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MR. PRESIDENT



President Barack Obama waves to the crowd Tuesday after being sworn in as president at the U.S. Capitol. Former President George W. Bush looks on. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE via MCT

Obama vows for 'a new way forward'

New leader calls for unity, personal responsibility

By **Margaret Talev**
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama used his inaugural address to stake out a new moral high ground for America in the eyes of the world and to parlay his ascendance as America's first black president into a call for ethnic and religious unity.

"Because we have tasted the bitter swirl of civil war and segregation and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass," Obama said in one of the most sweeping passages of his 19-minute speech on Tuesday.

He predicted that "the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve, that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace."

In electing him, he said, America had "chosen hope over fear."

By turns an ode to optimism, a somber acknowledgment of harsh economic realities and an implicit rebuke to former President George W. Bush, Obama's address wove between demanding a new course for the United States and a reckoning for the policies of his predecessor.

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Shane Constable, a junior biology major, signs up for a raffle during the inauguration watching party in the auditorium of the Brown-Lupton University Union on Tuesday. ELLE CAHALAN / Staff Photographer

Students pack BLUU auditorium to watch address

By **Alexis Mladenoff**
Staff Reporter

Director of Student Organizations Forrest Lane said he has been to a presidential inauguration before, but he has never seen anything like this watch party.

About 200 students, faculty, and staff met in the Brown-Lupton University Union auditorium to watch the inauguration of President Barack Obama as he was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States.

Another senior interior design major, Stephanie Chlipala said her four-hour design class was given a recess by their teacher to watch the inauguration.

"We voted and everyone decided to

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Stephanie Chlipala
senior interior design major

come," Chlipala said. "It's exciting for all of us no matter who it is, because he's everyone's new president, no matter who we voted for."

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Neeley School names new development director

By **Elle Cahalan**
Staff Reporter

Rather than making changes to the Neeley School of Business, new director of development David Dibble said he hopes to build on its accomplishments.

Dibble said he served the university as the regional director of development since September 2007. Now, as the new director of development for the Neeley School, Dibble's experience will serve the business program specifically, he said.

Dibble said Neeley is gaining prominence nationwide as a top school of business. He said the school is very successful at attracting great faculty whose research is excellent and who also care for their students. Dibble said he is excited to work with O. Homer Erekson, John V. Roach dean of the Neeley School, because although he could not comment on the specifics, he said that the dean has new ideas to further build on these successes.

Relationship building defines the job of director of development, Dibble said.

"We connect with people that have the capacity to support the university with things we are doing," Dibble said.

With the university in the middle of the Campaign for TCU, in which the university has set a goal to raise \$250 million to go toward scholarships and support for faculty and academic programs, Dibble said the Neeley School was asked to raise about \$40 million to contribute to that goal.

Alumni are the strongest supporters, he said. Because of their strong connection to TCU and to Neeley, they want current students to have the same positive experience, he said. Parents, as well as local and national companies are among other donors, he added.

Jeffrey Waite, director of external relationships for the Neeley School, said Dibble has demonstrated the ability to interact with a wide variety of people and his experience will allow him to positively affect the goals of the school, Waite said.

Dibble received his undergraduate



Dibble

degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., as well as a Master of Arts from the University of Texas, he said. He gained development experience at Texas, where he worked on capital campaigns, corporate funding and developed promotional materials for the McCombs School of Business, he said.

Erekson said he and Dibble will work closely together.

"We will work to build relationships and marry the needs of the school with the passions of supporters," Erekson said.

Dibble understands the direction in which contemporary business schools must move in order to provide the best undergraduate and graduate education, Erekson said.

Dibble said Neeley is one of the schools at TCU with excellent national work that will lead the university to the next step in its evolution.

MUSIC

Programs aim to make graduates marketable

By **Isabel Lamb**
Skiff Reporter

National colleges and universities that offer music degrees are beefing up their degree plans to make students more marketable, but TCU is ahead of the curve and already has a marketable system in place, a School of Music official said.

According to an article on Insidehighered.com, many universities, including the University of Colorado, the University of Rochester and Babson College in Boston, have begun to add entrepreneurial courses to their music degree plans to help students find jobs.

Sheri Neill, director of music education, said music students are offered many different majors but most choose to major in performance, which tends to be a major that is more challenging for a student to find a job in, she said.

"Performance jobs are few and far between," Neill said. "Ninety percent of performance majors continue their education to get their masters, but students in music education always find jobs because TCU always goes to the top of employment lists."

Paul Cortese, assistant director of music, said back in fall 2006 the School of Music joined the College of Fine Arts to offer music, dance and art students a minor in arts administration.

The minor has offered students a broad education of fine arts as well as practical business classes so students are able to manage practical daily business obligations, Cortese said.

"Students can pick up skills for being good arts administrators that will work in an office or a museum," Cortese said.

Andie Piehl, assistant dean of fine arts, said and has about 55 students are currently participating in the new program.

According to the university Web site, the minor requires 18 hours and offers students business classes from the Neeley School of Business as well as aesthetic experience.

HARRIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

Students aid safe school routes project

By **Luke Urban**
Staff Reporter

About 70 nursing students are working to improve the safety and health of Mansfield ISD students walking and biking to school, a university instructor said.

Sharon Canclini, a clinical instructor for the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences and supervisor of the project, said the students are conducting Safe Routes to School assessments in collaboration with the City of Arlington. Safe Routes to School is a national organization that enables and encourages students to safely walk or bike to school, she said.

Their goal is to submit their data to the Texas Department of Transportation for a grant, which would help pay for the improvements of the school routes, Canclini said.

Claude Cunningham, associate superintendent of the Mansfield ISD, said the safety problems along the routes include sidewalks that need to be repaired, added or improved.

The program was started to improve poor road conditions around schools and to help educate drivers about unsafe driving habits, Canclini said. The program will promote a healthy lifestyle to students at an early age and will also reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in surrounding schools, she said.

The ongoing project was a coalition between the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences, the City of Arlington and Mansfield ISD schools since last semester, Canclini said.

Canclini said her nursing students helped

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"We reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals," he said in one implicit criticism of Bush. He vowed to the world that "we are ready to lead once more."

One recurring theme was how difficult America's problems are, even as he vowed to tackle them: "They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this America: They will be met."

Referencing one of Paul's letters in the New Testament, Obama also observed that, "the time has come to set aside childish things." He said that Americans had put off unpleasant decisions for too long, and that the time has come to "pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America."

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Allan Lichtman

American University historian

"What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them," Obama told a rapt audience that filled the National Mall. Speaking with a furrowed brow, he called for "a new era of responsibility."

He repeatedly spoke directly to the world abroad; indeed, he seemed to be speaking to the lead-

ers of Iran, Venezuela and North Korea when he said of dictators: "You are on the wrong side of history," but added, "We will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

To terrorists: "We say to you that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you."

And to the Muslim world: "We seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect."

Historians and speechwriters gave Obama high marks, both for his delivery and for the words of a text he shaped with help from his 27-year-old speechwriter, Jon Favreau, and his closest political adviser, David Axelrod.

Yet the experts said that Obama's address didn't have any single ringing line likely to echo down the halls of history, such as John F. Kennedy's "ask not what your country can do for you" or Franklin D. Roosevelt's "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Allan Lichtman, an American University historian, said that Obama borrowed imagery from George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Roosevelt, Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

"It was very much more of a historic sermon than a rally speech," Lichtman said. "It was an address that spoke to the moment, that was more than adequate for the history occasion, but it was not an address than will ascend to the cosmos of truly great American speeches."

Others were more generous.

"They always say there were three or four memorable inaugural addresses; I think this is going to be No. 5," said Gerald Shuster, a University of Pittsburgh professor who specializes in presidential rhetoric. "Not just because of the obvious of his being the first African-American president. He sets the tone and the pattern in a very specific way about what's to come and then establishes on all levels what we have to do to meet those objectives. He



ALEX WONG / Pool via MCT
President Barack Obama delivers his inaugural address at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Tuesday.

embodies the spirit of the future in this speech."

Clark S. Judge, managing director of the White House Writers Group Inc. and a former speechwriter and special assistant to President Reagan and then-Vice President George H.W. Bush, was struck by how Obama mixed a critique of Bush with bipartisan courtship.

Obama, Judge said, "picked up themes from both parties in a way I found remarkable, themes of risk taking and entrepreneurship from the Republicans and the sense that we'll prevail in the war on terrorism."

He also chose bipartisan language to describe his approach to governance.

"The question we ask today is not whether our government is

too big or too small but whether it works," he said. "Nor is the question before us whether the market is a force for good or ill," he continued, even as he said that "without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control," a call for more efficient regulation.

Julian Zelizer, a history professor at Princeton University, noted how Obama wove his own accomplishment into "the narrative about slaves, immigrants, western settlers, a progressive story about how the nation can improve."

Obama recalled how earlier Americans including those who "endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth" had built the nation. "Let us mark this day with remembrance of who we are and how far we have traveled."

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the students meet the needs of the community.

"They photographed the community so the engineers could come up with a plan," Canclini said.

The students surveyed and monitored the school areas using data they collected, which showed things such as traffic congestion, unsafe driving habits and unimproved county roads, Canclini said.

The surveys and research put together by the nursing students on the roadways were sent to an engineer to support the project, Canclini said. The Mansfield ISD paid the engineer more than \$5,000 to train her students to photograph and document the area, she said. A report taken from the photos and documentation by the nursing students was sent to the City of Arlington, who agreed to consider the proposal, she said.

Alicia Winkelblech, a City of Arlington planner, said that the city takes a lot of proposals but there's not enough money to fund all of them. However, the city is still considering funding the project, she said.

Canclini said she will continue the project this semester with her students as they prepare to inform fourth-grade students how to safely and responsibly ride their bicycles to school.

A bike rodeo will be put in place at the Mansfield schools to train students to become proper pedestrians, helping them know which way to ride on the roadway, Canclini said. Also, curriculum that's a part of the Texas Bicycle Coalition based in Austin will be given to teachers in the district, Canclini said. The curriculum is embedded into the current Texas education requirements to educate the community on bicycle safety, she said.

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The audience in the BLUU auditorium cheered for many of Obama's inspirational messages throughout his speech, as did the crowd in Washington, which reached around 2 million people.

Emily Chan, a freshman strategic communications major, was surprised that so many people could come together to hear one man speak.

"I heard (the crowd) stretched for two miles," Chan said. "It's just crazy to think everyone across the country was listening and inspired by the same thing."

Natalie Boone, assistant director of the BLUU, said she started planning something for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month and thought an inauguration watch party would be successful.

This historic occasion sparked many watch parties throughout the country, but this is the first time that

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Emily Chan

freshman strategic communications major

the university held an inauguration watch party, Boone said.

Chuck Dunning, director of TCU Transitions, said his favorite part was the benediction because the Rev. Joseph Lowery, the founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Coalition, gave it.

"I'm so happy so many diverse people realize this is a historical event," Dunning said. "I'm happy the country has taken a turn for a different set of values. It's like the poet and the preacher said, to embrace love, and let that be what it's about."

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The Skiff View

Don't hesitate to make change real

More than 1 million people stood in the National Mall on Tuesday to witness President Barack Obama's inauguration. And across the country and in foreign nations, thousands of others were enthralled as Obama took the oath to become the first black president of the United States, a sight some thought they would never live to see.

It was a long, difficult road to this day, harking back to the Emancipation Proclamation in the 19th century and the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.

Obama's inauguration has given millions of people in the United States and the world a reason to celebrate, but they should not forget the challenges that lie ahead — problems that a single man, however talented, cannot fix on his own.

"In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given," Obama said in his address. "It must be earned."

Obama appealed to the values that make the United States what it is: honesty and hard work, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism. Students on this campus have found ways to put them into practice and giving examples of what makes citizens of other countries look up to the United States.

Nursing students are helping the Mansfield ISD by identifying safety hazards in the district's school routes. The students will also train local fourth-graders to safely and responsibly ride their bicycles to school.

Last semester, under the watch of sociology professor Keith Whitworth and engineering professor Bill Diong, students worked on a solar energy project to power low-watt applications in an attempt to further sustainability efforts on campus and as a nod to nationwide initiatives to make the use of alternative sources of energy a viable substitute to fossil fuels.

Sick of the word "change"? Don't repeat it, then. Be it.

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Legislature must not close public meetings



The last few months have been a frenzy of political activity.

Two long months of transitioning toward the immaculate inauguration have left many out of political breath, so to speak.

And just when there seemed to be a lull in the festivities, the Texas Legislature began their biennial session last week with plenty on the agenda.

Some of that agenda will be discussed behind closed doors after one of the first orders of business was to approve House Resolution 3, a parameter-setting bill that exempted House caucus meetings of the 81st Legislature from the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The act ensures that all governmental meetings are open to the public, whether through physical attendance or access to the recorded minutes.

Given the recent economic mess and bailouts flying through Congress, this

talk of closed doors is rightfully raising a few eyebrows.

The public has a right to know what its legislators are discussing and openness is at the core of a healthy democracy.

Of course there are some exceptions to this rule, but the general principle is that the public put the politicians in power and naturally their responsibility should be to the people.

It is no secret that secrets can destroy.

The Texas Open Meeting Act allows for 14 topics that are exceptions to the open-door policy due to their nature.

But HR 3 is an exemption, and under this exemption any meeting of the Legislature can be made private.

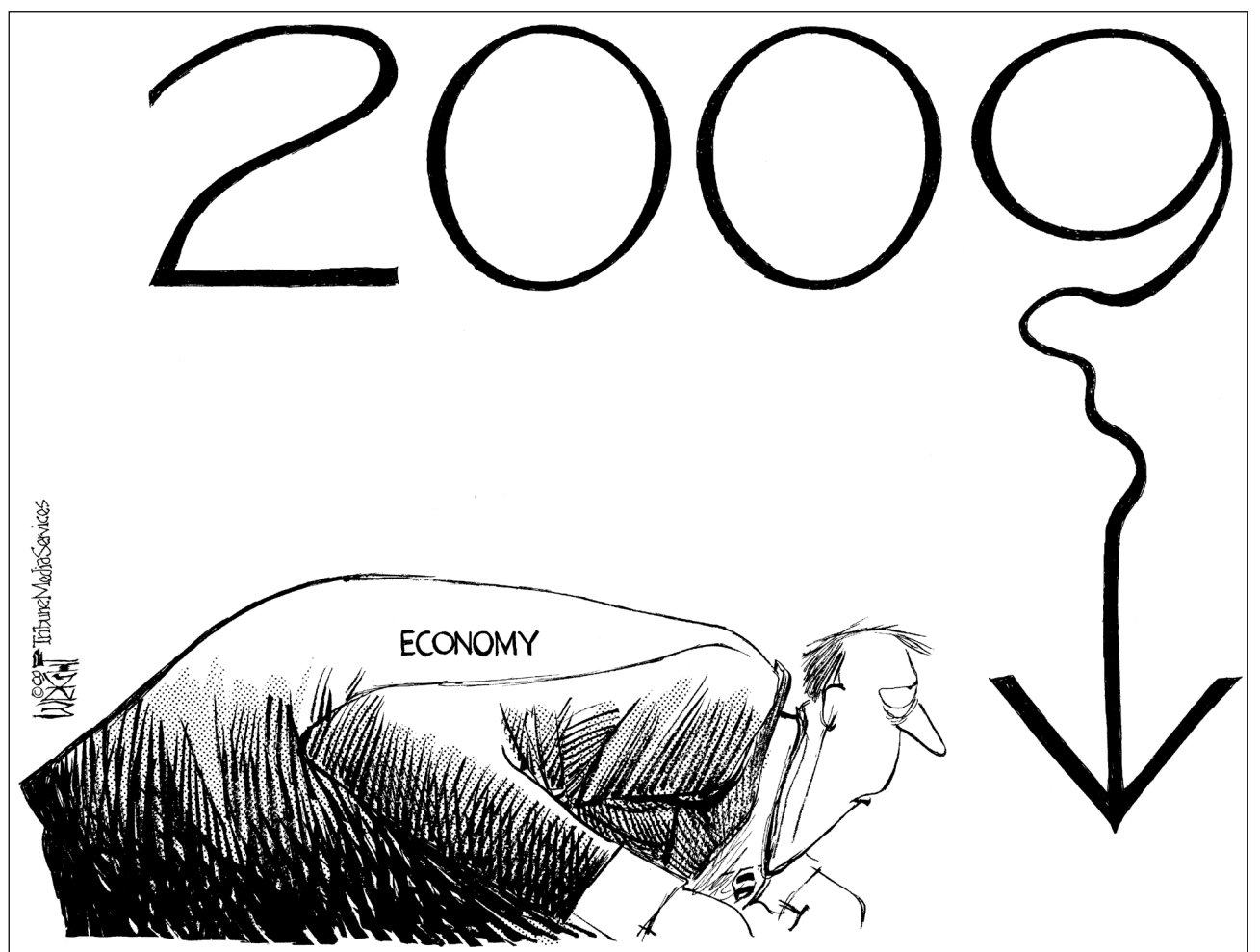
In times of uncertainty, the answer is honesty and accountability, not secrets and closed doors.

No doubt the Legislature will be talking about the budget, and they owe it to the people to be responsible and up-front about how the money will be spent, especially in the current economy.

It all boils down to accountability. And closed doors are not the greatest ambassadors.

So by all means, let the frenzy continue — just keep the doors open.

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Inauguration too expensive for troubled economic times



Despite the fact that our country is experiencing the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression, America spent \$170 million on President Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony and the surrounding events.

The federal government contributed an estimated \$49 million in taxpayers' money.

Unfortunately, though, it doesn't stop there: Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland requested an additional \$75 million in aid to pay for their share of inaugural expenses.

But what was the largest group of donors to Obama's inaugural committee?

None other than the bailed-out Wall Street executives who benefitted from the \$700 billion bailout package.

I am so glad to know that a portion of the money allocated to save what is left of America's financial institutions financed the concerts and balls that inaugural committee spokeswoman Linda Douglass told ABC news "are going to connect people, make them feel like we are all in this together."

It is certain that "we are all in this together." With the national debt at \$10.6 trillion and U.S. population at 305.65 million people, each person's share of the debt comes out to be \$34,842.30.

Wall Street executives who took their salary bonuses and ran receive such harsh criticism, yet Obama, who pledges to make government spending more accountable and efficient managed to exceed George W. Bush in inaugural expenses.

Obama's plan to restore fiscal

discipline to Washington by ending wasteful spending has gotten off to a questionable start.

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Service award winner had history of improving lives

I had the great privilege of working with Michael R. Ferrari Award for Distinguished University Service and Leadership winner Tara Perez for two years. My work with her, however, was not on the College Resource Committee but on the Living Wage Campaign.

The Living Wage Campaign, headed by Perez, was a group of Fort Worth and TCU community leaders advocating for an increase in the university's starting wage

for Physical Plant and housekeeping employees. Perez advocated tirelessly for five years. She was met with fierce opposition by university administrators until last year, when the Living Wage team learned that the TCU's starting wage was heavily increased. I believe this was one of the largest percentage hikes in the budget.

The creation of a path toward a living wage at TCU could not have been completed without Perez. Her community organization skills motivated people from all walks of life to work together toward

this common goal. The ignorance of her work in the Living Wage Campaign by the university is no surprise, considering their long opposition to a measure that simply shows appreciation for hard work. Despite what she was officially acknowledged for, I will always remember Perez as a moral crusader for many things but most importantly, a more economically just world.

Recycling might not be automatic answer to deforestation



When you're about to recycle that paper, think about throwing it away first. You may actually save a tree.

Recycling feels good. It's a simple way to help the environment. When many people recycle paper, they feel as if they have helped keep a tree from being cut down.

But does recycling actually save trees? The answer is not as cut and dry as many people think.

Steven Landsburg, Slate columnist and professor of economics at the University of Rochester in New York, said that recycling can actually reduce the

amount of trees in the environment. This fact is based on basic supply and demand principles. If the demand for new paper decreases, fewer new trees are planted and results in fewer trees on earth.

We eat a lot of potatoes in America, does that mean that we should start a "save the potatoes" campaign and recycle every scrap of potato that we have? No, because potato suppliers meet demand and plant more potatoes. The same goes for trees. It may also come as a surprise to know there are now more trees in North America than there have been in the last century.

People also say that recycling will help trees in the shrinking Amazon.

Unfortunately though, that is also untrue.

The Amazon is shrinking because indigenous farmers are trying to cultivate the land in order to feed their families. It is not because of the logging compa-

nies, but rather the implementation of old farming techniques such as slash and burn.

All over campus, teachers are trying to "go green" by not printing out syllabi and various other papers their students need. Teachers who choose to make things more convenient are condemned by the very students they are trying to help.

From a young age we are all taught to recycle because it "saves the trees" and will make a "better future" for our children. But, if you look at the facts, you will see the truth.

Everyone wants to help preserve resources and save the world, but we need to stop and think about whether our actions are actually making a difference or if they are just a waste of time and energy.

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NEWS

WEB SAFETY

Threats may be overblown

Authorities urge caution, vigilance to protect youths from solicitation

By Laura Bauer

McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Maybe the Internet isn't just one massive predator playground after all.

Maybe our children are much safer in cyberspace than we thought.

A Harvard University study last week found that young people were unlikely to be propositioned by adults online. In fact, it said the risks on the Internet weren't much different than those in real life.

But before you deem cyberspace a safe haven, know this: As teenagers get older they can get into more trouble online, and youths having problems at home or involved in risky behaviors like drug or alcohol use are most likely to become victims of Internet predators, the study also found.

For that reason, retired FBI agent Jeff Lanza said parents can't let their guard down — regardless of what parts of the report say.

"These solicitations occur every day," said Lanza, an Internet safety expert. "Just because the kids are high-risk anyway doesn't make it not a problem."

The report, led by Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, sparked national headlines that many child advocates said were misleading.

"Report calls online threats to children overblown," said one newspaper.

Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, said his group was involved in the study, and admitted he was worried about some

interpretations.

"The message of this shouldn't be, 'All is well, I shouldn't pay attention, I shouldn't monitor what my kids are doing,'" Allen said. "I think what the report attempts to say is the nature of this problem is different than the general public perception."

The nation's attorneys general initially asked the Internet Safety Technical Task Force to determine how technology could help make the Internet safer for young people, especially in social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook. But before they could do that, members said they needed to determine the risks. That meant research beyond just what is shown on TV.

For the past several years, countless police agencies have set up sting operations to try to catch preying adults. Deputies masqueraded as children, mostly girls, and interacted in chat rooms. Meetings were set up. Suspects were arrested.

NBC made a show of it — "To Catch a Predator" — videotaping men as they showed up to meet a youth, only to find a TV crew instead.

"What I think is, the 'Catch a Predator' phenomenon, that was pure showbiz," Lanza said. "And to a certain extent, maybe that caused the pendulum to swing too far in one direction about the nature of the problem."

"The danger of this report is they're minimizing the problem and causing it to fall in the other direction," Lanza said.

Since 1998, more than 41,000 incidents of suspected sexual solici-

tation over the Internet have been reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. In that time, the center has twice released study figures on how many youths were solicited online. In 2000, that number was 1 in 5. Six years later, it was 1 in 7.

"We've made real progress," Allen said. "But parental awareness and education remains important."

Teens like Olathe Northwest High School sophomore Kaitlin Rippberger feel safe online. But part of that is because her parents set up guidelines. Before she could have a Facebook page, they had to review it. And she had to have a "closed" page, meaning only her friends could see it.

"I kind of thought they were just being too cautious, but it makes sense that they don't want people to try and find you," she said.

Olathe Northwest junior Brian Will knows not to include phone numbers or addresses in anything he posts online.

"You just have to be careful of what you do," he said.

As part of the report, the task force said parents and caregivers should study the Internet more and understand the ways their children use it.

Other than solicitation, the report addressed pornography and bullying online, which the task force said was the most frequent threat to minors online.

"But the most likely to be exposed are those seeking it out, such as older male minors," the report said.

RACE IN AMERICA



"I want my boys to be proud to be black, proud to be Spanish," says Lori Tharps, with sons Addai and Esaid and husband Manuel in Philadelphia Jan. 14.

Some see perceptual change in dialogue about skin color

By Dianna Marder

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — The scene: the office of a Philadelphia pediatrician.

Meredith Broussard has brought in her 1-year-old, who has a rash on his back. The boy seems well otherwise, and she wonders if the condition can be safely ignored.

"It is unusual," Broussard recalls her doctor saying. "I've seen this kind of rash before, but only in African-American children."

Broussard is stunned into silence.

Like the incoming president of the United States, Broussard had a black father and a white mother. But unlike Barack Obama, Broussard has pale skin, and she married a white man.

Broussard, 34, and David Grazian, 36, a University of Pennsylvania professor, are among this country's more than 3 million interracial households.

Never have biracial, multiracial, multicultural, mixed Americans been more visible.

The inauguration, a particularly poignant moment for blacks, was a milestone for mixed-race people, too.

Broussard has never hidden her background, but in the doctor's office she realizes for the first time that her pediatrician sees her — and her child — as white.

"I didn't think I read white," Broussard says in an interview. Scott's rash turned out to be minor, especially compared with Broussard's shock at how quickly the question of race arose in the life of her little boy.

"I knew the question was going to come up eventually," says Broussard, who teaches writing at the college level. "But I was unprepared."

In 2000, census officials ended a decades-long "check one" policy and allowed people to identify as both black and white. Nearly 6.8 million considered themselves "mixed."

Obama provides a model for them. From his 1995 book, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," to his extraordinary talk on race in Philadelphia last year, he has kept his multiracial biography in the forefront while identifying as black. In doing so, he demonstrates how to embrace one reality without ignoring another.

"Four years ago, emphasizing my biracial background alienated me from both sides," says Heidi Durrow, 39, who had a black father and a Danish mother.

To claim her white mother "was like shouting, 'I'm not black!' It was

making yourself separate. It was like holding yourself up as better than black.

"Now biracial is part of the public conversation."

Laws barring interracial marriage started with Maryland in 1661; they were widely adopted and would remain in effect for 300 years.

Finally, in 1967, the year the first Super Bowl was played, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the conviction of Mildred Loving, a black woman, and Richard Loving, a white man. The couple had been sentenced to one year in prison and banished from Virginia for the crime of interracial marriage.

Labels such as mulatto, quadroon and octoroon were institutionalized in the 1890 census. But throughout American history, in the interest of perpetuating slavery and the myth of white superiority, anyone with even one drop of black blood was deemed black.

That criterion would be brought into play as late as 1983, when Louisiana denied a request by a white woman, Susie Guillory Phipps, to change the "colored" designation on her birth certificate. The state refused because Phipps was 1/32 black.

And when Jim Crow laws institutionalized segregation, some biracial people were able to pass as white and others more deeply identified as black. The notion of being mixed was inconsistent with the one-drop rule.

Growing up first in Denmark and later in a black section of Portland, Ore., Durrow always felt she had to pick sides, she says. And she frequently changed the side she picked.

At 18, she attended a black debutante ball with her extremely blond, pale mother. When she was 22 and pining for the comfort of a country where race did not matter as much, Durrow says, she spoke about wanting to be white in "Black, White, Other," a landmark book on biraciality by mixed-race Philadelphian Lise Funderburg.

Durrow and Fanshen Cox, a mixed-race friend, now conduct an online conversation at MixedChicksChat.com. Last spring, they coordinated the first Mixed Roots Film and Literary Festival in Los Angeles. Durrow's book "Light-skinned-ed Girl" won the 2008 Bellwether Prize for Literature of Social Change.

Still, she says, "I'm a Rorschach test for strangers. Recently a New York cabdriver mistook me for a Bollywood star."

In her 2008 book, "Kinky Gaspacho," Lori Tharps struggles with

the decision to enter into an interracial marriage and raise mixed-race children.

The number of such children — 900,000 in 1970, 3.4 million in 2000 — has been growing. Tharps, a black woman raised in Milwaukee, and her Spanish-born husband, Manuel, moved to integrated Mount Airy, Pa., so their sons would not stand out at school or on the playground.

But the boys look different from each other.

Esai, 7, has dark skin, eyes and hair; Addai, 4, has, Tharps writes, "skin the color of the inside of an almond."

And much to Tharps' dismay, Esai speaks increasingly in terms of race: "I'm black like Mommy, he'll say. And Addai is white like Pops, right?"

"I want my boys to be proud to be black, proud to be Spanish, and to know what that means," Tharps says.

"One positive that comes out of categorizing people is that it creates a place for you, a feeling that you belong," she says.

"But I think it is important to realize that you as the individual cannot choose. Those who see you decide whether you are black or white or mixed. If you look one way, the world is going to treat you that way."

For that reason, Tharps says, "In the years to come, I'm sure there are still going to be people who pass, because we still live in a society where whites have privilege, whether they want it or not."

Meredith Broussard recognizes, in retrospect, that there are times when medical science must take race and ethnicity into account.

David Harris, who did extensive research on racial identification before becoming deputy provost at Cornell University, agrees. As the father of racially mixed daughters approximately the ages of the Obama girls, Harris also sees the issues in intimate terms.

"We need to collect different information about people," Harris says, "and we need to collect it differently."

With the What are you? question, Harris says, must come an awareness of the basis for the question (ancestry, appearance, culture, speech?), the perspective (according to you or in the eyes of others?), the context (1909 or 2009?), and the reason for asking.

"Lena Horne was seen as black, but Mariah Carey is mixed," Harris says. "It's a matter of context. And it depends on who is doing the observing."

MEXICO CITY

Church officials say loose laws don't respect traditional values

By Oscar Avila

Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Through speeches, prayer and music, conservative activists at a Vatican-organized conference spent recent days making the case that the traditional family is in crisis.

Mexico City's government, promoting one of the most liberal visions of the family and sexuality in Latin America and beyond, has enacted laws permitting early-term abortions, express divorces, same-sex civil unions and even free Viagra for seniors.

The measures have fueled a culture war in the middle of this traditionally Catholic country, and the activists say the Vatican conference has offered a chance to push back against policies they say undermine family values. The conference, organized at the Vatican's highest levels, ended Sunday.

"As Catholics, we have a lot to do, working together, to change things," said Lilianna Garcia, a leader of United Family, a group affiliated with Mexico's Catholic Church. "These elected officials have good intentions but are going about it the wrong way."

Aides to leftist Mexico City Mayor

or Marcelo Ebrard say his policies promote public health. Opinion polls show broad support for most of the measures in Mexico City, a metropolis more liberal than Mexico as a whole.

Throughout the week, dozens from the small leftist Social Democrat Party protested outside the Vatican conference site and engaged in a back-and-forth in the media with Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera. The party's president, Jorge Carlos Diaz, said the gathering's traditional definition of a family "limits, discriminates against and excludes many other families."

The most controversial of Mexico City's new laws allows abortions for any reason within the first three months of pregnancy. Supporters say the law, enacted in 2007, protects mothers who previously had to pursue dangerous clandestine abortions.

Mexico City also is one of two jurisdictions in the country that allow same-sex civil unions. In addition, the city recently approved a drastic streamlining of the onerous divorce process.

The city has also promoted sex education for elementary school students and is steering preteen girls to get vaccines against the sexually

transmitted human papillomavirus.

Amid this backdrop, Carlos Aguiar Retes, leader of Mexico's bishops, decried "adverse situations provoked by secularism and ethical relativism" including "civil laws contrary to marriage that threaten the future of our people."

In an address to the conference, Mexican President Felipe Calderon recalled the brothers and nuns who shaped his family's Catholic education, an unusually frank tribute in a country with typically rigid separation of politics and religion. Catholics make up a key base of Calderon's conservative National Action Party.

Gabriela Granados, a journalist who writes about sexuality in Mexico, said it is notable that both sides are bringing the values debate into the political realm.

"The country's leaders aren't only talking about sexuality as a moral subject," said Granados. "Now one can talk about sexuality in terms of the collective interest."

While less polarizing than debates over abortion and gay rights, Mexico City's initiative to combat erectile dysfunction has also grabbed headlines.

The city has opened three clinics specializing in the sexuality of seniors. Patients cleared by a doctor are eligible for free pills sold in the U.S. as Viagra and Levitra.

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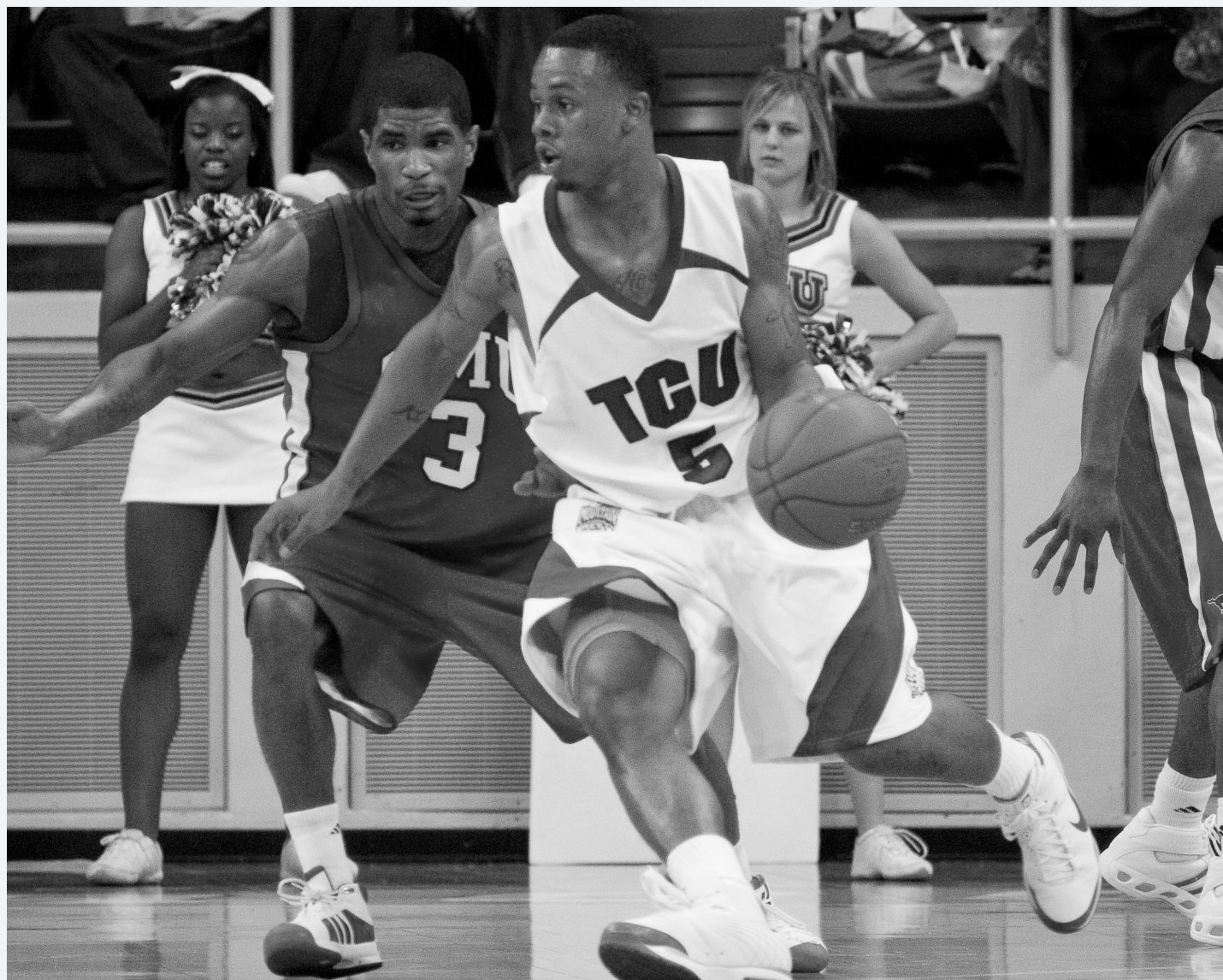
SPORTS



The women's swimming and diving team prepares for a conference meet on the road. Tomorrow

MEN'S BASKETBALL

REIN 'EM IN



TCU freshman guard Ronnie Moss looks to pass during the Horned Frogs' victory against SMU in November.

Team to focus on stopping Cowboys' offense

By Travis L. Brown
Staff Reporter

The top-scoring University of Wyoming Cowboys, the latest Mountain West Conference opponent to face the Horned Frogs, ride into Fort Worth today for a shootout in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Cowboys are led by MWC points leader Brandon Ewing, a senior guard who averages 18.6 points per game this season. Ewing also leads the conference in assists per game, handing out an average of 5.4.

"Brandon Ewing is one of the leading scorers in the conference

year after year," junior guard Keion Mitchem said. "We've got to watch out for him."

Head coach Jim Christian agreed with his player's assessment of Ewing, calling the point guard "tremendous."

The Cowboys also have the conference's leading scorer behind the arc in senior guard Sean Ogirri, who has hit 59 three-pointers this season.

TCU, however, leads the conference in three-point defense, only allowing teams to connect on 30.4 percent of three-point attempts.

The Cowboys come into the matchup with a conference re-

cord of 1-2, sitting third to last ahead of the Air Force Academy and Colorado State University.

The Horned Frogs want to control Wyoming with their defense, focusing specifically on the team's perimeter players, Christian said.

"They are one of the best of offensive teams in the league, averaging more than 80 points a game," Christian said. "They are going to try to push the pace of the game and their perimeter is so good and so talented. We have to control them as best we can."

Defensively, the Cowboys typically match up man-to-man while occasionally mixing in a

TCU vs. Wyoming

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
When: 7 p.m. today

zone look, Christian said.

"They're always great defenders and athletic, always with their guards on the wings," said senior forward Kevin Langford. "You just have to take care of the ball against them."

The Horned Frogs believe if they play their game they can come away with a victory, Christian said.

"We need to do the things that we do well," he said.

CARROLL'S CORNER

Winning ways have followed new head coach



MICHAEL CARROLL

This wasn't supposed to happen so quickly.

In March 2008, men's head basketball coach Jim Christian was hired to take over a team that appeared to be in shambles.

The team had compiled a 75-108 record during six disappointing seasons under former head coach Neil Dougherty and finished in last place in two of its three seasons in the Mountain West Conference.

Last year's squad went 14-16 overall with a 6-10 mark in the MWC, good for a seventh place finish in the conference.

To make matters even worse, only four players from last year's team returned for Christian's inaugural season at TCU.

When you put all of this information into perspective, it makes this season's accomplishments, so far, even more impressive.

Christian has brought a winning mentality to a program that once seemed like it almost expected to lose when it took the court.

In fact, all he has ever done is win.

In six seasons as head coach at Kent State University, Christian never had fewer than 20 wins. He had a .704 winning percentage while at Kent State, the best in the history of the Mid-American Conference. Last year at Kent State, he led his team to a 28-7 overall record, including a perfect 16-0 mark at home and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. It was the team's second appearance in the tournament in three seasons.

In his first season at TCU,

Christian has led his team to a 12-6 record with a 3-1 mark in the Mountain West Conference, good enough for a share of first place with the University of Utah.

The team is also 8-1 at home, with its only loss coming against the University of Nebraska back in November.

Christian has restocked a depleted talent pool with players who have come in and contributed immediately.

Junior forwards Zvonko Buljan and Edvinas Ruzgas, who were both brought on board this season, are second and third on the team in scoring.

Freshman guard Ronnie Moss, who originally signed with Kent State but followed Christian to TCU, has displayed a lot of poise for a young player and is fourth on the team in

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scoring at 9.3 points per game. He shows fans and opponents why his nickname is "Tuffy" on a game-by-game basis.

Perhaps we should have expected this type of season out of the Horned Frogs. Christian's track record certainly speaks for itself. But I'm not sure anyone could have predicted a 12-6 record and a share of the conference lead at this point the season.

If Christian can continue to help his young squad improve, there's no telling where this season, or this program, could go.

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SUPER BOWL XLIII

Warner leads Cardinals out of underdog status

By Randy Covitz
McClatchy Newspapers

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner leaped into the University of Phoenix stands and into the waiting arms of his wife, Brenda, and their children.

They had done this twice before, celebrating NFC championships in St. Louis in 1999 and 2001, but nothing could compare to the exhilaration the Warners experienced Sunday after he led the Arizona Cardinals to a 32-25 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Let that sink in a moment. The Arizona Cardinals, easily the most improbable team ever to reach a Super Bowl, will meet the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLIII on Feb. 1 in Tampa, Fla. And Warner, who threw four touchdowns Sunday, could ensure his spot in the Hall of Fame by becoming the first quarterback to win Super Bowls with two franchises.

The fourth-seeded Cardinals, 12-7, were underdogs in all three playoff games. They finished the regular season losing four of their last six games, and they lost four games by 21 points or more this year — including a 48-20 defeat on Thanksgiving at Philadelphia.

Warner's first trip to the Super Bowl in 1999 was also an unlikely story. He replaced an injured Trent Green and won league and Super Bowl MVP honors in guiding St. Louis to a 13-3 record and

the NFL championship in his first year as a starter.

But this one meant even more to Warner, who was discarded by the Rams after the 2003 season and joined the Cardinals in 2005 after warming a spot for Eli Manning in New York.

"1999 was obviously special for so many different reasons," Warner said. "But to come back here, when everybody counted

"It speaks a lot to our team and how we've grown up as far as being able to respond."

Ken Whisenhunt
Arizona coach

us out, when everybody counted me out, when everybody told us every single week (in the play-offs), 'The Cardinals don't have a chance against Atlanta'... they definitely don't have a chance against Carolina'... and they really don't have a chance against Philadelphia'... and to do something that nobody expected us to do is really, really special."

Warner hooked up with wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald for three touchdown passes in the first half as the Cardinals built a 24-6 half-time lead.

But Arizona went into a shell in the second half, recording just one first down in its first three possessions, enabling Philadelphia, 11-6-1, to score 19 unan-

sured points.

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb tossed two touchdown passes to tight end Brent Celek, and gave Philadelphia a 25-24 lead with 10:45 left in the game when rookie wide receiver DeSean Jackson made a spectacular 62-yard grab of a pass that went through the hands of Cardinals cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, off Jackson's shoulder pads and his left arm and into his hands.

Then Warner coolly and efficiently marched the Cardinals 72 yards in 14 plays, culminating in an 8-yard screen to running back Tim Hightower for a touchdown and a two-point flip to tight end Ben Patrick for a 32-25 lead with 2:53 to play.

"It speaks a lot to our team and how we've grown up as far as being able to respond," Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "That was really a drive. We preach the message of playing together as a team and someone has to stand up and make plays, and the biggest thing is not panicking. There was no panic."

And suddenly, the Arizona Cardinals, who until this season had not won a playoff game since 1998, who had not played for a championship since 1948, were in their first Super Bowl. The Cardinals, other than Warner, didn't know how to react.

"I didn't know what to do," safety Adrian Wilson said. "It was a great moment."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach: Mental readiness essential

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

Coming off a momentum-changing win at home Saturday, the Lady Frogs are in Laramie, Wyo., today to face the University of Wyoming Cowgirls in the first of a two-game road swing.

TCU split the series with Wyoming last season, winning at home and losing on the road. Head coach Jeff Mittie said his team should be ready to play tonight and will hopefully show signs of remedying some mental unpreparedness he has witnessed in the last few games from his team.

"I don't think we can overlook anybody," Mittie said. "I hope the veterans of this team take more ownership and help the younger players understand the importance of preparation."

Wyoming is 0-3 so far in Mountain West Conference play, and TCU comes into the game with a conference record of 3-1.

Sunday the team will continue its in-conference road travels with a game against the University of New Mexico Lobos, the second ranked team in the conference. The Lady Frogs will return home Jan. 28 to face San Diego State University, who edged the Lady Frogs out of the MWC Tournament last year.

"I think my concern right now is getting my rotation set," Mittie said. "That concerns me more right now than any matchup we have with Wyoming or New Mexico."

The New Mexico squad entered this week as the 23rd ranked team in the country and is off to the best start in its school's history.



TCU guard Helen Sverrisdottir drives the ball against Air Force's Anna Gault during the first half.

Most recently, they bested the BYU team that beat TCU by 16 at home.

"We don't want to look back on

BYU," said sophomore forward Emily Carter. "In this conference, you can't dwell on a loss... because all teams are going to be gunning at you."