



The men's tennis team will take on Texas A&M tonight in its first home match of the season.
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STATE LEGISLATURE

University would comply with gun bill

By Libby Davis
Staff Reporter

The university will ensure that all licensed gun holders undergo the necessary training if the Texas Legislature passes a bill that would allow students with concealed carry licenses to bring their weapons on campus at public and private universities, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said that though the university would obey the law if it was passed, it would ensure

that members of the student staff like resident assistants would have the appropriate training to handle a potentially violent situation. The university would make sure that students who carry weapons have valid permits, he said.

The bill, which is in the process of being drafted, will be announced in the Texas Legislature in a few weeks, said state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and a probable sponsor of the bill.

"It is my intention that no campus be vulnerable to a madman's attack," Wentworth said. "I don't want to wake up some morn-

ing and read in the paper that 32 Texas kids were picked off like sitting ducks on some college campus because nobody could defend themselves."

Mills said that if the law is passed and allows private universities to choose whether students can carry weapons, the university would maintain its ban on weapons.

Sgt. Kelly Ham of TCU Police said the bill could endanger students, rather than protect them.

Ham said law enforcement training has changed since the deadly shooting at Col-

umbine High School in 1999. Police are now trained to eliminate a threat rather than to contain it, he said.

"If we go into a building where we've got somebody shooting at people and we see a student with a pistol in his hand, he's going to be a target because we don't know if he's the bad guy or the good guy," Ham said.

Even if a student possesses a concealed carry license, he or she is not allowed to bring a gun on campus, Ham said. A student must

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CORRECTION

A story in Friday's Skiff about funding for the student-run advertising agency RealWorld used an incorrect title for Mark Mourer. Mourer is the assistant dean of development for the College of Communication and former president of Schieffer School J-Exes, a Schieffer School of Journalism alumni group.



Alex Rodriguez's steroid use shouldn't be looked upon negatively.
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MASTERMINDS



PAIGE McCARDLE / Design Editor

Vice Chancellor Don Mills, Panhellenic President and Student Foundation President Lindsay Ray, Student Body President Kelsie Johnson and Interfraternity Council President Evan Berlin discuss the Campus Master Plan on Tuesday in the Brown-Lupton University Union. The Master Plan Committee held a forum Tuesday night to allow students to voice their opinions on the plan, which will affect physical changes on campus in the next five to 10 years.

Executives detail necessary workplace skills

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

The biggest gender issues women face in the workplace are in the United States, not abroad, a global management consulting firm executive said to about 50 people Tuesday evening in Smith Hall.

Accenture executive Julie Coffman said that when working overseas she felt she wasn't viewed by her gender, but by her business capabilities.

"I think some places abroad who have gone through globalization and emerged as players in the world economy have done a better job sometimes working through gender issues," Coffman said.

Coffman said that while it is not always as evident, women still face challenges men do not when it comes to making their way in the business world, mainly because of the common thought that women stay at home with the family while the men go to work.

"You're going to see different things everywhere you go," Coffman said. "Whether you want to have a family or it's the glass ceiling effect, you have to learn to adapt to the problem and find the right direction to go."

Bryan Ward, also an executive from Accenture, said that if people plan on getting an internship or job overseas, it is important to know the language or the region

they will be in.

"Knowing a foreign language if you are going to be traveling abroad for work is a key tool to have," Ward said. "Most of our counterparts in Europe speak multiple languages which puts you at a disadvantage if you don't."

Management professor Garry Bruton said one of the greatest challenges for TCU students is forcing themselves to get out of the "bubble" they live in.

"If you can't get out of the country, the best way to learn more about different cultures on campus is to get to know more foreign students," Bruton said. "Most TCU students don't take advantage of that opportunity as much as they should."

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Watchdog: FDA decision endangered patients

By Greg Gordon
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration put patients' lives at risk by halting enforcement of 30-year-old requirements that medical device makers meet federal laboratory standards prior to testing their products on humans, a watchdog group charges in a new report.

The rules at issue cover studies on an array of devices, including life-saving products such as defibrillators, pacemakers, coronary stents and heart valves.

The report by the nonprofit Project on Government Oversight (POGO) is to be released Wednesday and says several agency officials left their jobs because they were so upset over the policy to forgo

enforcement of requirements that the tests adhere to Good Laboratory Practices.

"At present, if a manufacturer knowingly violates the GLP regulation and falsely asserts compliance with GLP, that manufacturer is safe — safe from discovery, safe from disciplinary action by the FDA, safe from prosecution," the report says.

It calls the agency's decision to halt lab inspections on animal studies and other early research "stunning in its contempt for the protection of patients" and its failure to comply with federal regulations.

The report offers the latest harsh critique of the FDA's regulatory performance during the Bush administration. In 2007, a group of experts from industry, academia and the government warned that the agency was understaffed and over-

worked, raising "incalculable risks" to the public safety.

In a statement late Tuesday, Siobhan DeLancey, an FDA spokeswoman, said: "In recent years, we have not conducted as many inspections specific to GLP as we have in the past. We continue to review our inspectional plans, and (the agency) maintains the authority to request additional information on GLP adherence from a manufacturer and inspect any facility for GLP compliance."

In a letter to POGO in May, Casper Uldriks, the head of regulatory guidance for the FDA's Center for Medical Devices and Radiological Health, said the FDA's enforcement is adequate.

Uldriks noted that the agency requires

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Lecturers discuss imagery of God

By Elise Smith
Staff Reporter

Is the image of God something tangible, like a mother figure, or an abstract concept, like wisdom?

About twenty students and members of the Fort Worth community gathered at the Kelly Alumni Center on Tuesday to hear three professors discuss this question for the lecture "The Meaning of the Image of God."

Mayer Gruber, a visiting scholar from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel, said Genesis has both male and female imagery to convey the idea of God. He said that since the time of the first century, there has been a lot of talk about whether or not God is a male or female.

The most sacred object in religion is not a cross or the scroll of the Torah but a man and a woman, and must be treated as such, Gruber said.

Gruber also talked about female imagery in the Book of Isaiah from the Old Testament, as God is often referred to as a "she." The book has images that support God as a mother and include references to God as a woman in labor, Gruber said.

"God says, 'I'm a supermom and I won't forget my children,'" Gruber said.

Toni Craven, professor of the Hebrew Bible at the Brite Divinity School, said God is frequently referred to as being compassionate in Psalms, where mixed metaphors are used to describe God.

She said the characterizations of God include a transcendent God, a God with human likeness, a God with animal likeness and a God with natural likeness, such as rocks or water.

"The transcendent God includes descriptions of God as the divine creator, the giver of life, the one beyond sexuality, the one like nothing known in the world of the human," Craven said.

The language is closely associated with

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QUICK NEWS

Burglary suspect identified

University police have released the name of the man connected to the burglary of a vehicle at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center on Feb. 9.

Sgt. Kelly Ham said Darayl Alexander, 29, is being pursued because he failed to turn himself in after a warrant was issued for his arrest. The warrant was issued after \$2,500 in stolen property was recovered from his car by campus police.

Ham said the property was tied in with several burglaries that occurred Feb. 9, and the crime is a state jail felony. A state jail felony is punishable by confinement in a state jail for a term of no more than two years or less than 180 days, according to the Texas Penal Code.

Ham said Alexander's bond was set at \$25,000.

— Staff reporter Libby Davis

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by Kelly Clarkson
 - 7 Heartless
by Kanye West
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PECULIAR FACT

HONG KONG — A French daredevil scaled a 73-story Hong Kong skyscraper barehanded Tuesday, his latest attempt to draw attention to global warming by climbing up the world's tallest buildings.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tomorrow: Sunny
57 / 37
Friday: Sunny
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NEWS

DANCE DANCE



PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor

Senior art education major Valerie Alvarez plays Dance Dance Revolution in the Brown-Lupton University Union on Tuesday.

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turn the gun into TCU Police for storage.

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of police, said he does not think the bill will pass because of the trend of similar bills failing to make it into law.

Chris Simcho, a junior strategic communication major and former member of the Marine Corps, said he thinks the proposition is not a bad idea and that bearing arms is a fundamental American right. But not all students have the knowledge necessary to correctly operate a firearm, he said.

"There's a certain level of training and maturity that's required for somebody to be responsible with a firearm," Simcho said.

Simcho, who was a member of the

U.S. Marine Corps for four years, said the required two-day course is insufficient training. Firearm safety and the capability to fire at a target should be required training, he said.

An individual must be 21 years old to apply for a concealed carry license, Ham said.

Mills said the university is safer than some other campuses, such as Virginia Tech at the time of the shooting in 2007 that resulted in the deaths of 33 people, because of policy that allows TCU to ban a mentally unstable student from school until he or she is cleared by a psychiatrist.

Concealed carry training should also contain role-playing situations where students are taught to handle different situations, Mills said.

"When you have the ability to use lethal force, you also are putting yourself in a position where

you could be committing a crime," Mills said.

Background checks and psychological evaluations should be required, he said.

Mills said he is mostly concerned that students who are allowed to have a lethal weapon on campus could be more likely to harm themselves rather than use the weapon to protect themselves or others. The idea that handguns will promote safety makes the assumption that campus is a dangerous place to be, he said.

Even the most basic rights have limitations, Mills said.

"I don't think the right to bear arms is an unlimited right just like the right to free speech is not an unlimited right," he said. "There are certain instances and circumstances where public safety limits an absolute right to bear arms."

FDA

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manufacturers to submit documentation at three stages of the approval process vouching that their studies met the Good Laboratory Practice regulations. The FDA relies on those assurances and doesn't actually inspect those labs prior to any human studies.

POGO's report doesn't provide the precise timing of the decision by the FDA's medical device center to stop enforcement of the laboratory standards for nonclinical tests, but traced to at least early 2006.

On Aug. 31, 2006, Michael Marcarelli, director of the center's Division of Bioresearch Monitoring, sent an 11-page memo to Linda Kahan, the center's deputy director, documenting instances in which major manufacturers were found by agency inspectors to have failed to comply with testing standards.

Marcarelli, who began drafting the memo in January of that year, cited multiple agency legal opinions concluding that the 1978 Good Laboratory Practices carries the force of law.

Manufacturers' noncompliance, he wrote, is "a major problem in the medical device industry that is based upon the lack of communication with industry and FDA reviewers."

He recommended that the agency immediately resume inspections on labs testing the most critical medical devices.

However, the report said, Kahan called an emergency meeting soon after receiving the memo and said there would be no change in the center's enforcement policy.

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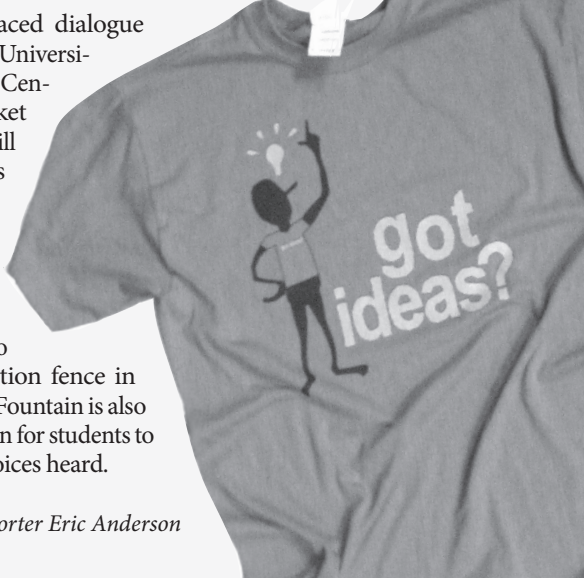
SGA seeks student input for campus improvements

Student Government Association representatives wearing bright blue shirts will be available to hear suggestions today as part of the second annual Improve TCU Day. The event encourages students to submit recommendations to SGA on ways to improve the student experience.

Students have multiple options for submitting suggestions. Representatives will be available at the Campus Commons and outside the Mary Coats Burnett Library. The main location, the Campus Commons will feature live music. Student Relations Committee

members placed dialogue boards in the University Recreation Center and Market Square that will allow students to write suggestions directly on them. A 20-foot banner attached to the construction fence in front of Frog Fountain is also another option for students to make their voices heard.

— Staff reporter Eric Anderson



Sign-Up

2009 – 2010 Housing Sign-Up Schedule

~~Apartments~~

March 2 - 3 Current Apartment Residents (TBPW & Sandage/McCart) will be able to self-assign to Britain, Fish, Herndon, Mabee, and Mullins plus Sandage/McCart Apartments, and Bellaire Condos
* (we also anticipate offering a select number of apartments at the GrandMarc)
* (Walker will be part of the residence hall sign-up)

March 4 Apartment Residents who have self-assigned will be able to request a Preferred Roommate with the required 54 hours

March 5 - 6 All Apartments – Continuing Students with at least 54 credit hours

March 5	84 or more credit hours	8:00 AM
	74 or more credit hours	1:00 PM
March 6	64 or more credit hours	8:00 AM
	54 or more credit hours	1:00 PM

March 7 Apartment Waitlist will open to current residents by emailing housing@tcu.edu

~~Residence Halls~~

March 9 - 11 Sophomores (those students who entered TCU in one of the following semesters and are required to live on-campus: Spring 2009, Summer 2008, Fall 2008 and transfer freshmen who entered Spring 2009)

March 12 - 13 All other on-campus resident

March 16 Residence Hall Waitlist will open to current residents by emailing housing@tcu.edu

~~ March 15th is the deadline for continuing students to process AHP for 2009 - 2010. ~~

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God as a mother in Psalms, Craven said.

"Mother" is never a name used for God in Psalms, but there are 12 references that bring together thoughts that link God with mothers, births and breasts, Craven said.

Rather than something tangible, religion professor Claudia Camp's interpretation of the image of God is one of wisdom.

Camp said the concept of wisdom is personified as a woman throughout Proverbs, where humans are called to enter into relations with her.

She said wisdom has human origins, and a man is told to get wisdom, love wisdom, prize her and embrace her.

Wisdom is described as truthful speech, and people desire her and she is better than jewels, Camp said.

Amy Skierski, a freshman graphic design major, said the discussion offered a new perspective.

"I never listened to a lecture of God being represented as a woman before," she said.

Skierski said she found the lecture most interesting when Gruber said people are a representation of God on Earth, even though she said she is not sure if she agrees with the idea.

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The Skiff View

Beware: Facebook owns user information forever

Oops. You might have just signed your life away to Facebook. After the beloved social networking site adapted its terms of use earlier this month to say that the company has the right to use any posted material even if a user terminates his or her account, about 50,000 users joined a group called "People Against the new Terms of Service (TOS)" — with good reason.

The Consumerist, a consumer advocacy blog, claimed the new rules amounted to Facebook's saying "we can do anything we want with your content. Forever." The post has received more than half a million page views as of Tuesday.

Though Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook chief executive officer, said in a blog post that he believes people "own their information and control who they share it with," and that the company "wouldn't share your information in a way you wouldn't want," there is nothing to stop the company from using material for any purpose, including commercial gain. So it's not entirely far-fetched to imagine the company selling the rights to a posted photo that could end up in an advertisement, for example.

This should send a clear message that Facebook users must be exceptionally careful when deciding what content to post, not to mention which actions to partake in when cameras are present. The content users post — even detagged photos and deleted wall posts and messages — is a part of cyberspace forever. People shouldn't just worry about prospective employers seeing potentially objectionable content. It's bigger than that.

No matter what Facebook uses posted items for, all users must be aware that everything they say online or do in the presence of cameras could resurface.

For most users, Facebook is fun way to keep in touch. Though being more selective with posted content may seem to inhibit that enjoyment, it could prevent a great deal of anguish in the long run.

Editor-in-chief Max Landman for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

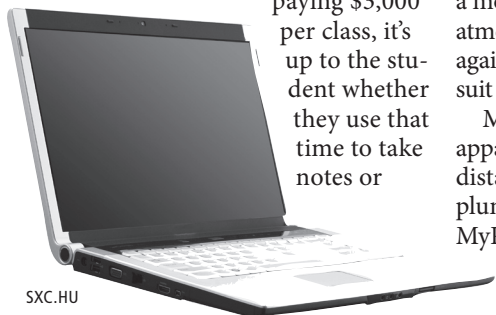
YOUR VIEW opinion@daily.skiff.com

Laptop bans unreasonable, inconsiderate

While reading The Skiff View in Tuesday's paper titled "Laptops should not be banned from the classroom" I was reminded of a recent incident in one of my classes.

A student asked the professor if he would allow her to take notes on her laptop. Almost dumbfounded, he said, "Of course, why wouldn't I?"

Our class explained that some — apparently divinely anointed professors — have banned the use of such technology during their lectures. Our professor concluded that if someone is paying \$3,000 per class, it's up to the student whether they use that time to take notes or



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check Facebook.

Fortunately, I have not had any of these holier-than-thou educators who find it necessary to negate the technological advances of the past century, because I would feel obligated to humiliate them now. Professors should respect their students, just as students should respect their professors. It is completely uncalled for to punish an entire class, and every future class, for the distractions of a past minority.

I wonder if these professors have considered students with disabilities that prevent them from writing notes as effectively as they can type. Professors have a moral and legal obligation to create an atmosphere that doesn't discriminate against students with disabilities. A lawsuit can't be too far away in this society.

More likely, these professors who are apparently neurologically isolated on a distant island will see their enrollment plummet because of the beauty of Rate-MyProfessors.com.

John Andrew Willis is a sophomore environmental science major from Dallas.

'25 things' trend merely for fun, not analysis



VLORA BOJKU

Facebook aficionados around the world are well versed in the posts of 25 random things. Participants on Facebook list 25 things about their lives that friends might not know and tag 25 people so they can do the same. It's just another thing to do online when you're bored, feel silly or have an inkling that someone wants to know 25 random things about you.

Not everyone is taking the posts lightly. A recent Time Magazine article titled "25 Things I Didn't Want to Know About You" said the game is completely "stupid."

Claire Suddath, the writer of the article, said online friends share too much, are not funny enough and are not insightful. The author goes on to list the top 25 of the 25 random things she said she wishes her contacts would not have shared.

When I read the 25 random things she

compiled I laughed out loud several times, and I was intrigued by a few and disturbed by a couple.

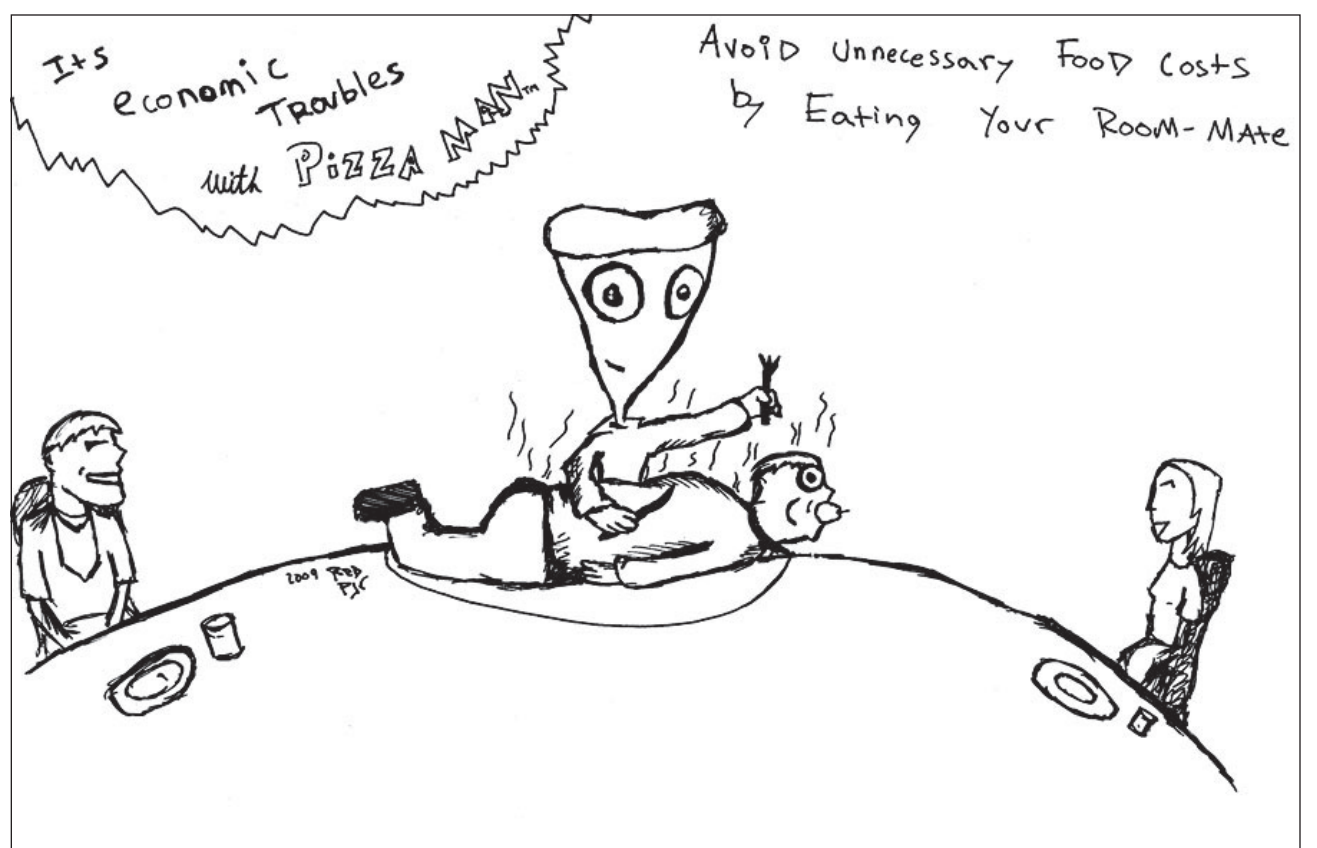
So I am left to wonder: Who cares if it is stupid? Sometimes stupid things can be fun and entertaining. Even more importantly, are people who take time to analyze how stupid it is actually more stupid?

One of the great things about Facebook is that it can be an escape from your stressful world. It's often a welcome distraction where users can share experiences, photos, declare innermost feelings in a one-sentence status and connect with friends effortlessly. Posts like "25 things" are just fun ways to express yourself, not something to be overanalyzed.

Suddath should have ignored the "25 things" posts on Facebook like others do. Instead, she probably spent more time writing the article than most people spend writing their list of 25 random things.

My guess is Time might be a little jealous of the estimated 5 million people who have participated in listing 25 random things instead of joining the Time fan page on Facebook which, at last count, had only 2,830 fans. Ouch!

Vlora Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.



Robert Slack is a sophomore theatre major from El Paso.

Fans should get over A-Rod scandal



SHAWN REDD

Major League Baseball fans need to calm down and take a step back from the absolute media frenzy surrounding the steroid scandals.

It was difficult to accept that Alex Rodriguez was using steroids when he was the overpaid star of my beloved Texas Rangers. How could this man whom millions of fans adore and admire take performance-enhancing drugs? Perhaps a better question is how could he not.

Every athlete is looking for an edge on the competition, or at least a level playing field. Is it really cheating when so many in the game, including many of your opponents, are doing it?

Steroids and performance-enhancing drugs did not give A-Rod his talent. It doesn't allow a player to connect the bat to the ball or throw the correct pitch. He may get some extra feet on a home run, but with players like A-Rod and Barry Bonds, do they really need those extra feet?

These athletes were hammering long balls well before and after their admitted drug use.

Part of me wants to feel betrayed like the majority of people who care about these things do. But how can we turn on a player for using them when it was culturally acceptable and the player is ultimately trying to provide better entertainment for a billion-dollar industry?

Baseball fans want to be entertained: the long ball, perfect games, web gem plays and the occasional bench-clearing brawl.

Obviously, steroids are dangerous and shouldn't be allowed, but we are just going to have to get over these past indiscretions and look to the future.

Most of us know nothing about the pressure these players are under with million-dollar contracts and constant pressure from the media and fans requiring them to be a role model when all they want to do is play ball.

It's time to put this era behind us and give ourselves time to prepare for the next big "scandal" that will be blown way out of proportion by the media and government.



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Don't criticize mom of 14 for wanting large family



ASHLEY TAMBUNGA

Americans are balking at a mother's choice to bring another eight lives into existence in addition to the six children she already had.

Yet so far this year, an estimated 5 million babies have been aborted around the world.

"All I've ever wanted was to be a mom," was the response of the mother of 14 children, Nadya Suleman, to the aggressive accusations of "The Today Show" anchor Ann Curry that Suleman has been quite "selfish."

Suleman's desire to have a big family to compensate for a lonely childhood causes everyone to question her. Yet, Angelina Jolie does an interview with CNN to promote a People magazine

deal that brought \$4 million for the first pictures of her child, Shiloh, and everyone just laps it up.

So what if Suleman receives welfare? Three of her children are suffering from disabilities that require attention, and shouldn't the government help her with that?

In 2005, the government assisted 2 million needy people through welfare. It's not like Suleman is alone in accepting assistance in caring for her children. At least she is honest about needing help.

Marina Gavrielova from Brooklyn, N.Y., received \$360,000 in federal aid between 2002-2007 and she was not the single, struggling mother she claimed to be. In fact, she used most of that money to travel to around the world, visiting Italy, Mexico and several Caribbean islands before she was discovered to be a fraud. The father of her children, whom she lived with, made \$98,000 a year driving limousines.

Suleman admits that the father, her current boyfriend and sperm donor for all the children, did not know she had decided to have eight more.

So what if Suleman receives welfare? Three of her children are suffering from disabilities that require attention, and shouldn't the government help her with that?

Suleman had been married before and suffered multiple miscarriages during her seven-year failed marriage. So why doesn't she have the right to have a big family?

The babies have been born into a world that scrutinizes their very existence and it's unfair. Society tolerates abortions but questions the motives of mothers like Suleman who embrace a large family.

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NEWS & SPORTS

U.S. Army hopes to prevent hearing loss caused by combat's clamor

By Brian Newsome
The Gazette
(Colorado Springs, Colo.)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Staff Sgt. Chris Mountjoy couldn't hear for three days after the mortar round screamed into his camp and exploded 15 feet from him. The open door of a Humvee saved him from the shrapnel, but a shock wave blew him 30 feet into a wall, perforating his ear drums. His hearing came back, but only partially. Now, more than two years later, the 27-year-old who loved being in the infantry spends his days behind a desk at the 10th Combat Support Hospital in Fort Carson, Colo., where he was re-assigned because of his hearing loss and a traumatic brain injury from the blast. Hearing aids help him, but they're not perfect. He seldom lets his two young children play in a different room because he cannot hear if something were to happen. He avoids loud restaurants, where background noise blots out dinner conversation with his wife.

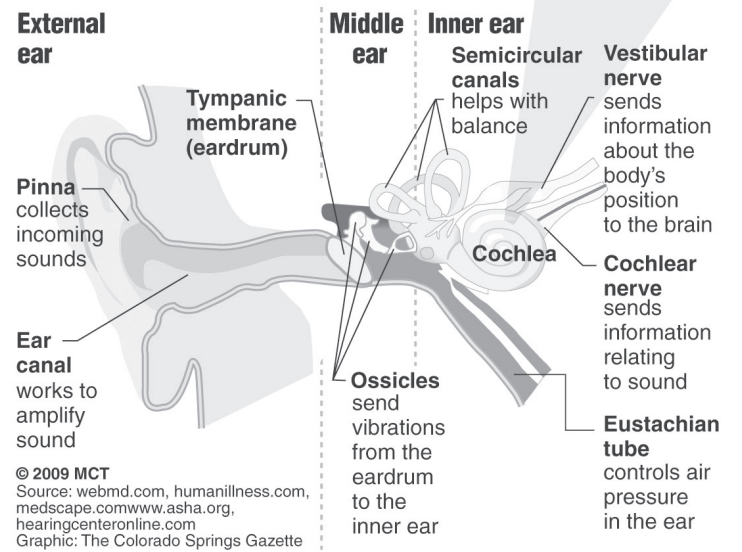
Mountjoy isn't alone in his quiet world. A cacophony of roadside bombs, machine guns and heavy equipment is wreaking havoc on the hearing of soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. An Army questionnaire of soldiers returning from Iraq found that as many as one in four returned from Iraq with some level of hearing damage. A 2005 study in the Journal of Audiology found that soldiers deployed to Iraq from April 2003 to March 2004 were 50 times more likely to suffer acoustic trauma than those who weren't deployed. Such statistics have prompted the military to rethink how it handles hearing cases, and Fort Carson is on the front lines of that change. The Colorado post is piloting an Army study to show whether additional hearing experts on staff and a sharper focus on prevention can cut down on hearing disabilities. So far, efforts are working, said Capt. Leanne Cleveland, the senior audiologist and hearing program manager at Fort Carson. Hearing damage is a problem

that extends beyond a soldier's daily life. It can make soldiers nondeployable, and it consumes millions in disability claims. "For a soldier to be successful on the battlefield, they have to shoot, move, communicate," Cleveland said. "Hand signals are not always enough. If you're getting a radio transmission and the command is 'fall back' and you think the command is 'attack,' that's huge." There may also be unknown tolls. Hearing loss has been tied to depression in a number of studies, and depression and suicide have become a growing concern for the military. Noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus, hearing damage marked by ringing in the ears, are two of the top disability claims for soldiers and veterans, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Both have been on the rise in recent years, with hearing loss becoming the leading disability among veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 58,000 veterans from those conflicts are collecting disability for hearing loss, and another 70,000

for tinnitus, a ringing in the ears. Improvised explosive devices tend to come suddenly and unexpectedly, and depending on how far away they are, they can deliver crushing decibels and sudden pressure changes. Additionally, the Institute of Medicine study found the military has fallen short in researching hearing loss, screening for it, and preparing soldiers with the equipment and knowledge to prevent it. Enter Fort Carson. The post has two audiologists and five hearing technicians assigned to its soldiers, double the traditional allotment for Army posts. It also has a civilian audiologist to outfit troops with hearing aids. And the focus has shifted from treating patients after the damage is done to preventing hearing loss in the first place. The post has ordered thousands of earplugs to fit every conceivable ear and situation. All that comes with an aggressive campaign to educate soldiers about noise-induced hearing loss and the importance of prevention. A trained hearing officer

Hearing loss

Hearing loss occurs not just because of age, but also because of trauma from loud sounds. Explosions and gunfire are two reasons why soldiers are an at-risk group for hearing loss.



equipped with an arsenal of earplugs and diagnostic equipment is being assigned to every unit, with about 330 trained so far. The effort is paying off: Re-

ferred to hearing specialists because of possible hearing loss are the lowest they've been in seven years, and other hearing measures have improved.

IDENTITY THEFT

Woman to serve 4 years for fraud

By Jennifer Sullivan
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — A Mountlake Terrace High School dropout who assumed the identities of at least three people to get into some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and fraudulently collect more than \$100,000 in student loans will serve about four years in a federal prison. Esther Reed, 30, conned her way into Harvard and Columbia universities and earned a spot on the U.S. Secret Service's "eight most wanted" list by adopting the identities of several people after she left Washington state a decade ago. Among the identities that Reed assumed was that of Brooke Henson, a woman who vanished from a house party in Travelers Rest, S.C. in 1999. In 2007, Reed was indicted on several federal charges, including aggravated identity theft. She was arrested a year ago near Chicago. Lisa Henson, Brooke Henson's sister, who spoke at Reed's sentencing Wednesday in Greenville, S.C., asked the judge to impose the harshest sentence possible for dragging their family through the pain of hoping that Brooke had been found. "I don't think she was sentenced long enough," Henson said by phone Thursday. "When I made my statement (in court) she wouldn't make eye contact with me." Reed asked for mercy at her sentencing, contending she sought a made-up world to es-

cape a difficult family life. "I was desperate to escape an environment I felt I could not survive," Reed said, speaking in a strong voice as she stood before the judge in handcuffs, leg shackles and red prison jumpsuit, her long, dark brown hair tied in a ponytail. Reed pleaded guilty to mail and wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and student loan fraud in August. She was also facing a Social Security violation charge, but it was dropped when she agreed to plead guilty, said W. Walter Wilkins, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina. Reed will serve three years of supervised release after getting out of prison, Wilkins said. Reed requested that she serve her time in Pennsylvania so she could be close to a friend. "I have been involved in this case for almost two years now.

"I don't think she was sentenced long enough."

Lisa Henson
identity thief victim

We took it on like we would any other identity theft," Wilkins said. "The scheme she was engaged in expanded from the East Coast the West Coast. She was very talented in assuming a third-party's identity." Henson said Reed smiled and laughed in court on Wednesday, acting as if she had done nothing

wrong. "She sly like a fox," Henson said. "She doesn't want to face anybody who she has done wrong." During her nine years on the run, Reed had claimed to be a European chess champion and dated cadets from the U.S. Military Academy, according to police and court documents. She got a passport, passed a high-school-equivalency test, obtained an Ohio identification card, took an SAT test in California and was accepted to the School of General Studies at Columbia University — all by using Henson's identity, according to grand jury charging documents. Reed disappeared from the Seattle area in 1999 after pleading guilty to possession of stolen property, including a book of her sister's checks. She disappeared before she could be sentenced. Reed is no longer wanted in King County because her arrest warrant has expired. In February 2008, police in suburban Chicago tracked Reed to a motel after spotting a car she had been known to be driving. Though she initially provided an Iowa driver's license with another woman's name, Reed soon admitted her true identity. Reed also had fictitious marriage certificates, a birth certificate in her legal name and a Washington state driver's license. She was arrested and turned over to Secret Service agents. In addition to the prison sentence, Reed was also ordered to pay \$125,000 in restitution to several victims.

RECESSION

Job seekers tone down resumes to avoid appearing overqualified

By Kirsten Valle
McClatchy Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Faced with the cruelest job market in years, some unemployed professionals are lowering their standards for the jobs they're seeking — and even toning down their resumes to avoid seeming overqualified. To try to land interviews, they're mum about master's degrees they've earned and omitting lofty-sounding executive titles. Still others have left out everything from salary histories to the years they graduated to appear more attractive to employers. Experts say it's a sign of growing desperation in a tough economy where the national unemployment rate for January was 7.6 percent. Job openings are scarce, and some employers turn away overqualified candidates, worrying they can't afford them, or that the new hires will be dissatisfied and move on quickly. Gerry Kirkland of Fort Mill, S.C.-based Global Recruiters Network said he's talked to two job seekers in the past month who have listed lower-level titles. One worked as general manager at a steel manufacturer; his resume now says "plant manager" or "manufacturing manager," Kirkland said. One Charlotte woman, who asked not to be identified, had two recruiters present her former title as "director" of marketing, rather than "vice president," thinking the latter would make her seem overqualified, she said. The woman, who is in her 40s, agreed to ditch the title in hopes of getting an interview and deciding for herself whether the job was a fit, she said. "Anybody who's been out of work for a long period of time begins looking for, 'What can I do to survive?'" said Doug For-

rest, a researcher at recruiting firm CEO Inc. "They're doing what they have to do in order to become employed." It's hard to say whether leaving information off a resume is unethical. Generally, recruiters say it's smart to tailor your resume to different positions and play up the strengths that would be a good match. Omitting details is not considered as serious as inventing qualifications you don't have. Barry Wohl of Carolina Custom Resumes often discusses with clients the best way to phrase titles and qualifications, he said. "We don't want them to look like they're in that rarefied atmosphere where it looks like there's very little demand," he said. Wohl frequently omits college graduation dates, for instance, so hiring managers can't immediately tell how long an applicant has been in the work force. He has worked with at least one client who left out his master's degree. "The feeling would be that they just did not want to appear too educated or like they would require a higher salary," he said. Some workers still hold out for a job that fits, like Lysa Schmidt, 50, who lost her job at Citigroup in December after 19 years. "I'm not going to take anything off my resume," she said. "I'm not going to settle." But for others, settling has

become the only option. Richard Smith, who moved to Charlotte from Michigan last year, has used 25 to 50 versions of his resume over the past few years, playing up or down certain qualifications based on the opportunity, he said Thursday at a local networking event. Smith's last job was as a project manager in the automotive industry. When he first moved to Charlotte, he was looking for jobs with similar pay. Now, he has lowered those expectations and is checking out teaching and coaching positions at area schools. Employers have mixed opinions on toned-down resumes. Sandy Cranford, director of hiring for the amusement park Carowinds, which is filling more than 2,100 seasonal jobs this year, said she hasn't seen applicants toning down resumes. She said she has seen candidates with MBAs apply there. "For those that are overqualified, it's just less training we have to do," she said. Cranford said she wouldn't be bothered if someone chose not to disclose certain qualifications — but that those things are nice to know and can sometimes result in a better position, if one becomes available. Betsey Walker, human resources manager for Charlotte's Carilion Labs, a hospital lab company, said it's best for applicants to play up certain skills or accomplishments, but they should rarely leave anything out. "Probably in this market, it's not unwise to be appealing to different employers, but you don't want to try to be everything to everybody," she said. Walker has seen candidates leave information off because they feel it's irrelevant to the job. She considers that a misrepresentation: "I find myself wondering, what else did they leave out?"

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Jim Christian
head basketball coach

that number seems a little low. "Right now it feels like 125 (games)," Christian said. "We've had our ups and downs, but we've also shown signs of doing some really good things."

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"The team's frustrated — everybody's frustrated," Christian said. "We haven't been able to play for 40 minutes and do the things we're capable of doing." Poor shooting has plagued the Horned Frogs' offense. The team has managed to connect on just 38.6 percent of its shots during the losing streak. It doesn't help that the team has allowed opponents to hit 53.4 percent of their field goal attempts in the same time period. It is a combination of these factors that has put the team in its current position, sixth place in the Mountain West Conference, Christian said.

"We're not guarding as well as we were earlier in the year and if you're not going to do that you can't win in this league," he said. Christian said one of the positive things he's been able to take out of the losing streak is that some of the team's younger players are gaining valuable experience. The lessons learned during recent struggles are tough to take, but they will only serve to aid the team in the future, Christian said. "Those things, at the end of the day, they help the program move forward," Christian said. The basketball team's first season under Christian's guidance is rapidly winding down. The Horned Frogs have played 25 of 30 games, but for Christian

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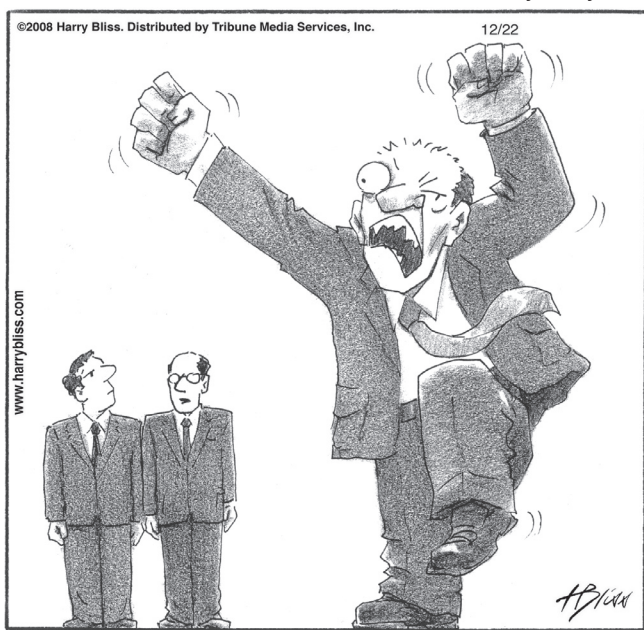


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Tuesday's Solutions

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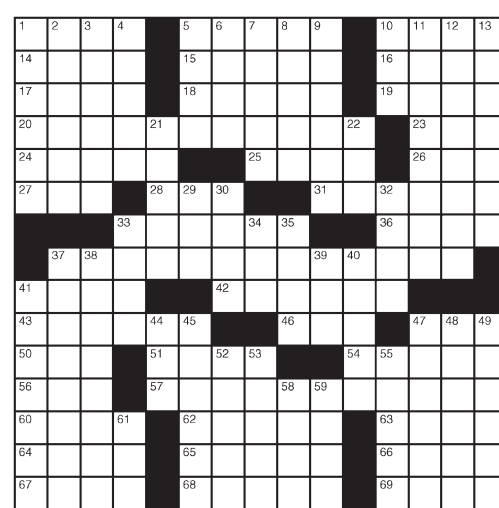
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- 25 Wound covering
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- 31 Step down
- 33 From Pago Pago
- 36 Simplicity
- 37 British royal residence
- 41 Interferometer instrument
- 42 Stings
- 43 Get it wrong
- 46 Part of R.S.A.
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- 54 Oak starter
- 56 NCAA word
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- 5 Young kangaroo
- 6 Hot shots
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- 12 Biddies' home
- 13 International accord
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- 22 SHO rival
- 29 Morning hrs.
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- 35 Final Four letters
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By John Underwood
New York, NY

2/6/09

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

STILL FIGHTING



Freshman guard Ronnie Moss dribbles around BYU junior forward Chris Miles during Saturday night's home game. The Horned Frogs take on Air Force tonight. PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor

Frustrated team ready for Falcons

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

The two teams meeting tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum have combined to lose their past 18 games. With each team looking to break out of its funk, there certainly shouldn't

be a lack of effort on the court this evening.

The Horned Frogs (13-12, 4-7 MWC), losers of their past six games, are hosting the Air Force Academy Falcons (9-15, 0-11 MWC), losers of 12 straight.

"Something's going to break

here, either us or them," head coach Jim Christian said. "(Air Force is) hungry and they've played well."

The Horned Frogs squeezed out a 57-54 victory on the road against Air Force Jan. 17.

Christian said his team is upset with its play of late.

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CARROLL'S CORNER

Losing streak hurts, but team still young



MICHAEL CARROLL

Just four weeks ago, the men's basketball team was flying high. With a 13-6 record and a share of first place in the Mountain West Conference, everything seemed to be going the Horned Frogs' way.

But things have gone in a disappointingly different direction for head coach Jim Christian's squad since the exciting, early days of Mountain West Conference play.

A 4-1 conference record has quickly degenerated into a 4-7 mark. Bounces that were once going the Horned Frogs' way suddenly aren't. The anticipation of great things to come this season has been replaced with hopes of great things to come in future seasons.

But with a new head coach, four returning players from last year's squad and a whole host of newcomers, no one should have expected the team to do much of anything this season.

In reality, the Horned Frogs could actually be in worse shape than they are right now.

If not for a three-point victory over a still-winless Air Force team and a triumphant one-point overtime win the following week against Wyoming, the team would be in the midst of a nine-game losing streak to go with a 2-9 record in conference play.

It isn't hard to decipher why the team has been struggling as

of late. An inability to hit shots matched with an equal inability to defend shots usually doesn't bode well for any basketball team at any level. Also, lack of experience may be a factor — the team only has two seniors on the roster.

But as Christian said Monday, "There's still a lot of basketball left to play."

Four games remain after tonight's home matchup against Air Force. Four games should be enough time for the team to prove the program is still heading

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in a positive direction. Enough time to prove that quitting hasn't crossed the minds of any of the team's players.

After all, the Mountain West Conference Tournament, beginning March 11 in Las Vegas, is right around the corner. There's no reason to think the Horned Frogs won't be capable of turning some heads once it rolls around.

Good things have happened with the basketball program this season. It's just been a while since we've seen any sign of it.

Sports editor Michael Carroll is a news-editorial journalism major from Coppell.

NBA

Rockets express interest in Carter

By Al Iannazzone
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HOUSTON — Vince Carter practiced at the Toyota Center on Monday. He may be calling this building home later in the week.

The Nets and Rockets have exchanged trade proposals and continue to talk, according to league sources and sources close to the Nets. One scenario has Carter and Josh Boone going to Houston for Ron Artest, Carl Landry and Luther Head.

But another Texas team remains very much alive in the Carter sweepstakes. The San Antonio Spurs' package for Carter would include Roger Mason Jr., George Hill and Bruce Bowen, the sources said. The Nets would have to make other moves to clear roster room for the additional players they take back.

Nothing is imminent at this point, but the trade deadline is

Thursday. Things are expected to heat up before then.

"It's one of those things you can't control," Carter said. "They know how I feel about being here, how I'm happy here, the whole nine (yards)."

"If it happens it happens. I do my job regardless."

Carter, who could play one of his last games as a Net here Tuesday night, was the subject of numerous trade rumors over All-Star Weekend. The three Texas teams and Cleveland have shown the most interest in the Nets' best player.

General manager Kiki Vandeweghe has spoken to Carter about what's happening, an indication that something could transpire. The Nets share the same affinity for Carter as he does for them. They don't want to trade him, but if they do, it likely would be for economic reasons first.

The Nets are losing millions and Carter is guaranteed \$33.6 million

for the next two seasons with a \$4.5 million partial guarantee for 2010-11.

Artest is in the final year of his contract. Landry, a tough second-year power forward, makes \$3 million next year and has a team option for the 2010-11 season. Head, a fourth-year point guard, can be a free agent after this season.

It makes sense for the Rockets. They need another scorer with Tracy McGrady battling a knee injury. Taking Artest could be risky for the Nets because of his checkered past. But the mercurial forward wants to show he's worthy of a big payday, so he could play hard and be on his best behavior.

The Nets, who are in Dallas on Wednesday, also have spoken to the Mavericks. The Nets probably don't want to help the Mavericks, though. New Jersey owns Dallas' first-round pick in 2010 from the Jason Kidd trade and wouldn't want to lessen its value.

MEN'S TENNIS

First home match of season features No. 15 Texas A&M

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

The No. 34-ranked men's tennis team will continue to battle its difficult schedule when they face No. 15 Texas A&M University tonight.

The Horned Frogs are coming off a Saturday match in Norman, Okla., where they suffered a 5-2 loss against the University of Oklahoma.

Head coach Dave Borelli said the team needs to play together and meet its full potential. The team is now 1-3 overall in the spring and has yet to play a conference match.

Although Oklahoma and the University of Texas at Austin have both added to the team's loss count, Borelli said his team is building up and improving for Mountain West Conference play.

"I think it's better for the team to play a harder schedule at the start of the year to prepare us to try and win the conference," Borelli said.

Last year, the Aggies slipped past the Horned Frogs with a 4-3 win. A&M comes into Wednesday's match with a 2-2 record overall.

Sophomore Emanuel Brighiu said the team needs to keep up the hard work at practice and stay positive about their upcoming match against A&M.

"They may be in a bigger conference and have a tougher sched-



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Sophomore Jack Seider returns the ball during a doubles match against the University of Texas at Arlington last season. Seider started last year's spring season with 11-0 record with doubles partner Zach Nichols.

ule each year, but that isn't going to stop us from trying to do our best and try for a win," Brighiu said.

Sophomore Casey Powers said if the team can win against A&M it may give them the confidence they need to start a winning streak.

"It's very important to try and win our match Wednesday," Powers said. "Last year we were able to get on a long winning streak once we built momentum and beating A&M could give us the momentum we need to get going."

Although the team's schedule has proved to be a challenge, to be the best you have to play the best, Borelli said.

"You have to go out and play the

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best people," Borelli said. "I don't care about our win-loss record; I'd rather go 10-10 in beating some really good teams rather than going 20-0 in beating nobody."

The team will have played 11 straight ranked teams before they start conference play in April against Brigham Young University.

After Wednesday's match, the team will get back on the road to face the University of Tulsa on Feb. 21.

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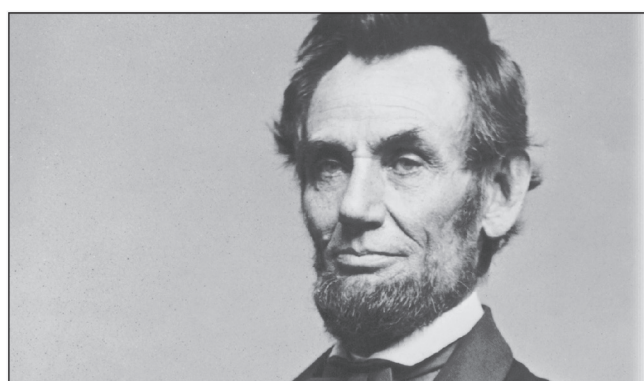
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