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Provost says demolishing student center more cost-efficient

By JORDAN HAYGOOD
Staff Reporter

Administrators will propose to demolish the Brown-Lupton Student Center to the Board of Trustees, the provost said.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, told Faculty Senate members at the meeting Thursday that it would be more expensive and less academically efficient if the

building were left for renovations.

"In the long run, renovations will take longer and cost us more, which is an amazing thought," Donovan said. "It will also create a more beautiful space that will carry into the new the Campus Commons area."

Although no date has been set, the entire leadership team — a group of campus administrators — plans to discuss

the proposal with the trustees in the next few weeks, said Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs.

The existing Student Center is 90,000 square feet with 45 percent of the building efficient for academic space. The new Student Center would be 70,000 square feet, but 68 percent of the building would serve as the academic area, Donovan said.

Also at the meeting, Bonnie

Melhart, associate provost for academic affairs, presented an update on a study of the status of women at TCU.

Melhart said the idea came from a small group of women faculty members that approached the chancellor and the provost about having the study.

"When we first started talking about this, they were completely behind us and still are," she said. "They are

paying for more than half of the study."

Donovan said the university needs to be aware of gender perceptions.

"I have, on several occasions, noticed that when people are looking for secretaries they automatically look for women to do the job," he said. "There are a lot of things that we should be aware of and if action needs to be taken, it will be

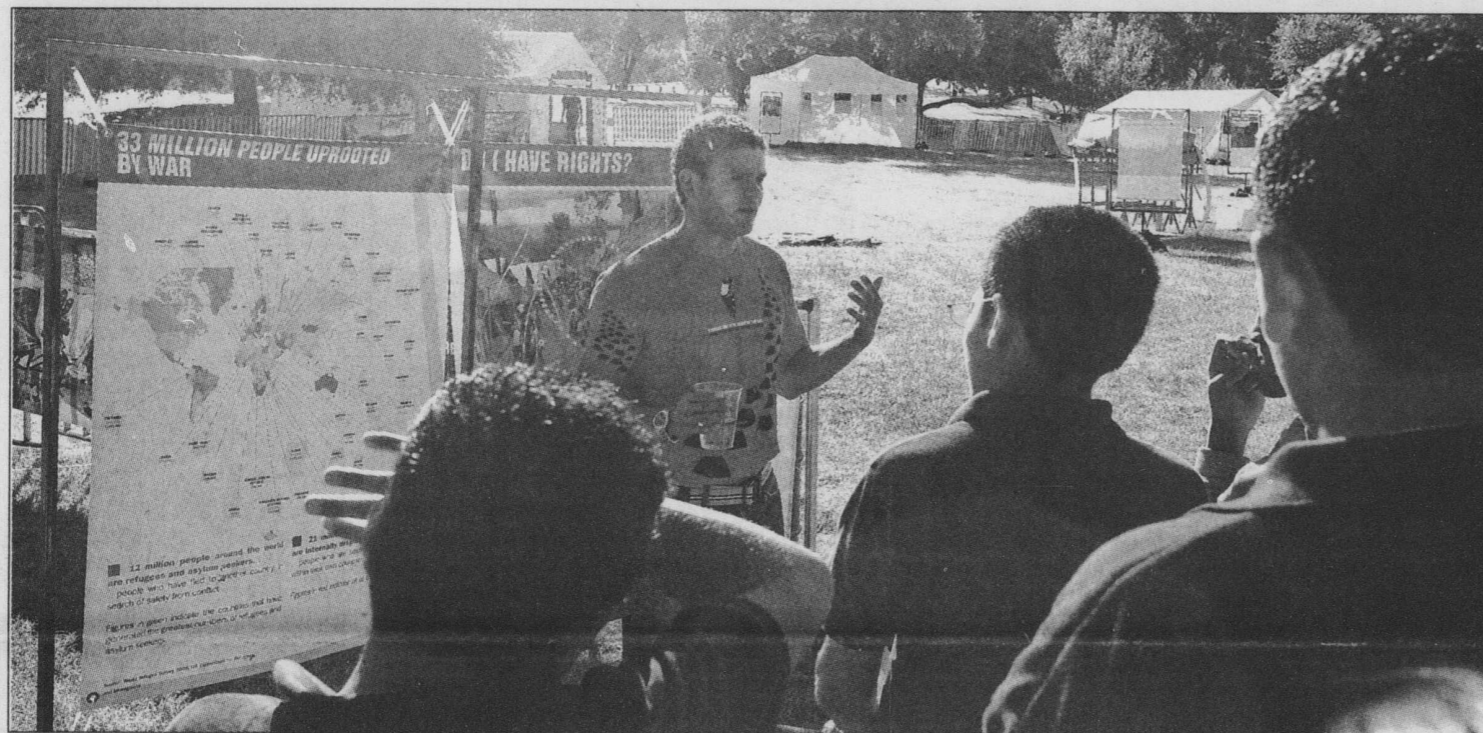
taken."

The study would look into negative perceptions such as gender pay inequities, value of research done by women and the ranking of women on campus, Melhart said.

"I am not saying these problems are going on at TCU, but that is why I believe that this study should be done now," she said.

The results of study will be See **FACULTY**, page 2

A DIFFERENT VIEW



Hansel Otero, an aid worker with Doctors without Borders, gives a tour to area students Thursday of an exhibit demonstrating the living conditions of refugees within a refugee camp. The exhibit shows several aspects of life at a refugee camp ranging from what basic toiletries are to acquiring water from a natural source.

Mock refugee camp moves through D/FW area

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

Four days. Five cities. One refugee camp. For the first time, a Doctors Without Borders refugee camp is at Flagpole Hill at White Rock Lake Park in Dallas until Sunday and is here to give a view of the life of an internally displaced person.

Emily Linendoll, press officer for Doctors Without Borders, said the exhibit started in Milwaukee and has given tour-goers a more realistic view of what goes on in the world. "They get to experience what life would be like at a refugee camp by seeing the toys children play with and the types of tents refugees live in," Linendoll said.

The refugee camp is made of the actual materials used by Doctors Without Borders in other camps. The 8,000-square-foot exhibit has nine stops in the tour which include: a

shelter area, food distribution area, latrine area, water supply, health clinic, cholera treatment center, vaccination tent, nutrition tent and a stop with stories of people uprooted by war.

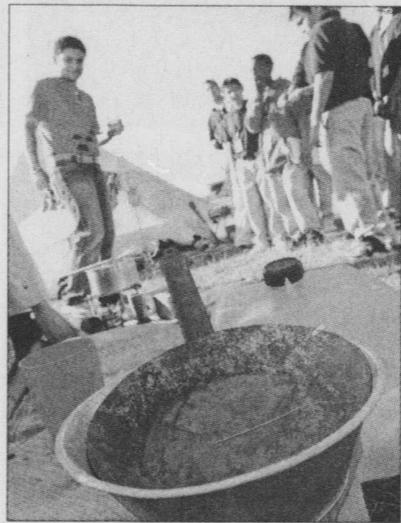
Adam Gamwell, program coordinator for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, said three TCU students went Thursday for the opening of the exhibit.

"This is the closest thing to a refugee camp we'll get in America," Gamwell said.

Kelly Rand, senior social work and religion major, said it deeply affected her to see the mock-camp.

"I couldn't even begin to imagine what a refugee camp could even look like," Rand said. The students who saw the exhibit Thursday said it put a perspective in their lives.

"The thing that got me was the space where See **REFUGEES**, page 2



Hansel Otero shows how refugees live in close quarters at camps, often with unfamiliar people.

Rape victim's parents to discuss depression

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

It was New Year's Eve, 1995. Andrea and Mike Cooper had just come home from a New Year's party and found their only daughter dead in their living room.

Kristin had committed suicide because she was depressed after a co-worker raped her, her father, Mike Cooper, said.

Andrea Cooper, Kristen's mother and Delta Delta Delta alumna, who has made it her mission to travel and inform students about rape, depression and suicide will be speaking on TCU's campus for the third time Sunday at noon in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Her previous visits were in 2000 and 2003 after Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Chi Omega's invitation, Andrea Cooper said.

Her 20-year-old daughter, Kristin, was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and a sophomore at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan.

"We didn't know about the rape until we read it in her journal after her death," Mike Cooper said.

Andrea Cooper said it was a surprise to her that her daughter had committed suicide.

"She was sad before Christmas break," Andrea

Cooper said. "But when she came home, she was happy so I wasn't worried."

She explained that often people who are depressed get happier toward the end, because they have found a way out.

Mike Cooper said the rapist was never convicted because she never pressed charges and a journal entry cannot account for proof.

"It was a waste of herself," he said.

However, "Kristin's Story: a Story of Acquaintance Rape, Depression and Suicide," is being told on campuses all over the nation.

It was three years after Kristin's death when Andrea Cooper started to travel around the nation to inform college students on issues of rape and depression.

"I never ever dreamed I would travel and talk," Andrea Cooper said.

She said the reason she travels year-round is because she feels her daughter would still be alive if she had gotten help.

"It is so important for people to go and get counseling if they need it," Andrea Cooper said.

Mike Cooper said last year his wife went to about 35 to 40 schools. He said

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Symposium addresses senior issues

By DIANA ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

Every hour, 330 American adults turn 60, said an alumna at a symposium Thursday.

Janice Knebl, the chief of the geriatrics division at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, spoke about the growing senior-American demographic and brought attention to their medical, legal and financial issues.

Knebl's speech, "Understanding the Older Adult," was held at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center and was hosted by the Center for Healthy Aging and the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. There were about 60 people in attendance.

Knebl, a nationally-recognized researcher in aging and geriatric care, focused on the needs of older adults. Those needs included medical, legal, and financial needs and social support for older adults, Knebl said.

Knebl's purpose was to discuss the opportunities for providing health care to an aging population and said TCU is on the right path.

"I applaud TCU," Knebl said. "We need more doctors in the aging field, and TCU is ensuring that this happens."

Barbara Harty, a geriatric nurse practitioner at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, said the implica-

tions for the future impact millions of Americans, and their future is greatly affected by the choices our current community makes.

"TCU is doing what more institutions should be doing," Harty said.

Knebl's appearance goes hand-in-hand with National Geriatrics Week, which took place Oct. 1-8. Knebl's symposium wraps up the events at TCU, said Linda Curry, a professor in Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

"TCU is striving for successful aging," Knebl said. "What can be done here that acknowledges geriatric care?"

Lori Camperlengo, continuing

education coordinator at the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said a curriculum is in the process of being developed for a possible major and/or minor in geriatric care at TCU.

As the baby boomer generation grows older, more health care advances are necessary to embrace the change, Knebl said.

"It is vital to our society that we start acting now," Knebl said. "It won't be an age wave. It will be an age tsunami when this comes around."

Knebl said the 65 and older population will increase from 35 million now to 71.5

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CEO: Risk management affects student leaders

By SONA THAPA
Staff Reporter

No one has a more difficult job than elected leaders, and it is up to them to make responsible decisions for their organizations, a speaker said Thursday.

Dave Westol, owner and CEO of Limberlost Consulting in Carmel, Ind., discussed risk management for student-organized social events as well as the role of student leaders and faculty advisers. This event at the Brown-Lupton Student Center was a joint venture of the Office of Student Organizations and Campus Life and about 80 faculty and students attended.

Student leaders need to recognize ideas that serve their

organization's best interests and make others realize if they make a wrong decision, Westol said.

"That is part of your leadership role," Westol said. "Take your time (and) make sure you have things in place."

Westol said things can go wrong in a simple event and students can take an initiative to minimize those risks. In an event, especially one involving alcohol, Westol said, it is always a good idea to have a guest list to keep track of everyone attending the event.

"Policies are great, but caring about others and doing the right things — that is the most important aspect of risk man-

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TODAY: Sunny, 85/63
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— Reuters

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given in a report, Melhart said, however, not all the information found will be public and no one would be identified.

"The promise is that there is a team that will put together an action plan for any situations that arise," she said. "We will still have to wait and see what we find, but I have my ideas." Faculty Senate Chair Stuart Youngblood said the study was important to learning more about the university.

"How do you know what you don't know?" he said. "This is a great way to see what issues are happening around TCU and find where we want to be compared to other universities."

Other business, such as successful graduation at TCU, was discussed by Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, and Cathy Coghlan, assistant director of institutional research.

Scott said the retention rate has increased from 83 percent to 86 percent during the last three years and the full retention report will be released within the next week.

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15 people live in the same size of my bedroom," Rand said.

Former refugee Besnik Doli who now works as an aid worker, said visitors should just take a minute to think of refugees and internally displaced persons in camps. Doli said they have to remember a refugee camp is not similar to camping.

"When I got out of it, I felt as though I had gotten

out of prison," Doli said. "A prison I didn't even deserve to go to."

Doli said he appreciates the basic things of life after four months in a refugee camp.

"It's the basic things, like water, food, things that you take for granted that you miss," Doli said. "I'm just happy I don't have to carry my supply of water."

Gamwell said he encourages students to go to the event and realize, "we are all part of one world."

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he doesn't travel with his wife all the time.

"I try not to go in the South in the summer, north in the winter, but I'll always go to California," Mike Cooper said.

The couple, however, does not spend more than a week apart from each other, Mike Cooper said.

Lisa Kollenberg, senior Tri-Delt member, said she heard about Andrea Cooper in her sorority's spring leadership convention.

"I contacted her last spring to have her come to TCU," Kollenberg said.

Although two sororities are hosting the event, Hannah Munsch, Panhellenic president, said the event is open for everyone.

Andrea Cooper also said the message is important for everyone to hear.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, one in six American women are victims of sexual assault and 59 percent of all rapes are unreported to the police.

"I've heard it's a compelling presentation," Munsch said "I'm excited to see it."

Kollenberg said rape is an issue that should be discussed more.

Josh Schutts, fraternity and sorority life coordinator and Interfraternity Council adviser, said in an e-mail the message Cooper presents is more than just how the individual is affected.

"Guys have sisters, mothers, girlfriends or acquaintances who could potentially become a victim of sexual assault or rape," Schutts said. "It's important that we widen our view on its effects beyond just the immediate."

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agement," Westol said. "If you can do those things, you are way ahead of the game."

Forrest Lane, assistant director of the TCU Leadership Center, said the event intends to help people understand their responsibilities as a student leader.

"Sometimes we do not really think about what our liabilities and our responsibilities are," Lane said. "It is more of a discussion to really help people in that decision-making process."

Lane said the event is a response to a Texas bill passed in May, which requires Texas colleges and universities to provide risk management trainings to students and student organization advisers. This event is intended to bring students and faculty closer, so they can work on risk management together.

According to a bill analysis by the Senate Research Center, "There is a concern over the number of fatalities occurring as a result of hazing, drinking or other activities associated with fraternities."

This event, however, targets all student organizations at TCU, Lane said.

Iris Reyes, potential new members director of Sigma Lambda Alpha, said she was attending the event because Westol talked about TCU's hazing policies.

"They have a really good policy," Reyes said. "There is no way you can get around it."

BY THE NUMBERS

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countries in 2005 had internally displaced persons caused by conflict.

33 million

people uprooted by war worldwide

21million

are internally displaced persons seeking safety within their own countries.

53,000

refugees resettled in the United States in 2005.



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million by 2030.

"In order to keep up with the current trend, more people should consider becoming more knowledgeable about geriatric nursing," Knebl said.

"This impacts not only the small communities, but our entire world."

Knebl graduated from TCU in 2002 with a masters of business administration and received a doctorate of osteopathic medicine from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1982.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The most perfidious way of harming a cause consists of defending it deliberately with faulty arguments."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

THE SKIFF VIEW

Debate arises from t-shirt slogan

Texas Tech has been given a black eye, and Geoffrey Candia delivered the punch.

Administrators at Texas Tech banned the sale of a T-shirt depicting a silhouette of Michael Vick dangling the Texas A&M mascot, Reveille, by her leash.

The T-shirt, bearing the university colors that read "Vick 'Em" in reference to the Aggie's slogan "Gig 'em," was created by a Tech student through his fraternity.

Even though Candia, the creator of the T-shirt, expressed regret in printing them, the school still took action.

"We will not permit individual students or any student organization to profit from selling merchandise on campus that is derogatory, inflammatory, insensitive or in such bad taste it reflects negatively on this fine institution, its students, athletic teams, alumni or faculty," school president Jon Whitmore said in a statement released by the school Tuesday afternoon.

Whitmore expressed a sentiment shared by

most administrators in higher education who don't want their institution's name dragged through the mud.

The fight for freedom of speech on college campuses is nothing new, yet it has garnered significant attention this year.

Take, for example, what happened at Colorado State University when the editorial page of the university newspaper, The Rocky Mountain Collegian, contained an expletive in big, bold lettering directed at the president of the United States.

J. David McSwane, editor in chief of the Rocky Mountain Collegian, found himself in a battle between First Amendment rights and media ethics.

"The general negative sentiment regarding free speech on a college campus is the precise reason we ran profanity next to president's name," McSwane said in an e-mail.

As long as universities can dodge unfavorable punches, the students will keep throwing them.

Opinion editor Sonya Cisneros for the editorial board.

BY DON WRIGHT



Manners important for getting jobs

I was always annoyed and a little embarrassed as a kid when I would say "yes" to an adult and my mom or dad would follow with "ma'am," say "yes ma'am."

COMMENTARY



Marissa Warmes

I learned quickly that even though I didn't think it was necessary to use my best manners when talking to the cashier at the grocery store or someone in passing, it was important to my parents.

As I became an adult who now has interviews with companies for jobs and internships, I couldn't be more appreciative to my parents, and I know they are proud when people are impressed with my manners.

Have you ever seen people chewing with their mouths wide open at a nice dinner?

You hope and pray harder than you ever have that they aren't eating what you just ordered, because suddenly, it doesn't look as appetizing.

Think about how you act in public now that you are in college. Would you make your parents proud? If your mother saw you at dinner, would she be appalled?

It isn't just table manners, though.

Do you know how important manners and common courtesy can be when interviewing for jobs?

"Have you seen people chewing with their mouths wide open at a nice dinner?"

Marissa Warmes

According to a January 2002 USA Today article, Liz Hubler, executive director of OfficeTeam, a California-based staffing service specializing in highly skilled administrative professionals, said "In today's fast-paced business environment, it's not unusual for people to pay less attention to matters of workplace etiquette and protocol."

"But time spent showing consideration for others is a smart career investment. People have long memories when it comes to how you treat them; and the courtesy you extend will be noticed and reciprocated."

Here in Texas, we have a stereotype that we are often asked to live up to.

Guys, did you know you are still known as southern gentlemen by people anywhere north of Oklahoma?

Southern graces aren't something from the 1920s. They are here, in the 21st century and they need to be respected.

Does anyone even acknowledge the people around them that are walking around in the mall?

If someone drops their

books on campus, do you stop to help?

These examples might not be what you would traditionally consider manners, but they are.

Smiling as you walk past someone on campus or stopping someone to tell them they dropped a pen out of his or her backpack is a simple way to show that you use manners.

Manners will never go out of style.

"Yes, ma'am," "No, sir," "Thank you" and "No, thank you" will get you further in this world than you'd think, according to Hubler.

If you are in a tight race for a job against someone with the same qualifications as yours, but you have manners and they don't, guess who is more likely to get the position. You are.

Having manners is a wonderful asset, but they can't do you any good if you don't use them.

If you are searching for respect from your peers, think about how you address them and speak to them.

If you were in their shoes, would you feel respected?

You can't get respect until you give it, and I can't think of a more perfect place to start than with manners.

And remember, a simple "yes" doesn't cut it. Say "Yes, ma'am" or "Yes, sir."

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Steroids tarnish users' honesty, hide true accomplishments

The common arguments against steroid use fail to identify the most important problem with performance enhancement in sports.

COMMENTARY



Douglas Lucas

The central issue isn't cheating.

Certainly, breaking rules violates codes of ethics. But what if a contest allowed steroids, so the athletes and fans knew what to expect and the record books stayed accurate?

Then, cheating wouldn't remain an issue.

Nor is the central issue damaging a person's body.

Ken Caminiti, a former Texas Ranger and MVP, admitted to using steroids in 2002 in a Sports Illustrated article, becoming the first professional baseball player to confess. He died of a heart attack in 2004.

Whether it's sugary soft drinks or cigarettes, we all choose to take in unhealthy substances from time to time for short-term benefits.

Doing so simply comes from cost-benefit analyses that should be consid-

ered personal decisions as long as the choices don't infringe upon others' rights.

So health consequences, while a legitimate concern for an individual, don't represent anything as terrible as not knowing the truth about a person's own abilities.

Fans want to see who has the best skill, not the best pharmaceutical knowledge.

Why? Because sports demonstrate the potential and power of the mind and spirit actualized in its most primal form — the human body.

An athlete using steroids never knows how much of his or her accomplishment represents a triumph of mind and spirit, and how

much simply comes from drugs.

Neither does the fan paying for the athlete's career.

The goal of any endeavor is to make the best use of a person's mind and spirit, while knowing an accomplishment isn't artificial.

From that comes the most happiness.

In the race to win at all costs, the steroid abuser, or the artist using drugs or the student popping Adderall without a prescription, forgets the joy that comes from reaching natural potential in an honest fashion as opposed to what amounts to sneaking off to a store to purchase a trophy.

Douglas Lucas is a senior English and philosophy major from Fort Worth.



MCT

Rockies' quest for baseball immortality to be decided in fall showdowns

There is one month of the year where baseball takes a whole new meaning. It is called the "Fall Classic" and "The Crown Jewel of Major League Baseball."

COMMENTARY



Marcus Murphree

It is October. Boys become men in the course of October. History begins. Think back to the beginning of the month where this narrative shows the mood of what baseball after the first 162 games means.

Oct. 1: Day 1 of the postseason.

A team of youngsters. A bunch of guys fighting for better jobs in baseball later in their careers are living the Cinderella Story.

Their name: the Colorado Rockies.

These guys have the home field during a one-game, do-or-die playoff against a division rival.

The other team has an All-Star starting pitcher and a future Hall of Famer for its closer.

They faltered in September and now want a chance at the prize. Win, or go home. This team is the San Diego Padres.

This is October. It took nearly five hours to see who would play another day.

It showed the young rookie with the difficult-to-pronounce name collecting four hits and electrifying his team with grit and hustle.

It showed the crafty veteran watch the biggest game of his career go down in flames.

The Rookie: Troy Tulowitzki
The Legend: Trevor Hoffman

The Inning: Bottom of the 13th

The Score: 8-6, Padres favor

The all-time leader in saves took the hill. "It's Trevor time." He has 524 career saves and 42 were tacked on that total this season. Hoffman is good, better, best.

This is October. The old guard versus the up and coming class; Varsity versus JV.

A leadoff double by Kazuo Matsui caused the stadium to erupt. There was hope after all and the rally caps seemed to be working (not just a superstition anymore).

The at bat of the night was up next. Tulowitzki stepped in with a runner in scoring position — the rookie against the 14-year veteran.

"Tulo," as his teammates call

him, was hitting .291 going into the night. His name has been circulating around Rookie of the Year circles since the Rockies began their climb in the NL West.

The rally and comeback was in the hands of the top half of the Rockies lineup whose average age was not even 30 years old.

Hoffman, 39, has twice as many years of big league experience as the total of the first three batters for the Rockies.

Hoffman has played professional baseball for 14 years; Matsui, Tulowitzki and Holliday combined have seven years of experience among them.

Then again, this is October. Tulowitzki worked the count full. The Little League dream was falling into place — a

cloud of dust, the ballgame was his. Holliday scored on a sacrifice fly by Jamie Carroll for the 9-8 win, but credit goes to Tulo for the evening's performance.

He went 4 for 7 with three extra-base hits. Tulowitzki went from Boy of Summer to Man of Autumn in the course of one night. Denver has a reason to believe this year for the first time since the Elway/Davis era.

This game set the tone and precedence for what is to come in the NLCS and World Series. After one round of the playoffs has been completed the Rockies are slowly chipping away at a chance for World Series stardom.

This is October and by the end of the month, one team will stand tall.

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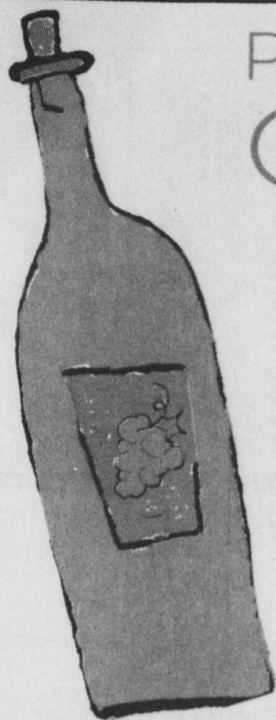
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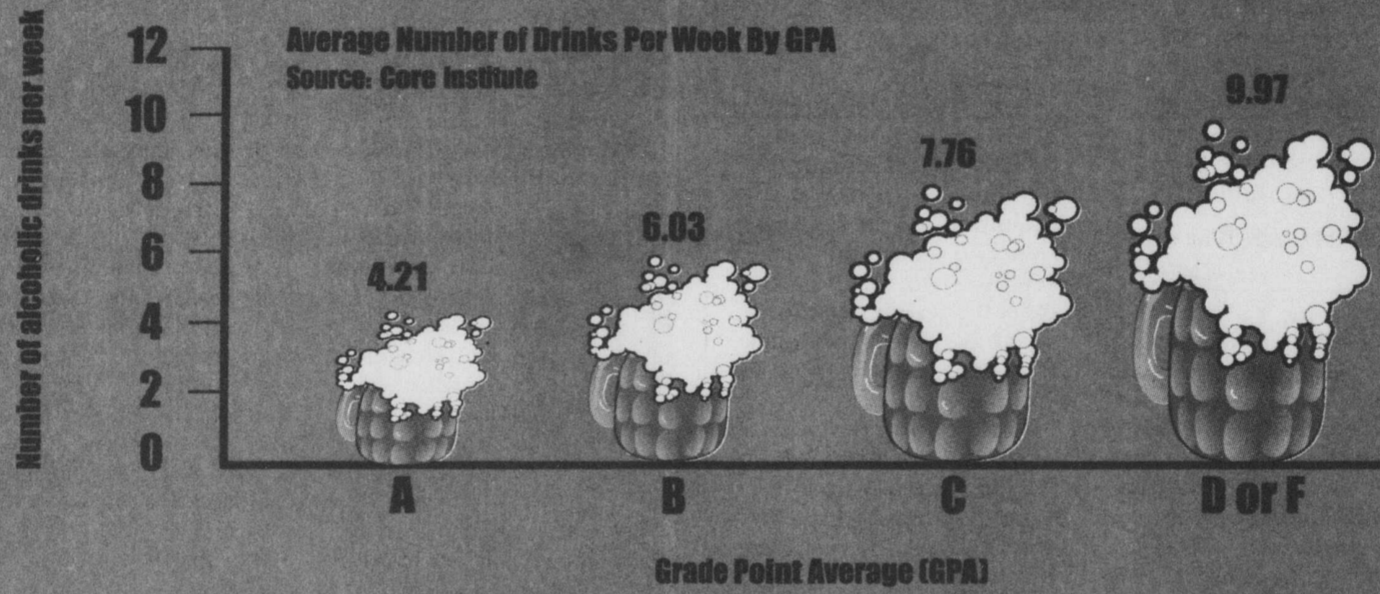
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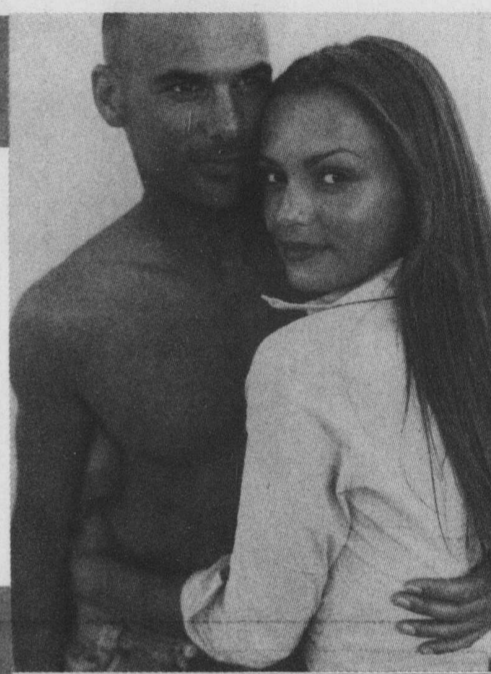
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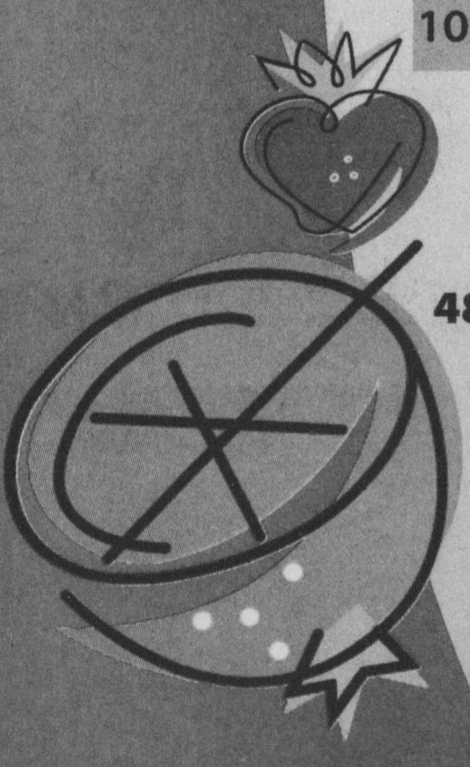

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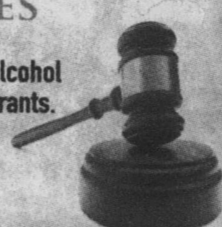
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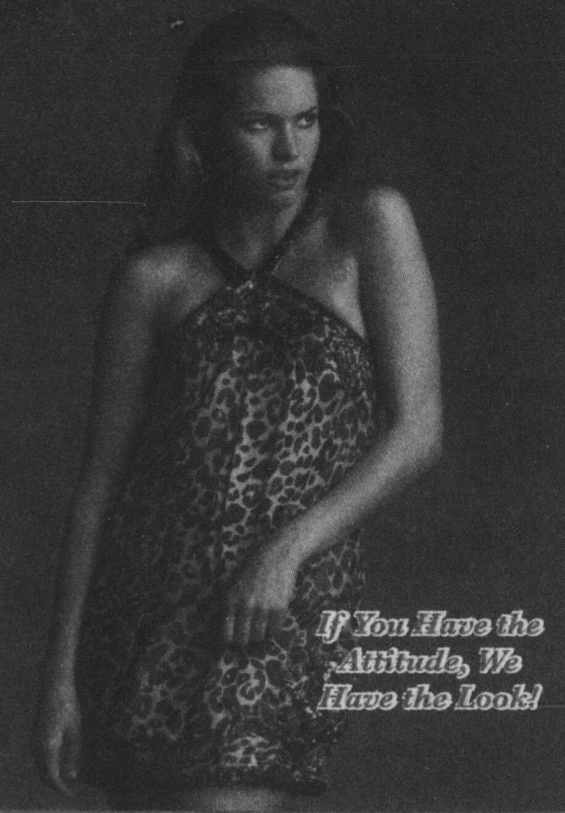
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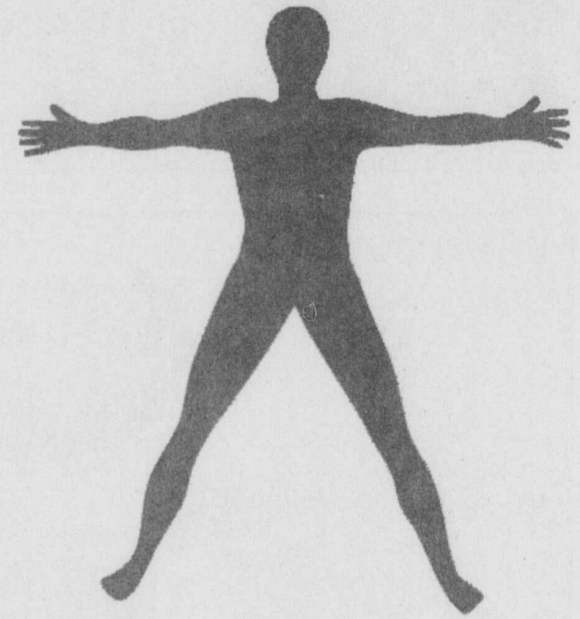
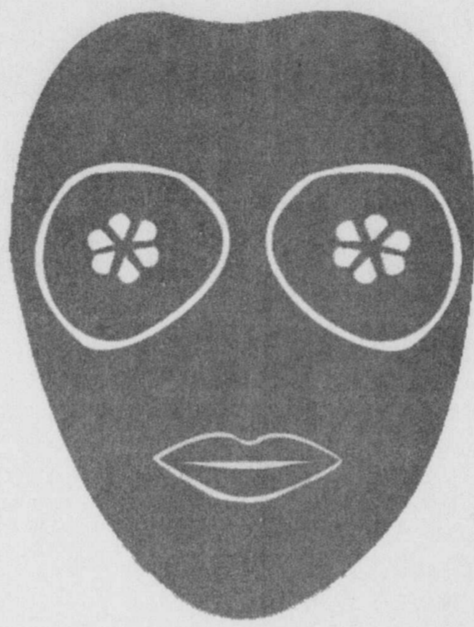
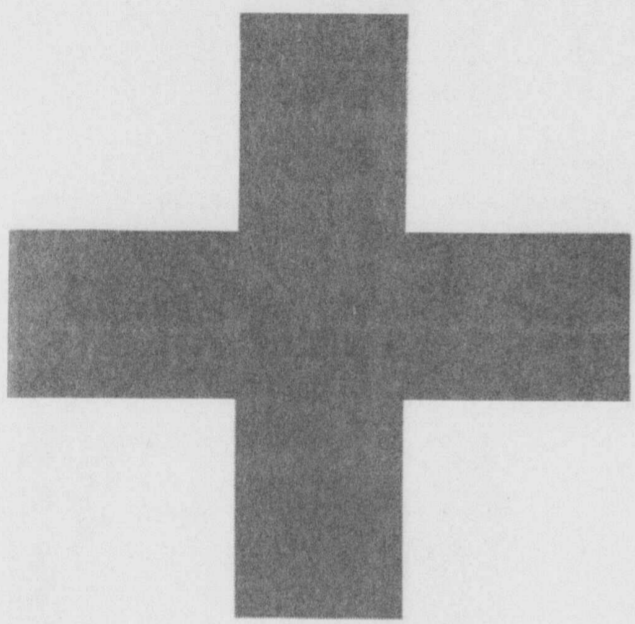
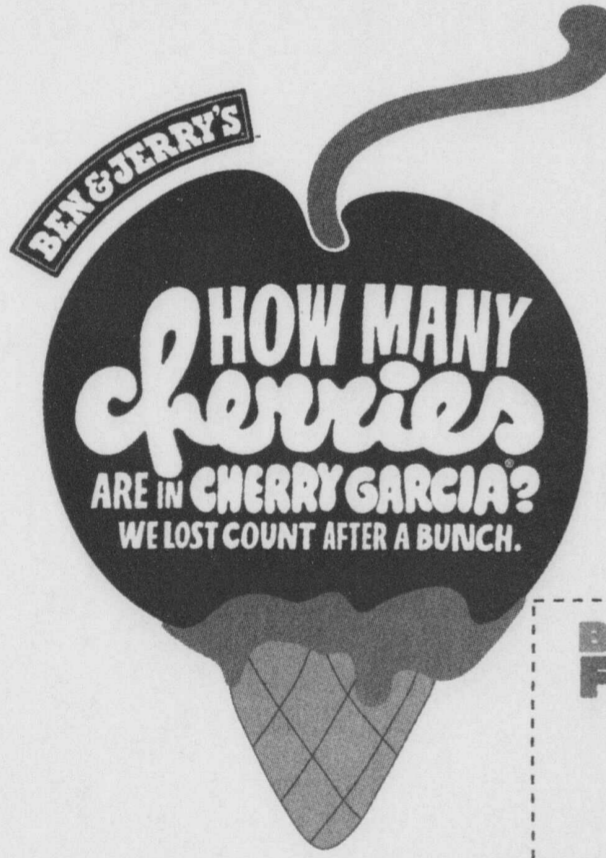


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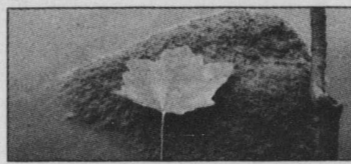
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The various cadet units sit in a circle and have a bonding discussion following an outdoor training session. Senior history major Stephanie Messenger said ROTC has allowed her to bond with fellow cadets, which students say is one of the benefits ROTC offers.

ARMY STRONG

Despite war deployment possibilities, Army ROTC enrollment doubles since 2004

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

It is 0600 hours. The moon is still beaming high in the sky and the streets are eerily quiet. The only light illuminating the field is the low orange light from the flashlights the four supervisors are holding.

While the rest of the campus population sleeps, 15 cadets, all of them seniors, stand in a corner of the TCU track field, some on their hands doing push-ups, others encouraging them on.

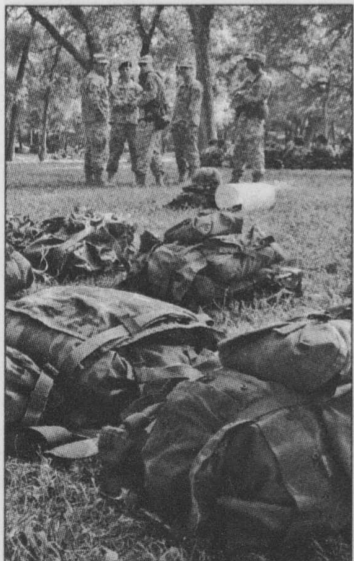
They are dressed in matching gray shirts with the ARMY written on them, navy shorts and reflective belts. After their push-ups, they lie on their backs to do sit-ups. The physical fitness test consists of push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run.

This routine is a regular scene for those enrolled in the ROTC program at TCU. The physical fitness test is taken every month to ensure their physical capability for being in the Army.

And more and more students will be on the field before sunrise this year. The TCU ROTC program has doubled in the past three years, going from a total enrollment of 65 in 2004 to 140 cadets this year. TCU welcomed 54 freshmen cadets this fall.

"We were shooting for 50 cadets," Lt. Col. John Agor said. "We did well."

The growth rate of the purple battalion is an anomaly,



RONALD VILLEGAS / Image Magazine
Cadets set their packs down in the same order they stand in while at attention.

Agor said.

Maj. Eddie Smith said the growth can be attributed to stronger advertisement and stronger recruitment.

Agor said recruitment is about getting the word out.

"Our cadets are the best recruiters," Agor said. "They stick together and people see that, and they want to be a part of it."

Although the war in Iraq is still ongoing, Smith said the cadets who enroll in the program can't be deployed by the govern-

ment to fight in a war until they have a degree and have gone through training after graduation.

"It'll usually be five years before they can be deployable," Smith said. "Who knows where we'll be in five years?"

The ROTC cadets' first priority is to get a degree, Smith said.

"They're at school training to be a leader," he said.

One way cadets train is by taking an ROTC class every semester completing a total of 26 hours for graduation, Agor said.

When a cadet becomes a junior, he or she will start receiving missions to lead freshmen and sophomores from one area to another. It is simulated to put him or her in a stressful situation, said Stephanie Messenger, senior history major.

"They're supposed to plan how to get them out," Messenger said. "The seniors supervise how it goes."

Other missions for leadership training include leading physical fitness tests for freshmen and mentoring first-year students grouped in squads. Agor said there are about 14 cadets in each squad with two seniors as mentors.

"It sounds like a cliché, but honestly, it is the best leadership program in the nation," Snider said.

Although ROTC's goal is to educate and train leaders, there's

BY THE NUMBERS	
65	140
ROTC cadets in 2004.	ROTC cadets in 2007.

always a chance of being sent to fight, Smith said.

Lt. Will Thomas, TCU alumnus, said cadets have to be ready for anything.

"We're a country at war," Thomas said. "There's always a higher chance of deployment when that happens."

Sara Snider, senior cadet, said her class was told they would most likely be the last to get deployed to Iraq.

"You know coming into the program that there's something along the lines of being deployed if you join the Army," Snider said.

Snider, an international communication major, said upon graduation she'll be working in the human resources in the Adjunct General Corps.

Her situation is common. One of the benefits the ROTC provides cadets is a job upon graduation. Cadets in their junior year compile assessment packets to be ranked in the Order of Merit list.

The Order of Merit list, Agor said, is a list that compiles all the graduating ROTC cadets in the nation according to their physical performance, involvement in extracurriculars and academics.

In the packet, the cadets include what division and branch they want to work for, their extracurricular activities, GPA and physical fitness test scores. The cadets can choose to go into active duty, the National Guard or the Reserves.

The list helps the Army decide in which branch to place a cadet. The top 10 percent of cadets on the list are guaranteed to get into the division and branch they want, Snider said.

"More people want to go into active duty. They had to force 478 cadets to go Reserves this year,"

Snider said.

Smith said the reason for going into active duty might be the health benefits — they get full-coverage health insurance — but for others it may be just that they want to be in the Army all the time.

Messenger is going into active duty. She'll find out at which branch Oct. 26; she said she hopes to go into the Medical Service Corps.

For Messenger, ROTC allowed her to bond with fellow cadets. "I have good friends," she said. "Instead of going Greek, I went ROTC."

While incentives to join the Army differ from person to person, the financial benefit is hard to ignore, Agor said. If a student receives a four-year scholarship, the total averages to about \$144,000. Along with a paid tuition, cadets in the program who are on scholarship are given a monthly stipend.

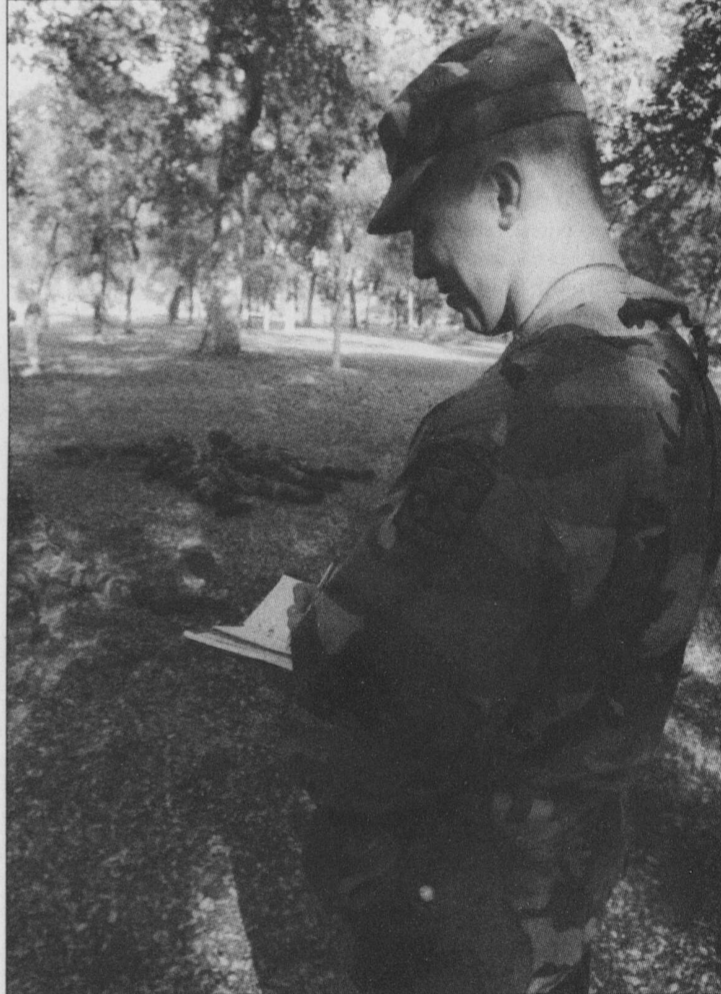
Smith said the stipends are to keep the students free of financial worry. A freshman cadet receives \$300, a sophomore \$350, a junior \$450 and a senior \$550. Along with this stipend, cadets are given \$900 a year for textbooks.

Some, like Snider, join for leadership, others to help people. Jace Taylor, a freshman electrical engineering major, was born on a military base and has lived on one for half of his life. After graduating from a Department of Defense-run high school in Japan, Taylor came to TCU on a four-year ROTC scholarship.

With both parents in the military, Taylor said he wanted to see for himself how things were on the inside.

"I've always been the civilian," Taylor said. "But now I get to wear the uniform and it feels cool. I kind of feel like my dad."

Serving the country for ROTC



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
ROTC alumnus Will Thomas takes notes during a training session. Thomas now works at the university as an ROTC recruiter.

cadets can mean more than fighting in a war.

"I really like the idea of serving my country," Taylor said. "It's the fact that I'm doing something for more than myself. I really like helping people, people you don't even know."

Agor said ROTC is often confused for Army enlistment. "Cadets are at TCU to study," Agor said. "They go into a career upon graduation. They can go to medical school, law school — whatever they want," Agor said.

Thomas, who graduated in May with a degree in political science and minors in Spanish and history, said he would recommend the ROTC program to anyone. After stumbling upon TCU on a trip to Fort Worth, Thomas said being in the Army is beneficial because it teaches cadets hands on leadership while also bringing in the critical thinking aspect.

Agor said Thomas gives the TCU ROTC program a reason to boast. Thomas was No. 22 out of 4,000 senior ROTC cadets in the nation, according to last year's Order of Merit list. In his senior year, Thomas earned the political science Distinguished Senior of the Year award.

"Our goal is to have our cadets be well-respected members in the TCU program," Agor said.

Thomas said he graduated with a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

"I got a 4.0 my first semester here," Thomas said. "It was kind of a game to see how long I could keep it."

After graduation, Thomas started working at TCU as an ROTC recruiter for the summer. He moved to Camp Mabry on Sept. 30 to move in with his wife who is stationed in Fort Hood. Thomas and his wife have been married for about three months, seeing each other only on the weekends.

Although the couple is finally moving in together, they still have a chance of being separated further. Thomas chose to be in the National Guard aviation branch while his wife chose to go into active duty into the Medical Service Corps. Thomas said he hopes to go to Baylor Law School next spring or summer to go into litigation.

"Being in the Army is worth it for me," Thomas said. "I loved my time at college. I don't think the Army asks that much from you. You only give a couple years of your life."

Many, including Taylor, agree with Thomas that the ROTC program is beneficial.

"It's really a good deal," Taylor said. "I get to train for something I want to do while getting paid."

TALIA SAMPSON / Designer

BY THE NUMBERS

Financial benefits for ROTC cadets

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average four-year scholarship.

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FANTASY
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Northcutt is a reliable option as a flex starter. He won't give you flashy fantasy numbers, but he is a consistent performer at the wide receiver position.

Week 6 Matchups:
Houston (3-2) at Jacksonville (3-1): All signs point toward a defensive struggle for these two teams. The Texans are still severely banged up, and even with Ahman Green attempting his return this weekend, the Jaguars' defense looks poised to shut down the Houston offense. And let's not forget Green will be forced to knock the rust off against one of the league's best rush defenses. On the other side of the ball, Jacksonville's offense doesn't make many big plays, but it won't turn the ball over either.

Oakland (2-2) at San Diego (2-3): Last week's game against the Broncos was more about Denver's ineptitude than San Diego's greatness, but the Chargers can prove themselves this week against — hold your snickering — the best team in the AFC West. L.T. should shine as he always does against Oakland, but Philip Rivers could have a difficult day against a tough Raiders secondary. Daunte Culpepper will not have five touchdowns again, but he should have solid numbers playing behind a good Oakland running game that has finally found an identity in its zone-blocking scheme. LaMont Jordan looks ready to return after resting for two games, but look for him to lose some carries to Justin Fargas and the reinstated Dominic Rhodes.

Washington (3-1) at Green Bay (4-1): Speaking of proving themselves, the Packers want to make sure that last week's second-half debacle doesn't spill over into this week, while the Redskins want to show their third-ranked defense is for real. I still hold that the Lions "are who we thought they were," and beating them doesn't prove much. The real test will be whether DeShaun Wynn has the stamina to go a whole game, because last week, when he was fresh, he was good. The other

sticking point will be for Packers coach Mike McCarthy not to go conservative this week and let Brett Favre play. Remember, Favre has never lost to the Redskins.

New England Cheaters (5-0) at Dallas (5-0): I hope Belichick did his "film study" before this game because he is going to need it. Dallas will win this game because the offense will do what it has to, when it has to do it. The Cowboys' defense will not overpower the New England offense, but it will slow them down enough. If the Cleveland Browns' defense can hold New England to two for 12 on third-down conversions, then a resilient and refocused Dallas team can close the deal and hand them their first loss. All of those facts notwithstanding, look for your usual suspects on both sides to score fantasy points for you this weekend, but leave both running backs and defenses on the bench.

STANFORD
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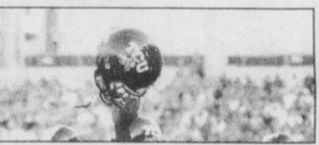
talent on both sides of the ball. The Cardinal offense is led by redshirt freshman Tavita Pritchard, who replaced T.C. Ostrander, who was benched last week due to a seizure. Pritchard led Stanford to 17 fourth-quarter points to win the game.

"One of the things Tavita Pritchard gives them at quarterback is athleticism and a player who can get on the edge," Patterson said. "They sprinted out a lot more against USC than they had in the past."

With the Frogs standing at 3-3 on the season, Hawthorne said a win Saturday would help boost the team's confidence.

"A win would help us out to get above .500," Hawthorne said. "It would show that we can go on the road, play against good competition and put together a good game."

FOOTBALL



Frogs look for a win on the road. DAILYSKIFF.COM

FOOTBALL

Coaches make habit of pre-snap timeout

By DANIEL BROWN
San Jose Mercury News

As the Dallas Cowboys lined up for the winning field goal Monday night, Ray Wersching, the most prolific kicker in San Francisco 49ers history, watched from his Bay Area home. Just before the snap, he told the rest of his family that they were about to watch a dress rehearsal.

"Even if this goes through, the Cowboys better not celebrate," Wersching said. "There's going to be a timeout."

Sure enough, the kick went up, it was long enough, it was straight enough, it was — just for practice.

The Buffalo Bills became the latest team to pull off the stealth timeout, a dastardly ploy that forces the kicking team to attempt the pressure-packed field goal twice.

Buffalo Bills Coach Dick Jauron, as is the new custom, alerted an official near the

sideline that he would call a timeout just before the snap. So as the play clock ticked down, the coach and referee stood there together with their own little secret.

The players on the field, meanwhile, unwittingly went through a meaningless version of what should be one of the most thrilling plays in sports.

Denver Broncos Coach Mike Shanahan was the first this season to unleash this form of mental torment on an opposing kicker — one that has been at the disposal of NFL coaches since 2004. In an overtime game on Sept. 16, the Raiders' Sebastian Janikowski made the first 52-yarder (euphoric!) but missed the second (despair!) as the Broncos came back to win.

"The history of the NFL is filled with smart guys who find ways to do smart things," Gil Brandt, a former longtime Cowboys exec-

utive, said when reached at his office Tuesday. "Not only do you have to give Shanahan credit for figuring it out, you have to recognize that this is a very copycat league. If it's successful, everyone else is going to do it."

Indeed, the Raiders fumed about Shanahan's shenanigans — at least until they pulled off the strategy themselves against Cleveland the very next week. The Browns' Phil Dawson made the first one (hooray!) but the second one was blocked (heartache!).

Dallas rookie Nick Folk was the first to withstand the test Monday, drilling his second 53-yarder just as well as he had the first. That's 106 yards of dramatic game-winning field goals in span of a few minutes.

Win or lose, the emerging popularity of the hidden-timeout trick, raises the question of whether there ought to be a change in the

rulebook.

At best, the trend is supreme gamesmanship and a test of a mental strength.

At worst, the timeouts exploit a loophole and violate the spirit of the game.

No one was allowed to call a timeout as Michael Jordan was releasing his game-winning shot; Bobby Thomson was not ordered back to home plate to see if he could hit his home run a second time.

Will NFL kickers still have to put up with this two-step program in 2008? Mike Pereira was asked on Tuesday whether the NFL competition committee would address the issue in the off-season.

Pereira, the NFL's vice president of officiating, said from his New York office: "Will they look at it? Certainly, if only because there has been so much conversation about the issue already."

FOOTBALL

Gators QB gets threatening calls

By NICK ZACCARDI
Independent Florida Alligator (U. Florida)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Apparently Tim Tebow's cell phone number surfaced and spread throughout Baton Rouge, La., last week.

Tebow received countless threatening messages on his phone from LSU fans leading up to the Gators' loss to the top-ranked Tigers on Saturday.

"Some people did take it way too far, farther than you should take it with sports," Tebow said following Tuesday's practice, the first workout for No. 13 UF (4-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) since the loss.

The sophomore quarterback had to listen to his messages one by one to delete them all as they started piling up early last week.

He declined to discuss the spe-

cifics of the messages, but said some included physical threats.

"I don't really use that kind of language too much," Tebow said.

Tebow responded by mocking the LSU fans after UF's first touchdown, a 2-yard pass to Kestahn Moore.

He dialed an imaginary cell phone and held his hand to his helmet in celebration.

"They were just having fun with me, so I was having fun with them, too," said Tebow, who completed 12 of 26 passes for 158 yards and ran for 67 yards on 16 carries against LSU. "It's what college is all about. It's just fun, and I had fun with it. And I know I probably got under their skin a little bit."

LSU students weren't the only people to obtain Tebow's number.

The quarterback's number

was displayed on fraternity row of Tennessee's campus, according to a writer from Tennessee's student newspaper.

Tebow has since gotten a new phone number, and the old phone was handed over to the University Police Department.

"I just worry about a young player's safety," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "It's easy, just get rid of your phone. I told Tim just dump it and get another one."

After the mocking celebration, LSU fans directed an obscene chant toward Tebow as Joey Ijjas kicked an extra point.

"I think for the most part people were just having fun," Tebow said. "But unfortunately there's (other) people like that everywhere."

Tebow shared the messages with his roommate, senior strong safety Tony Joiner.

"That was kind of crazy," Join-

er said.

The calls came in so frequently that Tebow would accidentally connect to a caller when he opened his phone for other purposes.

Tebow quickly hung up when he realized what was going on.

"Just an interesting experience handling it all," Tebow said, "but it wasn't too much."

A similar situation occurred in Gainesville, where Stan Forron, the towing company spokesman engulfed by the Joiner incident last week, received hundreds of threatening phone calls.

Gators fans called in bomb and death threats, but they stopped Friday as the game approached.

"It's only a game," said Forron. "It's not life and death. I understand passion for football, but to threaten people?"

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By Norma Steinberg San Francisco, CA 10/12/07

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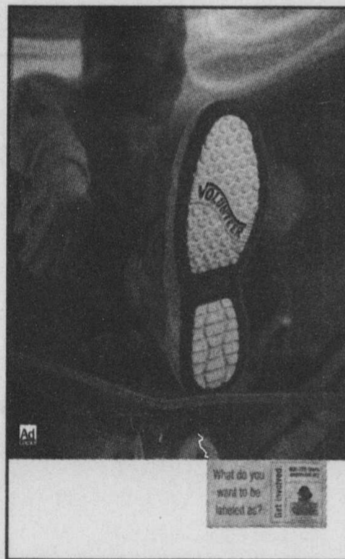
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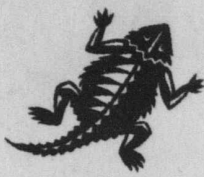


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FOOTBALL

Frogs seek win against Trojan-killers

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD
Staff Reporter

The Frogs will visit Palo Alto, Calif. on Saturday hoping to rain on the homecoming parade of a Pac-10 opponent coming off a landmark win against the No. 2 team in the country.

TCU will look to redeem itself after a 24-21 loss to Wyoming when the team travels to the West Coast to take on the Stanford Cardinal.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the 2-3 Cardinal, who upset the No. 2 USC Trojans 24-23 on Saturday, should be recognized as a legitimate threat in college football.

"Stanford doesn't receive enough credit," Patterson said. "They have good players and Coach Jim Harbaugh has done a terrific job with his players' attitude and getting them to believe."

The Frogs have yet to win on the road this year, but senior linebacker

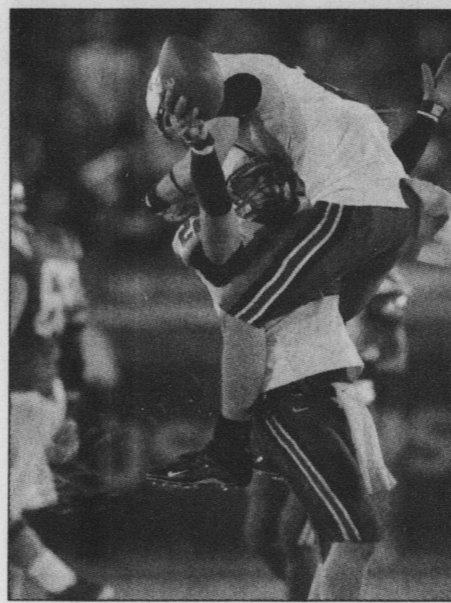
David Hawthorne said he expects his team to have a successful game plan where both sides can take advantage of mistakes by the opponent.

"We have to go on the road, get focused and stay focused for 60 minutes," Hawthorne said. "We need to play in all phases of the game for 60 minutes in order to be successful in the game."

With all of the hype around the USC upset, senior wide receiver Marcus Brock said the Frogs are more concerned about their own team than they are about Stanford's upset win.

"We are focusing on our first win on the road, which will be a fantastic thing for this program right now in this point in time of the season," Brock said.

Patterson said the biggest threat the Cardinal pose is the amount of athletic



PAUL RODRIGUEZ / Orange County Register via MCT
Stanford's Bo McNally celebrates with a teammate after intercepting a pass against USC on Saturday. The Frogs look to knock off the Cardinal tomorrow.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Matchup in Dallas a dream for owners

By ERICK MOEN
Staff Writer

My brother came home Monday night at halftime asking if I could believe how bad Tony Romo was playing.

"Just give it some time, we got this game," I said to him. After that, well, the rest

is history.

This weekend's matchup against the New England Cheaters will be tough, but only one of these teams knows what it's like to get up off the mat when it has been punched in the mouth.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. Every year, injuries take a toll on every NFL and fantasy team, but this year seems much worse. Twelve of the 32 teams have lost starting quarterbacks for at least one game this season and 15 of the 32 teams have lost the starting running back. The waiver wire is the key for keeping your fantasy season alive.

2. Trades are where the real value is at for a risk taker. Trade the free agent you picked up this week that just had a monster game while his stock is high for a proven but underperforming or injured superstar. Or pick up a Derrick Ward-type

and trade him to an owner who spent a high draft pick on the injured starter.

And now the main event, this week's top three waiver wire adds and the matchups to keep an eye on.

Waiver Wire Adds:
Kurt Warner (QB-ARI): It's official: Brenda Warner is back. The season-ending injury to Matt Leinart solidifies and extends the veteran's role in Ken Whisenhunt's offense and gives his wife relevance again.

Earnest Graham (RB-TB): This is a must-add for at least this weekend and could turn into more depending on his play as the feature back. Graham is forced into duty because of the injuries to Cadillac Williams and Michael Pittman, but he has run well near the goal line this year and is now the primary beneficiary of a ball-control offense. Zack Crockett's signing may diminish his value a bit, but my bet is on Graham to make his presence felt.

Dennis Northcutt (WR-JAC): The surprising leader in receptions for the Jaguars,

See **FANTASY**, page 8



Erick Moen

VOLLEYBALL

Team to host conference foes

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: The Daily Skiff was not allowed to interview the coach or players for this story.

Looking to build on a road victory against a Mountain West Conference opponent, the volleyball team welcomes two more conference opponents to the University Recreation Center this weekend.

At 16-6, the Horned Frogs will host UNLV and San Diego State this weekend. The Rebels sport a record a 13-3 record while the Aztecs come in at 11-6.

TCU rallied from down 2-0 at

intermission to come back on the road against the Utah Utes, earning a hard fought 15-13 win in the deciding game. The team's win against the Utes snapped a four-match losing streak that included losses to ranked opponents BYU and Oklahoma.

Senior libero Calli Corley recorded a career-high 33 digs on defense to set a new Horned Frog record, and senior outside hitter LeMeita Smith added 17 kills to lead the team offensively.

UNLV, who will take on TCU on Friday, is coming off sweeps of both Air Force and Wyoming

last week. The Rebels lead the all-time series against the Frogs, 5-2, including all five meetings since TCU joined the Mountain West in 2005.

Senior outside hitter Maria Aladjova and senior middle blocker Lauren Miramontes lead the Rebels into Fort Worth ranking fifth and sixth in the conference, respectively, in kills per game.

The Horned Frogs will have a quick turnaround when SDSU comes to Fort Worth on Saturday. The Aztecs have won five out of the last six matches against TCU, but the Horned

Frogs took last season's meeting — their first win against SDSU.

The Aztecs are led by freshman Lauren Salisbury, a South-lake native, whose team-leading .330 hitting percentage ranks sixth in the conference.

VOLLEYBALL



Team hosts two weekend conference matches.
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