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Connect dominates election



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Above, Omar Ochoa, center, celebrates after winning the election for UT Student Government president Wednesday. Below, Ignite candidate for Social Work Representative Jan Carroll is upset after learning the election results.

Emotions run high as Connect wins 31 out of 40 SG positions

By Lori Holcomb
Daily Texan Staff

Despite a sharp decrease in voter turnout from last year's Student Government election, the Connect campaign dominated the majority of SG seats in Wednesday night's election results.

President-elect Omar Ochoa and Vice President-elect Elizabeth Brummett led the way for the 31 of 40 available seats gained by Connect.

Members of the Connect and Ignite parties gathered at University Teaching Center at 8 p.m. to hear the results as names of member after member from the Connect Ticket were called.

"We had setbacks, but nothing ever got us down," Ochoa said. "We pulled together." He said his first issue to tackle would be "the cost of student life," including tax-free textbooks and tuition plans.

Brummett said she felt it was most important to continue working on legislative issues that the current SG is working on, such as getting a student on

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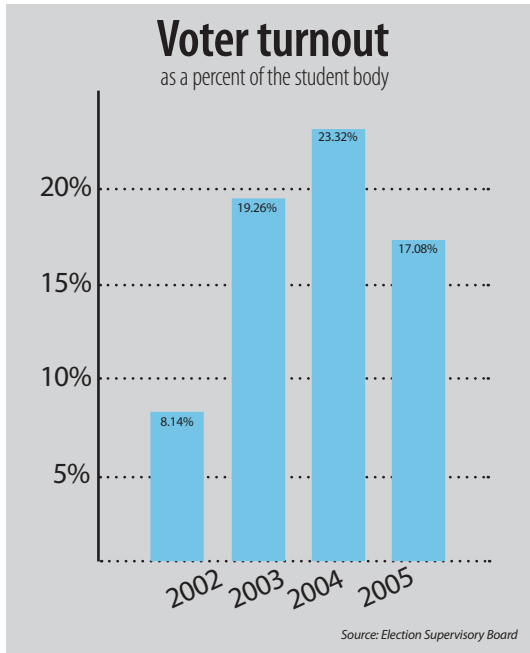
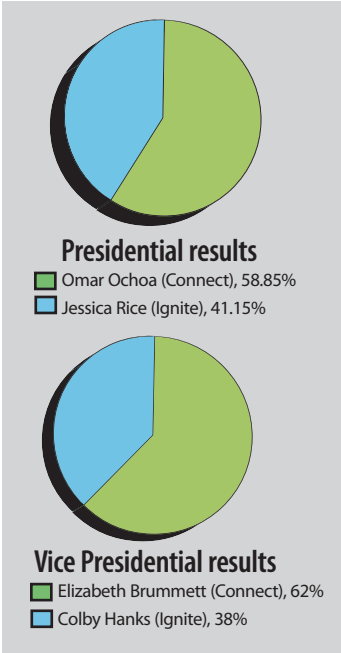


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Ignite presidential candidate Jessica Rice speaks with student government adviser Tany Norwood.



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Validity of Co-op board election called into question

The Election Supervisory Board announced Wednesday night two winners of the University Co-op Board of Directors: Shane McNamee and Michael Orona.

However, both McNamee and Orona are students in the College of Liberal Arts, which violates the bylaws of the University Co-operative Society. The laws say that "no one of the four student members of the Board shall be at the time of their election from the same college or school."

Mathew Hargrow, chairman of the

ESB, said the Co-op will have to handle the election results.

"If that rule is true, then that means that the guy who came in third would get a position over the guy who came in second," Hargrow said.

Tim Wingfield, the third place candidate and an architecture and architectural engineering junior said the results should be clarified.

McNamee received 61.31 percent of the votes, and Orona received 57.25 percent. Wingfield received 54.81 percent.

— Melissa Mixon

SEC president-elect Julio Vela wins election with 36 percent of vote

By Kathy Adams
Daily Texan Staff

The success of newly elected Student Events Center President Julio "JV" Vela was more than a product of two weeks of hard campaigning.

"It's something I've been working [toward] for three years, and it's something I wish everyone could feel," Vela, a business junior, said Wednesday night after the election results were announced at the University Teaching Center. Vela won the presidency with 36 percent of the vote.

Vela said he plans to improve the SEC internally by making it mandatory for the SEC vice-presidents to meet with committee

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Plaintiffs testify in PAC case

Treasurer's trial first in series of indicted individuals, corporations

By Marie Delahoussaye
Daily Texan Staff

Plaintiffs' testimony concluded Wednesday in the trial of Bill Ceverha, treasurer of Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee accused of mismanaging corporate donations.

Ceverha's trial is the first in a series of individuals and corporations indicted as part of the scandal.

The PAC, formed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has been accused of illegal collection and expenditure of corporate funds during the 2002 state elections, including large corporate donations to the Republican National Committee.

Ceverha was sued by five Texas democrats who allege the PAC's illegal activities cost them the election.

The defense opened with testimony from Russell Anderson, accountant for the PAC. Anderson testified that Ceverha's role as treasurer was that of a figurehead, and that Anderson him-

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Protest ends YCT West Mall event

Students would object to group's anti-illegal immigrant activity

By Ashley Eldridge
Daily Texan Staff

A cake lay smashed on the marble tile in front of the Undergraduate Library, its fluffy white guts a sign of the tumult that occurred in the early afternoon Wednesday.

Last week, a posting on the UT Young Conservatives of Texas Web site and a discussion at a YCT meeting led some members of the UT community to believe that a "Capture an Illegal Immigrant Day" would be held, said Marcus Ceniceros, the president of the University Democrats.

On Jan. 26, the YCT Denton Chapter held a similar event in which members dressed up in orange T-shirts to represent illegal immigrants and ran around campus. Students who "captured" a YCT member and returned him to the YCT booth were rewarded with a candy bar. This event was staged to protest President George W. Bush's immigration policies, but many viewed it as bigoted.

Despite the rumors, when protestors turned out Wednesday, all that could be found was a YCT Texas Independence Day celebration.

"The only reason they didn't do it is because we found out; they lost shock value," said Missy Chavez Quintela, a government sophomore. "And we're a university that's supposed to be progressive."

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Bill would add student regent

SB 870 includes rotating terms for graduate, undergraduate

By Ken Tran and Melissa Mixon
Daily Texan Staff

A bill that would allow for the appointment of a student regent to the UT System Board of Regents was filed Wednesday by state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso.

Senate Bill 870 would mandate the appointment of two student representatives to the Board of Regents for all Texas university systems, one as a regent with the full powers and voting privileges of other board members, and one as a delegate who would observe the board's activities for a year without any influence in board decisions. Each year, when the voting student regent's term would expire, the other delegate would assume the regent's position, and a new non-voting delegate would be selected.

The selection process would be carried out

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NOAH'S PUDDING FROM IDSA, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., West Mall and in front of Gregory Gym. In remembrance of Prophet Noah's and believers' deliverance from flood and as symbolic representation of unity a desert called Noah's Pudding (Ashure) will be served for free.

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VISITING ARTIST RECITAL, 8 p.m., Bates Recital Hall. Francois Rabbath, double bass. Free admission.

"BEYOND THERAPY", 8 p.m., ART 1.102. University Theater Guild presents the comedy by Christopher Durang. Runs through March 6.

To submit your event to this calendar, send your information to aroundcampus@dailytexanonline.com or call 471-4591.

TRIAL: PAC should have reported funds, expert says

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self handled the group's finances under the direction of Executive Director John Colyandro. Anderson testified that he had followed the appropriate procedure as he understood it for handling corporate funds under Texas law, which allows them to be used for "administrative expenses" but not for political purposes. Anderson said he reported all political expenditures to the Texas Ethics Commission but not the "administrative expenses," which he understood were exempt. Expert witness Trevor Potter, a Washington lawyer with close ties to the Republican Party, tes-

tified that under Texas law, the PAC should have reported all expenditures of corporate funds. Potter testified that the PAC's activities suggest money-laundering, referred to the group's \$190,000 contribution to the Republican National Committee in corporate funds. The PAC later gave the same amount in non-corporate funds to Texas Republican candidates. Craig McDonald is the director of Texans for Public Justice, a non-profit watchdog group that filed the original complaint. "I think the plaintiffs have made a strong case to show that Mr. Ceverha failed to report hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal contributions to Texas

authorities," McDonald said. He said Ceverha "had a legal responsibility to ensure that the reports that were filed with the TEC were accurate, and he failed in that duty." McDonald also said that the defense's distinction between filing "hard" and "soft" money is not supported by Texas law. Andy Taylor, lawyer for the Texas Association of Businesses, which faces criminal indictments for its activities with the PAC, said the ambiguity of code is to blame. "This trial is an example of how good men and women find themselves in harm's way because of the confusion that exists in the state election laws," Taylor said.

Much of Wednesday's trial was taken up with video depositions from key figures such as Colyandro, who faces criminal charges, and Kevin Brannon, a political consultant for the committee whose salary came from corporate funds. Anderson testified that corporate money was used to pay Brannon for his services. When Brannon began to act as a consultant focusing on specific candidates, he was compensated with non-corporate funds. McDonald, however, said that the PAC clearly violated election law in using corporate money for phone banking, polling, fund-raising, issue development and political consulting.

NEWS NOTES

Smoking ban opponents file suit against City of Austin

Opponents of an ordinance that would ban smoking in bars and restaurants have filed a lawsuit against the City of Austin, according to Anne Morgan, the city's chief of litigation. Anti-smoking advocates petitioned to place a smoking ban ordinance that would be a stronger version of the city's current law on the ballot. The city clerk's office approved the petition Monday, affirming that it had gathered enough signatures for placement on the May 7 election ballot. City Council may approve the ballot today or decide to vote on the ordinance as it stands. However, Morgan said that the possibility of a vote seemed unlikely. Morgan said she thought the lawsuit was premature since the ordinance has not been approved by voters. The suit was filed Tuesday, and Morgan said the first hearing is set for March 17. The Austin American-Statesman reported that plaintiffs included Bob Cole, a KVET talk show host and owner of The Tavern and Hill's Cafe; John Wickham of Elysium dance club; Paul Silver of 219 West Bar; Joseph Tait of Lovejoy's Tap Room and Brewery; and the smoking advocacy group Keep Austin Free, which lists 26 participating businesses on its Web site.

— Ruth Liao

YCT: Protesters drawn to West Mall by mass e-mails

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"YCT does not support bigotry and hatred — we never have, and we never will," said Lauren Conner, chairperson of UT YCT. While she acknowledged the UNT chapter's inflammatory stunt, Conner maintained that the Texas branch of YCT was hosting a booth only to celebrate Texas Independence Day. "We had discussed the idea because another chapter had done it. After we realized the numerous consequences and how the event could be misconstrued, we as an organization decided not to go through with it," said Michelle Putman, YCT treasurer. "I would like to apologize to those who were given incorrect information about our intentions today." The information, incorrect or not, incited anger in more than 200 protestors of all races. "YCT, come get me!" the crowd shouted. They surged toward the booth set up at the southeast corner of UGL. "Racist, sexist, anti-gay! YCT bigots, go away!" chanted the

group. "YCT — KKK!" Members of YCT, who declined to identify themselves, responded to the crowd with offers to cut them slices of cake. From street slang, "Your mom's an immigrant," to historical, "Give us your tired, your poor..." and multilingual, "Hass ist aklerimus nicht," meaning "Hate is not activism," the protestors made their point known. Members of Teatro Liberacion, a guerilla theater group, presented an impromptu "Immigrant Auction," in which Lady Liberty was sold into slavery to Superman for \$25,000, the message came across loud and clear. The Latino Leadership Council sent out mass e-mails after discovering, through an LLC member who attends YCT meetings, that the UT chapter had been celebrating the Denton event and were planning a similar one. Groups banded together at a meeting on Monday to decide which action to take. They decided to take a silent, vigil-like approach

and to wear black T-shirts to demonstrate their unity. "We realize that the event did not happen, but the fact that it was even considered was reason enough to come together," Cenicerros said. Julio Vela, a business junior, was outraged to discover that props such as a "Wetbacks, go home" poster used by members of Teatro Liberacion in their satirical skits had been redistributed with malicious intent to kiosks across the South Mall. "It's wrong, it's immoral, on so many levels," he said after shredding the poster into tiny pieces. Back in front of the Tower, a tired-looking Felipe Aramburu, a Latin-American studies senior, was peacefully ensconced in an aqua tent decorated with flags from all over the globe. "Today was about asking questions and hoping to get answers. We're not going to allow these things to happen without our voices being heard — and as strongly as we feel about it, we're going to say it a lot louder and with a lot more people," Aramburu said.

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WORLD & NATION BRIEFS

Madrid bomb suspect had Grand Central sketch

NEW YORK — A crude sketch of Grand Central Terminal was found at the home of a suspect in the Madrid train bombings, but was not considered cause for alarm, New York City's police commissioner said Wednesday.

The one-page, hand-drawn document "was a very basic schematic," Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. "It's not an operational plan. It's not something that would indicate an immediate threat."

The newspaper El Mundo in Spain reported that the drawing and other data were on a computer disk seized about two weeks after the train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people on March 11, 2004.

The evidence also included photographs, and a drawing of a private building in the city, which Kelly refused to identify. But an analysis found no indication of a terrorism plot, and authorities quickly decided there was no need to alert the public, he said.

Both sides demonstrate over Ten Commandments displays

WASHINGTON — Shouts of "Amen" and a response of "hypocrites" pierced the chill air Wednesday as demonstrators protested in front of the Supreme Court while inside justices considered cases involving displays of the Ten Commandments on government property.

The cases before the court centered on whether a 6-foot-tall monument of the Ten Commandments in Texas should be allowed to remain on Capitol grounds and a copy of the Commandments can stay posted in a courthouse in Kentucky.

Monuments carrying the Ten Commandments are common in town squares, courthouses and other government-owned land around the country. Lawyers challenging these displays argue that they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion."

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Associated Press reports

Iraqi power talks falter, attacks kill 14 soldiers

By Rawya Rageh

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Talks aimed at forging a coalition government faltered Wednesday over Kurdish demands for more land and concerns that the dominant Shiite alliance seeks to establish an Islamic state, delaying the planned first meeting of Iraq's new parliament.

The snag in negotiations between Shiite and Kurdish leaders in northern Iraq came as clashes and two car bombings in Baghdad killed at least 14 Iraqi soldiers and police officers — the latest in a relentless wave of violence since elections Jan. 30.

The group led by Iraq's most-wanted terrorist, Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, purportedly claimed responsibility in an Internet posting for Wednesday's clashes and at least one of the bombings — as it had for a suicide car bombing Monday that killed 125 people in Hillah, a town south of the capital.

"The bombings in Hillah and again in Baghdad this morning are not going to derail the politi-

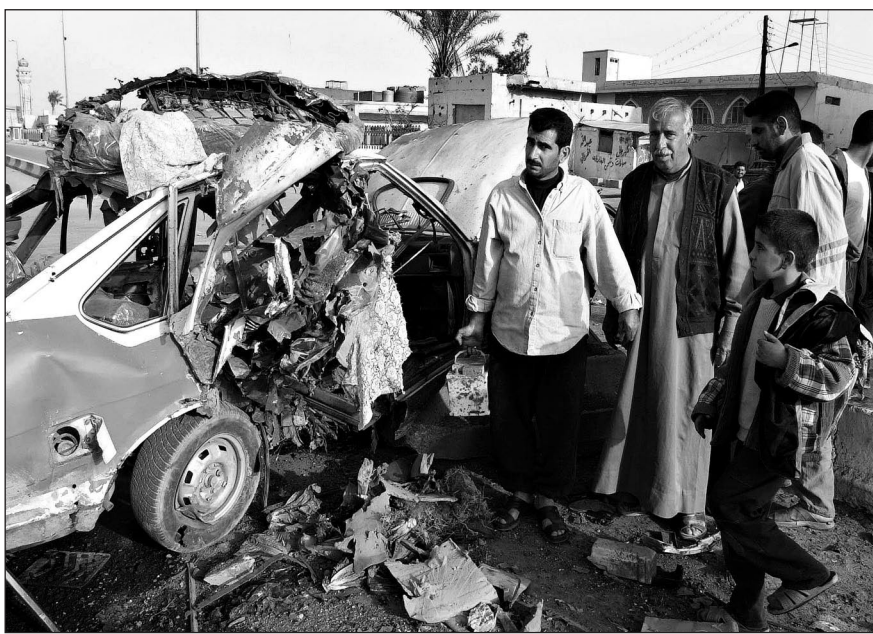
cal process that Iraq is embarked upon," National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie said Wednesday. "The Iraqi government will go after and hunt down each and every one of these terrorists whether in Iraq or elsewhere."

But forming Iraq's first democratically elected coalition government is turning out to be a laborious process.

Shiite and Kurdish leaders, Iraq's new political powers, failed to reach agreement after two days of negotiations in the northern city of Irbil, with the clergy-backed candidate for prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, leaving with only half the deal he needed.

The Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance, which has 140 seats in the 275-member National Assembly, hopes to win backing from the 75 seats held by Kurdish political parties so it can muster the required two-thirds majority for top posts in the new government.

Al-Jaafari indicated after the talks that the alliance was ready to accept a Kurdish demand that one of its leaders, Jalal Talabani, become president.



Ziad Mohammed Jassim stands next to the wreck of his car, which he claims was smashed by a U.S. armoured vehicle in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad on Wednesday. Clashes erupted between U.S. forces and gunmen after insurgents detonated a roadside bomb as a U.S. convoy passed. The explosion missed the convoy but damaged two civilian cars that were in flames.

Bilal Hussein
Associated Press

"We, the United Iraqi Alliance, and I personally respect the Kurdish choice for Jalal Talabani to be their nominee for the presidential post. I will convey this honestly to my brothers in the alliance," he said.

However, he would not commit to other demands, including

the expansion of Kurdish autonomous areas south of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

Kurdish leaders have demanded constitutional guarantees for their northern regions, including self-rule and reversal of the "Arabization" of Kirkuk and other northern areas. Saddam Hussein

relocated Iraqi Arabs to the region in a bid to secure the oil fields there.

Politicians had hoped to convene the new parliament by Sunday. But Ali Faisal, of the Shiite Political Council, said the date was now "postponed" and that a new date had not been set.

Greenspan urges action on Social Security, Medicare

By David Espo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan prodded Congress on Wednesday to curtail the cost of health and retirement benefits promised to baby boomers "sooner rather than later," giving a fresh boost to President Bush's embattled call for personal accounts under Social Security.

"We owe future retirees as much time as possible to adjust their plans for work, saving and retirement spending," Greenspan said, suggesting an urgency that dovetails with Bush's call for action this year on Social Security before its financial situation worsens.

The Fed chairman made his remarks as the White House signaled a new determination to push for Social Security legislation this year and fresh flexibility on the details of any bill. Treasury Secretary John Snow told reporters that while Bush continues to favor personal accounts funded with payroll taxes, the administration is open to "add-on" accounts established outside traditional Social Security. "I think right now, the more ideas, the better," he said.

Snow also said the administration was launching a 60-day nationwide blitz to raise the profile of Bush's signature second-term domestic issue. He said he, the president and Vice President Dick Cheney will visit 29 states

over the next two months.

Bush has traveled to eight states since his State of the Union address a month ago, with six more on his itinerary by the end of next week.

While Greenspan said Congress should move quickly to consider possible benefit cuts for Social Security and Medicare, he urged, as he has before, a go-slow approach to setting up Bush's proposed private accounts.

Republicans are struggling to build momentum behind the drive to remake the Depression-era program. Bush has called for legislation that would put Social Security on a stable financial foundation, at the same time giving individuals the ability to divert a portion of their payroll taxes into

personal accounts.

Congressional Democrats are virtually unanimous in their opposition, arguing that the president wants to cut Social Security benefits to pay for privatization. Some Republicans are skittish about tackling the issue, as well. They fear the political repercussions of making such fundamental changes to a program that benefits 54 million Americans.

Republicans just back from a week of sampling opinions in home states said they sometimes encountered organized opposition at town hall meetings. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay both raised the possibility that final action on a bill may not be possible this year.

DeLay also criticized the AARP, which claims a membership of 35 million people age 50 and older and opposes the central tenet of Bush's proposal. The Texan said it was "incredibly irresponsible of AARP to be against a solution that hasn't been written yet," and he accused the group of hypocrisy for selling its own mutual funds to its members.

In reply, AARP spokesman David Certner said the organization was opposed to "the central notion of trying to improve Social Security solvency by taking money out of Social Security. Even the administration has acknowledged that taking money out of Social Security does nothing to solve the solvency problem."

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On Wednesday night, one student leader did just that.

An Election Supervisory Board member attempted to stop Daily Texan photographers from capturing part of a public meeting.

Texan staff protested this decision in public then, and we denounce it in print now.

Our photographers were taking pictures of Student Government candidates and campaigners in a meeting regarding election results. It is not a photographer’s choice or whim to cover public figures in a public meeting regarding public business. It is his or her duty.

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The Daily Texan

While many people are angry with me because of my actions last night, I first think my actions should be understood. When I asked the Daily Texan photographers to step away from the Ignite candidates and supporters, I was acting as friend and acquaintance of others in the room.

I know what it is like to stand in those rooms waiting to hear the list of names called out. It is agonizing and extremely intense. So in that intense moment, when a member of the Ignite ticket repeatedly asked the Texan photographers to stop taking photos, I stepped in. Me. Katie Herbek, not as the ESB member, or former SG member, just as Katie Herbek. I was not trying to specifically take away the rights of The Daily Texan staff or the First Amendment rights of anyone. Believe it or not, I understand the significance of freedom of the press and the rights media have in reporting to the public.

In heated moments, however, judgment can become foggy and you act on instinct. My actions were not meant to offend or infringe upon someone’s rights. Rather, my instinct was to prevent people from being hurt.

In retrospect, my actions were inappropriate. When a person runs for office, they put themselves in the public eye, open for public scrutiny. Subsequently, running interference was not my job last night, and I should not have taken that role on. But real time is not 20/20; hindsight is. I can see now that I should have approached the situation differently, but at the time, I did not see that. If you feel my actions were wrong, then that is your choice, because I stepped into the public eye, and I opened myself to public scrutiny.

Katie Herbek
Member, Election Supervisory Board

Due process for combatants

By Becky Perry

Daily Texan Columnist

What is an “enemy combatant” anyway?

A federal district judge tackled that definition Monday by declaring what an enemy combatant is not. Judge Henry Floyd of South Carolina ruled that Jose Padilla, the “dirty-bomb” suspect, may no longer be indefinitely detained. Within 45 days, Padilla must be charged or released.

Judge Floyd, a 2003 Bush appointee, declared that “the president has no power, neither express nor implied, neither constitutional nor statutory, to hold [Padilla] as an enemy combatant.”

To rule otherwise, Floyd argued, would “be to engage in judicial activism.”

The Bush administration immediately made plans to appeal.

Jose Padilla was arrested in May 2002 at the O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, under suspicion of terrorist activity. When Padilla was reportedly linked to an Al Qaeda plot to detonate a “dirty” radiological bomb in the United States, President Bush designated him an enemy combatant.

Padilla was then transferred to a Charleston naval brig, where he spent the last two years. When Padilla challenged his military detention, the Supreme Court dismissed the case on jurisdictional grounds. Padilla refiled his case in the district where Judge Floyd presides.

The new Padilla decision stands for the proposition that all U.S. citizens have the right to due process. Carving exceptions to that principle is simply unacceptable. If the Constitution fails Jose Padilla, it fails all of us.

Padilla is one of two U.S. citizens labeled “enemy combatants.” The other is Yaser Hamdi, a Louisiana native who was captured on the battlefield in Afghanistan in June 2004. His case generated Hamdi v. Rumsfeld, a controversial Supreme Court decision.

In Hamdi, the divided court ruled that the government must bring charges against enemy combatants, but that diluted standards of due process would suffice.

In a blistering dissent to the Hamdi judgment, Justice Antonin Scalia declared that “The very core of liberty secured by our Anglo-Saxon system of separated powers has been freedom from indefinite imprisonment at the will of the executive.”

Instead of facing criminal charges, Hamdi was subsequently released and shipped to Saudi Arabia.

The Padilla and Hamdi cases highlight the growing tension that surrounds U.S. detention policies. Military intelligence is crucial to the success of the war on terror. In the words of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, we have “an obligation to get information...so that we can better protect this country.”

Thus, the government has a legitimate interest in the lawful interrogation of terrorist suspects. But that legitimate interest does not sanction the indefinite detention of American citizens.

Judge Floyd’s decision is a warning that the Bush administration must proceed with greater caution. It also constitutes proof that the federal system of checks and balances still works.

In all probability, the Padilla case will find its way back to the Supreme Court. When it does, we must hope that the court will have courage to declare that due process exists even during wartime.

In the meantime, there is danger that the courts will attempt to micromanage the wartime powers of the president. Dabbling in foreign policy is hardly an appropriate hobby for a federal judge.

But the Padilla decision is narrowly tailored to include only American citizens classified as enemy combatants. Floyd’s opinion does not, for example, apply to non-citizens detained at Guantanamo Bay. Thus, the courts should defer to the executive in his role as commander-in-chief without surrendering proper federal jurisdiction.

In response to the Padilla decision, the Bush administration must revise its detention policies to provide full due process for any American citizen labeled an enemy combatant. If Jose Padilla is indeed a terrorist, then by all means try him in a public court, convict him by a public jury, and lock him in a public jail.

Losing a significant court battle is a blow to the detention policies of the Bush administration. But continuing to deprive American citizens of due process carries an even greater cost in public confidence. Such reluctance to respect the Constitution may cause even the Bush faithful to falter.

Perry is a government and philosophy junior

Lawmakers should pull out of sex lives

By Kevin Jones

Daily Texan Columnist

Many of us want something other than four awkward minutes in the missionary position under someone of the opposite sex. In arguing to overturn an Alabama law banning sex toys, plaintiff’s argued (uncontested) that 20 percent of women own some type of dildo or vibrator.

Social conservatives predicted just such a sexual Armageddon when the Supreme Court awarded sexual privacy to homosexuals in the Lawrence v. Texas decisions of 2003. If the chips continue to fall against them, the states may find themselves unable to outlaw any type of orgasm in consensual adult situations. At this rate, nobody will be left with any sexual shame, an idea utterly unacceptable in dark-red America.

Moralists did receive a small reprieve last week. The 1998 Alabama law survived at the appellate level, and, last week, the Supreme Court opted to ignore

the issue.

But the reprieve could be short lived. Another case stemming from the arrest of a Texas woman last year could work its way to the high court. Joanne Webb from Johnson County, Texas, was turned in to local police by prominent members of her community who did not approve of her Tupperware-style parties that offered various pleasure devices. Posing as a libidinally challenged married couple, two undercover officers arrested Webb for explaining how they might use one of her products during intercourse.

Texas, Alabama and Georgia ban the sale of “obscene devices.” Here in the Lone Star State, that means “a device including a dildo or artificial vagina, designed or marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs.”

Stores such as Austin’s Forbidden Fruit avoid the problems facing Mrs. Webb by marketing their items as “novelties” or

“educational models.”

According to the clerk at Forbidden Fruit, they protect themselves legally by requiring customers to sign release forms promising the items will be used for educational purposes instead of for sexual gratification. Items such as butt plugs, anal beads, and vibrators do not require a release because officially they are “novelty” items. The only novelty here would be someone having the courage to buy these items in person not rewarding themselves with a little action from their new battery-operated boyfriend.

If pleasure is your goal, you better keep that intention to yourself. Any mention that you will be using an item for sexual gratification or stimulation of the human genital organs, and Forbidden Fruit will refuse the sale.

But what if I want to ask the sales person about the product I am buying? The last time I bought shoes, I asked the salesman about how well they might work for certain activities, and they only

go on my feet. Then again, the religious right does not care what I put on my feet, only what I put up my ass.

Those of us that touch ourselves (and others) in dark places without guilt are legislated into carrying the sexual shame of others.

This same shame has led certain friends of mine, who requested anonymity, to turn to the produce section of their local grocery store. But if that checkout girl knew the real reason I was buying that extra cucumber, would they face the same penalty as a store like Forbidden Fruit for selling it to me? If so, maybe the affidavit system that our local “novelty store” uses will catch on. I shudder to think how many items might end up on that list: cucumbers, broomsticks, vibrating cell phones, hamsters, turkey basters, traffic cones, cigars (thank you Mr. Clinton), beer bottles, or even those “novelty” foam fingers they sell at Longhorn games.

Jones is a government senior

THE FIRING LINE

Skinner’s logic is faulty

Student Advisory Council member Jennifer Skinner’s poorly reasoned defense of her failure to recommend that the Board of Regents support the idea of a student regent is abhorrent. She says that “The recommendation (asking the Regents to support a student regent) would ask the board to do something that they cannot do.” But is this true?

As the main author of the UT Watch report on the UT System’s possibly illegal lobbying campaign for tuition deregulation, I feel somewhat qualified to speak to what I assume is her insinuation: that the regents cannot legally support or oppose legislation, aka lobby.

State agencies, including the UT System can legally provide information to the Legislature and, although it’s fuzzy, they can state what they’d like to see. UT System crossed the line with tuition deregulation because they went far beyond providing information and stating their preferences — they engaged in a full-fledged lobbying campaign using state resources to lobby Legislators, even drafting legislation. Moreover, as a Scripps Howard poll indicated last Saturday, the majority of Texans — 58 percent — still oppose deregulation. The System acted against the public interest.

A student regent hardly fits this mold. The regents have been historically hostile to the idea of student regent. Even if the Student Advisory Committee voted to send the letter, regard-

less of the regents’ official reaction, we would not see a lobbying campaign from them.

This is not an argument against sending the regents such a letter. In fact, it is a reason for it. It illustrates that students do need a voice of their own at the top of UT System.

Skinner’s other main reason for voting down the letter sucks as well. She charges that asking the regents to support a student regent would make them “look unfavorably upon the council.” So what? Is the council looked upon favorably now? I doubt it, and if it is, it’s because it doesn’t stand up for students in any meaningful way, even when it has the perfect opportunity to do so.

Nick Schwellenbach

UT alum

UT Watch member

Get YCT off my campus

We all know YCTs enjoy the cameras and controversy in response to their inflammatory agenda, as perverse as it may seem. As support for YCT falters, its “fund-raising” ideas get wilder and wackier, devolving into a heap of shock tactics meant to demoralize minorities. Planned “Illegal Immigrant Round-ups” and “Affirmative Action bake sales?” It is absurd that this sham group is actually able to attract a crowd or a television camera.

YCT: Your organization is a lone fly buzzing around our ears; a pestilence, an annoyance to any educated person, conservative or

liberal. May you wallow in your own excrement for as long as you are allowed on our prestigious campus.

Ryan Carney

Kinesiology and English senior

Pharmacist bill is ridiculous

Many women in Texas live in towns with only one pharmacy. If pharmacists are allowed to arbitrarily withhold legal medication from people based on a broadly defined conscious clause, women’s health is in danger.

The absurdity of this particular law stuns me. Pharmacists already have plenty of choices, including not working as a pharmacist if they feel uncomfortable doing their job.

Women who have been raped have already been violated once. I would laugh at the suggestion that women can’t get pregnant from rape or that rapists don’t ejaculate if I didn’t realize some people still believe it’s true. Frank Corte is heartlessly suggesting that we condone violating women again. Maybe next, he’ll tell us to lay back and enjoy it.

Jennifer Hixon

UT alumna

Constitution is not religious

How come every time I see a story about the 10 Commandments and its influence on the laws of our country, the actual text of the commandments is not printed? I beg The Daily Texan to print out the 10 Commandments so that

the people who read your paper will realize how few of them actually have any connection to our country’s laws.

By doings so, the people will see that only two (“thou shalt not murder” and “thou shalt not steal”) share similarity with our system of laws. Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that you must worship only one god, or honor your mother and father, or refrain from using the Lord’s name in vain or even refrain from adultery.

Even if we look at the two commandments with similarities, is it fair to say that since our government says that we can’t murder or steal, that the 10 Commandments must be the reason? If a group of people were attempting to form a society free from anarchy, then I think common sense, not any religion, would suggest that you can’t allow people to go around murdering and stealing from each other.

I believe it is time for everyone to put their religious biases to the side and realize that if there is a monument on the grounds of our Capitol, where the first rule is “I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me,” then that is clearly infringing upon the separation between church and state.

I would have no problem with a monument that simply stated, “murdering and stealing are bad.”

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SEC: Vela plans internal, external improvements

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chairs and by implementing the “SEC zone.”

The “SEC zone” will be a meeting of everyone involved in the SEC, meant to facilitate ideas, to plan to improve the organization and to help the president know what’s going on, he said.

Vela said he plans to improve the SEC externally by putting SEC bulletin boards in every college, having evaluation surveys online, starting an e-mail newsletter of events and supporting further funding for the Resource Center and Event CoSponsorship Committee. He said he also wants to give the Resource Center vice-president a vote on the executive cabinet.

“We get a half of a million dollars in student fees, and I will continue to cooperate with the other organizations and continue the integrity and honor of the organization,” Vela said. “Any of the candidates would have done

a great job with the SEC; I just happened to win.”

All four SEC presidential candidates ran independently, although they are allowed to run under tickets if they choose to, said Texas Union Board chairwoman Nada Antoun, a radio-television-film graduate student.

Vela said having all four candidates run independently ensured all of the candidates were highly qualified, and will help the president be more accountable to his platform and his actions.

Two new members of the Texas Union Board were also elected Wednesday night: James Burnham, a government junior, and Eric Weiner, a finance senior, both on the Connect ticket.

Burnham said he wants to bring a healthy late-night alternative to Wendy’s at the Union, and Weiner said he hopes to increase awareness of the programs the Union offers.

“I think our success can be contributed to the diversity and

strength of our candidates,” Weiner said. “We all pulled from different areas of the campus to create a great synergy.”

Elections for the four available positions on the Texas Student Publications Board were unopposed for the first time in at least 11 years, said TSP director Kathryn Lawrence. TSP candidates are not allowed to run on party tickets and did not campaign because of the lack of opposition, she said.

“It’s not uncommon that we have some positions that maybe don’t have more than one candidate, but we always have at least some opposition,” Lawrence said. She said the TSP will try to generate more interest in elections next year.

For the TSP Board, radio-television-film senior Bill Laird and Jenna Harner, a communications junior, were elected to represent the College of Communications. Law students Brian Ferguson and

Rob Russell were elected as at-large representatives, positions reserved for students outside of the College of Communications.

Laird said it was disappointing that there was no opposition for his position.

“I would really have liked to run against someone to give students a choice,” said Laird, “to prove to students that I can really do the job for you.”

The main issues the newly elected representatives hope to focus on is recruiting for Texas student media, connecting the board more with students, securing TSP financially and ensuring a smooth transition for the various publications as KVRX Radio moves into the TSP building at the end of the semester.

Government sophomore A.J. Bauer was elected editor of The Daily Texan. He is currently news editor for the paper and ran unopposed for the position.

REGENT: Cheney supports student representation

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by a student regent nominating committee, comprised of two representatives from each school within the system. This committee would submit a list of three candidates to the board, which would make the final selection of the new delegate.

The bill would mandate that the appointed delegate alternate between a graduate and undergraduate student each year.

Shapleigh said he believes the bill will give students a much-needed voice on the board.

“Having student representation on the Board of Regents for purposes of examining tuition hikes is vital,” he said. “Otherwise students are taxed without representation.”

Although there is widespread support for the general goals of the bill, some specific elements have become points of contention.

The bill delegates the power of appointment to the board mem-

bers themselves. state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said he doesn’t think it is appropriate for board members to appoint the student regent.

“I think the governor should have the power to select all nine regents,” he said.

Wentworth will submit his own version of the bill tomorrow that does not alter the governor’s power of selection.

Furthermore, UT Student Government President Brent Chaney, despite pledging his full support for the bill, doesn’t think the alternating selection of delegates is necessary.

“We didn’t include it in our proposal, because we didn’t see a need,” he said. “Graduate students will have more than adequate representation.” However, the bill is a very positive step for achieving greater student representation in government, according to Chaney.

“We’re very, very happy with it,” he said. “We will work every pursuable front to make this happen.”

SG: Ignite captures 8 seats, 5 in grad, law schools

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the Board of Regents. She said they plan on “shadowing” SG President Brent Chaney and Vice President Rachel McGinity until the administrative transition is made.

“I hope both campaigns can continue to work on the issues and that everyone stays involved,” Chaney said. “It’s extremely crucial that everything we’ve done is passed on.” Chaney was in the audience of supporters with a personal interest in the election for his brother, Clark Chaney, who won Liberal Arts representative.

The Ignite ticket placed eight members in SG seats, five of whom were graduate and law school representatives. Brummett said she hoped to sit down with these people to work with them on different issues of the Ignite platform. She said she hoped to look into ideas such as a City Council liaison. The remaining seat went to Jack Waite, LBJ School

of Public Affairs representative and the only candidate to run independent of a party.

Waite said he proved it is not necessary to spend a large amount of money and time to win if you are passionate about your goals. He said it was strange that elections seemed to be more about a party name and appealing to a crowd than the actual candidates.

“I did it the old-fashioned, small town kind of way,” Waite said. “I just got out and met people and spent zero dollars.”

After the results were announced, a tearful Jessica Rice, Ignite presidential candidate, and Colby Hanks, Ignite vice presidential candidate, addressed their party outside the UTC and thanked the supporters and candidates.

“When Colby and I did this, it wasn’t for the position or title; we wanted to put good people in office,” Rice said. Rice said she would continue to be involved in SG matters since her position as internal finan-

cial director will continue until April.

Members of the Connect Party attributed the sweeping win to having more supporters and more passionate campaigners. Courtney Livingston, two-year-at-large elect, said Connect ran a cleaner campaign and were more visible than the Ignite Party.

“We didn’t do petty things. We weren’t all over the ESB all the time,” Livingston said. She said the campaigning ban put on Connect Friday only made campaigners work harder. “We were out there until the last minute getting voters, and we went really hard this weekend.”

Members of the Ignite party attributed the loss to not recruiting as many voters as Connect, particularly freshmen, according to Matt Stolhandske, Ignite supporter.

“This race isn’t about how many people you know, how many people you convince, but how many people you’re able to get to vote on those two election

days,” said Hanks. “Their strategy was strong: They recruited more voters, and it’s as simple as that.”

However, with only 8,606 voters turning out this year, much lower than last year’s 11,320, neither campaign was able to involve as many students as they had hoped.

“There appeared to be a lack of interest in the elections this year,” said Mathew Hargrow, ESB chairman. He said this year’s election lacked the level of excitement of last year’s.

Another incident during the election results involved a shouting match when members of the Ignite campaign attempted to stop Daily Texan photographers from taking their pictures, and ESB member Katy Herbek asked the photographers to leave. The photographers remained in the building, claiming protection under the First Amendment.

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Artists, professors
discuss role of music
in social commentary

By Leigh Hall
Daily Texan Staff

After being asked why musicians don't seek the presidency, Jerry Jeff Walker peered from under his cowboy hat at the crowd gathered in the auditorium of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum on Wednesday evening.

"It's a dull gig," Walker said. He went on to explain that musicians prefer one-night-stands to everyday jobs, but he wasn't speaking for everyone.

"I need the closet space," Kinky Friedman said of his pursuit of the governor's office. "We'll prove that musicians can run this state better than politicians."

They sat among a panel of accomplished musicians and professors gathered to discuss music's role in social commentary.

The forum, Instruments of Freedom, was put on to encourage dialogue between musical activists, students, teachers and the general public. A social awareness concert followed the discussion.

Musical guests at the forum included Rocky Erickson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Marcia Ball, Kinky Friedman, Sara Hickman, David Garza, Tony Scalzo, Carolyn Wonderland and Harold McMillan. The musicians were accompanied by a group of professors leading the discussion.

Instruments of Freedom is a collaborative effort put on by the UT College of Communication, the UT Center for American Music, the LBJ Library and Museum, the UT Mediation and Facilitation Clinic and Global Leadership Organization.

"This is the first event of its kind," said Felice Schimmel, public relations junior and GLO president. "These musicians have never come to the University together."

The idea for the event was inspired by a quote from LBJ's remarks at the signing of the Voting Rights Act. He said, "Through this act, and its enforcement, an important instrument of freedom passes into the hands of millions of our citizens. But that instrument must be used."

Katherine Robb, LBJ's granddaughter welcomed forum guests and spoke of her grandfather's legacy.

"He would be really proud to

see this event happening here this evening and to see so many instruments of freedom still being used," Robb said.

Coordinators are emphasizing the use of music as an "instrument of freedom" to support views on social and political issues, Schimmel said.

She also said they are hoping to prompt the student body and the Austin community to become more active in social commentary and showcase Austin's breadth of music resources.

The LBJ library housed and partially sponsored the event to go along with the current exhibit, "Signs of the Times: Life in the Swingin' Sixties."

Citing protests and protest music as important aspects of the 1960s, library Director Betty Sue Flowers said, and the forum and concert fit perfectly with the exhibit.

"It seemed like a good idea to have a forum of musicians to talk about social issues," Flowers said. "We're trying to reach anyone who is interested in the role of art and public policy."

Gavin Garcia, producer of the forum, said the event is part of an effort to connect students with the music community.

"The music industry is incredibly co-dependent on the



Joe Buglewicz | Daily Texan Staff

Songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker speaks to producer and moderator Gavin Lance Garcia during the Instruments of Freedom forum late Wednesday night. The panel featured artists ranging from The Thirteenth Floor Elevators' Roky Erickson to contemporary artist David Garza.

University," Garcia said. "The University is not dependent on the music community, but there is an obvious potential to unite the creative capital."

Madeline Maxwell, professor of communication, decided

to host the forum after she and her students began interviewing musician activists.

"We thought it would be interesting to get them all together," Maxwell said. "Musicians have been powerful figures in both

sides of peace and conflict."

Musicians at the forum offered their views on political and social activism, corporate censorship, backlash and the power of music.

"Before and beyond words, music is a language," Garza said.

Bill would define anti-hazing law for all Texas universities

Existing bill is vague,
leaves loophole open
for private universities

By Mark Son
Daily Texan Staff

State Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, introduced a bill Tuesday that would apply an anti-hazing law to all higher education institutions in Texas.

The existing anti-hazing bill vaguely defines higher education institutions, leaving a possible loophole for private universities. This new bill would make the definition clearer and encompass "all" higher educational institutions in Texas, said Dorothy Browne, chief of staff for Naishtat.

There is no data available to determine the past success of the existing bill, Browne said, because information on the frequency of hazing on college campuses is difficult to gather.

In November of 2003, Braylon Curry, a business junior at Southern Methodist University, was hospitalized for more than a week after he was forced to drink large quantities of water as a pledge of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Curry went into a coma, and suffered from pulmonary edema, a condition in which water enters the lungs, and hyponatremia, a

sodium imbalance brought on by excess fluid consumption, according to the Daily Campus, the SMU student newspaper.

"If they refused to drink, if they stopped drinking, if they weren't drinking fast enough, they were beaten with paddles," said Deputy Chief Bill Turnage of the Dallas Police Department's Northeast Division in a December 2003 article of The Oklahoma Daily, the University of Oklahoma's student newspaper, which covered the SMU incident.

The court cases regarding this incident are still ongoing, said Jim Caswell, vice president of

student affairs at SMU. Among the eight who were arrested, four were SMU students and were expelled from the university. Curry has since transferred to a university on the East Coast, Caswell said.

SMU has been rigorously educating new pledges to prevent further hazing on campus, Caswell said. However, longstanding tradition and the mentality that hazing is a "macho man" activity are making the fight against it difficult, he said.

"What worries me most is that all the preaching that we do, and the educating that we do, and all the pleading that we do tend not

to be as effective as peer leadership," he said. "We have got to work hard to have peers say 'no' [to hazing activities]."

Although SMU, a private university, follows state statutes on hazing, Caswell said that clarification will help with enforcing the law.

At the University of Texas, three Greek organizations have been penalized since 2003 for hazing, according to a memorandum from the Office of the Dean of Students. However, Associate Dean of Students Margarita Arellano said it's a misconception that hazing occurs only in Greek organizations.

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Anti-toll road group sues Mobility Authority

U.S. Hwy. 183 bond sale complete, activists seek injunction

By Ruth Liao
Daily Texan Staff

Toll road opponents failed to stop the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority from financing U.S. Highway 183 after trying to file a lawsuit with the state

district court.

The \$234 million bond sale was completed Wednesday, according to CTRMA spokesman Steve Pustelnyk.

"It's exciting for us to get it moving forward," he said.

Pustelnyk said the lawsuit was unrelated to the bond sale, and the motion to stop the bond sale was denied by Judge Paul Davis on Wednesday morning.

The anti-toll group People for Efficient Transportation filed a

lawsuit and temporary restraining order with the state district court Tuesday against CTRMA and the offices of Attorney General Greg Abbott and Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, according to Sal Costello, the group's leader.

The suit names Austin taxi driver Hannah Riddering as a co-plaintiff because she makes her living by driving and said the future toll plan would hurt her income.

The lawsuit claims the board of CTRMA, one of the authorities for regional toll planning, is illegal because terms for regional entities must be two years or less under a provision of the Texas Constitution. CMTRA currently has six-year terms. The attorney general and state comptroller were named in the suit in hopes that the lawsuit would discourage support for the bonds financing the tolls.

Costello said House Bill 3588,

authored by state Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock, allowed the board members to overstay their terms.

"The state Constitution always trumps whatever the state reps come up with," he said.

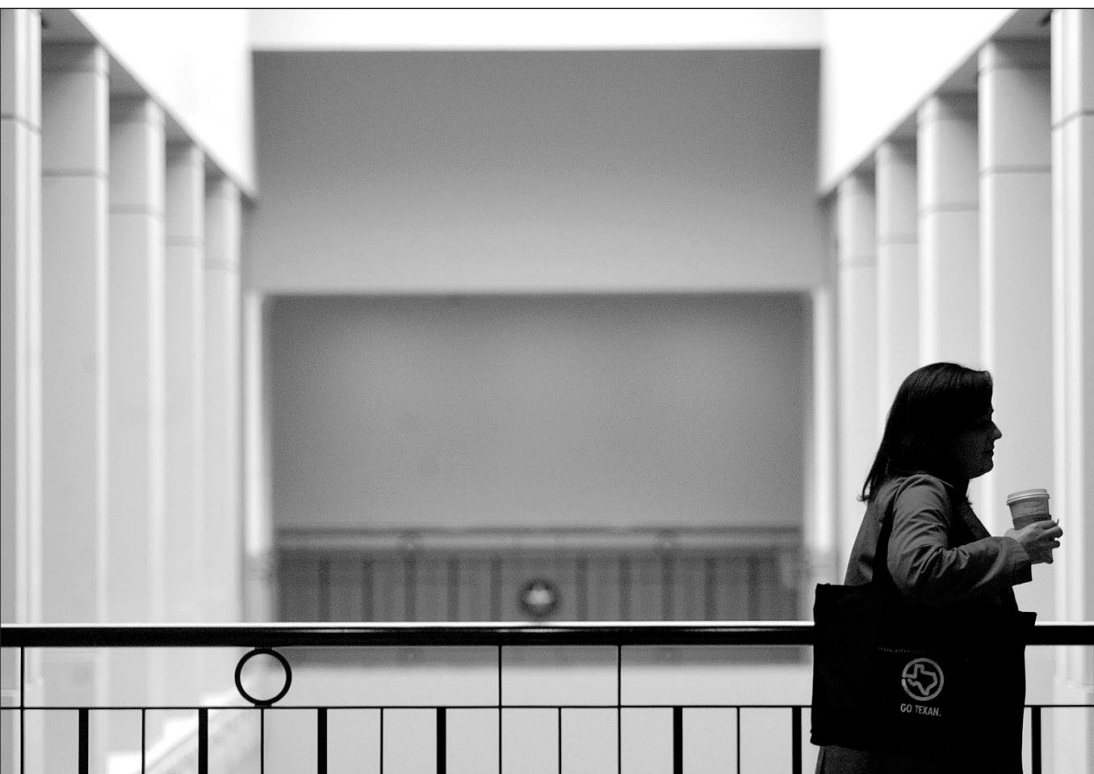
The lawsuit came after the petitioning group AustinTollParty.com, also headed by Costello, failed to meet the required number of signatures in order to recall the mayor in February. The petitioning group has now expanded

their efforts to an attempt to halt re-election of 14 elected officials on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, another toll-planning authority with CTRMA.

Pustelnyk said the term lengths of the board members were still an unresolved issue and they would either be addressed by the board or the courts.

"It's a technicality that just needs to be clarified and resolved," he said.

CAPITOL CONCERNS



Joe Buglewicz | Daily Texan Staff

Fort Bend Family Health Center board member Janie Warstler gets off the elevators in the lower level of the Capitol Wednesday. Warstler and her constituents recently came to speak with their state representative to discuss Medicaid and other health issues.

Firefighting trainees get boost

'Firepower' program designed to help female candidates

By Ruth Liao
Daily Texan Staff

Drag a body. Climb a ladder. Carry a hose.

These are just a few of the tests to become an Austin firefighter, and with the help of a UT-designed training program, more possible candidates may have better opportunities to pass.

Austin City Council will decide today whether or not to authorize an agreement for the program to be used with the Austin Fire Department Academy. The 14-week program, "Firepower," will be conducted by the graduate program of the UT Department of Kinesiology and Health Education and gears toward helping firefighter candidates pass the physical requirement test.

The program will cost AFD \$90,054, with two 12-month extensions available for \$30,018 each. After approval, training

will begin at Belmont Hall in March.

Kinesiology professors Roger Ferrar and Jan Todd initiated the program in 2001, when only 23 firefighters out of Austin's 1,025 were women.

Ferrar said the goal was to increase the number of people who could pass the physical ability test, particularly women and small-statured males. He said the program achieved a 65-percent passing rate for candidates. While both men and women are welcome to participate, Ferrar said only one male has gone through the program while more than 150 women have enrolled.

"Our desire was to increase the ability of the women so they pass this test, and thereby increase diversity of the workforce, rather than decreasing the physical standards in order to allow them to pass," Ferrar said.

The training program simulates portions of the firefighter certification test and focuses on decreasing body fat and increasing lean body mass, said AFD fitness coordinator Jill Craig.

She said the weight-training program isn't the typical fit-

ness routine for a woman, and is more similar to training for power lifters.

"It doesn't mean our women end up looking like gargantuans or ape women," Craig said. "These women are capable of a lot more."

Firefighter Xochitl Hernandez said the training program helped raise her confidence. She attended the program while she was in the process of applying to be a firefighter.

"It was different than any sports activity or team activity," Hernandez said. "You pretty much have to perform to the utmost best of your ability."

Hernandez said that the other female candidates and the female firefighters who came to train with the candidates gave her a lot of support through the process.

Applying to become a firefighter consists of three tests: a written exam, a behavior assessment and the physical test, according to AFD recruiter and firefighter Louise Joubert. She said the actual test simulates a fire situation.

"It's doing things that most people in the regular world wouldn't do," Joubert said.

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Texas decides: hold 'em or fold 'em?

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Bill would allow casinos in some areas, could increase state's revenue

By Alexis Kanter
Daily Texan Staff

Drawn by the lights, the shows and the promise of hitting it big, many students flock to the casinos in Louisiana and Las Vegas the moment they reach the tender age of 21. Before them lie noisy slot machines, crowded craps tables and flashy roulette wheels, all of which were previously off-limits. While the age restrictions that create this enthusiasm for gambling won't change anytime soon, the distance between UT and the nearest casino might get a lot shorter if Senate Joint Resolution 18 is passed this session. Created by state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and state Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, this resolution would erect high-dollar casinos in cities such as Houston

and Dallas and islands along the Gulf coast. Austin students won't be able to gamble in their own backyard, however, because legal restrictions make Austin ineligible to have casinos. The idea of allowing casinos in Texas is not new. Geren said that gambling is an issue brought up often when Texas has financial troubles. "Each time we come into session, we talk about gambling," he says. Last year, slots were almost introduced into racetracks in Texas, but that bill, along with all other gambling initiatives, fell through. This bill offers a chance for Texans to vote on building high-dollar, fully equipped casinos in highly populated, tourist-attracting areas around Texas. The state

will allow companies to build these "first class" casinos in two to three coastal counties and in two to three counties fitting specific population qualifications. All would have to be approved by local and state votes, according to Geren. Geren says the casinos would operate in "areas of large hotels and transportation." The casinos, said Geren, will create 200,000 jobs, not including the jobs created by construction. Geren also said the casinos will contribute to the economy by putting the profits into the general revenue of Texas, which can be used however the Legislature sees fit. Geren said \$5 billion is spent on gambling outside of Texas, and he thinks that this money will be spent in Texas casinos and attract

gamblers from out of state. Bill Thompson, a professor of public administration at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas does not agree. He said the only money going into the casinos will be coming out of the pockets of the "poor people" in Texas. "You're not getting any outside money coming in," he said, explaining that Las Vegas will remain a major tourist draw for gamblers. Who will play? "The big issue, more important than revenue, is do the people really want it?" said Keith Schwer, a professor of economics and director for the center of business and economic research

at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, adding that "people in Texas would still come to Las Vegas." Schwer did say casinos along the coast would more likely have an impact on those who go to Louisiana to fulfill their gambling needs. "There are enough high-rollers who are living in Texas," said Thompson, and if the casinos are in large urban cities, they will be big enough to supply their own revenue. Thompson said that politicians don't ask the where the profits of gambling come from, and that a lot of poor people will play, lose money and hurt the economy in the end. "It shifts more of the tax burden to poor people," he said, which consequently widens the wealth gap. Thompson said that most of the casinos will probably be owned by out-of-state firms, much as the racetracks are. The results, Thompson said, will be profit loss, additional federal taxes and that 40 percent to 50 percent of the money made in the casinos would eventually leave Texas. Despite these dire prophecies, several thousand Texans have sided with Bill Storrs founder of *Casinosintexas.com*, a Web site dedicated to building a list to "persuade Texas politicians to allow casinos in Texas," as stated on the Web site. Storrs wants casinos in Texas to "reduce the tax base and create jobs," he said. Storrs' group represents several thousand voters in over 70 counties, and Storrs said that ever since the lottery was established, the state has come up with more and more ways to implement gambling in the economy. The initial goal of the Texas State Lottery, as implemented by former Gov. Ann Richards, was to give the profits to the education fund, but the money from the lottery ended up in the general revenue funds of Texas as well, he said.

To meet the goals of Storrs and his supporters, video lottery terminals will not be enough. Fully stocked casinos will be required in order to maintain the increase in jobs and save money. Thrill addiction In addition to economic woes, Thompson said that gambling in Texas would most likely result in an increase in gambling addicts. Michael Hegener, a counselor specializing in addictions ranging from sex to shopping to cocaine, disagrees. "People are going to gamble regardless," Hegener said. Addiction to gambling does not result in the need for money, he said, rather, it is a substitute for intimacy of another person. "People are addicted to the adrenaline rush," Hegener said. When asked about the threat of an increase in gambling addicts in Texas, Geren said the money generated from the casinos would go toward creating treatment centers for those with addictions. Online gambling is legal all over the United States, and Geren said this is the reason why casinos in Texas will not add to the problem. "If you want to gamble, just go online," he said. Thompson says online gambling is generally confined to betting on sports events and that makes up a mere 5 percent to 10 percent of the nation's total gambling. Anticipation For now, the bright flashing lights that attract high rollers and young adults are buzzing tonight in Louisiana and Las Vegas. Thompson maintains that legalizing gambling is not an economic solution in any sense of the word. He points to the Texas lottery as example. Voting on this bill should take place by the end of May, and in anticipation, Geren said, "I just look forward to try to get this thing passed."



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Texas sweeps UT-A

Osterman K's 14 in first of two Longhorn wins in Arlington

By Matt Greer
Daily Texan Staff

ARLINGTON — The Longhorns' offense started slow during Wednesday's double-header with UT-Arlington but delivered a quick finish.

After winning the first game 1-0, the Longhorns cruised to a 9-0 run-rule win in the second game at Allan Saxe Field in Arlington.

"I saw a light go on that second game in terms of comfort level, and I saw some swings come back," head coach Connie Clark said.

Game 1				
Texas	000 100 0	—	1 2 0	
UTA	000 000 0	—	0 1 1	
W — Osterman, 5-2. L — Garro, 2-6. Sv — None. HRs — None				

Game 2				
Texas	004 05	—	9 7 0	
UTA	000 00	—	0 4 2	
.W — Bradford, 3-0. L — Hebert, 3-3. Sv — None. HRs — None				

Even on a slow offensive night, however, Clark had the reassurance of Cat Osterman. The junior pitcher struck out 14 batters in a one-hit shutout in the first game to preserve Texas' one run lead.

Osterman's dominant presence on the mound can sometimes affect her own team, Clark said, as hitters tend to settle for small leads and let down mentally, but she has a solution.

"I was teasing the team that when Cat's pitching we've got to put a bag over her head, so we don't know it's her," Clark said.

Even if the team couldn't see Osterman's face, they'd certainly recognize her strikeout totals.

In the bottom of the third inning, Osterman reached another milestone to add to her long list of accolades. By striking out Lacey Leadbetter, Osterman moved to first in career strikeouts in Big 12 history. Leadbetter was Osterman's 1,152nd victim. Oklahoma State's Lauren Bay previously held the mark at 1,151.

"You know, I didn't even know it was coming," Osterman said

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Sophomore shot put champion following father's deep footsteps

By Russ Falconer
Daily Texan Staff

If you happen to find yourself in Beijing early in August of 2008, be on the lookout for a fellow Longhorn by the name of Michelle Carter. If you have trouble finding her, check the podium in Olympic Stadium.

"I don't really like to tell my goals," Carter said, "but I have high expectations."

Carter, a sophomore from Ovilla, is a two-time junior national champion in shot put, and last summer she won the World Junior Championship in the event.

Even so, talk of an appearance in Olympic Games that are three-and-a-half years in the future might sound a little premature, but success at the highest level of athletic competition runs in the Carter family.

Michelle's father, Michael, set the men's national high school record in shot put in 1979 when he was a senior at Jefferson High School in Dallas. According to USA Track & Field, no high schooler has come within five feet of his 81-3 1/2 inch throw in 26 years.

The elder Carter found similar success at SMU, where he won seven NCAA shot put titles. He concluded his shot put career with a silver medal at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

One week later, he was playing in an NFL preseason game. He spent nine years



Sophomore Michelle Carter stumbled into shot put, a sport that may take her to the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Carter has already won the World Junior Championships in the event.

Brian Ray
Daily Texan Staff

playing nose tackle for the San Francisco 49ers, winning three Super Bowl rings and playing in three Pro Bowls.

Despite his background, Michael didn't encourage Michelle to try the shot put. She simply stumbled upon it one day when she found out she had waited too long to sign up for the seventh-grade basketball team.

"They were like, 'Well, since you're in athletics, you need to do something, so do you want to do the track team?'" Michelle said. "And I was like, 'No, I don't want to run,' so they said I could do shot put."

Turns out, she could do it well — well enough that she decided to pursue it seriously. She solicited her dad's advice on training and technique, and their work together paid immediate dividends.

"About four meets into [her freshman] season, there was no one even close to her in our district," said Hope Porter, Carter's coach at Red Oak High School. "So we expanded our search throughout the state, and week after week she kept coming out as the top thrower. I was like, wow, I kind of have a gold mine here."

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TEXAS 69 | TEXAS A&M 57

Texas finishes season with seventh straight win

Win gives Longhorns 8-3 edge in ongoing Lone Star Showdown

By Eric Ransom
Daily Texan Staff

COLLEGE STATION — Beating Texas A&M Wednesday 69-57 means Texas has to get its guns up.

The Longhorns (20-7, 13-3) won their seventh in a row to close the regular season. Texas can claim a share of the Big 12 title if Texas Tech beats Baylor in Waco tonight. After starting the conference season 1-2, Texas won 11 of its last 12 games to finish no worse than second in the conference.

Texas as a whole now holds eight points to A&M's three in the Lone Star Showdown, though there was no trophy presentation Wednesday night.

"We wondered where the tro-

phy was. I thought the Aggies had lost it," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "You never know what motivates players. On our first day of preparing for A&M, Annissa said it was 'getting the other half point and that trophy.' We thought we'd get it at some point, but I guess that's one more thing to kid Aggies about."

Annissa Hastings made no jokes after entering the game and making her first seven shots en route to a season-high 19 points. The senior pulled down eight rebounds in addition to a pair of vicious blocks on the undersized Aggies.

"I think she's always been able to get into a rhythm," senior Heather Schreiber said. "Her turnaround jumper is hard to stop. She's really hard to box out, and I think they had a hard time worrying about Tiffany when we were going high-low."

Schreiber scored 13 and Tiffany

Texas 69, Texas A&M 57											
	TEXAS	Min	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	PTS			
			M-A	M-A	O-T						
Bowers	23	2-7	0-1	2-5	2	2	4				
Carey, J.	38	3-9	1-2	0-3	5	1	9				
Schreiber	39	5-8	1-1	0-4	5	1	13				
Reed	26	2-6	3-4	1-3	4	2	7				
Jackson	32	6-10	2-2	3-8	1	3	14				
Hastings	25	8-11	3-4	5-8	0	1	19				
Robinson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Mieloszynska	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	3				
Williams	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0				
TOTALS	200	27-53	10-14	11-34	21	12	69				
Percentages: FG .509, FT .714. 3-point goals: 5-14 (Carey 2-8, Schreiber 2-4). Team rebounds: 1. Blocks: 5 (Hastings 2). Turnovers: 14 (Jackson 4, Carey 2, Reed 2). Steals: 5 (Jackson 5). Technical fouls: None											
Texas				38	31		69				
Texas A&M				27	30		57				

Jackson netted 14, while both posts carried duties handling the ball in the second half. Coco Reed stepped in with seven points and four assists while junior Nina

BASKETBALL continues on page 2B



Tiffany Jackson drives to the hoop for a contested shot in Wednesday's win against Texas A&M. The game was the last of Texas' regular season. The Longhorns finished the conference season at 13-3.

Rob Strong
Daily Texan Staff

Multiple Keys to success at Texas

Erin Keys enjoys success on the tennis court, but even more in the classroom

By Ricky Treon
Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Erin Keys spends more than 20 hours a week on the tennis court, but it's nothing compared to the amount of time she'll spend doing the thing she loves most about Texas.

"Mechanical engineering is one of Erin's passions," Texas tennis head coach Jeff Moore said. "She is lucky to have already found something she loves."

It was Texas' mechanical engineering program, not tennis, that most convinced the Austin native to stay in town for her college years. After deciding to attend the University for academic reasons, Keys then decided she wanted to be a Longhorn tennis player. "I contacted coach Moore and told him that I was interested in walking on to UT," Keys said. "I said, 'I like the engineering program at UT, and I would also like to play for you.'"

This was not the first time Keys had talked to Moore. The freshman participated in Short Horns, a tennis program sponsored by Texas, in seventh grade.

Short Horns pits young tennis players from Austin in a round-robin tournament. The winners then travel to College Station to

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Texas freshman and Austin native Erin Keys came to Texas as much for its mechanical engineering program as its tennis program. Her head coach, Jeff Moore, couldn't be happier.

Mark Mulligan
Daily Texan Staff

Nation's swimming elite head to Austin

Phelps, Hansen, Piersol headline weekend of Olympic proportions

By Aaron Peery
Daily Texan Staff

Some of the biggest names in swimming will be in Austin this weekend for the American Short Course Championships. The list of participants includes Olympians Michael Phelps, Brendan Hansen and Aaron Peirsol, who will compete at The Joe Jamail Swim Center starting today.

Several former Texas stars will be looking for fast times in the pool where they found so much success during their collegiate career. Ian Crocker, a current student and world record holder, is happy to be back

competing in a familiar pool.

"It is nice to be back. This is the first time in a year that I have competed here," Crocker said. "I hope to get some fast times before nationals."

The presence of Phelps brings an intensity that elevates the meet, raising the level of competition and pushing all those involved to swim some of the fastest times of the year.

"Phelps and I have a healthy rivalry; we both hate losing and love winning," Crocker said. "Out of the pool, we can

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAREY, REED RECEIVE HONOR

Senior guard Jamie Carey and junior guard Cocco Reed were both selected to the 2005 Women's Basketball Academic All-Big 12 team.

Reed is an education major, and Carey is a graduate student.

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MEN'S TRACK

RUNNER NAMED FRESHMAN OF YEAR

Texas freshman track star Loenel Manzano was named Big 12 Indoor Track and Field Freshman Performer of the Year for his impressive rookie campaign that saw him become Texas' second runner to break the 4-minute mile.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ALDRIDGE TO BEGIN REHAB TODAY

Texas freshman forward LaMarcus Aldridge underwent successful surgery on his left hip Tuesday. The operation repaired torn cartilage the freshman suffered in Texas' Jan. 15 win at Nebraska.

Expos no more, Nationals hit field for first game

Washington wins first game since Senators became Rangers in '71

By Howard Fendrich
The Associated Press

VIERA, Fla. — Well, baseball fans, the first sneak peek at the Washington Nationals was a rousing success, from the stands to the scoreboard.

Playing their first game since leaving Montreal, the Nationals opened spring training Wednesday with a 5-3 victory over the New York Mets and their new manager, Willie Randolph. It was the first time since the Senators left for Texas after the 1971 season that Washington was represented on a major league diamond.

Optimism was the order of the day, neatly symbolized by the yel-

low smiley-face beach ball that fans kept afloat in the stands behind home plate. And what wasn't there to smile about? The sun was out, the home team played well — and a win is a win, after all, spring training or not.

The Nationals hadn't even played an intrasquad game, and the players were eager to put aside drills for a day and play. After three years in limbo as the Montreal Expos, the team finally took to the field wearing home white uniforms with "Nationals" in red and gold across the chests.

"It did feel good once I put it on," second baseman Jose Vidro said. "And when I went out there, the people were cheering for us once the game started."

It must have been a nice change from the sparse support in recent years in Montreal, and there was plenty to applaud Wednesday.

Starter Tony Armas Jr., who missed most of the past two seasons after major shoulder surgery, worked two hitless innings with two strikeouts and pronounced himself "pain-free."

The three key new position players — Cristian Guzman, Vinny Castilla and Jose Guillen — each got a hit. Guillen's two-run homer to straightaway center tied the score at 2 in the fourth, while Vidro, who missed the final six weeks last season to have right knee surgery, singled and scored a run.

"It was special because of the situation. We're all aware of it. You always try to keep your perspective that it's an exhibition game," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "It's the next step, getting a little closer to the real thing, and you do get excited about that. You can't get too up, though."

Tell that to the fans.

An announced sellout of 7,558 began arriving more than five hours before game time, hoping for a photo, autograph — or just a glimpse of a player. The line at the stadium gates was several dozen deep when they opened one-and-a-half hours before the first pitch.

"I've lived in the D.C. area since 1974, and I've been waiting for baseball ever since then. I'm probably [Orioles owner] Peter Angelos' nightmare. I went to 40 games a year in Baltimore, and now I won't need to go there for baseball."

During the second inning, the line of cars backed up on the one-lane road beyond left field stretched for at least half a mile, close to the nearby field where horses can be seen grazing.

Even the Mets were impressed by the turnout.

"It was pretty cool" said New York starter Tom Glavine.



Lawrence Jackson | Associated Press

Members of Major League Baseball's newest team, the Washington Nationals, look on at the squad's first spring training game Wednesday.

SWIMMING: Texas has work to do during weekend

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hang out and be friends, but it will be good feeling what it is like to go fast."

For some current Longhorns, this is their last chance to post NCAA qualifying time. Junior Wade Kelley is on the selection bubble for the NCAA meet in three weeks. He needs to shave a half a second off his lifetime best swim to automatically qualify.

"I have tried to rest as much as

possible since the conference meet," Kelly said. "I want to improve, and this event will be great. The level of the meet is high, and it will be fast. It is fun to see people swim fast."

Twelve Longhorns currently have recorded at least one NCAA automatic qualifying time. The NCAA meet takes place March 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn.

"The team felt real good last weekend. We got a lot of lifetime bests, but we can go faster," Reese said.



Former Longhorn Brended Hansen swims breaststroke the 2004 Olympics.

File Photo
Associated Press

KEYS: Freshman walk-on working to crack lineup

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play the winners of a similar tournament sponsored by Texas A&M. Keys was part of the winning team that traveled to College Station to take on the Aggies, whom the Austinites ended up beating.

Moore remembered the Short Horns tournament when Keys asked him to walk on to the team.

"Her character was pivotal in my decision," Moore said.

In high school, Keys was ranked as high as No. 23 in the USTA Texas Section Girls' 18 rankings. She lettered four years at Stephen F. Austin High School while playing at the No. 1 and 2 positions in singles and at the top spot in doubles. Keys advanced to the 2004 state quarterfinals in singles and also received regional third-place doubles honors in 2002 and 2003.

Despite her high school success, Keys has yet to see action in the

2005 dual-match season.

Becoming a student at Texas has not only let Keys pursue her academic goals, but it has also carried on a Keys family tradition.

Both of her parents, Jerry and Linda, are alumni, and her older brother Ryan is a senior in the mechanical engineering program.

Her sister Jenica, a 2002 Texas graduate, is a skilled jewelry maker. Jenica's interest in the craft helped Erin pick up the skill as well.

"My sister got me interested in jewelry making. She is teaching me some tricks of the trade," Keys said. "I really enjoy making jewelry with her."

But with the spring season in full swing and classes in thermodynamics, being from Austin is about the only thing easy about Keys' career at Texas.

"[Erin] has done very well," Moore said. "She is going to achieve great things down the road."

SOFTBALL: Osterman now Big 12's strikeout leader

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of her record. "Actually, Megan Willis had read it before the game, and in the third inning she came up and said congratulations, and I said, 'For what?'"

"It's definitely an honor. I pride myself on strikeouts, so to hold that record is going to be quite a feat."

The Longhorns' lone run in Game 1 came from sophomore Christina Gwyn in the top of the fourth. After Desiree Williams worked a leadoff walk, Gwyn plated the freshman shortstop with a grounder through the left side of the infield.

After an offensive at last weekend's Palm Springs Classic and in Game 1 against UT-Arlington,

Wednesday's run-rule win in Game 2 was what Clark was hoping to see out of her offense.

"We looked a little more relaxed tonight after things started to open up," Clark said. "That's where we need to get to, and we need to go with that."

A two-out rally in the top of the third broke the game open as the Longhorns plated four runs. Tina Boutelle and Amber Hall collected an RBI apiece before Wynter Turner plated both with a two-run triple, giving the Longhorns a 4-0 advantage.

The players and Clark said Tuesday's practice had a heavy emphasis on hitting, and in the second game, it began to pay dividends.

"I think it helped a lot," Tuner said. "It's always good to swing the bats a lot, especially when you aren't getting the results you want."

The Longhorns took advantage of some sloppy defense in

the fifth to put the game out of reach. A dropped fly ball and a throwing error helped Texas bring in two runs. The double by Rachel Cook — her second of the night — plated two runs, the first RBIs of her career at Texas.

"I just felt really confident coming in," Cook said. "I've been swinging the bat really well in practice."

Cook's double pushed the Texas lead to 9-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth.

Senior Lizi Sowers came on in relief in the fifth for starter Amy Bradford, who pitched four innings and has yet to give up a run after coming back from a knee injury that sidelined her last season.

Sowers closed out the game to clinch the run-rule win.

Texas pushed its record to 12-2 with the sweep and has a chance to increase its win total this weekend when it takes on Evansville at Red McCombs field.

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BASKETBALL: Hastings steps up big in win

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Norman continues recovering from a concussion she received Feb. 27 against Oklahoma.

Norman sat on the bench for the game, while Jamie Carey and Reed directed traffic. Though without its primary penetrator, Texas jumped to an 11-point lead as Schreiber caught fire early. The senior scored on consecutive 3-pointers to fuel a 13-0 run early in the game. A&M (14-13, 4-12) responded with its own eight-point spurt, but Texas matched the run in a prelude to the night.

"It was a game of runs, and thankfully we were able to answer theirs," Conradt said. "They played zone for first half, and we were a little impatient. We wanted to go inside-out and didn't do it diligently."

Hastings scored on consecu-

tive baskets, and Carey nailed a 24-foot 3-pointer to close the half with a 38-27 lead.

"The biggest key on their whole team was Hastings," A&M coach Gary Blair said. "She came in flying through the air. We were trying to rebound defensively, but everytime I looked up, if she didn't get it, Jackson was going to get it."

Texas secured one of the first-round byes in the Big 12 Tournament and Conradt's sixth 20-win season in a row. The team's eyes now fall on the Baylor/Texas Tech game today as its hopes of a third conference title rest in the Red Raider's hands.

Norman remains day-to-day with her concussion, and her chances of playing in the conference tournament are unknown.

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State officials return from Middle East trip

Companies, officials consider international business opportunities

Zachary Warmbrodt
Daily Texan Staff

Representatives from the Texas Railroad Commission and the Governor's Office returned Tuesday from a trade mission in the Middle East that brought together Texas businesses, regional government and industry leaders. A delegation of 29 companies spent three days in both Qatar and the United Arab Emirates to discuss the development of energy resources, medical and legal services and free trade. The countries have prospered mainly from their oil and gas industries and are now trying to reinvest in new sectors and services. Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams assisted the U.S. companies during their meetings with foreign leaders and said he is confident progress made during the trip will lead to future business relationships between Texas and Middle Eastern companies. Williams, head of the commission handling the state's energy issues, said he met with Qatar's ministers of foreign affairs and energy, as well as the United Arab Emirates' minister of economic development. Williams characterized the two countries as "pro-American" and "pro-Bush."

Texas exports about \$3.5 billion in goods and services to the region each year. "It was a success for a couple reasons," Williams said. "It's building upon the already successful industry we have in the region, and it has given some additional Texas industries some insight on how to do business in the region." Qatar's natural gas reserves make up more than 5 percent of the world's total. A report recently released from an energy commission appointed by Gov. Rick Perry and headed by Williams's fellow commissioner Victor Carrillo, recommended that Texas continue to help develop the liquefied natural gas industry. LNG development has been blocked in other states because of concerns with safety and foreign-dependency. Williams stressed to Qatar's minister of energy that four liquefied natural gas facilities being proposed for Texas would in fact be built. Qatar, the world's third largest supplier of natural gas, is planning to expand their gas industry significantly. It is expected to be the natural gas leader by decade's end, according to the Railroad Commission. "It's going to be very important that he'll have that confidence, so he'll contract to send Qatari natural gas to Texas," Williams said. Aida Araissi, the executive director of the Bilateral U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, the orga-

nization that arranged the delegation's meetings, said the region's natural gas prospects served as a catalyst for the trip. In regard to trade politics, Araissi said the U.S. Embassy and the regional chambers of commerce were "sensitive" when the issue of free trade came up. The governments of the U.S., Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are still in negotiations over a free-trade agreement. Problems with labor and ownership in the region have hindered an easy settlement, especially in the United Arab Emirates due to its law requiring businesses to give up 51 percent of their income to a local agent. The United Arab Emirates has a free trade zone, but it is detached from the financial centers of the country, an inconvenience to some businesses. Charlie Wilson, CEO of Comex International, which sells used oil equipment, said he established a number of new relationships with Arab oil companies in the region. He said the area reminded him of Houston in the late '80s. "Houston was an oil-focused city that for many years, oil was most of its economy," Wilson said. "When the oil crash came, Houston made a huge investment back into itself with building its infrastructure and kind of diversifying its economy. It saved the city, and it made it a stronger city that relied less on the oil field industry."

National Weather Service declares city 'StormReady'

By Erica Hendry
Daily Texan Staff

Austin Mayor Will Wynn is set to proclaim the city "StormReady" at tonight's City Council meeting. Earlier this week, the National Weather Service recognized Austin as a "StormReady Community," meaning the city has shown it is prepared for severe weather. According to the National Weather Service's StormReady Manual, "there are few uniformly recognized standards dealing with the specifics of hazardous weather response operations." In response to this problem the National Weather Service created StormReady in 1999 to help communities "reduce the potential for disastrous, weather-related consequences." Amber King, spokeswoman for the city's Office of Emergency Management, said that being recognized as a StormReady Community is the result of years of hard work. "Our volunteers and staff have gone through a lot of preparedness and response training so they can be helpful when disaster occurs," King said. "It's nice for all of our volunteers and employers to be recognized for their efforts."

OEM took on the responsibility of improving existing and creating new technology and facilities for the sake of improving Travis County's natural disaster safety. In addition, OEM volunteers have created community outreach programs where they host classes and presentations that teach Austinites about safety during a natural disaster. According to Kenneth Neafcy, emergency plans officer at OEM, one of the components that helped Austin get the StormReady certification was OEM's move to a new location called the Combined Transportation, Emergency

and Communication Center. The center puts 9-1-1 emergency service teams, traffic management departments and the Travis County Emergency Operations Center under one roof. "By putting 9-1-1 and transportation together we will have access to cameras and reports that will allow us to accurately determine which resources we should dispatch to the scene of an accident or disaster," said Neafcy. The StormReady Advisory Board evaluated six categories of storm preparedness, including educating citizens about being prepared and being able to effectively warn citizens of severe weather. The city passed all six. "Austin has taken the necessary steps to identify the severe weather hazards that face the city and its citizens," said Ed Schaefer, the emergency management coordinator for the Lower Colorado River Authority and a member of the StormReady review committee. "They [OEM] have developed plans and mechanisms to warn citizens of these events, and the necessary response plans and procedures. For a city this size, that's a pretty big accomplishment."

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Bell says he's ready to run for governor as Democrat

Former U.S. Rep. uses speech to announce bid for candidacy

By Victoria Rossi
Daily Texan Staff

UT alumnus and former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell spoke to a group of Austin activists Wednesday night about his possible bid for Texas governor. Bell is the first person to deliver a campaign speech for the 2006 elections and, so far, the only Democrat to say he will run. Bell's speech focused on the need for moral and fiscal reform in the current Texas government. His comments about the important role "high-rolling lobbyists and entrenched partisan ideologues" play in state politics were greeted with applause. "Rick Perry only listens to divisive, partisan screeching or the gentle cooing of his staffers who cycle on and off the retainers of state contractors," Bell said. He also criticized recent tuition increases in higher education and said the increases reflected the state's moral and fiscal priorities. "Budgets are moral documents because they reflect our common priorities," he said. "No budget is balanced that relies on raising the barriers to a college education." The Austin chapter of Democracy for Texas, a progressive group committed to providing grass roots training for local

activists, invited Bell to speak at one of their meetings before he announced his bid for governor. "I wasn't aware that he was thinking about running for governor, but I'm certainly delighted it worked out that way," said Fran Vincent, executive director of DFT. Vincent said she asked Bell to speak after he filed an ethics complaint in 2004 against U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land. Bell accused DeLay of bribery, money-laundering and abuse of power. The House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct investigated Bell's complaint and eventually reprimanded DeLay for many of his actions. Since then, Bell has gained a reputation for his strong stance on ethics and is known in some circles as a "reform candidate." "I respect someone who has the courage to uncover the corruption involved with Tom DeLay," said Larkin Campbell, a government junior and University Democrats volunteer coordinator who attended the event. Bell has not yet filled out the forms necessary to officially run for governor and says right now he is merely "exploring the possibility" of running. James Henson, a government professor at the University who teaches classes and directs a Web site about Texas politics, said Bell did not yet have the statewide name recognition or the funding

necessary to win a Democratic nomination in the primaries next March. But Bell's early start on campaigning might help him overcome those problems, Henson said. "We decided we couldn't wait around for other people to make their decision," Bell said. In his speech, Bell said he knew he faced a tough challenge. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn are both rumored to be running for the Republican ticket, in addition to Perry. "Here's the million-dollar question on the mind of any Democratic candidate: 'If I run against Rick Perry, I have a 50/50 chance of winning. If I run against Kay Bailey Hutchison, I have zero,'" said Rick Cotter, member of Democracy for Texas. Henson said the Texas Democratic Party needs "a better message, and better candidates to carry that message" in order to win the governorship. "They're at a disadvantage given the demographics of the state right now," he said. But Vincent didn't seem too discouraged. "I really think that if we are able to be clear about what we stand for people will realize that their values are much more in line with the Democrats," Vincent said.

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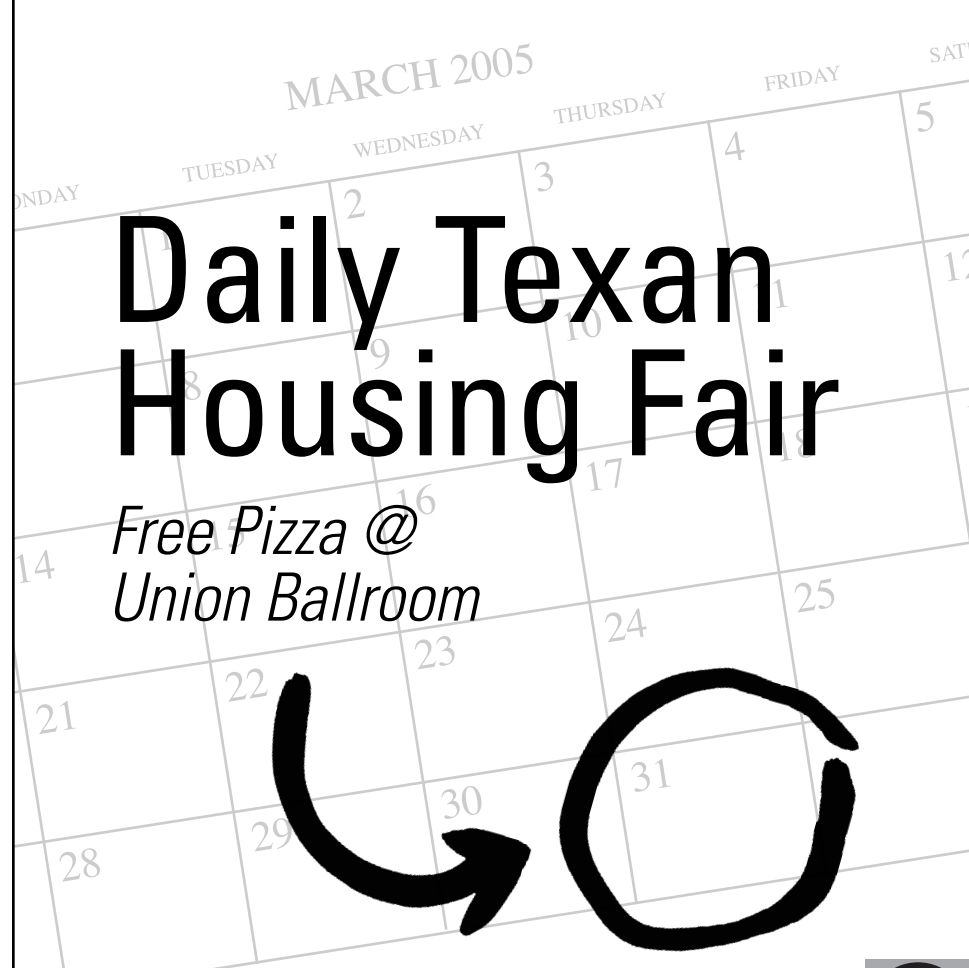
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'Sometimes in April' screens at Dobie Theater

Film depicts genocide in Rwanda, where 800,000 were killed 11 years ago

By Tosin Mfon
Daily Texan Staff

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and Home Box Office presented a screening of the film "Sometimes in April" at the Dobie Theater on Wednesday evening.

Almost 11 years after the event, the film revisits the tragedy of the genocide that took place in Rwanda for a period of 100 days. Beginning in April 1994, an estimated 800,000 Tutsis and

Hutu sympathizers were killed in an explosion of ethnic tension that had been present since the colonization of Rwanda.

"The film tells a story that was neglected by the U.S. public and media," said Megan Scarborough, a spokeswoman at the LBJ school. "A lot of people are still not clear on why the genocide happened, so this will be a good way for them to learn about this."

Specifically, the film follows the life of a captain in the Rwandan army who saw his family and friends die during the massacres. Filmed in present-day Rwanda, the movie takes a retrospective look at the

actions that took place and at what could have been done to prevent the killings.

Dr. Mercedes De Uriarte, a UT journalism professor who specializes in media portrayals of Third World countries, addressed the issue of "censorship by omission," which de Uriarte said is very common with the U.S. press.

"I hope people become aware of nations we don't cover very much, which are usually nations of color," said De Uriarte. "The further away the U.S. is from a problem culturally, racially and politically, the longer it takes the media to cover it."

Compared to international newspapers, which had 576 stories about the situation by 1994, the U.S. media only had 41 stories. The lack of information about the conflict between the groups also played a part in the inactiveness regarding the situation, De Uriarte said.

The film addresses how the U.S. media "swept the issue under the rug," said Mike Hopper of HBO.

"When this was happening, what you saw over here was Kurt Cobain's suicide," Hopper said. "But over there, thousands of people were slain in a period of 100 days."

Teri Nguyen, an Asian cultures and languages junior, did not know about the situation until she and her roommate conducted research.

"I did not know anything about this until I did my own individual research," said Nguyen. "I had no idea it was anything on the scale of the Holocaust, and everyone knows about the Holocaust."

"Sometimes in April" was written and directed by Raoul Peck, who also directed the HBO movie "Lumumba." The movie was shot on the location of the massacres, with more than 1,000 Rwandans as part of the

cast. Psychologists specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder were on location to ensure that there were no emotional breakdowns while re-enacting the killings.

Scarborough hopes these re-enactments will allow people to "look at what happened in Rwanda and take lessons from that experience to avoid a repetition."

The film was shown as part of a collaborative series aimed at increasing awareness of events that concern U.S. foreign policy and how it affects the rest of the world, Scarborough said. The movie will be begin airing on HBO on March 12.

Perry swears in railroad commissioner

Elizabeth Ames Jones declines third term in House to take position

By Varsha Naik
Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry swore in Elizabeth Ames Jones as the 44th Texas Railroad commissioner on Wednesday.

Jones declined being sworn in to her third term as state representative for District 121 in San Antonio after Perry appointed her to the three-member Railroad Commission in January. She was confirmed by the Senate in early February.

"We're very proud of this sharp Texas Longhorn with orange blood in her veins," said Gene Ames, Jones' father.

A sixth-generation Texan, Jones grew up hearing about

the oil industry and visiting oil wells on holidays and became interested in the business, said her mother Ellen Ames.

"I hope the Lone Star State will be the blueprint for the federal government to follow."

**Elizabeth Ames Jones,
44th Texas Railroad
commissioner**

The Railroad Commission of Texas was established in 1891 to prevent discrimination in railroad charges, to establish reasonable tariffs and to control operations of railroads, terminals and wharves, said Jones'

chief of staff Chris Hosek.

The Commission now regulates the oil and gas industry, liquefied natural gas, surface mining and gas pipelines.

Perry stated that Jones was an "easy choice" for commissioner because she is "an extraordinary individual" and her record is perfect for the job.

Jones served in 2003 as Chairman of Budget and Oversight for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, giving her the background required to be on the RRC, Perry said. She was also the vice chair for the Texas House of Representatives Republican Caucus.

Jones worked with former Gov. Bill Clements in 1980 for two years and then decided to run for the Legislature, her mother said.

"Oil and gas are the heart of

the economy, of education and of national security," Jones said. "I hope the Lone Star State will be the blueprint for the federal government to follow."

As commissioner, Jones plans to raise public awareness about the commission, Hosek said.

"She wants to increase publicity and visibility for the commission," Hosek said. "Texans don't know what the Railway Commission is trying to do."

A former colleague, state Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, introduced Jones at the swearing in ceremony and conducted the affair. David Robinson, formerly of the San Antonio Spurs, gave the invocation and benediction at the ceremony.

Fellow Commissioners Victor Carrillo and Michael Williams also made brief appearances at the reception.

Striking for employee seniority



Joe Buglewicz | Daily Texan Staff

Local Union 550 member and decorator Scott Thames lead an AFL-CIO sanctioned strike in front of the Hilton Hotel downtown Wednesday afternoon. Thames and his fellow union workers are striking against Freeman Decorating for a contract that would retain employee seniority and create a salary equal to the cost of living.

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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Appear

4 KLM competitor

7 Promulgate

10 Help the crew

11 Paprika-powdered serving

15 One doing checks and balances?

16 Election day: Abbr.

17 "Not true!"

18 TV cartoon dog

19 Stain

21 Bicycle maker since 1895

23 Some sports cars, for short

24 "Out of Africa" novelist Dinesen

26 Niche at Notre Dame

27 Baltic Sea viewer, maybe

28 Rudiments

29 Cleaning cloths

DOWN

1 Gallery event

2 Terse verse

3 Like L, alphabetically

4 Where to order tekka maki

5 Like

6 Some dips

7 Newspaper publisher who founded the United Press

8 Briny expanse

9 Most pale

11 Beats it, out of the city

12 Not needing a prescription: Abbr.

13 Twisted

14 Restrained laugh

20 Some are wild

22 "You're going too fast for me!"

25 "Hogan's Heroes" sergeant

28 Meteor paths

29 "Do ____ Diddy Diddy" (1964 #1 hit)

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No. 0120

30 Letters in Icelandic

31 "Yay, team!"

32 Patronizes, as a restaurant

33 Make compact, with "up"

35 Groups on horseback

39 Parking place

40 Particle flux density symbols

44 Quechua-speaking

45 79 for gold, e.g.: Abbr.

46 Neither this nor that, in Peru

47 Rob Reiner's father

48 Chichén ____ (Mayan city)

49 Hearts

50 Gossipy group

52 Lug

54 In place

55 Horace's "Ars ____"

57 What's brewing, perhaps

58 Tolkien monster

59 Tempers

60 Knave

61 ____ degree

62 Lily Tomlin character Edith

63 Shaker ____, O.

Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

32 Opposite of endo-

33 Upper body: Abbr.

34 Occidental, e.g.

35 Harasses

36 Ready for anything

37 No-go at the track

38 A dash, maybe

40 Kitty

41 Time for one doing time

42 Words of emphasis

43 Some pot scrubbers

45 Acropolis figure

48 Pointer's target

49 The New Yorker cartoonist Addams

51 Marienbad, for one

53 D with 50% off

56 Number of one-voweled, seven-letter words in this puzzle

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NOV	BIOTA	SOAPY
ERA	IDIOM	TOMET
ZEN	BALLOON	PARK
DCL	SEEN	DDE
ONEHIT	BULBOUS	
WALLOON	PAPER	
STLO	DEI	VISA
CARTOON	NWRIGHT	
HSIA	TOA	IATE
DRAGON	STRIP	
SWEEPER	DETECT	
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By Emmanuel Pamintuan



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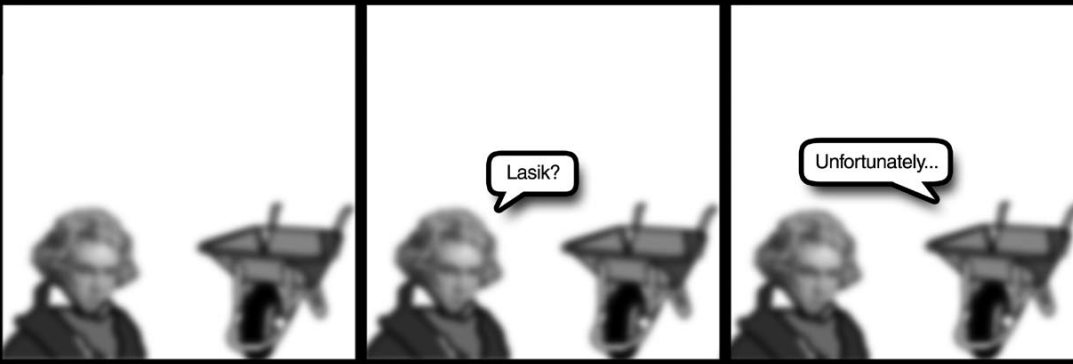
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NO.

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"Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you."

You should know about ... ERICH VON STROHEIM

Editor's Note: This is another installment in a series that spotlights slightly obscure artists and figures in history. Today, the Texan takes a look at German film director Erich von Stroheim



By Craig Whitney
Daily Texan Staff

Many moviegoers will no doubt remember Erich von Stroheim from his role in Billy Wilder's "Sunset Boulevard." In the film, von Stroheim plays Max von Mayerling, the butler and former director of aging silent film star Norma Desmond, played by Gloria Swanson. What they may not have realized, however, was the history which lay behind their casting in the film.

Twenty years earlier, von Stroheim had in fact been Swanson's director on the film "Queen Kelly." Having been repeatedly fired for running over budget on his previous, studio-financed films, von Stroheim had agreed to direct "Queen Kelly" for Swanson's independent production company in the hopes of resuscitating his foundering career.

But as the plot to his self-penned script grew exceedingly dark and the film began to once again creep over its budget, Swanson walked off the set and the film was taken out of von Stroheim's hands. Never

completed, "Queen Kelly" left von Stroheim virtually unemployable in Hollywood and spelled the effective end of his directing career.

But less than a decade before, von Stroheim had been one of Hollywood's most commercially successful and artistically renowned filmmakers. Not only did his pictures consistently make money (which, considering their exorbitant cost, was an exceptional feat), but they were universally admired by the top filmmakers of the day. Sergei Eisenstein cited von Stroheim as one of the figures he admired most in movies, calling his films "an example of all that is best in the cinema."

What set von Stroheim apart from other filmmakers of the day was the devotion to realism which permeated nearly every aspect of his films. Working alongside director D.W. Griffith during his earliest days in Hollywood, von Stroheim noted and admired the emphasis on location and emotional expressivity which he saw in Griffith's films, and made extensive use of his techniques years later in his own work as a director.

But whereas Griffith, at his best, tended to gravitate towards the epic and the historical, von Stroheim preferred to concentrate on stories from contemporary society, giving him the opportunity not only to dissect the behavior and motivations of the ordinary person, but to indulge his legendary eye for detail in depicting even the smallest facet of modern life.

"I was going to people my scenes with real men, women and children," von Stroheim said, "as we meet them every day in real life, in

bad as well as in good taste, clean and dirty, faultless and ragged, but without exaggeration, without modification."

Perhaps the best example of von Stroheim's artistic doctrine can be glimpsed in his 1924 film and undoubted masterpiece, "Greed." Based on Frank Norris' novel "McTeague," the film follows the story of a woman who wins a small fortune in the lottery, and the tragedy which ensues as she, her husband McTeague and her former fiancée are overtaken by avarice in their attempts to hoard the money for themselves.

The film was revolutionary for the brutality, narcissism and lack of sentimentality that von Stroheim depicted in its characters. As each becomes more driven by greed, they gradually shed all trace of redeeming characteristics, willing to kill, rob and force each other into destitution with an almost savage lack of remorse in order to secure a prize they feel should be theirs.

Even more remarkably, von Stroheim found a visual style in "Greed" which perfectly complemented the barrenness of its characters. Defying the common practice of the day, he chose to shoot most of the film's exterior shots on location. This, coupled with its expertly composed interiors — subtly lit bars and tenements in which the characters guardedly appraise one another — a film as unsettling visually as it was emotionally. Particularly memorable is the film's climactic scene, as McTeague flees across Death Valley with his wife's money in hand, the dehydrated corpse of her ex-fiancee handcuffed to his wrist,

driven onward by his avarice to a certain death.

As equally pioneering for cinema was the frankness with which von Stroheim's films depicted sexual behavior onscreen, not so much for their graphicness as for the lack of pretension toward their character's motives. In "Blind Husbands," for example, or the masterful "Foolish Wives," von Stroheim portrayed characters who seduced, won and discarded their sexual conquests with little romance and a casual disregard that shocked viewers unaccustomed to his continental approach.

Despite protests of its immorality, von Stroheim defended and stuck to his unromantic depiction of sex onscreen.

"You Americans are living on baby food," he said. "Since that first showing of 'Foolish Wives,' I have seemed to walk through vast crowds of people; their white American faces turned towards me in stern reproof. My ears have rung with their united cry: 'It is not fit for children!' Children! Children! [I have had] not one thought for children any more than Hugo, or Voltaire, or Shakespeare, or any writer of intelligence and sincerity."

But as if the uncompromising frankness of films such as "Greed" and "Foolish Wives" did not leave him with an uphill battle to begin with, von Stroheim's demands for exacting detail pushed him over the bounds of what even his studios, despite the popularity of his films, could tolerate. Both films ran massively over their budgets due to von Stroheim's insistence on authentic props and excessive retakes.



Erich von Stroheim, shown here in 1932, was known for his unorthodox style of filmmaking.

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When he submitted the final cut of "Greed" at over six hours long, the film was taken out of his hands and von Stroheim was relieved of his director's chair and sent walking on the path that would eventually carry him to "Queen Kelly" and out of directing.

Years later, von Stroheim's reputation as a director would recover significantly, both from a critical reappraisal of his work and his celebrated appearances in films such as "Sunset Boulevard" and Jean Renoir's "The Grand Illusion." But he still maintained that his contributions to the authenticity of cinematic storytelling were never truly

appreciated for their actual significance, as Billy Wilder described in his first on-set meeting with the former director.

"I just rushed upstairs [and] said, 'This is a very big moment in my life ... that I should now be directing the great Stroheim,'" Wilder said. "And he just didn't say anything. Then I said, 'Your problem, I guess, was that you were 10 years ahead of your time.' And he looked at me and he said, 'Twenty.'"

Sex, drugs and the chicken dance? Motley Crue presses on



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Motley Crue front man Vince Neil recently underwent \$80,000 worth of plastic surgery for his VH1 reality show, "Remaking: Vince Neil." His decision to go under the knife for VH1 should come as no surprise after previously starring in the first season of the WB's "The Surreal Life," and appearing on both CBS's "Still Standing" and the WB's "Greeting from Tuscan." Neil was also the recent recipient of VH1's "Least Metal Moment" of all time for leading a large crowd in a chicken dance.

Drummer Tommy Lee released his cleverly titled biography, "Tommyland," last year, focusing primarily on his thoughts to, from and about his penis. NBC will debut an entire series based around the same concept in a reality show that documents Lee's life attending the University of Nebraska.

Bassist Nikki Sixx has spent the last several years working with his other band, Brides of Destruction, as well as co-writing songs for Meatloaf and Saliva. Guitarist Mick Mars, who has been reduced down to a mere 112 pounds, is still recovering and gaining mobility after a hip replacement surgery.

The surgery was the latest measure taken in his battle against ankylosing spondylitis, an arthritis of the spine that can lead to fusion of the vertebrae.

Yet on Dec. 6, 2004, after more than six years apart, and under the least metal conditions possible, these four men announced the reunion of Motley Crue. The reunion coincides with the release of a new two-disc anthology, "Red, White and Crue," as well as dates for a two-year tour, "Better Live than Dead," both of which have already reached nationwide audiences.

Despite the band's commercial success thus far with both efforts, there simply has to be a better reason than still being alive to reunite a band that is far past their prime. Since their \$25 million contract extension with Elektra Records in 1991, the band has yet to have another top 40 single. Better live than dead? Why not get together and play a long line of shows? Are these the only reasons Motley Crue can come up with for a world tour?

It's not for the music, I can assure you of that much. After

disappointing sales with his first solo effort, Methods of Mayhem, and his 2002 release "Never a Dull Moment," Tommy Lee is far more concerned with recruiting as many of his friends as possible in order to make the release of his next effort an actual success. Likewise, Vince Neil, who has had solo efforts dating back to 1994's "Exposed," plans on recording an entire album while on tour. If all goes as planned, both will be able to push their singles as background noise on their reality TV shows. The emphasis placed on the three new tracks for their group effort, however, seems to be almost nonexistent. The four did not even come together to write or record a single track. Instead, the songs were recorded in groups of two to avoid group conflicts. Consistent with the rest of the second disc of "Red, White and Crue," which covers the years from 1991 to the present, the group fails miserably to keep up with the current rock scene.

"If I Die Tomorrow," a song co-written by those metal heads in Simple Plan, delivers a hopeless ballad that can only truly be admired when placed next

to previous efforts such as "Misunderstood," "Beauty" and "Bitter Pill." Where Velvet Revolver succeed, Motley Crue fail with "Sick Love Song," an '80s ballad that ends up more out-of-date than "Planet Boom" and "Afraid" were upon their initial releases. Alongside "Anarchy in the UK" and "Helter Skelter," the Crue add another cover, The Rolling Stones' "Street Fighting Man," to close the disc.

All that's left to sell this repackaging of their 1998's "Greatest Hits" record and tour then is the Crue's well-documented and often exploited past greatness. After peaking interest in 2001 with their instant classic book, "The Dirt," it seems as if the Crue, like many before them, have just waited long enough for people to forget the idea of them as a group before

exploiting their reunion, complete with the symbolism of the American flag.

These four men don't enjoy each other's company — they won't even be on the same bus together. They are not the metal icons they once were — they never even survived the '80s. There is no great catalogue of music, no double disc of hits — there is not a present or a future. All that remains are four men with a heavier addiction to money and fame than they ever had to the drugs and women that made them legends. It's going to be a long six months.

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