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LETTERS

On second thought

After the Kansas game, I wrote in to complain about the Longhorns' difficulty in getting up for games that aren't challenging. You printed that letter, and now I hope you will print this one.

As a graduate of the University of Texas, I couldn't have been prouder of this team. The A&M team is a rising star in the Big 12, with a classy coach who just looks like success. So this game, which is never a "gimme" even in the worst nightmare years of the Aggies, could have made Longhorn pleas for BCS votes moot.

PEGGY TESTA
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Texas needs to beat Oklahoma

On one hand, (Coach Mack) Brown should be complimented for sticking up for his players and the excellent 10-win year. On the other, he should quit his whining about the BCS. For Texas, the road to the BCS goes through Norman. Mack, get off the street corner; stop panhandling for votes. Beat Oklahoma and earn your way in.

DAVID SNOWBERGER
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Don't whine about BCS

Mack Brown needs to quit whining on national TV about how the Longhorns deserve a bid to a BCS bowl. It embarrasses him, his players, and UT fans. Regardless of what you think of Utah's forthcoming BCS bid, the rules were well established before the season began and to complain about them now is pointless. And Cal is every bit as deserving of a BCS bid as Texas is.

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Look at the fine print

While the UT Longhorns now celebrate another 10-1 season and lobby for top-four BCS status, it is wise to take a look at the fine print of their achievement.

UT played one team ranked better than them and lost. Their other 10 opponents have combined conference records of 36-42, and that is skewed by North Texas, which is 7-0 in the Sun Belt Conference. North Texas lost by an aggregate score of 35-154 to the three Big 12 teams it played, including 37-14 to a Baylor team that was 1-7 in the Big 12.

Of the 10 schools UT beat, their two most highly ranked opponents (22nd and 23rd) lost in their final week of play.

Longhorn football still reminds me of playground bullying. Only once a year do they not get to play the role of bullies, and then they take their annual lumps.

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