



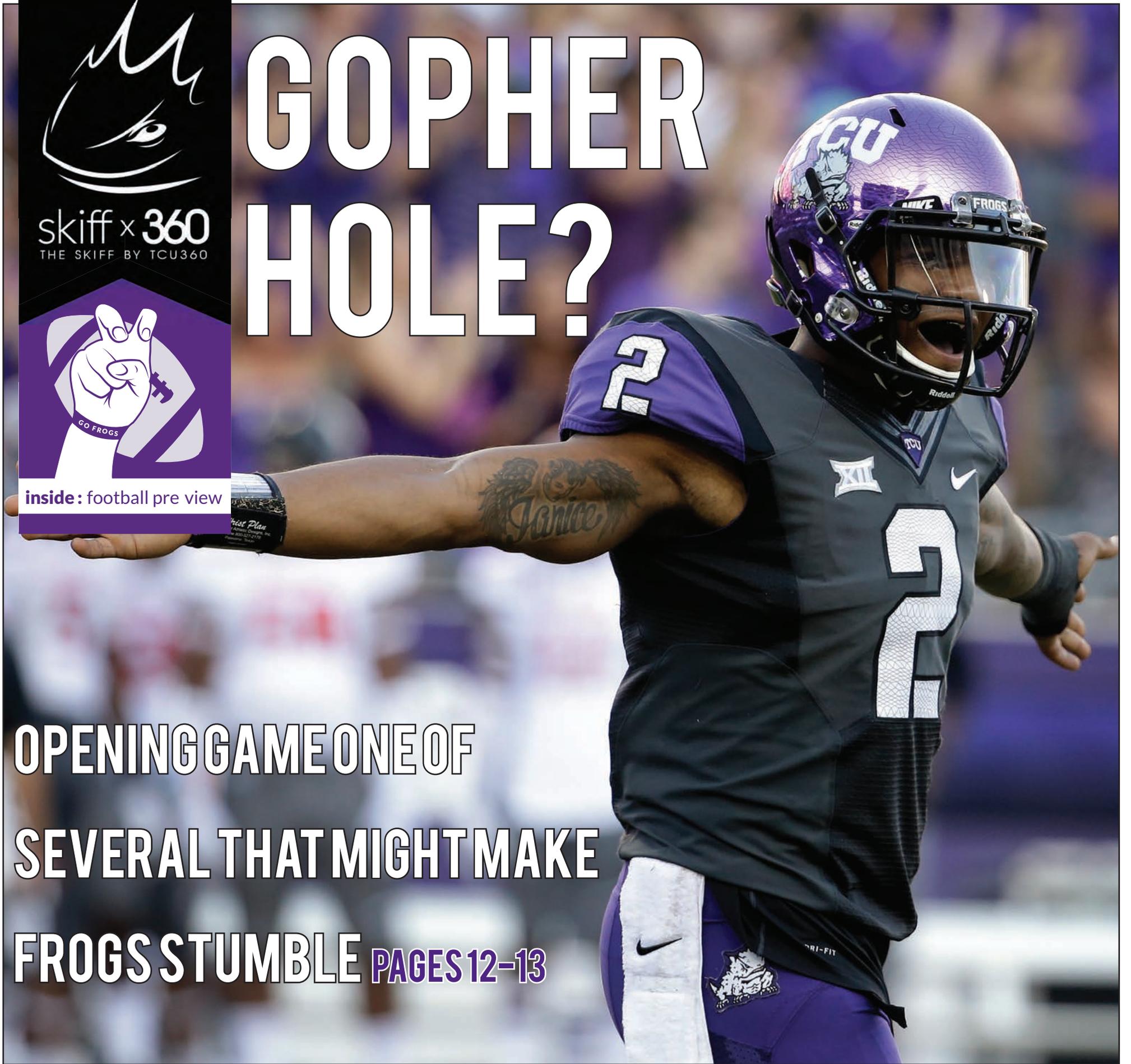
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campus update

Printing stations show new student format

By **Caroline Cravens**

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The new printing credit is causing confusion among students.

Students now see a monetary value when printing instead of the amount of prints left.

The credit format changed so that students could have more prints.

"TCU was incredibly responsive to our proposal for additional prints," Student Body President Maddie Reddick said. "Students were given 100 more free prints than they had last year; it went from 200 to 300, or \$20 to \$30, however you want to look at it."

All TCU students receive a \$30 printing credit each semester. Black and white prints cost 10 cents each and color prints are 90 cents. The \$30 credit equates to 300 black and white prints per semester.

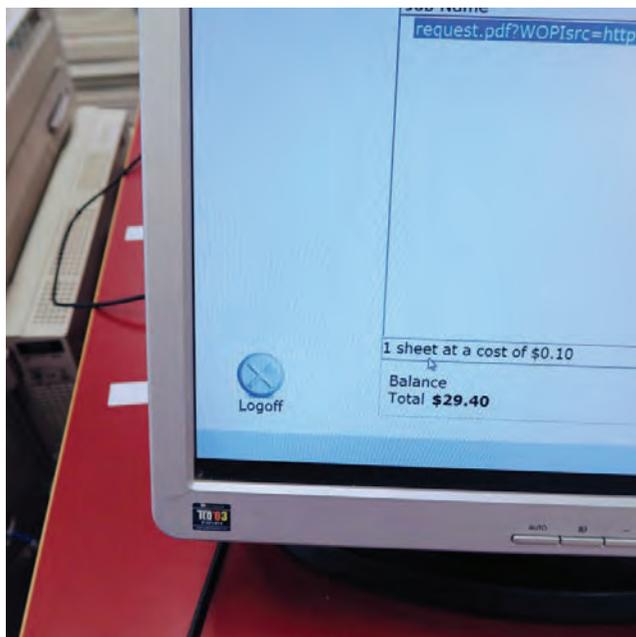
"When students see that \$30 decrease after printing it causes them to get uncomfortable," student Information Technology worker Terrul Ratcliff said. "But the math works out for students to be able to have more black and white prints and color prints for free."

Some students are not fond of this printing credit method.

"It's adding unnecessary complexity to our printing systems," student Jacob Trevino said.

Others aren't so upset and are just glad to have more prints.

"At first I was surprised because I thought that I was being charged for my prints," student Katie Thomas said. "I talked to the people at the front desk and they said that the new credit charge is so that you can see the money as it goes, but I'm super glad there's 300 prints now instead of 200."



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PRINTING TCU unveiled a new printing process for students. Students will receive more free prints for campus printers.

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events calendar

th03 **Game Watching Party: TCU vs. Minnesota**

- ▶ **Where:** Campus Commons
- ▶ **When:** 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** Free



f04 **Billy Bob's presents Chase Rice**

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 10:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$18-27



f04 **Bo Burnham Live at TCU**

- ▶ **Where:** Brown Lupton University Union Ballroom
- ▶ **When:** 10 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** Free

sa05 **Billy Bob's presents Dirty River Boys & Crooks**

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 9 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$12-16



sa05 **Pitch Perfect 2 Movie Viewing**

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

sa05 **Palo Duro Backpacking Weekend**

- ▶ **Where:** Meet at Rec Center
- ▶ **When:** 12 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Monday
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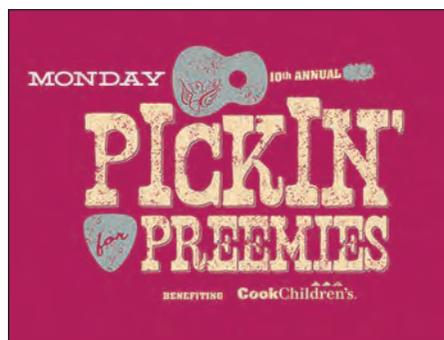
su06 **Billy Bob's presents Jon Wolfe**

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 9 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$10



m07 **Billy Bob's presents Pickin' for Preemies Acoustic Jam**

- ▶ **Where:** 2520 Rodeo Plaza
- ▶ **When:** 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Cost:** \$25

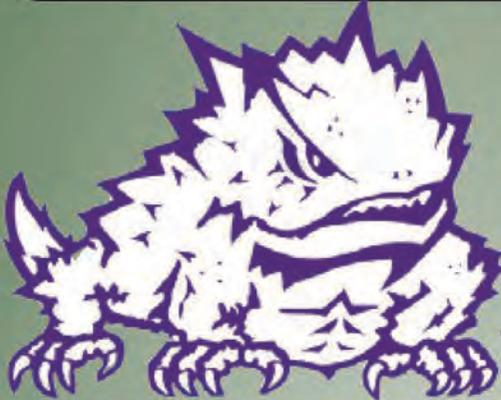


tu08 **Free Smoothies for Recovery and Suicide Prevention**

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Students give mixed reviews of Hunter Hayes selection

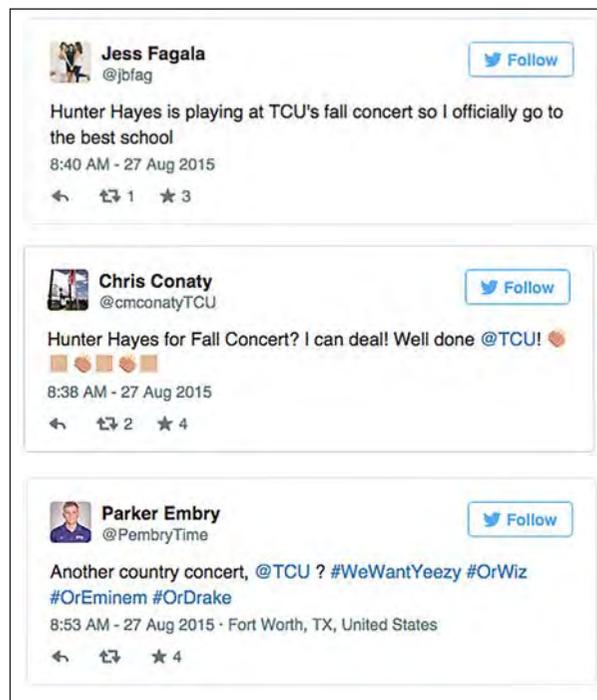
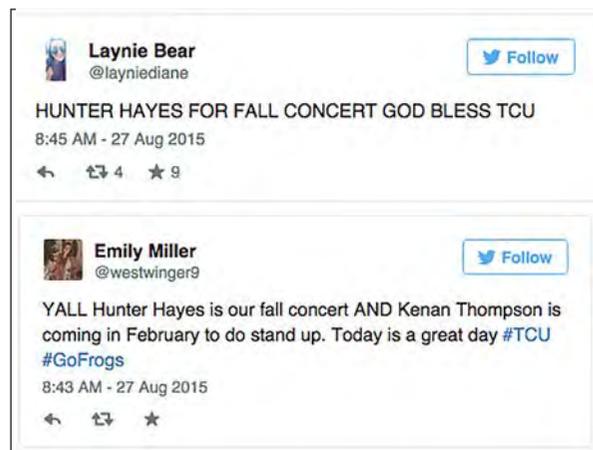
By Kylie Walker

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Hunter Hayes is trending at TCU as students react to the news about the young country star headlining this year's Fall Concert.

Hayes is scheduled to perform at the Campus Commons on October 16.

Minutes after a campus-wide email from Student Body President Maddie Reddick announced the headliner, many students tweeted their reactions.



The line-up for past fall concerts includes popular names in the music industry like Lady Antebellum, Blake Shelton, Little Big Town, The Fray, and last year's Jason Derulo.

Loghan Abila was a part of the estimated 5,000 people that attended last year's fall concert and appreciated the change in genre.

"The last couple of years it's been country so I really enjoyed Jason," said Abila. "It was fun."

But some TCU students are happy to go country once again.

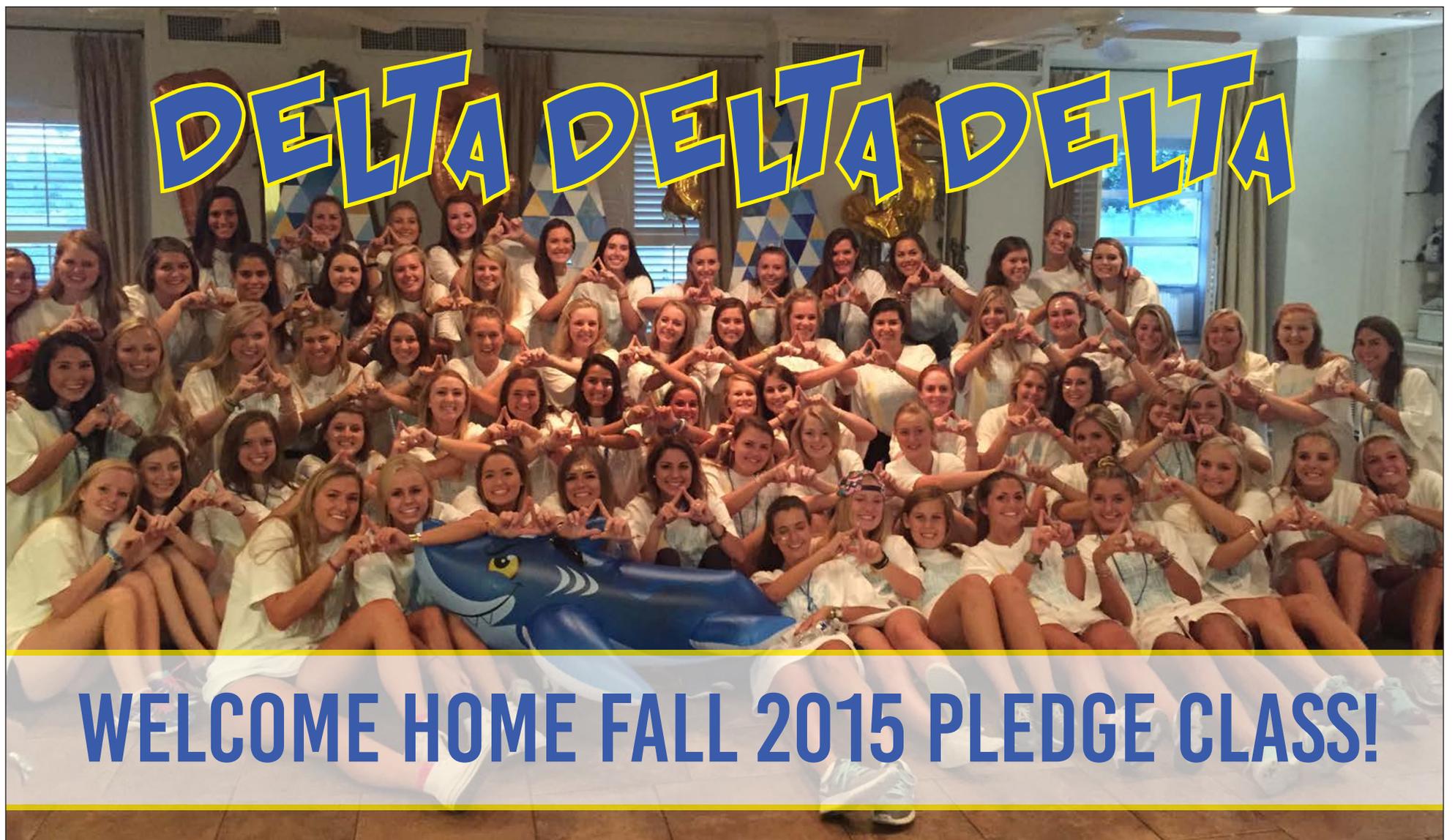
"I like country more, so I definitely think it's a better choice," said Christine Moreno, senior anthropology major.

Reddick said that the artist was chosen through a series of discussions among the SGA officers last year.

"We were looking for an artist who would appeal to a large number of students, put on an engaging show, fit in our budget, and was excited to come to TCU," said Reddick. "I am looking forward to a night that will bring students together."

Moreno said that she has already let her friends know that they will be in the crowd singing along with Hayes.

"I kind of freaked out whenever I saw it, cause I'm a huge, massive fan so I'm extremely excited for it," said Moreno.



culture

UT removes statue of Confederate President Davis



ERIC GAY / AP IMAGES

RELOCATION A statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis was moved Sunday from its location in front of the school's main tower at the University of Texas' campus. The Davis statue's new location will be in the school's Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

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AUSTIN (AP) -- A statue of Jefferson Davis was removed from its pedestal Sunday on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, days after a court rejected an appeal from a Confederate heritage group.

Crews were seen removing the statue of the Confederate president from its place near the university's iconic clock tower.

Davis' statue will eventually be displayed in the Briscoe Center history museum on campus, which university officials said is a more appropriate place for it. The Briscoe Center has one of the nation's largest archives on slavery.

The statue has been a target of vandalism as well as criticism that it is a symbol of racism and discrimination. Confederate symbols nationwide are being re-considered following the recent mass shooting of members of a black

church in Charleston, South Carolina.

"This is an iconic moment," said Gregory Vincent, the university's vice president for diversity and community engagement, according to the Austin American-Statesman. "It really shows the power of student leadership."

A judge last week ruled against the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which sued to stop the university from moving it.

Statues of other Confederate figures - Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and Albert Sidney Johnston, and Confederate Postmaster General John H. Reagan - will remain in their places on campus.

University officials halted earlier plans to move the Davis statue after the Sons of Confederate Veterans asked a judge to stop them. The Confederate group compared the proposal to relocate the statue to the Islamic State group destroying artifacts in the Middle East.

But State District Judge Karin Crump ruled last week

that Texas officials have the authority under state law to decide where the statue should stand.



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politics

Texas asks full appeals court to hear voter ID case



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RECOGNITION An election official checks a voter's photo identification at an early polling site, in Austin on Feb. 26, 2014. The current law requires citizens to show identification before their ballot can be counted.

By Jim Malewitz, The Texas Tribune

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Continuing to protect a voter identification law that courts say discriminates against Hispanics and African Americans, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has asked a full federal appeals court to hear his arguments about why the state's requirements at the polls do not violate the Voting Rights Act.

In a series of filings Friday, the Republican asked the full U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to hear the case, weeks after the court's three-judge panel ruled that the four-year-old law has a "discriminatory effect" that violates the federal law prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.

"Plaintiffs point to no person, and certainly no named plaintiff, whose right to vote will be denied or even substantially burdened by maintaining the status quo" while the legal battle continues, Paxton argued.

Paxton also asked the court to keep the law intact for the next election, prolonging a long-winding legal battle that could end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The law requires most citizens (some, like people with disabilities, can be exempt) to show one of a handful of forms of allowable photo identification before their election ballots can be counted. Acceptable forms include a state driver's license or ID card that is not more than 60 days expired at the time of voting, a concealed handgun license, a U.S. passport, a military ID card or a

U.S citizenship certificate with a photo. The acceptable list is shorter than any other state's.

Gov. Rick Perry signed the law in 2011, kick-starting its convoluted journey through the federal court system.

The state's new rules didn't take effect until 2013, when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the Voting Rights Act, ruling that Texas and other states with a history of racial discrimination no longer automatically needed advance federal approval when changing election laws.

Earlier this month, a 5th Circuit panel unanimously ruled that the law – Senate Bill 14 – discriminated against minorities and other voters less likely to have certain forms of identification (though it disagreed with a lower court, which had called the law an unconstitutional "poll tax").

For now, the law is still on the books.

Plaintiffs, which include minority rights groups and the U.S. Department of Justice, want the case sent back to the lower court, to decide how Texas could fix its law for the next election.

In a filing last week, plaintiffs suggested adding voter registration certificates to the list of acceptable ID.

"The order could also direct that, consistent with current practice, county registrars should make replacement registration certificates freely and readily available to registered voters who seek them and whose registration certificates are lost or destroyed," they wrote.

But on Friday, Paxton asked the court for the full 5th

Circuit to hear the case, arguing that the panel erred in several respects. He also said that changing the law before the next election would "only generate more confusion."

Experts say that more than 600,000 Texans lack such identification, though not all of them have necessarily tried to vote. Those citizens can obtain "election identification certificates" free of charge, but must present a copy of their birth certificate.

Searching for and obtaining copies of birth certificates can cost \$2 to \$47. That's partly why the law's opponents – supported by the lower court's ruling – called Texas' law a poll tax, outlawed by 14th and 24th Amendments to the Constitution.

Texas lawmakers sought to address this issue during the last legislative session, however, passing Senate Bill 983, which allows Texans to obtain birth certificates free of charge – if they specify that it's for an election ID.

Gov. Greg Abbott signed the bill into law after Ramos ruled and after oral arguments in the 5th Circuit case, in which one judge sounded perplexed that lawmakers had not already made the law more palatable to critics.

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administration

Director of first-year experience leaves TCU

By **Tobi Carter**

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Through the development of TCU Frog Camp and Orientation, John Mark Day, the director of the first-year experience, has impacted the lives of incoming Horned Frogs for more than 13 years.

Now, Day is leaving TCU to become the director of leadership and campus life at Oklahoma State University.

Caleb Ashbrook, a Frog Camp director for the Paris and Summit camps, said, "You can't really quantify how much of an effect he has because in some way, shape, or form, he has essentially touched every single person that has come through TCU in the past 13 years."

Ashbrook said that Day taught him how to use his strengths as a leader when they were leading Frog Camp Paris, the Frog Camp offered for honors students.

Day's colleagues in Student Development Services agreed.

"I know I'm supposed to say I'm happy for him,

but I'm super bummed because this is a huge loss for TCU," Lindsay Knight, assistant director of the first-year experience, said.

Knight said that Day was a staple of the TCU community through his impact on other people.

"He kind of is TCU," Knight said.

Day's charge is to develop students' leadership skills outside of the classroom. At TCU, Day focused on the first-year experience and helped develop incoming students through Frog Camp and Orientation. At OSU, Day will be working for a campus that has 20,453 students enrolled.

"The first thing I'm going to do when I get up there is ask a lot of questions and spend a lot of time meeting people," Day said. "I'm going to really learn who the students are, what their values are, and what the values of the university are. Then I'm going to ask myself, 'How do we meet these goals? How do we keep pushing the OSU student experience forward?'"

Day said he took the job at OSU because it's time for him to grow and move somewhere new.

"It's going to be a big change, obviously," Day

said. "I'll get to be really hands-on with their Student Government Association, which is a new thing for me. I don't work with SGA here directly. I'm excited to work with their campus activities and arts programming and see how all of that comes together."

Knight and Trung Nguyen, the other assistant director of the first-year experience, are splitting Day's responsibilities until his successor is named. The search for an interim director is in its final stages. A search for a permanent successor is expected to begin in the spring semester.

Dr. Barbara Brown Herman, the associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of student development, said that she wanted to be intentional with the search for a permanent replacement.

Herman said, "I think it's important to take our time and be intentional about searches. I also think it's important for our existing staff to have an opportunity for input and contribution."

Day graduated from TCU with bachelor's degrees in religion and news-editorial journalism. He also holds a master's degree from TCU.

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health

Off-campus TCU student confirmed with rubella

By Kristen Weaver
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Rubella has affected a student living off-campus at TCU, according to a campus-wide email sent out Thursday afternoon.

In the email, Jane Torgerson, director of health services, wrote to the TCU community about a student with rubella. She added that TCU has been working with Tarrant County Public Health to see if other students could have possibly been exposed.

"It is unlikely that rubella would cause problems on campus due to the high vaccination rate of the TCU community," Torgerson wrote.

Torgerson added that no other cases of the disease have been reported.

A small group of students came in contact with the affected student and TCU and Tarrant County Public Health are checking if they are all vaccinated, according to Holly Ellman, associate director of strategic communications management.

"Roughly 98 percent of TCU's student body is vaccinated, which equates to about 2 percent being 'at risk.' Of course, those students at risk would also have to have been exposed to the student while he/she was ill," Ellman wrote.

Rubella is a contagious virus spread by coughing and sneezing and usually lasts for two to three days, Torgerson wrote.

The virus is characterized by bright red bumps on the face and body and a low fever, according to the Center for Disease Control online.

Before the rash appears, many adults have cold like symptoms, swollen glands, or aching joints, according to the CDC. It is usually mild with the exception of pregnant women, in which case it can be very serious, Torgerson wrote.

Rubella is prevented by vaccine, according to the CDC.

Torgerson wrote in the email that any students without a mumps and measles (MMR)



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crime

Latest on Texas deputy: Lawyer says man had mental illness



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HOUSTON SHOOTING Shannon J. Miles is charged with capital murder of Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren GoForth.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) -- Here are the latest developments regarding the fatal shooting of a suburban Houston sheriff's deputy (all times local):

6:45 p.m.

A former attorney for the man accused of fatally shooting a suburban Houston officer says he was told the man had a lifelong history of mental illness.

Shannon J. Miles is charged with capital murder in the death of Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth.

In 2012, Miles was found mentally incompetent after being charged following a fight at a homeless shelter where he was staying. He was later declared competent but the charge was dropped.

Jon Evans, Miles' attorney in the Austin case, says Miles' mother told him her son had a lifelong history of mental illness.

Evans said at the time of the case, Miles "suffered from severe mental illness."

But Evans says he can't further detail Miles' medical history due to privacy laws.

6:20 p.m.

President Barack Obama is denouncing violence against police officers following the killing of a Houston-area sheriff's deputy who was ambushed at a gas station.

Obama spoke with Kathleen Goforth on Monday. Goforth's husband, Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth, was shot 15 times by a man authorities say had a history of mental illness.

The White House says Obama conveyed his condolences and told Goforth he'll keep highlighting the uncommon bravery of police officers.

Obama says Goforth's killing was contemptible and "an affront to civilized society."

Obama placed the call from Air Force One as he flew to Alaska.

4 p.m.

A funeral for the suburban Houston sheriff's deputy who was shot 15 times and died at a gas station has been scheduled.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said Monday that the funeral for Deputy Darren Goforth will take place Friday at 11 a.m. at Second Baptist Church in Houston.

Shannon J. Miles is charged with capital murder and is being held without bond.

Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman said

Saturday that the attack on the 10-year veteran was "clearly unprovoked," and there is no evidence that Goforth knew Miles.

3:40 p.m.

A prosecutor says the man accused of fatally shooting a suburban Houston officer spent time in a mental hospital following a 2012 arrest.

Shannon J. Miles is charged with capital murder in the death of Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth.

Miles' criminal history includes an arrest in 2012 following a fight at a homeless shelter he was staying at in Austin.

Joe Frederick, a prosecutor with the Travis County District Attorney's Office, says Miles was found to be mentally incompetent in October 2012 after being charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was sent to North Texas State Hospital in Vernon, Texas.

Frederick says Miles was declared competent in February 2013, but the charge was dropped against Miles after the victim could not be located.

12:20 p.m.

POLICE SHOOTING CONTINUES ON PAGE 11

community

City wide food drive sparks competition, provides over 300,000

By Elizabeth Campbell

COMMUNITY@THE109.ORG

The competitive spirit of Cowtown came alive this summer as government departments and neighborhoods faced off to see who could donate the most food and money to the Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB).

Together the city of Fort Worth donated enough food and money to provide almost 300,000 meals for the TAFB, said Angela Rush, city of Fort Worth human relations administrator.

The competition's winners, the internal audits division and the Monticello Neighborhood Association, donated the most money and combined meals per person in the office or per occupied household (based on census data).

"I find it funny that internal audits who has 13 employees beat out every department," Rush said. "They work it."

The winners will be recognized during a City Council meeting later this month.

The second and third place finishers, the

City Manager's Office and the City Secretary's Office, along with the Riverwood Homeowners Association and the Tanglewood Neighborhood Association, will receive certificates for their achievements.

Tanglewood resident and TAFB employee Amie Hedbige said she thought the Tanglewood food drive went fantastic as they collected 764 pounds of food and more than \$1,000 in donations.

"They really listened and responded to the protein request," Hedbige said. "We had lots of canned tuna, chicken, beans, some of those items that we are desperately low on in the summer months."

Rush said city employees used the canned drive as a chance to bring out their competitive side and even issued challenges to each other internally.

"Municipal courts threw down the gauntlet," Rush said. "They said were going to increase their collection and they did."

Rush said it seems as if many offices followed municipal courts' challenge since collection



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FOOD DONATIONS Departments and neighborhoods competed in donating the most food and money to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

increased by 2.5 percent since last year, an increase that the TAFB director of communications, Andrea Helms, said was because of the commitment from the city.

"We really appreciate all the time and effort they put into to make it larger and better than ever," Helms said.

POLICE SHOOTING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

A Houston police officer who grew up with the deputy who was ambushed and killed at a gas station over the weekend says his childhood friend was a "simple guy" and focused on providing for his family.

Roland De Los Santos said Harris County Deputy Darren Goforth was "down to earth," and had two kids with his wife, a 12-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son.

De Los Santos said that Goforth was a Harris County jailer for several years before moving to patrol about five years ago.

Goforth was fatally shot Friday night at a gas station in suburban Houston. Thirty-year-old Shannon J. Miles is charged with capital murder.

De Los Santos echoed authorities' comments over the weekend that Goforth was killed because he wore a uniform.

He said "there's a lot of anger and hatred toward police," and that the death was "a direct result of the things that are being said."

12:05 p.m.

One of the defense attorneys for the man charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of a suburban Houston deputy says his client intends to plead not guilty.

Defense attorney Anthony Osso (OH'-soh) said Shannon J. Miles "indicated to the investigating

officers that he was not involved in the case."

He also said the only thing linking Miles to Friday's shooting of Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth is the handgun. Osso said the defense will have an independent ballistics test done.

Osso said he and attorney Charles Brown were appointed Monday and have had only a general conversation with Miles.

Osso said he is aware of the comments made by the county sheriff and district attorney regarding tensions between law enforcement and civilians, but did not want to comment.

"There's a lot of anger and hatred toward police."

ROLAND DE LOS SANTOS
HOUSTON POLICE OFFICER

He said it is "difficult enough to handle these types of cases" and that "we can't let people try to make it a political issue."

11:10 a.m.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered Texas flags in Harris County and at the Capitol to be lowered to half-staff to honor the Houston-area deputy who was killed over the weekend.

Harris County sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth

was fatally shot Friday night in an unprovoked attack while refueling his patrol car at a gas station.

Shannon J. Miles, of Houston, is charged with capital murder.

Abbott said in a statement Monday that Texas has sustained a "deliberate and heinous crime" against a law enforcement officer in Harris County.

The governor says Texas residents revere the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to protect and service their communities.

10:50 a.m.

Authorities say a suburban Houston police officer who was ambushed at a gas station was shot 15 times.

Shannon J. Miles appeared briefly in state District Court on Monday. He is being held without bond and was appointed two attorneys.

Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson said Deputy Darren Goforth was shot 15 times and the shell casings match the handgun that was found at Miles' home. She also said a witness saw the shooting.

Goforth, a 10-year veteran, was pumping gas about 8:20 p.m. Friday when he was ambushed and fatally shot. He died at the gas station in Cypress.

Anderson would not comment to reporters after the hearing regarding a motive.

MINNESOTA



After being dominated 30-7 by TCU last season in Fort Worth, it's the Gophers turn to host the Frogs. Despite last season's lopsided affair, don't count the Gophers out. They are not the same team we saw TCU play last season.

Minnesota proved that they had potential last season by putting up fights in nearly every contest they played. The Gophers showed that, if they bring their A-game, they can win games against powerhouse opponents.

Last season the Gophers boasted one of the better running defenses in the

nation. With an entire offseason to develop their potentially talented roster, Minnesota could pose a threat to unsuspecting teams this season.

Combine an improved team with the electric atmosphere expected in Minneapolis, and the Frogs could have their work cut out for them. The city happens to host the Minnesota State Fair this week, which brings in thousands of visitors to Minneapolis from across the country each year. The fans and players will be at full force.

SURVIVING THE TRAP

Looking inside TCU's 'trap games'

By Dean Straka
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Don't call TCU's schedule easy. When TCU heads north to kick off the season against the Minnesota Golden Gophers, they will be the highest ranked team to ever enter the confines of the TCF Bank Stadium in

Minneapolis. But they won't be in for a gimme. The Frogs are being thrown into a difficult playing environment right from the start, and it may be the theme of their road schedule this fall. If the Frogs have any playoff aspirations, they will have to survive in the backyards of several teams with a history of winning at home.

OKLAHOMA ST.



Once the Frogs get through Lubbock, the next potential test they will face on the road is Oklahoma State on Nov. 7. The Frogs have had a rough time in Stillwater, losing to the Cowboys in both 2012 and 2013.

Not only is Boone-Pickens Stadium in Stillwater a historically hostile environment for visitors, but we should expect an improved Oklahoma State offense this season. While the Cowboys only won six games last season after a 5-1 start, the team was reinvigorated when freshman Mason Rudolph took over as starting quarterback in the last two games on the regular season.

Rudolph led the Cowboys to a thrilling 38-35 overtime victory over Oklahoma in Norman, and then to a 30-22 victory over Washington in the TicketCity Cactus Bowl.

Now having had a full offseason to develop, Rudolph has the potential to have a breakout year and act as a surprise weapon for the Cowboys this season. Some experts predict the Cowboys to be the surprise team of 2015. If Rudolph's passing game is on key, Oklahoma State can put up a formidable fight.

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TEXAS TECH



The next bump in the road the Frogs may face is on Sept. 26, when the team travels to Lubbock, Texas to face Texas Tech. While we all remember last year's massacre of the Red Raiders in Fort Worth when TCU blew them out by a score of 82-27 (a game in which TCU ran out of touchdown fireworks for the season), Tech shouldn't be overlooked.

The Frogs haven't won in Lubbock since 1991. During their trip to Lubbock in 2013, TCU fell to the Red Raiders by a score of 20-10.

Lubbock has a history of hosting shocking games, too. In 1995, a 1-2 Texas Tech team

made headlines when they upset No. 8 Texas A&M, ending a whopping 29 game win streak for the Aggies.

In 2008, the Red Raiders once again stunned the nation when they defeated No. 1 University of Texas, propelled by a last second touchdown. That game made the difference in Oklahoma getting the nod to play in the Big 12 championship over Texas, despite Texas beating Oklahoma earlier in the season.

Crazy things happen in West Texas. The Frogs need to be prepared for anything.

OKLAHOMA



Finally, there's Oklahoma. The Frogs' trip to Norman, Oklahoma on Nov. 21 will be their final away game of the season, and maybe the biggest test of all on the road this year.

While the No. 18 Sooners are coming off their worst season in over a decade, Oklahoma has historically been one of the best teams in the nation when it comes to defending their home turf.

The Sooners have lost only seven games in Norman over the last ten years. That included five consecutive undefeated seasons at home from 2006 to 2010. The bright side for TCU fans

is that three of those seven losses last season and one of the other four came at the hands of the Frogs themselves.

Oklahoma, however, is expected to come back a stronger team this season, especially on offense. Wide receiver Sterling Shepard will be back on the field after missing three of the last four games last season. The Sooners also landed Texas Tech transfer Baker Mayfield, who will replace Trevor Knight as starting quarterback this season.

Combine Mayfield and Shepard with sophomore running back Samaje Perine, who

set the NCAA single game rushing record with 408 yards against Kansas last season, and the Sooners have a dangerous offensive trio. Head coach Bob Stoops knows how to create a winning formula, too.

If the Sooners are really out to get anyone this season, it's TCU. The events from last October at Amon G. Carter Stadium are far too fresh, when the then No. 4 Sooners were upset by the unranked Frogs. By November, depending on how they are faring, getting revenge at TCU may be all that matters.

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FOOTBALL Trevone Boykin and Kyle Hicks celebrate a Horned Frog win at Texas Tech game on Oct. 25. The score was 82-27.



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STAR PLAYERS Josh Doctson and Trevone Boykin at Minnesota game on Sept. 13. The Horned Frogs beat the Minnesota Gophers with a score of 30-7.

get your facts straight about TCU football

15

The number of seasons Gary Patterson has been the head coach for the TCU Horned Frogs.

46.5

The average number of points scored per game.

160

The amount of points off turnovers for the 2014 season.

1,038

The total amount of offensive plays run by the Horned Frogs during the 2014 season.

331

The amount of first downs gained in the 2014 Horned Frog season.

77

The amount of touchdowns scored by the Horned Frogs in the 2014 season.

2,689

The amount of rushing yards gained by the Horned Frogs during the 2014 season.

10

The number of National Coach of the Year honors Gary Patterson received last year.

defense

Breaking down the Horned Frogs' defensive line

By Sydney Ringdahl
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TCU football is known for its defense. The Horned Frogs totaled 26 interceptions last season -- 11 more than the next best Big 12 teams, Kansas State and Texas, who each had 15. Head coach Gary Patterson's 4-2-5 defense is uniquely designed to slow and ideally stop the offenses that have been bombarding defenses.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive line is the deepest and most experienced part of the defense, led by seniors James McFarland and Davion Pierson. They will be heavily relied on to be leaders of the defense and the team.

Pierson is the foundation of the defensive front. He received 2015 Preseason All-Big 12 honors while also appearing on watch lists for the Chuck Bednarik Award, Rotary Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy.

Pierson had 8 1/2 tackles for loss, including three sacks, among his 30 stops last season. He was a team captain in all 13 games.

His 31 career starts lead all active team members going into his fourth year.

Sophomore Chris Bradley came out of the spring in a first-team tackle position. He played in all 13 games as a freshman, recording 12 total tackles, including two for loss and 1 1/2 sacks.

Junior Tevin Lawson played in all 25 games the last two seasons and is competing for a starting position.

McFarland earned Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Defensive Most Valuable Player honors after an interception in the end zone for a touchdown, in addition to totaling two tackles for loss, including a sack last season.

McFarland led TCU with seven sacks last season, while his 12 tackles for loss placed second. He also tied for the team lead with three forced fumbles. He totaled 41 stops on the year.

Junior Josh Carraway is competing with McFarland at left end. Carraway, who had a team-best eight quarterback hurries, totaled five tackles for loss, including two sacks, last season. He also had a 33-yard interception return for a touchdown at Texas.

Seniors Terrell Lathan and Mike Tuaua return at right end.

Lathan's 5 1/2 sacks last season were the third highest on the team, while his 10 tackles for loss

ranked fourth. He also had a 40-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Texas.

Tuaua, who appears on the watch list for the Polynesian Player of the Year Award, was among the TCU leaders with 8 1/2 tackles for loss and five sacks last year. He tied for the team lead with three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

LINEBACKERS

A group of young players, including seven freshmen out of 10 linebackers on the 2015 roster, are competing to replace the experience and production of Paul Dawson and Marcus Mallet.

Junior Sammy Douglas and true freshman Mike Freeze entered fall camp in first-team positions.

Douglas saw most of his action on special teams last year. His eight special teams tackles tied for the team lead. He totaled 17 tackles last season.

Freeze was an early enrollee who took part in spring drills. The Graham High School graduate was sidelined his senior season due to injury.

Redshirt freshman Ty Summers is competing for a starting position. Summers suffered a season-ending injury in the 2014 opener and received a medical redshirt.

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8 p.m. in Minneapolis, Minnesota

f04 Soccer vs. Maryland
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f04 Men's Golf in Caramel Cup
All day in Pebble Beach, California

f04 Volleyball in SDSU/USD Invitational
6:30 p.m. in San Diego, California

sa05 Volleyball in SDSU/USD Invitational
12:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in San Diego, California

sa05 Men's Golf in Caramel Cup
All day in Pebble Beach, California

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offense

Experience is key for TCU offense this season

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Take a look at the projected lineup for TCU's offensive scheme, and you may lean back in your chair with content.

And for good reason.

With ten starters returning from last season's 12-1 campaign, 2015 appears ripe for a playoff run.

A No. 2 preseason ranking puts the target square on the Frogs' backs, and a certain rival 85 miles down I-35 sits at a dangerous No. 4.

Returning leadership

Anchored by the defensive mind of Gary Patterson, the Frogs have long been skilled at stuffing their opponents' offense. The duo of Sonny Cumbie and Doug Meacham has brought TCU's offense up to par, to say the least.

The co-offensive coordinators have turned down head coaching offers to remain in Fort Worth and once again guide TCU's offense.

Last year, Cumbie and Meacham revamped the team's offense to be faster during and between plays, introducing the "air raid" style to a

previously dragging tempo.

From 2013 to 2014, TCU had the nation's most improved offense in total yards and scoring. The Frogs doubled their points scored between the two seasons and improved points per game by 21.

That offense broke several school records last fall including total points, total offensive yards, and touchdowns in a season.

Experience on the Line

Four starters on the Frogs' offensive line are returning, and two of them were All-Big 12 selections last season.

Both center Joey Hunt and tackle Halapoulivaati Vaitai earned the honor, and they will be leading the line along with guards Brady Foltz and Jamelle Naff.

Vaitai will take on the responsibility of left tackle since Tayo Fabuluje graduated.

The newcomer to the line will probably be sophomore Joseph Noteboom, who finished spring practice as a first-team right tackle. Noteboom played in all 13 games last year.

Austin Schlottman has not started for TCU, but the sophomore will likely get some good playing time this season. He also appeared in every game

last season and can play either center or tackle for the Frogs.

Key Returners

Trevone Boykin

Not a whistle has been blown, and Trevone Boykin is already on Heisman watch lists.

Off the field, the quarterback has recovered from last season's injury to his non-throwing wrist and has represented the university well in the off-season.

On the gridiron, the offense as a whole broke TCU records last year, but Boykin alone set eight new marks for the Frogs.

The Big 12 Preseason Offensive Player of the Year broke four of Andy Dalton's records, including season touchdown passes and total offense in a season.

Boykin's completion rate crept over 61 percent last season, and he threw 10 interceptions in 13 games.

The Dallas native also came out as a dual-threat quarterback in 2014, rushing for more than 700 yards and averaging nearly five per carry.

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Josh Doctson

Twenty Frogs had at least one reception in the 2014 campaign.

Josh Doctson had 65.

A highlight-worthy one-handed touchdown reception in last year's victory over Minnesota put Doctson in the national spotlight, but he continued to impress throughout the fall.

The senior wide receiver was another record-breaker last season, setting school-high marks for season receiving yards and season touchdown receptions, with 1,018 and 11, respectively.

Doctson's consistency was key in 2014, and his experience should play a large role during his senior season.

Who to Watch

Trevorris Johnson

In his only year of game experience at TCU, Trevorris Johnson ranked fourth on the roster with 302 rushing yards.

At 5 feet 11 inches and 221 pounds, Johnson will provide the power needed for short, explosive plays in the red zone.

The sophomore tailback entered TCU as the No. 7 running back in Texas, and he averaged 5.7 yards per carry over 12 games last season.

Johnson ran for a career-high 105 yards and two touchdowns in the 82-27 blowout over Texas Tech.



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FOOTBALL In this Oct. 25, 2014, file photo, TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin (2) and running back Kyle Hicks (21) celebrate after a touchdown against Texas Tech in the second half of an NCAA college football game in Fort Worth. TCU won 82-27. All that scoring caused last season's average length of game to hit 3 hours, 23 minutes in late November, according to the NCAA.

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foreign policy

Obama gets Iran deal win as Senate Democrats amass enough votes



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IN FAVOR Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski speaks during a news conference in Baltimore. Mikulski became the crucial 34th vote, declaring the agreement is the best way to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions.

By Erica Werner and Matthew Lee

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- President Barack Obama secured a landmark foreign policy victory Wednesday as Senate Democrats amassed enough votes to ensure the Iran nuclear deal survives in Congress, despite ferocious opposition from Republicans and the government of Israel.

Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland became the crucial 34th vote in favor of the agreement.

"No deal is perfect, especially one negotiated with the Iranian regime," Mikulski said in a statement. She called the accord "the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb. For these reasons, I will vote in favor of this deal."

The backing from Mikulski, who is retiring next year, gives supporters the margin they need to uphold an Obama veto of a congressional resolution of disapproval if Republicans pass such a measure later this month.

And it spells failure for opponents of the international

agreement who sought to foil it by turning Congress against it. Leading that effort were Israel and its allies in the U.S., who failed to get traction after spending millions of dollars trying.

The agreement signed by Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers limits Iran's nuclear program in exchange for hundreds of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions. Republicans and Israeli officials contend that concessions made to Iran could enable the country to wreak havoc throughout the Middle East.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who had personally lobbied U.S. lawmakers to block the nuclear pact, will continue fighting the agreement, an Israeli official said.

Marshall Wittmann, spokesman for the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, said his group also would continue rallying opposition to the nuclear agreement.

In a letter delivered to Congress Wednesday, Secretary of State John Kerry called Israel's security "sacrosanct," recounting the billions of dollars the U.S. has provided

the Jewish state for missile defense and other security assistance. U.S. and Israeli officials, he said, are working on a deal to "cement for the next decade our unprecedented levels of military assistance."

The letter was sent as Kerry defended the Iran deal in Philadelphia. His speech was carried live in Iran, an unusual occurrence.

"Rejecting this agreement would not be sending a signal of resolve to Iran, it would be broadcasting a message so puzzling that most people across the globe would find it impossible to comprehend," Kerry told lawmakers and civil leaders at the National Constitution Center.

"It's hard to conceive of a quicker or more self-destructive blow to our nation's credibility and leadership - not only with respect to this one issue, but across the board, economically, politically, militarily, even morally. We would pay an immeasurable price for this unilateral reversal," Kerry argued.

He said the Obama administration would ensure that America's Arab allies, like Israel, would have the "political and military support they need" to protect themselves from the threat posed by Iran.

With opposition to the agreement failing to take hold on the Democratic side, supporters may be able to muster the 41 votes needed to block the disapproval resolution from passing in the first place, sparing Obama from having to use his veto pen. That would require seven of the 10 remaining undeclared senators to decide in favor of the deal.

Only two Democratic senators have come out against - Chuck Schumer of New York and Robert Menendez of New Jersey. And in recent weeks undeclared Democratic senators, even from Republican-leaning states, have broken in favor one after another.

Even if Congress passes the disapproval resolution, it can't stop the deal reached by Iran, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China. It might help congressionally mandated sanctions remain in place. But the U.N. Security Council endorsed the nuclear deal unanimously in July and outlined how it would lift international sanctions on Iran.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., acknowledged Obama "may be able to sustain a veto with the tepid, restricted and partisan support." But he said the Senate would move ahead next week with a "serious" debate and that Congress' bipartisan support would be needed to "strengthen our defenses in the Persian Gulf and to stand up to the inevitable Iranian violations of the agreement."

Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican presidential candidate, vowed to re-impose all sanctions on Iran on Day 1 if he becomes commander-in-chief. "Then I will go to Congress and ask them to even increase those sanctions more, and I will back that up with a credible threat of military force," he said.

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government

By Julián Aguilar

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All potential hires for any state agency or public college will soon have their work eligibility information run through an electronic employment verification system managed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Senate Bill 374, by state Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, is designed to keep taxpayer dollars from going to workers who aren't authorized to be in the country. The system, known as E-Verify, compares information applicants submit on their I-9 — a federal document that collects employment eligibility information — to records maintained by the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration.

If the upcoming policy — which takes effect Sept. 1 — sounds familiar, there's a good reason. Schwertner's bill closely resembles an executive order former Gov. Rick Perry issued in November 2014. But SB 374 adjusts the policy and makes it official state law.

The Previous Policy

Under Perry's mandate, applicants for jobs at state agencies under the purview of the governor's office must have their information run through the E-Verify. The requirement also extended to employees of businesses that had contracts with the state.

The policy has operated on the honor system since November because Perry's order did not specify an

agency or department to oversee the mandate and ensure compliance.

Perry's order also caused some confusion because he initially ordered that current and future employees needed to be run through the system. But according to federal guidelines, verifying current employees' information through E-Verify is not allowed. Perry's office had to subsequently issue a clarification.

Where Texas Stands

Texas belongs to a group of 22 states that have some version of an E-Verify mandate, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

But Texas was the only state in the group that waited until 2015 to pass an E-Verify bill, and nine states go even further by requiring that all employers use E-Verify. Those states are Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Utah.

Though SB 374 only applies to state agencies and public universities, tens of thousands of private businesses in Texas have been using E-Verify for several years. The USCIS has a database of all the companies that use the system. It shows whether the business has a contract with the federal government, where it is located and its size.

Texas' adoption of an E-Verify policy marks a shift from where state leaders stood on the issue just a few years ago. As recently as 2013, there was conservative opposition to any type of statewide mandate because of concerns over the accuracy of the system. Others balked at the thought of an unfunded mandate. In



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VERIFICATION Rick Perry's order did not specify an agency or department to oversee the mandate and ensure compliance.

2015, however, the policy became more palatable because the policy only extended to state agencies and not the private sector.

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defense

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CORNERBACKS

Sophomore Ranthony Texada is a returning starter at one corner, while the other spot is under competition after the graduation of lockdown cornerback Kevin White.

Texada earned Freshman All-America honors last season. He started all 13 games, while his seven pass breakups were second on the team. He had a sack against Oklahoma and an interception versus Iowa State.

Sophomore Nick Orr, who saw action in 12 games as a true freshman and posted his first career interception in the win at SMU last season, will push Texada.

Sophomore Torrance Mosley came out of the spring as the starter at the corner spot opposite Texada. Mosley appeared in five games as a true freshman last season.

Pushing Mosley for a starting job will be senior Corry O'Meally and freshman DeShawn Raymond.

O'Meally, a junior college transfer last season, saw

action in eight games last season.

SAFETY

TCU plays with three safeties on the field: strong, weak, and free safety. Two safety positions will be filled with new faces after Sam Carter and Chris Hackett, both major parts of the Horned Frog defense as both leaders and players, graduated in May.

Senior Derrick Kindred is the only returning starter at safety.

At free safety, Kindred earned All-Big 12 honors after placing third on TCU last season with 80 tackles, including 4 1/2 for loss. His four interceptions, including one returned 44 yards for a touchdown versus Iowa State, tied for second on the team.

Kindred appears on 2015 preseason watch lists for the Chuck Bednarik Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy.

Pushing Kindred are Orr and sophomore Steve Wesley. Orr played in 12 games at cornerback as a true freshman last season and could contribute at that position as well in 2015. Wesley appeared in two games last season.

Junior Denzel Johnson opened fall camp in a first-team position at strong safety. He totaled 16 tackles, including one for loss, while playing in all 13 games last season.

Sophomore Travin Howard will compete with Johnson. Howard appeared in all 13 games as a true freshman last season, primarily contributing on special teams.

The weak safety spot has senior Kenny Iloka and redshirt freshman Ridwan Issahaku in competition.

Iloka arrived at TCU from Tyler Junior College last spring as the nation's top-rated JC safety. He totaled 15 tackles in a back-up role to All-Big 12 selection Chris Hackett.

The Horned Frogs have led the nation in total defense four times under Patterson. Last season TCU gave up the fewest rushing yards per play and tied for the most interceptions nationally.

TCU also led the Big 12 in nearly every meaningful defensive category last year, including scoring defense, total defense, and pass efficiency defense.

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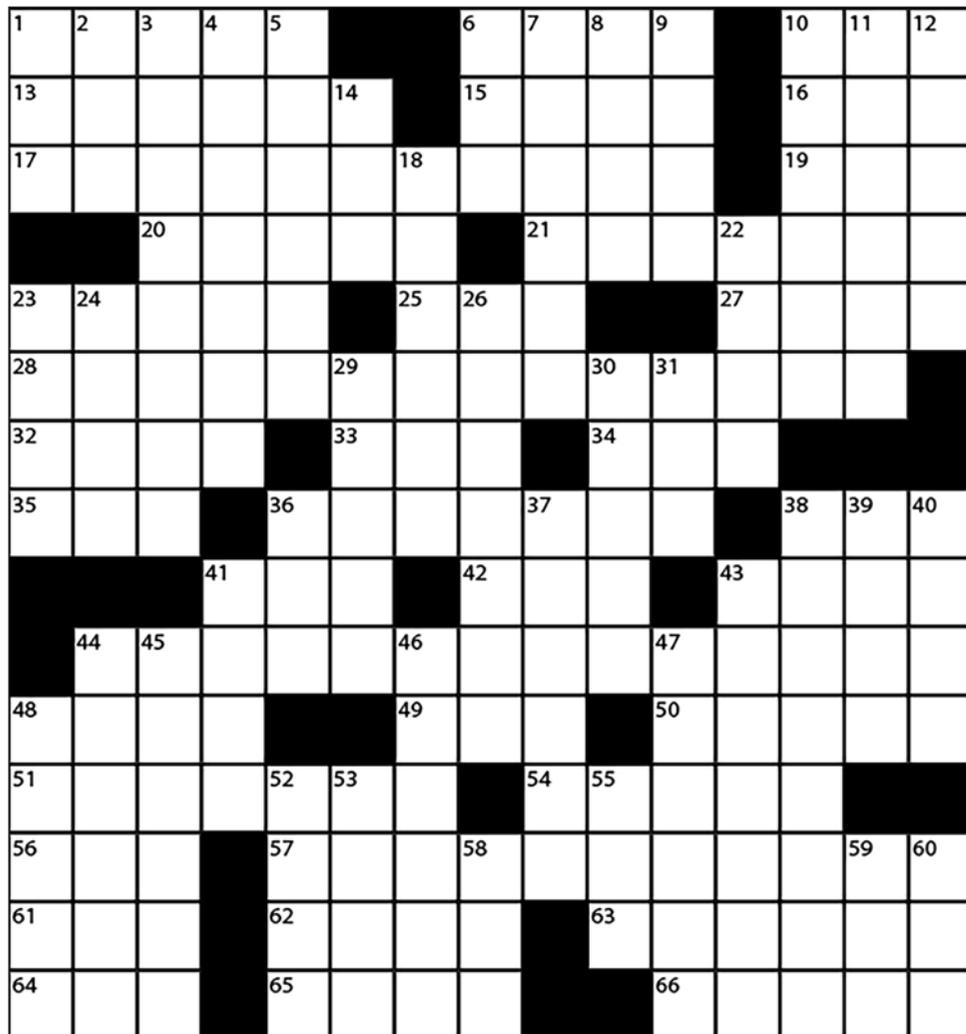
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- 42 Like some baseball
- 43 Lexington's ____ Arena

- 44 Extremely tacky production of a Shakespeare play?
- 48 Ill-looking
- 49 Network with "Suits" and "Royal Pains"
- 50 Whaling ship that inspired "Moby-Dick"
- 51 Increase in interest
- 54 Pop-____
- 56 Man cave invitee
- 57 Country instrument played by a migrant?
- 61 Rummy
- 62 Actress Gunn of "Breaking Bad"
- 63 Calm swimming spot
- 64 Sticks in an abandoned building?
- 65 "Follow"
- 66 Don't bother

Down

- 1 Situate
- 2 Musician who coined the term "ambient music"
- 3 Downright homely
- 4 Something to meditate on
- 5 Deep divide
- 6 Small price to pay?
- 7 Printing problems
- 8 Revival reply
- 9 What's really hot

sudoku

8		5			6	1		
		4			3			
9			2					3
		7			4			9
	8			7			6	
2			6			7		
	6				9			2
			7			5		
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directions:

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row, and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

This solution to this sudoku can be found at:

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tcu trivia

Which TCU coach was noted for his catch phrase, "Unbelievable"?

- a) Coach FA Dry
- b) Coach Dennis Franchione
- c) Coach Jim Wacker
- d) Coach Dutch Meyer

- 10 TV news host Melissa ____-Perry
- 11 Swirly-colored marbles
- 12 Ones in the closet?
- 14 Chess piece: Abbr.
- 18 Worth keeping
- 22 To whom "I'll take ..." is often said
- 23 "Rock Me" group, 1975
- 24 What a title may come with
- 26 Muslim V.I.P.s
- 29 One doing the dishes?
- 30 Relating to part of the small intestine
- 31 Quick approval
- 36 Source of some shadows, for short
- 37 Woolly
- 38 "Looks like I was wrong"
- 39 Vault locale
- 40 Glasses, informally
- 41 Taiwan-based computer giant
- 43 Put on again
- 44 Long vowel indicator
- 45 Creator of the characters added in 17-, 28-, 44- and 57-Across
- 46 University that was originally the Medical College of Louisiana
- 47 Like some tea

- 48 "The way beer was meant to be" sloganeer, once
- 52 Home of Bountiful
- 53 Duncan of Obama's cabinet
- 55 "____ I'm saying is ..."
- 58 Cartoonist Mayerik who co-created Howard the Duck
- 59 Book before Psalms
- 60 Last ____

tcu trivia answer

(c) Coach Jim Wacker

solution from 8/27



alumni

Former Horned Frog Arrieta throws no-hitter

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TCU alumnus and current Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta threw his first career no-hitter in a 2-0 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday night.

Arrieta was lights-out on the mound, striking out a season-high 12. He looked ready for lights out afterward, slipping into one-piece pajamas decorated with moustaches for the overnight flight home.

Fitting, since the 29-year-old right-hander had thought about throwing a no-hitter since he was a kid. His grandfather witnessed one of Nolan Ryan's no-hitters in Texas.

"You see other guys around the league do it and you want to be a part of something like that," Arrieta said. "So it's not only special for me and my family and friends, but for the organization and my teammates. They embraced me after the game, and it was extremely special to see how excited they were for what I was able to do."

Arrieta tossed the sixth no-hitter in the majors this season with the benefit of a close call by official scorer Jerry White. He charged Starlin Castro with a third-inning error when Kike Hernandez reached on a one-hopper hit right at the second baseman, although several players on both sides believed it should have been ruled a hit.



MARK TERRILL / AP IMAGES

NO-HITTER Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta throws to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday.

Arrieta had come close to making history before.

He threw a one-hit shutout against Cincinnati last Sept. 16 at Wrigley Field, allowing his first hit to Brandon Phillips with one out in the eighth.

Last year, Arrieta became the first Cubs pitcher since 1950 to take a no-hitter into the seventh inning three times in one season. Two of those came in consecutive starts, making him the first to do so since Toronto's Dave Stieb in June 1988.

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But youth means inexperience.

As they take on unfamiliar opponents, the Frogs must rely on the leadership of seasoned players such as linebackers Sammy Douglas and Mike Tuaua, safety Derrick Kindred, and defensive end James MacFarland.

Despite any concerns for week one, Patterson is confident in the potential of his defensive unit.

"This defense, every week, is going to keep getting better and better and better," Patterson said. "I still uphold that we're faster than we were. We have youth in some places where we wish we were older at. I've pushed them, so we'll see how they do."

Minnesota's defense, though, is a formidable force.

Last year cornerbacks Eric Murray, Jalen Myrick, and Derrick Wells led the gophers' defense to be one of the best in the Big 10. Despite losing Wells, Murray and Myrick's growth and leadership could boost the Gophers' game.

Patterson said that he was impressed with Murray's performance against TCU last season.

"Defensively, 31 (Murray) was probably the best corner we played against last year," Patterson said. "Over four shots with Kolby last year against him we

were 0-4.

Minnesota's defense is one of the best in the nation at stopping the running game which could pose a hurdle for Boykin and Green.

Final thoughts and predictions

It's hard to have clear cut expectations for TCU vs Minnesota. The Frogs are obviously the favorite on paper, but the first game of the year for every team is full of unknowns.

"The unknowns scare the coaches more than anything else," Patterson said. "This game is going to be full of surprises, even for our offense."

The amount of preseason hype that TCU has been getting this summer puts both a load expectations and a target on their back.

The Frogs know that this game won't come easy. Minnesota will be looking for revenge and will play to the best of their ability.

"There are new skill players," Patterson said. "They have nothing to lose. Every trick play that they have, they will run them."

TCU will enter a hostile environment, too. Not only is TCU the highest ranked team to ever play in the TCF stadium, but the Minnesota State Fair in Minneapolis this week will draw thousands of fans from across the state.



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PEACH BOWL Josh Doctson (9) celebrates a touchdown during the Peach Bowl. Dec. 31, 2014.

The Frogs will have to be mindful of all the factors, but TCU has what it needs to embarrass any opponent.

TCU owns one of the best offenses in the nation. They have confidence from beating four ranked opponents last season and finishing 12-1. And Coach Patterson has found ways to continually mold his defense into a powerhouse.

Minnesota isn't a bad team, though. The Gophers will put up a bigger and better fight than last season, but with the Frogs' experience and explosive offense, purple will reign.

Prediction: TCU 38, Minnesota 21

football

Preview of game one: TCU vs Minnesota



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FROG FOOTBALL TCU kicks-off the season in an away game against Minnesota tonight at 8p.m. CT. The Horned Frogs were ranked No. 2 in the AP Poll to start the 2015 football season.

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Only two days remain before the TCU Horned Frog Football team is back at it.

The Frogs begin their 2015 campaign Thursday with an away game against the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

TCU enters the season at No. 2 in the AP Poll, the highest the Frogs have ever been ranked in week one. Thursday night's game kicks off at 8 p.m. and will air on ESPN.

The national spotlight could make for a battle between the two teams as they approach the season with different outlooks, but the same goal.

After being left out of the playoffs last season, a victory Thursday will be a chance for TCU to start the year proving they truly are one of the best teams in the nation.

For Minnesota, a win will give the Gophers the chance to wreak havoc on the rankings and prove that they can contend with any powerhouse.

TCU made a mockery of Minnesota in Fort Worth last season defeating them 30-7, but 2015 is not 2014. It's a blank slate now.

Each team is back, new and improved, and the Frogs are expecting a good fight.

"[The Gophers] are well coached and very methodical," Patterson said. "We'll get their best shot."

All that matters is how the teams perform on the gridiron.

Here's how the two teams compare:

Offense

TCU undoubtedly has the offensive edge.

The Horned Frogs boasted one of the best offenses last season under new co-offensive coordinators Doug Meacham and Sonny Cumbie. With the core of the

offense still intact and an entire year of experience under its belt, TCU's air raid style offense has the potential to challenge any opponent this season.

After Trevone Boykin's breakout year, the Heisman favorite may be entering the season as the best quarterback in college football. Last year he made headlines averaging 300.1 passing yards and 54.4 passing yards per game.

Patterson said that Boykin has played an integral role in the evolution of college football, both locally and nationally.

"I think TCU has been better because Trevone's here, and he has also made college football better," Patterson said. "He has a flair. He's turned into quite the leader comparably to several years ago and is one of the hardest quarterbacks to defend."

The Frogs also have running back Aaron Green and wide receivers Kolby Listenbee, Josh Doctson, and Ty Slanina to their advantage.

Last year, Doctson set a TCU record with 1,018 receiving yards. He also had 11 touchdown receptions.

The offense is expected to be without receiver Deante Gray, Thursday, due to a knee injury he sustained in the offseason. Without Gray and the fact that Minnesota boasts one of the better rushing defenses in the nation, expect Listenbee, Slanina, and Doctson to be prime weapons for Boykin.

But don't count on the Frogs to run up the score. "Our biggest thing is to not have style points," Patterson said. "We just want to win this ball game. To say putting up 82 points against Tech last year was planned is inaccurate."

Minnesota, however, has holes to fill and questions to answer about their offense.

The Gophers won't have running back David Cobb and tight end Maxx Williams, two leaders from last

year's offensive squad. Williams' eight touchdowns and 569 receiving yards led all Big 10 tight ends last year. Cobb's 1,626 rushing yards were fourth best in the conference.

Berkley Edwards and Rodrick Williams are the frontrunners to replace Cobb, but no announcement has been made as to who will start.

Another big question for the Gophers is how starting quarterback Mitch Leidner will fare. Last year Leidner had a 51.5 completion percentage, costing Minnesota multiple victories. Having had an entire offseason to develop, his performance on Thursday could play a deciding role in his future as starting quarterback.

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HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Defense

Without a doubt, TCU's defense is expected to be revamped and faster than ever before.

What the Frogs may have lost in experience from players such as Marcus Mallet, Paul Dawson, and Chris Hackett, they've gained in eager and athletic youth.

Mike Freeze, a freshman outside linebacker, has been one of the most hyped additions to TCU. If he lives up to expectations, Freeze could shine in his first game.

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