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Dining Services: Low demand spurs cut in Fair Trade coffee

By CORTNEY STRUBE
Staff Writer

Whether it's on ice or steaming hot, caffeinated or decaf, mixed with cream and sugar or made into a latte, coffee drinkers know it's all about options.

For the past five semesters, they've had the choice of ordering a fresh cup of Cafe Estima Blend,

Starbucks' newest Fair Trade certified coffee, but this semester, the Fair Trade blend has disappeared from Frog Bytes and Bistro Burnett Cafe, giving coffee drinkers one options less.

Frogs for Fair Trade, a student activist organization, is responsible for bringing Fair Trade products to campus. Susan Harz, co-coordinator

for the organization, said it's important that Cafe Estima Blend be sold on campus again because Fair Trade products raise awareness.

"There are many people who simply aren't informed about the products they purchase," said Harz, a sophomore social work major. "We want the students and our community to understand

that the products they buy do affect the people who make them."

Harz said coffee is just one of the Fair Trade products taken off the shelves this semester at Frog Bytes and Bistro Burnett. Also formally sold were Fair Trade certified Divine Chocolate and Honest Tea.

Legia Abato, marketing

manager for TCU Dining Services, said Fair Trade products have not been permanently discontinued, but they are not in high demand.

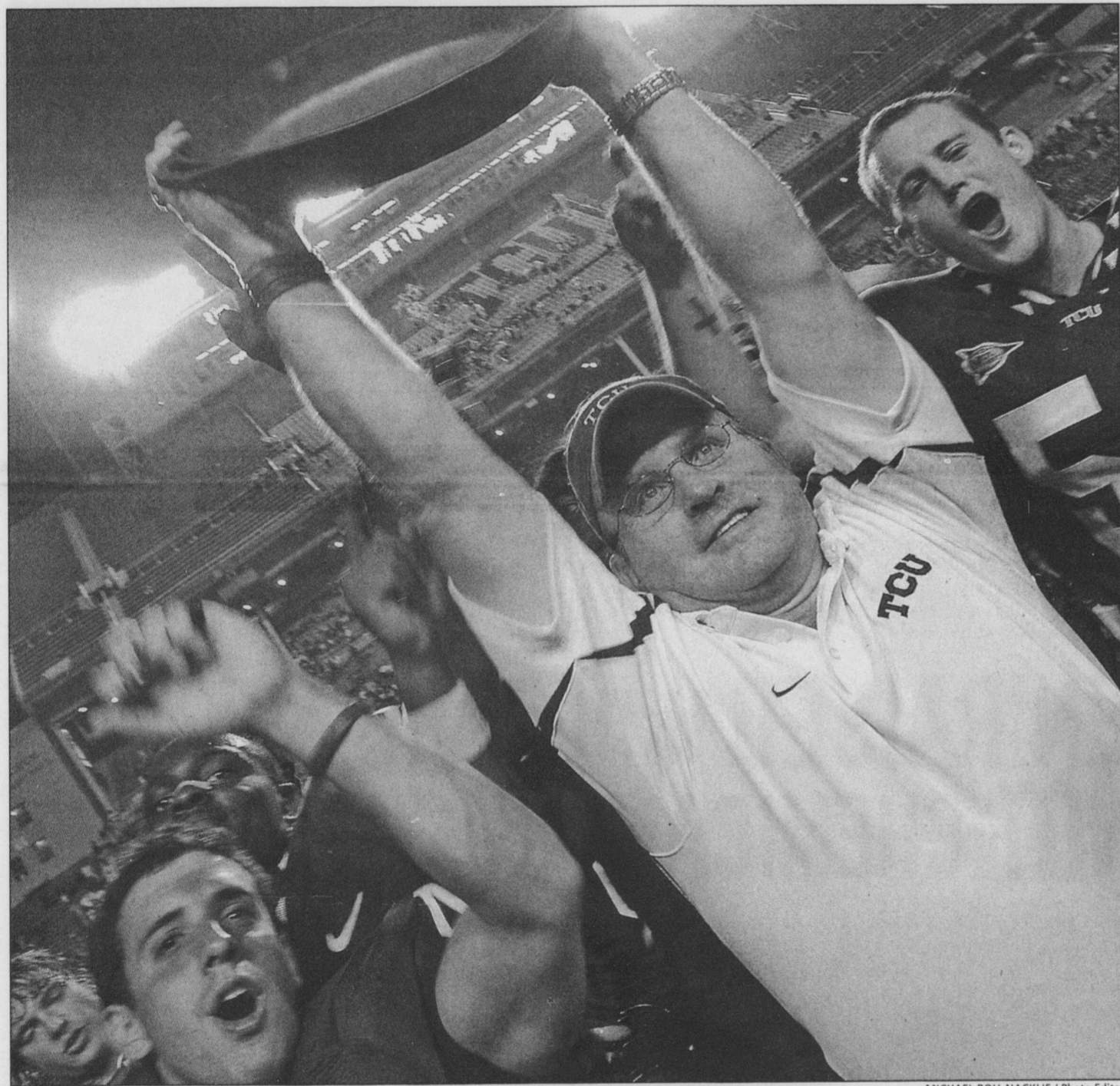
Abato said that although Fair Trade coffee is out of stock and unavailable for purchase, TCU's Dining Services is awaiting a new order.

"We have very little movement on the product and our employees are trained to prevent waste," Abato said. "This is something that we are addressing and will maintain the Fair Trade offering at Starbucks in Frog Bytes."

She said Frog Bytes will

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HOME AGAIN



Head coach Gary Patterson presents the Iron Skillet to the student section Saturday after beating the Horned Frogs beat SMU 21-7 during the homecoming game. The Skillet, which goes to the winner of the crosstown rivalry game, returned to TCU for the first time since 2005.

Police: Rival fans trade campus vandalism

By AMANDA SHIMKO
Staff Reporter

Frog fans may have been shocked to discover a Southern Methodist University slogan on the football field Saturday, but police say TCU fans might be to blame for

recent vandalism on the SMU campus.

A groundskeeper discovered the giant word "PONY" followed by an up arrow sprayed on the middle of the field with a weed killer, said David Yarbrough, a supervi-

sor at the physical plant.

The damaged field was sprayed with a liquid turf colorant to mask the slogan before the game Saturday, Yarbrough said, but the long-term effects and cost of the damage is still

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Frogs pony up against rivals.

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Police chief opts to not use Tasers

By CALLIE COX
Staff Reporter

To carry or not to carry? That is the question TCU Police have to ask when deciding whether officers will carry guns or Tasers while on duty.

Chief of Police Steve McGee said all of the police officers carry guns but they don't carry Tasers.

Taser usage on campus has become a controversial issue following an incident at the University of Florida in which a student was Tased while trying to ask a question at a John Kerry forum.

It is McGee's decision and at this point, he said, he does not want officers to carry them.

"I am always evaluating the situation, talking to chiefs at other schools, and weighing the pros and cons," he said. "If it can be used to protect people and ultimately save a life, it could eventually be worth it."

Allcon said he will continue to weigh the options and keep the safety of the students in mind.

"We are all licensed and commissioned by the state of Texas to be police officers," McGee said. "We have the same rights as the Fort Worth Police Department."

Some TCU Police officers also wear bulletproof vests, Sgt. Alvin Allcon said.

"Body armor will stop some bullets, but not all rounds," he said.

Allcon said body armor was purchased for all officers at the beginning of the summer. McGee said he asked all officers to have their body armor with them, but it is a personal preference as to whether

"If it can be used to protect people and ultimately save a life, it could eventually be worth it."

Steven McGee
TCU chief of police

they wear it or not. "Some just aren't comfortable in it and would rather just take the chance," Allcon said. "I'm glad they bought them. I'll wear it."

Freshman Alyssa Dolny said she feels very safe with how the TCU Police are armed.

"Despite all the crime alerts we get, I still feel safe," Dolny said. "I feel like they do a great job keeping this campus safe."

Allcon said many of the officers are licensed police officers who retired from another department branch before coming to TCU and.

"I retired from the Fort Worth Police Department after serving for 25 years," he said.

Allcon said they hope to continue to hire more veteran officers. Veterans have the experience and a level of calmness that new officers have yet to acquired, he said.

Allcon said the Constitution has given police a sacred trust to uphold its values.

"It gives us the authority to carry weapons and arrest criminals, as well as many other exceptions," Allcon said. "In return, you have an awesome responsibility to know you have deadly force with you all the time."

Three new judges appointed to SGA Judicial Board

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

Judging by the looks of it, the SGA will be handling judicial matters under new management after three new justices were sworn in.

The new justices — Taylor Allen, Stephen Walters and Kerri Westfield — were confirmed to the Judicial Board

on Sept. 11 by a unanimous vote after being appointed by SGA President Jace Thompson.

Thompson said when appointing the justices he wanted someone that was not involved in everyday SGA and someone who would be able to judge cases fairly. He said he thought the people

chosen would maintain fairness on the judicial board and handle matters objectively rather than based on popular opinion.

"It is important to have level-headed, involved people serving," Thompson said. "These people have proven themselves to be level-headed and unbiased."

Chief Justice Allen said he is looking forward to leading his team of justices and feels he is ready to handle the position.

"I was a house representative for several semesters and an associate justice last semester," Allen said. "I have been on the board before and I feel like my experi-

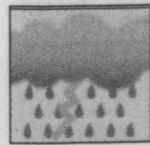
ence is good."

Allen, a senior entrepreneurial management major, said he is capable of holding the position because he remembers when the Judicial Board was being implemented in 2004 and has experience with this branch of student government's growth.

"It is a fairly new board," Allen said. "We haven't had a whole lot of cases."

Thompson said he was not troubled by the lack of cases, because according to the school code, justices are only called on when a case is brought before them.

"They don't go out looking for cases," he said. See **JUSTICES**, page 2



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JUSTICES

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ing for violations," Thompson said. "Their only role is to react to cases brought before them. It's a completely reactive position." Allen agreed. He said the lack of cases can only mean everyone is doing their jobs in ensuring there are no problems to be handled. He said he looks forward to helping maintain stability in SGA and the community. "We're there to keep the integrity of the other branches," Allen said. "I hope that we don't change TCU. I hope we help main-

tain the principles that we were founded on." Fellow justice Kerri Westfield said she was excited and eager to hold the position because it meant getting to use her leadership skills in different ways in the community. Westfield, a senior who has no prior involvement with SGA, said she is not worried about her lack of experience because she thinks her outside opinions will enhance the dynamics of the group and help her govern fairly. "I hope to bring in my experiences and I think my outside opinion will bring

a new frame of reference to the decisions we will make," Westfield said. Westfield said she was chosen as a justice because her different opinions would be good when dealing with cases. Westfield also said she thinks it is good for every organization to get an outside view once in a while. Also joining the SGA ranks Sept. 11 were 39 freshman Frog Aides with no prior experience. Frog Aides Director Lauren Nixon said Frog Aides is a freshman leadership program overseen by SGA. She said the 39 individuals

who were chosen will get to see what goes on behind the scenes of student government and grow in their knowledge of leadership as they train to be better leaders throughout the TCU community. When preparing the Frog Aides, Nixon shared Westfield's mentality in that students should be involved in many organizations to help bring new ideas to the table. "We encourage the Frog Aides to go out and be leaders in other organizations," Nixon said. "We want to prepare them for future leadership roles."

FAIR TRADE

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eventually stop offering Fair Trade coffee. "This fall, we have ordered a Keurig machine for The Main," said Abato. "Our plan is to move the Fair Trade coffee from Frog Bytes to The Main and, in doing that, offer a wider variety of products." She said the Keurig machine allows the user to brew one cup at time of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, thus avoiding the waste of unused coffee. The single servings are packaged in a single-use cup called a K-cup. Abato said use of the Keurig machine will allow The Main to offer several flavors of coffee that can be purchased individually. Harz said students can become advocates for Fair Trade by telling TCU's Dining Services they would like to see Fair Trade products back on the shelves, writ-

ing the Chancellor, putting comments in the comment boxes in The Main and attending meetings for Frogs for Fair Trade. In the meantime, Frogs for Fair Trade has teamed up with Senseless Acts of Comedy, the student improvisational comedy troupe, to raise awareness and promote Fair Trade products. Frogs for Fair Trade serves Fair Trade coffee once a month while SAC takes center stage. SAC performs every Thursday at 9 p.m. in Palko Hall room 130. Michael Flusche, president of SAC, said the two groups have teamed up since the fall 2005 semester. "SAC wants to be affiliated with amazing organizations that are making a difference on this campus," said Flusche, a senior Ad/PR major. "Our goal is for our audience to relax, laugh and enjoy our show but know they're also making a difference when they chose Fair Trade products."

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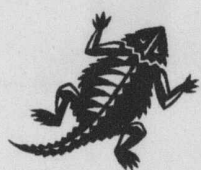
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth."

— Henry David Thoreau

THE SKIFF VIEW

Text-messaging service boosts security

In response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech, campus safety remains a top concern for administrators around the country.

Advances in technology at TCU and other universities are being used to keep students and staff informed.

Administrators at Virginia Tech were scrutinized for failing to alert students when student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people before turning his gun on himself in April.

But administrators at Delaware State University didn't make the same mistake.

Friday morning two students were shot and injured at Delaware State University and campus officials responded within 20 minutes of the shooting, according to an article by the Associated Press.

Students were alerted to the incident by telephone, the university Web site and flyers, among other things.

Clearly, timeliness is a major component in keeping any school safe in the event of a crisis.

TCU is taking the current campus safety

plan a step further.

The university is planning to incorporate campus-wide text messaging to alert students to an emergency situation, said Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

This text-messaging service, TCU ALERT, will also inform students instantly of pertinent university information and weather-related school closures, Syler-Jones said.

Students are constantly looking at their cell phones — even in the classroom — so using cell phones to send out important information just makes sense.

"After Virginia Tech, I don't think there was a single college campus that didn't re-evaluate their campus safety," Syler-Jones said.

TCU ALERT is one more method to alert the campus to emergency situations and will "certainly enhance what we currently have," she said.

TCU should be applauded for their efforts to ensure the safety of the campus community.

Opinion editor Sonya Cisneros for the editorial board.

BY LANA BLOCKER



Prisoners have right to texts

The New York Times reported Sept. 10 that federal prison chaplains, acting under government orders, have been removing thousands of religious texts per penitentiary so only about 150 titles for each major religion will remain.

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These titles appear on an unreleased list of books approved by unnamed "experts." The

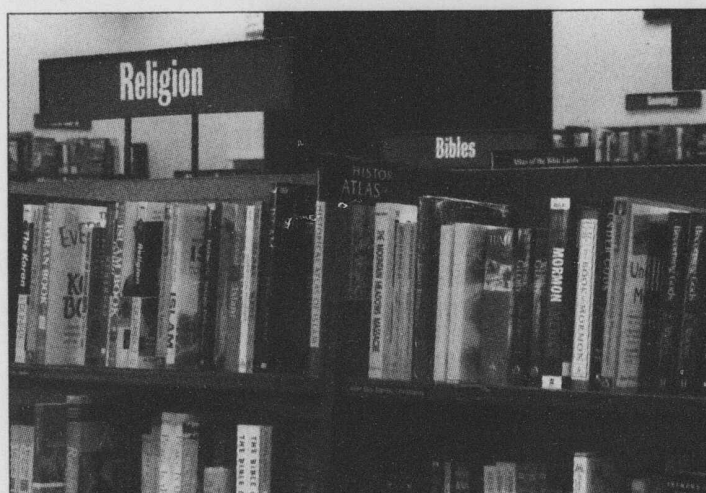
Bureau of Prisons, an agency of the Justice Department, wants, in light of the 9/11 attacks, to prevent prisoners from reading books that might advocate violence or radicalize.

On the one hand, prisons certainly have a right to maintain security; on the other, the Standardized Chapel Library Project invites biased selections by its mysterious experts.

In an editorial, Michael Gerson of The Washington Post pointed out the "very act of a government agency selecting the basic books of a religious tradition ... is clearly beyond government's legitimate powers."

While choosing which books are basic to a religion should be considered a violation of the separation between church and state, some selection process by the government must occur since the government runs the prison libraries and has only so much physical space and financial resources for them.

Who then are the experts



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deciding which religious texts advocate violence or radicalize?

The New York Times article states "the identities of the bureau's experts have not been made public, Ms. Billingsley said, but they include chaplains and scholars in seminaries and at the American Academy of Religion. Academy staff members said their organization had met with prison chaplains in the past but was not consulted on this effort, though it is possible that scholars who are academy members were involved."

The American Academy of Religion is the world's largest organization of those who "research or teach topics related to religion." Even students can join the Academy. Ms. Billingsley's reference to the group, which disclaimed official knowledge of the Standardized Chapel Library Project, remains unhelpful. That leaves us with "chaplains and scholars in seminaries."

Prison chaplains proba-

bly have relevant expertise, but scholars in seminaries shouldn't determine which religious books make the government's "approved" list. A seminary largely exists to prepare its' students for religious service of whatever sort — congregational leadership, choir directing and so on (in the faith the seminary endorses). In other words, seminaries as organizations advocate particular faiths.

In contrast, university religion departments, such as TCU's, do not. Religion departments tend to advance a holistic study of religion not geared toward instilling a particular faith. While I don't want to say seminary scholars as individuals cannot bring meaningful insight to this issue, the experts the government pick should come from more disinterested — though still knowledgeable — sources, in order to best maintain the separation between church and state.

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Content alone won't earn grade; accurate grammar, spelling needed

Few things sting more than getting back a paper mercilessly marked in red ink. All those lines and squiggles are enough to

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Julieta Chiquillo

destroy the morale of the most resolute slacker. Tantrums and tears follow when those mistakes result in a significant plunge in your grade.

Students complain about their professors being too hard on their papers when it comes to grammar and spelling. But can you blame them? Professors have to grade papers from star pupils at the "Derrek Zoolander Center for Children Who Can't Read Good and Wanna Learn to Do Other Stuff Good Too."

Spelling and grammatical rules might seem like a waste of brain space in the face of more pressing concerns, such as trying to come up with a decent argument for a paper on the impact Saturn's rings have on 19th century German philosophy. But content alone won't guarantee you an "A."

Eric Cox, a political science professor, said that students who turn in papers with good content but poor grammar and spelling show they have ability but are careless in presenting their argument. He said typos and errors

"Don't let all of your hard work go to waste. Check your paper before turning it in."

Julieta Chiquillo

imply that the paper was written in haste.

"A paper with multiple mistakes, particularly if they are egregious, may even be difficult to read or fail to convey the content," Cox said.

Don't let all of your hard work go to waste. Check your paper before turning it in. Spell-checks in most computer software will make your life easier, but they won't catch all of the mistakes.

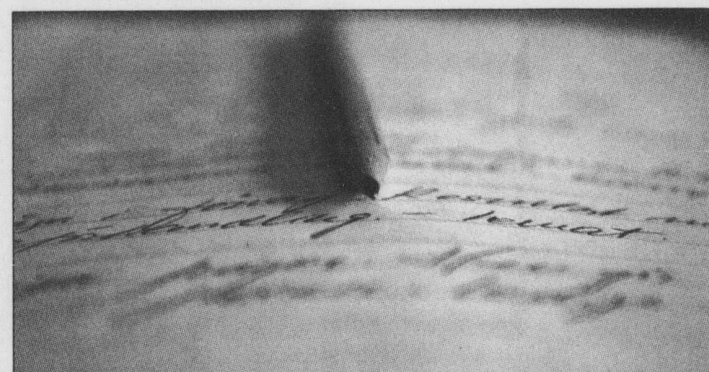
If you are unsure about the spelling of a word, look it up in the dictionary right away, lest you forget to do it later. You don't have to flip through the musty, yellow pages of a thesaurus. Instead, make it a habit to keep a tab

open for Merriam-Webster Online. Search results will surface in milliseconds.

After working for hours on a paper, you will be so attached to it that obvious mistakes will miss your radar. Besides, it's hard to care about subject-verb agreement at 2 a.m. But make some time for peer-editing. Have a grammar-savvy friend read your paper or take it to the Writing Center for a fresh perspective.

Even though your grade is a noble reason to concern yourself with the proper usage of the English language, think beyond school. People who blatantly disregard grammar and spelling usually make bad impressions, especially on potential employers. Unless you're considering a career in the hip-hop industry, language skills will be an asset wherever you go, so cultivate them.

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Commercial featuring San Diego Charger promotes steroid use

Nike has found the solution to help you "Leave Nothing."

A few weeks ago, when I was watching

COMMENTARY



John Boller

SportsCenter, I saw the new Nike football commercial during one of the breaks. It was a well done 30- to 40-second clip in which you see a few of the best players in the league making plays with the help of Nike.

But, at the end of the commercial, I was not

left thinking about football — or Nike. It actually made me think about Michael Vick.

When Vick was indicted by a federal grand jury July 17, according to ESPN.com news services, he quickly lost everything.

Vick lost the opportunity to ever play again as an Atlanta Falcon. He will lose millions in contract money and dropped endorsement deals. He also lost the right to do his job, and he most certainly lost credibility.

Ten days after Vick pleaded guilty, both Nike and Reebok dropped any affiliation with the

former Atlanta Falcons quarterback.

While Vick's story is still fresh in your mind, also recall the commercial. Shawne Merriman, a linebacker for the San Diego Chargers, is one of the lucky players to be in the commercial. What people forget, or do not know, is that Merriman was suspended for four games last season because he violated the league's substance abuse policy.

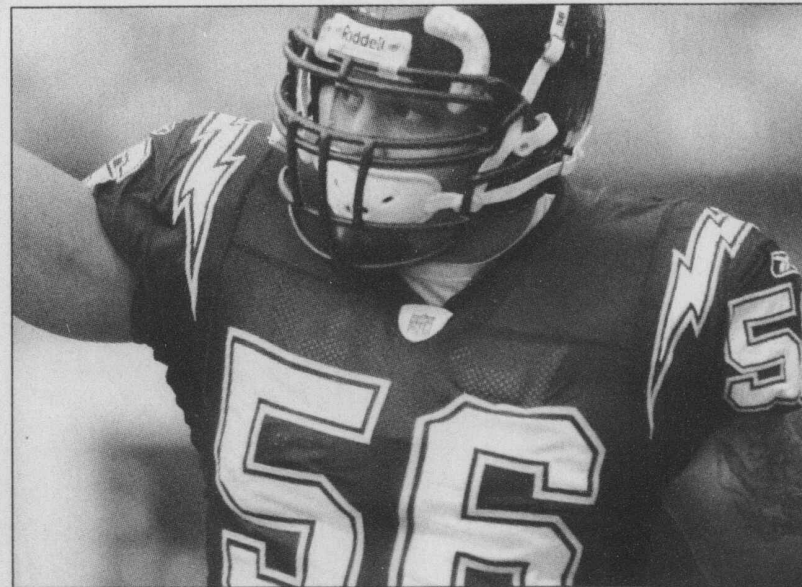
At the end of the commercial, the slogan, "Leave Nothing" appears. Nike has accidentally told us that steroids and Nike will help you.

Nike was certainly right in dropping Vick. Animal cruelty is awful, but that does not mean Nike should give steroids a free pass.

Vick, according to an article in the Washington Post in July, was dropped by Nike and Reebok because they were "concerned by the serious and highly disturbing allegations made against Michael Vick," Nike spokesman Dean Stoyer said.

Merriman's crime was not disturbing, but it is a serious problem in today's world of sports.

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San Diego's Shawne Merriman was suspended for four games last season because he violated the league's substance abuse policy.

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Speech by Iran's president causes stir at Columbia University

By ASHER FOGLE
Special to the Daily Skiff

NEW YORK — The chants of protesters and speeches of supporters faded away outside as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran addressed students and faculty at Columbia University on Monday afternoon, asserting his nation's right to develop nuclear energy and asking for additional research perspectives on the Holocaust.

Lee C. Bollinger, president of the university, opened the discussion, which was part of the World Leaders Forum, sponsored by Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. Bollinger's remarks set a pugilistic tone, citing unlawful imprisonments and the "suppression of efforts to support a more democratic society" in Iran. "Let's be up front at the begin-

ning," Bollinger said. "Mr. President, you exhibit all the signs of a petty and cruel dictator."

Ahmadinejad's speech focused on advantages and dangers of science, emphasized by his response to questions about nuclear energy. He insisted Iran has the right, under International Atomic Energy Agency bylaws, to have peaceful nuclear technology and has passed numerous inspections.

"Two or three monopolistic, selfish powers want to monopolize all science or knowledge and impose their will on the Iranian people," Ahmadinejad said, adding that Iran is ready to negotiate with all countries, except for the "Zionist regime" of Israel.

When asked if he sought Israel's destruction, Ahmadinejad said: "We love all nations. We are friends with the Jewish people."

He asserted that the Palestinians — Jewish, Muslim and Christian — should be allowed to determine their own nation, without outside interference.

Bollinger asked Ahmadinejad about his denials of the Holocaust, calling him "either brazenly provocative or astonishingly ignorant" about the well-documented genocide.

Ahmadinejad stated that he merely questioned why research was not being done on different perspectives of the event and the consequences in Palestine.

"Why should the Palestinian people pay the price of an event they had nothing to with?" he asked. "Is this what you call freedom?"

Addressing questions about executions of homosexuals in his country, Ahmadinejad said America also has capital punishment. The United States does not reward drug traffickers or armed robbers, he said.

"In Iran, we don't have homosexuals like in your country," Ahmadinejad said. "In Iran, we do not have this phenomenon. I don't know who has told you that we have it."

Protesters lined Broadway Avenue and hundreds of students

gathered at Columbia's campus, demonstrating the controversy that had emerged in anticipation of Ahmadinejad's visit to Columbia.

"This is the right thing to do, required by the norms of free speech, the American university and this university," Bollinger said in his opening comments. "This event has nothing whatsoever to do with the rights of this speaker but with our right to listen. In universities, we have a deep and almost single-minded pursuit of the truth."

Although they said they did not support Ahmadinejad himself, many Iranian students supported the decision to invite him to campus.

"I personally wouldn't get a chance to oppose him in Iran," said Negar Mortazavi, 25, a Brandeis graduate student. "If not here, then where?"

Columbia student Fergus Scully, 19, stood holding a sign that read, "Ahmadinejad belongs in Guantanamo NOT at Columbia" because he said the Iranian gov-



CHARLES ECKERT / Newsday via MCT
Demonstrations take place at Columbia University hours before Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gives a speech at the university Monday in New York.

ernment funds acts of terrorism in Lebanon, Iraq and other parts of the Middle East.

"I'm not against free speech," Scully said. "But this isn't an intellectual debate. You're giving him the forum he wants and legitimizing his presence in the U.S."

Rabbi Charles E. Savenor, an associate dean at the Jewish

Theological Seminary in New York, said he opposes the invitation because Ahmadinejad's speeches promote persecution and destroying Israel.

"I respect Bollinger's commitment to free speech," Savenor said. "But the policies of Ahmadinejad's country are more telling than any rhetoric he has to say."

RIVALRY

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unknown. SMU police officials said a TCU stencil was used to spray paint various buildings at SMU and that the water in the campus' fountain had been dyed purple. They said numerous cars were shoe polished, one of which had its tires slashed, and the doors to a band practice facility were covered in bumper stickers promoting the TCU band. SMU Police Chief Rick Shafer said rough estimates

of damage on the SMU campus stand at \$2,000.

According to a statement released by TCU, the university believes healthy competition on the field is OK, but when it turns to vandalism, it becomes an issue.

"Everyone gets a little carried away with support for their team," TCU spokeswoman Tracy Syler-Jones said. "They don't think clearly when they get that excited."

The statement released by SMU echoes the same sentiments.

"In rivalry games such

as those between SMU and TCU, fans of both teams can sometimes let their exuberance get the best of their judgment," according to the statement.

TCU Chief of Police Steve McGee and Shafer both said they are working to deal with the issue. Because they have no suspects at the moment, disciplinary action has not been taken.

Shafer described the acts as childish and called for an end to the nonsense.

"Play it out on the field," Shafer said.

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GLOBAL ADAPTATION

University eases transition for foreign students

By DAVID SPENCER
Staff Reporter

As soon as Karen Estrada, an international student from Peru, arrived for the first time in the U.S., she felt the effects of the language barrier.

Estrada lost her luggage and, upon arriving on campus, could not ask for help.

Estrada, an economics, finance and accounting major, found this to be the beginning of her experience of acclimating to a new environment as a TCU international student.

According to the Institute of International Education, about 600,000 students from around the world are choosing to study in America each year, allowing the U.S. to have the largest international student population in the world.

This fall, TCU increased the amount of international students accepted to the university. There were 148 international accepted students this year, compared to the 95 last year, according to TCU's demographic statistical summary.

"The admissions counselors would e-mail you back within an hour of you e-mailing them," Estrada said. "It's like they really want you here — they care about diversity."

As of 2006, international students most commonly enroll in studies focusing on business, management, engineering and physical and life sciences, according to the Institute of International Education.

Coming to America causes international students to encounter a society where 82 percent of Americans more than 18 years old speak only English, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Sometimes when I am talking, people don't understand everything I am saying," said Lisette Pieters, a junior education major from Holland. "Sometimes I have a hard time expressing my feelings in English."

The Office of International Student Services on campus assists students in the cultural transition they face. International Student Services provides a two-day orientation for international students that focuses on informing them of requirements that pertain specifically to international students and prepares the students for the cultural shock that they will encounter, Estrada said.

"My first semester was the hardest," said Meghana Mathew, a senior e-business major. "I suddenly became aware that my skin was a different color, my accent was different, even the dancing was different. It was weird watching things I didn't understand."

The biggest obstacles international students face as they come on campus is separating reality from vision, said John Singleton, the director of International Student Services.

"Many students often come to America to study and get the global experience," Singleton said. "But often times, students arrive and they realize that their own experiences have been much more worldly than what they get here."

Along with the cultural struggles, many international students find it difficult to find employment opportunities while at TCU, Estrada said. She said international students are instructed during international orienta-



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
Vince Toby Heng, a junior pre-med Biology major from Australia, marched down University Drive carrying a national flag at the Homecoming Parade on Friday.

tion that they cannot work off-campus unless it is for an internship, due to visa stipulations.

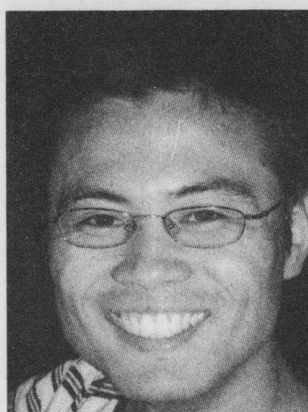
"I would like to get a job in America after graduating, but getting a job is hard," Estrada said. "You have to get an employer that will sponsor you. Many times they do not do that because they have Americans that will do the same job for free."

In order to remain working in the U.S. after graduation, international students have to obtain jobs with employers that are willing to sponsor their H-1B visas. According to the United States Immigration Support, a maximum of 65,000 H-1B visas are administered annually to professionals in "specialty occupations."

Some international students come to America because they think an American degree is valued and the style of learning is more practical than in other countries, said Claudia Vaz, a TCU accounting graduate student from India.

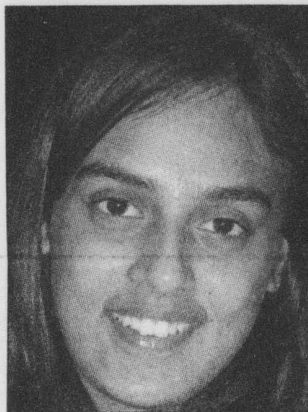
"International students need to work harder than American students because they have to work hard to prove themselves," Vaz said. "They have to be acceptant of giving beyond their culture and community."

What was the biggest culture shock you encountered?



"Refills. When you get Coke or Sprite, you get the next one for free. It is the biggest cultural shock. In Japan, if I order another Coke or another Pepsi, I get a charge. The refills are really cool!"

Fumihiro Yamada
Freshman pre-business major from Japan



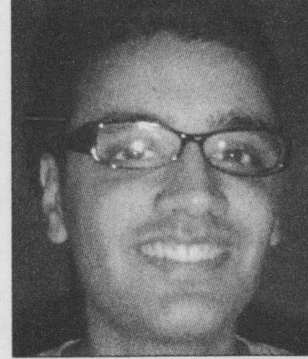
"One of my culture shocks was with my first roommate when I first got here. Some of it was the air temperature. Also, I wasn't as neat as she was. I lived in the library and she lived in the room. The biggest shock at the time was how people watched TV, was on A.I.M. and studied at the same time."

Anandita D'Souza
Senior marketing major from Bangalore



"The way children communicate with their parents was a culture shock. The way they can just back-chat and yell at their parents. Because in my culture whatever the parents say goes. You just have to respect that because they are the parents. You just cannot debate with that."

Sidee Dlamini
Freshman international economics major from Swaziland



"Cohabitation was the strangest to me. Where I am from, people do not cohabit before marriage. You would never find a man and a woman living together if they are not married."

Camron Malik
Senior accounting/finance major from Pakistan



"When I first came to America, I went to UT Austin. When I got to UT Austin it was pretty much quite diverse. There were so many people from all around the world. They completely opened me up. Now I notice myself as quite different from everyone else."

Micaella Saldana
Junior nursing major from Mexico

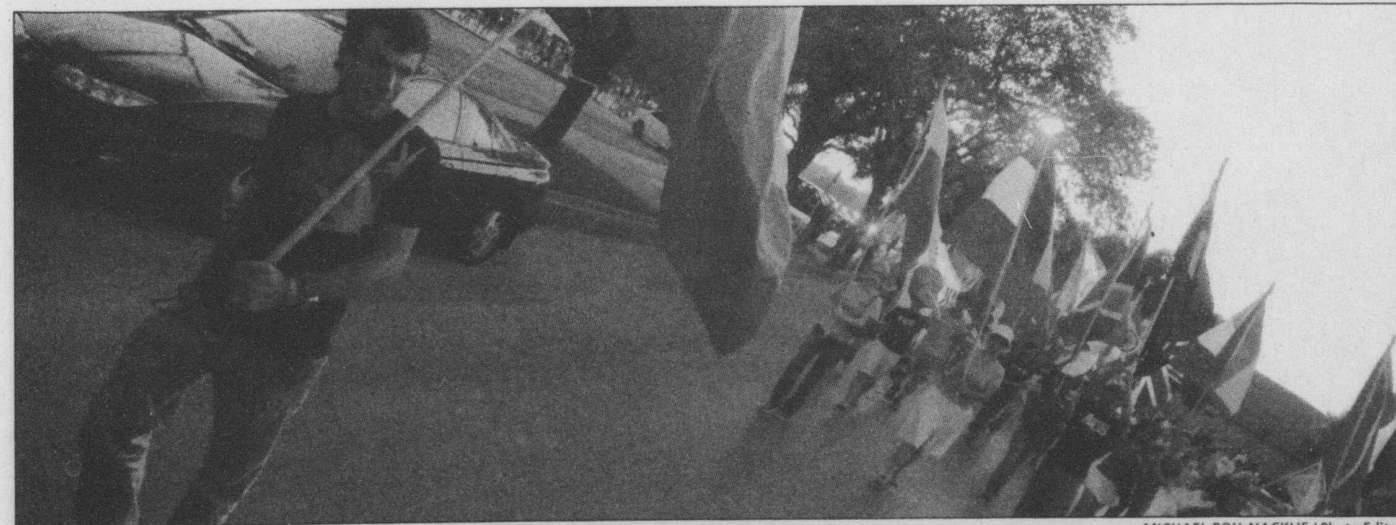


"My biggest culture shock is the way that people dress. People can wear shorts and pajamas. Students can wear everything to class... they wear everything except bikinis to class. Where I am from we have to wear uniforms and we dress so that we can cover everything."

Linh Lethey
Freshman business major from Vietnam

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South Korea	35
India	33
Colombia	23
Guatemala	23
Vietnam	22
Mexico	21
Nepal	20
Canada	16
Panama	15

BY THE NUMBERS	
148 International students accepted this year	95 International students accepted last year



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
Members of the International Student Association parade into the Homecoming Pep Rally carrying national flags Friday. The university has a variety of programs to help international students integrate into university life.

QUICK SPORTS

Teammates finish in top 10 of race

Coming off an impressive collective showing at the North Texas Opener, the men's and women's cross country teams finished fifth and sixth respectively at the Texas A&M Invitational on Saturday.

Sophomore Festus Kigen finished four seconds off the lead and took home second place for the men's team. He has yet to finish in a place lower than second this season. Senior Matt Manly earned ninth place honors and was just one second away from tying for seventh place, which helped the team toward its fifth-place finish. Texas A&M would wind up winning the men's event, averaging close to a minute and a half better than the Horned Frogs.

On the women's side, freshman Tanja Ivandic and junior Ashley Young were the top finishers in the race, finishing eight seconds apart in 36th and 37th place, respectively.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Road matches unkind to soccer

The soccer team dropped two matches during a weekend road trip that featured a rival and a top-20 opponent.

The Horned Frogs started their weekend with a heart-breaker: a 4-3 double overtime loss Friday against SMU in Dallas.

The game against SMU was especially tough because the Frogs tied the game with a goal by sophomore midfielder/defender Cheryl Martin with just eight seconds left in regulation. But the lady Mustangs scored in the 105th minute of the match to end the Frogs' second double overtime match of the season.

The team would follow its loss to SMU with a 6-2 loss to No. 20 Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

TCU trailed Missouri 3-0 in the second half when freshman forward Jackie Torda scored her team-leading fifth goal of the season to make the score 3-1 in the 59th minute.

One minute later, fifth-year senior midfielder Angie Nickens followed a Torda shot and found the back of the net to bring the Frogs within one before the Tigers scored three unanswered goals to help send the Frogs to their third consecutive defeat. The team stands at 3-5 heading into its Friday match with Colorado College.

Staff writer Billy Wessels

Equestrian swept in opening weekend

The equestrian team opened up its season on the road with three losses to SEC opponents this weekend.

Despite junior Carrie von Uhlit earning MVP honors against Auburn, the team fell 12 to 6 on Friday.

The next day saw the team lose a postseason rematch against South Carolina, falling 1313.5 to 1263.

Although Sunday's match with Georgia came down to the wire, the Bulldogs slipped by the Horned Frogs by a mere five aggregate points.

Sports editor Tim Bella

OPINION

Oklahoma St. coach takes aim at columnist

By DICK WEISS
New York Daily News

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy didn't have time to talk about his team's 49-45 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla. Instead, he chose to use his postgame interview session with the media to go ballistic on Jenni Carlson, a columnist for the Daily Oklahoman.

Carlson wrote a piece critical of junior quarterback Bobby Reid, who had been replaced by sophomore Zac Robinson prior to the game, suggesting among other things the coaches had sacked Reid, the most talented quarterback on the team, because of his attitude. Carlson claimed Reid had not always handled his nerves well and was "nicked in some games and sat it out instead of gutting it out."

She also painted a disturbing picture of Reid as a coddled player, standing near the team charter buses, using his cell phone while being fed

chicken by his mother out of a boxed meal.

Carlson obviously tweaked a nerve that sent Gundy over the edge after Reid's mother came to his office to complain.

He characterized Reid as "a good kid" who goes to class and is respectful of the media and was the victim of yellow journalism.

"Three-fourths of this is inaccurate," Gundy claimed, holding up a copy of the column. "It's fiction. And this article embarrasses me to be involved with athletics."

Then he started raising his voice, pointed his finger in Carlson's direction and appeared to be moving toward her in a threatening manner. Video of the entire meltdown is already available all over the Internet.

"That article had to have been written by a person that doesn't have a child," Gundy wailed. "And has never had a child that had his heart broken and come home upset

and had to deal with a child when he is upset. . . . He's not a professional athlete and he doesn't deserve to be kicked when he's down."

"If you have a child someday, you'll understand how it feels but you obviously don't have a child. I do. If your child goes down the street and somebody makes fun of him because he drops a pass in pickup game or says he's fat and he comes home crying to his mom, you'll understand."

Great, coach. Scream a little louder in what certainly looked like an effort to intimidate Carlson because she dared to fairly criticize a 21-year-old scholarship player. Under a little stress, are we? Not everyone in Stillwater, Okla., is buying into this uncalled-for diatribe after the Cowboys' ugly loss to Troy the previous week, where Gundy looked so disinterested on ESPN. As for accusations that Carlson claimed Reid was

scared, we don't remember reading that in her column.

Gundy, who claims he doesn't read Carlson's newspaper "because it's garbage" and went on to say "the editor who let it come out is garbage," left without taking questions, and was applauded by what must have been cronies as he stormed out of the room. The Oklahoman stands by its columnist and its story. We wonder if Gundy would have made those outrageous comments if a male columnist had written that. For most rational coaches, these things are best handled in one-on-ones behind closed doors instead of on a bully pulpit.

This story has become a national embarrassment for the program, the university and the Big 12. Gundy owes Carlson an apology for his outrageous behavior. And Oklahoma State needs to review whether this is someone it wants representing its school.

BASEBALL

Bonds shows no ill will toward Giants

By ANDREW BAGGARLY
San Jose Mercury News

Barry Bonds sat at his locker in a corner of the Giants' clubhouse, the same corner he has owned since the team's ballpark debuted in 2000, and granted an audience with four reporters on Saturday.

A few questions into the 11-minute session, Giants media relations director Blake Rhodes tried to wrap it up. Bonds immediately rebuked him.

"Blake, I'll only be here a few more days," Bonds said. "Don't. I'll make my own terms when I'm ready to go. Then you guys run it any way you choose after that."

Yes, the Giants will be a very different clubhouse culture once Bonds leaves. But

he has his locker, and his throne, for another week. He will abdicate nothing before he must.

Bonds spoke publicly for the first time since the Giants announced on Friday that they would not re-sign him for a 16th season. Asked if he could understand the decision by managing partner Peter Magowan and General Manager Brian Sabean, the home run king left little doubt that he felt entitled to return for one last season as a Giant.

"My understanding as far as businesses and corporations go (is) if you bring value to a company, you normally have a job," Bonds said. "I believe I've brought value to this company."

Bonds reiterated the state-

ment he posted on his Web site, saying he was disappointed that the club waited until the final homestand to announce a decision he believed had been made weeks or months earlier.

"My thing was I truly believed (they) knew earlier and it could have been handled a little bit differently, and that's all," Bonds said. "And (Magowan) agreed during that meeting that it probably should have been, but it wasn't."

But the 43-year-old left fielder said people are mistaken if they interpreted that he has any ill will toward the organization.

"There always comes a time when time changes," Bonds said. "Change is happening. This is business. I'm

not taking this personal."

Club sources confirmed that the decision to move forward without Bonds had been made weeks ago. Magowan hinted strongly at it during a July 13 news conference to announce Sabean's two-year contract extension.

Bonds said he isn't ready to talk about his upcoming free agency. He wouldn't say if he prefers to be a designated hitter in the American League.

But he emphasized he wants to play another season. He is tied with Lou Gehrig for second place on baseball's official career RBIs list.

Bonds declined to answer whether he is confident another team would come calling this winter.

"I'm not there yet," he said.

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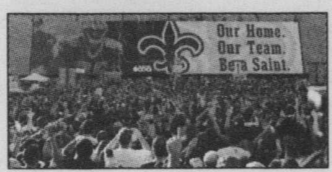
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See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Friday's Solutions

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35 Chester Gould creation
37 Good name
40 Alleviate
41 Addenda to letters
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49 Vessel repair location
51 Talk sharply to
52 Sort
53 Before now
54 Clothes changers
55 "Girlfriend" singer Lavigne
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By Allan E. Parrish Mentor, OH 9/25/07

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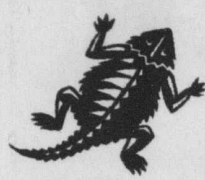
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GAMEDAY

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VOLLEYBALL

Team makes quick work of conference foe

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**
Associate Editor

A sweep of conference opponents last week brings the volleyball team to its strongest start under head coach Prentice Lewis.

The 15-2 record for the Horned Frogs trumps the 13-2 start for Lewis and her squad during the 2006 season.

In a weekend match against last seasons' Mountain West Conference last place finishers, Air Force, the Horned Frogs managed to notch a quick three-game match victory.

The match win (30-15, 30-15, 30-12) came against a 7-9 Air Force team that did not prove to be much of a problem for the Horned Frogs. The match itself took less than 90 minutes to complete. The victory pulls the team's MWC record to 2-1 and the Horned Frogs are now in a four-way tie for second place in the conference. The next match against a conference opponent will be away Friday against the New Mexico Lobos, another 2-1 team.

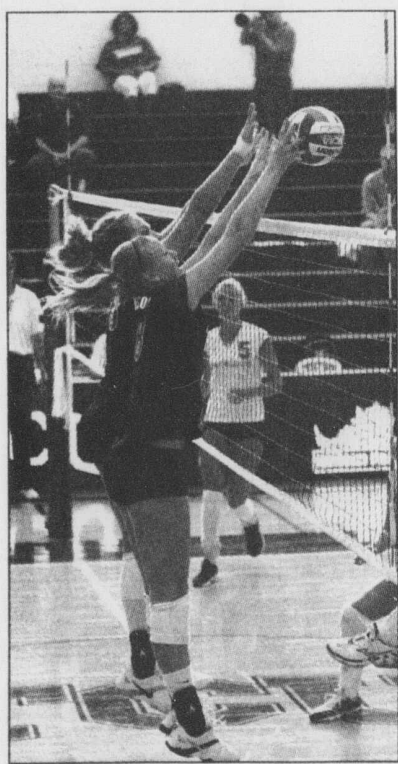
The home crowd was able to see senior Calli Corley continue to chip away at the all-time record for digs. Corley entered the season 329 digs short of the record, and after her 14-dig performance Friday night, she is now 67 digs shy.

Prominence at the net was key for the Horned Frogs against Air Force as the blocking game was exceptional with the 12 total assisted blocks during the match.

Junior Devon Kirk pitched in on three of the blocks, and tallied six and a half points for the evening.

Only the second game of the match had the Horned Frogs facing any remote threat. The game was tied 9-9 before the team went on a 10-1 tear on the shoulders of sophomore Lauren Otto. Otto capitalized on most of her opportunities during the match with powerful blasts to the hardwood. The Arlington native finished the evening with 11 kills.

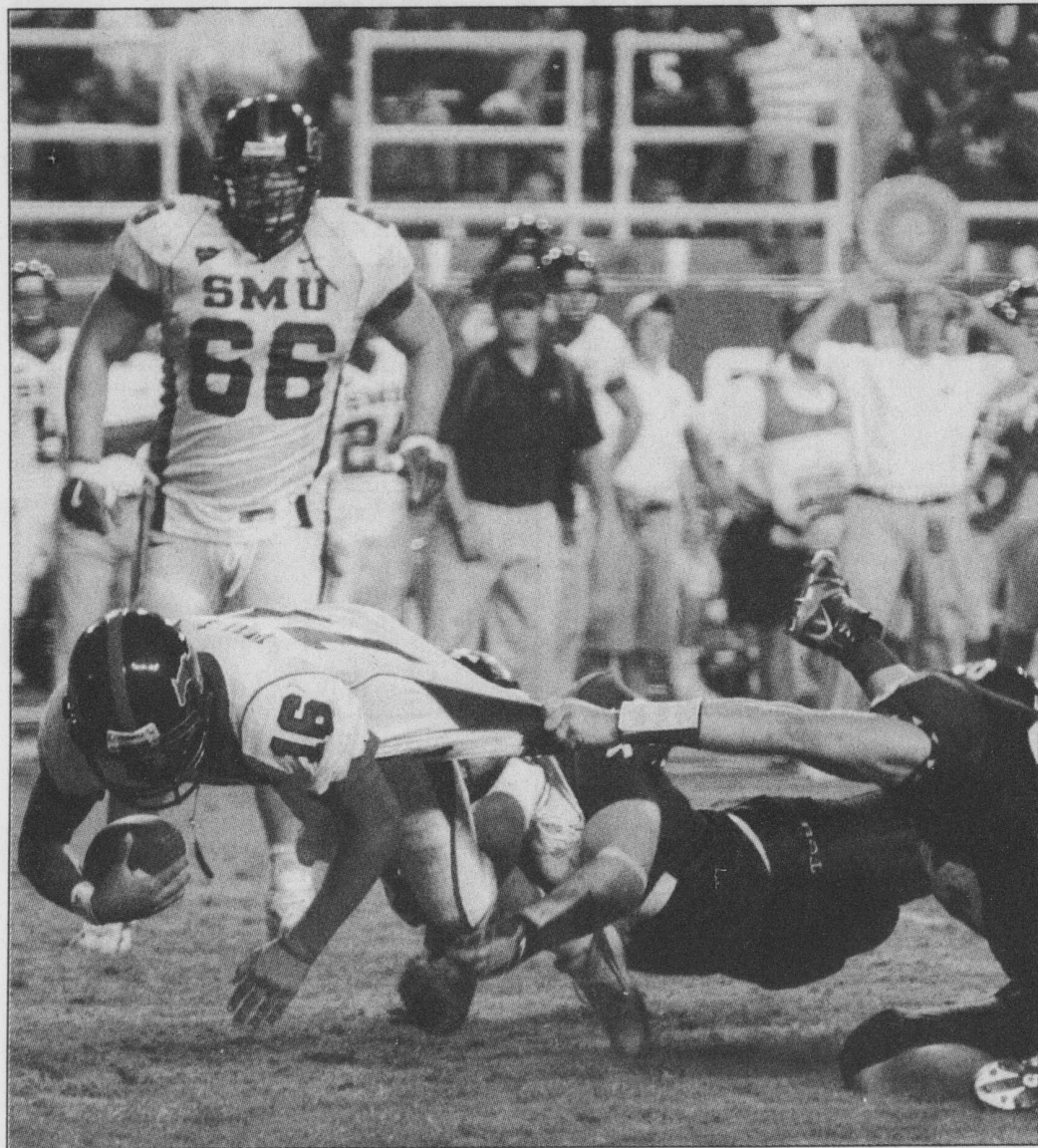
Editor's Note: The Daily Skiff was not allowed to interview the head coach or players after the game.



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer
Devon Kirk and Christy Hudson defend the net against New Orleans on Sept. 7.

FOOTBALL

PONY DOWN



Frogs defenders tackle SMU quarterback Justin Willis on Saturday. TCU's defense helped spark a 21-7 win against the Mustangs during the crosstown rivalry game.

Frogs find offense through defense and special teams

By **BRETT LARSON**
Staff Reporter

After spending two years in Dallas, the Iron Skillet has returned home to Fort Worth.

TCU capitalized on big plays on defense and special teams to win 21-7 against SMU on Saturday night.

Redshirt freshman Andy Dalton and sophomore Marcus Jackson split time as quarterback against the Mustangs. Head coach Gary Patterson said he had been planning to use both quarterbacks before the game, but Jackson proved to be a tougher matchup for SMU.

Jackson would finish six for 12 passing, good for 68 yards and a touchdown. He also had 40 yards on the ground.

"Marcus (Jackson) was the guy for the job tonight," Patterson said. "Tonight, we needed a quarterback who could really get away from some things."

Patterson said there is no animosity between the two signal-callers, and he recognizes each has his own strengths and weaknesses.

"I think it's good for them to be honest with you," he said. "They're both young and

it's good to compete."

Jackson said he has no problem with the two-quarterback offense.

"I think we have to do whatever works and whatever will help our team," Jackson said.

Controlling SMU sophomore quarterback Justin Willis was the key to the win, Patterson said. Willis finished with 245 total yards and was held out of the endzone.

This game also featured the return of junior running back Aaron Brown, who had been out with a leg injury since the Baylor game Sept. 1.

In his first game back, Brown finished with 92 yards on 11 carries.

Brown said the injury was tough for him because he wanted to come back and help his team during the recent two-game losing streak.

"With my mentality, I wanted to come back two weeks ago," Brown said. "I got up and came back tonight with no injury."

Although SMU beat the Frogs statistically in first downs, total yards and time of possession, TCU stifled the Mustangs on third-down con-

versions, holding its rivals to a 25-percent third-down conversion rate.

The game started quickly for SMU, thanks to a 15-yard touchdown run by junior running back DeMyron Martin on its second possession. Martin finished with 100 rushing yards on 19 carries.

TCU would respond less than four minutes later with a blocked punt by redshirt freshman safety Colin Jones that was returned for a touchdown by freshman wide receiver Bart Johnson.

The Frogs would benefit from another big play early in the second quarter as junior linebacker Robert Henson returned a Willis interception for a 58-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Later in the quarter, Jackson worked his magic and led TCU to its first and only offensive touchdown of the game in the second quarter.

With Jackson under center, the Frogs were able to march the ball 78 yards during 16 plays ending with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to senior wide receiver Derek Moore. The second-quarter score turned out to be the final score of the game.

TIM'S TAKE

Change might not be bad thing

By **TIM BELLA**
Sports Editor

Before I begin, big ups to Smoo for its underwhelming "Pony Up" campaign. If indifferent fans and a team stuck between awful and mediocre is what gets that Dallas crowd going, then Godspeed.

It was like any other Saturday in college football. The sun was out, students were tailgating like it was a 9 to 5 job and of course, Notre Dame was losing. But with my family being in town and several Schieffer School projects looming over my head like the black cloud of death, I sat the game out and decided to come out of fan retirement.

If it hadn't been for the usual high volume of coeds at the Greek tailgate and my dad ridiculing every Smoo fan in sight, not reporting on the game would have been a little weird.

The win against a rival is always something to celebrate, but didn't it feel just a little unsatisfying? It was not as unsatisfying as this past season of "24," but it was more like the unsatisfying feeling you get after you eat Chinese food. You liked it and you are happy, but wanted more and expected more.

Sure it was great to see both junior running back Aaron Brown and the team's ability to play a quality second-half defense come back in impressive fashion, but the no-show job the offense had against a defense that had allowed 560 total yards a game through the first three weeks was a little disheartening. Of course, anything that comes in the same month as a story on Britney Spears' YouTube fan should hardly be considered disheartening.

With that being said, it is amazing how much Brown changes the complexion of the offense when he's on the field. Kind of like how Tori changed the landscape of "Saved by the Bell." By the way, have we ever resolved what happened there?

And then there was the quarterback situation. I just shook my head a little bit upon hearing the subtle but noticeable "Marcus Jackson" chants in the first quarter. It was clear Dalton just did not have it on this night, and you have to applaud Gary Patterson and Mike Schultz for going with the guy they thought gave them the best chance to win at that time of the game. Like any other Frogs team of the past, they are going to need two guys under center this year, and maybe more than ever.

Fans can only hope the offense gets straightened out and the Dalton-Jackson situation gains clarity against an 0-3 Colorado State team that could very well be 3-0 right now if not for three or four plays. Getting the satisfaction in knowing they can thoroughly handle a team again is the next step awaiting the Frogs on Saturday.

As my parents and I were discussing the Iron Skillet game at IHOP of all places, you could slightly hear the table next to us talk about the day in college football.

"Did you hear Notre Dame lost again?" a man asked his wife.

It's good to know some things will not be changing any time soon.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's equestrian article, it stated the team had matches against South Carolina and Georgia on Sunday. The match against South Carolina was on Saturday.

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