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New complex to house athletics offices, locker rooms

By VALERIE J. HANNON Staff Reporter

letics said.

The Worth Hills Olympic

teams is in the design stages, and conditioning departments, the The John Justin Athletic the associate director of ath- as well as new storage for Center, Bailey said. sports equipment.

Building will house offices through all the Board of Trust- icine, said the new building be done almost completely by respective fields. for several coaches, including ees committees and are now in will allow the department to track, soccer, rifle and golf, as the design stages, Bailey said. consolidate all of its services well as locker rooms for these Fort Worth-based architectur- for spring sports.

teams, said Ross Bailey, asso- al firm Hahnfeld Hoffer Stan-

Chris Hall, director of ath-Building plans have passed letic training and sports med-

construction can begin.

donations.

Bailey said he hopes the ties, especially for some of the that don't currently have one," ciate director of athletics. Bai- ford was picked to design the building will begin construc- university's less-publicized Bailey said. A new athletics center that ley said the building will also building because it had done tion by this fall. He said the ath- sports. For example, Bailey will provide new locker rooms provide new facilities for the good work with other campus letics department will need to said the rifle coach's office cer coach, said he is excited and offices for some athletic sports medicine and strength buildings in the past, such as raise the funding, which is still is in the rifle range — isolat- about the new center because being estimated, for the proj- ed from the other teams — of the convenience as well as ect through donations before and offices for the soccer and the camaraderie that will come track coaches are in Daniel- from interaction between ath-Bailey said fundraising will Meyer Coliseum, far from their letes and coaches of different

> "(The goal is to) increase Bailey said there is a huge the efficiency and provide the possibilities," Abdalla need on campus for new facili- locker rooms for those teams said.

Dan Abdalla, head socsports.

"We're all just excited about

SONGS FOR MACAWS



Faculty, staff aim to outdo past giving

By MICHELLE ANDERSON Staff Reporter

The Faculty and Staff Annual Campaign aims to surpass last year's record participation from faculty and staff to appeal to donors, said the Faculty Senate chair.

The percentage of faculty and staff giving is important because it looks good when donors see that employees give back, said Stuart Youngblood, Faculty Senate chair.

ple that work here actually giving. care," Youngblood said.

faculty and staff participat- of their paycheck back to ed, said Janine Kraus, direc-

BY THE NUMBERS \$302,164 Faculty/staff donations last year

65% Faculty/staff participation

1,996 Total faculty/staff

"It shows that the peo- tor of the office of annual

Each year, faculty and staff Last year, 65 percent of the are asked to give a portion See **CAMPAIGN**, page 2

Photos by VALERIE J. HANNON / Staff Reporter

After Va. Tech, schools balance privacy, safety

By STEVENSON SWANSON Chicago Tribune

rampage at Virginia Tech, records. federal regulators, educators and legal experts have you'd always rather have a tried to reach a new under- privacy lawsuit than a death standing of the complex web lawsuit," said Robert Smith, of privacy laws that came a Boston lawyer who speunder heavy criticism as one cializes in advising colleges of the reasons no one acted and universities. "That's my in time to prevent the tragedy.

mation campaigns and leg- students a year ago Wednesislation are all part of the day, many on the Virginia effort to make sure that col- Tech campus - from roomlege and university officials mates to administrators to realize that in cases of immi- mental health counselors nent threats, the safety of

students trumps legal barriers that otherwise would NEW YORK — In the year prevent officials from dissince a mentally disturbed cussing a student's mental student went on a shooting state or revealing student

> "The bottom line is that advice to colleges."

By the time Seung Hui Cho New regulations, infor- opened fire on his fellow See **SAFETY**, page 2

Student public-relations team finalist in national competition

By KRISTIN BUTLER Staff Reporter

of the most prestigious public for the Bateman team. relations competitions in the nation, its adviser said.

WEATHER

TODAY: Isolated storms, 87/67

TOMORROW: Mostly cloudy, 86/67

SUNDAY: Scattered storms, 79/60

eral Motors Headquarters in said. The public relations team Detroit, said Amiso George,

Bateman is a national case

campaign May 2 at the Gen- by the organization, George dle School in Fort Worth.

May 2 in Detroit.

The case study involved study competition established Chevrolet's Safe Kids Buckle ing its Bateman case study is the only contest recognized parents of W.C. Stripling Mid- tion-and-answer session in University, New Orleans and

The purpose was to edu-Pashley, a junior advertising/ public relations major.

Each team will give a

Detroit, she said.

Judges from General Motors cate people about the poten- ticipants an opportunity to Public Relations Student Socifrom TCU is among three associate professor of jour- and PRSA will rank the teams tial risks that come from not exercise the analytical skill ety of America Web site. This finalists out of 76 teams in one nalism and academic adviser and announce the winner wearing seat belts, said Taylor and mature judgment required is the second year in a row for public relations problem TCU has been in the comsolving, George said.

The other two teams pre- 15-year hiatus, George said. The TCU PR team, Cowtown by the Public Relations Soci- Up program, where they set 30-minute presentation fol- senting their cases for the Communications, is present- ety of America in 1973, and up a free fair for students and lowed by a 15-minute ques- chance to win are Loyola

California State University at The competition gives par- Long Beach, according to the petition after taking about a

> Pashley said the other schools are great universi-

> > See **BATEMAN**, page 2



PECULIAR FACT

OLDSMAR, Fla. — A woman found an 8-foot long alligator in her kitchen. - Associated Press

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TCU through the Faculty and Staff Annual Campaign, which kicked off Also, faculty and staff can include this year in conjunction with the TCU in their estate plans, give a Campaign for TCU, Kraus said.

very specific causes in the past. A Kraus said. few years ago, there was an opportunity for faculty and staff members amount. to go to a 40-hour dispute resolution training course. While his depart- whatever they give, it is going to a ment paid for him to go, a friend of his from another department could not get the funding.

for this professor to go.

pen," Youngblood said. "The annual and support of this great university," fund is so flexible that it can pay for Kitchens said. "Second, simply from things the budget didn't allow for. It an altruistic perspective, I personis a great resource to have."

said.

While Kraus did not have specific numbers, she said more staff Couts Burnett Library, said she sees members gave last year than facul- the fruit of her giving in the rare ty members. This year's campaign ends May 1.

have challenged one another to get 100 percent participation, said Dar- because I fully support what the ron Turner, assistant vice chancellor university does. I want to make my of student affairs.

There are 796 faculty members Koelker said. and 1,200 staff members, said Larry Kitchens, director of instructional Bolen, senior adviser to the chanservices.

raise money to supplement the operating budget in support of schol- essary to give finances, too. arships, financial aid, the library, student development, schools and to be here, and I'm willing to put in colleges, research, faculty salaries the finances and time," Bolen said. and athletics, said Kenneth Janak, director of budgets and financial planning.

Employees can specify where they to give back."

want their money to go or just give to the campaign in general. Options for giving include payroll deduction, an outright gift or giving online. matching gift or encourage other Youngblood said he has given for employees to support the university,

Faculty and staff can give any

Others say they are positive that good cause.

"First, by giving back to the university where we work, we demon-He decided to make a donation strate in a positive way to others across the campus, as well as to "People's gifts make things hap- friends of TCU, our commitment ally feel better because I know my Last year, the faculty and staff small gift is going to a worthy cause raised \$302,164 from the Faculty and will help TCU become a better and Staff Annual Campaign, Kraus place to provide a quality education and place to work."

June Koelker, dean of the Mary books the library is able to purchase, such as the copy of "Salome" by This year, the faculty and staff Oscar Wilde from the 1800s.

> "I give back to the university own contributions to the effort,"

Former Fort Worth Mayor, Bob cellor, said even though time is the The purpose of the campaign is to most important thing anyone can give back to the university, it is nec-

> "I feel it is a real privilege for me "I have been provided the tools to get my job done, such as an assistant and an office, so it is my obligation

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ties to be up against.

"They are consistently ranked. They are real tough competitors win," Pashley said.

those audiences.

Meghan Orga, a senior adverand we are trying to work hard tising/public relations major, said to put up a good competition to the team gave the students a test us a winning edge is the testing before and after the event in a and research we did for our tar-Pashley said with the team's survey format, asking questions geted audience," she said.

research they found that minori- about car safety information. She ties and Hispanics were least like- said before the event, 42 perly to wear their seat belts, and so cent said they would wear their they targeted information toward seat belts. After the session, 65 percent said they would, Orga said.

"The thing we think will give

SAFETY From page 1

had already picked up warning seen as the safest method of dealsignals from his bizarre behavior ing with these students," Unithat he was a threat to himself and others.

pieces together resulted in a on campus violence. "Many colshooting spree in which Cho leges are using the uncertainties killed 32 people before he shot about the law as an excuse to do himself, setting off nationwide nothing." reverberations as campuses ill students.

Northern Illinois University when cational records without cona mentally disturbed former stuman coed dormitory.

After investigating Virginia Tech's response to the massa- other federal and state laws, plus cre and the events that led up to regulations and court rulings, ing up about a troubled student. it, a state panel concluded there govern the disclosure of educawas "widespread confusion about tional and health records. what federal and state privacy laws allow."

tion experts.

versity of Virginia law professor Richard Bonnie said at a recent But the failure to put all the Columbia University conference

reconsidered security measures privacy debate is the Family Eduand their treatment of mentally cational Rights and Privacy Act, a the law has never stopped her 1974 statute known as FERPA. For from taking whatever action she In February, the Virginia Tech minors, the law prohibits schools tragedy found a deadly echo at from disclosing a student's edusent from the student's parents. tion that elements of FERPA limit dent killed five people and him- At age 18, that right transfers to self. And on Friday, officials at the students, accounting for the St. Xavier University on Chicago's rude awakening many parents Southwest Side closed the cam- receive when they find out they pus after threatening graffiti was are no longer entitled to see their found in a bathroom in a fresh- child's grades without his or her training of faculty members and permission.

In addition to FERPA, a host of

But several experts said what college administrators often don't Virginia Tech officials were realize is that FERPA and othhardly alone in not knowing what er privacy laws have provisions exemptions for emergencies, it is the law does and does not allow that allow for the disclosure of not always obvious what constiin the case of troubled students, a student's records in case of an tutes an emergency, she said.

according to many higher-educa- emergency. A flier that the U.S. Department of Education sent "A hands-off approach is often to colleges and universities last year said the law "permits school officials to disclose without student consent education records, including personally identifiable information from those records, to protect the health and safety of students or other individuals."

That came as no surprise to Jan Walbert, vice president for The law at the center of the student affairs at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa. She says thought necessary to help a troubled student.

> "I do think there's this percepus from doing the right thing," said Walbert, a former president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, which has called for increased others who come in contact with students to make sure they don't let the law stop them from speak-"The issue is that you need to do everything you can do to make sure that everyone is on the same page."

But even if privacy laws contain





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QUOTE OF THE DAY "All human beings should try to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why." - Jamed Thurber

THE SKIFF VIEW

Less popular sports deserve same attention, amenities

new building will house players and coaches of some of TCU's lessrecognized Horned Frog teams.

The track, soccer, rifle and golf programs, which are often overlooked for more popular from the coaches' respective fields. sports like football, baseball and basketball, will finally have a place to call home.

in one building will increase camaraderie for example, finished third nationally this among the sports and will help build a more year, but the head coach's office is located in cohesive athletics department.

Although they may not sell out stadiums or bring crowds of tailgaters to campus, these football stadium, smaller teams are often teams deserve the quality facilities that TCU offers its other sports.

is currently in the design stages, is a much- that really need it, even if they don't bring needed facility on a campus whose athletics the big crowds home. fields and practice areas are widespread.

The facility will lessen the cross-campus commute for coaches, like the ones for soccer and track, whose offices are currently located in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum — a lengthy walk

But beyond its convenience, the facility should serve as a nod of recognition to teams Putting these teams and coaches together that are deserving of praise. The rifle team, the rifle range, isolated from other teams.

At a school that has filled up a 46,000-seat swept to the side and ignored. But in its answer to a call for new facilities, the athlet-The Worth Hills Olympic Building, which ics department is giving space to the teams

Managing editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



Jeremy Arnold is a junior religion major from Sugar Land. Whitney Waller is a junior English and religion major from Garland.

Saddam."

Poetry still alive, relevant to youth

People rarely spark up conversation about the latest poet to hit the scene, especially during college years. COMMENTARY We aren't CHRISTINA REISENWEBER running to hear poetry readings -

we're running to the bars to let our hair down and relax. Who wants to spend spare time reading symbolic metaphors after racking the brain with economic equations and scientific facts?

We look down the path that leads to a future career and focus our attention on our majors and minors, both of which seem much more important than silly poems. However, if we stopped for one second to read 20th- and 21st-century poetry, we would see these poets actually relate quite well to the issues young adults face each day.

If you try to name any current poets, even going back

sion seems as irrelevant now as it did in high school."

While Mr. Wexler's statements may be true for some, they probably made poets Allen Ginsberg, Sylvia Plath and T.S. Elliot roll over in their graves. Poetry is meant to evoke an emotional response in its readers, and 20th century poets did a remarkable job bringing those emotions out of us.

Ginsberg was one of the most prominent poets to come on the scene during the 1950s, and he alone changed the way poetry was written. His entire goal in writing was to engage audience participation, both physically and emotionally. And engage he did. According to the Norton Anthology of Modern and Contemporary Poetry Vol. 2, "Ginsberg's poetry presented an alternative to tightlypoet-bashing rant. In fact, he gives poets credit by saying, "I really do believe that poetry is the highest form of writing."

Despite his comments about poetry, Wexler's article evoked interesting responses to his statements.

On About.com, someone responded to Wexler's piece with a story titled "Once Again, Poetry Is Dead? It must be true because Newsweek said it." The responder does not agree with anything Wexler has to say, and in fact, he raises the question, "Who the hell is Bruce Wexler?'

So it looks like the jury is still out on whether or not poetry is dead in America. My advice to you? Pick up a contemporary book of poems and check it out for yourself.

Christina Reisenweber is a graduate

Iraq still danger zone for Kurds

I still remember the rush of pure joy I felt watching a crowd pull down the statue of Saddam Hussein in Bagh-COMMENTARY dad on April 9, Rebaz Mahmood 2003.

I watched over and over again, and each time my expectations for the future grew higher and higher.

I thought everything would change with the fall of Saddam. As a Kurd, I hoped we would regain Kirkuk, a city we once dominated that had seen a major influx of Arabs forcibly relocated by Saddam. I hoped Saddam's departure would allow the Kurdish-controlled north to become bigger and stronger within Iraq.

I even dreamed we would eventually have our own independent Kurdish state. We all thought Saddam's

fall would usher in a new, peaceful and more prosperous country. There would be

rity services before they are allowed in Iraqi Kurdistan.

I know northern Iraq has escaped much of the violence and bloodshed that has decimated the south. And while it appears the local economy is booming, the standard of living for most is lower today than it was under Saddam. Many say they

have nowhere to live; inflation is at an alltime high.

Even as billions of dollars of aid from the United States pour into

the region, a local newspaper reported that a family was forced to give away their 10-year-old because they could not afford to raise her.

This is not the world we thought would follow Saddam.

I get angry when there's no Not at all. I am no longer

huge mistakes in choosing the direction in which they want to take their country.

In the south, Sunnis and Shiites choose to attack each other rather than peacefully coexist and build a united country.

Even in the north, the two dominant political parties

have refused to unite. That has "This is not the world left northern Iraq we thought would with two centers follow the fall of of power with

separate administrative and military forces.

Both the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Democratic Party believe because they fought the Baathist regime they each have the exclusive right to rule.

Does all this mean that I'm sorry that Saddam has gone?

to the early 1900s, and can't count them on one hand, you're not alone. The majority of our nation forgot about poetry the second it met its high school requirements, leaving Walt Whitman and Henry David Thoreau behind it. But poetry isn't dead.

Newsweek's Bruce Wexler writes in a 2003 article "that poetry is the only art form where the number of people creating it is far greater than the number of people appreciating it." But Wexler (along with the majority of our nation) looks at poetry as something that's not prevalent in our everyday lives, writing, "If you're like me, untangling symbol and alluorganized, well-mannered poetry," and forced poets to express themselves during times of crisis, war and depression.

Ignoring the tone of Wexler's voice, we see his

article was not meant to be a

student from Laguna Hills, Ca.

no more genocide, wars or authoritarian parties. People would be better off economically. The country would build a pluralist system in which human rights, freedom of the press and free speech would be protected.

I had thought that Saddam was the source of all the country's problems. More than five years later, I realize how wrong I was.

Five years after the U.S. invasion, the fact remains that, as a Kurd, I still cannot travel to Baghdad for fear of being kidnapped or killed. And while Arabs seeking to travel north may not face the same danger, they must still register with the secuwater or electricity. No one told us we would have to surrender such basic services for democracy and freedom.

And even our highly prized freedoms appear to be diminishing on a daily basis.

There was nothing to celebrate this April 9. Instead of being hopeful, I see Iran becoming increasingly influential in the south, al-Qaeda in Iraq continuing its attacks in the center of the country and Turkey making repeated incursions into the north.

I cannot hold the United States solely responsible for Iraq today. Iraqis must take the lion's share of the responsibility for the current situation because they have made

afraid that I will be forcibly enlisted in the Iraqi army and made to fight for a dictator's lust for power. I do not worry that one day my family will be arrested and vanish, simply because they are Kurds.

I waited 35 years for Saddam to fall. Now I've waited an additional five years for Iraq to become a normal country.

I, like many here, have great patience. I will continue to wait for the freedom and democracy that the war promised.

Rebaz Mahmood is a reporter for The Institute for War and Peace Reporting. This column was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.

Polygamy cases treated with double standard by authorities

Victoria Prunty knows women like this, wearing their long pioneer dresses and talking on TV last week about how much they COMMENTARY miss the children that Anita Creame

the state of Texas took from them amid allegations of abuse.

"They're raised in very cultic dynamics, with religious programming, isolation, a lot of intimidation, a lot of male privilege, a lot of secrecy," Prunty says.

She knows, because she once lived in polygamy, too.

Traffic whooshes by on Prunty's busy Sacramento, Calif., street. The three children who returned to California from Utah with Prunty last summer - ages 7, 14 and 18 - are in school right now. There are four

more kids, including a 22-year-old daughter in the military who was wounded in Iraq last spring.

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Prunty, 44, is just home from working the night shift at a group home. She's been taking classes at American River College. In 1981, she was treasurer of the El Camino High School senior class, an athlete and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a girl from a broken home looking for answers.

She thought she found them in her husband, who convinced her that their eternal salvation depended on her welcoming a sister-wife into their home. In the late '80s, they lived with a polygamist group in a cavern blasted into the sandstone cliffs outside Moab, Utah, heavily stocked with

food and ammunition.

By 1996, she'd fled polygamy with her kids.

The first time I interviewed her, in her role as co-founder of Utah-based Tapestry Against Polygamy, which counsels and helps shelter women escaping polygamy, Prunty was returning to Sacramento for her 20th high school reunion.

She resigned her Tapestry Against Polygamy position when she left Utah. The group had already accomplished so much, she says, including having successfully lobbied Utah to raise its marriage age from 14 to 16. Then came the raids on the com-

pound in Eldorado. A hearing is under way to decide whether 416 compound children should remain in state care.

Prunty knows women like their mothers, and she knows polygamy isn't limited to Warren Jeffs' Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Through Tapestry, she aided a Muslim woman in New York as well as Southeast Asian women in Minnesota — and a young woman in Sacramento who'd married into a polygamist clan.

"This is about abuse," Prunty says. "There are crimes within crimes," ranging from tax evasion and welfare fraud, to incest, statutory rape and violations of child labor laws.

"Polygamy is a crime, yet it's not prosecuted. In mainstream society, when a crime is perpetrated in a household, like a methamphetamine lab or a prostitution ring, CPS will go in and remove the children."

She understands that America looks with great compassion at the tearful, soft-spoken women in their prairie dresses who want their kids back: Putting them on TV is a great public relations tactic. But she doesn't think that freedom of religion should include tolerance of child abuse.

"It's amazing to see the selective law enforcement," says Prunty. "If these were Muslims or an African-American group, there would probably be a very proactive approach toward enforcement." It's really an anomaly to see Texas be so proactive here.

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On temporary visas, skilled workers are putting down real roots

By TYRONE BEASON The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — The American Dream can sneak up on people.

Take Naresh Bhatt and his wife, Bansri, who moved to the U.S. from them to come — sought them out, India 15 years ago under a government visa program for highly skilled and sought-after workers.

Like thousands of Indian immigrants with computer skills who've taken advantage of the "H-1B" program, they came as temporary workers in the Seattle area's burgeoning high-tech sector, where companies like Microsoft were aggressively recruiting foreign nationals to fill positions in their work forces.

The visa allows firms to hire such foreign workers and keep them here for up to six years, longer in some cases.

the commercial-vehicle manufacturer, and Bansri took a job at a Bellelocal companies.

"I never had a dream to come to the United States," 39-year-old Naresh says now, sitting on a floral print couch in the living room of his home in a Sammamish Plateau subdivision glowingly named Provence.

His two chipper daughters bounce around on the periphery, the way kids do when parents have strangers in the house.

"Life was good down there -financially we were very well off," chimes in Naresh's wife, referring to the upper-middle-class world they left behind in Mumbai, the teeming port formerly known as Bombay. the Bhatts.

As bitter debate swirls over what to do about millions of undocumented foreign workers who often live in the shadows of American society, it's easy to forget that we are in the midst of a whole other, legal, mass migration.

Driven by hiring in high-tech

fields, hundreds of thousands of foreign workers, including a huge influx of young Indians with H-1B visas such as the Bhatts, are putting down roots in a country that invited even.

In the Seattle area, particularly the Eastside, the surge of Indian workers has been breathtaking. Some 45,000 Indians live in the state, an increase of more than 70 percent over the population in 2000.

Naresh, who moved to information technology for Starbucks, and Bansri, now at the exercise-equipment maker Precor in Woodinville, are typical of those who come, not out of economic necessity but for interesting work, career advancement or simply because they can.

"We came as explorers," Naresh Naresh was recruited by Paccar, says of his first years here. "We didn't know what to expect."

What was meant to be a shortvue, Wash.-based firm that contracted term work experience turned into computer-technology workers to an immigration story for the new century.

> The H-1B visa was not designed to turn temporary foreign workers into permanent residents, at least not directly.

The visa is reserved for well-educated foreign nationals with specialty skills like accounting, computer engineering and medicine, and it's intended for U.S. companies that cannot find citizens of this country to fill those jobs. The companies recruit ment to let in more workers. Citing and sponsor the foreign workers, further declines in the number of applying for the H-1B visas on their behalf.

Congress limits the number of H-1Bs the government can grant Things changed — and not just for to 65,000 a year. But this year it of requests. India, with its growing technology sector, supplies anywhere from a third to more than half of the workers who are granted visas each year.

> But the program, though popular, is not without controversy.



STEVE RINGMAN / Seattle Times via MCT As part of a Krishna festival, Vedic Temple members watch dancing in March in Redmond, Wash. The temple is a place that helps parents pass on cultural values to their Americanized children. Many who worship at the temple have come from India to the United States on visas granted to highly sought workers.

on recruiting overseas to fill American technology jobs that companies say can't be filled by native citizens. Just last month, Gates spoke to Congress, calling on the federal govern-U.S. science and technology students, he warned that the nation will lose its global competitiveness if something isn't done.

Workers' groups, on the other expects to receive twice that number hand, are pushing to protect more jobs for Americans and keep wages up. They argue American companies are using the program to shift jobs to foreign nationals who can be easily fired and replaced, and possibly paid less.

H-1B workers are, in many ways,

those calling for looser restrictions sors. If they are fired or choose to is personal. While the visas are temquit, they must return to their native porary, life — family, friends, faith, countries. They can't switch jobs unless the old and new employers agree.

> Among the benefits of the visa, however, is that it allows workers to apply for a green card to gain permanent residency in the United States.

> In 1995, the Bhatts decided to apply for green cards. Once they received them, Naresh and Bansri were able to apply for U.S. citizenship, which both were granted in 2000.

> But if an H-1B worker leaves a job, as many foreign contract workers do, the green-card process must start all over again if the application is still pending.

Another incentive for H-1B workers Microsoft's Bill Gates is among at the mercy of their employer-spon- to seek a longer-term arrangement traditions and customs."

sports — has a way of going on.

One second the Bhatts chat happily about their love of America and everything it stands for. The next, they're emphasizing the importance of Indian religion and culture.

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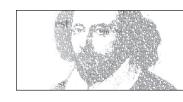
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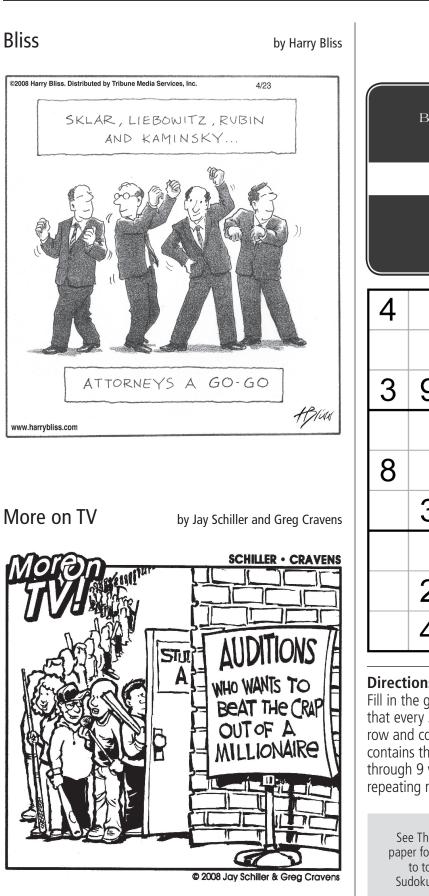
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WOMEN'S TENNIS Squad receives first round bye

By SHALEY SANDERS Staff Reporter

The undefeated No. 20TCU women's tennis team enters fans come out and watch us the 2008 Mountain West Conference Tennis Championship as the No. 1 seed on its home tournament as regular-season courts.

The conference champion- fect 8-0 record. ships, which start today, are Tennis Center.

The Horned Frogs (18-4, 8-0) have played near perfect at home this season, entering Las Vegas came closest against with a 9-1 record on their own the Horned Frogs, taking three courts.

said she believes there is an advantage to competing on the seed and the squad that defeat-

same courts the team practices on.

"It's nice to have our home play," Harkins said.

The women also enter the MWC champions with a per-

Often dominating in its being held at the Friedman conference matches, the team swept half the field, going 7-0 in four of the wins.

The University of Nevada, of the six singles matches but No. 2 junior Macall Harkins falling in doubles, losing 4-3. UNLV enters as the No. 3

ed TCU in the semifinals of last year's conference tournament.

This year, UNLV will play No. 7 Colorado State University.

The Horned Frogs have made winning a habit over the past month, winning 11 straight games dating back to March 13.

The two lowest seeds, No. 9 Air Force and No. 8 University of Wyoming, will kick off the four-day tournament Wednesday. TCU, who has a first round bye, will play Wednesday's winner in its first match Thursday.

The women's tennis team is familiar with both possible opponents because it has played them in previous matches.

TCU is led by its No. 1 doubles pair Harkins and junior Anna Sydorska.

Harkins and Sydorska have an overall record of 13-5 and are ranked No. 16 in the nation.

The Horned Frogs also have their No. 1 singles player, sophomore Nina Munch-Soegaard, to rely on.

Nina Munch-Soegaard stepped in to TCU's No. 1 spot last year as a freshman, and said she feels the team is built well to compete.

"We are solid from the bottom to the top," Munch-Soegaard said.

She said she has not thought much about her jump in national ranking to the No. 61 position.

"I had a good season and I played well," said Munch-Soegaard, who has an overall 14-7 record this season.

The Horned Frogs will not make any changes to their practices in order to prepare for their unknown opponent, Harkins said.

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Season a success, coach says

By BRETT LARSON Sports Editor

MEN'S TENNIS

Standing tall with the No. 1 seed in the Mountain West Conference Championships, as well as a share of the regular season conference title and home-court advantage, the men's tennis team will try to win it all for the first time since 2006.

The team (18-7, 5-1), ranked No. 36 in the nation, is two years removed from its first conference championship, where the Horned Frogs won both the regular season and tournament titles in their first year in the Mountain West.

This year's championship tournament will be April 23 to 26 at the Friedman Tennis Center. This is TCU's first year hosting the Mountain West Conference Tennis Championships. Homecourt advantage should play some role in the series for the Horned Frogs, who only lost once on their own courts this season.

Freshman Emanu Brighiu said home courts provide two distinct advantages for the team - crowds and familiarity.

The team finished its conference season with a trip to Provo, Utah, for three matches, losing its only conference contest to the Utah Utes.

said balls fly differently there high altitude.

"We've played three of those matches in high atmo- ership and youthful develwhere we're comfortable," Borelli said.

with its longest winning he is currently ranked No. streak since joining the MWC 36 nationally and has a 19-6 this year, and sees the conby winning its first nine record this year. matches before its eventual fall to Oklahoma State Uni- for TCU, Cotet faced each continue to get better. versity, its only home loss of team's top player in every the season. Frogs had a tough stretch who was then ranked No. not really think they should against non-conference 83, defeated then-No. 10 have a problem in the touropponents, losing eight con- ranked Oleksandr Nedovyessecutive matches early on, ov. Nedovyesov is currently but righted itself in confer- ranked No. 3 in the nation. guys to really step up," Brink ence play, finishing with an identical 5-1 record, good for the way to No. 21 nationsecond in the conference. The team reached the the season. semifinals of the 2007 tournament where it fell to UNLV, formidable pair with junior matchup. which went on to win the Kriegler Brink, who plays tournament championship. gles player for the Horned Borelli said no matter what happens, he sees this season Frogs. as a big step forward for the team, which is overcoming season, finishing 21-2. NCAA penalties from various before Borelli took over. "We were ranked 68, we Horned Frogs' youth explolost a scholarship and we sion. couldn't recruit off campus," Borelli said regarding No. 2 singles spot for the the semifinals last year in Colthe team's restrictions. "Most Horned Frogs this season. of the pressure is behind us



ROBERT BEMBER / Staff Reporter Head coach Dave Borelli Junior Kriegler Brink serves againstd Columbia University at TCU on March 18.

situation."

A combo of senior lead- this season. team this year.

The team started 2008 been a force this season, and freshmen.

The win boosted Cotet all

Brink had a near perfect

because of the thin air in the now. We're in a very good paired up as the No. 3 doubles pair for TCU, and went 13-8

Borelli said he sees the sphere so it's nice to be back opment has helped lead the team's youth as an advantage because this is only year Senior Cosmin Cotet has one of four for these talented

> He said the team has grown ference championships as just As the No. 1 singles player the next step for the team to

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Brink said since the freshmatch. Against Oklaho- men have all played every Last season, the Horned ma State University, Cotet, Mountain West team, he does nament.

> "It's a chance for some said.

Because of its the No. 1 seed, ally, his highest ranking of the team has a first-round bye, and will play the winner of Cotet is also part of a the first-round UNLV-BYU

Brighiu said the team can as the No. 4 or No. 3 sin- use the first day to its advantage because it can study other teams' strategies.

Borelli said the first day has little to do with strategy, but Freshmen Brighiu, Zach does give players the opporviolations that took place Nichols, Adrian Simon and tunity to attend class that day Jack Seider all represent the if they need to.

TCU defeated BYU 6-1, and UNLV 5-2. However, The Run-Brighiu has earned the nin' Rebels did defeat TCU in orado Springs, Colo., where Nichols and Seider have the two teams will meet this year if UNLV wins its first round game.

> Brink said every MWC team is good, but he said on paper the Horned Frogs appear to have the advantage and should win.

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