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## Faulkner OK's separate geosciences school

*Separating program would help to recruit best faculty in nation*

By Lilly Rockwell  
Daily Texan Staff

The University should move the UT geological science programs outside of the College of Natural Sciences to create a new geology school that reports

directly to the provost, UT President Larry Faulkner said in a 15-page memorandum released Thursday.

His decision was based on the recommendations of a committee created in May 2003 that was charged with looking at how to use an endowment given to the University by John and Katherine Jackson in 2001. The endowment, worth \$282 million, is the largest single gift the University has ever

received and the second-highest donation in the history of public education.

After the University was offered the endowment in 2001, a school was created called the Jackson School of Geosciences that reports to the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and oversees four entities: the Geology Foundation, the Department of Geological Sciences, the Institute for Geophysics and

the Bureau of Economic Geology.

But according to the committee, composed almost entirely of outside geoscience experts, this current structure needs to change for the Jackson school to reach national recognition, and Faulkner agrees.

Faulkner, who is undergoing surgery this week, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

"I personally have no doubt that the Jackson gift is the most

valuable ever made to a public university in the United States," Faulkner said in the memo. "Any gift carries an obligation to produce results. This one carries an extraordinary obligation to produce extraordinary results."

The University can only produce these extraordinary results with better faculty, the committee said in its report, released last December. Faulkner agreed in the memo, saying this sugges-

tion was a "critical item for the agenda."

"To gain the momentum intended from the Jackson gift, the University must set a priority on adding several members who can add powerfully to the intellectual resources of the school and whose very commitment to Texas will turn heads worldwide," Faulkner said.

His exhaustive report detailed

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## TEXAS REVUE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS



Bin Chen/Daily Texan Staff

Bhangra Dance, a 16-man dance group, performs a traditional bhangra dance for students Thursday night at the Texas Revue. An encore presentation will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Bass Concert Hall, where the winners will be announced.

### 14 finalists perform in \$20,000 campuswide show sponsored by Co-op

By Bree Bernwanger  
Daily Texan Staff

When Savanna Russell took the stage in front of thousands of people Thursday night at the Texas Revue, she proved one thing: She does not back down from a dare.

Russell, a religious studies sophomore, said she has always suffered from stage fright. Her roommate responded with skepticism when Russell said she wanted to perform in the Texas Revue, which drew a crowd of

more than 6,000 people last year.

"I knew someone who was in Texas Revue last year, and she knew I sang, so she encouraged me a lot," Russell said. "My roommate told me I wouldn't do it, so it became kind of a dare."

On the last day to sign up for auditions, Russell put her name on the list. "Audience of One," a song she recently wrote, was her ticket to the stage.

"This song is close to my heart — it's my favorite song that I've writ-

ten," Russell said. "I had originally planned on singing something else, but it was just really pushing it, I couldn't finish getting it written. This one just sort of came out."

Russell was one of 14 finalists who performed in the multi-thousand-dollar Texas Revue, a campuswide talent show with an encore performance Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Bass Concert Hall. While Russell and most performers began rehears-

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### NEXT PERFORMANCE OF TEXAS REVUE

- The Texas Review will put on its second show at 7:30 p.m. at Bass Concert Hall on Saturday.

- Tickets are sold out, but the show's producers said people who show up can find standing room or empty seats.

## Del Valle children removed from school



Shaun Stewart/Daily Texan Staff

Sharon Bouldwin, center, looks over paperwork with two of her children, ages 8 and 14, who were recently suspended from Del Valle schools, because they allegedly do not reside within the Del Valle district.

### Mother disputes school's claim family lives outside district

By A.J. Bauer  
Daily Texan Staff

A South Austin woman claims her two children were unjustly removed from two Del Valle schools, but district officials maintain the family lives outside district boundaries.

Sharon Bouldwin is scheduled to meet today with Del Valle Superintendent Bernard Blanchard to discuss re-enrollment of her son and daughter, who have been out of school since Feb. 25 and March 8, respectively.

The controversy began when, in a letter dated Feb. 18 and addressed to the Bouldwins, Elementary Attendance Officer Modesto Robles said:

"It has been brought to my attention that your address may not be currently within the Del Valle Elementary zone."

The letter, obtained by The Daily Texan, requested proof of residency no later than Feb. 20, or Bouldwin's third-grade son would be withdrawn from school.

Bouldwin, who has lived in the same house since August 2001, said she responded in a letter on Feb. 19, saying her address had not changed since the

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## Experts: Iraq in need of more security

*UT professor, retired general address student organization*

By Megan Jacob  
Daily Texan Staff

More security is needed to facilitate the development of a new government in Iraq, retired Lt. Gen. Dick Lawrence said Thursday at a discussion on postwar Iraq.

Lawrence and UT professor Austin Bay, who teaches a class on war strategy, discussed postwar transition operations in the country with a crowd of 20 students.

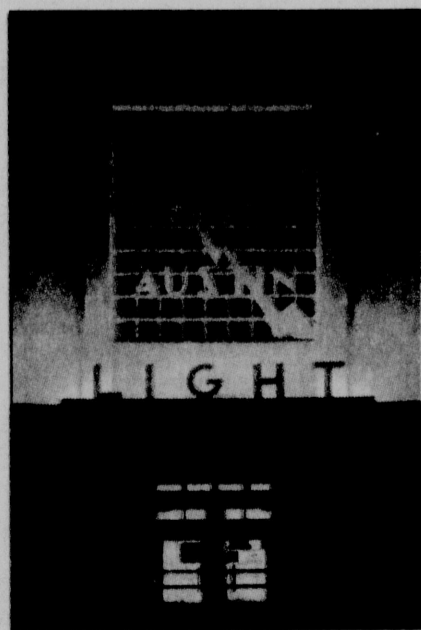
Bay writes nationally syndicated columns about foreign affairs and served four years as a special consultant in wargaming in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Lt. Gen. Lawrence has served in the Middle East and dealt with Saudi Arabian, Israeli and Egyptian affairs.

The event was sponsored by the Foreign Policy Council to help educate students about the transition of power in Iraq, said Lindsey Foster, vice president of the organization. The Foreign Policy Council is a student organization that discusses current events in foreign policy with guest lecturers.

Cooperation of the Iraqi people in rebuilding the government has helped with its initial

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Plans are brewing in City Council to redevelop the old Seaholm Power Plant, which sits beside Town Lake.



Chris Case/  
Daily Texan Staff

## Power plant will be redeveloped

*Building will retain art deco look, but will become cultural center*

By Angela Grant  
Daily Texan Staff

The empty shell of Austin's old power plant, which seems to have popped right out of Batman's Gotham City, will be reborn and host new life in the future, although it will keep its art-deco features.

Officials have said the location could become home to the set for the Austin City Limits tel-

evision show and a proposed Texas Music Hall of Fame.

The city will request proposals within five days from developers to begin enacting a vision for the Seaholm Power Plant, located on Cesar Chavez Street across from Town Lake. The bids would involve transforming the area into a cultural attraction and a center of transportation.

"It will provide a sales tax engine to the city," said Austan Librach, director of the city's Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department. "It will give a reason for conven-

tioners who come to Austin at our new Convention Center to stay an extra day. It will provide more dollars to the community and boost the economy."

Austin Energy is currently funding a \$16 million clean-up to rid the Seaholm site of asbestos, lead paint and other chemicals left behind during the plant's 41 years of operation, said Austin Energy spokesman Carlos Cordova. The clean-up should be complete by April 2006, he said.

Councilwoman Betty Dun-

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## Blaze leaves tenants homeless

*Dean of Students office, Red Cross helping students rebuild lives*

By Cyndee-Nga Trinh  
Daily Texan Staff

Tenants of Buckingham Square Apartments milled about the parking lot Thursday, waiting until they could go in and gather their belongings from their former homes after a fire erupted Wednesday.

"We need to make sure every-

thing's OK," said Ana Maria Medina, on-site leasing agent. No one is allowed to enter their apartment unescorted by apartment personnel or a Red Cross volunteer, she said.

A fire broke out at about 10 p.m. Wednesday at the 76-unit complex located at the 700 block of West 32nd Street. Firefighters and paramedics quickly responded to the five-alarm blaze, but progress to put out the fire was hampered by low water

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Todd Plunk,  
corporate  
communication  
senior

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### Relays continue

Freshman Donovan Kilmartin finished third in the decathlon at the Texas Relays on Thursday.

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Snake venom removes bloodstains

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Bloodstained swatches of denim treated with an enzyme isolated from the venom of the Florida cottonmouth snake and then laundered came out cleaner than did denim sam-



UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Two being held in death of St. Edward's student

Two South Texas men were held early Thursday in a college student's spring break stabbing death on South Padre Island. Law officers were searching for a third suspect in the March 20 slaying of St. Edward's University student David Garcia, 22, of Alamo. He was studying kinesiology at the Austin university and planned to graduate in December. Adrian Contreras, 18, and Armando Trevino Jr., 21, were arrested Monday in Donna, just east of McAllen, and charged with murder. Both suspects were held in Cameron County Jail. Contreras also has been charged with possession of a controlled substance. He was being held in lieu of \$325,000 bail. Trevino was being held in lieu of \$300,000 bail. Investigators also have charged Contreras' brother, 19-year-old Jorge Alberto Contreras, with murder and were searching for him.

Proposed biocontainment lab draws few protests

GALVESTON — A recent public hearing into a proposed biocontainment lab, which will study the most deadly and infectious viruses, drew few opponents. Instead, some questioned how the process to get the lab in place, including an environmental impact review, could be sped up. The \$167 million lab is expected to open in 2008. Galveston resident Ivan Arceneaux said he is opposed to the location of the proposed lab, which will study viruses, such as ebola, at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Dr. Stanley Lemon, dean of the medical school and principal investigator for the lab, said the university settled on a campus site because it is near a building which already contains similar laboratories.

Health center gets \$25M for stem cell research

HOUSTON — An anonymous donor has given \$25 million to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for stem cell research. The donation, the largest in the center's history, will fund work done by the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine for the Prevention of Human Diseases. It was given by a patient of James. T. Willerson, cardiologist and president of the UT Health Science Center. The philanthropic gift, announced last week, will be allocated over a 10-year period.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

UT aids in buying Iceman's shirt



Todd Hilliard Daily Texan Columnist

Right now, you have the amazing opportunity to own the formal Naval uniform of Lieutenant Tom Kazanski. That's right, Top Gun's "Iceman," has put his prized whites up for auction on eBay, and at the reasonable price of \$299, the historic garment is just within your reach. I understand that \$300 might sound like a lot to get together all of a sudden, but that's what

makes this school so great. Our contemporaries at other institutions might resort to something insane, like selling their blood to make that kind of money. But the benevolent Office of Accounting at the University of Texas will actually give you the cash. I'm talking, of course, about the Emergency Cash Loan, possibly the greatest resource available to students at the University. To fully appreciate the beauty of the loan, you would have to know how hard a loan comes in the "real world." Jackie Gomez, a customer service representative at Wells Fargo Bank on Guadalupe, said people seeking loans must fill out an application and that employment is the primary qualification they look for.

In the Main Building, where the cash is dispensed, all you need are two forms of ID. Karen DeRouen, a financial analyst at student accounts receivable, said the service has been around for years, but the application process was moved to TEX in 1998, making the procedure easier. With ease come opportunists, and I voiced concerns that enterprising students might abuse the system. For instance, if all 50,000 students took out loans on the same day, the University would loan out nearly \$15 million. DeRouen said that there is a limited pool of resources to draw from and that there is presently only around \$600,000 available. That's enough for about 2,000 students.

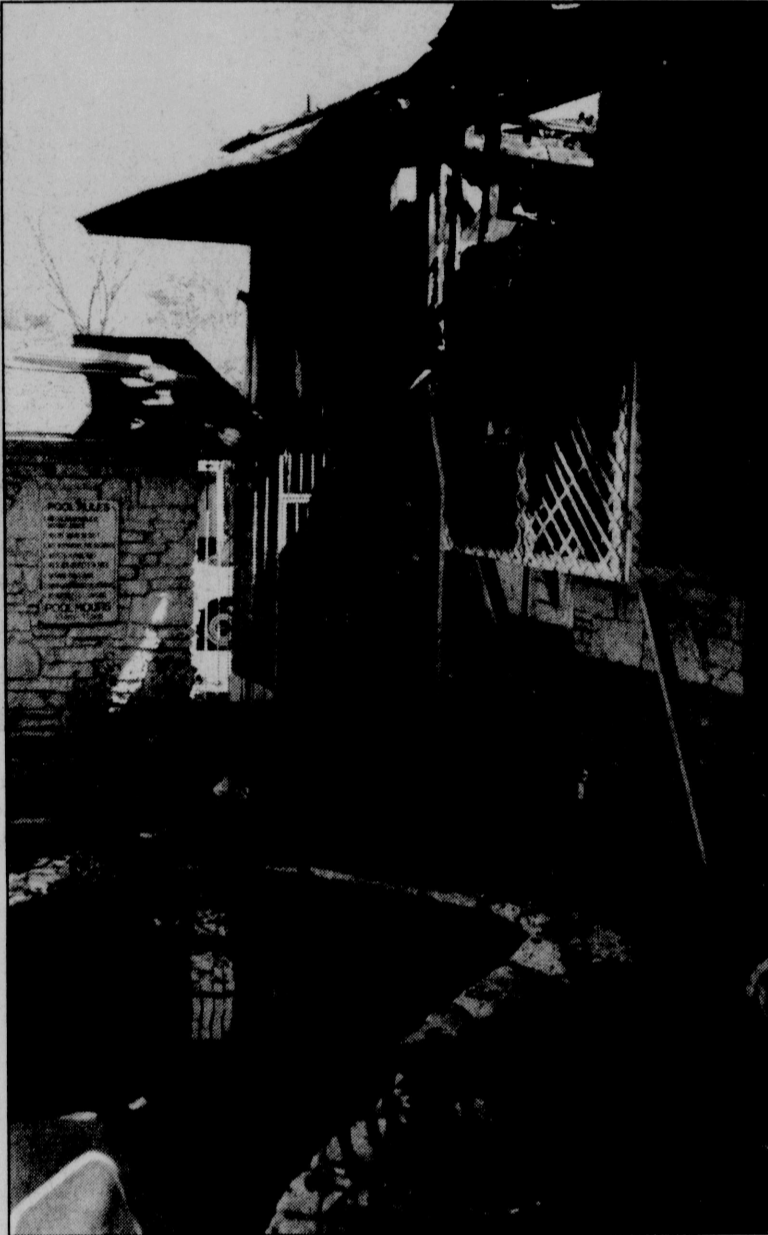
Another scam would be to take out multiple loans and repay each with your credit card. Moving funds back and forth in such a way might seem pointless, until you take a trip to Hawaii with the frequent flyer miles. Henry F. Urick, the assistant director in the Office of Student Financial Services, said his office punishes students who take advantage and misuse their loan. "We have, we do, and we will," he said. Although this slams the door in the face of budding white collar criminals, Urick said he doesn't care how the money is used. "It used to be called the book loan," he said. "But the purpose [of the money] is not material." Apparently, Iceman's shirt is just what it is intended for.

An overloaded electrical socket sparked fire

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pressure. "It took two hours to control the situation," said Eric Hamilton, Austin Fire Department spokesman. The cause for the low water pressure is currently under investigation, he said. The fire started in unit 234, caused by an overloaded electrical socket, Hamilton said. AFD estimated that damage totaled \$700,000 to \$900,000 to the building structure and \$200,000 to inside contents. "I arrived to find the fire in progress, about 11 p.m.," said Todd Plunk, a corporate communication senior who lived at the complex. "I was shocked. I really don't know what to make of it." No one was injured in the blaze, but all 80 occupants were evacuated Wednesday night and asked to spend the night elsewhere, Medina said. Plunk's apartment was spared from the fire. "But everything's wet," Plunk said. "I'm at a loss for words. I have to find a new place to live and just take it day by day." Plunk said he has renters' insurance and will be compensated for property damage. But unfortunately for those who do not have renters' insurance, whatever was lost is lost. "Our insurance only covers our property," said Sharon Kanowsky, leasing agent for MayDay Properties, owner of Buckingham Square. Buckingham Square management had a table set up on the parking lot of the property, with volunteers from American Red Cross, and UT Office of the Dean

of Students, to help fire victims. Red Cross is providing counseling for victims, helping people with food and clothing and finding them places to stay. "For now, they need to find a place to stay for the weekend," Kanowsky said. "We're deciding on Monday if any of the units are still livable." The Office of the Dean of Students is helping students replace items such as textbooks. "We're working with ITS [Information Technology Services] to get students loaner computers and technical assistance to retrieve hard drives on computers," said Teresa Graham Brett, dean of students. "We're trying to provide emergency funding to help tide students over." Brett said students who were fire victims should come to the Dean of Students office, located in the Student Services Building, in person so that the office could help them with their individual needs. The DOS is also accepting donations from those wanting to help. "We need to help students get into a different environment as soon as possible and create a home for them, so they can continue with school," said Royce Gourley Jr. of the Westside Group, a property group in Austin. Gourley has several properties in the West Campus vicinity that he's offering for immediate move-in to fire victims, waiving the deposit and other fees. Several other realty groups, such as Rainier Management, are offering similar deals and moving help to fire victims.



Roni Gendler/Daily Texan Staff

All residents were vacated from their apartment units at West Avenue and 32nd Street after a fire broke out due to an overpowered electrical outlet. Some local apartment complex owners are allowing displaced tenants to stay in their complexes with no deposit or fees.

Graduates may lose degrees in scandal

By Adam Nossiter Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A worker in Southern University's registrar's office took money to change grades for 541 current and former students, the school's chancellor said Thursday. The

scandal probably will cost at least some students their degrees and could lead to criminal charges. Both undergraduate and graduate students at the nation's largest historically black university were implicated, and some paid to have as many as 20 grades changed, Chancellor Edward Jackson said.

In the case that revealed the scandal, computer records showed a student receiving a degree she hadn't earned, he said. "I strongly suspect when we start revoking grades, we'll start revoking degrees," Jackson said. The school's report has been turned over to East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Doug Moreau, who said he intends to vigorously prosecute participants. Moreau said possible charges include filing false public records, forgery and bribery. He declined to provide details about the evidence, but said the university's investigation involved more than 2,000 possible grade changes. Jackson said the scandal dates to 1995 and that the altered records were traced to a single assistant registrar.

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STATE & LOCAL BRIEFS

City Council to vote on making negotiation public

The Austin City Council postponed a measure Thursday that would alter the way the city negotiates with the police and fire departments. City lawyers are consulting with the Austin Police Association over parts of the proposed ordinance, said Council member Betty Dunkerley. The new ordinance would make negotiations open to the public and place strict time limits on the proceedings. APA will announce proposed changes to the council next week, and the council will vote on the measure April 15. Last week the City Council approved a new contract with the APA after nine months of negotiations. The contract governs police pay and civilian oversight of complaints against Austin police officers. — Clay Reddick

Initial recount reverses outcome in primary voting

SAN ANTONIO — Former Texas Secretary of State Henry Cuellar picked up two more votes in Thursday's recount in the final two counties to report, giving him a 203-vote lead over incumbent Ciro Rodriguez in the Democratic contest in U.S. House District 28. While all of the initial recount is complete, another count is to be done in Webb County because of questions about the number of ballots cast on election day. Cuellar sought the recount last week after trailing Rodriguez by only 145 votes out of more than 48,000 cast in the March 9 primary. That is because the recount vote total in Webb County was 115 ballots greater than the number of ballots counted on primary night. Another recount is scheduled there on Sunday. The turn of events has stunned Rodriguez, who said Wednesday that he will file a lawsuit challenging the totals in Webb and Zapata counties once the recount is completed. — Associated Press

Indictment against Dallas sheriff dismissed by judge

DALLAS — An indictment against Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles that accused him of funneling more than \$100,000 in political contributions into his personal accounts was quashed by a state district judge Thursday. Bowles was indicted last month on one charge of misapplication of fiduciary property. Judge Karen Greene dismissed the indictment, saying the case should be addressed by the Texas Election Code. The Texas Election Code says candidates cannot convert a political donation to personal use. If they do, they must pay a fine equal to the amount they took, the election code states. The code does not provide for a criminal penalty, Greene said. Prosecutor Chris Milner said after the hearing that he is considering an appeal and that the investigation of the sheriff will continue. — AP

CORRECTION

An article in Thursday's Daily Texan, "Supporting gay marriage," ran under an incorrect byline. J.S. McNamara wrote the story. The Texan regrets the error.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

### Judge issues warrants for Madrid bombing suspects

MADRID, Spain — A 35-year-old Tunisian is believed to have led the group suspected in the rail-way bombings in Madrid, according to the international warrant for his arrest released Thursday.

Sarhane Ben Abdelmajid Fakhet is one of six people sought in warrants that a Spanish judge issued Wednesday but made public a day later. He allegedly helped arrange the rental of the house outside Madrid where investigators say the bombs were assembled for the March 11 attacks, which killed 191 people and injured more than 1,800.

Jamal Zougma, a Moroccan already jailed and charged with mass murder in the case, also is considered a prime suspect. Police traced a cell phone found attached to an unexploded bomb to the shop he ran in Madrid.

The names of two people, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Abdelkrim Mejjati, have surfaced in the past two weeks as possible top organizers. Neither was named in the new arrest warrants.

### More than 50 suspected Turkish militants captured

ANKARA, Turkey — A sweep against a militant Turkish group netted more than 50 suspects in three European countries Thursday in what experts said could be the fruit of increased security cooperation before the Athens Olympics.

The suspects were picked up in Turkey, Italy and Belgium after security forces there and in Germany and the Netherlands launched raids against houses used by the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, or DHKPC, a Marxist group that calls for the overthrow of the Turkish government.

Turkey has been pressing Europe to crack down on the DHKPC and other groups, and the Europeans want Turkey to seal its borders to keep out militants. Suicide bombers believed to be linked to al-Qaida carried out four bombings in Istanbul in November.

### 100,000 people march through Argentine capital

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — More than 100,000 people marched through the capital Thursday to protest crime, shouting "Justice! Justice!" in one of Argentina's largest demonstrations in years.

Argentines lighted thousands of white candles outside Congress and held up photos of victims of the recent surge in ransom kidnappings, street holdups and robberies that has become an overriding concern in this South American nation of 36 million people.

Juan Carlos Blumberg, whose 23-year-old son, Axel, was killed last week after being seized by kidnappers demanding a ransom, led the large but peaceful protest.

Police estimated the crowd at 130,000 strong in the capital, while thousands more marched nationwide.

Last year, President Nestor Kirchner ordered more police on the streets and promised unspecified new crime-fighting steps.

### Student sit-in broken up by security in Hong Kong

HONG KONG — Security guards broke up a student sit-in on government property early Friday, carrying away activists who were protesting Beijing's plan to dictate policy on political reforms here.

The protest began Thursday night when about 20 students barged onto the grounds of the government headquarters, and about 400 supporters gathered outside and tried to push their way in through a gate.

Twelve people were injured in a scuffle with officers, police spokesman Mackenzie Mak said. Police arrested two men, one for allegedly biting an officer and another for allegedly striking an inspector.

Last week Beijing announced that the mainland's most powerful legislative panel will issue a ruling on constitutional laws relating to the selection of the territory's leader and legislature.

### Israeli soldiers exchange heavy fire with Palestinians

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli tanks entered the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border early Friday, residents and Palestinian security officials said. There were heavy exchanges of fire between soldiers and Palestinian gunmen, they said.

Soldiers took over the rooftops of three buildings, witnesses said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

# General: 'We will pacify that city'

By Sameer N. Yacoub  
Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — A U.S. general vowed an "overwhelming" response to the murder and mutilation of four American contractors, but U.S. troops stayed out of this anti-American city Thursday, and fearful Iraqi police took no action.

Residents said they were ready to take on the Americans if they try to enter Fallujah, where schools and shops remained open a day after insurgents ambushed the contractors' SUVs,

and mobs strung up two of their charred corpses on an iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River.

Near Fallujah on Thursday, insurgents set off a bomb beside a U.S. military patrol, wounding three troops. Associated Press Television News footage showed smoke and fire pouring from an abandoned Humvee on the side of a road.

In Ramadi, west of Fallujah, six Iraqi civilians died, and four were wounded Wednesday evening in a car bombing at a market, said Lt. Col. Steve Murray, a coalition

spokesman.

Also Thursday, two explosions near a U.S.-escorted fuel convoy in Baghdad wounded at least one Iraqi. APTN footage showed U.S. soldiers putting a wounded person on a stretcher in an armored vehicle.

U.S. troops stayed out of Fallujah on Thursday despite pledges from a military commander to stamp out resistance in a city that is home to militant forces who appear to enjoy the support, or at least acquiescence, of a significant part of the city's

population.

"We will pacify that city. ... It will be at the time and place of our choosing," Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said, pledging to hunt down those who carried out Wednesday's killings, which were reminiscent of the televised abuse of the corpses of American soldiers in Somalia in 1993.

Kimmitt promised a response that will be "deliberate" and "overwhelming."

He also said U.S. forces took into account that the contractors were already dead.

# Uzbek government blames al-Qaida

By Burt Herman  
Associated Press

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A woman detonated a bomb Thursday in central Uzbekistan, killing one person and critically injuring herself, and the government for the first time said al-Qaida was behind this week's attacks that left at least 44 dead, mostly alleged militants.

Ilya Pyagay, the Interior Ministry's deputy anti-terrorism chief, told The Associated Press that those behind the unrest were followers of the strict Wahhabi strain of Islam believed to have inspired Osama bin Laden.

The Uzbek government often uses the Wahhabi label to tar anyone who worships outside state-run mosques, and Western diplomats and human rights activists say official repression could be to blame for the violence.

Police said a woman detonated a bomb in a two-story apartment building in the central Bukhara region. Her name was not given.

Meanwhile, police said a standoff ended early Thursday when a "lone bandit" blew himself up.



An Uzbek police officer speaks with a local resident near the house where a man described as a militant killed himself during an attempt to arrest him in Tashkent on Thursday. This week's outbreak of violence in Uzbekistan is linked to al-Qaida, a top anti-terror official said Thursday.

Mikhail Metzel/Associated Press

# Bush signs legislation to protect fetus rights



President Bush signs the Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004 at the White House on Thursday. Behind him is Sharon Rocha, mother of pregnant murder victim Laci Peterson.

Martinez Monsivals/Associated Press

## New law makes assault on pregnant woman 2 separate federal crimes

By Jennifer Loven  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With grieving families present, President Bush on Thursday signed into law new protections for the unborn that for the first time make it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother.

"If the crime is murder and the unborn child's life ends, justice demands a full accounting under the law," Bush said before signing the measure.

"The suffering of two victims can never equal only one offense."

Abortion-rights proponents called the measure an assault on reproductive freedom, because it represents the first recognition of federal legal rights for an embryo or fetus as a person separate from

the woman.

An exuberant audience of abortion foes cheered the president during his remarks, while a few of the family members who shared the East Room stage wiped away tears. Included in the group were the mother and stepfather of California murder victim Laci Peterson, who was eight months pregnant when she died in December 2002 in a highly publicized case.

But the new law applies only to harm to a fetus while a federal crime, such as a terrorist attack or drug-related shooting, is being committed against the pregnant mother.

The legislation defines an "unborn child" as a child in utero in "any stage of development."

The new law passed by a 245-163 vote in the House and a 61-38 vote in the Senate.

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VIEWPOINT

Noted In Passing ...

SG AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AGAIN: For the third time, some SG representatives managed to find reasons to avoid passing accountability measures.

To review: AB 22 and AB 23 were introduced on March 5. SG has yet to vote on either measure.

AB 22 calls for SG to post voting and attendance information on the Internet. SG failed to pass the measure multiple times — once because there was no quorum present. Thankfully, SG President Brian Haley gave an executive order and posted voting and attendance records without waiting for the blessing of the representatives, rendering the opposition to the bill moot. We expect president-elect Brent Chaney to continue to post this information online next year even if the assembly resists.

AB 23 aims to “disseminate information among Student Government and the student body,” representative Laura Gladney-Lemon, the author of the bill, told the Texan. The bill accomplishes its admirable goal by having committee and agency heads post reports on their activities on the Internet. Committee and agency heads are already required to write reports on their activities. SG decided to table this measure at their meeting earlier this week to work out a few minor details that would hold agency and committee members to the same standard as assembly members.

SG needs to work out the details and pass these two measures at next week’s meeting.

Increasing accountability and educating students on what goes on in committee and agency meetings would make SG more transparent and give students a better sense of what SG actually does — too many students think of SG as a group of self-serving resume-builders who occasionally vote on controversial resolutions that have little, if any, real effect.

If SG wants to be taken seriously, it needs to stop finding reasons not to pass the bill.

One common excuse for not passing AB 22 and 23 is that the current SG should not hold the next SG to its standards. That argument rings true only if the current SG isn’t interested in ensuring future administrations are transparent, open and accountable.

More importantly, these bills are good for the students, whom SG representatives pledged to represent until the end of their term, which isn’t over yet.

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Diversity class not the answer

By James B. Phillips  
Daily Texan Columnist

After a 45-day “open period of comment,” the University community has yet to hear an official pronouncement from President Larry Faulkner concerning the recommendations of the Task Force on Racial Respect and Fairness. While the end of the open period was not supposed to represent a strict deadline, students and faculty were expecting at least some indication from Faulkner that the review process was continuing in a timely fashion.

Instead we are left waiting, waiting to see what parts of the report are implemented, if any. Many of us who have taken the time to read the entire report have found more than a few questionable requests, including the oft-debated provision for an Honor Council that would potentially have the power to put constraints on student discourse.

While devoting whole pages to outlining paid positions and new procedures for Greek organizations, the Task Force provides surprisingly little textual real estate to the one stipulation that has the potential to affect the greatest number of students: a mandatory multi-cultural course.

For people like me who could care less about new administrators we’ll never meet or which fraternity is on double-secret insensitivity probation, the dearth of substantive information on an additional university-wide degree requirement is glaring. About the only text we do get comes off of page 13: “Create a general education requirement

Are our families’ stories somehow less relevant or contrary to diversity because the category our ancestors were pigeonholed into is no longer being oppressed?

for a course relating to a non-U.S. culture, a sub-national ethno-racial culture of the U.S. or a course that explores issues related to gender, race and class.” This vague, hyphenated mess of a sentence would seem to apply to a great many classes currently offered at our university.

According to a direct grammatical interpretation of the requirement, a class dedicated to rich white men named John Smith would fall well within the realm of diverse acceptability. Of course exactly what classes would adhere to this provision remains unclear, which creates the perfect environment for a university official that none of us had a hand in appointing to pick and choose those courses deemed acceptable in a ruse of mock-oversight.

One of most disgusting features of this proposed requirement is its assumption that the accomplishments of people like Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, Cesar Chavez and Susan B. Anthony are ignored in university study

and therefore need to be forced down students’ throats like so much rotten spinach. Also, the insinuation that UT propagates some kind of utopian 1950s primary-school view of history is insulting to professors who are constantly updating their curriculums to reflect current interpretations of the past. A common undercurrent among many of those who demand the multi-cultural requirement is this notion that struggles for civil rights, gender equality, immigrant parity and the woes of the working poor are somehow separate from the sum-total of the American experience.

Some of us who currently enjoy reasonable affluence and comfort come from lineages which less than two generations ago experienced the sting of poverty and the difficulty of cultural assimilation. Are our families’ stories somehow less relevant or contrary to diversity, because the category our ancestors were pigeonholed into is no longer being oppressed?

A forced multi-cultural course requirement is no panacea for racial intolerance, and playing preferences in determining just what will add to the University’s image of diversity is a dangerous game. Taking important minority figures and issues and intellectually segregating them into three-hour sections earmarked for an imposed learning experience will only breed anger and resentment among the very students who should be discovering them as a natural evolution of their collegiate study.

Phillips is a government junior.

Bill unfairly favors illegal immigrants

By Yvette Owu  
Daily Texan Columnist

Immigrants often praise America as a land of opportunity and uphold the American ideal that hard work will be rewarded with success. But legal immigration into America can be a difficult process. Even so, House Bill 1403, which allows illegal immigrants to attend public colleges and pay in-state tuition, rewards illegal immigrants for breaking American immigration laws. This is unfair to American citizens and legal immigrants.

To get into American schools, students from foreign high schools or universities first take the SAT, ACT and TOEFL, in addition to tests in their own countries. They also apply for a nonresident student visa. Applying for a visa can be like playing the state lottery. You hope and pray that you are one of the few chosen from a pool of thousands of applicants. Students then take the risk of leaving their homes in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and other areas in the hope that they can work hard enough to stay in

What logic says that legal immigrants do not have a hard time paying for college?

America. After college graduation, immigrants must find an employer willing to file for their citizenship, continue on to graduate school or be deported home.

Giving illegal immigrants an in-state tuition rate with the rationale that they cannot afford out-of-state tuition is unfair to those who legally waited for their admittance into America. For the 2003-04 academic year, international students at the University pay at least \$341 per credit hour, while in-state students pay only \$104. For a student taking 15-credit hours, that is a cost differential of at least \$3,500 per semester that politicians are giving to illegal immigrants. I know international students with 1400s and 1500s on their SATs who received no scholarships, because they were international. If they were in-state residents, they could have received almost a free ride.

What logic says that legal immi-

grants do not have a hard time paying for college? In addition, most of their parents live abroad and earn wages in currency less-valued than American money. Some of these students are not eligible for any work in American because of their immigrant status. This is the reward they get for not sneaking across the border; this is the result of their hard work.

This is not to say anything of the fact that a natural-born American citizen from California also cannot get the luxury of an in-state tuition discount.

As a result of all this, the wording in House Bill 1403 was changed to say that only illegal immigrants who came to the United States before the bill’s passage and before age 16 can qualify for the act, DREAM 2003. That change was necessary; or else the act would encourage illegal immigration. Otherwise, the bill would promise a discounted college edu-

cation for the children of any foreigner tactful enough to hide their children in American.

With so little real impact, the bill seems to be a ploy for votes. It is interesting that a Republican, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, introduced a bill that would allow illegal immigrants to be citizens after graduation.

Legal immigrants received no such benefit and must eventually wait patiently and legally for another visa, not to mention the fact that they spend hundreds of dollars just applying to the United States.

Then, qualified doctors, lawyers and scientists who immigrate to America are treated just as harshly even after passing American professional tests and practicing for several years.

The right to attend public, state-funded colleges as an illegal, non-tax-paying immigrant is already a luxury. Out-of-state residents and international students should be outraged at the inequities of House Bill 1403.

Owu is a business finance junior.

THE FIRING LINE

Self-promotion over accountability

All of this talk about not wanting to “punish future assemblies for our sins” or not “holding future assemblies to our standards” is unadulterated malarkey. Publishing voting records, attendance and periodic reports is not “punishment” — it is good government, and it is not the current assembly’s standard — it is the standard to which all sensible governments hold themselves.

Student Government has always been of a very limited usefulness, but with the emergence of a de facto one-party system and the hostility toward even the most ridiculously minor concessions to accountability, one has to wonder whether or not it has finally and completely outlived its usefulness. Some in the assembly will perhaps write my anger off as mere “sour grapes” as I lost my bid for election to the assembly this year, but they would be wrong. SG has a great deal of potential for good. But it’s potential is wasted by the short-sighted self-promotion of the Mayberry Machiavellis that run the show now. AB 23 ought to be passed, and it ought to be only the opening salvo in a war on ineptitude in our student assembly.

Andrew Dobbs  
SG Student services chair  
Communication studies/history sophomore

Quit whining, SG

Memo to: Tanner Neidhardt, Marc Eichenbaum, et al.

In the words of Ricky Ricardo, “You got some ‘splainin’ to do!” Each of you claims, for separate reasons, that the recent SG Accountability bills should not be passed. But I fail to follow your reasoning.

Mr. Neidhardt argues that “If a student misses a meeting for a forum or attends the lecture series, that’s the kind of people you want in Student Government.” (“Haley posts SG meeting attendance,” Mar. 26). Maybe those are the people you want in SG, but I’d like to be represented with consistent attendance. If these other events are so important, perhaps SG meetings should be rescheduled so that there is not a time conflict. Let me know when you sponsor that bill.

Mr. Eichenbaum’s reasoning also strikes me as flawed. He claims “the assembly [tabled the bill] because it did not want to hold the next class of SG to its standards” (“SG tables accountability bill a second time,” Mar. 31). Does that mean your standards are too high, or too low? It seems to me that if your standards were high and you cared about the future of SG, you would want to hold the incumbents to the same high standard. Or is it the case that your standards are too low, and you do not wish to raise the bar?

Student Government representatives, each of you volunteered to commit your time to representing the students of our University. Stop whining, and show up.

Jason Blair  
Computer sciences/Plan II senior

Democracy wins in Spain

In his column (“Spain’s capitulation to terror,” Apr. 1), Mr. Burnham makes the misleading argument that the Spanish elections were decided by the Madrid terrorist atrocities. While these attacks possibly made a statement to voters, the article fails to mention that roughly 90 percent of the Spanish population opposed Jose Maria

Aznar’s support of President Bush’s reactionary foreign policy. This undoubtedly made a statement to voters. Ultimately, the Spanish election, whether Mr. Burnham agrees with it or not, was not a victory for terrorism, but the exercise of democracy.

Steven Byrd  
Hispanic linguistics graduate student

Two wrongs don’t make a right

In her piece on alternative histories, it is obvious that Esther Wang got only one thing out of her “Eurocentric” history classes: a deep-seated resentment because of the way these classes excluded the marginalized histories of U.S. minorities. So what is the solution that will correct this wrongful exclusion? A multicultural diversity requirement!

Apparently, Esther wants an eye for an eye. You want to cram Eurocentric history down her throat? Well, she will require to have an alternative history requirement crammed down yours. And while she is allowed to feel angry about having to study a version of history that did not appeal to her, you had better fork over your money and like it when you have to study a version of history that she approves of. After all, while Esther’s experience with one-sided history has made her bitter and resentful, other students’ experiences with one-sided history will surely turn them into tolerant, accepting individuals who appreciate racial diversity. Sounds logical, right?

Thanks, Esther, for the childhood anecdote about how none of your K-12 classes ever discussed slavery. (How believable is that?) But please spare us the vindictive motivation

for supporting a multicultural diversity requirement.

Moreover, understand that those who choose to be separatists, surrounded by their “own kind,” will not be swayed by a required history class. Were you?

Rebecca Zemora  
UT alumna

A closer look at libertarians

On April 1, Mr. Scott argued that anyone, excluding libertarians, couldn’t help but agree with the idea that “people who can’t afford health care should suffer and die without society’s help” (“Sharing the cost for better health care”).

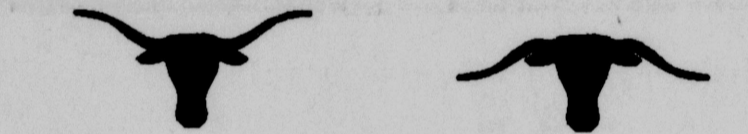
It may come as a shock, but libertarians agree with him. His problem is that he uses society as a synonym for government. Libertarians give to charitable causes, but they believe that the government may not take from them for charitable causes. The difference between libertarian thought and Mr. Scott’s is motivation and action.

Everyone ought to give to charitable causes; I don’t like the idea of suffering in this world any more than anyone else. But government-mandated giving is wrong. What if I decide that the administration of health care through the state isn’t cost effective? I have no recourse to make them change their ways if I may not remove my money from their budget.

Please watch your generalizations, Mr. Scott. Libertarians are not thirsty for the blood of the immigrants; they just don’t like government.

Robert Walsh  
Humanities junior

horns up, horns down



**Streakers:** Thirty years of on-campus birthday suits and counting. There’s nothing to spice up a spring afternoon like an interpretative performance of Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind.” Here’s to hoping that random acts of nudity continue for another 30 years. We’ll see how the FCC likes that.



**Spamarama 2004:** They all said it couldn’t be done. They said no one would show up. They said SPAM is gross anyway. They were wrong. Saturday, Spamarama invades Waterloo Park, featuring events such as the SPAM toss, the SPAM cram and the SPAM call. 5,000-10,000 nutjobs, err, aficionados, are expected to attend. Only in America.

**Tower Records closing:** First Sound Exchange, now you guys. Sure, it’s unfortunate, but no matter what anyone says, it’s not our fault. After all, it’s tough to pay \$18.99 for a CD that you can “borrow” from the UGL and burn for free before giving it back ... whoops. Uh ... disregard that last statement.



**Hands-free cell phones:** Nothing steams us more than when we think people are talking to us but are just yelling at their friends, parents or significant others. You know who you are. And while we’re on the subject, don’t break up over the cell phone or have post-break-up “talks” on your cell phone, and cut out the lovey-dovey crap whether you’re on the phone or not.

THE GALLERY



# Building may house Austin City Limits TV studio

## PLANT, FROM 1

kerley requested the City Council authorize the request for proposal, she said, because the city could benefit if companies currently proposing development for another downtown property could concurrently bid on the Seaholm project.

In addition, Dunkerley said, many Austin organizations could

benefit from Seaholm's quick development.

"A lot of people are looking for a home, a place to land," Dunkerley said.

For example, the Austin Children's Museum, the Austin Public Library, television station KLRU, which produces Austin City Limits, and a proposed Texas Music Hall of Fame are looking for new locations,

Dunkerley said.

The city has mandated that Seaholm be used for such a cultural purpose.

"We're hoping the redevelopment will be a major cultural attraction," said city urban designer Greg Kiloh, who has been involved in all aspects of the project. "That will benefit the citizens of Austin by increasing the tax base. It's also an opportunity

to create a facility that people can go to and enjoy."

The site is destined to be a transportation center linking Capital Metro bus routes, bicycle routes and, in the future, possibly a light rail system, Kiloh said.

"The Seaholm area is a nexus of transportation in downtown Austin already and has the potential to be even more so,"

Kiloh said.

Kiloh said because the project will be expensive, the city is seeking a developer that can help financially. The developer the city chooses will probably install restaurants and retail stores in addition to the cultural attractions to make the project more profitable, he said.

Initial estimates for the total cost of redevelopment range

from \$11 million to \$75 million, Kiloh said, but the city will not be sure of the cost until developers submit proposals and the city chooses an option.

Regardless of what is inside, the city plans to apply to make the building a historic landmark, Kiloh said. The Gotham-like neon sign, windows and smokestacks won't be going anywhere.

## A 'FENCE' LIFT



Andrew Price/Daily Texan Staff  
Homer Montemayor, a resident of San Antonio, repaints the fence at "the Quad," behind Littlefield Dormitory on Thursday afternoon.

# Revue to hit the stage for encore presentation

## REVUE, FROM 1

ing at the beginning of the semester, Thursday's show was the culmination of half a year's efforts for the committee in charge.

Once funding was provided by the University Co-op, the publicity, special programs, logistics and recruiting committees divided the money up and got to work.

"It's a pretty hefty penny," said Nik Skalomenos, humanities senior and logistics chair for the Revue.

Last year's show cost between \$18,000 and \$20,000, Skalomenos said.

Two thousand dollars of the show's budget automatically goes to the overall winning act,

determined by seven judges. The total student online vote represents the seventh judge. Winners of the other three awards — best technical performance, best artistic performance and the ovation award — take home \$500 a piece. Winners are announced at the conclusion of Saturday's show.

Performers had a variety of uses for the prize money: R&B group Keion hopes to put the money into a record deal, Russell would use it for tuition, the UT Dance Team said they need to fill a dry bank account, and Nick Brody of the Communication Council said the money would go toward a "really big party."

For beatboxer Ram Vela, the

performance was about firing up the audience.

"It really makes me feel good to know people are interested in beatbox," said Vela, a radio-television-film senior. "I went onstage, and just seeing one person get excited made me go off. I mean, I think I went a little crazy out there. I could have gone another four minutes."

Texas Revue opened and closed under clear skies and loud crowds.

"It's been hypothetical for so long," said Kristen Bowden, Texas Revue co-chair. "I couldn't have asked for a better night, I couldn't have asked for a better crowd and things couldn't be running smoother. It's better than I ever expected it to be."

## Separation to help keep grant's momentum

### GEOSCIENCES, FROM 1

the pros and cons of every suggestion the committee presented to him and ultimately concluded the new organization was needed. Additionally, he nixed the idea of moving the Bureau of Economic Geology and the Institute for Geophysics onto the main campus, but approved maintaining a "unit leader" for each distinct geoscience-related entity.

The UT faculty and administrators who had time Thursday to review the long memo were cautiously optimistic about Faulkner's decisions.

UT geology professor Gary Kocurek said the report was "well-balanced," and that Faulkner "clearly recognizes that we have a lot of work to do."

"It's a big move and not something you should decide on real quickly," Kocurek said.

Faulkner's memo said his inclinations were not binding, and he would use the next 10 days to two weeks to meet with administrative officers, faculty and staff to develop a plan of action.

Under the organizational reshuffling, the Jackson school, and all the geosciences programs under it, will be separated from the College of Natural Sciences and be overseen by its own dean or director, said William Fisher, the head of the Jackson School of Geosciences.

Creating the school is necessary to encourage the type of top-notch faculty the University needs to increase the ranking of its geological programs, said Fisher. An independent school headed by a dean would allow recruiting specifically for the geo-

science programs, he said.

"We will have a vigorous national search for a new dean or director," Fisher said. "We hope to get someone that has a standing that will attract comparable people to make the school better."

Fisher said the Jackson school has about 125 faculty and research scientists, making it the largest component of any Natural Sciences school.

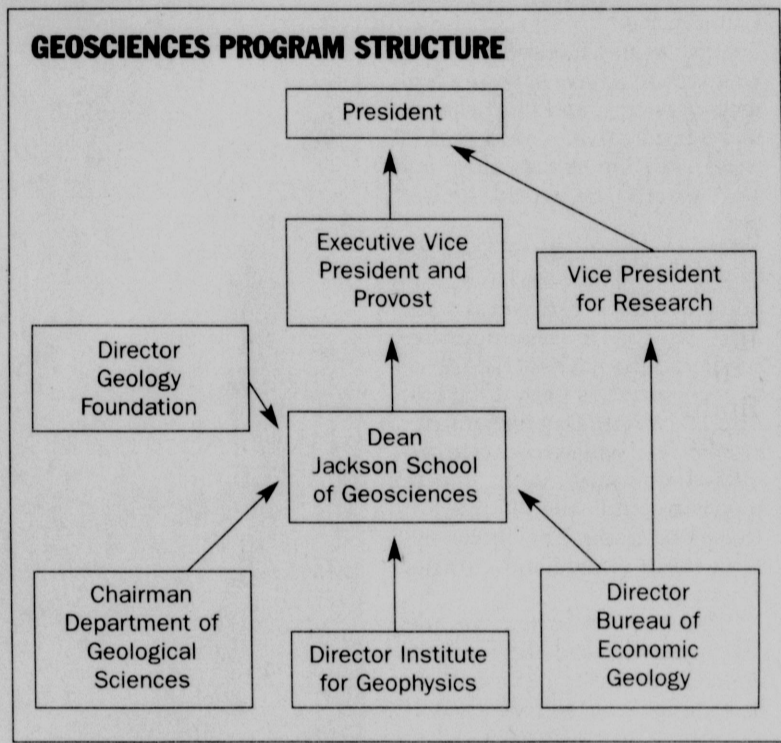
By comparison, the chemistry and biochemistry departments have approximately 60 full-time faculty and lecturers.

When the University first received the promised donation, it was worth \$150 million. Now it has almost doubled to \$282 million and is expected to climb even higher.

The University officially received the endowment upon Jackson's death in March 2003. Jackson was a petroleum geologist and UT alumnus who made his money discovering oil in West Texas, Fisher said.

The Dean of the College of Natural Sciences Mary Rankin and Executive Vice President and Provost Sheldon Ekland-Olson could not be reached for comment Thursday.

"I think it's a good idea. Our department is so big, and there is so much division, that it doesn't really fit into Natural Sciences," said Shadiyat Bello, a hydrogeology senior. She said she frequently cannot take the classes she needs because of the limited availability of professors.



Source: The University of Texas at Austin

## District officer says family never home

### DEL VALLE, FROM 1

beginning of the school year when she provided the necessary documents for enrollment.

Bouldwin provided the Texan with an unsigned copy of the letter.

On Feb. 25, Bouldwin said she met with Modesto Robles and showed him a copy of a rental agreement. Bouldwin then met with Assistant Superintendent Sandra Dowdy, where she said she again revealed the agreement.

Modesto Robles declined to comment.

Bouldwin said Dowdy told her to come in with her landlord, because the document needed to be signed and notarized. She agreed to return on March 1.

On March 1, Bouldwin returned to the administrative building with Joe Scott, her landlord and brother, to get the document notarized. She said neither Robles nor Dowdy were in their offices at the time.

The agreement, also obtained by the Texan, is notarized by Norma Robles, who works at the Del Valle administrative building. Norma Robles said she remembered notarizing the document.

"I just notarized the forms and handed them to the proper party," she said.

After Bouldwin and Scott left, Scott said he was called back by Modesto Robles, who asked him to fill out additional paperwork.

"They kept saying that 'If you're falsifying information, you will be liable' like they didn't believe me," Scott said. "I said, 'Look sir, my understanding is people aren't going to lie to come here, they're going to lie to get away from here.' He didn't think that was funny."

Scott, whose parents own the

property, said the property has been in the family for around 30 years without any conflict with the district.

Bouldwin's eighth-grade daughter was withdrawn from Ojeda Junior High a week later, and Bouldwin has since been "fighting" to get her children back in school.

She contacted State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and, through a relative, Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe, who wrote an open letter to the school board regarding the matter. The letter was delivered at the board's meeting Tuesday.

"I'm convinced she resides where she said she does. I'm not alleging bad faith, but I feel the finding [by the school district] was erroneous."

Travis County Judge  
Sam Biscoe

"I'm convinced she resides where she said she does," Biscoe said. "I'm not alleging bad faith, but I feel the finding [by the school district] was erroneous."

Dowdy said she could not comment on what exactly sparked the investigation, saying the district's policy prevents her from discussing specific details.

Bouldwin said concerns over her son's health-related tardies are the likely cause.

Modesto Robles concluded the family does not live in the house they claim, Dowdy said.

"He's been to the house on numerous occasions and is yet

to find the family there. He's left a letter on the doorstep," Dowdy said. "People who have lived there and live around there say they don't live there."

The Texan has obtained copies of phone and gas bills, as well as Bouldwin's driver's license confirming residency.

But Dowdy claims she has not seen any documents, including the copy of the renter's agreement. She said her meeting with Bouldwin on Feb. 25 was concerning a different matter she said she could not discuss.

Also at issue, Dowdy said, is a utility bill in the name of Bouldwin's eighth-grade daughter, shown at Tuesday's board meeting.

"I don't know many 13- or 14-year-olds who pay utilities," Dowdy said.

Bouldwin admitted putting the bill in her daughter's name was a bad idea and has since changed the name on the bill to her husband Kennie.

Blanchard said, prior to scheduling today's meeting, the district was having difficulty reaching Bouldwin.

"[The Bouldwins] physically have to show up to put their children back in school," Blanchard said. "We're trying to get hold of them, but they aren't responding to us."

District officials said they would be happy to readmit the children if provided with proper documentation.

Bouldwin said she is eager to get her kids back in school, but worries her children will be placed in summer school or even retained for their missed school.

"I've been trying to get worksheets for [my son] to keep studying," Bouldwin said. "I want my kids back in school, but I want them treated fairly when they go back."

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# Committee to focus on improving campus space

Group will look at role campus plays in sense of community

By Zein Basravi  
Daily Texan Staff

The newly-formed Committee on Campus Community will be examining the role a sense of community plays on campus, committee members said Thursday.

The committee was set up by the president's office in February at the recommendation of

Student Government President Brian Haley and Vice President Sly Majid after they visited the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona and the University of California at Los Angeles last year to learn about their programs and campus life.

The committee will examine issues such as community space, parking and residence hall capacity. Members were announced Monday.

Dean of Students Teresa Graham Brett said the committee is in the planning stages and

would be looking at barriers to community building and innovative ways to create community.

"This committee is focusing on students as well as staff and faculty," committee co-chair and law professor Steven Goode said.

Goode said the committee's goal is to come up with sensible ideas to better campus life. The committee is made up of 19 members including students, staff, faculty and a representative from Texas Exes.

The committee is organized into three sub-groups that will

focus on campus programs, facilities and campus planning and relationships between different members of the campus population.

"The space-to-student ratio for community space is about three feet per student, one of the lowest in the nation," SG President-elect Brent Chaney said. "Once it's handed over to [the new SG Assembly], it's our job to talk to the administration to get the space needed to better the campus for students."

Texas Exes spokesman Jim

Nicar said that most universities the size of the University have multiple student unions, more meeting space and generally more space for students to gather.

Tiffanie Bentley, a housing coordinator for the Division of Housing and Food Service, said living on campus is a major factor in developing a sense of community, because it brings people together.

"Not as many people get the on-campus living experience," Bentley said.

She said UT President Larry

Faulkner was supportive of creating as many beds on campus as possible. Faulkner hopes to increase on-campus capacity to 10,000 beds with the construction of new dorms, Bentley said.

"To me, the University is people. People make the place," Nicar said.

He said the University must overcome its space problems to adequately serve students. He added that parking permits are also a big problem.

"It isn't a permit. It's really a hunting license," he said.

# Honors Day rewards UT students for hard work

By Laura Dewey  
Daily Texan Staff

Jacob Ward, an engineering honors/Plan II/Latin American studies major, has a lot on his plate.

He maintains a 3.97 GPA while working as a resident assistant at Carothers Dormitory and a researcher for submarine navigation at Applied Research Laboratories.

"I try to stay focused. By being so involved, I have to have a high level of energy, and this helps me to be productive," Ward said. "I experience life to the fullest and just absorb the world around me."

Ward, along with 5,729 other College Scholars, who have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9, and 516 Distinguished Scholars, who have 4.0 GPAs, will be recognized as part of the 56th Annual Honors Day on Saturday. Honors Day will involve two central ceremonies with special speakers and the University Trombone Choir. The Tower will be lit burnt orange and crowned in white.

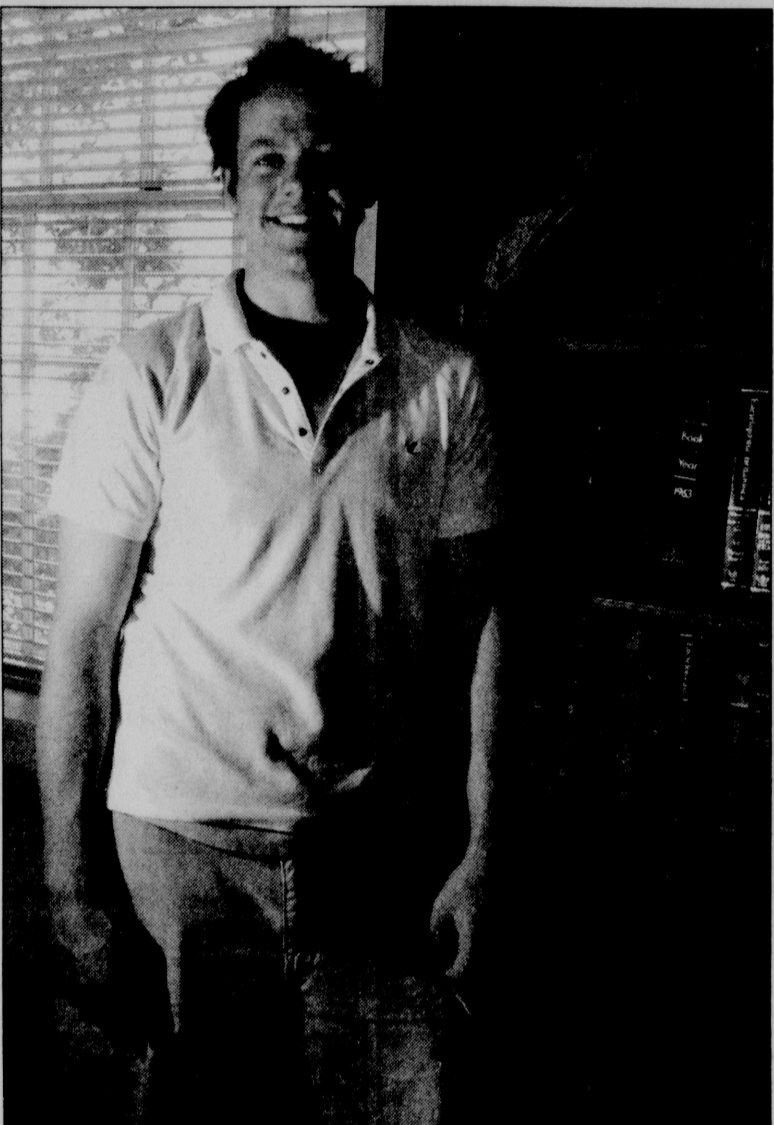
"This is a day when we celebrate student academic achievement, and these represent the best students at the University of Texas at Austin," said Susan Clagett, associate vice president of relationship management and University events. "They deserve applause."

Ward said he always did well in his math and science classes at his high school near Fort Worth. He has managed to maintain a high-energy lifestyle in addition to a high GPA.

His experience as an RA gave him the opportunity to know people on an individual level, said Ward.

"I can be their mentor, encourager and supporter. It's fun to be a part of so many people's lives," Ward said.

Ward's biggest challenge has



Andrew Price/Daily Texan Staff  
Jake Ward, a resident assistant in Carothers Dormitory, is one of thousands of students being honored on Honors Day on Saturday.

been the balancing of schoolwork with his relationships with other people.

"Because I have so much on my plate, I want to make sure I don't default on everyone else. Having everyone happy is very important to me," he said.

Ward plans to study abroad in Argentina this summer to start his goal of forming a better relationship between Latin America and the United States.

"One way to do this is through technology," he said. "But it's more than that. It's about communication and forming closer ties."

The Honors Day Convocation address will be made by Dr. C. Grant Willson, the Rashid Engineering Regents Chair in Chemical Engineering and professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

Each of the ceremonies includes a procession of students and their faculty guests, a video presentation focused on the faculty and remarks by Lauren Lien, 2004 Truman Scholar and government major, and Corinna Kester, 2003 Truman Scholar and chemical engineering honors/Plan II major.

"Sometimes these students work very quietly in libraries, laboratories and residence halls across campus," Clagett said. "They deserve recognition."

# Bass Concert Hall will remain open until Long Center built

By Claire Harlin  
Daily Texan Staff

The University is delaying fire and life safety enhancements to the Bass Concert Hall so local artists will have a performing venue until the new Long Center is finished in April 2007.

"We would have had to find alternate performance space," said Jim Reagan, the executive director of the Austin Symphony. "None of the other venues are the size of Bass so it would have been a great disruption."

Bass Concert Hall, a 23-year-old facility, was scheduled to close in April 2006 for fire safety renovations but will stay open another year to coincide with the completion of the Long

Center, a \$110-million project, said Pat Clubb, the vice president of employee and campus services.

The new facility, which will serve as the home of the Austin Symphony, Ballet Austin and The Austin Lyric Opera, will be located at the site of the old Palmer Auditorium on Town Lake and Auditorium Shores.

Bruno Longarini, the College of Fine Arts spokesman, said the state fire marshal granted the postponement.

"The decision was based on our service to the local arts groups and understanding their needs," he said.

Wayne Smith, the director of the Fire Safety Inspections Division of the State Fire

Marshal's Office, said there are two main renovations needed at Bass Concert Hall, but neither has risen to a level of danger.

"The sprinkler system needs to be extended to cover the entire building," Smith said. "Only about a third is currently covered."

He said the most critical parts of the building, such as the stage and operating rooms, are covered.

Smith also said the exit ways need to be enclosed and made fire resistant for better protection.

"We're satisfied with the level of fire safety until the University can take the building out of service," Smith said.



Sharee Davis/Daily Texan Staff  
Senior lecturer Austin Bay addresses the Foreign Policy Council about rebuilding Iraq. The organization is made up of students who discuss current events in foreign policy with guest lecturers.

# Retired general: More military needed

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success, Bay said.

Bay read his article "Reinventing Iraq" which ran in the Weekly Standard in December 2002. The article compares postwar Iraq to Trieste, Italy, after World War II and proposes the adoption of a similar governmental model for Iraq, because a similar conflicts exist between factions in the areas.

Gen. Lawrence agreed with the statements in Bay's article and added that law and order, economic prosperity and economic development and integration with the other countries is important for the growth of a new Iraqi government. Security

is needed before cooperation, Lawrence said.

"I never believed we needed a big force to take the country, but I believed we needed a big force to hold the country and conduct stability operations," he said.

Retired Lt. Gen. Dick Lawrence

"Without security, chaos and suspicion exist between religious groups," Lawrence said.

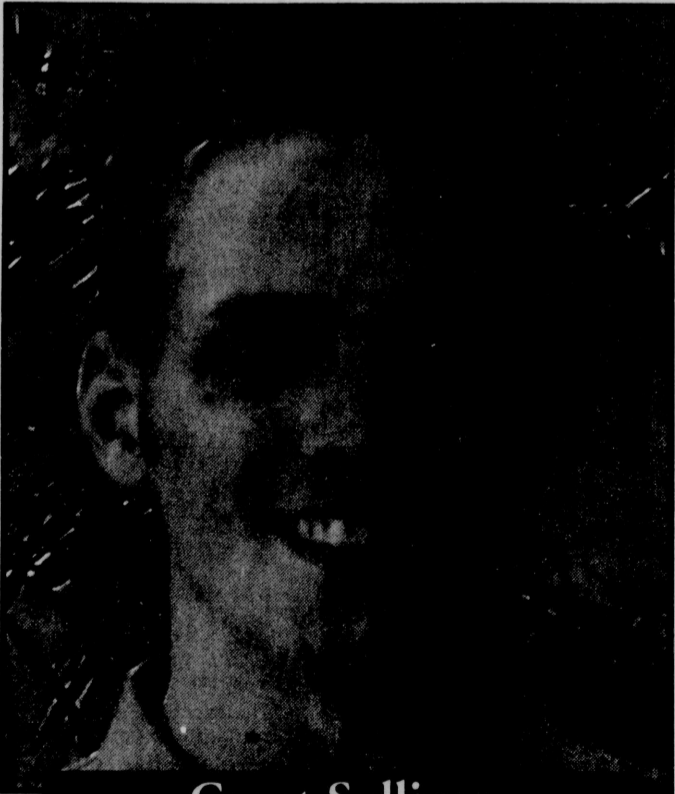
"Without security, there is no chance for cooperation."

More U.S. military needed to be in Iraq post-conventional conflict, Lawrence said.

"I never believed we needed a big force to take the country, but I believed we needed a big force to hold the country and conduct stability operations," he said.

Despite this, Lawrence said Iraq has progressed economically and that Iraqis believe the quality of life is better than it was a year ago.

"I do believe we'll see a secular federal form of government in Iraq," Lawrence said. "The question is how long [it will take]."



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# Onscreen voting sets off debate on accountability

By Robert Tanner  
Associated Press

An effort to erase doubts about new ATM-style voting machines by backing up digital votes with paper records is gaining ground nationwide, as state officials heed warnings about security and potentially messy recounts.

Four states are demanding printers that will generate paper receipts voters can see and verify, and more than a dozen other states are weighing the change. But only one, Nevada, expects to have a paper trail in place by the fall elections.

"People are just realizing exactly what we've bought into in some states," said Maryland state Sen. Andrew Harris, a Republican. "The stakes are so high. I don't put it above someone trying to manipulate elections on a grand scale."

Harris wants to fix what many in the computer science world and elsewhere see as a dangerous flaw in the touchscreen machines that will be used in up to 34 states this November.

Their worry? That voters will make one choice, and the machine, through a coding error or a hacker's manipulation, will record it as another. With no one

the wiser, election outcomes could be changed.

Many election administrators and voting machine industry representatives say that such fears are misguided and ignore the rigorous tests and trial runs, from manufacture to Election Day, that protect the vote.

But the doubters are winning support. Harris has proposed that the 16,000 new touchscreen machines that all Maryland voters will use this year be outfitted with a paper ballot printed after a person makes a choice. The voters would then get to see and verify their selection, and the ballot would be secured in case of a recount.

The idea, known as a verified voter paper trail, has been proposed in at least 16 other states as lawmakers have begun responding to months of complaints, letters of protests and security studies that found serious flaws in the ATM-style equipment.

"The issue is all about accountability," said Dean Heller, Nevada's GOP secretary of state. "These votes are out there in cyberspace somewhere, and nobody can prove that they exist. The paper trail does."

# School finance session in mid-April rumored

Gov. Perry reportedly said he'll announce his plans this week

By April Castro  
Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry has told Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick that he will announce this week a special legislative session in mid-April to address school finance, sources told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Spokespeople in Perry's office said he has no plans to call a session this week, but would not deny that Perry made those comments to Dewhurst and Craddick. "I'm not privy to his conversations," said spokesman Robert Black. "The governor speaks with the speaker and lieutenant governor these days literally on a daily basis."

Two days have been mentioned as possible start dates, April 12 or April 19, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Perry, who was in Dallas on Thursday meeting with business leaders, had set April 1 as a target date for reaching a consensus. He backed away from the date a short time later, saying only that he hoped to have a consensus sometime in April.

The three Republican leaders have not reached an agreement on how to overhaul the share-the-wealth system of funding public education known by the nickname Robin Hood. Perry has said he will call a session once a consensus has emerged.

Two days have been mentioned as possible start dates, April 12 or April 19, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said the governor still wants to reach a consensus before announcing a session. "I think there is a consensus

that has emerged at least on the basic principles of educational excellence, of maintaining equity while eliminating Robin Hood, of cutting, capping and controlling property taxes and of maintaining a healthy job creation climate," she said.

But, she noted, "you still have a variety of revenue options out there being discussed."

Whether Perry wants a consensus on specific revenue options before announcing a session will "be the governor's decision,"

Walt said.

Lawmakers have said they want to slash property taxes now levied on homeowners who bear the brunt of the state's public education costs. School officials say they need additional money and that the so-called Robin Hood plan is not working efficiently.

Perry has said one way to replace Robin Hood is through a "split-tax roll," an idea he has praised that would tax residential and commercial property separately.

## Blanton Museum acquires masterpiece painting as gift

16th-century piece joins Suida-Manning art collection

By Andy Seré  
Daily Texan Staff

The University's Blanton Museum of Art will soon unveil what Jonathan Bober, the museum's curator of prints, drawings and European paintings, called "the most significant single acquisition the Blanton has ever made."

The oil-on-panel painting, "Virgin and Child with the Young St. John the Baptist," by 16th-century Genoese artist Luca Cambiaso, was purchased in March from the Paris-based Galerie Canesso. The Effie and Wofford Cain Foundation donated the funds required to buy the painting as a gift to the Blanton.

Museum officials would not disclose the price of the work, but the Austin-American Statesman reported that a similar painting by the same artist was valued at almost \$500,000 at Christie's London auction house in December.

"Virgin and Child" arrived in Dallas from the Netherlands on Thursday, where it had been on view in Maastricht at the European Fine Art Fair. The Blanton will receive the work Friday and unpack it Monday. It should be on display on the museum's second floor gallery by late Monday, said museum spokeswoman Sheree Scarborough.

Bober said the painting has been recently cleaned by one of the most reputable conservators in Italy.

"It's especially beautiful and vivid because it's painted on [wood] panel and in such good condition," Bober said.

The painting portrays the



Courtesy of Blanton Museum of Art

A donation from the Effie and Wofford Cain Foundation allowed the Blanton Museum of Art to acquire the Old Master painting "Virgin and Child with the Young St. John the Baptist." The painting, an oil-on-panel, dates from about 1550.

Virgin Mary with a nude infant on her lap and St. John the Baptist on at her side.

A museum press release called the painting "one of the most significant and few extant early works by the artist." Cambiaso, one of Italy's leading 16th-century artists and the founder of the School of Genoa, is renowned for his accurate drawing, inventive composition and vibrant color.

The work joins six Cambiaso paintings, which arrived at the museum in 1998 with the Suida-Manning Collection, a roundly

acclaimed anthology of Renaissance and Baroque art. The collection includes 240 paintings and almost 400 drawings.

Museum officials said the purchase of the painting will create excellent opportunities for the research and teaching of Cambiaso's art.

"Preceding the earliest Suida-Manning painting by some 15 years, and the first work executed on panel, the new acquisition will allow the Blanton to represent the artist's full development," according to a Blanton museum news release.

## Advocates seek to restore children's insurance funds

Supporters want state to use federal money to reinstate program

By Alejandro Martinez  
Daily Texan Staff

Children's health-care advocates want Gov. Rick Perry and Texas legislators to use \$469 million in federal relief funds for the full restoration of the Children's Health Insurance Program's benefits.

The program, which began providing coverage on May 1, 2000, was designed to provide insurance to families who do not qualify for Medicaid but do not earn enough to pay for their own health insurance.

All children enrolled in CHIP have lost dental, vision, hospice and partial mental health services after the Texas Legislature approved a bill that cut funding to the program last September.

Neither the bill's author, Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth, R-Burleson, nor the bill's sponsor, Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, returned calls late Thursday afternoon.

The \$469 million in federal funds could be allocated to the program immediately with the approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

"Sick children can't learn. A child with a throbbing earache, a raw burning rash or an aching tooth will have a hard time paying attention."

John Cole,  
Texas Federation of Teachers president

representing a 23-percent decrease. Enrollment will decrease by 169,000 more by 2005, said Patti Everett, executive director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas.

Children who are uninsured use emergency rooms more as their primary source of medical assistance, leaving less space available for other emergencies, Everett said.

"The point is that children who have insurance get their medical care through prevention," she

said. "You get sicker, and you're more likely to use the emergency room, which is not its purpose."

Emergency room use was cut in half among families who had insurance through CHIP and Medicaid, Everett said.

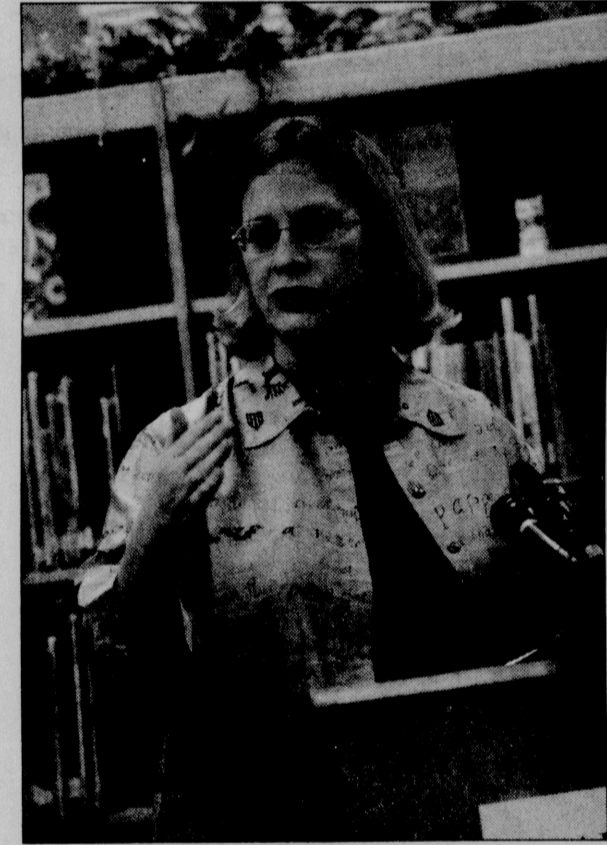
"When children show up to the emergency room, the county picks up the tab," Biscoe said.

More than 1,200 organizations and individuals have signed on the Campaign to Restore CHIP.

"We in Texas have the highest rate of uninsured children in the U.S.," said Dr. Anthony Kimbrough, of Texas Medical Association and Texas Pediatric Society. "With the decrease of CHIP, it will be even worse."

The CHIP advocates' conference was part of a statewide campaign. Advocates in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley and El Paso also held news conferences.

"We are continuing to seek families who are affected by the cut and organizations who favor the restoration, because they understand the effects," Everett said.



Patti Everett speaks for the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Thursday at Pease Elementary School.

Roni Gendler/  
Daily Texan Staff

## Video shown in mother's trial

East Texas mother recounts killing her three sons with rocks

By Lisa Falkenberg  
Associated Press

TYLER — Six days after bashing her son's skulls with rocks, an East Texas mother calmly recounted the killings and told a psychiatrist in a videotaped interview shown to jurors Thursday that she was awaiting her children's resurrection.

It was a chilling contrast to a video jurors saw a day earlier that depicted Deanna Laney seven months after the attacks, sobbing, emotionally broken and seemingly tortured by her actions.

In the interview taped days after she killed her oldest boys and severely injured her baby, Laney is wide-eyed, smiling at times and animated as she described the events leading up to the attacks last Mother's

Day weekend.

"I feel like that I obeyed God, and I believe there will be good out of this," she told psychiatrist Phillip Resnick in the interview. "I feel like he will reveal his power, and they will be raised up. They will become alive again. They will be healed completely. They will walk on the earth."

Laney, a 39-year-old housewife who home-schooled her children in the tiny town of New Chapel Hill, 100 miles southeast of Dallas, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to capital murder and serious injury to a child. She has been charged in the deaths of 8-year-old Joshua and 6-year-old Luke and the beating of then-14-month-old Aaron.

In the tape shown by defense attorneys as they began their case Thursday, Laney told Resnick that she never thought of the consequences of killing her children and had no regrets.

Resnick, like all other mental health experts consulted in the case, concluded that Laney had

psychotic delusions caused by a severe mental illness that made her incapable of knowing right from wrong at the time of the killings. Under Texas law, that would make her insane.

He said Laney was convinced she was divinely chosen by God, just as Mary was chosen to bear Christ, to kill her children, then serve as a witness after the world ends. And just as Mary pondered silently the orders of God, Laney believed she must do the same.

"I was not thinking these thoughts. I was feeling this from inside: 'Take them to those rocks,'" Laney said, often holding a fist pressed against her stomach to demonstrate the feeling.

Laney's husband, Keith Laney, who has remained stoic during most of the trial, held his head in his hands and appeared to weep after watching his wife's calm description of the beatings.

She was calm, Resnick said, because her psychosis muted her emotions.

Deanna Laney enters the courtroom on the third day of proceedings at the 114th District Court in Tyler. Laney is accused of stoning her two sons to death and injuring a third last Mother's Day weekend.

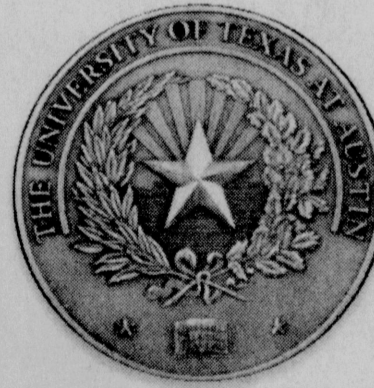


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Associated Press

### University seeks nominations for Presidential Citation

The highest honor the university's president can bestow on an individual is the Presidential Citation, an award given to only 33 people in the university's history. The university invites nominations for this distinguished honor, which will be presented at the 2004 fall convocation.

The Presidential Citation program was revived by President Larry R. Faulkner in 2000 to recognize the contributions of people who personify the university's commitment to the task of transforming lives. The university does not award honorary degrees. These citations are designed to salute individuals whose service exemplifies the values shared by the university community.



"The Presidential Citation is meant to recognize members or friends of exceptional merit, who have clearly advanced the University's strength and presence through years of extraordinary commitment and action on its behalf. Their contributions have shaped the history of our institution. Through this public recognition, we honor their leadership, their service and their careers."

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Business Information Tracking Series study from the 1990s, 66 percent of new employers survive for two years or more, 50 percent survive for four years or more, and 40 percent survive for six years or more.

## UT instructor starts T-shirt business with quirky designs

In college, UT communication studies instructor San Bolkan became the creative genius behind several quirky inventions, including broccoli and ketchup burritos.

Fueled by this homemade concoction, Bolkan also created some of his own clothing. Now, between teaching a professional communication skills class and working on his Ph.D., Bolkan has started his own T-shirt business.

"Sometimes you feel like the style that's out there doesn't fill who you are," said Bolkan, 25. "You have to create a niche for yourself."

He and business partner Chris Neumann began making shirts for themselves in San Diego when they met their freshman year at the University of San Diego.

"We wanted something to represent our lifestyle, our way of thinking," Neumann said.

Their company, Steven Hartwell, embodies the laid-back attitude of the two sporty Southern Californians. They describe the shirt designs, which are still works in progress, as "soccer, surfing, skateboarding

and humor." Most of the T-shirts will bear the company's signature logo "Hartwell" and silly slogans like "I love tough guys" alongside simple commissioned graphics. For initial production they chose basic colors such as white, yellow, blue, green and gray. The shirts will have a softer, lighter feel than most T-shirts and higher quality stitching.

"Everybody here is looking for something to call their own. I'm not going to go in a bar and look like every other dude."

San Bolkan, co-owner of Steven Hartwell Inc.

Many of their creative ideas come from personal experiences. Neumann and Bolkan were in Mexico on a cruise for vacation and disembarked by lifeboat onto an island for a party, only to be later caught by the police. Neumann said it's the kind of anecdotal story that might spawn a T-shirt.

They hope to market to high-end retailers such as Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom. Bolkan said the designs are on the funky side and fun-loving.

"It's a brand that delivers what people want and not a reflection of what people think is cool," Bolkan said.

In Austin, where people go just about anywhere in jeans and a T-shirt, Bolkan's designs take the casual concept one step further. The shirts will be made from different blends of cotton polyester and tagless, like many shirts by

thought it would be a fun, fun ride."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Business Information Tracking Series study done in the 1990s, 66 percent of new employers survive for two years, or more, 50 percent survive for four years or more and 40 percent survive for six years or more. The primary reasons for failure within the first year are under-capitalization and lack of business acumen, said UT human ecology professor Cynthia K. Jay, who teaches classes on design and apparel.

She said entrepreneurs should consider retail markup. When a product is sold to a retailer, the price must be raised in order to net profit.

"Though it was a great T-shirt at \$25, it's not great at \$50," Jay said. "A lot of products can't stand that second market, and it's a huge problem with very talented people."

Jay recommended direct sales or consignment, where a percentage of the profit is taken by the store that sells the product.

"[Austin is] certainly a population open to innovative people," Jay said. "The trick is getting things out where someone can see them."

Service Menswear, a clothing store on South Congress Avenue, offers space for artists to sell their work, though the shop usually does not commission artists who already sell to other retailers.

"Our business has been a viable way to get in and get some money," said employee James Neuman. "For talented people there's an outlet here."

Bolkan and Neumann's friendship laid the groundwork for their business. The two former roommates, who rode long boards to the grocery store together and taught swim lessons

at the Y M C A , bounce business ideas off each other and delegate responsibilities.

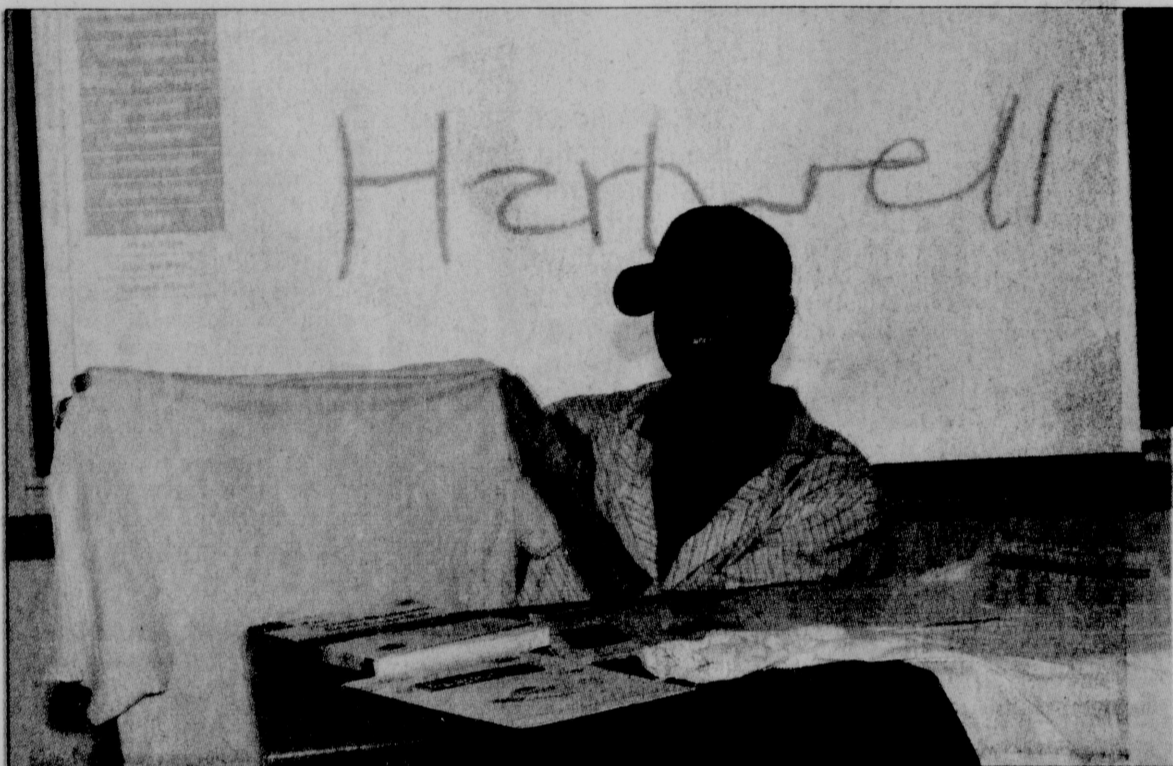
"We have the same worldview, the same goals in life," Bolkan said. "We trust each other so much."

One of the marketing tools they plan to implement will limit production to underscore the T-shirt lines' uniqueness and individuality.

"We're not out to satisfy the masses," Bolkan said.

Within six months they plan to have the shirts in stores and continue to build a grassroots foundation. They think the clothing line will send a message to other manufacturers and designers.

"We're sitting there telling [the industry] this is what we want," Bolkan said. "This comes from the heart, from the inside of the establishment."



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Professional communication skills professor and second-year Ph.D. student San Bolkan holds a T-shirt with his company's "Hartwell" logo projected onto the screen behind him. He and his partner first considered going into the T-shirt design business two years ago. However, things just started to come together within the last six months.

## Heirloom beans have history, flavor

By Dean Fosdick  
Associated Press

NEW MARKET, Va. — Before you casually throw another handful of dry beans into your next batch of simmering chili, consider how far the little legumes may have come.

Some crossed the Atlantic, for instance, with the Pilgrims on the Mayflower — varieties dubbed "the Mayflower" and "Jacob's Cattle". Perhaps they arrived via speedy clipper ships, loaded to the gunnels with trade from the Orient — China Yellow.

Or from clay pots sealed with pitch by members of an ancient, cliff-dwelling Indian tribe. A few samples of the so-called "Anasazi" or "New Mexico Cave Beans" were successfully germinated after 1,500 years of dor-

mancy and have done so well they're being sold by commercial growers.

They probably made their way into your kitchen or backyard garden by way of a farmer's market, produce stand or gourmet grocery.

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And many have a great story to tell.

"One was found in the craw of a wild turkey shot by a hunter in Georgia," says Gail Rose, a master gardener who operates a fallow deer and pick-your-own organic vegetable farm near the Virginia resort community of Bayse, on the western edge of the

Shenandoah Valley. "The following year, he planted it, and it, dubbed Turkey Craw, became a family heirloom. That was in the 1800s."

Just what kind of beans are considered dry beans? Usually they're members of the common green bean family, Phaseolus vulgaris, which can be traced some 7,000 or more years back to Mexico and South America.

They can be cooked green, but just as easily may be dried for consumption later, say during the gray, gaunt months of winter.

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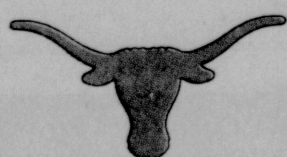
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## COMING MONDAY

We'll recap the relays and give you the lowdown on a busy weekend of Longhorn sports.



Patrick Daniel  
Senior Sports Writer

## Enjoy the Madness for three last games

The madness is sadly coming to an end. The culmination of the NCAA tournament will take place Monday night with the championship game.

A large number of basketball fans will be searching to fill a void after the final buzzer rings and a champion has been crowned, even if we did tear our bracket to shreds after week one. Wondering what to do with your worthless sheet of paper? Send it to the champ so they can use it in their ticker-tape parade.

All joking aside, this weekend's matchups are nothing short of spectacular. Oklahoma State, Georgia Tech, Duke and Connecticut have emerged as the best of the best over the past two weeks.

The Cowboys of Oklahoma State have been tested in their past two games. They beat No. 1-seeded St. Joseph's and knocked out No. 3-seeded Pitt in the most physical game of the tournament.

The Yellow Jackets, the Cowboys' opponents, have gotten hot at the right time. A tough ACC schedule yielded eight conference losses, but apparently got the Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech ready for tournament play.

The Jackets played the entire second half and overtime against Kansas in the regional final without their

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"I'm really enjoying myself here. I think I can only benefit from this."

Drew Stubbs, Longhorn freshman

# Freshmen add refreshing talent

By Phillip Orchard/Daily Texan Staff

*In the Longhorns' National Championship run in 2002, a little-known freshman took the mound four times and pitched his way into Longhorn history.*

*If this year's Longhorn squad wants to fulfill its goals of similar glory, freshmen may again be playing large roles to make it happen.*

"It's not about chronological age, it's about baseball maturity — what kind of baseball player you are," head coach Augie Garrido said. "You don't have to be a junior. You don't have to be a senior."

Meet Carson Kainer and Drew Stubbs — roommates and hot-hitting freshmen whose maturity is keeping the Longhorn machine rolling.

Over the past month, the impact of Kainer and Stubbs has been increasingly evident and the future for the two young stars increasingly bright.

Stubbs has been a starter in center field for the Longhorns since day one, but he almost didn't make it to Austin at all. A power hitter with speed to burn on the base paths and in the outfield, Stubbs was inches away from fulfilling his lifelong dream to play professional baseball.

In the 2003 MLB First-Year Player draft, the Houston Astros' professional baseball club selected Stubbs in the third round (89th overall) after the Atlanta, Texas, native finished his high school career as a four-sport star. But Stubbs said the Astros failed to fulfill an agreement, paving the way to the Forty Acres.

"I'm really enjoying myself here," said Stubbs, who said he has no regrets about putting off his professional career. "I think I can only benefit from this because it will prepare me for that next level."

Kainer's rise to the starting lineup has been slower, but his

impact has remained just as large.

The Tomball, Texas, native played in competitive baseball district 16-5A and hit .478 his senior year. But when Kainer saw his first action in burnt-orange last fall against the Longhorn's top-rated pitching staff, he quickly realized that college baseball is a whole new ballgame.

"When I faced those guys here in the fall, they just dominated me," said Kainer, whose uncle, Don, played at Texas from 1975-77.

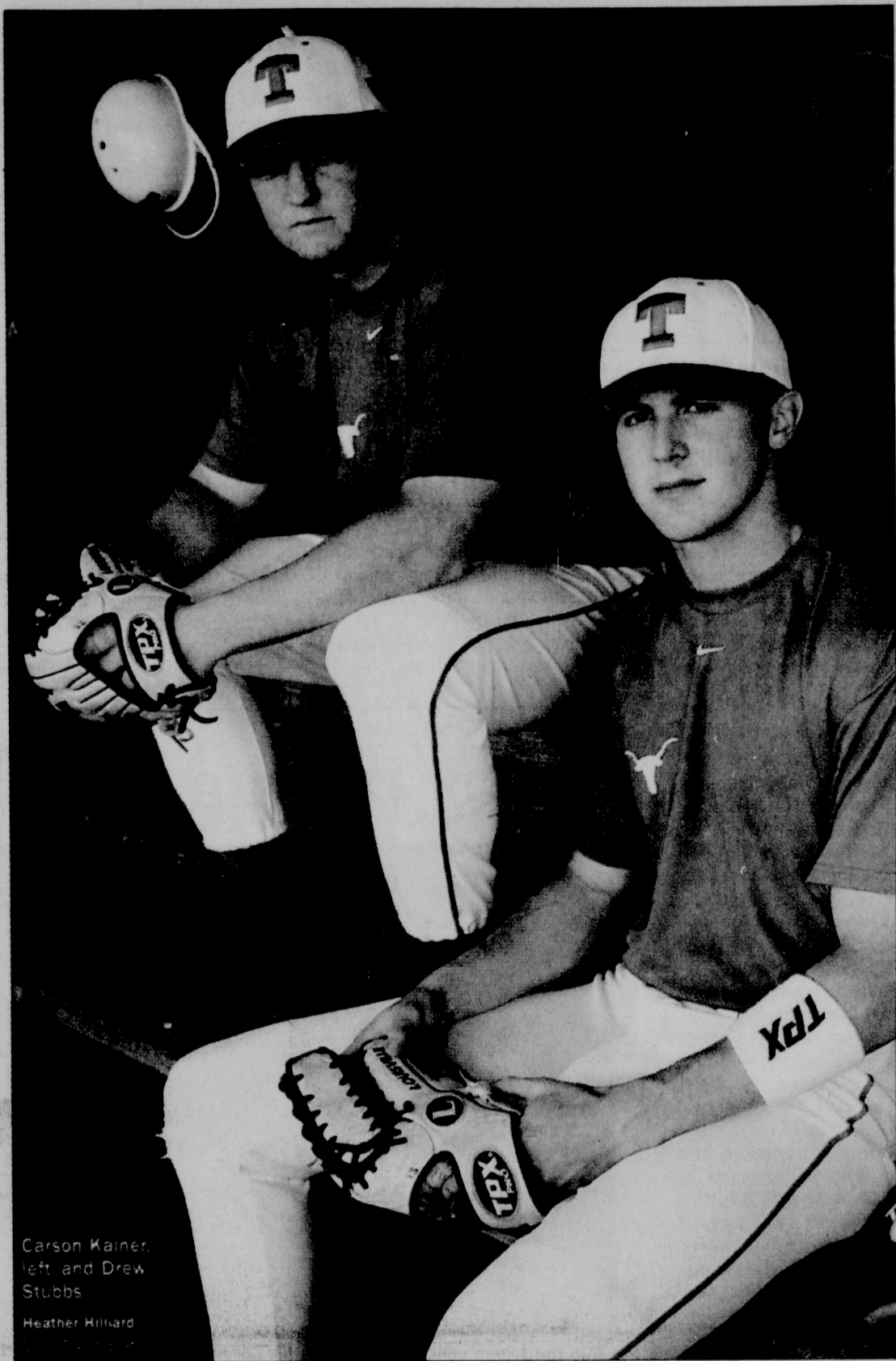
"It's one of those things about baseball ... sometimes the baseball looks like a beachball, and sometimes it looks like a pea."

Carson Kainer,  
Texas outfielder

And it took a while for Kainer to crack the lineup this spring, as he took only one at-bat in the first 12 games. But as he slowly began to gain chances, he quickly began to make the most of those chances. And the more he proved he had made the transition to college ball, the less Garrido could keep him out of the lineup.

"It works the opposite of what it would appear to," Garrido said. "The player forces the manager to play him

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Carson Kainer,  
left, and Drew  
Stubbs  
Heather Hilliard

# Texas vs. Oklahoma always an intense matchup



Heather Hilliard/Daily Texan Staff

Longhorn softball player Christina Gwyn readies herself to fire a strike toward an open glove. The Sooners come in town for two games on Saturday and Sunday.

## Bradford returns to the pitcher's circle after a recent injury layoff

By Ben Cutrell  
Daily Texan Staff

Texas and Oklahoma have fielded two of the top softball teams in the Big 12 Conference for the past two seasons. With neither team off to a good start in conference play, both squads agree that this weekend's series in Norman, Okla., is vital — as if it could get any bigger.

"This series is always huge," UT pitcher Amy Bradford said. "It's no secret that Oklahoma hates us. And it's not like we like them either. I think we will be able to get the upper hand again."

Texas (18-12) will face off with No. 13 Oklahoma (26-13-1) on Saturday at 2 p.m. The teams will play again on Sunday, with the first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

As in all Red-River rivalries, the softball version is fierce — despite its relatively short history. Texas has won four straight in the series, which is tied at 13. This year's edition could be about perseverance and mental toughness; both teams have battled through multiple obstacles this season, including injuries to star pitchers.

Texas ace Amy Bradford, who missed 16 games with a knee injury, returned to the circle on Wednesday against Oklahoma Christian and was effective in one inning of work. Bradford is unsure of how much she will throw this weekend and said that it will be a game-time decision.

All-American pitcher Kami Keiter did not return to the Oklahoma pitching staff until March 5 after missing the first four weeks of the season with a strained bicep muscle in her pitching (left) arm.

"We have had our ups and downs this season," Keiter said. "We can only go up from here. We are excited about

getting back out there and competing on the field again, and who better to do it against than Texas?"

Oklahoma is currently in last place in the Big 12 Conference and comes into the weekend in a bit of a slump. The Sooners have lost five games in a row, including their first four in conference. Texas A&M defeated Oklahoma twice in College Station last weekend. The Sooners also lost two games to conference-leading Baylor during their Texas road trip.

In three of the four games, Coach Patty Gasso's squad was unable to protect a lead in the late innings. Oklahoma's 0-4 record is the worst conference start since 1993, when the Sooners began 0-6 in Big Eight play.

"This weekend is important to get back to winning," Gasso said. "It doesn't matter who we are playing. We need to win just to maintain some of the goals we set before the season. On top

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# Longhorns impress with win in early relay event

## Action heats up Friday as sprinters get ready to race

By Eric Ransom  
Daily Texan Staff

The excitement grew with the crowd on the second day of the 77th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. Texas men's and women's track teams placed in the top five in several events of the day.

The decathlon continued Thursday as freshman Donovan Kilmartin finished third to defending relays champion Maurice Smith from Auburn. Kilmartin automatically qualified for the NCAA championships with his 7,729 point total for the relays.

"[Wednesday] I said to myself that I didn't have my best meet, but it was acceptable," Kilmartin said. "My job coming in was to get the 7,500 automatic qualifying mark, and I ended up with 7,700."

Auburn's Smith defended his Relays crown and set a world-leading decathlon score for the year.

Four Longhorns from four states combined to win the women's team's first 4x800-meter relay. Senior Katie Scarlett



Roni Gendler/Daily Texan Staff

Most of the distance events are complete for the Longhorns, who can gear up for their coveted sprint finals. The Longhorns won the 4x800-meter relay Thursday.

# Longhorns gearing up for weekend

By Jeff Zell  
Daily Texan Staff

So the weekend commences, thus shaping the 77th Annual Clyde Littlefield Relays into a unique track and field meet, unparalleled in this lovely Lone Star State. The Texas Relays reach out to over 5,000 competitors in 125 events over a span of 48 hours.

Earning the title as the "first big outdoor track meet," competition spans three generations of athletes, ranging from promising, young high school athletes, to college and professional track-and-field stars.

Head coach Bubba Thornton and the Texas track and field squad see the Texas Relays as a blessing. They see it as a time to shine; a time to step up in the spotlight of their own stadium. And after a successful indoor campaign, the outdoor season holds an unmentioned anxiety.

Sophomore Brendan Christian switches to the friendly outdoors, where he captured the Big 12 individual 200-meter crown last year. Christian will be taking part in outdoor relays, likely participating in both the 4x100-meter

and 4x400-meter relays.

Like last year and as expected, Ashton Collins will leg up in both relays with Christian. Collins is a specialist in the 400-meter, producing the third-best overall time in Longhorn history.

Four-time All-American Jermaine Cooper will make his final Texas Relays appearance in the apparel of a Longhorn, stepping into a longer distance of hurdles at 110 meters. As well as hurdles, Cooper looks to help the 4x100-meter relay team. Alongside Quincy Boles and the aforementioned Christian and Collins, the foursome strives to produce a relay team that can capture another Big 12 Championship.

Switching from the track to the field events, jump specialists Andra Manson and Jason Ward look to overwhelm the field. Manson, competing as a freshman in his first outdoor season, looks to continue his dominance over the field in the high jump. Ward, a senior in his final outdoor season, looks to improve on his All-American performance of two years ago. Last season, Ward failed to

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Patrick Cummings/Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Donovan Kilmartin prepares for the discus throw. Kilmartin placed third in the decathlon at this year's Texas Relays. The relays continue Friday with a full slate of events, including the 4x100-meter relay.

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TEXAS ROWING

# Rowers head for San Diego

Classic to provide taste of intense competition for UT

By Stephanie Berlin  
Daily Texan Staff

Because of the football team's repeated trips to the Holiday Bowl, many Texas students may consider San Diego, Calif., a home-away-from-home come the end of December.

But most students do not realize that another Longhorn team has been making an appearance in San Diego for the past five years. On Saturday and Sunday, the women's rowing team will appear in their sixth consecutive San Diego Crew Classic.

Texas is headed into the competition after overpowering Kansas on an unusually windy Saturday on March 27. The Crew Classic, held on San Diego's Mission Bay, will pit the Longhorns in a 2,000-meter sprint against traditional West Coast powerhouses.

"This is a big-time, full-time, got-to-be-ready, six-lane national competition," Texas head coach Carie Graves said. "We'll get to see how we'll do against the West Coast powers."

On Saturday, the Longhorns' 19th-ranked first varsity eight will compete in the second Jessop-Whittier Cup divisional heat against Oregon State, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Fordham, 10th-ranked Washington and second-ranked UC Berkeley. If Texas is successful, they will go on to compete in the finals on Sunday against the top finishers of the first Whittier Cup divisional heat. Competitors in that event are 17th-ranked Stanford, 11th-ranked USC, 12th-ranked Washington State, 14th-ranked Tennessee, 20th-ranked Notre Dame, Villanova and Purdue.

Going into the competition, Texas faces a unique set of obstacles. Though they have competed in three regattas so far this season, the Longhorns have only faced one ranked opponent — then-No. 18 Duke. Also, Texas rowers and coaches are unsure of what to expect on Saturday from the other teams.

"Everything is such a mystery to everybody, because no one has started rowing yet," Graves said. "I can't wait to see how fast the team is in national competition. There will be a significant number of good teams there."

# Big 12 foes ahead on UT's tennis schedule

Texas 2-0 against teams ranked in the national top 10

By Jake Veyhl  
Daily Texan Staff

With only a third of the dual match season left to play, the Texas women's tennis team will try to close out the regular season on a high note.

The first four of the Longhorns' final eight matches will be against non-conference opponents, while the final four matches will conclude the Big 12 season schedule.

Thus far in non-conference matches, the 13th-ranked Longhorns have recorded a 7-2 record. Florida and USC are the only teams to defeat Texas, and both of these teams currently hold down a position in the collegiate top 10.

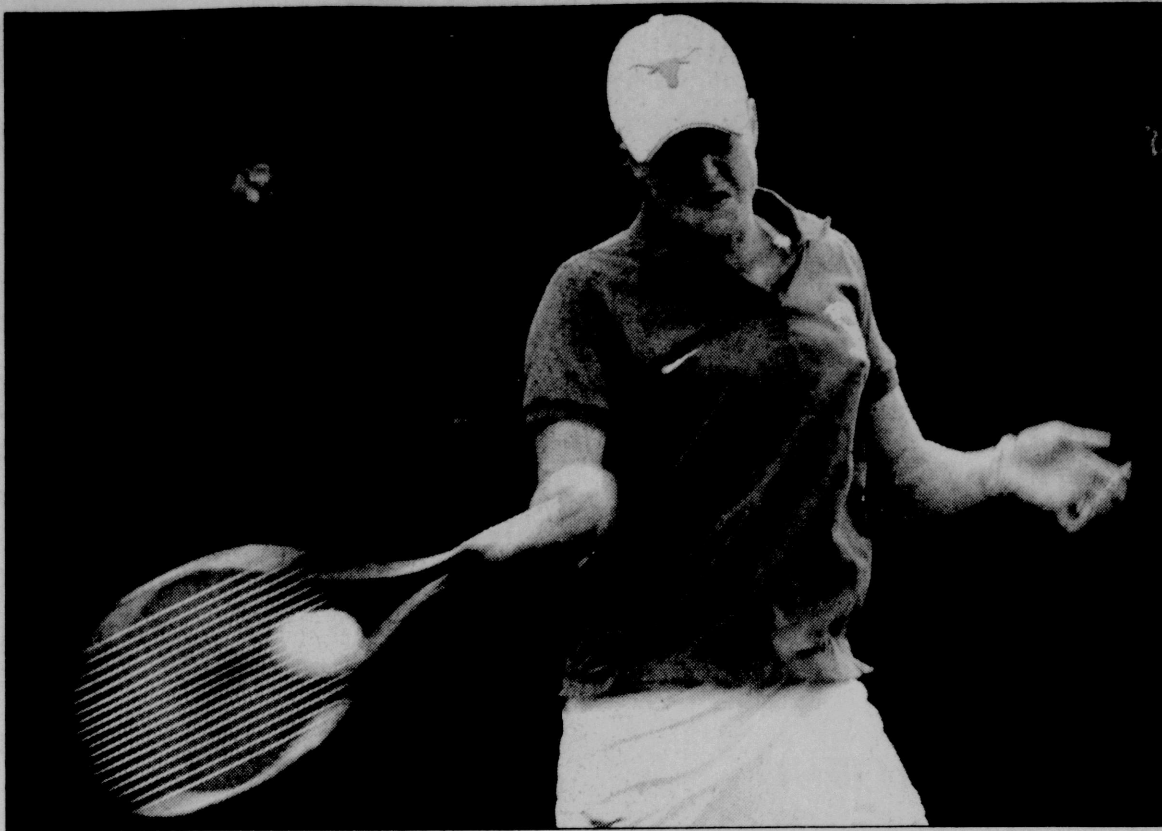
Texas has not always faltered against higher-ranked teams,

however, having beat William & Mary and UCLA, both of whom were in the top 10.

Tulane will come to Austin today for its first-ever meeting against the Longhorns. The 19th-ranked Green Waves have a 16-1 record for the season and are currently in the middle of a seven-game winning streak. Texas has made a habit of ending opponents' winning streaks, however.

The last time on the court, the Longhorns ended Oklahoma's seven-game winning streak, as well. The Sooners took three singles matches, but it was not enough to overcome the disadvantage they faced by losing the doubles point to Texas early. Texas took the match 4-3.

One trend that this Texas team has throughout the season is pulling out close matches. Seven of the 16 matches thus far have come down to a 4-3 final score, with Texas winning every one of



Kelly Baritot hits a forehand during one of Texas' home matches. Half of the Longhorns' remaining matches will come against Big 12 opponents.

them. The USC loss ended at 5-2 but could have very easily swung the other way.

"One thing that I'm very proud of about this team is we've played in eight extremely close matches and have won seven of them," Texas head coach Jeff Moore said. "Our players continue to find ways to win, and it

seems like each time, a different player has stepped up to win the match."

One of the key components of the Longhorn lineup this year has been sophomore transfer Mia Marovic. Marovic has earned a 13-2 record so far and was recently moved up to the No. 3 singles position. Katie Ruckert and

Ristine Olson each have 12-4 records in dual match play and contribute in the two and six positions, respectively.

Every Longhorn player will need to be at the top of their game if they hope to defeat Tulane. The match will begin today at 5:30 p.m. at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

# Texas rolling with victories



Antonio Ruiz lines up a two-handed backhand during a recent Longhorn home tennis match.

## Longhorns must travel to Lubbock to take on Tech Red Raiders

By Paul Kastava  
Daily Texan Staff

The men's tennis team appears finally to be on a legitimate roll at this point. In the past, the team would win a few big matches and then come back flat the next match.

Now, things are starting to change.

The Longhorns have now won six of their last seven matches, and they almost pulled a huge upset over the third-best team in the nation, USC, losing by a score of only 4-3. In the six wins, the team has lost a total of only seven matches. This means they have lost on average fewer than two

matches per game.

During spring break a few weeks ago, the Longhorns began conference play against Nebraska. Since then, the team has gone 4-0 in conference play and are preparing to get their fifth win when they play Texas Tech today in Lubbock. A big part of the Longhorns' success in conference matchups has been the play of Jose Zarhi and Jimmy Haney, who are both currently 4-0 in conference singles play. Zarhi has even taken it to another level by not losing at all in conference games, including doubles.

Still, despite the team's recent success, the Longhorns are still ranked 33rd in the nation, and

their highest-ranked singles player is Antonio Ruiz, holding down the 68th slot. The Red Raiders may only be ranked 61st, but they do have the 50th-ranked player in the nation, Jakob Paulsen.

Although Tech might have the higher-ranked player, the Longhorns have prided themselves on a balanced attack, winning the doubles point and then the No. 6 singles through the No. 1 singles spots. The team has faced many opponents with one or two higher-ranked singles opponents, and the Longhorns have typically been able to get the best of them.

The match is scheduled for today at 5:30 p.m. in Lubbock.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

# Invitational has a few good memories for UT

By Ryan Killian  
Daily Texan Staff

Coming off consecutive top-three finishes, Texas women's golf will be in Tempe, Ariz., today to play in the Ping/ASU Invitational. The Longhorns hope to keep their momentum going as they head into the Big 12 Championships later this month.

The tournament is hosted by Arizona State and will be played on the Karsten Golf Course (6,230 yards, par 72) on ASU's campus. The field will consist of 17 teams, 10 of which are currently in the top 25. Ranked teams include No. 2 UCLA, No. 3 Oregon, No. 5 Cal State, No. 8 Arizona, No. 11 Southern California, No. 12 Washington, No. 15 Tulsa, No. 23 Stanford and No. 24 Pepperdine. Texas is currently ranked No. 19.

Last year Texas finished in second place at the tournament, losing only to Cal State, and matched the school-record low-end round (285). Considering the team's recent success and last year's runner-up finish, Coach Susan Watkins is optimistic headed into the event.

"We're coming down to the end of the season. People are waking up and playing to their potential," Watkins went on to say that the Horns' history at the tournament is an "added bonus."

Texas finished their last tournament, the Betsy Rawls

Longhorn Invitational, in second place after leading the first two rounds. The failure to hold the lead prompted Watkins to work with her team members on their focus and mindsets. They have been working on the mental aspects of golf and toughening up. Watkins has reminded her team that she needs "five very good players for three days." She believes focus will be the key to success.

"No one was happy when we finished second, so we're fired up to get back out there this weekend. I know our women will give 100 percent this week and get back in that 'championship' mindset. Coming down the stretch, we know we have to pay attention to everything on the course and make sure all five golfers stay with their games. Everyone has to play as if they count in the team's score."

Mariana Salazar will be filling the No. 1 spot for Texas a week after her best career finish, seventh at the Betsy Rawls. Coach Watkins was impressed with how the junior has stepped up.

"Mariana Salazar has done really good job at being consistent and determined. She's showing lot of leadership when it comes to fighting, fighting for a position."

All-American Janice Olivencia will be in the second slot, while

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## MEN'S GOLF

# Golfers get to sample tough Augusta layout

By Ryan Killian  
Daily Texan Staff

Golf fans in Augusta, Ga., who can't get tickets to The Masters don't have to let that stop them from seeing quality golf this time of year. No. 8 Texas men's golf will roll into Augusta the week before the PGA's most prestigious major to play in the Cleveland Golf-ASU Invitational.

"We have an excellent opportunity to play in Augusta at the same time The Masters is being played," Texas head coach John Fields said. "This will be the experience of a lifetime for some of our players, and I don't think I'm bringing anyone who has been there before. I've been fortunate to be there for The Masters, and I know our guys have high expectations of what they are going to experience. I'm sure they'll meet and exceed those [expectations] at the same time when they see the professionals on one of the most famed courses ever."

Competitors from all 18 teams will be able to attend the first practice round for The Masters at Augusta National Golf Club.

Texas has been hot recently, riding on the outstanding play of All-Americans Jason Hartwick and Matthew Rosenfeld, as well as the up-and-coming Jeff Bell.

Hartwick and Rosenfeld have

both been named to the Watch List for the 2004 Hogan Award, which goes to golf's best collegiate player each year.

Additionally, Hartwick has been named to the 2004 Palmer Cup squad for his second time.

"As a team and as individuals, we've had a lot of positives this spring," Fields said. "We stressed early on that we had tremendous depth going eight deep, and the result has been outstanding competition within our own team for spots in the lineup. That has transferred into the tournaments when we take on other teams. We have a great team right now as we come down the stretch and get ready for postseason play. It looks like we'll be peaking at the right time."

Rusty Kennedy and Farren Keenan will complete the lineup to give the Longhorns the same combination that they finished third at the Hall of Fame Invitational with.

The Horns will be facing top competition from all around the country as 10 top-25 teams will be playing, including three of the top five teams — No. 2 Clemson, No. 3 Georgia and No. 4 UCLA. No. 12 Minnesota, No. 14 South Carolina, No. 17 Augusta State, No. 19 Wake Forest, No. 23 North Carolina

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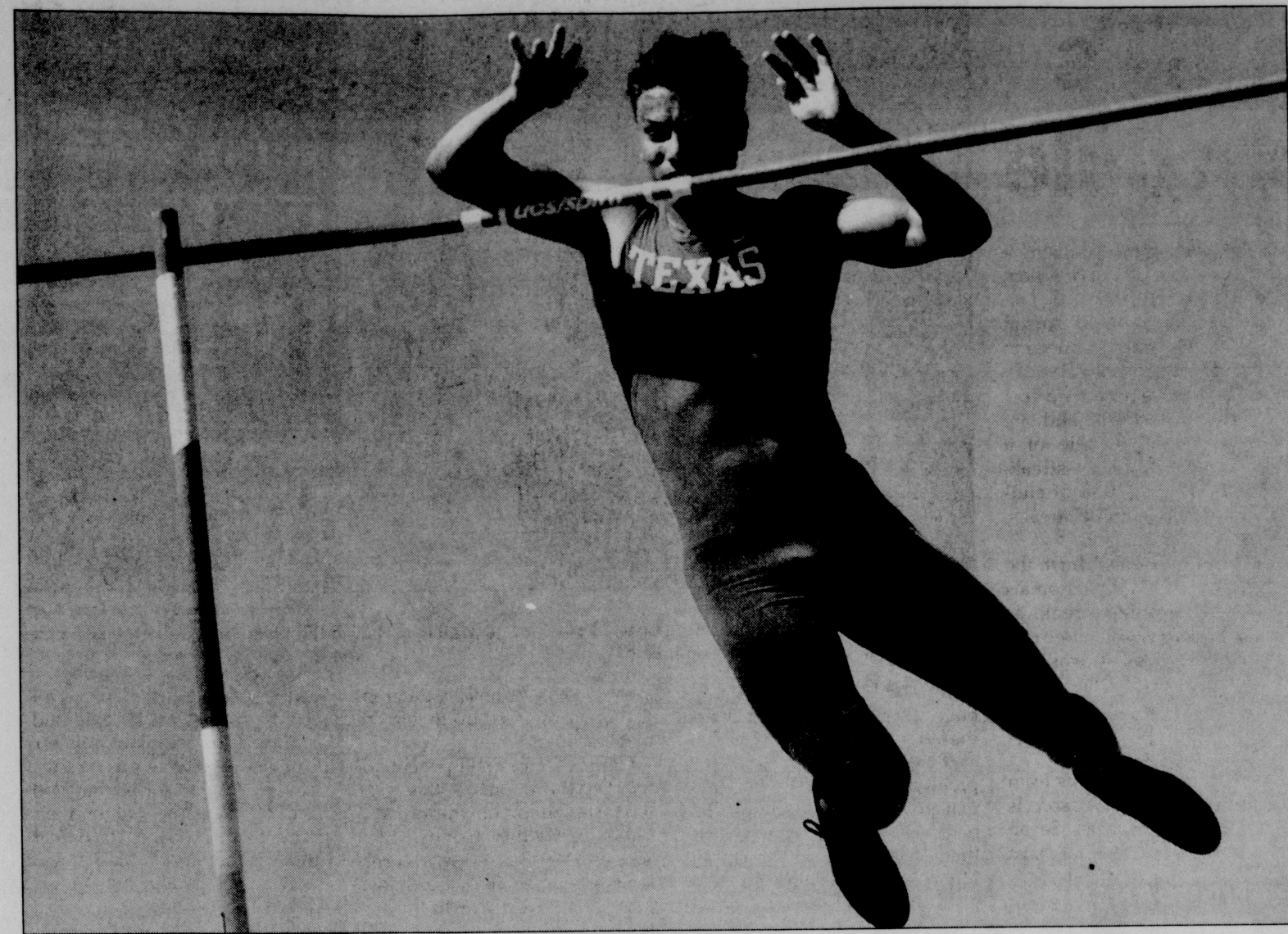
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# Freshman finishes in third



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Freshman Donovan Kilmartin competes in the pole vault, one of 10 events that make up the decathlon. Kilmartin finished in third place.

## Texas football player now competing in shot put for Longhorns' track team

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compete in the NCAA Outdoor Championships due to a slight hamstring twinge. In the Texas Relays last season, Ward placed fifth overall in the long jump.

Last week's Big 12 Outdoor Athlete of the Week does not look to slow down this week at the

Texas Relays. Sophomore Brian Robison looks to build on last week's shot put performance this week as he takes on some of the most formidable competition in the nation.

Thursday at the Texas Relays, freshman Donovan Kilmartin claimed third-place honors and an automatic qualifying time for the

NCAA Outdoor Championships, which will be held at Mike A. Myers Stadium, with a combined point total of 7,729.

Kilmartin excelled on Thursday in all five of his events, recording top-10 finishes in each one. Highlighting his best event, Kilmartin vaulted 9.2 meters, putting him in first place in the event.

Kilmartin recorded a third-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, clocking in at 14.60s.

The Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays have 12 hours of competition today, beginning with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. at Mike A. Myers Stadium. Competition on Saturday begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m.

# McIntosh, Richards set to dominate sprints

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fell behind UCLA's lead runner after the first lap but overtook the Bruin in the homestretch as she handed off a 2:08.1 leg. From there, sophomore Sheretta Jones fought to build distance, creating a gap in her second lap. Freshman Carlee Clark gained a strong lead in the third leg over UCLA, handing off to sophomore anchor Evelyn Dwyer.

"I always thought that if we were able to get at least three 800-meter girls in our program, then we would have a good chance to win the 4x800 relay one day," Dwyer said. "I don't think we have any weak links on our team."

Dwyer finished with a team-fast 2:07.4 leg to win the event, as the Longhorns combined for a 8:33.49 relay. The Arkansas men set a stadium record as they won their third-straight 4x800-meter relay.

Seniors Raasin McIntosh and Alyssa Aiken set regionally qualifying times in the 400-meter hurdle prelims. The pair will race again on Saturday as

McIntosh aims to defend her relays title.

In the 5,000-meter, junior Kristin Walters journeyed from the end of the pack to point contention. Over her 17:14.83 performance, Walters steadily moved into fifth place and remained there as the top three broke from the pack in regionally qualifying times. Harding's Helen Singoei won the event, later seeing her school take the men's event as well.

Sophomore Andrew Middleton fought off runners from LSU and Stephen F. Austin to finish second in the 5,000-meter, as Harding's Jacob Rotich held the lead from the starting gun. Middleton shared strides with the Tiger and the Lumberjack until the final lap, when he broke for second in a time of 14:39.25.

Day three of the Texas Relays begins at 9:30 a.m., adding high school to the collegiate and invitational events. The competition starts with the Clyde Littlefield 4x100-meter relay for the men and ends at 9:45 p.m. with the 4x1,500-meter relay.

# Sooners boast softball tradition

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of that, we are going to be playing Texas and that always provides a little extra fuel for both teams.

"It seems like every time we play them is so major, like to win the conference or advance in the NCAA regional. It always comes down to us being within a game of each other in the standings. This weekend is going to be high-stakes as well."

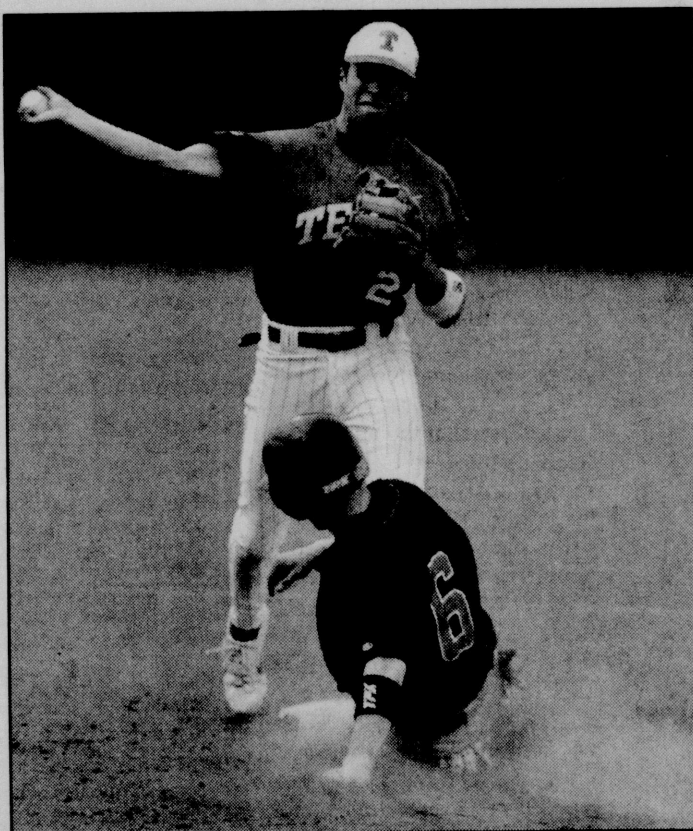
After losing to Missouri twice to begin conference play, Texas rebounded this week with two wins over Oklahoma

Christian. Christina Gwyn and Lizi Sowers did not surrender a run on Wednesday and have pitched well during Bradford's rehab, but the Longhorns have not beaten a ranked opponent this season, losing in all nine opportunities.

"OU has a long-standing tradition in softball," UT head coach Connie Clark said. "Playing in Norman after they have lost five in a row is going to be difficult. This rivalry is always heated. The fans in Norman aren't afraid to let you know how they feel. It should be an eye-opener for our newcomers, but we are prepared."

# 'Rookies' not buckling under Texas' spotlight

Longhorn Seth Johnston is a baseball veteran that has stepped up for the Longhorns this season. However, many freshman are playing like they've been around for years.



Heather Hillard/Daily Texan Staff

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by his performance. ...You look at your lineup card and say, 'I got to play this guy.'"

After increasing his average this last weekend to .432 with 11 starts, Kainer is indeed making coaches and opposing pitchers take notice.

Stubbs has also shaken off early-season strikeout problems, and by batting .500 against Oklahoma State, he has raised his average to .306 with 10 stolen bases. Stubbs has also launched three memorable home runs, including one over Disch-Faulk Field's Green Monster, that showed just a glimpse of the talent that made him a third-round draft pick.

"It's one of those things about baseball that is different than any other sport," Kainer said. "Sometimes you are up there, and the baseball looks like a beachball, and sometimes it looks like a pea."

While trying to replace last year's entire outfield, Garrido has used 10 different combinations in search of a steady lineup of sure gloves who can execute at the plate.

Both players said they came to Texas because of its status as one of America's elite programs, both now and historically. And just like in 2002, when Huston Street, J.D. Reininger and Michael Hollimon all played large roles on that championship squad, the ability to plug in fresh talent is what makes Texas elite.

And when each player was about his favorite part of baseball, both answers were simple: "winning."

That's what they're here for, and at 31-4, the No. 2 Longhorns are stampeding through Big 12 play again. This weekend the Longhorns will travel to Lubbock for a three-game set with Texas Tech.

# Tough field awaits Longhorns in Georgia

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and No. 25 Duke are the other ranked opponents.

The Augusta State Jaguars are the defending champs, as they posted a record-low 44-under 820 last year. Oliver Wilson of the

Jaguars won the event with a 17-under.

Fields doesn't expect the score to be so low this time around.

"We hear that the course has been updated for this tournament, meaning it will be a little newer and a little tougher to

play," Fields said. "But the good thing about golf is that we all have to play the same course in the same conditions, so this weekend will be a good test."

Play starts Saturday, April 3 with 36 holes and concludes with a final round Sunday.

# Duke should be last team standing

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star player, B.J. Elder, but sophomore Jarrett Jack proved to be the catalyst as he scored 29 points and shot 67 percent from the field.

Elder will play on Saturday, but the Cowboys can come at an opponent a number of different ways. It is likely that the Cowboys will look for big men Joey Graham and Ivan McFarlin to score against Georgia Tech.

St. Joes, Tech's regional final opponent, and Georgia Tech are similar in that they don't have much of a post presence. Head-to-head, the Yellow Jackets would have a little more fire power because of Luke Schenscher, but there isn't much backing him up, as he played 39 minutes out of a possible 45 on Sunday.

Oklahoma State 70, Georgia Tech 62

UConn battles Duke in the late contest, and many prognosticators are calling this one the actual national-title game. The Huskies haven't had much trouble in the tournament thus far, so the Blue Devils will be a real test. Sorry, Husky fans, but Vermont, DePaul, Vanderbilt and Alabama just aren't basketball powerhouses,

and I know it's not your fault. You didn't pick your bracket, and you won the games you were given.

Duke beat a hot Xavier team, knocked out Illinois, and beat up on Seton Hall and Alabama State. Both teams enter Saturday's game with beat-up stars. Duke's Chris Duhon has been battling a rib injury since the Blue Devils' ACC championship game against Maryland, and UConn's Emeka Okafor has battled back problems all year. On Saturday, he suffered a stinger against Alabama and got another one in practice Wednesday. Both players will play in Saturday's contest.

Coaches for both squads have been here before. Jim Calhoun brought home the trophy for the Huskies in 1999 and beat Duke in the title game.

Mike Krzyzewski has won three national titles and taken Duke to the Final Four on 10 occasions.

UConn and Duke are both stacked with premiere players. Calhoun has said this team is his best squad ever. It may be, but the Dukies won't notice Saturday. Luol Deng, Shavlik Randolph and Shelden Williams will be too much for Okafor, who

will play with injuries and possibly foul trouble.

UConn guards Taliek Brown and Ben Gordon are faster than their Duke counterparts, but even injured, Duhon has played masterful defense. He shut down Illinois' Dee Brown and put the clamps down on Romain Sato in the regional final. J.J. Reddick and Daniel Ewing will provide enough offense to cancel out the guard Duhon isn't matched up with.

Duke 65, UConn 62

The final on Monday could be a home game for the Cowboys. Stillwater, Okla., is just an eight-hour drive away, and the final will be Okie State's first since the Bryant Reeves era in the mid-'90s.

I'm picking Duke, though, for the same reason I took the Cowboys in the semifinal game. The Blue Devils have too much fire power. The Duke big men are more polished and the guards are also more refined. Duhon's senior leadership will shine through as Duke and the crazies back on Tobacco Road celebrate their fourth national title since 1991. Oh, and Coach K, my tattered bracket is in the mail.

Duke 72, Oklahoma State 63

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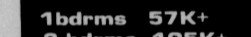
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11 Court grp.

15 Buoyancy

16 Nair rival

17 Tenderfoot

18 Taunt

19 "Lord, is \_\_\_?"

20 Forgo

21 Soft drink brand

23 Lowdown

25 Slip on

27 1957 Oscar winner Miyoshi

28 "Felix Holt" novelist

30 Time set, maybe, after a 7-Down

32 Negative principle

33 Library extension

35 Thingies

37 Korea Bay feeder

38 Bandar Begawan, capital of Brunei

39 Determined

42 Gardening job

46 Special connections

47 Bill Haley and His Comets recorded for it

49 Big picture

50 Thrash

52 Drill sound

53 Minute opening

54 Many a trailer

56 Magicianlike

59 Program begun under F.D.R.

60 Solid ground, in Stuttgart

61 College student's filing

64 Garry Trudeau's "Check Your \_\_\_ at the Door"

65 Fresh start

66 Den

67 Healthy dose of reality

DOWN

1 Hairstylist, maybe

2 Despicable sort

3 1897 Felix Hoffmann discovery

4 White wine apéritif

5 K, for one: Abbr.

6 Over, overseas

7 Informal invitation

8 Accord

9 Transportation regulator of old: Abbr.

10 Bad marks

11 Correct, as a feeding problem

12 With 24-Down, agrees

13 Diagnostic tool

14 Realizes

22 Dreary

24 See 12-Down

26 Personal, e.g.

29 Rot

31 Fishing spot

34 African lily

36 Make more exciting, in slang

39 Bart Starr wore it at Green Bay

40 On a big scale

41 Tic-tac-toe

43 Rule without exceptions

44 Tell

45 Harvest helper

48 Club

55 Year that Clement XI became pope

57 Lowlands

58 Emmy winner John

62 "Don't Bring Me Down" grp.

63 The U.N. recognized it in 1974

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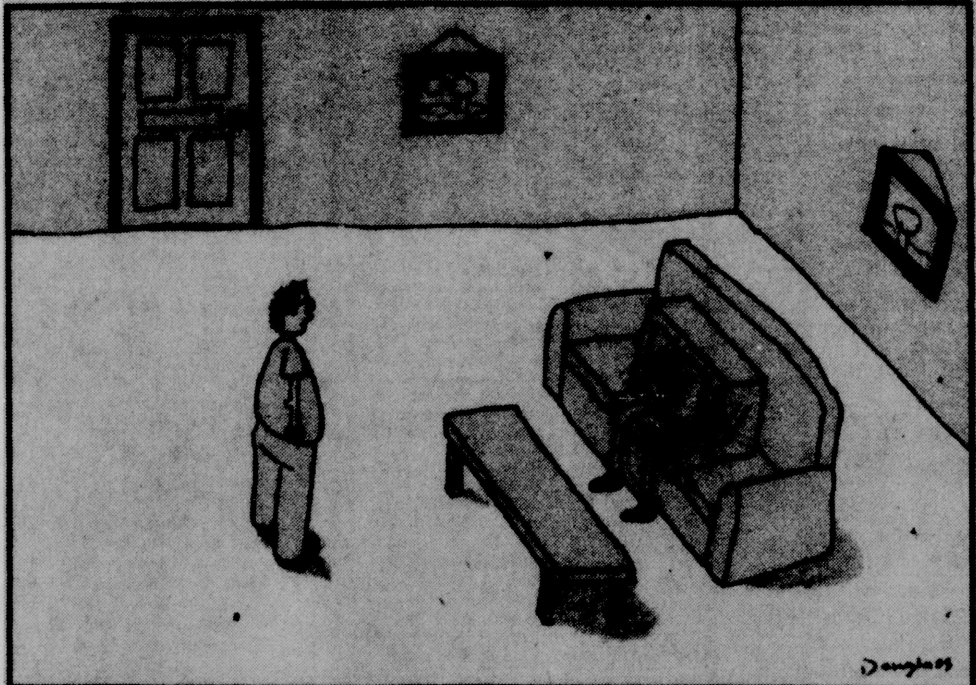
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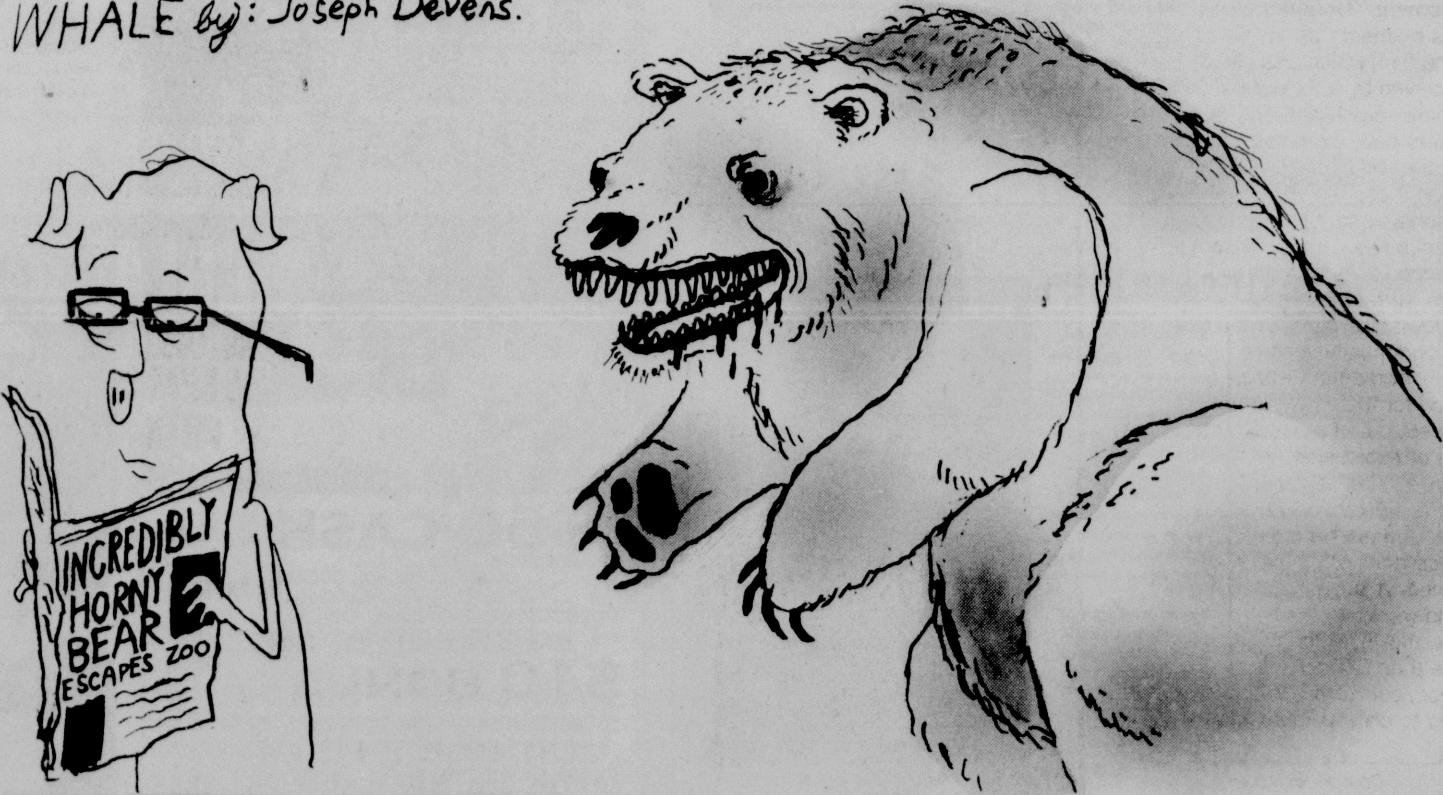


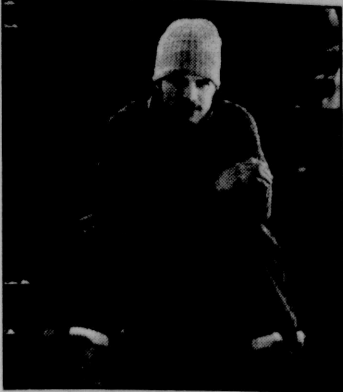
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Associated Press

### Kutcher 'Punks' audience, his show will return again

LOS ANGELES — Curse you, Ashton Kutcher, for your lying, cheating, punk-ing ways! On Thursday — which just so happened to be April Fools' Day — MTV announced that Kutcher and his celebrity prank show "Punk'd" will return to the network with a new season. In December, Kutcher swore the program was finished.

"This is not an April Fools' joke," MTV spokeswoman Vanessa Reyes said.

But, but ... what about a few months ago, when Kutcher promised the world he was all punk'd out? Was he just tricking everybody?

"Yes, he was," Reyes said.

When Kutcher announced an end to the series after two seasons in December, The Associated Press pointed out the possibility that the announcement was a trick aimed at duping new celebrity prank victims into complacency.

At the time, a page on MTV's Web site announced the end of season two with this message: "But don't worry, the new season starts in March."

Turns out it actually starts in April, but in this tangle of lies, who's counting?

Here's what Kutcher told The Associated Press in January:

"I've become the boy who cried wolf," he acknowledged, offering some assurance that his decision to end the show after two seasons isn't just another hoax.

"Let's put it this way," he said. "I'm getting ready to start shooting two movies, I'm still working on 'That '70s Show,' I'm producing two other shows for MTV and creating a one-hour drama pilot for Fox ... I don't have the time."

Liar.

Anyway, "Punk'd" returns to MTV on Sunday, April 25.

Unless Kutcher gets eaten by a wolf in the meantime.

### 'Ladykillers' actress Hall recovers from car crash

CHICAGO — Irma P. Hall triumphed over serious injuries from a January car crash to attend a private screening of her new movie, "The Ladykillers," at a local Chicago theater.

"I loved the whole thing," the 68-year-old actress said. "You never really know until you see it on the screen."

Hall plays a formidable, Bible-thumping landlady opposite Tom Hanks in the film, directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. She has been recovering in a Chicago convalescent center from accident-related open-heart surgery, a broken arm and a crushed ankle.

Hall said she was delighted to be surrounded by friends for Wednesday's screening. "I've been waiting so long for this," she said. "I couldn't even sleep last night."

While recuperating from her injuries, Hall said she heard from the Coen brothers, Hanks and co-star Marlon Wayans.

"We're all like family," she said. "When all I signed my pillow. Whenever I miss them, I hug it."

### French Jewish group calls Mel Gibson anti-Semitic

PARIS — Calling Mel Gibson "a tortured soul," France's main Jewish group accused his film about Jesus' final hours of having anti-Semitic overtones.

An umbrella group for Jewish organizations, the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France (CRIF), said Thursday that "The Passion of the Christ" was a backward portrayal of Christian teachings. The movie debuted Wednesday in France.

"The film's violence is extreme and sick," the group said in a statement. "Unfortunately, [CRIF] finds elements of anti-Semitism in the film, which was clearly conceived by a tortured soul."

Some Jewish and Christian leaders have expressed concern that the movie could revive the notion that Jews collectively were responsible for Christ's death. France has faced anti-Semitic violence for more than two years, with many attacks targeting Jewish schools, synagogues and community centers.

CRIF noted that it had not asked for the movie to be banned, out of respect for freedom of expression.

Three Jewish brothers argued before a Paris court that the film would foment hatred of Jews in France and asked that it be banned. A judge rejected the bid Monday.

The movie, which is showing in more than 500 theaters across France, carries a ban on ticket sales to children under 12.

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

We will have interviews with the stars of "The Alamo" (Jason Patric, Billy Bob Thornton), "The Whole Ten Yards" (Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis) and the director of "The Girl Next Door" (Luke Greenfield) — so don't miss a day.

# 'Hellboy' a comic geek's heaven

*Perlman enlivens an otherwise tepid plotline in new action film*

By Sam Singh  
Daily Texan Staff

Comic Book Guy of "The Simpsons" fame epitomizes all the stereotypes of adults who still read comic books. Overweight, socially uncouth and hopelessly lost in a world of imagination, he remained a peripheral character. But he no longer has to hide in shame. The recent spate of successful comic book films has placed a new and powerful demographic in the limelight — the adult comic book geek.

**HELLBOY** ★★★☆☆  
STARRING: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair  
DIRECTED BY: Guillermo del Toro

"Hellboy," a dark horse comic book series created by Mike Mignola, is Hollywood's latest offering. And it's quite a concoction. An odd mixture of the paranormal, religion, government conspiracy, pseudo-science and history, "Hellboy" is quite a mess.

At the height of World War II, the Nazis enlist the aid of Grigori Rasputin (Karel Roden) to open a portal that will usher in the Apocalypse. Although the Allied troops are able to thwart the Nazis' efforts, they are not

completely successful. What emerges from the portal is a baby demon, affectionately named Hellboy by a young paranormal researcher, Professor Brattenholm (John Hurt). Brattenholm is so taken by the little devil that he adopts him as his own son. Under the supervision of his father, Hellboy (Ron Perlman) becomes a secret government agent, protecting U.S. citizens from ancient monsters and hellish creatures alike. However, Rasputin's return unlocks dark secrets about Hellboy's past and his predestined future.

The rest is simply too confusing and absurd to even try to capture in words. Regardless, the film is a success, because it provides an entertaining ride. At least part of the credit can be attributed to director Guillermo del Toro. No stranger to comic book adaptations (he directed "Blade II"), he allows the film to advance at a moderate pace instead of pushing it into the world of music videos.

At moments when the film feels painfully sluggish, Perlman's energy and humor thankfully breathe much-needed life just as the action is dying,



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Ron Perlman and Selma Blair star in Guillermo del Toro's comic book adaptation of "Hellboy."

which makes him the most valuable player on this project. In terms of valuable contribution, Perlman's closest competition comes from the special effects department. Never in "Hellboy" does the CGI retreat into video game graphics, making the images feel real (well, as real as a massive crystalline structure imprisoning super-demons can

be). And the interaction between humans and CG characters is seamless, giving the movie a quality lost on other comic book movies with less capable special effects teams.

Somewhere amidst the wandering narrative is a reflection on the criteria for being a man. The film asserts that Hellboy, a red monster with horns, is a man

because he is capable of exercising free will instead of acting as a machine with a stated purpose. At least in this sense, there is an affinity with Milton's "Paradise Lost." If you have no clue as to what "Paradise Lost" is, fear not. The intellectual pondering quickly gives way to wisecrack remarks and senseless violence for your viewing pleasure.

# 'Reckoning' a showcase for strong acting, not much else

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Paul McGuigan's "The Reckoning" may have borrowed from "The Passion's" score, but this medieval murder mystery paints a very different portrait of Christianity.

**THE RECKONING** ★★★☆☆  
STARRING: Paul Bettany, Willem Dafoe, Brian Cox  
DIRECTED BY: Paul McGuigan

"The Reckoning" tells the story of Nicholas (Paul Bettany), a 14th-century Catholic priest who becomes a fugitive and finds his way into a troupe of traveling actors. Shortly before they arrived in a small village, a boy was murdered and a mute woman named Martha (Elvira Minguéz) was falsely imprisoned. Despite their knowledge of foul play, the town is suppressed by fear of Lord De Guise (Vincent Cassel) — a somewhat stereotypical immoral ruler.

Despite his abrupt change in professions, Bettany is inadvertently a man of the cloth, and he must constantly reevaluate and reaffirm his faith.

There is perhaps no one better to help a man reevaluate his faith than Willem Dafoe of "The Last Temptation of Christ." Dafoe plays Martin, the troupe's leader, who comes from a family of actors. Dafoe is compelling in the way his eyes are filled with both conflict and decency; he possesses a tremendous ability to paint the portrait of a man whose ideas are greater than his mind's facilities. The rest of the comical and familial troupe includes Brian Cox as the colorful, spirited Tobias, alongside Stuart Wells as Springer and Simon McBurney as Stephen.

The two leading women in this film are also amazing. Minguéz's attempt to show Dafoe her innocence without the use of words is captivating, and her character maintains an almost divine energy. Dafoe's sister Sarah (Gina McKee) is subtly brilliant and

reminiscent of the good-hearted villagers from John Ford's "How Green Was My Valley."

The medieval Europe depicted here is both brutal and hopeless, and as one of the locals so eloquently put it, "there is no justice in this world." However, Bettany and Dafoe both have a contention with this ideology, perhaps because they are somewhat worldly, while some of the other troupe members cannot accept the injustice of the situation. The two men are the most involved in finding the truth, although their quest seems to stem from a search for redemption. They soon find that the truth, whether religious or secular, is not always what it seems.

McGuigan's direction is either daring or inconsistent, seeming at times to be like a Red Hot Chili Peppers video and at others a

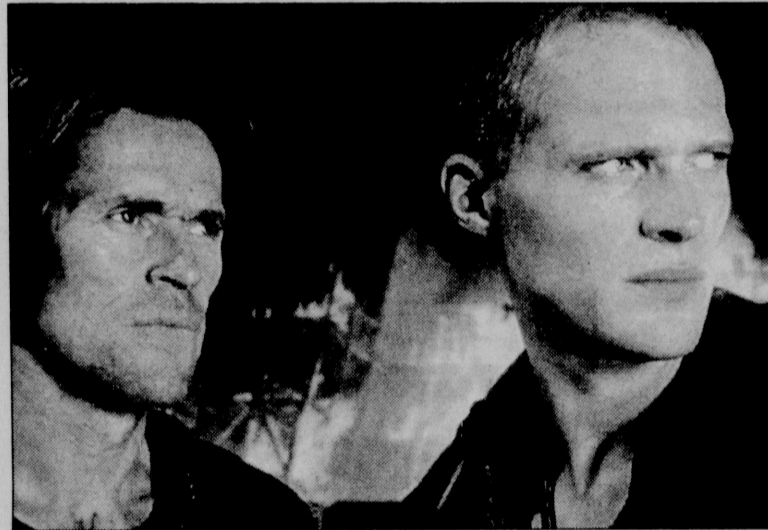


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Willem Dafoe, left, and Paul Bettany star in the medieval mystery "The Reckoning."

period piece. "The Reckoning's" homage to Fellini is in good taste, and at least the first half of the film is reminiscent of "Variety Lights" and "La Strada."

Yet the film often falls to the feet of its wordy dialogue, which is at times relentless with cliché philosophical arguments and overt religious metaphors.

It is hard to decipher exactly

what the film is trying to say or why the film decides to unwisely dive into a philosophical nether region. But "The Reckoning" has an engaging story, albeit the inconsistencies, and in the end, these great actors make the unrealistic but interesting story more preferable than a realistic but boring one.

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