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community news

Classic Film Series offers community screenings

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The Classic Film Series held on TCU's campus throughout the semester offers community members a chance to view classic films.

Dr. Joan McGettigan, film history and critical film studies professor at TCU, will host the event in Room 164 of the Moody South Building starting at 7 p.m. every Thursday.

Requests are taken for classic movies that will be screened throughout the semester. Last Thursday, the movie screened was "East of Eden."

"I think for those who come, their impression is it's an opportunity to learn a little bit but also to be part of a community event," said Dr. McGettigan, who has been hosting the Classic Film Series for 15 years.

The event is free and open to the public, but donations are accepted from the viewers in order to keep the screenings going.

Dr. McGettigan hopes to bring a sense of community to the Classic Film Series.

"Even if [viewers] are not big donors to the university or not big football fans, there are events that are meant for them," said McGettigan.

The Classic Film Series is one of several film screenings held weekly on campus.

For more information on the Classic Film Series, call 817-257-7630 or 817-257-6690.

campus crime

TCU baseball player charged with DWI

By Dean Straka
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TCU baseball player Connor Beck was charged Sept. 21 with driving while intoxicated, according to a Fort Worth Police report. Beck was pulled over and arrested at 4:53 a.m.



Connor Beck, 21

Sept. 20 at 2500 Park Hill Drive, a few blocks away from campus, according to the report.

Beck has been charged with a blood alcohol level above 0.15 percent, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The legal limit in Texas is 0.08 percent.

The police report also indicated that Beck was accused of resisting arrest and unlawfully possessing a weapon.

The redshirt sophomore from Midland played in 11 games last season, making only one start against Texas Tech on April 3.

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► **When:** 6 p.m.
► **Cost:** \$20



th24 Mid-Autumn Festival

► **Where:** Frog Fountain
► **When:** 6 p.m.
► **Cost:** Free



f25 NEEDTOBREATHE + BYX Island Party

► **Where:** Campus Commons
► **When:** 8 p.m.
► **Cost:** Free



f25 Billy Bob's presents William Clark Green

► **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
► **When:** 10:30 p.m.
► **Cost:** \$10-16



sa26 Billy Bob's presents Billy Currington

► **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
► **When:** 9:15 p.m.
► **Cost:** \$20-40



sa26 Ted 2 Movie Viewing

► **Where:** Brown Lupton University Union Auditorium
► **When:** 10 p.m.
► **Cost:** Free



sa26 Brazos Canoe and Camping Weekend

► **Where:** Meet at Rec Center
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community news

New Fort Worth facility to dine, drink and workout to open soon

By Sierra Tuthill
THE 109

The people of Fort Worth can expect a new area where they can get fit, dine and have fun at The Trailhead.

The Cassco Development Company came up with the idea of having a hub for locals to gather and access the trails. This is usually referred to as a trailhead, so Cassco decided to establish The Trailhead, according to marketing director Angelica Plasencia.

The new facility, located on Clearfork Main Street about 2 miles down the trail from Woodshed Smokehouse, is a 13,000-square-foot building that has three different uses.

The first use is Mellow Johnny's bike shop. The shop will offer bike sales, a full-service shop and bike rentals. It will serve a variety of customers.

"It's not just for the avid cyclists, it's for a range of cycling enthusiasts to people who have never been on a bike

before," Plasencia said.

The building will also include the Press Cafe. Local chef Felipe Armada, who owns Taverna and Pacific Table in Fort Worth, will operate the cafe.

"Press Cafe is going to match that health and wellness theme that the Trailhead is aiming for," Plasencia said.

Press Cafe will be an urban restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Menu items will include juices, coffees, fresh salads, sandwiches and other health-conscious entrees for dinner.

Weekday nights and weekends, Press Cafe will have a full-service, rooftop bar that will serve local beers, wines and mixed drinks.

"I think it's great because we are super active and into fitness, but at the same time we are really social and love to eat," TCU junior Christen Lockett said.

Mellow Johnny's bike shop will host its grand opening on Oct. 3, and Press Cafe and the rooftop bar will open later this fall.



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COMMUNITY Mayor Betsy Price speaks during The Trailhead event on July 15.

student organizations

Frog It Forward initiative debuts

By **Tobi Carter**
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A new initiative is encouraging TCU students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends to use social media to recognize acts of generosity and service by Horned Frogs.

Frog It Forward is an Student Development Services initiative partnered with the Chancellor's Leadership Program. The initiative, that debuted this semester, is a senior legacy project centered on serving the community.

Kyle McLaughlin, a senior mechanical engineering major, and Jordan Hamilton, a senior marketing major, are spearheading the initiative.

Examples of "frogging it forward" include paying for someone's coffee, supporting TCU athletics, volunteering at a non-profit organization in the Fort Worth community and tipping waiters and waitresses.

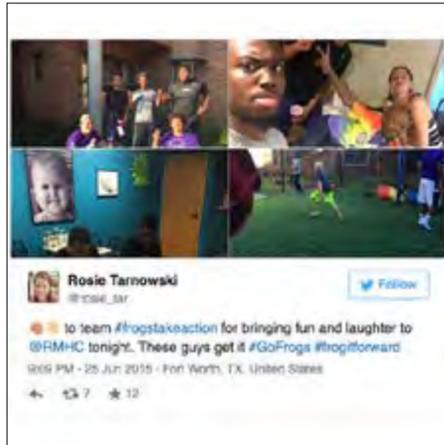
"We're trying to make TCU students promote what they're already doing," McLaughlin said.

Last spring, McLaughlin and Hamilton brought their idea to Rachael Capua, the assistant director of the sophomore and junior year experience.

"Anything really is considered frogging it forward," Capua said. "Anything that we can do as a TCU community to help share with others about why that giving-back lifestyle is a part of what we do – as a culture, as a university – is the goal."

Capua said when people see someone frogging it forward they post it on social media with the hashtag #FrogItForward to inspire other students on campus.

"A lot of student organizations and departments are already doing these things to give back and impact the campus and community," Capua said. "It's just identifying it as a sense of culture and community as the Frog It Forward initiative."



TCU programs such as Connections, Orientation and campus tours have already adopted the idea.

Hamilton said the initiative lives up to the "responsible citizen" portion of TCU's mission statement.

"I think being generous to people is a responsibility of society," Hamilton said. "It'll give people a reminder that being kind to people shouldn't be taken for granted. It should be something that you continuously try to do."

Aubree Hutchison, one of the organization liaisons for Frog It Forward, said the program will help students connect to one another.

"This is a way for students to have a connection to other students rather than a higher power saying, 'This is what we want you to be. Here's our mission statement,'" Hutchison said. "Frog It Forward is more like, 'We as students want to be this way. Let's create this culture.'"

McLaughlin said he and Hamilton designed the program with the junior class in mind. He said they wanted to try and get them back onto campus and helping the community.

The Frog It Forward collage shows different ways students can frog it forward. (Courtesy of Rachael Capua)

"I think this is going to be a really cool opportunity to highlight the good that Frogs



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SOCIAL MEDIA A student models the Frog It Forward wristbands, which were made to give to others so others can be inspired to "frog it forward."

are doing while expecting nothing in return," McLaughlin said.

Frog It Forward is joining in organized activities this semester, including Saturday's Trinity River Trash Bash, Fresh Check Day on Sept. 29, the Volunteer Fair on Sept. 30 and the 15th anniversary of LEAPS on Oct. 24.

community

'A bike stolen every day': TCU's recent rise in bike thefts

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A recent string of bike thefts around TCU have students and campus police on alert.

A total of 19 bikes have been taken from racks across campus since Aug. 19.

"This year has really been almost unprecedented since the beginning of the school year," TCU police detective Robert Rangel said. "We've had almost a bike stolen everyday."

TCU police arrested 42-year-old Albert Nicholas, 24-year-old Ryan Shimozaki and 23-year-old Ambrosio Medina for bike theft and evading arrest, according to an Aug. 8 campus crime alert.

Rangel said he has observed people on surveillance video walking past bike racks while the theft takes place.

"They probably just didn't notice," Rangel said. He said community policing is going to be a huge help in stopping bike thefts.

"Just glance at the bike racks on campus and if they see someone that might not belong on campus, call our 7777 number," Rangel said. "We'd much rather be called for a false alarm rather than get a call afterwards from someone

saying, 'My bike was stolen.'"

Rangel said another important part of bike security on campus is the type of bike lock used.

"I did some research and it looks like there is a particular brand that seems to be one that's more likely to slow down the thieves that are taking the bikes," Rangel said.

Terrul Ratcliff, a junior pre-med student, rides his bike everywhere on campus and said his bike lock is very important.

"Someone tried to steal my bike; there were plier marks where someone tried to break it," Ratcliff said. "Luckily, my bike lock is amazing."

Deanna Valone, a bike merchandiser at Trinity Bicycles on the 600 block of Throckmorton Blvd., said students with bikes on campus should consider four locks that slow down bike thieves.

Rangel encourages students to register their bikes because the serial number and identifying marks are important when ensuring bike security on campus.

"Without the serial number, there is a low probability that we can recover someone's bike," Rangel said.

Students can register online or go into the TCU police department and fill out a hard copy to register bikes.



KYLIE WALKER/ TCU 360

CAMPUS CRIME Recently there has been a rise in bike thefts around the TCU campus.



KYLIE WALKER/ TCU 360

SECURITY Deanna Valone from Trinity Bicycles recommends buying a bike lock to prevent bike theft.

news

SGA swears in Class of 2019 reps, looks to fill remaining open seats

By **Elizabeth Campbell**
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TCU's Student Government Association gained two new additions Tuesday that gives a voice to the largest class on campus.

First-year students Chandler Williams and Michael McCluskey were sworn into the student House of Student Representatives for the Class of 2019.

"They are a really important perspective," House Speaker Abigail Buckley said.

Buckley said the student House usually doesn't have first-year student representatives.

"That's a whole quarter of our student body population," Buckley said. "It's nice to have that perspective, because the things they encounter and think are things maybe upperclassman don't notice anymore or aren't on campus to notice."

Buckley said that she encourages the new representatives to speak up and propose legislation.

"I will represent YOU" Williams, a pre-business major from Shreveport,

Louisiana, said she ran for a position in House because she wants to get to know her class and TCU better.

"I felt like if I represented my class they would be able to come to me and say 'I Williams Poster have this great idea, can you propose it and help it get pushed through?'" Williams said.

Williams campaigned by going dorm to dorm posting flyers and talking to students in the different lobbies.

"I ended up meeting a lot more people," Williams said. "I wanted to win but also meet people."

Williams serves on the Student Experience Committee in House and while she has no current plans for legislation, Williams said she has already started brainstorming.

"Ask me at the end of the year and I will definitely have something," Williams said.

For any students who have ideas or concerns they want the House to know, Williams encourages students to come talk to her.

"I absolutely love to talk to anyone and everyone, so please come find me," Williams said. "If they can't

get me in person, they can email me."

"No Days Off"

The other Class of 2019 representative, McCluskey, a pre-business major from Atlanta near the Marietta suburbs, based his campaign by reaching out to his Frog Camp group for support, and then using word of mouth among his Pi Kappa Phi brothers and his friends' poster making skills.

"The bacMcCluskey Posterbone of my campaign was Jake's funny posters of me in various movie posters posing as the character in the poster," McCluskey said. "From there it spread to word of mouth. It was really, 'Hey just go vote for me, I try to be a decent person. You can always come to me with problems.'"

McCluskey was never involved in student government in high school because he said that elections were never publicized. He said this motivated him to run his first year on campus.

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New option for coffee connoisseurs opening on West Seventh Street

By Claire Girman
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Avoca Coffee Roasters, which has been on Magnolia Avenue for four years, is expanding to the cultural district.

The coffee shop is expected to open at 835 Foch St. between the end of October and the beginning of November.

"West Seventh is a very busy part of Fort Worth," said co-owner of Avoca Jimmy Story. "It's got great traffic flow. There's some comradery being built amongst the community through there."

Story said plans for the second location have been in the works for a while.

He said the new location will have the industrial, warehouse-style feel of the Magnolia location, but there will be some aesthetic differences such as more natural-looking wood finishes.

"We will solidify the way things look between the two [locations] – to familiarize the layout for both," Story said. "We want to make it so our customers walk in and say, 'That's an Avoca set-up.'"

Story said the Roaster's product quality will remain the same.

"The consistency of our product should be able to show through in both places," Story said.

Blythe Norman, a West Seventh resident for 11 years, said Avoca's expansion is welcome.

"We desperately need a place for coffee that offers



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COFFEE SHOP Avoca Coffee Roasters is set to open between the end of October and the beginning of November.

taste and character," Norman said.

But she is worried about parking around Foch Street. "I hope there is enough foot traffic to keep the business viable," Norman said.

Story said the businesses and residential areas surrounding the second location will benefit from the convenience of getting coffee on-foot.

In looking at the culture of Magnolia Avenue and West Seventh, both areas differ somewhat, Norman said.

Norman said West Seventh offers a "big industry feel" with many established businesses and new development. She said Magnolia has served as a hub for many local businesses and promotes a more

independent vibe.

"You'll find a less homogeneous crowd on Magnolia: families, artists, neighbors, musicians and people who don't mind strolling the street a bit," Norman said. "I think West Seventh draws a college crowd and a fine dining crowd, according to what is available."

Story said the differing demographics of the two areas are hard to sum up in a few sentences.

"We all have an idea of what we want Fort Worth to be," Story said. "You can't say they're polar opposites, but they are very different demographics. Your age groups intensify and drop off in different ways. For us, the biggest thing is the message about the coffee."

community

New fire and police training center opens in Fort Worth

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Members of the Fort Worth community came together on sept. 17 to celebrate the grand opening of the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex.

The new facility, located at 505 W Felix St., includes modern technology and advanced training environments for both the police and fire departments.

"Our previous facility was built many years ago," Fire Chief Rudy Jackson said. "Many of the things that we use to train were out-of-date."

Finding a new location was also necessary because of the Trinity River Vision project planning to take over some of the area where the old facility was located.

"We needed a facility that not only fits our needs today, but leaves expansion room for tomorrow," interim Chief of Police Rhonda Robertson said.

The project was \$97.4 million and funded by Fort Worth taxpayers. The mayor said the complex is an

investment for the city.

"The facility will benefit the Fort Worth community by building the best trained public safety," Mayor Betsy Price said. "If a citizen is in need, they will get the best of the best."

The 500,000 square feet of indoor training space was repurposed from two pre-World War II warehouses, which resulted in significant financial savings.

"The history is very important to know," Price said.

All of the original wood has been reclaimed to preserve the building's history.

When deciding what to name the new complex, the city council's vote was unanimous.

"Former Mayor Bob Bolen touched so many lives in this city and really got us to where we are today," Price said. "There was no one better to name it after."

Bolen was Fort Worth's longest-serving mayor from 1982-1991. He then went on to work at TCU as the senior advisor to the chancellor until he died Jan. 6, 2014.



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NEW FACILITY The Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex includes advanced training environments for police and fire departments.

"Bob Bolen always did all he could to support public safety and this facility does just that," Robertson said. "It helps us modernize, enhance and expand our training to educate and support the firefighters and police officers of Fort Worth."

alumni

TCU alumnus Bob Schieffer sits down with TCU360



RON T. ENNIS / AP IMAGES

ALUMNI The former host of CBS's Face the Nation, Bob Schieffer, visited campus on Sept. 18. Schieffer attended an event with the college's board members as well as the football game.

By Dean Straka
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TCU alumnus and former host of CBS's Face the Nation Bob Schieffer visited TCU's campus on sept. 18.

The namesake for the university's college of communication, Schieffer visited Fort Worth for an event with the college's board members. Schieffer said he will also be attending the TCU vs SMU football game Saturday evening.

Schieffer took time to sit down with TCU 360 and give his take on topics including politics and tomorrow night's game. Here's what he said.

Q: How has your visit to the campus been thus far?

A: "It's great. I love to come back. I think it is one of the most beautiful campuses in America. You look at what's going on here, there is just so much going on at TCU right now."

Q: How different is the campus today compared to when you were a student?

A: "You can't understand, unless you were there, just how much TCU has changed since I went to school here. It was \$12.50 an academic hour, and I think it probably costs a little more than that right now. When I went to school here it was a parking lot surrounded by buildings which no two looked alike. Now we have finally put the school in the middle and put the parking on the outside."

Q: How do you feel about the campaigning and debates for the 2016 presidential election?

A: "I've always said that every presidential debate is different, and this must be the most different that we've

ever seen. I don't think anybody a year ago would have thought that we'd be where we are right now a year ago. You have Donald Trump and Ben Carson leading on the Republican side, and on the other side Hillary Clinton is going down rather than going up. Right now I would not make a prediction of who will get the nomination for either side."

Q: You moderated presidential debates in the past, most recently between Obama and Romney in 2012. What were those like?

A: "I had a very big responsibility in those debates. The role of any moderator in presidential debates is to present the best and most complete picture of the candidate. We're electing a president, not a moderator. I called places such as the Center for Strategic and International Studies and Johns Hopkins University for advice on questions. Before my first time moderating a debate, I had a dream that I came to the debate without any questions and couldn't think of any more to ask, and I still had 20 minutes left on the show. In 2012 I came to the debate with around 300 questions and only asked about 20."

Q: What are your thoughts on the Battle of the Iron Skillet on Saturday?

A: I think we always have to be careful when we play SMU because nothing means more to them than knocking off TCU. We need to take nothing for granted. We worked out a lot of kinks last weekend and I think we've got a really good football team. Not to sound like a football coach but we need to take it one game at a time, and I'm sure that's what Gary Patterson is telling those guys."

Q: What advice can you offer to students from your experiences, particularly those wanting to enter the field of journalism?

A: "One of the biggest things I've learned is that it's okay to make mistakes, as long as you correct them rather than hide them. Life goes on after mistakes, and you realize that you have to move on. I'll tell you that some of the days that I thought were the worst of my career were actually the best days in retrospect, because I learned very valuable lessons from those shortcomings."

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By Caroline Klapp
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The success of the athletic department is bringing national recognition to TCU, Dean of Admissions Raymond Brown said. This is the fourth year in a row that more than half of the first-year class from out of state. The first-year class has 2072 students, and 959 are from Texas, which is about 45.9 percent.

The only reason Texas is still the majority state represented in the overall student body is because of fifth-year seniors as well as transfer students, 75 percent of which are from Texas, said Cathan Coghlan from the TCU Center of Institutional Research. Brown said the university has increased in popularity across the country.

"It's largely because the rest of the country has discovered us," Brown said.

Although California and Illinois are the top two states represented other than Texas, TCU has students from all over world. Vietnam has 25 students represented in the first-year class and 90 in the overall undergraduate population, according to the TCU Center for Institutional Research.

The growing success of the football team has led to a lot of exposure, Brown said.

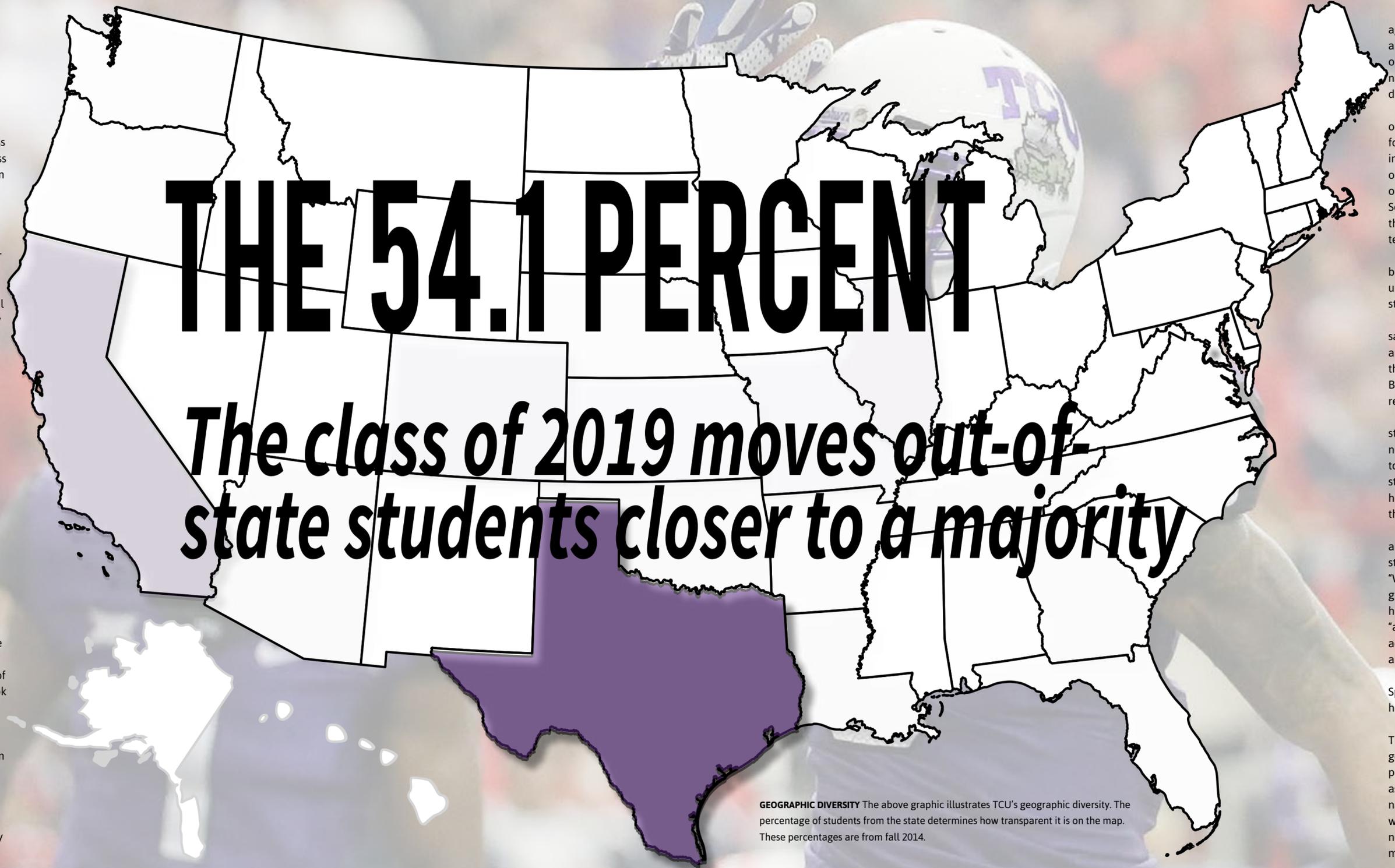
"We were one of those best kept secrets for years and years and years, and then in 2011, we won the Rose Bowl," Brown said. "That sort of opened the floodgates for a lot of the rest of the country to take a look at us."

Two recent events had a major impact on the university's appeal, said Clarence Scharbauer, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"The day they called us and asked us to join the Big 12 gave us another platform of incredible," Scharbauer said. "And the other day we announced we are joining with North Texas for a medical school."

The recent success of the athletics program is causing gaining attention from the nation and is attracting prospective students from across the globe.

"We were on the national stage [in 2011]," Brown said. "The announcers for the game were talking about, 'hey, if you haven't seen this little college in Texas, you need to,' and the popularity just boomed."



THE 54.1 PERCENT

The class of 2019 moves out-of-state students closer to a majority

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY The above graphic illustrates TCU's geographic diversity. The percentage of students from the state determines how transparent it is on the map. These percentages are from fall 2014.

After the Frogs won the Rose Bowl, yield within admission increased. Yield is the ratio of the number of students that accept the offer of admission based on the number of admission letters offered.

"The fall of 2011 after the Rose Bowl was the highest increase in yield we had in 30 something years and this year, it's almost tripled," Brown said. "We issued 350 fewer offers of admission this year."

excited about the diversity and is ready to react to it. "Now our board is starting to go, 'whoa, wait a minute, we like this diversity, let's see what we got out there, let's see who might be interested,'" he said.

Brown said students decide to attend TCU for a variety of reasons. "You've got arguably the most beautiful school in the country populated by some of the most amazing people on this planet, in the form of our students," he said.

Scharbauer said that 10 years ago, TCU was a small liberal arts school without a law school or a medical school, and now national recognition has increased dramatically.

"All of a sudden, we start going out to California and playing football, our baseball team was in the College World Series three out of the last five years, and all of a sudden, it's our front door," Scharbauer said. "I'm not putting this all on athletics, but I'm just telling you it's our front door."

Brown said that while football brings attention to TCU, the university offers much more to the students.

"Gary Patterson is very fond of saying that the football program, and athletics generally, are merely the front porch of the university," Brown said. "And he's right, it's really nothing more than that."

Brown said sports may bring students to tour the campus, it's not what makes them commit to coming here. "If [prospective students] didn't like the experience here, and they hadn't applied, they're not going to," Brown said.

Scharbauer said the TCU study abroad program is also attracting students from across the country. "We are seeing a more diverse group of students, people are hearing about us," Scharbauer said. "and we are getting a little more active out there with all the TCU abroad that we are doing."

"Kids are going to Scotland or Spain or Italy, and they're coming home, and they're talking about it."

Scharbauer said the Board of Trustees is observing the growing geographic diversity of the student population. "Now all of a sudden as a board, we are looking at the national exposure we are getting, we're looking at our students, and now we are appealing to a lot more people," he said.

Scharbauer said the board is excited about the diversity and is ready to react to it. "Now our board is starting to go, 'whoa, wait a minute, we like this diversity, let's see what we got out there, let's see who might be interested,'" he said.

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S-M-WHO Aaron Green protects the ball at the SMU 'Iron Skillet' game Sept. 19. The Horned Frogs beat SMU 56-37.

get your facts straight about the Iron Skillet

266

Yards rushed by the TCU football team against SMU on Sept. 19

15.1

Average yards per pass by the Horned Frogs in the Iron Skillet game on Sept. 19

454

Passing yards by Trevone Boykin against SMU

61

Yards in the longest pass this season, made by Trevone Boykin in the Iron Skillet game

sports calendar

th24 Men's Tennis at Cajon
Tennis Classic
All day in Lafayette, Louisiana

th24 Equestrian at SMU
All day in Bartonville, Texas

f25 Swimming and Diving at North Texas
4 p.m. in Denton

f25 Soccer vs. Iowa State
7 p.m. in Fort Worth

f25 Women's Tennis at Oklahoma
Invite
All day in Norman, Oklahoma

sa26 Football at Texas Tech
3:45 p.m. in Lubbock



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IRON SKILLET Josh Doctson lingers in the end zone during TCU's 56-37 victory on Sept. 19.

AP Top 15

| Team | Trend |
|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Ohio St. | - |
| 2. Michigan St. | +2 |
| 3. TCU | - |
| Ole Mis | +12 |
| 5. Baylor | - |
| 6. Notre Dame | +2 |
| 7. Georgia | - |
| 8. LSU | +5 |
| 9. UCLA | +1 |
| 10. Florida St. | -1 |
| 11. Clemson | - |
| 12. Alabama | -10 |
| 13. Oregon | -1 |
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crime

Police suspected TCU players in assault almost immediately

By Elizabeth Campbell

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Senior defensive end Michael Tuaua and redshirt freshman wide receiver Andre Petties-Wilson were arrested on a charge of robbery and causing bodily injury. Bail for each was set at \$15,000, according to the affidavits.

TCU responded to the arrests: "It is disappointing to learn about these students' alleged behavior, which fails to live up to the expectations of our community. Texas Christian University expects its students to behave in an ethical manner, abide by campus policies and adhere to state and federal law. The students who are under investigation will also face a charge of violating the University Code of Student Conduct, the results of which are independent and separate from any legal charges they may face."

Voicemails seeking comment from Tuaua and Petties-Wilson were not returned.

The incident occurred Sept. 4 around 11:30 p.m. near the 2700 block of West Lowden Street" according to the affidavit. The following account is based on the information in the affidavits.

Three students were walking down Lowden Street "carrying a case of Keystone Light beer" when one student was "hit in the back of the leg with a full can of beer than had been thrown at him." The students told police they turned and saw "three individuals standing

in the yard," according to the affidavit.

One individual in the yard was described as "a black male" who was "wearing a TCU backpack (the type of which is issued to TCU athletes)," according to the affidavit. That same suspect approached one of the students and hit him "with a closed fist to his left temple," causing the student to fall "on the ground in the fetal position."

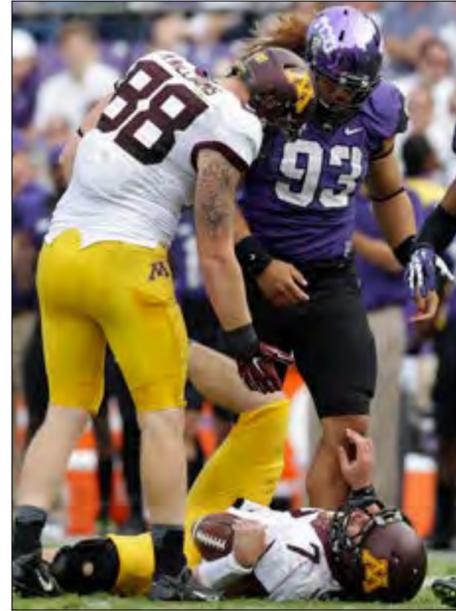
The suspects proceeded to kick and hit the student laying on the ground until one of them "said 'Get the beer.'" According the affidavit, a suspect described as an "Asian-pacific male with big hair," picked up the beer, and the three suspects "ran south through an alley."

That student was taken to the Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital emergency room where he was treated for a "facial contusion, forearm contusion, left shoulder pain and joint inflammation," according to the affidavit.

A "black Apple iPhone that rang while officers were at the scene," was found. According to the affidavit the name "Mike Tuaua" appear "on the caller ID."

Tuaua was "contacted through university officials" and asked to call Detective S.L. Horner of the Fort Worth Police Department, according to the affidavit. Tuaua's attorney arranged a meeting for Sept. 6, according to the affidavit.

Tuaua said "he heard yelling and saw Petties-Wilson surrounded by three males, and they were pushing and shoving." According to the affidavit Tuaua "ran over to



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PLAYER ARRESTED Mike Tuaua tackles Minnesota quarterback Mitch Leidner Saturday Sept. 13, 2014.

stop the fight." He told Horner "he saw the pack of beer but does not know what happened to it," according to the affidavit.

football

Patterson on player's arrest: "Don't call Tuaua a bad person"

By Dean Straka

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TCU football head coach Gary Patterson said he will stand up for senior defensive end Mike Tuaua, who was arrested Monday on a complaint of felony robbery.

"You've never heard me speak up for a kid if they did something wrong before today," Patterson said at his weekly Tuesday press conference. "If this happened, then he screwed up."

Patterson said he refuses to let the media cast a shadow over Tuaua for his alleged actions.

"I'm not going to let you guys call him a bad person," Patterson said. "If he made a mistake, he made a mistake."

Patterson said that Tuaua has been among the most praised players on team by the community.

"Outside of football, in our community, Mike Tuaua is the most-liked kid on our team besides Trevone Boykin," Patterson said. "Am I happy with what happened here? No, but you know how I handle these

things. I move forward."

Tuaua, along with reserve wide receiver Andre Petties-Wilson, was accused of causing bodily harm to a TCU student and stealing a case of beer that the student possessed at the time of the incident. The incident occurred on Sept. 4, a day after the team's opener in Minneapolis against the University of Minnesota.

Patterson said the incident was "not even close to what happened south of here," likely referring to the controversy surrounding former Baylor defensive end Sam Ukuwachu.

Patterson said Tuaua and Petties-Wilson were suspended immediately when the team's staff was advised of the situation on Sept. 7. Patterson had not given any reason for Tuaua's absence the last two weeks prior to Tuesday's presser.

"It's not my responsibility to tell other people he was suspended," Patterson said. "I didn't need Stephen F. Austin nor SMU or anyone else to know that we were down another senior. My job is to protect the



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COACH'S REACTION Gary Patterson defended Tuaua during his press conference Sept. 22.

university and my football team."

Patterson added that he also has the duty to act as a father figure to all his players.

"Right or wrong, just like a parent, I've got his back," Patterson said.

football

Horned Frog defensive line can't catch a break with injuries

By Dean Straka

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When TCU Football lost six defensive starters from 2014, nobody said it would be easy for the Frogs this season.

But nobody expected that half of the unit's starters this season would be out because of injuries.

With junior conerback Ranthony Texada suffering a likely season-ending knee injury during Saturday's contest against SMU, the Frogs are now down seven defensive starters in 2015.

Texada sustained the injury in the second quarter while covering SMU receiver Courtland Sutton, who was called for offensive pass interference on the play. Texada attempted to limp off the field after the play before being helped off by trainers.

"We've been about no excuses here and it's a tough loss with Ranthony," head coach Gary Patterson said. "We'll be able to get him back next year. He's a younger player anyway."

Patterson said Texada hopes to get a medical redshirt having only played three games this season.

Additionally, senior defensive end Terrell Lathan was taken to the locker room for an injury evaluation during the first quarter, but returned in the second quarter. Patterson said he doesn't know if Lathan will play next week against Texas Tech.

"It's not our first rodeo, but with the numbers that we have in specific places it's tough," Patterson said. "I'm not going to make this about us being hurt because that's not what our program is built on."

"We're not going to make excuses, we're going to go forward."

Prior to Saturday, senior safety Kenny Iloka, junior linebacker Sammy Douglas, senior defensive tackle Davion Pierson and senior defensive end James McFarland were already out with injuries.

Iloka suffered a knee injury against Stephen F. Austin in week two, while Douglas suffered an injury early on against Minnesota in week one. Pierson and McFarland have yet to play a game this season, both having suffered injuries during training camp.

Pierson is recovering from a head injury, while McFarland reportedly injured his foot stepping on a sprinkler head.

As is the case with Texada, Patterson said McFarland, Iloka, and Douglas are not expected to play again this season. Patterson said, however, that Pierson is making progress and could play again soon.

The injury bug is not the only problem that has plagued TCU's defense. Freshman linebacker Mike



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DEFENSIVE STARTER Cornerback Ranthony Texada suffered a season ending knee injury during SMU game on Sept. 19.

Freeze, who impressed in week one's game against Minnesota, went on a personal leave of absence on Sept. 9 and has not returned since.

Senior defensive end Mike Tuaua has also been absent the last two games for unknown reasons.

With the absences piling up, the Frogs now must rely on an even more inexperienced defensive squad to keep the team's hopes at a Big 12 and national title alive.

"The next man has to step up," Patterson said. "Either we'll learn for next year or we'll learn this year and we'll win enough games to get to a bowl game and do the things we need to do to make a run at a championship."

"I'm not going to make this about us being hurt because that's not what our program is built on. We're not going to make excuses, we're going to go forward."

GARY PATTERSON
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

The backups and new starters struggled to contain SMU's offense Saturday night though, as the Mustangs threw for 330 passing yards and recorded 508 yards of total offense.

"They have to play better," Patterson said. "You have to play every offense that you play, you can't just play basketball. You have to move forward and the new guys have to grow up and play."

Patterson said several players in particular, including senior cornerback Corey O'Meally, need to up their game to the next level. O'Meally came in as the replacement for Texada Saturday night.

Sophomore cornerback Torrance Mosley also struggled against the Mustangs' offense.

"Corey and Torrance must improve," Patterson said. "Give a lot of credit to Nick Orr tonight for moving around positions, though."

A sophomore safety, Orr started the game at corner before moving to safety and then returning to corner later on. Orr came up big late in the fourth quarter when he broke up a pass on fourth down that turned the ball over to the Frogs.

Senior safety Derrick Kindred, one of the few healthy returners from last year's defense, praised Orr for his versatility.

"Orr is a fighter," Kindred said. "He doesn't complain when he gets switched positions. He just goes out there and does his job, and those are the kind of players we need."

While the defense may appear to be getting thinner each week, players such as junior defensive end Josh Carraway are confident that the new players will improve as they get more experience.

"When you see another guy go down it's just next man up," Carraway said. "Torrance can play well. We saw him last year and once he builds confidence he can go out there and do what he normally does."

If the Frogs want to stay competitive, though, there won't be any more room for little errors that result in big numbers for the opponent.

"The key isn't to just play. It's to play well," Patterson said. "Tonight we did not play well."

football

Horned Frogs take on Texas Tech in Big 12 opener



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QUARTERBACK Boykin prepares to throw a pass in the Texas Tech game last year. Boykin has 985 yards running and 148 yards running this season.

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With seven defensive starters missing, mostly in the secondary, the last thing the TCU Horned Frog football team needs is to face a prolific air-raid offense.

But when the purple and white head to Lubbock this Saturday, that's exactly what they'll find.

TCU will face the Texas Tech Red Raiders, who are helmed by third-year head coach Kliff Kingsbury and led on offense by sophomore quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Kickoff is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. from Jones AT&T Stadium.

The Horned Frogs famously ran out of celebratory

fireworks after dropping 82 points on Texas Tech last year.

It won't be that easy this time around.

Mahomes comes in as a vastly improved player. He has 9 passing touchdowns to go along with 4 on the ground, and has yet to be sacked this season.

With defensive linemen Mike Tuaua, Davion Pierson and James McFarland all out for this game, the Frogs will have to improve their pass rush after SMU quarterback Matt Davis scrambled his way through the TCU defense last week.

Texas Tech likes to pass early and often. The Red Raiders have thrown 130 passes in just three games season, good for the seventh most in the nation, and only Bowling Green has more passing yards thus far.



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RUNNING BACK Trevorris Johnson picks up rushing yards against Texas Tech last year.

Luckily, the TCU offense is firing on all cylinders, and should be able to compensate for any defensive lapses.

TCU head coach Gary Patterson said after the SMU game that he expects the offense to carry the load this season due to the injury bug that has plagued the defense, and through three games, it seems that Heisman candidate quarterback Trevone Boykin and company are more than up to the task.

Boykin has 985 yards passing and 148 yards rushing this season for a combined total of 1,133 total yards. Running back Aaron Green has been a consistent producer on the ground, averaging six yards per carry.

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football

Frogs tied at No. 3 in AP Poll, move to No. 2 in Coaches Poll

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The Horned Frogs remained at No. 3 in the latest AP Poll but were tied with Ole Miss at 1,345 votes apiece. TCU, however, jumped to No. 2 in USA Today's Amway Coaches Poll.

Despite a 56-37 win for the Frogs over SMU and a loss from previously ranked No. 2 Alabama to No. 15 Ole Miss, the Frogs stayed put in the rankings. Michigan State jumped from No. 4 to No. 2 after defeating Air Force 35-21 Saturday.

The Rebels skyrocketed 12 spots from No. 15 to tie TCU at No. 3 after upsetting the No. 2 Crimson Tide 43-37 Saturday night at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Alabama plummeted ten spots in the rankings from No. 2 to No. 12.

Fans reacted to the tie between TCU and Ole Miss in the rankings with much surprise:

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