot be taken lightly.

SPECIAL TEAMS



WASH

HARRISON

(Probable Starters)

TCU: Chris Manfredini, Derek Wash, Brian Bonner, Donald Massey
Air Force: Ryan Harrison, Chad Hall, Reggie Rembert

Advantage: Even

Wash's punting, which includes punts of 57 and 63 yards, has been one of the leading bright spots through the first two games. Harrison handles kicking and punting duties for Air Force and does what Manfredini has yet to prove this season: kick long field goals.

HEAD COACHES



PATTERSON

CALHOUN

TCU: Gary Patterson, seventh year (55-21, 34-15 in conference)

Air Force: Troy Calhoun, first year (2-0, 1-0 in conference)

Advantage: TCU

During his tenure, Patterson is 5-1 on short weeks, but that one loss was last year against BYU. Patterson knows how much it means for an academy to have a home football game from his days at Navy, and will mentally prepare his team for that environment. Calhoun has reenergized a program and brought excitement back to Colorado Springs. His NFL pedigree has rubbed players the right way thus far.

LUNCHEON

From page 6

from the rankings, senior wide receiver Ervin Dickerson said it was of no concern.

"It was a disappointment, but we know what we need to do," Dickerson said. "We come back being underdogs and try to end up back in there."

Thursday's game against Air Force forces the Frogs to quickly rebound from the UT loss so it can concentrate on a Falcons team

featuring the triple option offense — an offense having three different options to run the ball.

Junior linebacker Jason Phillips said the defense cannot take Air Force's unorthodox offense lightly, and the unit needs to play its style of game.

TCU faces a 2-0 Air Force team led by new head coach Troy Calhoun, the former offensive coordinator for the Houston Texans.

Patterson said TCU has

stopped the Air Force offense the past two years because it was able to move the ball and score points early.

"When you score points and stay ahead of the triple option offense, it gives you a lot easier chance to play it because they can't be as methodical," Patterson said.

"Last week we missed a lot of opportunities, so what we're trying to do is focus and pay a lot of attention to detail."

Ervin Dickerson

junior wide receiver

The short week does make preparation for the game more difficult than usual, Patterson said.

"It's hard to get ready for a triple option team on a short week, but you know we've got a lot of veteran guys back and it seems these guys are excited," Patterson said.

Dickerson said the team's preparation for Air Force has not changed due to the loss or short week, but an increased emphasis on focus has developed during the practices following Saturday's loss.

"Last week we missed a lot of opportunities, so what we're trying to do is focus and pay a lot of attention to detail," Dickerson said.

College athletics administrators learn from referee scandal

By CHUCK CARLTON
 The Dallas Morning News

The case of NBA "rogue referee" Tim Donaghy has forced college conferences to confront its most feared bogeyman — the possibility of another gambling scandal.

"It probably hit us all in the gut," Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said. "It's a hard thing to accept that the games aren't being adjudicated fairly because of someone's special interest."

Full background checks are becoming the norm for football and men's basketball officials in most conferences, which hire and oversee who calls their games.

The revelation that Donaghy conspired to alter the outcome of NBA games he worked is a "less-than-subtle reminder that we have to remain vigilant at all times," Conference USA commissioner Britton Banowsky said. "It encourages us to redouble our efforts."

This season, even before the NBA scandal, the Big 12 had decided to do full background checks on all football and men's basketball officials, Beebe said. The conference action expands on a previous policy.

Half of the officials were to be checked before this season; the other half before next year. All new officials will be subject to immediate background checks.

All told, anti-gambling initiatives will cost the Big 12 about

\$50,000 this school year.

Officials were required to document their financial status as well as any legal problems, including pending lawsuits. Anything that raises questions will be subject to further investigation.

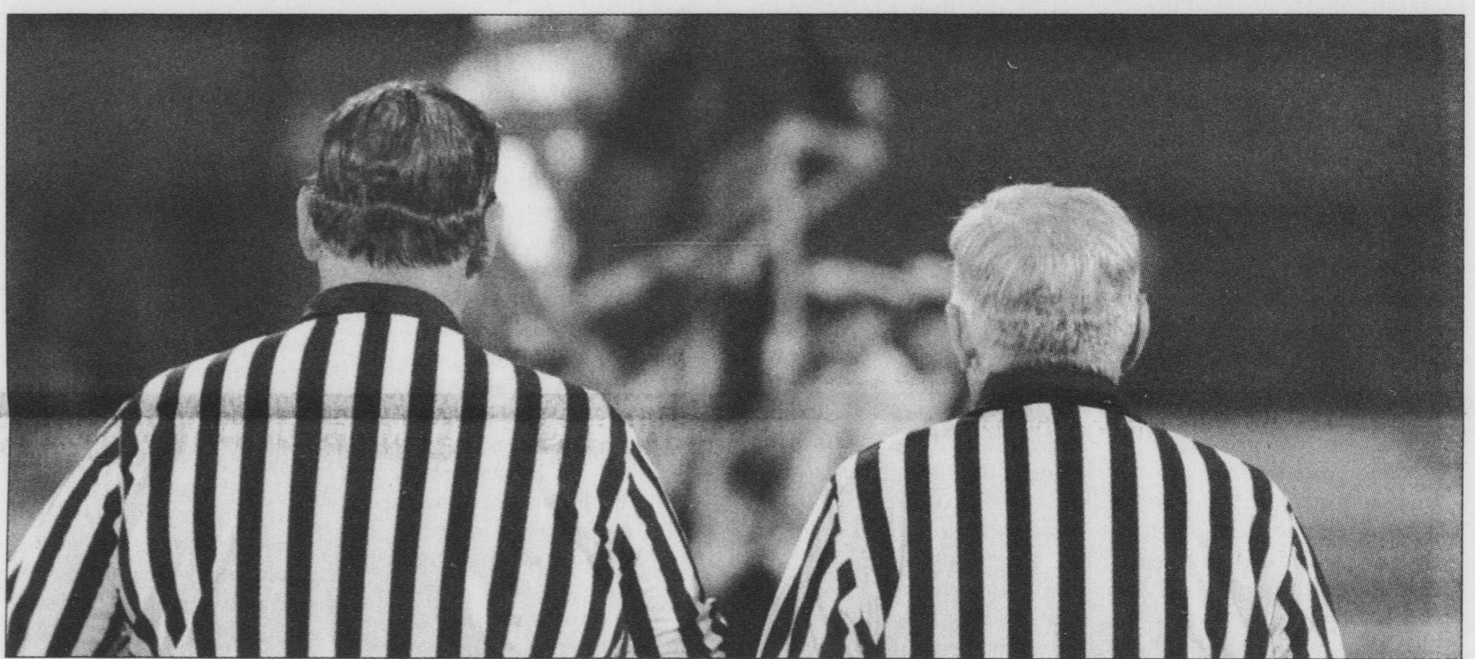
"I think most of our administrators are in the same mindset that this is probably an isolated incident," Beebe said. "Nonetheless, we're going to take all the precautions and measures we can to make sure that we have no one susceptible to the same kind of influences."

Walt Anderson, the Big 12's supervisor of football officials, has implemented conflict of interest guidelines. For example, if an official has a business relationship with a school or a close family member involved as a student or employee, he would not be allowed to work that school's games.

For the past two years, the Big 12 contracted with a security company that monitored Las Vegas football and men's basketball betting lines for any unusual movement or impropriety.

None surfaced. Conference USA will also be expanding background checks of its officials in football and men's basketball.

"Now, we're scrubbing it even more closely," Banowsky said. "The background check is a valuable tool but it's not a certain tool. All that does is really let you know if there are flags that need



College athletics conferences are stepping up their efforts concerning background checks on officials in the wake of the Tim Donaghy scandal.

to be followed."

As conferences held football media days throughout the country this summer, the topic of monitoring officials was hard to avoid. Commissioners faced the same questions again and again.

Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford said his league has not found evidence of impropriety by officials.

"We just simply want to do everything we can proactively to have that kind of integrity in our officials as well as our student-athletes," Swofford told reporters at the ACC media day.

Said Big Ten commissioner

Jim Delany: "I've always said that if there's one issue that could bring intercollegiate athletics to its knees, it's the gambling issue, because it goes right to the integrity of the game."

Much of the collegiate focus until now had been educating athletes. Nearly all college gambling scandals have involved players, not officials or coaches.

Many of the top basketball programs of the early 1950s, including mighty Kentucky, were compromised. Tulane shut down its basketball program in the 1980s because of gambling. Twice, gambling scandals have rocked Boston

College athletics.

Even with the present safeguards, officials will experience more scrutiny and skepticism.

Now, more than ever, fans are likely to see ulterior motives where none exist. Imagine the Oklahoma-Oregon replay fiasco of 2006 occurring in the current climate.

Most college officials say fixing a football game would be much more difficult than basketball. The crews are larger and instant replay could overturn an incorrect call. And because officials are graded on each call made, any deviation from the norm

would be obvious.

The people closest to the action say they believe in the officials, even if they don't always agree with them. Unlike the NBA, college officials are employed on a part-time basis and usually hold other jobs.

"I think we have guys with a lot of integrity," SMU football coach Phil Bennett said. "Right now, gambling is so accepted and so prevalent that we have to be aware."

"I think by and large officials get into the game for the same reason we do — for the passion of football, and just the atmosphere and the pageantry and everything college football represents."

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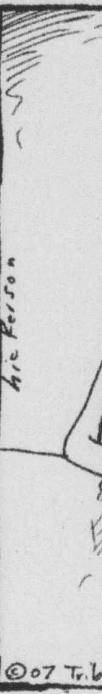
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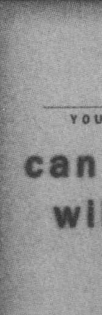
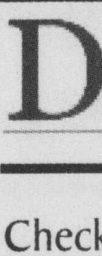
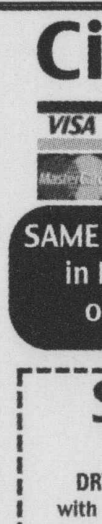


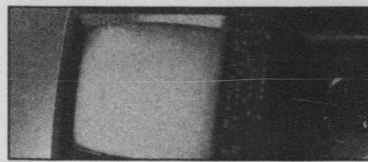
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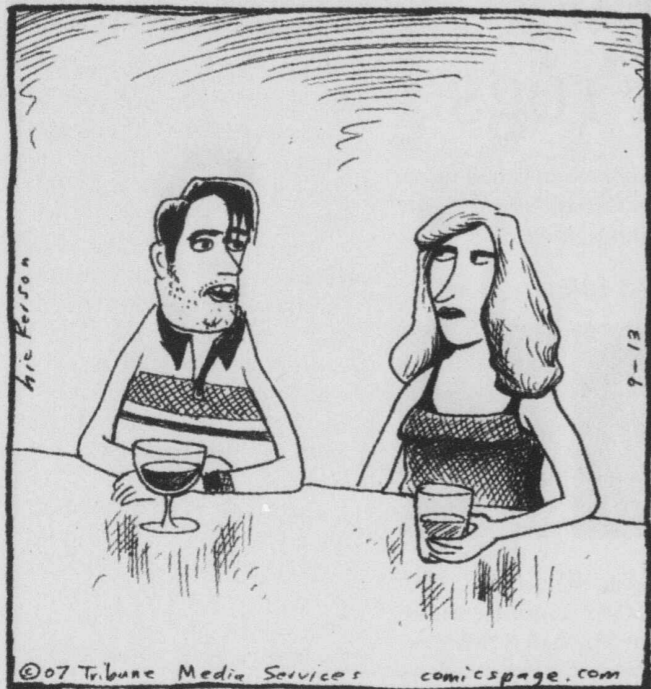


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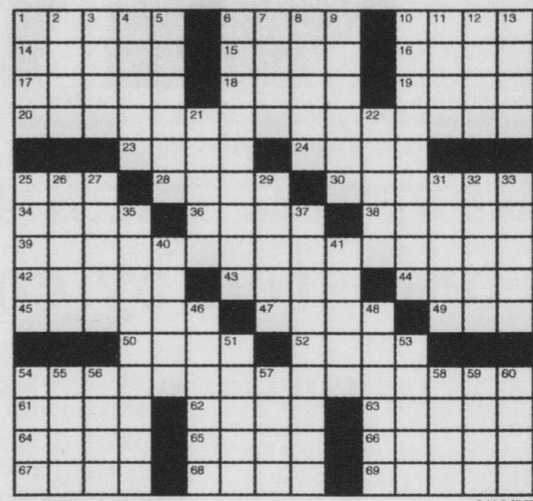
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30 Long narrow elevations
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43 CD alternative
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50 Historic periods
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54 Dean's problem?
61 Sit on the throne
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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

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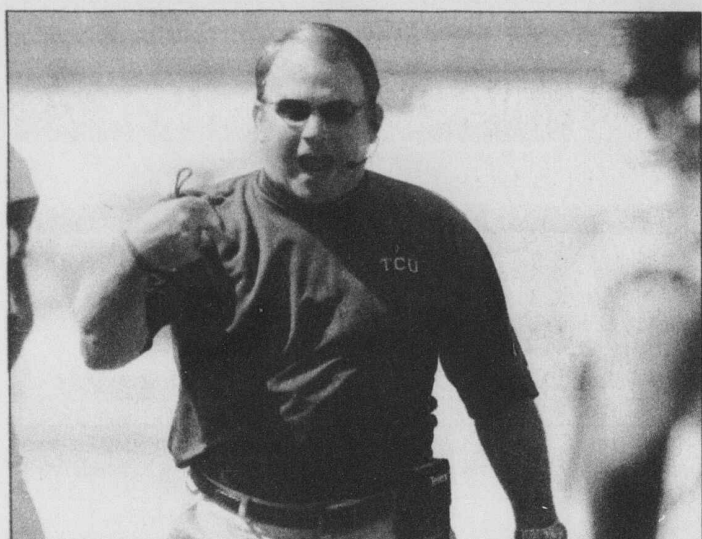
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FOOTBALL



Gary Patterson shouts instruction at the 2006 purple and white game. Patterson said dropping in the polls was disappointing.

Respect, rankings contested by coach

By BRETT LARSON
Staff Reporter

Last season, head coach Gary Patterson questioned the respect given to TCU when it defeated Texas Tech. Tuesday, Patterson questioned respect again, only this time it followed a loss to the Texas Longhorns and subsequent drop from the top 25 rankings.

Patterson said the team's fall from the rankings is not something he would normally worry about this early in the season. This drop, however, he said, was disappointing because he felt the team did not get enough respect after playing well against a great Texas team. Patterson said the team just met the misfortune of losing early in the season.

Patterson questioned why a team would want to play quality opponents early in

the season if it does not matter who a team plays to stay in the top 25.

"We fall out of the top 25 playing a team at home that's 49-5," Patterson said. "Hardly anybody has beaten them in the past 10 or 11 years and we fall out of the rankings, and then I look at the amount of votes. Why would any coach from a program want to go play anybody early in the season? Why wouldn't you just want to go and see if you can get four wins?"

Even with the team's fall

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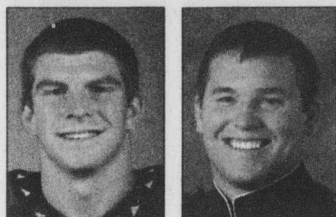
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FOOTBALL

Triple-option rush attack to challenge Horned Frogs

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

Here's a full position-by-position breakdown for Thursday's game in Colorado Springs, Colo., between TCU and Air Force.



DALTON

CARNEY

QUARTERBACK

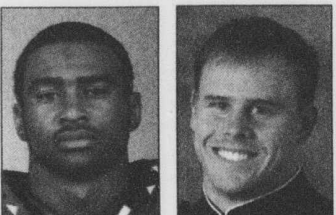
(Probable Starter)

TCU: Andy Dalton, redshirt freshman

Air Force: Shaun Carney, senior

Advantage: Air Force

The road for Dalton does not get any easier as he travels again, but this time he is on short rest. Factor in the thin Colorado air and a much-improved Air Force defense, and it could be a long night. While Carney is not Texas' Colt McCoy, he is a dual threat coming out of Air Force's famed triple-option offense and is coming off a 113-yard rushing performance against Utah.



WATTS

MCCARTHY

RUNNING BACK

(Probable Starter)

TCU: Justin Watts, junior

Air Force: Kip McCarthy, senior

Advantage: Air Force

With Aaron Brown's status still up in the air, Watts and Ryan Christian have to prove they can get it done after an ugly outing against Texas. The running game is the obvious centerpiece to Air Force's triple-option attack, averaging more than 300 yards a game on the ground in its first two games. McCarthy and a slew of Falcons' backs should present a challenge for a TCU rush defense that just gave up 140 yards to UT's Jamaal Charles.

WIDE RECEIVERS and TIGHT END

TCU: Marcus Brock, Ervin Dickerson, Donald Massey, Derek Moore, Shae Reagan (TE)

Air Force: Chad Hall, Mark Root, Ty Paffett, Sean Quintana, Travis Dekker (TE)

Advantage: Even

Dalton failed to get into a rhythm with his playmakers against UT, and it will be of the utmost importance to develop a good rapport with them early and often. Like TCU, the Falcons lack a bona fide go-to man, but its skill players can

make plays when called upon and are effective blockers for the running game.

OFFENSIVE LINE



LINDNER

WILLIAMS

(Probable Starters)

TCU: Matty Lindner, Blake Schlueter, Marshall Newhouse, Giles Montgomery, Marcus Cannon

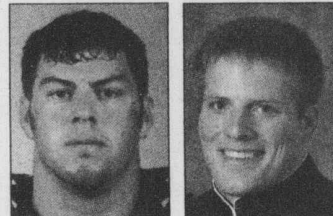
Air Force: Chris Monson, Keith Williams, Caleb Morris, Nick Charles, Blaine Guenther

Advantage: TCU

Although the line gave up three sacks and faced constant pressure against UT, it held its own and gave Dalton enough time to operate. Despite the good efforts of an experienced Air Force line that has only allowed two sacks thus far, the group has yet to face a quality defensive line such as TCU's.

DEFENSIVE LINE

(Probable Starters)



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PAULSON

See **MATCHUPS**, page 4

QUICK SPORTS

Corpening leads team in Toledo

Men's golf came out swinging in its first tournament of the season but fell short in finishing in the top half of the Inverness Intercollegiate, finishing ninth out of 16 teams.

The Horned Frogs shot 40-over as a team during the three-round tournament and were one of nine ranked teams to take part in the two-day, Toledo, Ohio tournament. No. 20 Florida State ended up winning the event with a team score of 10-over.

Although TCU finished ahead of only one ranked opponent. That one opponent was No. 6 UNLV — a conference foe expected to challenge the Horned Frogs for the Mountain West Conference title in the spring.

Franklin Corpening, the only senior on a team composed of juniors and sophomores, led the Horned Frogs' attack at six-over par, good for a share of 14th place. Corpening was one-under and in third place heading into the final round before a 78 knocked him down in the standings.

Sophomore Travis Woolf was another notable performer, shooting seven-over and placing 18th after an even-par opening round score.

On a side note, Jon McLean, who transferred from TCU to Oklahoma State in the spring, met up with his former teammates for the first competition since his departure. He shot 11-over for the tournament.

The team will not have much time to recover as it will travel to Georgia for the Carpet Capital Collegiate tournament this weekend.

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