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TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Gun bill draws opposition from students

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

Opposition to a gun bill allowing licensed people to carry handguns on college campuses grows as students from the university and the University of Texas take to the streets with a petition to be presented in committee in the hopes of keeping the bill on the floor.

Jordan Adair, a sophomore communications major, and Jackie Mintz, a sophomore at UT, said they circulated the petition around both campuses.

Adair said she got four pages of signatures with about 30 signatures per sheet. She said she found few students who supported the bill, or who had no opinion.

Mintz said she caught wind of the bill

at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, where she works as an intern. She said she also attended student government meetings where she watched the student government pass a university-wide resolution opposing the bill.

But, she said, at UT the student government has the stigma of being a vocal minority, so its opinions are often overlooked by politicians who claim it has it easier than other student governments because of its close proximity to the capitol.

Mintz said getting a petition signed will give her something to put in front of the committee before it votes. And, she said, getting TCU involved will help the petition carry more weight.

"I feel like our only chance of stopping this bill is to keep it in committee," Mintz said.

"As long as the committee votes to keep it on the floor, it will not be presented to the entire body."

Adair said she got involved in the petition because the idea of guns on campus is scary.

"I've never been one to believe that you fight guns and violence with more guns and violence," Adair said. "Adding more weapons or more dangerous things to the equation just seems to me that it would have the opposite effect."

Mintz said she started talking to students most would consider politically apathetic to get a feel for the number of students who knew about the bill. She said several students she talked to knew nothing about the bill and wanted proof that it was actually moving through the legislature.

Adair said she was also surprised by the number of students who didn't know about the bill, and though her intention is to stop the bill, she said she's also just trying to raise awareness.

"It just seems like a very big issue for so few people to know about it," Adair said.

Mintz said the only sort of gun support she ran into was from students who believed they should be allowed to carry guns, but not on campus.

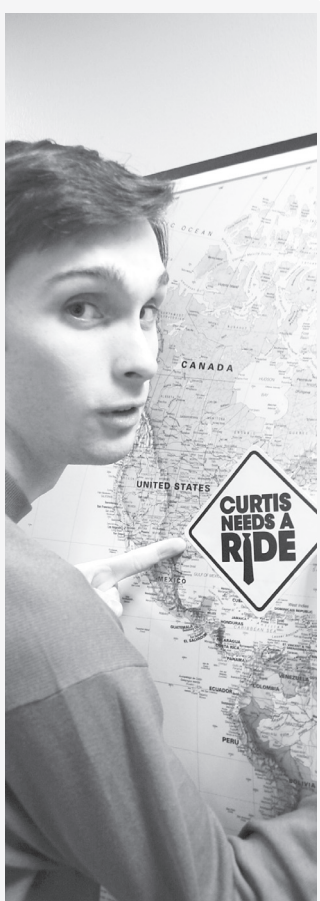
Mintz said she has no problem with people carrying guns as long as she has the choice to avoid places where they are allowed, something that would not be the case on a college campus.

"I don't have a choice," she said. "I have to sit in my English class if I want to pass the class and graduate."

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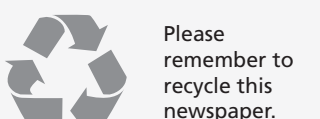
PECULIAR FACT

BERLIN — The skeleton of a German retiree who tied himself to the top of a tree and shot himself to death nearly 30 years ago has been found by a hiker. German police in the southern town of Landshut said on Monday the 69-year-old man disappeared in 1980 and had been classified as missing.

— Associated Press

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BUTT OUT



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Senior political science major Brandy Burns takes a timeout for a smoke near the Mary Coats Burnett Library entrance Monday morning. A new federal tobacco tax has made cigarette prices rise by more than \$1 per pack.

Students react to new tobacco tax

By Lizzy Karoly
Staff Reporter

Students may think twice about lighting up a cigarette to ease the stress of school now that a new tobacco tax increase has gone into effect.

The largest federal tax increase in history, which went into effect April 1, raises tobacco taxes from 39 cents per cigarette pack to \$1.01 per pack. According to the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, it increases excise tax rates on cigarettes as well as cigars, cigarette papers, smokeless tobacco, pipe

tobacco, and roll-your-own tobacco.

With this new tax increase, Texas smokers may be some of the hardest hit because they already face a state tax on cigarettes of \$1.41 per pack. Texas smokers are going to have to pay for the state tax and the new federal tax of \$1.01 when buying cigarettes. Average prices for a pack of cigarettes in Texas will now range anywhere from 6 to 8 dollars per pack.

Students buying a pack of Marlboro Lights around campus will pay \$6.32 at the Conoco gas station on University Drive,

Cigarette Tax

Previous Federal Tax: 39 cents
New Federal Tax: \$1.01
Current Texas State Tax: \$1.41

Source: DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Costs of a pack of Marlboro Lights around campus
Conoco: \$6.32
Shell: \$6.65
7-Eleven: \$6.81

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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

New groups give more options for freshmen

By Patrick Burns
Staff Reporter

Freshmen will have more options next school year thanks to changes to the Freshman Interest Groups on campus, a university official said.

Additions to Freshman Interest Groups, residence hall communities based on specific themes, include the addition of a Creativity and Performing Arts group, which targets students who have an interest in the arts, from music to drama, and Pre-Health, which focuses on the medical field, said Heather Miller, assistant director of Residential Services.

The Frog Camp FIG will split into two groups: Spirit & Traditions and Leadership 1.0, which feeds into the Living Learning Community theme, Leadership 2.0, for upperclassmen at Carter and Samuelson halls.

Miller said one of the main things the department learned in the inaugural year of the program was that some FIGs struggled because the theme was too broad for students to plan programs for.

"We've learned that communities that have a lot of structure and direction are the most successful," Miller said.

For the 2009-10 school year, the list of FIGs includes Business, a group for hopeful business majors, Service and Learning, which focuses on community services, Women in Science and Health, a group for women with interest in the scientific field, Education, which focuses on students who want to go into teaching, and Honors, a group for students in the honors program, Miller said.

The residence halls involved in the FIG program are Clark, Waits, and Foster.

Miller said the Frog Camp FIG split because it had too many people, and the theme was too wide-ranging for any sort of true interest group to form among the wing, she added.

Bridgit Breslow, director of Foster Hall, said that although having a well-defined theme is important, it won't matter if students don't take an interest in the community.

"It's like herding cats," Breslow said. "If students don't want to have an interest, then they won't. The (resident assistants) can light the spark and get them excited when they move in with the decorations on the bulletin boards, but the residents have to be motivated to come back and keep doing the program."

Breslow said the Business FIG, which had professors come to meetings and give presentations, as well as group trips to see a speaker invited by the Neeley School of Business, helped the members understand the tools they need in order to excel in the school.

Katie Knable, director of Waits Hall, will be the host of the Creative and Performing Arts FIG. Knable said she hopes the FIG will expand out from beyond its academic uses.

"The point of the FIGs is to create bonds with students who have similar interests, and who all have similar schedules," Knable said. "This allows them to really share that bond and support each other by going to each other's performances as well as helping each other out with class work."

SEE TURKEY · PAGE 2

Obama avoids talk of genocide in Turkey

By Steven Thomma
McClatchy Newspapers

ISTANBUL, Turkey — The world was simpler when Barack Obama was campaigning for votes.

Candidate Obama could charge that a country such as Turkey carried out a long-ago genocide, wooing votes from the descendants of more than a million Armenians slain by the Turks, and vowing not to back down from tough talk if elected.

Now, visiting that same country as president, Obama has changed his words, if not his worldview.

Courting the Muslim world and a crucial ally in a tinderbox part of the world,

President Obama said Monday that he still held the same views about what the Turks did to the Armenians.

He carefully avoided using the word genocide, however, and strove instead to prod the Armenians and the Turks — not to mention Armenian supporters at home — to turn away from a painful past and focus instead on improving relations.

The challenge of fulfilling a campaign promise without offending his hosts forced Obama to navigate between U.S. politics and international diplomacy as he wrapped up an eight-day trip to Europe and the doorstep of Asia that helped punctuate his transition from candidate to world player, all while remaining ever the politician.

As a presidential candidate, Obama bluntly characterized the deaths of Armenians here nearly a century ago as genocide. The flash point is the deaths of as many as 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of the Turks starting in 1915, as World War I raged and the Ottoman Empire started to break apart.

Saying the word as president, however, would chill relations and perhaps even cost support from Turkey, which Obama deems crucial to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as his broader outreach to the Muslim world.

"I have not changed views," he said

NEWS

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Committee selects leaders for Skiff, Image Magazine



By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

The student publications committee selected the fall 2009 Daily Skiff editor-in-chief, advertising manager and Image Magazine editor-in-chief Friday.



Hall

David Hall, a junior news-editorial journalism major, was selected for the editor-in-chief position of the Daily Skiff. Hall, who currently works as associate editor, has previously worked as a columnist, reporter and news editor.



Raymer

"I want to bring more humor to the opinion page because I think that's important to the college reader," Hall said. He said his experiences at the paper will help bring insight over the next semester. "Through all the things I've done — opinion pieces, news stories, sports pieces — I know what goes into all sections and how to get the best out of said sections," Hall said.

The committee selected Lauren Rausch, a junior news-editorial journalism major, for the editor-in-chief position of Image Magazine.

Rausch said she started working in the journalism field in high school as the editor-in-chief and a photojournalist for her high school yearbook.

Rausch, who currently works as managing editor of Image, said the current and previous editors-in-chief of Image have done a good job of laying a foundation for the magazine.

"I want to use the foundation they have created and kick it up a notch," she said.

Tiffany Raymer, a junior advertising/public relations major, was chosen to remain as the advertising manager.

"We will be having a few changes this semester," Raymer said. "We are going to have a lot of turnover because a lot of seniors are graduating, and we are also going to be pushing our online sales."

MAD DASH



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Children race to collect Easter eggs during the 15th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday afternoon at Sadler Lawn.

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when he was asked about his stance with Turkish President Abdullah Gul standing beside him earlier Monday in Ankara.

He didn't use the word "genocide," however, nor did he repeat the condemnation he made as a presidential candidate while he was courting Armenian-Americans.

Speaking later to the Turkish Parliament, he sidestepped the question of genocide, referring to it only as "the terrible events of 1915."

"While there has been a good deal of commentary about my views, this is really about how the Turkish and Armenian people deal with the past," he said. "We have already seen historic and courageous steps taken by Turkish and

Armenian leaders. These contacts hold out the promise of a new day."

Obama also used his visit to Turkey, a secular Muslim country, to reach out.

"The United States is not at war with Islam. In fact, our partnership with the Muslim world is critical in rolling back a fringe ideology that people of all faiths reject," he told the Turkish Parliament.

He added, however, that he seeks a better relationship with the Muslim world beyond fighting the al-Qaida terrorist network.

"We will listen carefully, bridge misunderstanding and seek common ground," he said. "We will be respectful, even when we do not agree."

He also planned to speak directly to people from Turkey and throughout the region in a televised town-hall meeting in Istanbul.

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\$6.65 at the Shell station on University Drive and \$6.81 at the 7-Eleven on Berry Street.

Tim Lee, a senior accounting major, said he smokes about a pack of cigarettes every day but was not aware of the new tax increase.

"Now that I know how much the price went up I would like to quit," Lee said. "I have thought about quitting before but since the prices have gone up so much I don't think I can afford it as a college student."

President Barack Obama signed the bill in order to fund the expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Pro-

gram. According to the bill the purpose of the act is to provide dependable and stable funding for children's health insurance in order to enroll the six million uninsured children who are eligible, but not enrolled, for coverage today.

Michael Katovich, a sociology professor who teaches classes about drugs and alcohol, said tobacco taxes known as "sin taxes" have a great paradox about their name.

"The paradox is that one foundation of the tax is used for health reasons to support children's hospitals and research, so the imposition of a sin tax is designed of traditional imposing of the greater good," Katovich said. "But the tax relies

on people to engage in sin so that others can engage in pure research or what we consider to be purity, so it is combining purity and danger."

Mallory Phillips, a sophomore communication studies major, said she was unaware of the new tobacco tax increase.

"I don't smoke all the time, and I smoke more in social settings than when I am stressed," Phillips said.

Phillips said the new tax will not affect her purchasing habits because she has paid higher prices for cigarettes in places like New York which has a higher state tax on tobacco than Texas.

Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director for the Alcohol and

Drug Education Center, said according to the CORE Drug and Alcohol survey from spring 2008, which is taken once every 3 years, students tend to smoke more socially than for any other reason.

The survey showed that 35.6 percent of students use tobacco on an annual prevalence, 21 percent use tobacco on a monthly prevalence, and 8.5 percent of students use tobacco on a weekly prevalence.

"I think this is really reflective that our students tend to do it only in social situations," Giovanis said.

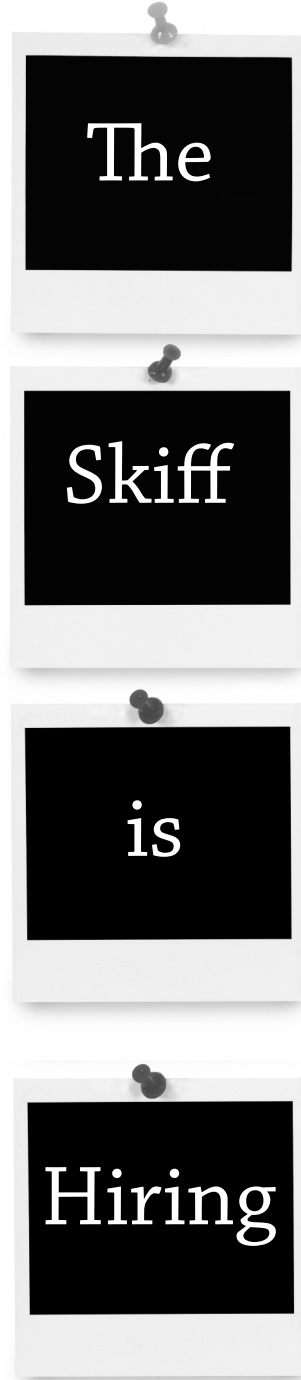
Giovanis said that if this is something important to students then they will find the money to spend on it.

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The Skiff View

Tobacco tax unwise during tough times

Last September, when he was running for office, President Barack Obama made a promise that families making under \$250,000 wouldn't see a tax increase of any kind.

Now Congress and the White House are using a new tax on cigarettes and tobacco products to balance federal spending, but even in spite of the good intentions of the tax to dissuade users from smoking, the timing puts unnecessary financial pressure on those who can't kick the habit.

While no one can argue against the health risks that cigarettes pose, another tax increase for tobacco during this economic downturn will pose a tough decision to the average smoker who is middle or working class. The smoker can try to quit or keep smoking at the cost of devoting a bigger part of his or her budget to tobacco where it would have previously gone to gasoline, groceries or used toward a savings account.

While the tax is supposed to benefit health care by funding the State Children's Health Insurance Program, it ends up placing an additional burden on families with children. On the list of priorities, a "sin tax" benefiting health care in the future doesn't trump the problems that the country faces right now.

The health risks of smoking have been addressed with ad campaigns from nonprofit organizations like the Ad Council and the American Legacy Foundation through its widespread "truth" anti-youth smoking campaign. While the numbers of those who are smoking may decrease as prices go up, it won't be without the strain on a smoker's wallet at a time when money spent on tobacco already seems like a luxury.

Features editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

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

Tax helps health care, gives incentive to quit

Smokers began paying dramatically higher prices Wednesday. The federal cigarette tax jumped by 62 cents a pack on Wednesday to \$1.01. Levies on other tobacco products also rose.

Obviously, smokers are upset. But this is an excellent opportunity to do what most tobacco users consistently say they want to do: quit smoking.

About seven in 10 smokers say they want to stop smoking, and with good reason. People who do significantly reduce their risk of dying prematurely.

They also reduce the risk of harming others around them — especially children — because money raised by the higher cigarette tax will fund health care for poor children, many smokers say they're being forced to subsidize services for others. But the truth is that the rest of us subsidize them. We've been doing it for years.

Even with higher federal taxes, smokers don't come close to covering the costs they impose on society. Cigarettes would have to sell for \$10.28 a pack to recoup all that money.

In the United States, the direct medical cost of tobacco-related illness — what we pay for doctors, hospitals, surgery and extras like oxygen — is nearly \$97 billion

a year. The cost to Medicare is about \$19 billion, while Medicaid programs shell out about \$31 billion.

No other preventable cause of illness and death — not drinking, obesity or even illegal drug use — comes close to the toll inflicted by tobacco. It kills nearly 440,000 Americans every year and sickens millions more.

Of course, most smokers already are aware of those grim statistics. What they don't know is how to stop.

Research shows that the most successful tobacco cessation starts with advice and counseling from your doctor. Physicians can prescribe drugs, Zyban and Chantix, that reduce cravings for cigarettes.

Nicotine-replacement products also can reduce withdrawal symptoms. They're available over the counter at drug and discount stores.

People who get support and counseling also improve the odds of successfully quitting. They're offered at many local hospitals, as well as by voluntary health groups like the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society. Both groups also offer free online resources.

It's not easy to quit smoking, but millions of Americans have done it. The health benefits are immediate and long-lasting.

Nobody likes to pay higher taxes. But they will provide a new incentive for many smokers — and especially many young smokers — to quit.

Besides, there's one sure-fire way to stop paying higher cigarette taxes: Stop smoking.

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G-20 a pathway toward recovery



CARLOS VALERA

Last week, the international community witnessed the latest session of the G-20, hosted in London.

The summit, which reunited the finance ministers and central bank governors of 19 countries, plus the European Union, had a tough agenda to tackle: draft a plan of action that would ease the devastating effect of the financial crisis through coordinated stimulus packages, the revamping of the rules of global financial markets and the halting of protectionist measures.

Some people view the summit as just another diplomatic meeting where flowery communiqués are published and diplomatic photo ops and goodwill handshakes are exchanged. Given the current circumstances, however, there is much more at stake than not having a picture taken with a favorite head of state.

The most recent statistics show, in fact, a dismal panorama for the world

economy. According to the World Bank, global trade will slump by 6.1 percent and global output will contract by 1.7 percent — the last figure representing something that has not happened since World War II. Protectionism is also on the rise. The Telegraph, a British newspaper, reported that based on World Bank data, 17 of the countries who were represented at the G-20 have already imposed such measures.

Despite the odds and the protests taking place in the streets, world leaders agreed to boost the role of international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and provide "a \$1.1 trillion package of measures to restore growth and jobs and rebuild confidence and trust in the financial system," according to the official G-20 Web site.

Qualitatively, it is important to highlight the role of President Barack Obama, who, according to a report from ABC News' Jake Tapper, acted as mediator in a quarrel between China's Hu Jintao and France's Nicolas Sarkozy over the regulation of tax shelters, as the new face of American diplomacy.

It is tempting to only focus on the current maladies of the American economy and think the G-20 summit

will not immediately solve high unemployment levels and restart credit markets. However, it is important for the average citizens to understand that now, more than ever, the world economies depend critically on each other like a vintage clock depends on the coordination of its intermeshing gears, regardless of their size.

Let us also remember that although the financial crisis started in the United States with the defusing of the subprime mortgage market, its ripple effect has undeniable global consequences. The collapse of the entire banking system in Iceland, for instance, prompted the country to face bankruptcy and require financial aid from the European Union and the IMF. According to The Telegraph, the IMF has also provided aid to Mexico, Pakistan, Latvia, Bosnia, Ukraine, Serbia, Romania, Hungary, and Belarus.

Even while the G-20 summit is far from having solved the global financial crisis, it represents a good public display of international cooperation among countries — a sign that a global recovery might already be in course and become more visible by the end of this year.

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Car stickers push unsolicited opinions



NAHEIL QUDAH

Bumper stickers are a wildly popular form of expression in America, but I view them as a drive-by offering of an unasked-for opinion.

See, a dynamic debate is sort of like a one-on-one fist fight for opinions, whereas bumper stickers are more like punching someone in the face and then zooming away in a golf cart.

Having strong convictions is great, but handing them out without a chance for dispute is both spineless and annoying.

Some of them aren't even opinions. Some of them are just unimportant proclamations about the academic superiority of the drivers' kids, or the fact that many things in Texas are larger in size.

Even more of them are general statements meant to humorously offend the driver behind them, which is even more obnoxious because now we've got potentially nice people reading insults off the cars of opinionated and abrasive drivers.

Sometimes, I agree with what's written on the stickers, but I've never felt the need to slap a proclamation on my car and effectively broadcast my thoughts to fellow traffic-enduring drivers. My hatred is not content-related; it's all

encompassing, and no sticker escapes my wrath.

They don't even serve a purpose. I considered that it might be sort of like flying a flag and hoping that someone in agreement might see it. But even this explanation is limited. What does any driver gain from this agreement? A thumbs up through the passenger window and three seconds of camaraderie because you went to the same high school or voted for the same jerk?

What an intense connection. It's annoying when people come up to you in real life and tell you opinions which you honestly could care less

about. If I were interested in your mundane, unfunny thoughts about life, don't you think I would ask you questions?

Bumper stickers are even more infuriating because they're essentially the same thing, except you don't have the chance to scream obscenities at the offender.

Drivers who wear their hearts on their bumpers aren't eccentric, funny or cool. They are the motorists I pass by and secretly want to throw small pebbles at.

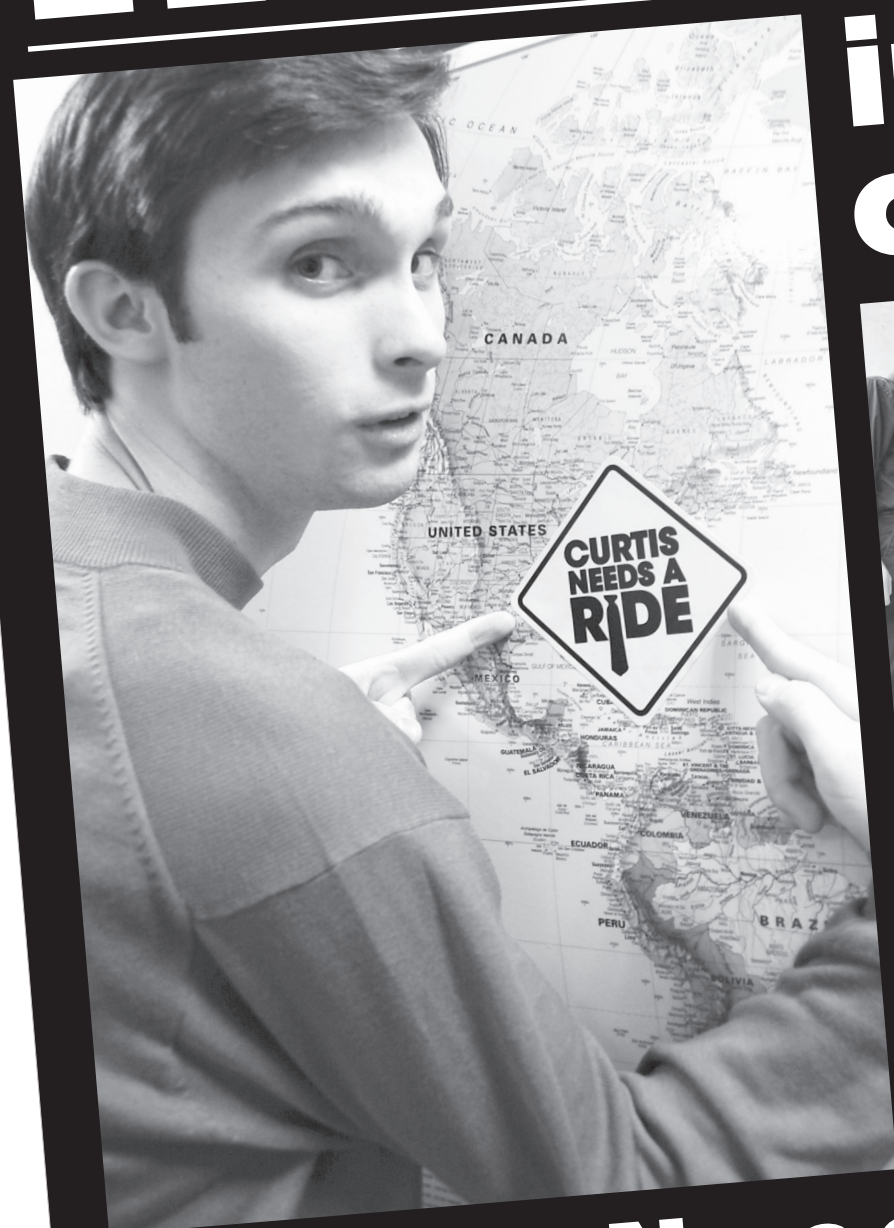
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FEATURES

A local art exhibit features some promising university students.
Tuesday

GRAYSON HOWE



improv comedy



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Ricky Anderson
president of Senseless Acts of Comedy

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CHANCE WELCH / Features Editor

Senior communication studies major Grayson Howe has improv experience from performing with the campus comedy group Senseless Acts of Comedy as well as Curtis Needs a Ride, which has recently moved into the Four Day Weekend Theater in downtown Fort Worth.

Student's future has him working for a laugh

By Justin White
Staff Reporter

At a time when most students will be graduating and looking for a career, one will pursue his dream of being funny for a living.

Grayson Howe, a senior communication studies major, is a member of the local comedy troupe Curtis Needs a Ride, which he plans to continue performing with after college.

Howe said everyone around him has been supportive of his decision to pursue a career in sketch comedy, even his mother and father.

"You hear so many stories of people saying, 'I want to do comedy' but the parents say, 'Get a real job and be a doctor,'" Howe said. "Fortunately, I haven't heard that from anybody."

Howe hopes that CNAR's recent success will continue to grow so the group will gain more local experience, he said. The group just signed with The Mary Collins Agency and has secured a home at the Four Day Weekend Theater downtown where they perform weekly.

"I'm hoping that I will be able to continue with Curtis Needs a Ride and be able to feed myself through comedy," Howe said.

In the future, however, he would like to go to Los Angeles or New York and gain success in the spotlight, Howe said.

"In a perfect world, at some point I will be on Saturday Night Live, which is the pinnacle of sketch comedy," he said. "It's extremely competitive and subjective as to what's funny, but I feel like it's a definite possibility."

Fellow CNAR member and TCU alum Michael Flusche praised Howe's unique ideas and dedication to his role. Flusche called Howe his close friend and said he deserves a lot of respect for his creative abilities and work ethic.

"He is one of the best actors I know," Flusche said. "When you mix that with comedic thinking and comedic timing, it's an awesome thing."

Howe's interest in comedy began when he took a six-week course on improvisational comedy his freshman year at Colleyville Heritage High School, Howe said. The comedy class along with his involvement in theatre throughout high school influenced his passion for comedy.

"Making my classmates laugh was just a really good feeling," Howe said.

His love and need for comedy influenced his decision on what college to attend, he said. He wanted to attend a college that had a successful comedy troupe, Howe said.

During his first semester on campus in 2006, Howe filled in for Senseless Acts of Comedy cast members who were unable to make shows, he said. Following his success, he joined SAC as a full cast member his second semester. Howe joined Curtis Needs a Ride shortly after that, he said.

Ricky Anderson, the current president of SAC, said Howe seemed very quiet and to himself when they first joined the improv troupe. That changed when it was Howe's turn to improvise, Anderson said.

"He started performing and

improvising, and I was blown away," Anderson said. "I just remember thinking, 'Whoa! This guy is good.'"

Anderson said the past two years that they have improvised together have been exciting and memorable.

"Grayson lives his life as an improviser," he said. "He can see the funny in just about any situation, and he has an enjoyable presence that everyone loves to be around."

Howe continued his improv training through a program run by Four Day Weekend in spring 2007, he said. The training ranged from those who wanted to have careers in comedy to those who were just interested in it in general, Howe said. He said the training helped him establish his character and learn the fundamentals

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Michael Flusche
Curtis Needs a Ride member

of improv. "It was cool to see people finally breaking out of their shells," Howe said.

CNAR performs every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Four Day Weekend Theater in Sundance Square.

Punk trio Here Holy Spain hits all the right notes with 'Manic'



Courtesy of IDOL RECORDS

Clockwise from left: Vocalist/guitarist Wes Todd, bassist Erica Gugliardi and drummer Patrick Ethan make up Here Holy Spain. Their debut album "Manic" releases in stores and on iTunes today.

By Andrew Young
Staff Writer

Despite being a skate-punk band, Here Holy Spain has a lot to offer first-time listeners of their album "Manic."

While the band compares itself to the Alkaline Trio and local legends the Toadies, the sound is closer to alternative rock icons Nirvana. The acid rock sound of loosely strummed power chords and the pounding rhythms of the percussion bring to mind a punk-powered Kurt Cobain.

Despite the resemblance to the late Seattle grunge

group, Here Holy Spain brings more to the table in terms of songwriting ability. Their songs are poignant and angry, a combination that rarely presents itself in punk music today.

What gets in the way of this punk trio being exceptional, for their genre, is the production of the album.

The songs on "Manic" seem to scream to be let free by a producer who could not do them the justice they deserve. There is enough diversity in the structure of each song and enough content in the band's lyrics for "Manic" to be a very good album, that

is if lead singer Wes Todd's voice didn't sound like a cheaply produced monkey singing in a plastic cage.

This is not to be critical of Todd; it is duly apparent that he has a great voice to match the anxiety driven distortion of the band. The group simply overpowers his under-produced voice, leading the listener to only wonder if, yes, the band is actually trying to say something critical and well reasoned with "The Devil is Alive and Well" or if the song is simply well-titled.

Todd's voice sounds like a throwback to the Dolby sound of the 80s. It is

muffled, filtered and distant compared to the rest of the group's relatively sharp tracks on each song. One can only guess the producer was going for an audience that wants to be angry, without knowing why they should be angry. Then again, maybe that is what the band was going for.

At only \$13.49 on Amazon.com, it would not be a bad idea to grab a copy of this record and decide for yourself. The album has enough hidden gems, such as the second and third tracks, "Same Vein" and "This Tension", that it would be money well spent.

States team to save during tight times

By Daniel C. Vock
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — The governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin still like to spar over their interstate sports rivalries, but the recession is pushing them to team up in delivering some basic state services to save taxpayers on both sides of their border up to \$10 million to start. Each faced with budget deficits of close to \$5 billion over the next two years, Govs. Tim Pawlenty, a Minnesota Republican, and Jim Doyle, a Wisconsin Democrat, last week unveiled a 130-page report that lays out ways the two states could save by getting their state bureaucracies to join hands instead of going it alone.

Wisconsin's prison farms could sell milk to Minnesota. Wisconsin could piggyback on a Minnesota contract to save 30 percent to 55 percent on shipping costs for small packages. Oversized trucks could get one permit to travel through both states, and the states could combine efforts to fight invasive gypsy moths and emerald ash borers, which know no state borders.

While Wisconsin's and Minnesota's plan would break new ground

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Deloitte Consulting LLP
financial-management expert

in melding some services that each state has operated independently up to now, states around the country have been squeezing out savings by working together or with local governments for years — even decades — on services ranging from health care to information technology to schools.

This year, from Connecticut to Hawaii, legislators in at least nine states introduced proposals to encourage different units of government to share services to trim spending. Among tasks proposed for streamlining: buying cafeteria food in bulk for multiple school districts, combining payroll departments for several city halls and using purchasing pools to buy computers at discount rates.

"The economy has mandated that we all change, whether we like it or not. That really drives people to look for new innovations, new ways to share, to do the same level of services or more services with (fewer) resources," said Steve Dahl, a Deloitte Consulting LLP financial-management expert, who is pushing Minnesota and other states to streamline operations.

Last year, 46 states pooled their buying power to purchase \$2.57 billion worth of computer equipment. Under the arrangement, states can buy Lenovo laptops at a 25 percent discount and Dell computers for 10 percent cheaper. Certain Kyocera laser printers are sold at a 75 percent markdown.

It is the largest project operated by the Western States Contracting Alliance, a 15-state group formed in October 1993 that allows other states to participate in its purchasing agreements. Once the group de-

cidates to negotiate a contract, it lets one state head the effort. Minnesota, for instance, is the lead state in the computer contract.

Early this decade, states joined forces to curb the soaring price of prescription drugs. In April 2004, the federal government for the first time approved a multi-state Medicaid drug-purchasing program. By the end of 2008, 24 states used multi-state arrangements to buy medicine for their Medicaid recipients, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

At least 43 states allow cooperative purchasing, according to a 2007 survey by the National Association of State Procurement Officers (NASPO). Alabama and Florida do not. (Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, Rhode Island did not respond to the survey.)

Most states have the authority to buy products with local governments, other states and the federal government, but some even can partner with other countries or non-profit organizations.

In 2007, Delaware worked with local jurisdictions — from schools to fire departments — to buy electricity through a reverse auction, in which sellers bid to offer the lowest price. Savings amounted to \$13 million in the first year with \$8.2 million more likely over the next three years, according to state officials.

When governments want to work together, information technology is an obvious place to start. State workers' computers, phones and Web sites in many cases can be standardized and tweaked to work better together. Once the equipment works better together, the workers who use it can work better together, too.

Gopal Khanna, Minnesota's top information officer and the president of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, said government technology projects are now catching up to the private sector in pushing for increased integration.

As the most visible outpost of government in most communities, schools are also a frequent target of efforts to streamline government.

Currently, 45 states authorize regional entities to help school districts get cheaper prices while buying supplies or providing services — up from 31 in 1997, said Brian Talbot, executive director of the Association of Educational Service Agencies, a national group of state-authorized regional authorities. He said interest in sharing services among school districts has "really, really picked up" since the recession started.

Regional offices can centralize payroll or provide a superintendent to handle multiple school districts. Schools can share special education teachers and vocational services. Districts in Washington state held down costs on new school construction by collaborating on architectural design, Talbot said.

However, prodding school districts to work with one another to cut costs also can be controversial. Pawlenty, for example, touched off a fight in the Minnesota Legislature this year when he proposed in his January state of the state speech that the state's 490 school districts and charter schools do bulk purchasing of information technology, food services, textbooks and supplies.

Troops redefine distance learning

By Darryl E. Owens
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The day starts before 8 a.m. for Jonathan Richman, a religious-program specialist 2nd class with the U.S. Navy, based at Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After a day spent boosting troop morale and interacting with detainees, the petty officer 2nd class typically clocks out at 5 p.m. He plays some racquetball, tends to his room and laundry, then pulls up a seat and dives into deep discussions with his legal-studies classmates at the University of Central Florida.

The Orlando campus might be miles from the military base, but online-degree programs are growing in appeal for veterans who've suffered grievous injuries and service members such as Richman whose worldwide deployments underscore the term "distance" learning.

"The biggest advantage of online education is the ability to 'attend' class when it is convenient for me," said the 25-year-old from Orlando. "If I feel like it, I can sign on in the middle of the night and do some homework, take a quiz or ask a question via e-mail or the bulletin board."

Nearly half of Department of Defense tuition reimbursement to active-duty service members defrays online courses, said Jim

Selbe, assistant vice president for lifelong learning at the American Council on Education.

For example, of the 9,500 students enrolled in 2008 at TUI University, an accredited online university, 7,000 were service members or veterans. Online programs "have been designed for people that travel, need flexibility with assignments and have real-life applicability," said Tom Finally, vice president of administration for TUI.

For Army Sgt. Leeona Sanders, taking classes online through UCF just made sense when she decided to augment the bachelor's degree in biochemistry and zoology she earned four years ago at the University of Florida.

As a mechanic with the 1,133rd Transportation Company at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, her days begin at 5 a.m., and she fixes trucks until about 7 p.m. After a bit of chow, she hunkers down at the computer, pursuing her master's of science education through UCF, where she enrolled in the online courses in January.

This semester, 192 veterans and active-duty service members are taking classes online at UCF, including 90 on active duty and 90 reservists and members of the National Guard.

"The biggest advantage of online education is you are able to do it at your own pace, plus you do not have to be in the coun-

try to take classes," said Sanders, who is from Paisley, Fla. She hopes to finish the program by December 2010.

Convenience is powerfully seductive and an overriding reason that service members in the four primary military branches enrolled in more than 710,000 online and traditional classes in fiscal 2007, the most recent available data, Selbe said.

But there are advantages to on-

"The biggest advantage of online education is the ability to 'attend' class when it is convenient for me."

Jonathan Richman
student and Navy specialist

line courses for active-duty service members apart from convenience. Stephanie Marine, an education major, found that her online studies with UCF provided a welcome distraction to realities of war she faced serving with the Army in Iraq.

"When I was overseas, having something to distract you from the dangers, and having something else to concentrate on, specific goals was very helpful," the 28-year-old said.

Not that online education for active-duty service members is glitch-free.

The Internet connection Richman must use at Guantanamo Bay isn't the fastest or most reliable.

"There are times when there is no Internet for a day or two," he said. "If I don't keep a few days ahead of my schoolwork, then I will miss a deadline."

And for Sanders, Uncle Sam's to-do list often interrupts her school flow. Her wrecker team can spend up to three weeks on missions scouring Iraqi roads for trucks to recover and repair.

"You never really know how long you will be on the road," she said. "This schedule is very sporadic, and you never know when you will get time to do schoolwork. So I have to make sure I am at least three weeks ahead of the due dates."

But for Richman, who first enrolled in online classes in 2003 and has taken a mix of online and face-to-face classes for most of his college career, it's darn the glitches, full speed ahead.

"I am taking online classes while deployed rather than waiting until I get back because I really want to graduate soon," said Richman, who is scheduled to complete his degree in December 2010. "When I return (home), I will only have two classes left, and that is because they must be taken face-to-face."

Young congressman seen crucial to GOP outreach

By James Oliphant
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — He is the Republican "Dream Date," a smooth-speaking, polished product of Peoria, Ill., as comfortable with Facebook as a face-to-face. John McCain's daughter gushed over him as the future of the party. He blogs for the liberal webzine Huffington Post, which said he sports the best abs in Congress. TMZ trails him like a pop star.

And he is two decades younger than Barack Obama.

Aaron Schock hasn't wanted for attention since being elected to the House of Representatives last fall as a 27-year-old from Illinois. He has bounced from Stephen Colbert's show to CNN, while his own videos go viral on YouTube.

Much of the interest stems from his unlined face and full head of brown hair. (He recently brushed aside a request from host Howard Kurtz on CNN that he take off his jacket and show more of his physique.)

Schock offers an alternative to the GOP tent poles, such as McCain, House Republican leader John Boehner and Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader in the Senate.

Other GOP fresh faces include Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia. But Schock can top them all in one respect: He's Capitol Hill's first Reagan Baby, born while the Republi-



Schock

can lodestar was in his first term. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the House's longest-serving member, had been in Congress for 26 years when

Schock was born. At 83, he's 56 years Schock's senior.

Congress is one place where the simple quality of being young is newsworthy. The average age of a member of Congress this session is 57. But away from the Beltway, the young dominate the culture. The NBA's LeBron James is 24. Golfer Tiger Woods is 33. Arguably the hottest author in America, Stephanie Meyer of the "Twilight" series, is 35. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is 24. Millionaires, all.

But in his world, Schock remains an outlier. And he is prepared to take full advantage of that. Other politicians might be mortified — or feel trivialized — if they are ambushed by TMZ's cameras or win a "most attractive" poll. But for the media-centric Schock, it's all about keeping the channel open.

"First, you've got to get their attention," Schock said last week outside the House chamber before he

entered for a vote on the budget. "Step one in getting anyone's vote is getting their attention."

That may be part of the long-term plan. Schock's Internet reputation belies his serious, even wonky approach to his new job. On Thursday, he hosted a conference call for reporters to discuss his plan for a payroll tax holiday for small businesses. At his request, he serves on three committees, more than most freshmen are allowed in their first term.

He has joined the Republican Study Committee, a home for deficit hawks. This week, he goes on his first overseas congressional trip. (The location is undisclosed, due to security concerns.)

Cantor, the House's rising Republican strategist and party whip, named Schock a deputy whip, making him part of the leadership team. Already, he has campaigned for other Republicans, such as Jim Tedisco in the special congressional election held in upstate New York last week. (Balloting in that race was so close that the winner is not yet known.)

Cantor calls Schock one of his "young guns" and says, "In only a few short months in Washington, he has already established himself as a leader."

His age, Schock says, "gives me a different perspective from (the rest of) our party. People say 'Ronald Reagan, Ronald Reagan, Ronald Reagan.' I was born after he became president. While I think it's important to study history, we have to make our party relevant for the future."

In that vein, Schock sees himself as someone not rooted in many of the time-worn political battles of past decades. "The issues of (racial) discrimination are by and large issues of the '60s and '70s. That doesn't mean we shouldn't stay vigilant on issues of discrimination. But I grew up in a very color-blind society," Schock says.

He says that as someone who wooed the African-American vote in his Peoria district and gotten a fair chunk of it. Trevor Francis, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee, calls Schock "critical" in the party's efforts to expand beyond its traditional base.

Schock says he doesn't want to slow down, get too comfortable, with all of this.

"I know why (members of Congress) don't continue to work as hard as you do when you first get here," he says. "Because it's a lot of work."

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Last spring game involves wild finish

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay
Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team closed out its spring schedule in exciting fashion with a 4-4 tie against the Texas Tech University Red Raiders at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium on Saturday night.

The Horned Frogs jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals from freshman forward Jordan Calhoun and freshman defender Kaitlyn Shelledy.

After a sluggish start, Texas Tech responded with three unanswered goals, including one with a minute remaining in the first half. The Red Raiders led 3-2 with just under 20 minutes left to play in the game.

Calhoun, however, answered with her second goal of the contest after a feed from her teammate, freshman forward Kaylie Garcia. Freshman midfielder Katie Runyon's goal with just over five minutes remaining looked like it would secure the win for the Horned Frogs, but Texas Tech managed to tie the game with just 27 seconds remaining.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said he thought his team accomplished its goal of developing chemistry

and leadership during the spring season.

"Our goal this entire spring was to really develop some personality on the field and to find the roles that players will play," Abdalla said. "I'm really happy; they showed some good things tonight."

Abdalla said he thought several players made noticeable strides this spring, but redshirt freshman defender Katie Taylor really took her game to the next level.

"She has a presence on the field, and she showed that tonight," Abdalla said.

Taylor said she saw spring ball as an opportunity to become more of a leader on the team before heading into the fall season.

"Coach has told me that I have the vocal ability to lead and people look up to me, so I'm trying to do it on a consistent basis," Taylor said.

Taylor said all the players have high expectations of themselves and of each other, so it is not hard to get them on board.

"I'll demand something from them and they'll do it and it also works vice versa," Taylor said. "It's one of those things that have to do with respect."

MLB

Lincecum contract talks will carry into season

By Andrew Baggarly
San Jose Mercury News

Tim Lincecum is ready to put on a show when the Giants open the season Tuesday. But are the Giants ready to show him the money?

Giants president Larry Baer said the club would remain open to negotiating a multi-year extension with Lincecum during the season. The reigning NL Cy Young award winner signed a one-year, \$650,000 contract last month.

General Manager Brian Sabean said his staff has researched the potential parameters of a deal that would take Lincecum through his arbitration years; an industry source speculated that the structure would exceed the three-year, \$20.5 million deal that World Series MVP Cole Hamels signed with the Philadelphia Phillies in January.

For now, Sabean called the Lincecum talks a "back-burner issue."

"We're open to it, but in this climate, with what's going on with the economics in the country and until we see how it affects baseball, I don't know how wise that would be," Sabean said.

Lincecum almost certainly will be eligible for arbitration after this season and command a hefty raise; he would have four arbitration years before being eligible for free agency after the 2013 season.

Clubs often seek cost certainty by locking up their young stars through their arbitration years. But going year-to-year with Lincecum might not be a bad thing, Sabean said.

"He earns his way," Sabean said. "As capable as Timmy has been or will be, to me, there's no



SHERRY LAVARS / Contra Costa Times via MCT

San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Tim Lincecum works against the Atlanta Braves at AT&T Park in San Francisco on Aug. 6.

fault in that system for a premium player. He's going to get a raise one way or the other. Going year-to-year may not be a bad option at this point."

Some players prefer to halt negotiations once the season begins, citing it as a distraction. But Lincecum said he wouldn't place restrictions on his agent, Rick Thurman.

"I don't think it's a distraction because my agent is handling it," said Lincecum, who will oppose Milwaukee's Jeff Suppan on Tuesday. "I'll just be the guy who finds out."

If Lincecum repeats his Cy

Young season, he would be in an unprecedented position as a first-year arbitration player — and could command a \$10 million salary.

The Giants' rotation is the strength of the team, so here is perhaps their best news of the spring: the starting five will begin the year at full potency.

Jonathan Sanchez dispelled concerns about the burn on his left index finger, striking out six while throwing 4 2/3 innings in a 3-1 exhibition victory over the Dodgers on Sunday. Sanchez threw 86 pitches and wasn't efficient, but pronounced himself

ready for his debut April 11. He'd better be on his game. Sanchez will draw San Diego ace Jake Peavy.

"We've got a pretty good lineup. I think we can go get him," Sanchez said.

Meanwhile, Barry Zito was in Scottsdale, Ariz., and tossed 87 pitches over six innings in a minor league intrasquad game. Zito allowed three runs on seven hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

The Giants (21-19) posted their first winning record in the spring training/exhibition season since 2005.

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Saturday proved to be a tougher match, but the Horned Frogs still managed to top No. 57 Brigham Young, 4-3.

The team finished off the weekend in style with a 7-0 trashing of the New Mexico.

The defeat of New Mexico on Sunday pushed the team's conference record to 4-1 on the season. The only loss came to UNLV on the road March 28.

Head coach Jefferson Hammond said BYU and Utah looked very strong overall.

"We had to play good tennis to win both matches," Hammond said.

Hammond said the home matches gave the team a better idea of what it needs to accomplish as the season winds down.

Hammond said this is the closest group that he has coached on any level.

"This group gets along really well on and off the court," Hammond said.

The team was able to improve throughout its matches by staying mentally focused and playing to its own strengths, senior Macall Harkins said.

The main thing the team

needs to do to get to the next level before the season ends is to push through its injuries and to maintain its focus despite the team's youth, Harkins said.

Harkins said that though the team has two new freshmen, the overall chemistry has been great throughout the season.

Hammond said the group has a certain drive and focus that has helped them improve throughout the season. The earlier non-conference schedule has given them confidence heading into the final portion

"This group gets along really well on and off the court."

Jefferson Hammond
women's tennis coach

of the schedule and the Mountain West Conference Championships, he said.

The team will wrap up its conference slate with three matches spread over both Thursday and Friday against the Air Force, the Wyoming and Colorado State. The regular season will end when the team hosts Baylor on April 17 at home.

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the park.

"We have some power on our club," he said. "We're leading the conference in homers and we play in the worst hitting ballpark, but when we go on the road we usually show it."

Horned Frog pitchers held New Mexico, which led the nation with a .407 batting average entering the weekend, to three runs or fewer in each game of the series.

"I thought we pitched really well," Schlossnagle said. "It set the tone for the weekend, and then the bats came alive today."

With the bases loaded and the Horned Frogs leading 6-2 in the bottom of the fifth, Lobo coach

Ray Birmingham called on closer Clinton Cox to keep the Lobos close. He didn't.

Pharr blasted Cox's first pitch over the left-center field fence, and Carpenter deposited a 1-2 offering off Jason Oatman over the right-center field wall three batters later to put eight runs on the scoreboard. Nine runs were scored in the inning.

When Carpenter headed back to the dugout, Pharr was waiting for him.

"I guess we just put ourselves in a part of TCU history," Carpenter said Pharr told him.

"We rarely see nine runs in an inning, let alone two grand slams," Carpenter said. "That was pretty cool to do that in the same inning."

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other setback in that department as he was injured in the second half.

Gallegos fell after a botched snap, gripping his knee and writhing in pain. He was helped off the field by trainers and could not put weight on the injured leg. He spent the rest of the game on the trainer's table before he was carted off the field at its conclusion.

Pachall looked solid in his debut. He avoided mistakes and on one second-half play escaped a heavy rush with his foot speed before making a good decision to throw the ball away. It's far too early to judge the freshman quarterback, but in limited time he showed the potential for a bright future.

The Frogs lone touchdown came in the second quarter on a short pass from Dalton to sophomore tight end Logan Brock in the end zone. It was set up by two big runs from senior tailback Chris Smith.

Smith was very impressive running between the tackles and the 5-foot-11-inch, 231-pound back showed he can take a hit and give one right back. He could be a devastating red zone back.

The only other points came off a first-quarter field goal from sophomore Ross Evans. Evans was just short on a later attempt from 58 yards out.

Other notes from the game: Junior safety Tejay Johnson had his name called more than

anyone else on defense. He made tackles all over the field and picked off a bobbled pass, returning it about 40 yards. After starting 12 of 13 games last year and finishing sixth on the team in tackles, he might be poised for a breakout year on defense.

The linebacking corps hasn't

lost a step. Sophomore Tank Carder's play was outstanding from the get-go and newcomer Tanner Brock looks like he will get plenty of minutes during his freshman campaign. Tanner Brock has a nose for the ball and very good instincts, but he will need some game experience before those skills are fully developed. In the second half he put himself in the perfect position to shut down a run, but overcommitted, allowing the back a nice gain.

Redshirt freshman running back Ed Wesley ran tough every time he touched the ball.

Junior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley is going to give opposing defensive coordinators nightmares. He seemed like the go-to receiver no matter who was under center. While the run game was most impressive Saturday, Kerley got to shine on a few plays.

On the special teams front, Evans looked good but would have looked great had he pushed the 58-yarder another four feet. Redshirt freshman punter Cale Patterson did a great job pinning the ball on the three yard line in the first half, but had a later punt blocked as the defender came through untouched.

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BASEBALL AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

SWEPT AWAY



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Senior center fielder Corey Steglich, right, waits to celebrate with senior third baseman Matt Carpenter on Saturday after a hit by senior first baseman Matt Vern allowed two runs in the first inning against New Mexico. The Horned Frogs won the game 4-2 and swept the series 3-0 to move into a tie for first place in conference.

Team overpowers Lobos

By Joe Zigmata
Staff Writer

Fresh from stealing No. 18 New Mexico's spot atop the Mountain West Conference with a weekend sweep, the Horned Frog baseball team hits the road this week brimming with confidence.

Now in a first-place tie with San Diego State, they'll need that confidence as they play eight of their next nine games away from Lupton Stadium, including a showdown with Texas in Austin tonight and a rematch with Oklahoma in Norman next Tuesday.

Five sluggers belted home runs

in a 19-3 rout of New Mexico Sunday afternoon, which included two grand slams in the fifth inning from designated hitter Jimmie Pharr and third baseman Matt Carpenter.

Five Horned Frog runs in the opening frame were plenty for freshman starter Kyle Winkler, who allowed three runs off three hits in five innings to earn the victory. With the wind gusting straight out to left field, left fielder Jason Coats, right fielder Chris Ellington and catcher Bryan Holaday all hit two-run home runs to jolt the Horned Frog offense. Carpenter went 3 for 5 on the

day with five RBIs and finished a single short of the cycle. All nine Horned Frog starters touched the plate on 22 team hits.

"We're starting to play really good defense, we're pitching well, the bats are starting to come around and our confidence is at its highest right now," Carpenter said. "We hope we can take it on this road stretch and hopefully keep it going."

Though the wind blowing toward the outfield helped, head coach Jim Schlossnagle noted the team's ability to hit the ball out of

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JORDAN SMITH / Staff Reporter

Senior Katarina Tuohimaa returns the ball during a doubles match against BYU on Saturday afternoon. The Horned Frogs also topped Utah and New Mexico.

Conference rivals fall to Horned Frogs

By Luke Urban
Staff Reporter

There must have been something in the air in Fort Worth this weekend because Horned Frog sports teams proved to be an unbeatable force on the diamond and on the hard court, where the

women's tennis team swept three conference foes in three days at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The No. 28 women's tennis team started the weekend off strong with a 6-1 victory over No. 49 Utah team on Friday.

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FOOTBALL ANALYSIS

Defense dominates as Frogs end spring

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

The final score in the Spring Game said the White team won 10-0, but in the court of public opinion it was hard to argue that the Purple lost the game.

The defense wore the purple jerseys and overcame a slow first half to show what they were capable of in the third and fourth quarters.

The White team traded out quarterbacks with each series, with junior Andy Dalton, senior Marcus Jackson, redshirt freshman Yogi Gallegos and highly touted freshman Casey Pachall all getting time. Dalton seemed out of sync with his receivers in the first half, and more than one pass missed its mark badly. It was unclear whether the receivers had run the wrong route or Dalton had mistimed his throw.

The offense did tighten up as the game progressed, and the Frogs worked out the kinks. Jackson showed his quickness numerous times from under center, and he ran a smooth offense.

If he is used in the same role as last year, Jackson has a lot of promise as a change-of-pace quarterback and will be a great option if the new offensive coordinators bring back the "wildfrog" offense.

Gallegos showed he definitely has the arm of a Division I quarterback, but it remains to be seen whether he will get a chance to contribute this year. The redshirt freshman might have suffered an-

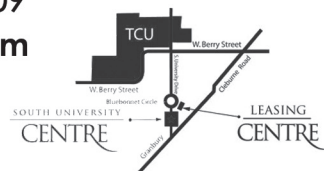
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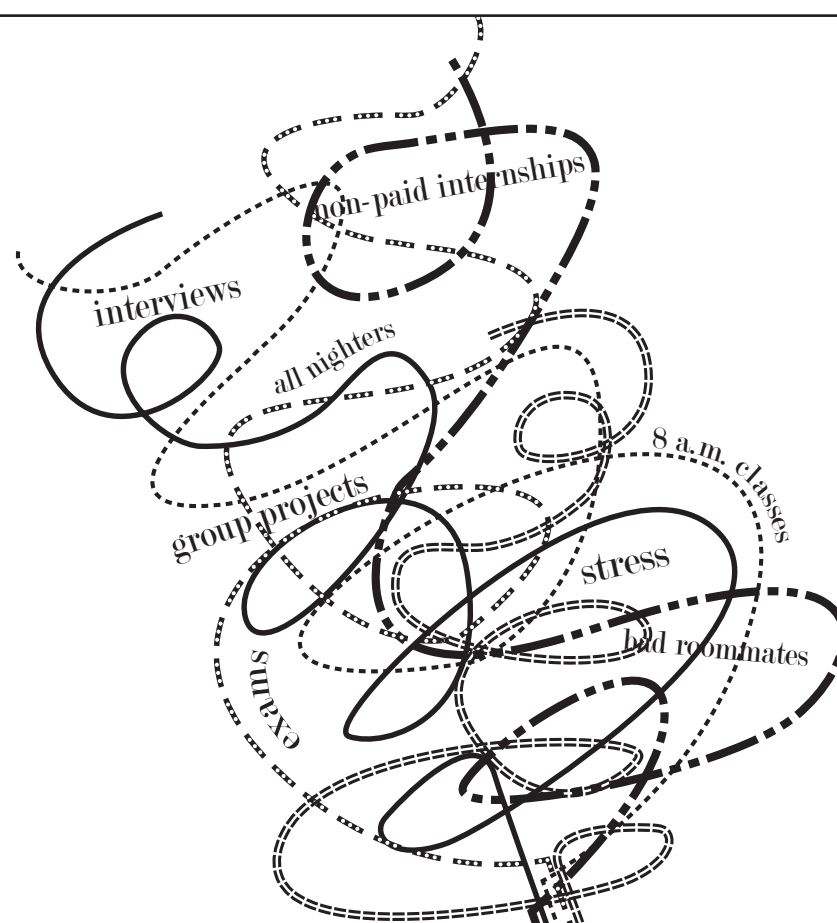
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