

Budget cuts may hit administrators' pay

By Kiah Collier
Daily Texan Staff

In his first two State of the University Addresses, President William Powers made increased funding of faculty and graduate student salary packages a top priority. And he requested University-wide cooperation in the effort to reallocate the budget.

Some faculty say that amid the effort to divert money to meet annual minimum percent salary increases, relieve salary compression and attract new faculty talent, administrators are looking in the least obvious of places: their own paychecks.

"If we are going to examine areas of the budget to cut, we should not limit the examination to academic units,"

said David Hillis, chair elect of faculty council and integrative biology professor in an e-mail. "Academic programs have already been stripped to the bone ... We should broaden the search for cuts to include administration."

The number of administrative positions has increased over the past 10 years. Since 1998, four new vice president offices have been added, along with additional associate vice presidents and assistant vice presidents. There are nine vice presidents working under the president's office.

Though administrators and former University presidents say the size of the administration is justified by the University's size and volume of tasks to be done,

starting administrator salaries are in most cases \$100,000 more than that of an average tenured professor. In two cases, the promotion to a vice-presidential position came with at least a \$50,000 raise — not much more than many professor salaries.

A September 2006 UT job inventory report said there are 36 associate deans — 26 working part time — who make an average annual salary of \$153,184. Many of the associate deans are also professors.

Other top-tier universities of the same size operate with fewer positions. University of Minnesota operates with eight vice presidential offices with a 2006 enrollment of 50,402, which slightly exceeds UT's student population.

Former UT president Larry Faulkner reorganized his administration in 2000 after two years because he said he felt it was "under-structured."

"I was satisfied when I was president that the vice president structure that we settled on was what was required to provide the right level of operational responsibility over big sectors of the institution and what was required for people with the talent level to get that oversight," he said.

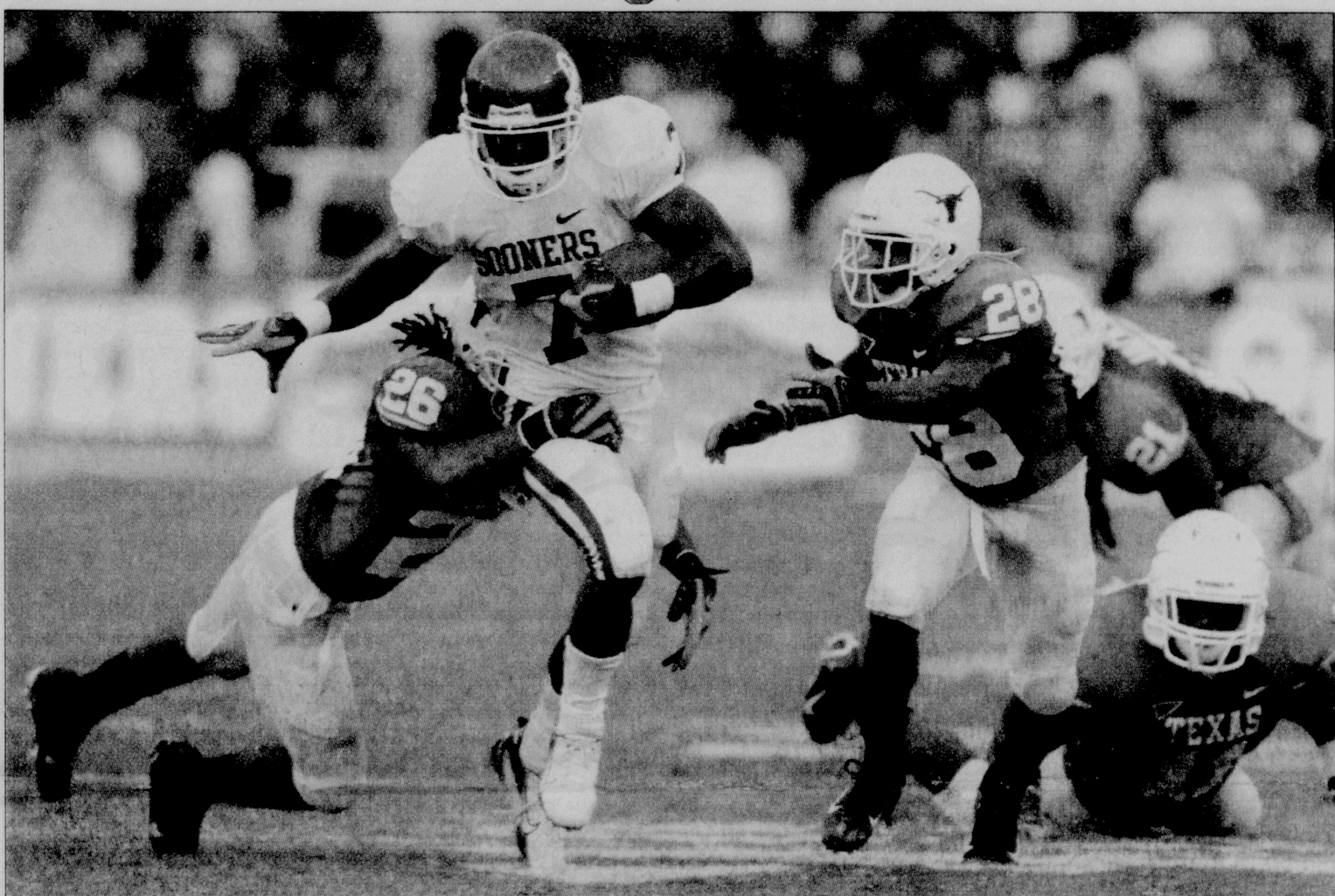
Faulkner added exclusive vice presidential offices for the public affairs and information technology.

Peter Flawn, president of the University from 1979 to

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Paul Wentzell | Daily Texan Staff

Oklahoma running back DeMarco Murray runs through a tackle attempt from senior Longhorn safety Marcus Griffin while cornerback Brandon Foster takes an angle during Texas' 28-21 loss at the Red River Rivalry at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, the team's second-consecutive Big 12 defeat.

Texas goes down fighting

By Cody Hale
Daily Texan Staff

DALLAS — A physically battered Colt McCoy wandered around mid-field at the Cotton Bowl looking for Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford.

Unhooking his shoulder pads with each step, McCoy couldn't wait to find Bradford so he could get off the turf. In the back drop, the Sooners (5-1, 1-1 Big 12) posed for the cameras as they donned the Golden Hat after their nail-biting 28-21 victory over Texas (4-2, 0-2) on Saturday at the Cotton Bowl.

McCoy couldn't wait to get away from all of the celebration that didn't belong to the Longhorns this year.

After McCoy and Bradford met to exchange a few words, the Texas quarterback hurried off the field as the rain started to fall. For McCoy and the rest of the Longhorns, this one might hurt for a while.

"It is what you expect out of Texas and OU," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "It was as physical a football game I have seen since I have been at Texas."

It was also the closest the Texas-OU game has been since 1997 when Texas defeated Oklahoma 27-24, and the first time McCoy has lost to Oklahoma in the rivalry game. Brown is now 4-6 against the Sooners and Texas is 0-2 in conference play for the first time since 1956.

"Oklahoma is a great football team and you have to give them credit," McCoy said. "It was even on both sides for most of the game. It was just a great game."

As the press conference ended, McCoy limped off the podium to head to the locker rooms.

Leading up to the 102nd meeting between Texas and Oklahoma, no one gave the Longhorns a chance. With both teams coming off upsets the week before, many felt the Longhorns were facing the Sooners at the worst time.

But none of that matters in a game of this magnitude. Record and statistics have to be thrown out.

Texas came out and played its best game of the season and matched up well with Oklahoma. The Longhorns had their chances to seize control of the game, but costly turnovers and a big defensive breakdown in the fourth quarter

spoiled Texas' attempt to take three in a row from the Sooners.

"You know any loss is tough, but when you go and play as hard as you can as a team, and you have a lot of energy and you have a lot of effort, it's hard and it cuts to the core," defensive tackle Derek Lokey said. "Especially to lose to Oklahoma here in Dallas."

The Sooners drew first blood with 39 seconds left in the first quarter on an eight-play, 84-yard drive that ended in a one-yard touchdown reception from Bradford to Jermaine Gresham.

Texas needed two plays to tie the game.

McCoy hit tight end Jermichael Finley across the middle of the field, and Finley broke it outside and scampered down the sidelines for a 55-yard reception. On the next play, McCoy directed receiver Jordan Shipley to the back of the end-zone for Texas' first touchdown.

"I feel like offensively we were moving the ball every time we had the ball," McCoy said. "I felt we really were effective offensively, and we played well as a team."

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Number of Vice President positions

1997-1998: Six Vice President Positions

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VP for Development
VP for Administration and Public Affairs
VP for Business Affairs
VP for Research
VP for Student Affairs

2000-2001: 10 Vice President Positions

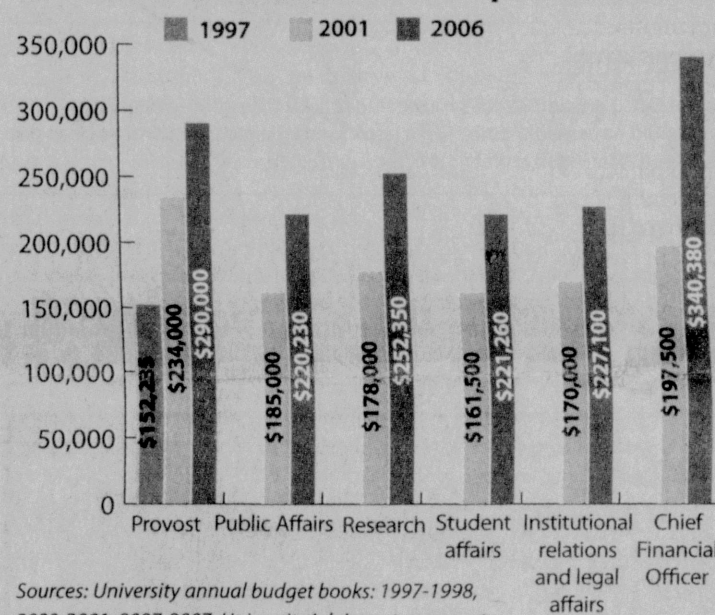
VP and Dean of Graduate Studies
VP for Resource Development
VP for Employee and Campus Services
VP for Student Affairs
VP for Community and School relations

VP for Research
VP of Institutional and Legal Affairs
VP and Chief Financial Officer
VP for Information Technology
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2006: Nine Vice President Positions

VP for Resource Development
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VP for Student Affairs
VP for Diversity and Community Engagement
VP for Information Technology
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VP and Chief Financial Officer
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Salaries of Vice President positions



Agreement aims to help research poverty in Mexico

By Teresa Mioli
Daily Texan Staff

The University of Texas and the Mexican Secretariat of Social Development signed an agreement Friday morning that will allow for poverty data sharing and social policy research between both institutions.

After the signing, Javier Suárez Morales, general director of geostatistics and censuses for the secretariat, discussed the secretariat's programs that aim to eliminate poverty in Mexico.

National poverty levels in rural and urban areas peaked around 1996 and 1998 but have decreased since then, according to charts Suárez presented.

The secretariat defines poverty under three categories: food, capacity and assets. Food poverty is the inability to pay for food baskets, he said, and capacity poverty is the inability to provide for food, education and health. Assets poverty is the inability to provide for food, education, health, dress, dwelling, energy and transportation.

The percentage of the poor population by household living in food poverty decreased from 17.4 percent to 10.6 percent from 1992 to 2006, according to the presentation, while the percent of poor by household living in capacities poverty decreased from 21.8 percent to 16.1 percent in the same period. The percentage living in assets poverty decreased from 44.1 percent to 35.5 percent over a 14-year period, but still accounts for the highest percentage of the poor population.

The secretariat has 27 programs aimed at reducing poverty in Mexico, Suárez said. An example is a habitat program that transforms urban neighborhoods into "safe and ordered places." A nursery program has also created more than 3,000 nursery schools that serve 60,000 children around Mexico, he said.

The secretariat has created a social information system using data from population censuses, the National Income Survey,

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UT Police arrest suspended Longhorn safety Gatewood

By Philip Jankowski
Daily Texan Staff

Suspended Texas Longhorns safety Tyrell Gatewood was in jail again early Sunday morning, held on three drug charges after the UT Police Department arrested him on campus.

UTPD responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked in the loading dock behind Jester East Dormitory just after midnight Sunday morning. Police found Gatewood at the car and located marijuana inside. Gatewood also was in possession of prescription anti-anxiety drug Xanax as well as Imitrex, a pain reliever typically prescribed for acute headaches or migraines, University spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said.

All three drug charges are Class B misdemeanors carrying the possible penalty of six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Gatewood, a backup safety who saw play-

ing time on special teams, was released from Travis County Jail Sunday afternoon after posting bond.

This is Gatewood's second arrest in less than a month and third run-in with the law as a Longhorn. Austin police arrested the fifth-year senior on Sept. 13 for alleged possession of marijuana and possession of a liquid codeine mixture known as "lein." Texas Coach Mack Brown suspended Gatewood indefinitely after the incident.

True freshman Ben Wells was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia in the September incident, but was not arrested.

Gatewood was one of the Longhorns involved in the 2006 arrests of former Texas football players Tarrell Brown and Aaron Harris for marijuana and gun charges.

Brown was charged with unlawful pos-

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1985, said in an e-mail that "things are very different now."

"When Norm Hackerman, who preceded me as president by some years, used to point out that he ran the University with only two vice presidents, I informed him about all the new state and federal requirements for reporting, complying, auditing and accounting that had been forced on us by external bureaucracies," Flawn said.

During Flawn's first tenure as president, the University had one internal financial auditor. When he came back as interim president in 1997, he said, there were 14 internal auditors.

A March 2005 audit of the University's administration mandat-

ed by the Texas Legislature found that the University was structurally sound and reported few or no problems with efficiency. Yet some faculty say it's not a matter of positions, but the disproportion between administrative salaries and faculty salaries.

Powers said the percentage of UT's budget that goes to administration is lower than many other comparable universities.

Classics professor Thomas Palaima said the structure of the University administration increasingly mirrors the structure of a corporation, with chief executive officers making double and triple the money of employees.

"Naturally, faculty are upset," Palaima said. "We get vice president-this and vice president-that-

The amount to have a vice president office is enormous. There has been a trend to follow the 'corporate model' and compensate the administrators at scales far above what even the best faculty get."

English professor Doug Bruster told The Daily Texan in August that 38 of the 73 professors in the English department make less than they did five years ago, which some in the department say could jeopardize the ability to compete for faculty with other top universities with better salary packages.

In August, the UT System Board of Regents approved a 13.6-percent salary increase for Powers, capping his annual salary at \$627,500.

In June 2006, Gregory Vincent, who was formerly vice provost for

inclusion and cross cultural effectiveness, became vice president for diversity and community engagement and received a \$50,000 pay raise and a staff that rose from two to 200. Since then, he has received an additional \$40,000 pay raise.

Vincent also took over the responsibilities of the dissolved Office of Vice President for Community and School Relations, adding several programs already in existence, and retained his previous responsibility to increase diversity at UT.

"I would say the job is significantly different and significantly expanded," Vincent said. "I want to make it clear that I think, given that what we've been asked to do, the size of our portfolio is justified."

Patricia Ohlendorf was appoint-

ed vice president for institutional relations and legal affairs in 1998, and she is now making nearly \$100,000 more than she was before the promotion from her vice provost position.

Paul Woodruff, who was appointed to dean of undergraduate studies on Sept. 1, 2006, and now makes \$230,000 a year, said his promotion has given him the necessary tools to implement the overhaul of the undergraduate core curriculum.

"We were not quite sure on the [Task Force on Curricular Reform] what sort of position would work best for this task, but I am now convinced that we need a dean of undergraduate studies for sustaining curriculum reform over the years, and also for organizing the existing array of aca-

demie services across the University," Woodruff said in an e-mail.

Woodruff had been the director of the Plan II Honors Program for 15 years.

Powers said there are no plans to cut administrative positions and that the recent 2-percent cuts made to colleges affected administrative units as well.

"We haven't cut positions," Powers said. "What the colleges or departments do is up to them. It has not just been the colleges; it has been all of the administrative units, including my office, that have taken this 2-percent reallocation. The faculty got a 3-percent pay raise. That money did not go back to the administrative units. The administrative units actually took more of a cut than the colleges."

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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 2 article "Mexico's music shines at UT," the quote from Adolph Ortiz should have read "I'm not just a book smart mariachi person, I've been out and done it." The Texan regrets the error.

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MEXICO: System shows where poverty programs are needed

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yearly evaluations and administrative records of ministry programs and surveys on opinions toward social policies, he said. A version of this information system will be available to the University per the agreement.

Suárez demonstrated the new social information system, which breaks Mexico into municipalities and localities so the government can track the poverty levels of individuals and households and the programs available to them.

For example, a user can click on a locality and find what kind of aid a particular beneficiary receives, when he or she receives it, and the amount he or she receives. He said the system shows current program locations and also allows users to assess where programs are needed.

Bryan Roberts, director of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, said the ministry contacted the University three years ago about a potential research agreement. Roberts said a secre-

retariat official expressed concern that data sets would be lost if the secretariat does not make research agreements with U.S. or Mexican universities.

Hugh Harleston, the secretariat's assistant director for integration of censuses, echoed the same concern.

"The information is so rich that we haven't had enough time or people to work with it to exploit it as it should be," Harleston said.

He said he hopes that the data and subsequent research will help to achieve "better social develop-

ment in Mexico."

Because the data within the information system is very detailed, Roberts said legal counsels from both institutions were involved in assuring confidentiality of the beneficiaries.

Previous collaborations with the Mexican government include the 2005 formation of the International Center for Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials. UT later collaborated with the state of Nuevo Leon to launch INVITE, a program that aids Mexican entrepreneurs.

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Texas' next drive was just as quick.

McCoy hit Finley once again for 58 yards to get the Longhorns down to the Oklahoma 27-yard line. Two plays later, McCoy completed a five-play, 83-yard drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Finley.

Oklahoma scored on its next possession when Bradford connected with Grisham for a seven-yard touchdown.

"I don't think the game slowed down, but I think the coaches did a good job of getting us in good situations," Bradford said. "We had a good plan, and when we got out there, things just got rolling."

Things looked that way for

Texas on its first drive of the third quarter as well.

The Longhorns drove down to the Oklahoma eight-yard line, but were pushed back to the 13-yard line after a delay of game. On a first-and-goal, running back Jamaal Charles appeared to find the end-zone for the lead, but the ball had been stripped out by Curtis Lofton and recovered the four-yard line.

"I was holding the ball well," Charles said. "He was just a good tackler."

The Sooners' next score came when DeMarco Murray hopped over one of his blockers and ran past Texas' defense for a 65-yard touchdown run to put Oklahoma up 21-14.

"That was a big play in the

game. To turn around and watch DeMarco go 65, it gave us some momentum back," Bradford said. "It was key in getting us going and getting us into a rhythm. That play just kind of sparked us."

Texas tied the game up on a Vondrell McGee one-yard touchdown run, but Oklahoma went 94 yards on the ensuing drive as Bradford hit a wide-open Malcolm Kelly on a flag route in the end-zone.

"Coach Stoops expressed all week that the game will change; they will get the momentum, we will get the momentum," Kelly said. "So, when you get the momentum, you have to hold it."

That's exactly what the Sooners did when Charles tipped McCoy's pass into the hands of defensive

back Reggie Smith on Texas' drive after the touchdown.

The Longhorns had one more chance at the end of the game after a Sooner missed field goal, but time expired after a holding penalty on the last play of the game, which was an 18-yard completion to Nate Jones.

"I like the pride and passion of the team," Jones said. "I think the team just kept fighting and fighting."

After the game, fans on the Texas side of the stadium began to filter out while Oklahoma's half stayed as loud as they were all game.

The Sooners celebrated all the way up the tunnel as they became re-acquainted with the Golden Hat.

ARREST: Loss of Gatewood in 2006 pivotal for Longhorns' defense

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session of a handgun, a weapon which belonged to Gatewood. The suspension of Brown, who was a starting cornerback at the time, turned out to be a pivotal loss for the Longhorns' defense as they went into a key game

against Ohio State in 2006. The Longhorns lost that match-up 24-7.

Gatewood was given the opportunity to return and play for the Longhorns after clearing his legal problems, but with more charges looming, his football tenure at Texas is in jeopardy.

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Off-duty deputy kills 6 in shooting rampage

By Robert Imrie
The Associated Press
CRANDON, Wis. — An off-duty sheriff's deputy went on a shooting rampage at a home in northern Wisconsin early Sunday, killing three high school students and three recent graduates before authorities fatally shot him, officials said. Another victim was in critical condition.

The suspect was 20 years old and worked full-time as a Forest County deputy sheriff and part-time as a Crandon police officer, Sheriff Keith Van Cleve said. The deputy was not working at the time of the shooting, he said.

The survivor was hospitalized in nearby Marshfield, said Police Chief John Dennee. A Crandon

police officer who fired back was treated for minor injuries and released.

Gary Bradley, mayor of the city of about 2,000, said earlier Sunday that the suspect had been brought down by a sniper, but Van Cleve would not confirm that officers shot the suspect.

It wasn't immediately clear what the gunman's motive was, but the mother of a 14-year-old victim said the suspect may have been a jealous boyfriend. The shooting occurred in a white, two-story duplex about a block from downtown Crandon.

Three of the victims were Crandon High School students, said schools Superintendent Richard Peters. The other three

had graduated from the high school within the past three years.

The sheriff did not release the deputy's name, but Peters identified him as Tyler Peterson, also a graduate of the 300-student high school.

"There is probably nobody in Crandon who is not affected by this," Peters said, adding that students would be especially affected. "They are going to wake up in shock and disbelief and a lot of pain."

One of the dead was 14-year-old Lindsey Stahl, said her mother, Jenny Stahl, 39.

She said her daughter called her Saturday night and asked whether she could sleep over at a friend's house. Jenny Stahl agreed.

"I'm waiting for somebody to wake me up right now. This is a bad, bad dream," the weeping mother said. "All I heard it was a jealous boyfriend and he went berserk. He took them all out."

Karly Johnson, 16, said that she knew the gunman and that he had helped her in a tech education class.

"He graduated with my brother," she said. "He was nice. He was an average guy. Normal. You wouldn't think he could do that."

Marci Franz, 35, who lives two houses south of the duplex, said gunshots awoke her.

"I heard probably five or six shots, a short pause and then five or six more," she said. "I wasn't sure if it was gunfire initially. I

thought some kids were messing around and hitting a nearby metal building."

Then she heard eight louder shots and tires squealing, she said.

"I was just about to get up and call it in, and I heard sirens," she said. "There's never been a tragedy like this here. There's been individual incidents, but nothing of this magnitude."

Her husband, David Franz, 36, said it was hard to accept that someone in law enforcement committed such an act.

"The first statement we said to each other was, how did he get through the system?" David Franz said. "How do they know somebody's background, espe-

cially that young? It is disturbing, to say the least."

The sheriff said he would meet with state Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen on Monday morning to discuss the case. Dennee said the state Department of Criminal Investigation will handle the case because the suspect was a deputy and officer.

The Crandon School District called off classes Monday.

The community, about 225 miles north of Milwaukee in an area known for logging and outdoor activities, is facing a trying time but is pulling together, Bradley said.

"We are a strong community. We always have been," he said. "This is agonizing, but we will prevail."

CHICAGO HEAT BRINGS ANNUAL MARATHON TO A HALT



Jerry Lai | Associated Press

Runners pass through downtown during the 2007 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon on Sunday in Chicago. Patrick Ivuti of Kenya won the men's race and Berhane Adere of Ethiopia won the women's race.

CHICAGO — In a race run in scorching heat that left one man dead, Kenya's Patrick Ivuti won the Chicago Marathon by a fraction of a second Sunday. Another 250 runners were taken to hospitals because of heat-related ailments.

The 88-degree heat and sweltering humidity were so draining that organizers shut down the second half of the course four hours after the start.

Ivuti leaned at the finish line to edge Jaouad Gharib of Morocco by 0.05 seconds. Ethiopia's Berhane Adere rallied to successfully defend her women's title.

Chad Schieber of Midland, Mich., 35, collapsed while running on the South Side and was pronounced dead shortly before 1 p.m. at a Veteran's Affairs hospital, the Cook County medical examiner's office. An

autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

These were record temperatures for the Chicago Marathon, topping the mark of 84 degrees in 1979. Runners were diverted to the starting area, where they were provided with medical attention and cooling misters. Shortages of water and energy drinks were reported along the 26.2-mile route.

— The Associated Press

NATION BRIEFLY

Bush's health secretary seeks children's insurance compromise

WASHINGTON — President Bush's health secretary said Sunday he does not expect Congress to override a veto on children's insurance and warned that the popular program could be at risk unless Democrats restrain spending.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said Bush would be willing to provide more than the \$5 billion increase over five years that he first proposed. He declined to say how much additional money was possible.

But in a warning to Democratic leaders who have pledged to stick with their \$35 billion increase, Leavitt said Bush would not waver despite attempts to override his veto last week.

The Senate approved the increase by a veto-proof margin, but the House fell about two dozen votes short of a two-thirds majority. The House has

scheduled an override vote.

Leavitt said the Democratic-controlled Congress, not the Republican administration, would pay the political price if the State Children's Health Insurance Program stalls due to gridlock.

United Auto Workers, Chrysler make progress on contract talks

DETROIT — Negotiators with the United Auto Workers union and Chrysler LLC have made progress on efforts to reach a new four-year labor contract, but a person briefed on the talks said Sunday that much work remains.

"There are a bunch of commitments" that have to reach agreement before a deal can be signed, said the person, who requested anonymity because the talks are private.

Negotiators were to return to the bargaining table Sunday afternoon after breaking Saturday night, the person said.

Chrysler spokeswoman Michele Tinson said Sunday that the two sides were making progress.

"We remain optimistic," she said.

General Motors Corp. already has reached a tentative agreement with the UAW that GM workers are now voting on.

New ultrasound machines offer way to screen for heart disease

MADISON, Wis. — What if your doctor could swipe a wand over your neck and reveal whether you have hidden heart disease?

Miniature ultrasound machines are starting to make their way into ordinary doctors' offices, where they may someday be as common as stethoscopes and EKGs. A pocket-sized one weighing less than 2 pounds hit the market last week.

Some of these devices can make images of neck arteries, which offer a "window" to heart arteries that cannot easily be seen. If the neck vessels are clogged, doctors know that those around the heart probably are, too, and that treatment or more testing is needed.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

Darfur town burned to ground

Sudanese troops took control of village after attack on peacekeepers

By Alfred de Montesquiou

The Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — A Darfur town under the control of Sudanese troops has been razed in apparent retaliation for a rebel attack on a nearby base of African peacekeepers. U.N. officials who inspected the town said Sunday that about 15,000 civilians had fled the area.

International aid workers and United Nations officials dismissed claims by some rebel chiefs that 100 people had died in the North Darfur town of Haskanita. The officials said the town emptied as the army moved in last Sunday, and troops started burning it on Wednesday.

A U.N. statement did not say who set fire to the ethnic African town but said Sudanese government forces took control after suspected Darfur rebels attacked the nearby base of African Union peacekeepers a week ago, killing 10 peacekeepers.

Haskanita, "which is currently under the control of the government, was completely burned down, except for a few buildings," said the U.N. mission to Sudan.

A U.N. official who had just returned from Haskanita said it was clear that the army or its allied militias of nomad Arabs known as the janjaweed were behind it. The Arab-dominated government and the janjaweed militias are accused of regularly

burning ethnic African villages as part of their counterinsurgency campaign against rebels.

The official said a full army battalion of 800 troops was stationed at the entrance of the smoldering town, which was otherwise empty.

"There's absolutely no doubt the army and janjaweed did it," the official said on condition of anonymity because the Sudanese government regularly expels observers who speak out against abuses.

An Associated Press reporter saw Haskanita intact last Sunday when the army moved in, though plumes of smoke could already be seen rising from several nearby villages. The town had about 7,000 people, and the other thousands fled from surrounding areas, said Orla Clinton, a spokeswoman in Sudan for the U.N. Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The rebel attack on the base came amid a government offensive that had been raging for two weeks in the same region. Some rebels have said the attack on the AU peacekeepers may have happened because some rebel groups suspected the AU of collaboration with Sudanese forces, something the AU sharply denies.

U.N. spokeswoman Radhia Achouri said it would be up to the African Union to investigate who was behind the town's destruction.

"The U.N. has no mandate to investigate security incidents," she said in an e-mail to the AP.

Sudan's government denies backing the janjaweed, who have been accused of the worst atrocities in Darfur. More than 200,000

people have died and 2.5 million have been chased from their homes since ethnic African rebels took up arms against the central government in February 2003, accusing it of discrimination.

The AU said was investigating last week's attack on its base, but could not say whether it would expand the inquiry to the town's destruction.

Gen. Martin Agwai, the commander of the 7,000-member AU peacekeeping force in Darfur, vowed last week that he would rebuild Haskanita's base and resend troops there soon. Large quantities of ammunition and several vehicles were looted from the base when rebels raided it.

The underfunded and ill-equipped AU force has been overwhelmed in its efforts to quell Darfur's bloodshed. A joint AU-U.N. force of 26,000 peacekeepers is due to takeover on Jan. 1, also to be headed by Agwai.

Darfur rebel groups have traded accusations on who attacked the AU base. Peacekeepers told the AP last week that they had identified the assailants as belonging to a splinter group called SLA-Unity, which has been invited to the peace talks.

But Sunday, Mohammed Osman, a local chief of SLA-Unity, told the AP by satellite phone that his group had no role in the attack, blaming it on the Justice and Equality Movement.

JEM leader Khalil Ibrahim dismissed that claim.

"I swear on the Quran neither I nor any of my men took part," Ibrahim said, referring to Islam's holy book.

WORLD BRIEFLY

U.S. troops fatally shoot 3 Iraqi guards south of Baghdad

PATROL BASE HAWKS, Iraq — When U.S. sentries fatally shot three guards near an Iraqi-manned checkpoint south of Baghdad, they thought they were targeting enemy fighters planting roadside bombs, according to the American commander of the region.

The shootings, which are still under investigation, underscore a new dilemma facing U.S. troops as former fighters join forces against extremists and Iraqis are increasingly forced to take up arms to protect themselves

— how does one distinguish them from the enemy?

The U.S. military said the American troops shot the three civilians Thursday near a checkpoint manned by local members of a U.S.-allied group helping provide security in the village of Abu Lukah, near Musayyib, a Shiite-dominated town 40 miles south of Baghdad.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division that controls territory south of Baghdad, stressed the investigation was continuing but said initial results showed that U.S. troops fired on the checkpoint after spotting what appeared to be enemy forces planting roadside bombs.

"We are not looking to see who

made a mistake but rather see what we can learn from that particular event," Lynch told The Associated Press Saturday.

Lynch said it's critical to "better coordinate between coalition forces, Iraqi security forces and concerned citizens," as he calls the vigilante-style groups that have sprouted up across the country to fight extremists.

The comments reflect rising concerns about possible friendly fire killings that could threaten to undermine the U.S. strategy of seeking alliances with local Sunni and Shiite leaders to fill the vacuum left by a national police force that has been plagued by corruption allegations and infiltration by militants.

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'Fire Greg Davis'?

Propped up against a tree at the ATO fraternity house, it stands at about two and half feet tall and three feet wide. Its burnt orange letters gleam on the white background, glaring at passersby along 24th Street. We've seen these kind of signs before. They're usually advertising the next foam party to lure in curious freshmen. But, this time, the painted board bears a message: "Fire Greg Davis." For non-sports fans, that's our offensive coordinator (essentially the guy who comes up with the plays that, on a good day, would have helped the Longhorns beat the Sooners). Call it angry fans, we're calling it activism. Whether its about football coaches or the next presidential election, it's great to hear students speaking up, and it's a better use for paint and plywood than informing the community (and the cops) when and where upcoming underage drinking will take place.

Not easing being green on two wheels

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No wrongful death (for now)

President Bush plans to stop the execution of a man in Texas. Yes, you read that right. The man who presided over 152 executions during his tenure as governor of Texas wants to uphold the International Court of Justice's decision that the convictions of Ernesto Medellin and 50 other Mexican-born death row inmates violated their rights to get legal assistance from the Mexican government. The 1963 Vienna Convention guarantees that Medellin, who was convicted of the capital murder of two women, was allowed to request legal counsel from Mexico before his trial, which the police who arrested Medellin failed to inform him of. While President Bush plans to uphold the ruling on Medellin, a statement from the U.S. government says that this will be the only case on which he agrees with the International Court — because, according to the same statement, he would like to protect our interests abroad.

THE FIRING LINE

Pro athletes hurt graduation rates

In regard to "Athletes graduating at disparate rates," Oct. 5: I read with sorrow that, with regard to a 33-percent rate for men's basketball and 42-percent rate for football, the headline should have read "Athletes graduating at desperate rates."

We are letting these young men with pro career dreams down, and that is not an honorable thing to do. Perhaps writers from your academic and sports desks could team up and track down a few non-graduates, who didn't go on to NBA or NFL glory, and listen to their stories. Put a face on this issue that is unworthy of us as "a University of the First Class."

Kate Benjamin
UT alum

Power in the governed, not the government

The DREAM Act totally ignores the problem ("Requirement for a DREAM," Oct. 5). Why did undocumented kids' parents come here? Because the economy and job market in their home countries sucked. So what do those countries need? They need educated individuals who can contribute to their own society, economy and culture. This is the only way to fix illegal immigration. Instead of getting mad at their own government, which may be corrupt and inefficient, immigrants move to countries where jobs are more plentiful. They are in desperate need of a movement to break people out of their complacent, defeatist mentalities.

Edward C. Oden IV
Government sophomore
Legislative director
Young Conservatives of Texas

A conservative sigh of relief

Daniel Earnest's Oct. 4 article "The sky is falling," is excellent work for a freshman. I have three children looking at universities, and I'd worried that UT had gone so left that perhaps we should search elsewhere. My faith is restored!

Beth Geiser
Houston, Texas

Nothing more than wanna-be Cholos

While I understand some of the concern surrounding the alleged "Ghetto Mexican/Cholo" fraternity party, I don't understand why people are so upset.

The demographics of a frat party are as follows: Nearly everyone attending is white, but nearly all the songs are by black artists. This gives young white people a glimpse into African American culture. It therefore stands to reason that these individuals could be inspired to have a party themed after this particular segment of black culture (i.e. the pimps and hoes/gin and juice party, or whatever). There's nothing racist about it. There are no mock lynchings or dressing up in black face or anything in poor taste. As a black person, I can state that the problem people have is that it reminds them a little too much of some relatives they'd like to forget about. The real prejudice is in trying to sweep under the rug these particular aspects of our communities.

Instead of being upset with the fraternity, the people who have a problem with the party need to be upset with whoever wrote the "Lean Like a Cholo" (and its "Chola" spin off) song and all their Hispanic brothers and sisters who made it No. 1 on the charts.

Nicholas David Jenkins
Sociology junior

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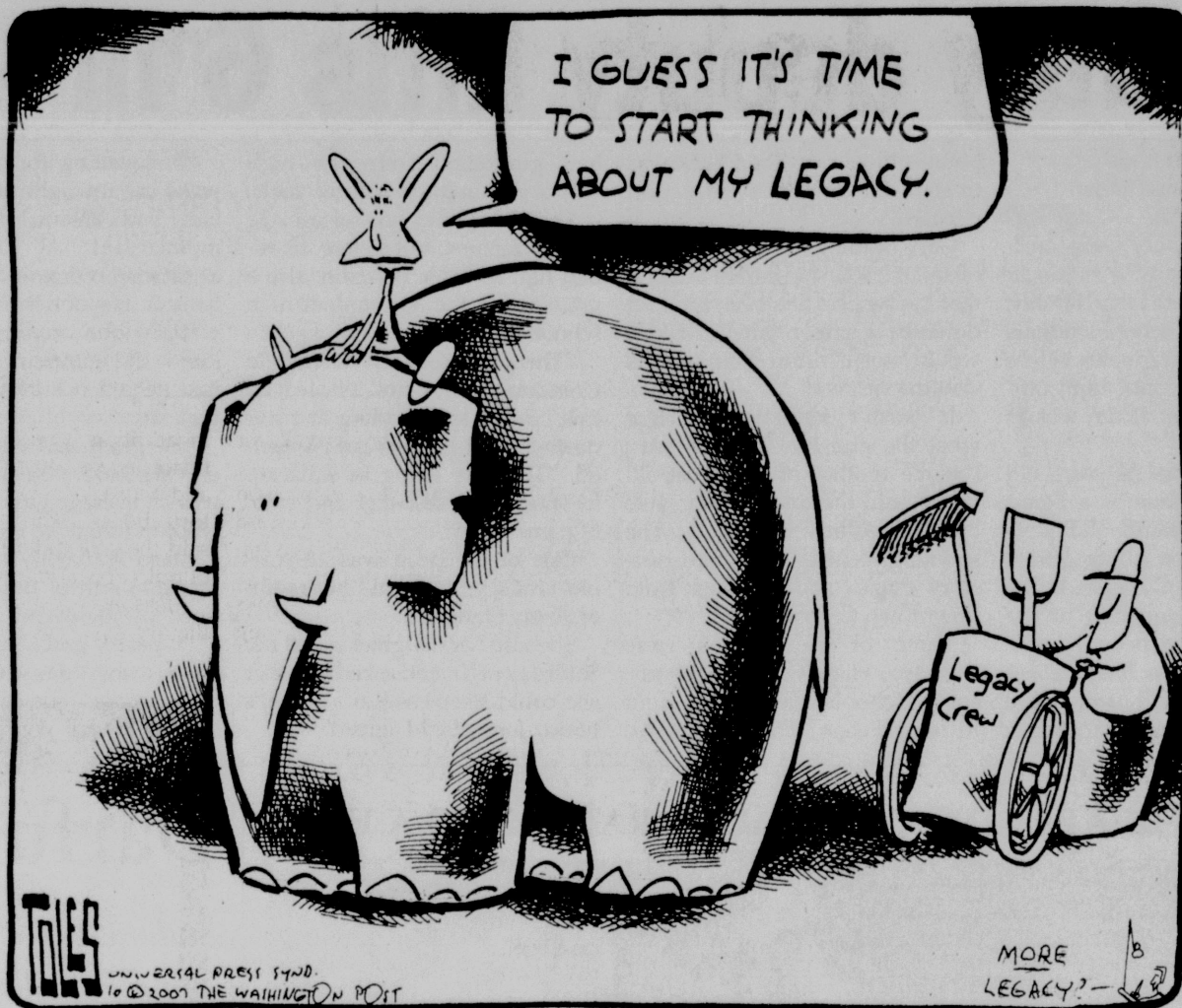
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CIA recruiting an opportunity for activism



By Colin Pace
Daily Texan Columnist

As evening approached on Monday, Oct. 1, five members of CAMEO (Campus Anti-war Movement to End the Occupations) stealthily peered around Parlin Hall, carefully scoping out the South Mall. The group had been informed that the CIA planned to hold an "information session" on campus, aimed specifically at recruiting Middle Eastern studies students. Well aware of the CIA's dodgy history of toppling democratic states not in agreement with U.S. interests, in addition to the agency's central role in large-scale drug trafficking and complicit acts of state-sponsored torture, CAMEO members felt compelled to protest.

However, no CIA was to be found. A representative from the agency announced the event had been cancelled due to security concerns arising from a planned

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protest. It seemed almost nonsensical that the CIA would cancel an event because of a student protest. Yet, CAMEO's successful deterrence of the CIA was one of many across the country. In fact, last semester CAMEO announced a protest against a similar CIA event, which also got officially cancelled. But being the strategic masters of deceit they are, CIA officials still held their recruiting event that day, at the same place and time they had initially announced.

CAMEO was still able to disrupt last semester's recruiting event with an outside protest, and members participated in the CIA's Q-and-A session, asking witty questions such as, "Did bin Laden receive the same slide show at his

recruiting orientation?"

With last semester's false cancellation in mind, CAMEO members were not to be fooled last Monday. They waited patiently outside Parlin Hall, with questions concerning the legality and morality of the CIA's history.

But perhaps the brains behind the CIA wisened up this time around and moved their event to a different room, or even a different time than initially planned. After a careful search of nearby rooms, CAMEO members decided that either the CIA indeed cancelled or moved their event to another time or place.

However, it is unlikely the CIA still held the event, for two reasons: First, the CIA would need to contact Middle Eastern stud-

ies students to let them know about the change. CAMEO members or their friends in Middle Eastern studies classes would have heard about the change. Secondly, military operations such as the CIA are under a lot of heat from the public following reports of kidnap and torture. So, if the possibility of protest exists, it's better that the CIA not push its luck.

However, the CIA is persistent and is coming back for another round of recruiting later this month. The agency offers well-paying positions to graduates, especially those with an understanding of Middle Eastern language and culture. Aside from the CIA's murky history of violence and illegal dealings, it's now weakening the United States' credibility with its tactics used in the war on terror. And as long as the CIA has its hand in recruiting from public institutions, students have an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Pace is a member of CAMEO and an anthropology junior.

Lynching reason from Jena Six case



By Colin Kalmbacher
Daily Texan Columnist

The left sure doesn't know how to pick its battles.

Often they are meaningless exercises in money-wasting that only time can correct. Other times their battles myopic adventures fueled by grievous idealism and growth-stunting naiveté about international politics that get turned into little more than trendy green t-shirts or nights out on the capital grounds (or whatever horrific event in Africa that's being protested by Coldplay and U2 fans this week).

The current cause célèbre among those who waste their time in protest lines — but who are terrifically adept at producing large quantities of ugly t-shirts with the help of sweatshop labor — is the ongoing legal skirmish in Jena, Louisiana, in which six black boys beat the stuffing out of one white boy in a display of their mental acuity regarding the plight of Africans in the Americas since the 1500s. Or something.

There is a murky specter of racism haunting this case, which I'll not rehash. Let me just say that the cries of racism are, like Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, flown in from out of state. And the specter itself is more of a trick done with mirrors and chemicals.

The Jena Six might be facing some harsh sentencing; that's for legal experts and judges to decide. But, gut-check time: Is that reason enough to pretend this case is truly civil rights fodder?

Scottsboro Boys, these kids are

And for those who might excuse their goon squad mentality in light of racial tension and nooses hung from a tree, I've got a one-way ticket to Moscow for you.

not. No one in their right mind is contending that they weren't being vicious, cowardly and cruel. And for those who might excuse their goon squad mentality in light of racial tension and nooses hung from a tree, I've got a one-way ticket to Moscow for you — Stalin's grave could use a good tongue-cleaning.

How about outrage toward true juridical injustice? In Georgia, Genarlow Wilson, a genuine paragon of academic and athletic excellence is rotting away during the prime of his life for engaging in consensual oral sex, all because of an overzealous prosecutor and inane statutory rape laws. And he doesn't have any priors.

For some good old-fashioned bigotry, look no further than Al Sharpton's pal Bill O'Reilly who, after dining with Sharpton at Sylvia's, a restaurant in Harlem, was amazed "that there was no difference between Sylvia's restaurant and any other restaurant in New York City."

O'Reilly went on, "I mean, it was exactly the same, even though it's run by blacks, primarily black patronship ... There wasn't one person in Sylvia's who was screaming, 'M-Fer, I want more iced tea.'"

Instead the powder is wasted on thugs and manufactured racism. The idiocy is typical, as leftists and minorities wonder why things

aren't moving forward at as furious a clip as hoped for.

Useful idiots have popped up in the most likely of places, such as the entertainment industry. Millionaire David Bowie has donated \$10,000 to the Jena Six's legal defense fund. Considering Mr. Bowie could buy and sell many parts of the world, this paltry sum seems a bit lame.

If the Jena Six case is so fundamentally unjust, urgent and important, what would, say, \$100,000 be to David Bowie?

Bowie thinks, like many would-be do-gooders with big mouths and generally corresponding talents (as entertainers, not lawyers), that a tiny bit of attention from a huge star is the best way to remedy all our social ills. At least he feels hunky dory about his contribution.

Less darkly absurd but altogether more distressing are Barack Obama's well-prepared comments. According to the senator from Illinois, the Jena Six "have earned the mantle of Rosa Parks."

Well. The Jena Six, like Rosa Parks, broke the law. Similarly, they are black. One might even concede that (as entertainers, not lawyers), that a tiny bit of attention from a huge star is the best way to remedy all our social ills. At least he feels hunky dory about his contribution.

lent human beings be enshrined as American heroes because of some arguably stiff sentencing?

Seeing as how blackness is being used to mitigate violent crime, I eagerly await Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton's campaign to have a national holiday named for Michael Vick.

The point is this: Using the case of the Jena Six as a banner to wave in the name of civil rights is specious at best. People of the left and of color need to pick their battles a little better — There's real racism and real injustice in this country, but not so much in Jena.

Much to Jesse Jackson's consternation, his old boss Martin Luther King Jr. would not be smiling down upon any of this.

As for Al Sharpton, to call a posse of bloodthirsty hoodlums "intelligent, idealistic," or God forbid, "freedom fighters," is beyond comment. With that kind of overblown, bombastic, spun-to-smithereens rhetoric, it's easy to see why he and Bill O'Reilly get along so well. They're made for each other.

And Obama: Think for yourself. The money I sent your way mandates that you're better than this.

If Rosa Parks were alive today, she would do now what she and her NAACP did back when a pregnant teenager was actually the first black woman who refused to give up her seat. Move along, hush it up and pick someone else to represent your cause.

Something tells me that a group of six black kids who beat up one white kid aren't the best poster children for injustice to be plastering in the minds of Americans.

Kalmbacher is a journalism senior.

Inside Books Project promotes inmate education

By Stephen Keller
Daily Texan Staff

Inmate art made on anything from napkins to toilet paper lies atop tables covered in black cloth, while folk musician Matt Hoggle strums his guitar and sings a haunting rendition of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" to volunteers and art patrons at the Inside Book Project's annual art show at the Austin Museum of Art.

Next to the pieces sit letters from Texas prisoners expressing their gratitude for the books as well as letters sent by project members.

The nine-year-old project held

the fundraiser Friday for the first time at the museum. Group member Scott Odierno said the organization receives between 700 and 800 letters a month from inmates requesting books. Project members then send the requested books to the prison's library and a written reply to the inmate.

The letters personalize the process for both the volunteers and inmates, said Allison Galloway, project spokeswoman and administrative manager for the museum's art school said.

Visitors were greeted by art, music and a keg. Sweet Leaf Tea also donated beverages for the

"It helps people educate themselves... We're basically doing what the state should be doing. They should be helping these people"

Scott Odierno,
Inside Book Project group member

event, and the bands played for free.

"We're a nonprofit organization with absolutely zero budget," said Galloway. "It's all individual donations down to the matting."

The group mostly sends books for illiteracy and job-skill training

in addition to dictionaries, pulp fiction books and black, Hispanic and Native American cultural history books. Though, Galloway said the project limits the amount of pulp fiction it sends out.

"Prisoners do not have access to literary materials they need and a

lot are illiterate," Galloway said.

Odierno said he believes the books can better inmate's lives when they are released from prison, and can curb violence by taking their minds off the prison environment.

"It helps people educate themselves, some people just want to pass the time," Odierno said. "We're basically doing what the state should be doing. They should be helping these people."

Galloway said the group meets three times a week to read letters and package books, but with the sheer number of requests, the project can get about four to six

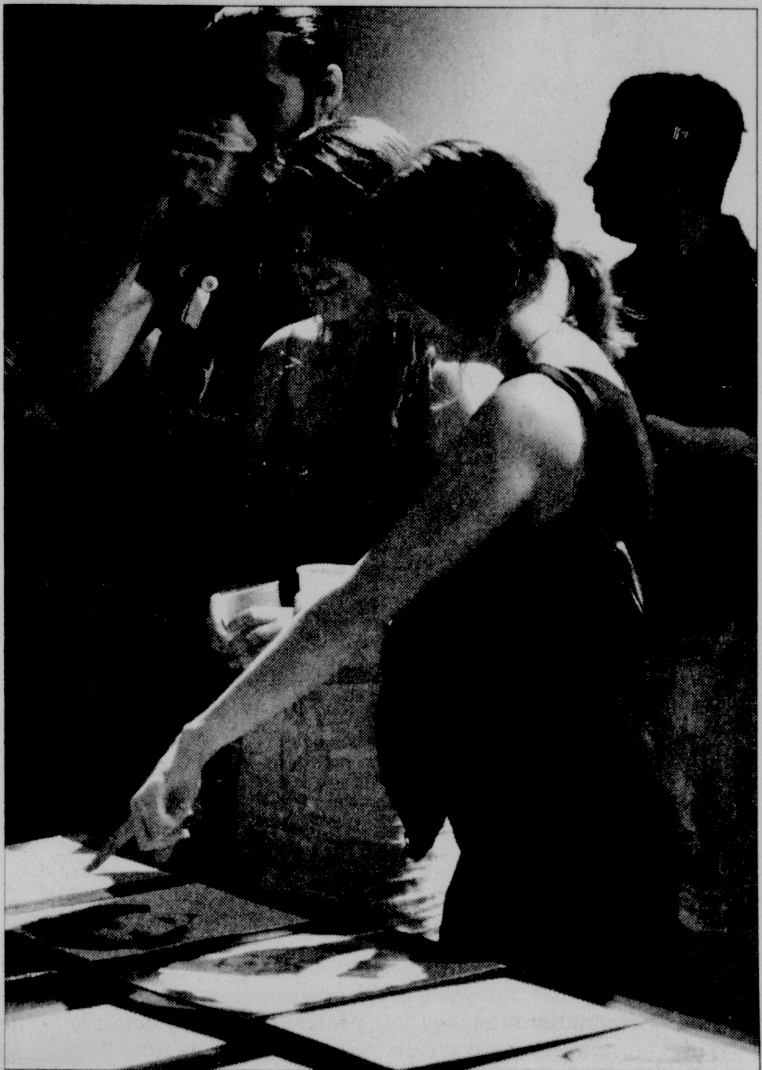
months behind. To catch up, the members conduct a non-stop four day push twice a year.

In its recent push, the group mailed 1,754 packages, said Danielle Handler, who has volunteered for the project for five years.

"We're caught up through September," Handler said.

Lauren Lohen, a UT social work graduate student and student radio talk show host, said she supports the group's cause.

"I think it will give them an outlet so they at least have a fighting chance at being rehabilitated," Lohen said.



Activists, music and book lovers alike gathered Saturday night at the Austin Museum of Art to view and purchase original works by Texas inmates. Live music and a keg of beer drew a large crowd for the event benefiting the Inside Books Project.

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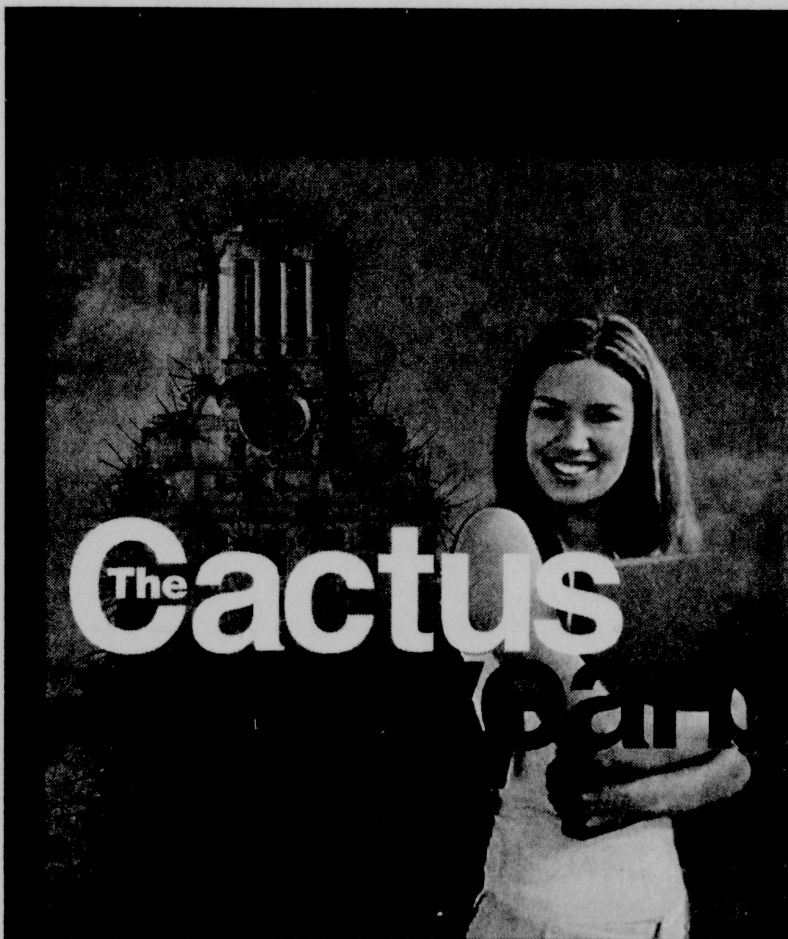
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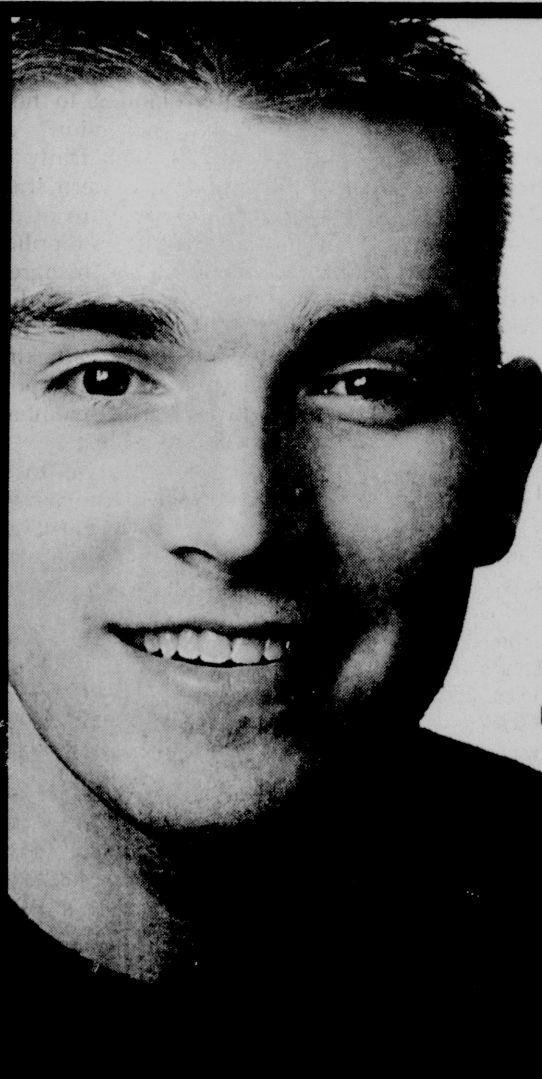
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Show highlights African fashion

By Teresa Mioli
Daily Texan Staff

Dynamic haute couture, casual and dressy ready-to-wear, swim wear and evening wear glided down a runway in the Texas Union Ballroom Friday as part of the Kaleidoscope Fashion Show.

The show was organized by the Via Africa Fashion Club. Three engineering seniors, Onikepo Omotade, Chioma Ikoku and Uchechukwu Osamor, founded the club this semester.

The club aims "to increase awareness of African culture in terms of fashion," said Osamor. She said they hope to transform what she calls people's sometimes ignorant view of African fashion.

Omotade, Ikoku and Osamor created and designed the five collections featured in the show. Osamor described the fabric used as bold and vibrant. She said they received help from tailors in sewing some of the gowns and casual pieces.

Avon provided makeup and the Vogue College of Cosmetology styled the models' hair.

The club used the fashion show to promote awareness of vesicovaginal fistulas and the World Wide Fistula Fund, Osamor said. She said vesicovaginal fistula, also known as VVF, is a medical complication afflicting many women in West Africa. The affliction can result from prolonged labor and can cause pain and urine leakage.

Though the event turnout was not as large as expected, Ikoku said the club received positive feedback from the about 100 people in attendance.

"Everyone who came said that they enjoyed it. It was very classy," Ikoku said. "People even wanted to buy our clothes."

Ikoku also said the designers plan to sell replicas of the collections.

Because the three designers are the club's only members, and all three are graduating in December, this may be the club's last show, Ikoku said.



Models exhibit different styles at the Kaleidoscope Fashion Show on Friday evening. The show was held in order to raise awareness of vesicovaginal fistulas, a disease that has become prevalent in certain parts of West Africa.

Caleb Miller
Daily Texan Staff

WHITE ROSES WEAR RED



Elizabeth Moskowitz | Daily Texan Staff

Taleen Asadourian, left, and Katherine Fan, a former Daily Texan staffer, engage in discussion at the Wear Red for Burma Rally organized by Colin Lowenberg. The rally was held on Friday after The White Rose Society informed its members on the events unfolding in Burma.

Speaker says computer science field lacking in women

By Darius Khosravian
Daily Texan Staff

The flyer at the entrance said "Gender Balance in Computing: Can't we do better?" but the auditorium was full of mostly white men.

For computer science graduate student Maysam Moussalem, walking down the aisle with a confident smile across her face was sufficient enough. She shuffled toward an unassuming seat in one of the side sections and sat down ready for the presentation.

On a following slide that helped to explain why she believes diversity matters, Cuny used a 2005 quotation from Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman.

"... it is simply unjust for a profession to exclude — whether by sins of commission or omission — a significant proportion of the population on the basis of gender."

Shirley Tilghman, Princeton University president

presentation.

She was one of a handful of women in the room.

Janice Cuny, program director for the National Science Foundation's Broadening Participation in Computing program, lectured Friday in the

AVAYA Auditorium about underrepresentation of women in the information technology pipeline.

"It's true that my field is mainly male. But when I heard about Jan Cuny's presentation, I thought it would be interesting," Moussalem said.

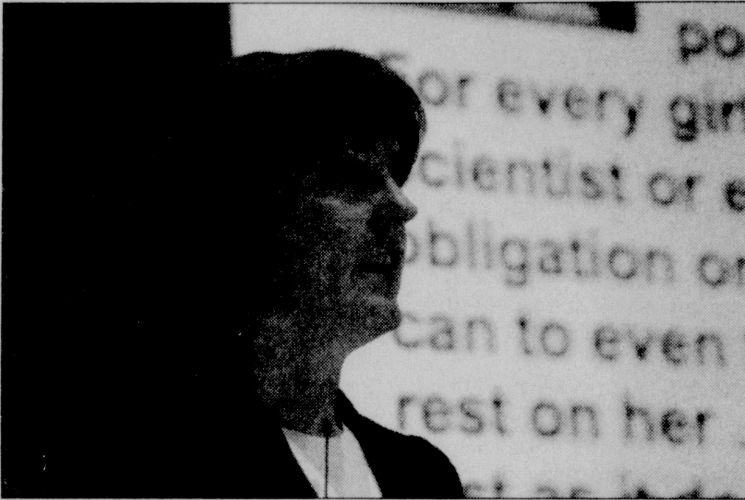
Cuny began her presentation with statistics on where the career field stands.

"We cannot be competitive internationally and we cannot meet the huge demand when only 21 percent of 2006 computer information science undergrad degree recipients were women," Cuny said. "This is down from 37 percent in 1985, and computer science is the one that is losing ground."

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"... it is simply unjust for a profession to exclude — whether by sins of commission or omission — a significant proportion of the population on the basis of gender.

For every girl who dreams of becoming a scientist or engineer, there is a moral obligation on our part to do everything we can to even the playing field so her chances rest on her ... abilities and her determination, just as it does



Kim Espinosa | Daily Texan Staff

Jan Cuny, professor at University of Oregon speaks on the issue of gender differences in computing.

for her male counterparts."

The slides continued to flash one by one on the screen with Cuny continuing to support her claim that diversity makes American computer science more innovative. Cuny offered a solution to conclude her presentation.

"The white male is the key to the situation. They and ourselves must drop the stereotypes because there is a lot they can do to make this a fair and equitable community," she said. "Affirmative action has a bad connotation, but there has to be a better way of teaching our computer science courses. Nobody is hurt when we try to engage 70 percent of the population in computing."

Chad Wellington, another computer science graduate student, sat behind Moussalem. He said he disagreed with many of Cuny's points.

"I was aware of the subject and that was why I came, but the whole thing had a very mentoring perspective and I won't be a pro-

fessor anytime soon," Wellington said. "I think [Cuny] was a little bit off in her perspective in trying to get everyone to agree and be on the same page. Nobody has any clue on ascertaining the success, so it could end up becoming the elephant in the room. But I want the dialogue."

When the audience's ovation for Cuny died down, Moussalem gathered her things and proceeded to the exit, the confident smile still on her face. Moussalem said she looks forward to joining academia and becoming a professor.

"I was fortunate enough to have my dad encouraging me every step of the way to follow through with my computer science degree," she said. "So if I do end up becoming a professor, I'll make sure to get the girls in my classroom to participate more."

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Rising housing costs concern for Austinites



Chris Kominczak | Daily Texan Staff

Susana Almanza, co-director of People Organized in the Defense of Earth and her Resources, discusses housing problems facing low-income families Saturday afternoon at Mitchie's Art Gallery.

By Stephen Keller
Daily Texan Staff

The rising cost of housing in Austin has many residents worried about the future of their communities.

Austin Housing Pinch hosted a discussion about the issue Saturday at Mitchie's Art Gallery on Interstate 35 to hear the concerns of citizens, local activists and city officials.

David Kobierowski, founder of Housing Pinch, said many local teachers, nurses and police officers can no longer afford to live in Austin.

"We're slowly losing our community," Kobierowski said. "It's a definite concern that we have to address."

Homeowners make up 50 percent of the city's permanent residents, 20 percent below the national average, said Mitchell Gibbs, spokesman for Austin Habitat for Humanity. According to the 2006 census, 138,851 out of 293,856 total housing units in the city were owner-occupied.

The census reported the median housing cost in Austin 2006 was \$173,000. In 2004, it was \$163,250.

Gibbs said the increasing value of land is to blame and that Habitat for Humanity is slowly being priced out of Austin.

Susana Almanza, co-director of People Organized in the Defense

of Earth and her Resources, or PODER, called on attendees to support city bond funding for the construction of affordable housing.

"We have taken on the burdens, but we haven't received the benefits," Almanza said.

PODER member Daniel Llanes blamed city council for not supporting enough affordable housing projects.

"We need to create a vision. The current system is going to turn the central city into Manhattan," Llanes said. "You really need to get involved. Make a phone call. Write a letter."

Austin City Council-woman Jennifer Kim defended the council's efforts, saying that it has held a housing summit to hash out issues between developers and housing applicants.

Kim said she will host another affordable housing summit on Oct. 25 at the Street-Jones building on East 11th Street.

"It is definitely a new day for housing for us," Kim said. "We are talking about affordability for all levels of income. It is something that affects all of us."

Kobierowski organized the event nearly single-handedly and said he hopes students will learn that they can make a difference.

"If you just have an idea and have energy, one person can do a lot," Kobierowski said.

STATE & LOCAL BRIEFLY

Animal Advisory Commission updates dangerous dog laws

The City of Austin's Animal Advisory Commission is seeking public input today on proposed changes to the current dangerous dog law.

According to the current city ordinance, pet owners are prohibited from possessing a dangerous animal. The ordinance allows health authorities to destroy dangerous animals not in compliance.

During the commission's meeting last Tuesday, new regulations for the ordinance were proposed,

including a change on how dogs are declared dangerous.

A dog may be declared dangerous if it commits an unprovoked action to "cause an owner of an animal or livestock to reasonably believe that the dog will attack and cause bodily injury to that owner's animal or livestock," according to the proposal.

The new guidelines have raised concerns from several community members about an increased authority given to the city's Animal Control department.

The commission will host a public hearing on the dangerous dog proposal beginning at 6 p.m. today, at the South Austin Recreation Center.

— David Cabanero

State closes West Texas juvenile center; 200 inmates relocated

DALLAS — The corrections company that lost its contract for running a juvenile prison in West Texas has had problems at other prisons in the state.

The state closed the Coke County Juvenile Center last week and canceled its contract with GEO Group Inc., which had operated the prison since 1994. Officials cited an ombudsman's report that described conditions including dirty bed sheets, feces-smear cells and insects in the food. The center's 200 inmates were moved to other facilities.

GEO spokesman Pablo Paez was not available for comment Sunday.

— Associated Press



PERRY GIVES POINTERS

Governor Rick Perry speaks to a group of international businessmen about economical relationships between Texas and other countries.

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FOOTBALL COLUMN



By Ryan Killian
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas must play
with same passion
shown against OU

DALLAS — The play was long over when Oklahoma defensive end Auston English worked his way around Tony Hills and leveled Colt McCoy in the first quarter of Saturday's always-ugly rivalry game.

Inexplicably, English wasn't flagged and the Sooners were gifted a free shot at McCoy.

And Mack Brown was hat-throwing, arms-waving, jaw-flapping mad.

Brown's spirit seemed to carry over to the entire team and, in defeat, the Longhorns looked as good as they've looked in a while. They did it with passion and effort, and it's hard to be critical of them today.

Maybe that play didn't spark the whole team, but it certainly fired up left tackle Tony Hills.

Ask Hills if the hit was dirty.

"No doubt in my mind," he says.

Did he say anything to English about it?

"Next question," he says.

Did he do something about it?

"Watch the film," he says.

"You'll see it."

You'll also see Texas defenders flying around the field and gang tackling. You'll see Quan Cosby finish just about every punt and kick return with a final cut, hurdle or lowered shoulder.

If the Longhorns can bottle up whatever they found in the Cotton Bowl and release it for every remaining game this season, they won't lose again. Ironically, for the first time this season, Texas played like a Top 25 team, and now they've dropped to No. 23 in the poll.

The trouble is, no chemist in the world can come up with the formula combining inspiration, practice, fun and countless other ingredients in the proper measure that it takes to produce a united, motivated team.

Texas coaches have to relearn every week how to get the best performance out of their athletes, and the players have to consciously endeavor to let the message take hold.

They did it this week, and could have beat the Sooners if the ball bounced a different way here or deflected at a different angle there.

They didn't. Texas lost their fourth-consecutive Big 12 game, but it felt different. The team is 0-2 in conference for the first time since before Darrell K Royal came to the 40 Acres, but it feels like Brown's boys turned a corner.

"I told our guys that this is the effort we have been looking for since the season started," he said. "We weren't proud that we lost today, but we were proud of the effort."

His assessment sounds fair to me.

If you'd been told that Texas

KILLIAN continues on page 4B

VOLLEYBALL

Texas outlasts K-State in five games

By Blake Hurtik
Daily Texan Staff

In stuffy Ahearn Fieldhouse in Manhattan, Kan., the Longhorns' volleyball team faced their toughest test since a loss at No. 1 Nebraska Sept. 12.

This time around, Texas came out on top.

In an error-filled match, the No. 7 Longhorns (10-3, 5-1 Big 12) outlasted No. 17 Kansas State (13-5, 5-3) in five games, 3-2 (30-26, 25-30, 30-27, 22-30, 15-9).

"It was really good to go on the road and get a good win in a tough environment," head coach Jerrett Elliott said. "It was nice to see us play well and at a high level against a quality opponent."

Texas' hitters were at their most consistent in the opening game. Hitting at a .414 clip, the Longhorns were able to reclaim leads after falling behind 5-4 and 18-17, eventually opening up a 23-19 advantage before putting away the Wildcats 30-26.

Game two marked the emergence of Texas' error problems and K-State junior outside hitter Nataly Korobkova. Korobkova notched four of her match-high 23 kills. The Longhorns opened the game with three straight errors to dig an early hole, and Korobkova scored one of her match-high 23 kills to put the Wildcats up 14-13 after a Texas rally. Texas would not regain the lead and fittingly

ended the match on an attack error by sophomore outside hitter Destinee Hooker, the ninth error of the game.

The Longhorns' blocking game highlighted game three. The teams remained within a couple of points throughout, and were tied at 25-25 after consecutive blocks by second-year opposite hitter Ashley Engle and junior middle blocker Lauren Paolini. Paolini, Hooker and freshman outside hitter Juliann Faucette notched kills to lead Texas to the 30-27 win and a 2-1 match advantage.

"[Lauren Paolini] is really performing well now that she is back playing her natural position in

the middle," Elliott said of the junior's nine-block and .611 hitting performance.

Kansas State played their most complete game in the fourth stanza, hitting .419 and battling back from being down 10-9 to scoring a 30-22 victory and forcing a decisive game five.

Hooker led the Longhorns in the final game, recording two of her team-high 18 kills to push Texas ahead 7-3 and to close out the match. Texas limited the Wildcats to just .043 hitting in their 15-9 win.

"We really came up big in the clutch," Elliott said. "I feel like that shows the character of this team."

Texas finished with four players with double-digit kills. Along with Hooker, Faucette posted 15, senior middle blocker Brandy Magee scored 13, and Paolini notched 11. Senior setter Michelle Moriarity's 55 assists and 10 digs gives her a second consecutive double-double.

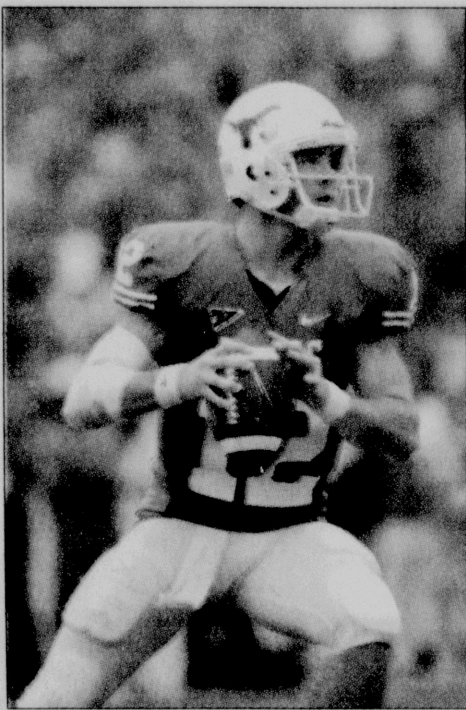
The win is Texas' first against a ranked opponent this year after losing to No. 3 Penn State and No. 1 Nebraska earlier, but playing these matches is what makes a team's season.

"It is important for us to be put in that situation," Elliott said. "I feel like it really prepares us for tough situations that we will face further down the road."

TURNOVERS HAUNT TEXAS



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Left, Junior running back Jamaal Charles protects the ball while an OU defender reaches in trying to strip. Top, Sophomore quarterback Colt McCoy drops back to pass in Saturday's Red River Rivalry game. Above, Colt McCoy takes off his helmet during a Texas timeout while senior Tony Hills looks toward the field.

Charles involved in both
Texas turnovers Saturday;
team stands behind runner

By Ricky Treon
Daily Texan Staff

DALLAS — Everybody thought he'd just put six points on the board for Texas.

Especially Jamaal Charles, who'd seemingly shook the only would-be Oklahoma tackler on his way into the end zone on the Longhorns first drive of the second quarter with the game tied at 14-14.

But as the senior running back's eyes widened when he approached the goal

Scoring by Quarter					
	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	
OU	7	7	7	7	28
TEXAS	0	14	0	7	21

line, Sooner linebacker Curtis Lofton knocked the ball out of Charles' hands on the Oklahoma four yard line.

"I just saw the end zone and tried to do too much," Charles said. "I tried to score, and I thought I scored, and the defender came around with his other arm on my left hand and knocked the ball out."

Nobody was more surprised than offensive coordinator Greg Davis who,

from his vantage point in the coaches booth, was sure then-No. 19 Texas should be celebrating, not then-No. 10 Oklahoma.

"I thought he was in the end zone," Davis said.

Instead Charles fumbled for the fourth time this season, including two on would-

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Big 12 Losing Streak

Game	Date	Score	Location
No. 1	Nov. 11, 2006	Kansas State 45, Texas 42	Bill Snyder Family Stadium (Manhattan, Kan.)
No. 2	Nov. 24, 2006	Texas A&M 12, Texas 7	Royal-Memorial Stadium
No. 3	Sept. 29, 2007	Kansas State 41, Texas 21	Royal-Memorial Stadium
No. 4	Oct. 6, 2007	Oklahoma 28, Texas 21	Cotton Bowl (Dallas)



SOCCER

Longhorns strike quickly in overtime to survive Nebraska

A Texas player goes up for a header in Sunday afternoon's contest against Nebraska. Texas won 2-1 in overtime.



Caleb Miller
Daily Texan Staff

By Colby White
Daily Texan Staff

During the majority of the second half, No. 3 Texas offense seemed stagnant, as they struggled to move past the Nebraska Huskers' defense and into the box to break the 1-1 tie Sunday.

But in overtime, it only took the Texas (9-1-2) offense 45 seconds to slip a goal in the net and earn a 2-1 victory over Nebraska (4-5-3). Off the kickoff, Texas sent the ball deep into Nebraska's attacking third, hoping that Emily Anderson would have the speed to track it down. Anderson was able to catch up to it and force Nebraska to play the ball out of bounds.

On the ensuing throw-in, Texas

crossed the ball into the box for a Kelsey Carpenter header, blocked by a Husker defender. Texas' Courtney Gaines found the following loose ball and slipped it into the net for the game-winning golden goal.

"I told them most overtime games are won right in the beginning of overtime," Texas head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "It was important for us to establish the tempo of overtime right away."

The 2-1 victory gives Texas (9-1-2, 2-0-1 Big 12) a much needed three points in the conference standings and sends Nebraska's (4-5-3, 1-3) losing streak to three.

"We knew we could do it," Gaines

said. "We just needed to keep going at them."

Texas controlled the tempo for most of the first half, but seemed to stall during the second with mental errors, including a lapse in focus that resulted in Husker forward Shay Powell finding just enough room in the box for a diving shot that caught Texas goal keeper Dianna Pfenniger off guard.

"Our touch let us down a couple of times," Petrucelli said. "And Nebraska is a physical, fast team that made it hard to play. I think part of it was our touch, part of it was the pressure they put us under."

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Finley,
Orakpo
shine in
close loss

From Daily Texan Staff reports

DALLAS — Jermichael Finley is one of the most physically gifted tight ends Texas has ever had.

The sophomore showed why Saturday against Oklahoma.

Finley went wild on the Sooners in the second quarter of the Red River Rivalry game at the Cotton Bowl, setting records and scoring points during the 28-21 loss.

The 6-foot-5, 240-pound tight end caught three passes across the middle in the frame and went for 135 yards, including a pair of 50-plus yarders.

"[Oklahoma] had a linebacker manned up on me and all I had to do was beat the linebacker, and I knew I could do that," Finley said. "Then the receivers busted their butts and got open, and they left me open down the middle."

Finley's 55-yard and 58-yard catches put him in a category all his own. He is now the only Texas tight end to ever have caught two 50-yard passes in a career, let alone a single quarter.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said he switched up his defensive coverage at halftime, and Finley only had one catch after intermission for 14 yards.

Finley finished the game with 149 total yards on four catches, giving him the Texas single-game record for receiving yards by a tight end and putting him seventh on the all-time list in that category.

There's no doubt Saturday was a career day for Finley. In the end though, the team loss was more important.

"The team just went out there and we played our hardest," Finley said. "It was just at the end we just couldn't finish. We just got to look over this and keep on going and keep on rolling."

— Ricky Treon

Texas failing to force turnovers

With Texas' 2-0 defeat in the turnover battle, the Longhorns defense hasn't forced a turnover in 10 quarters.

Defensive back Ryan Palmer came close when he jarred the ball from Oklahoma running back

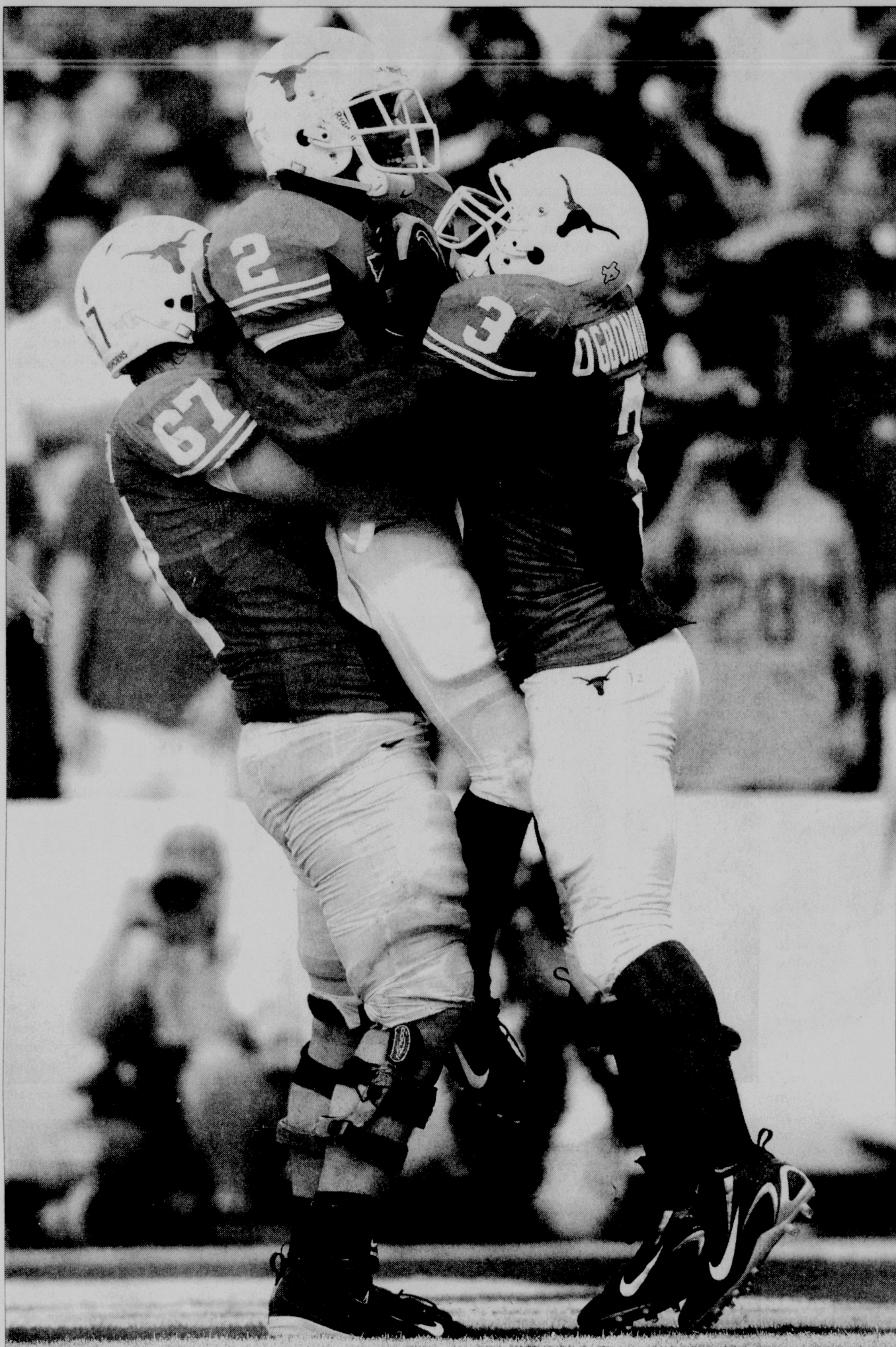
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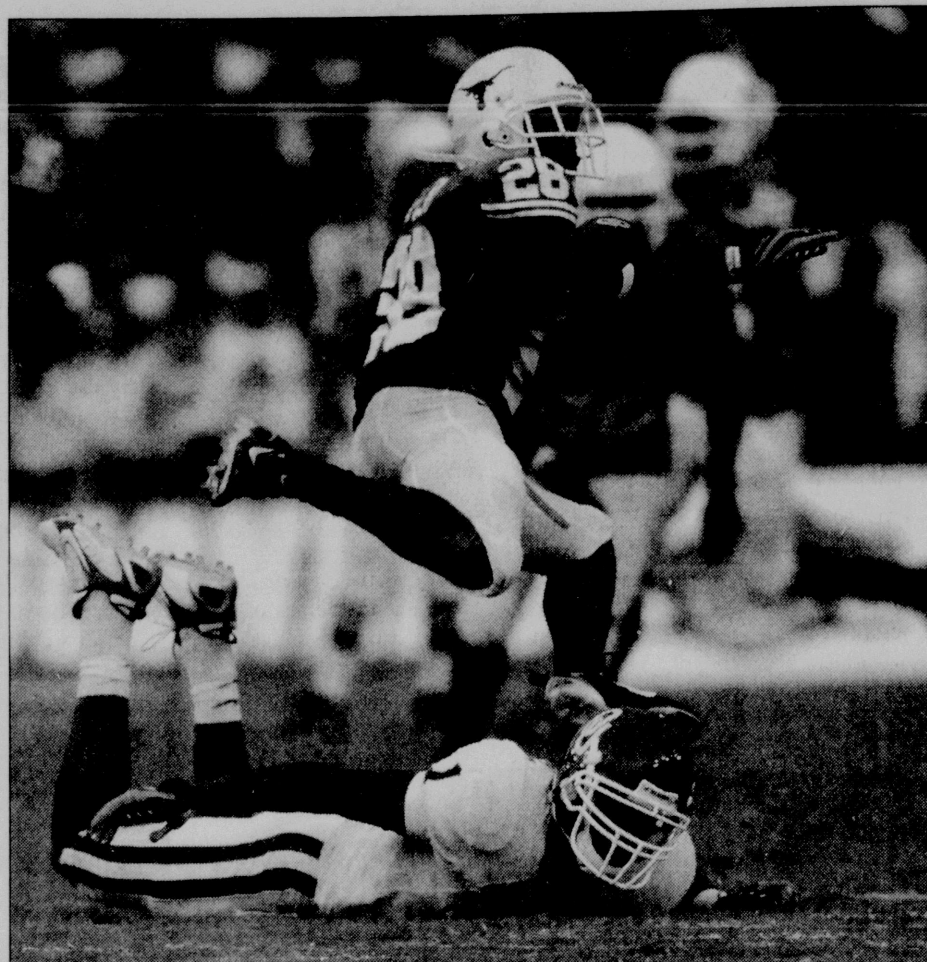
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COMPETES IN
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UNDER NEW
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Texas returns from
tough tournament
this weekend in
North Carolina

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TEXAS FALLS 28-21 IN RED RIVER RIVALRY

Above, Brandon Foster eyes the football as he jumps over an Oklahoma player in Saturday's game.

Left, Texas players Dallas Griffin, Vondrell McGee and Chris Ogbonnaya celebrate during the game Saturday afternoon.

Bottom left, Fans cheer on the Longhorns through rain and shine in Dallas.

Bottom middle, Bevo stands patiently by the Longhorn end zone during the Texas-OU game.

Bottom right, Flags and tubas decorate the Cotton Bowl Saturday afternoon.



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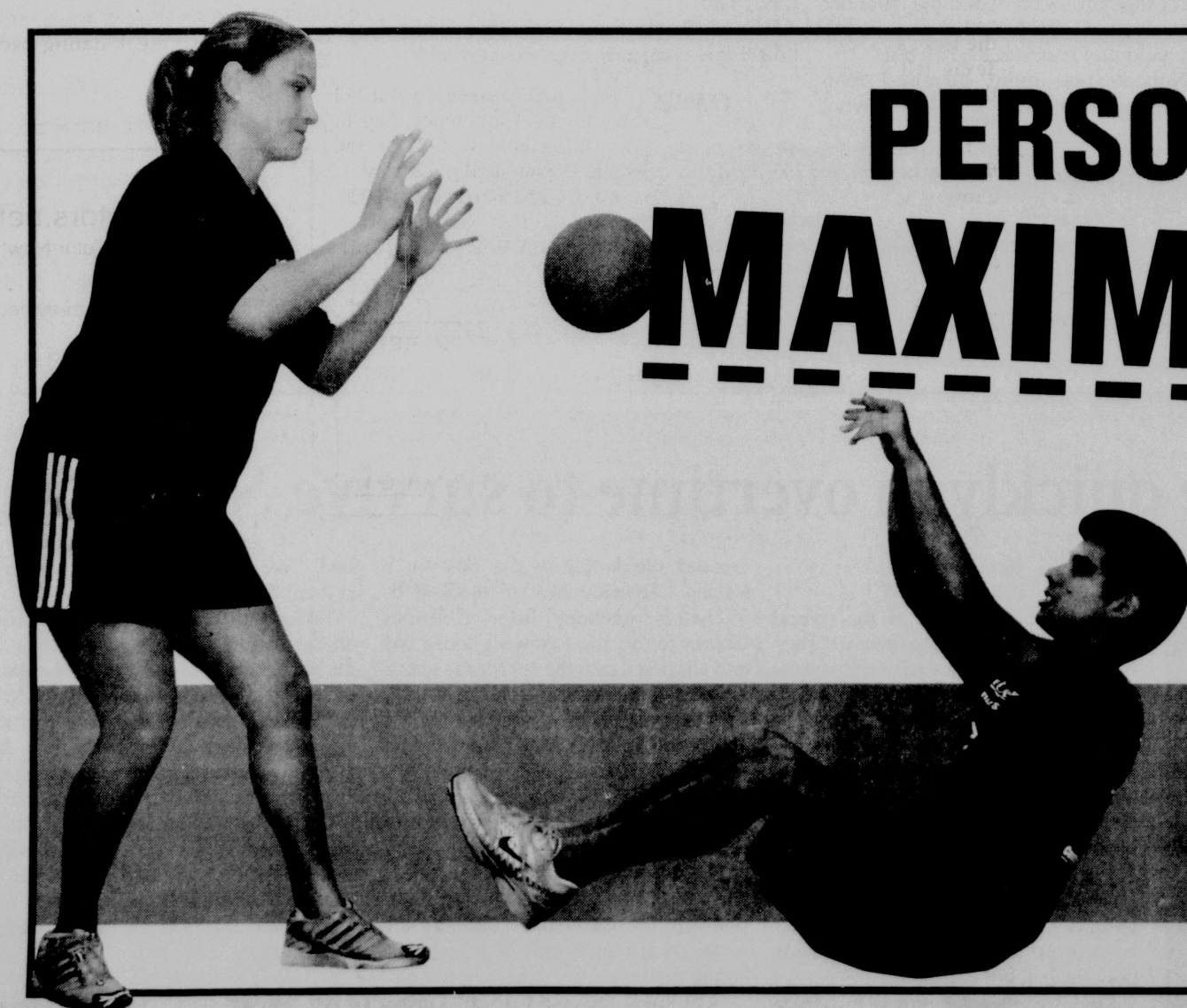


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GOLF

Texas places 16th at N.C. Tournament

By Josh Hand
Daily Texan Staff

The UT women's golf team shot an 11-over 299 on Sunday to finish in 16th place at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational at Chapel Hill, NC.

The team was hoping for a better finish at the 18-team event after finishing tied for third place in their previous tournament.

"I'm disappointed with where we finished," said head coach Martha Richards. "We didn't play very well. We're more talented than our scores showed."

Sunday represented the Longhorns' best round of the tournament. The team carded an 18-over 306 and a 19-over 307 during the tournament's first two rounds on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The strong finish on Sunday is what most impressed Richards.

"It was to be expected," she said. "We're capable of playing this way consistently. If we shoot this round all three days, we finish in the top 10."

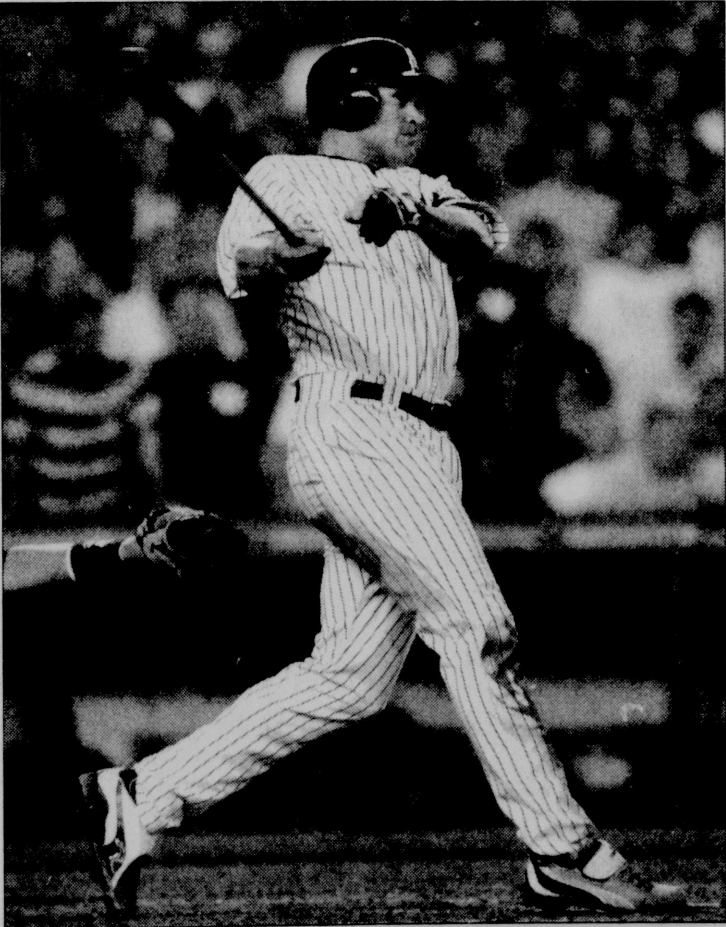
Duke finished first overall with a collective 13 over par and was led by Amanda Blumenherst, the tournament's individual top finisher at 7 under par. The Big 12 was also represented in the event by Texas A&M's eighth place (+28) and Oklahoma State's 10th place (+35) finishes.

Senior Ashley Rollins rebounded from a tough first day to end up with a solid overall performance. After Friday's 7-over, she improved each day and posted UT's best individual round of the tournament with Sunday's 1-under score. Rollins finished with a combined 9-over 225 to tie for 35th place overall.

"Ashley did a good job," said Richards. "Minus four holes in the first round, she really had a solid tournament. She played a lot of really good golf."

Junior Caney Hines also

HOME RUN HITTER



Kathy Willens | Associated Press

New York Yankees' Johnny Damon follows through on a 3-run home-run against the Cleveland Indians Sunday at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees won to avoid a series sweep. Cleveland leads 2-1.

NOTEBOOK: Jones, Cosby emerge as top receiving duo for McCoy

AP Top 25

1. LSU (65)	6-0
2. California	5-0
3. Ohio St.	6-0
4. Boston College	6-0
5. South Florida	5-0
6. Oklahoma	5-1
7. South Carolina	5-1
8. West Virginia	5-1
9. Oregon	4-1
10. Southern Cal	4-1
11. Missouri	5-0
12. Virginia Tech	5-1
13. Florida	4-2
14. Arizona St.	6-0
15. Cincinnati	6-0
16. Hawaii	6-0
17. Kentucky	5-1
18. Illinois	5-1
19. Wisconsin	5-1
20. Kansas	5-0
21. Florida St.	4-1
22. Auburn	4-2
23. TEXAS	4-2
24. Georgia	4-2
25. Tennessee	3-2

Others receiving votes:
Texas A&M 79, Colorado 48, Purdue 48, Indiana 40, Michigan 31, Texas Tech 27, Rutgers 25, Virginia 22, Connecticut 20, Kansas St. 18, Boise St. 17, Clemson 13, Penn St. 13, Maryland 11, Alabama 9, Nebraska 9, Mississippi St. 3, Washington 2, Wyoming 2.

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DeMarco Murray's grasp in the third quarter, but the ball skittered over the sideline.

"We knocked one out, but it goes out of bounds," defensive coordinator Duane Akina said. "It's not for lack of effort or lack of work. If we can just get it to bounce right instead of left, maybe it's just that simple."

Texas has lost each of its last two games while in the turnover drought.

"That's what determines ball-games, the turnover margin," safety Marcus Griffin said. "When you turn the ball over, you get an extra possession on offense, so that helps the team a lot."

— Ryan Killian

Orakpo enjoys return

Defensive end Brian Orakpo saw his first playing time Saturday after his injury during Texas' season opening win over Arkansas State.

He made an immediate impact upon his return, recording three solo tackles, two tackles-for-losses and a 10-yard sack of Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford.

"It was great to be back out there with my teammates," Orakpo said. "I felt like I did the best I could and the best to my abilities. I tried to make some plays and get to the quarterback. Being out there was amazing and I just have to get my rhythm back."

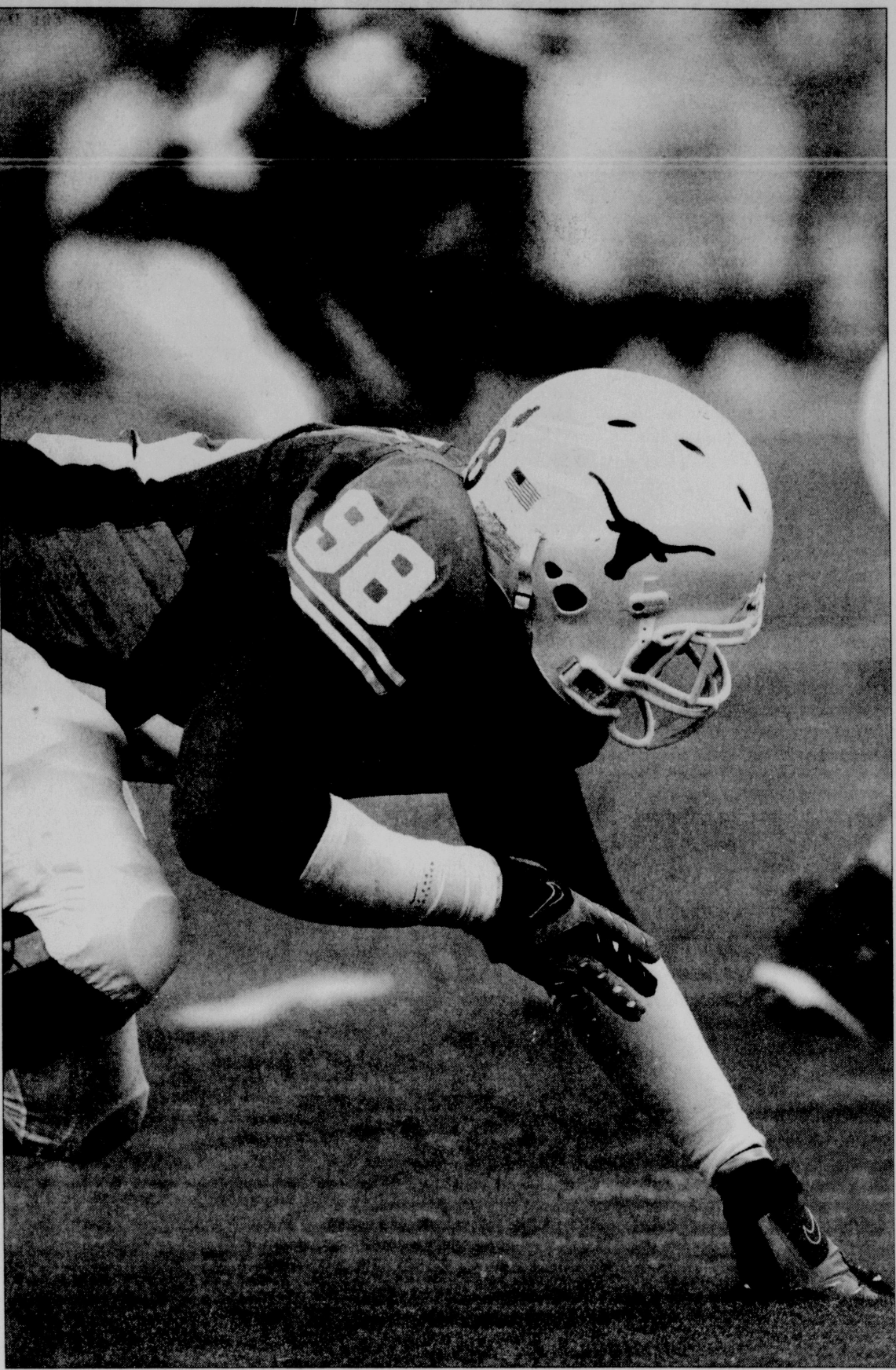
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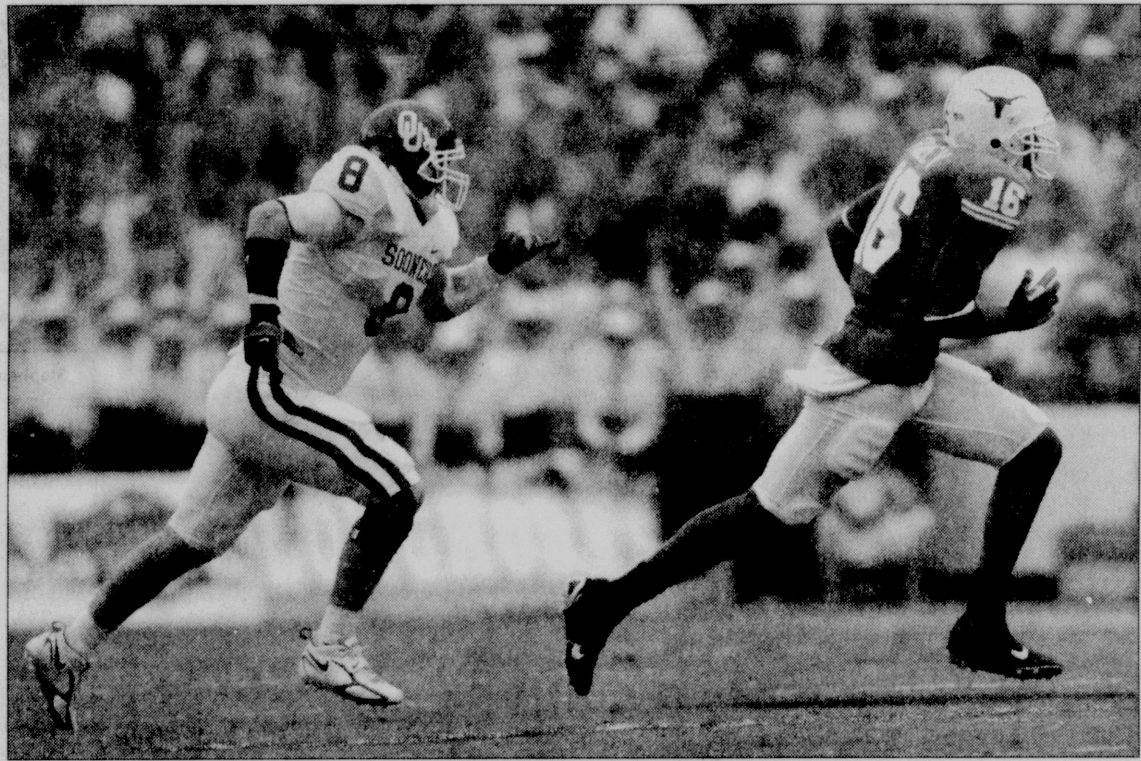
Orakpo's recorded Texas' only sack of the game and his two TFL were the most of any Texas defender.

— RT

Texas is down in the polls, but they're not out. After losing for the second consecutive week, the Longhorns are now ranked No. 23 in the Associated Press' latest Top 25.



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Top, Junior defensive end Brian Orakpo gets set before the snap in the game on Saturday in Dallas. Bottom, Sophomore Jermichael Finley streaks down the field with the ball as an Oklahoma player tries to chase him down. Finley had 149 yards on four catches for the Longhorns in their 28-21 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday.

In the USA Today Coaches poll, they're No. 23. While the 28-21 loss to Oklahoma endangered the team's place in the rankings, Texas fell only four spots and their school-record streak of 115 weeks in the poll is still alive.

The Longhorns have been in the coaches poll for 143 weeks in a row.

McCoy connects with receivers

Nate Jones and Quan Cosby each had three receptions against Oklahoma and have established themselves as Colt McCoy's most regular targets this season.

Jones has made at least three catches in every game this season, and he has 36 catches while Cosby has 31.

— RK

Briefly

The Longhorns started out 0-2 in Southwest Conference Play in 1956. Texas is now 0-2 for the first time ever in Big 12 play. ... Saturday's attendance was 80,000, marking the Red River Rivalry's 62nd-consecutive sellout.

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Texans defeat Dolphins 22-19

By Kristie Rieken
The Associated Press
HOUSTON — Kris Brown didn't let one bad foot ruin what the other one could do.

Brown kicked five field goals, including the winner on a career-long 57-yarder with a second remaining, to lead the Texans to a 22-19 victory over the Dolphins (0-5), losers of eight straight.

Brown tied an NFL single-game record with three makes over 50 yards. He hit two 54-yarders earlier in the game. No one had kicked one longer than 53 yards in the NFL this season.

Brown hurt the heel of his left foot on Houston's first kickoff and got an injection for the pain at halftime.

The Dolphins are off to their worst start since losing the first six to open the 2004 season. Things could get worse after quarterback Trent Green suffered a concussion trying to block. He went to a hospital for observation but returned to the stadium after the game.

He was injured when defensive tackle Travis Johnson hit him in the head with his knee. After the play, Johnson stood over Green and taunted him, drawing a 15-yard penalty.

Johnson said he apologized to coach Gary Kubiak for the penalty during the game, but contrition wasn't on his mind afterward. The 315-pound Johnson went on an expletive-laced rant in the locker room, apparently because he didn't like the low block Green threw.

Johnson was escorted back to the locker room about 20 minutes

after the tirade to issue an apology, but still seemed more upset about the penalty itself than his reaction to the hit.

On the winning drive, the Texans (3-2) got the ball at their 3-yard line and Matt Schaub completed 4 of 5 passes to set up the kick.

With less than two minutes to go, the Dolphins lined up for what would have been a 56-yard field goal attempt, but instead called a timeout and punted.

Schaub fumbled and threw an interception, and the Texans couldn't finish drives all day, instead relying on Brown's leg. He also hit from 43 and 20 yards.

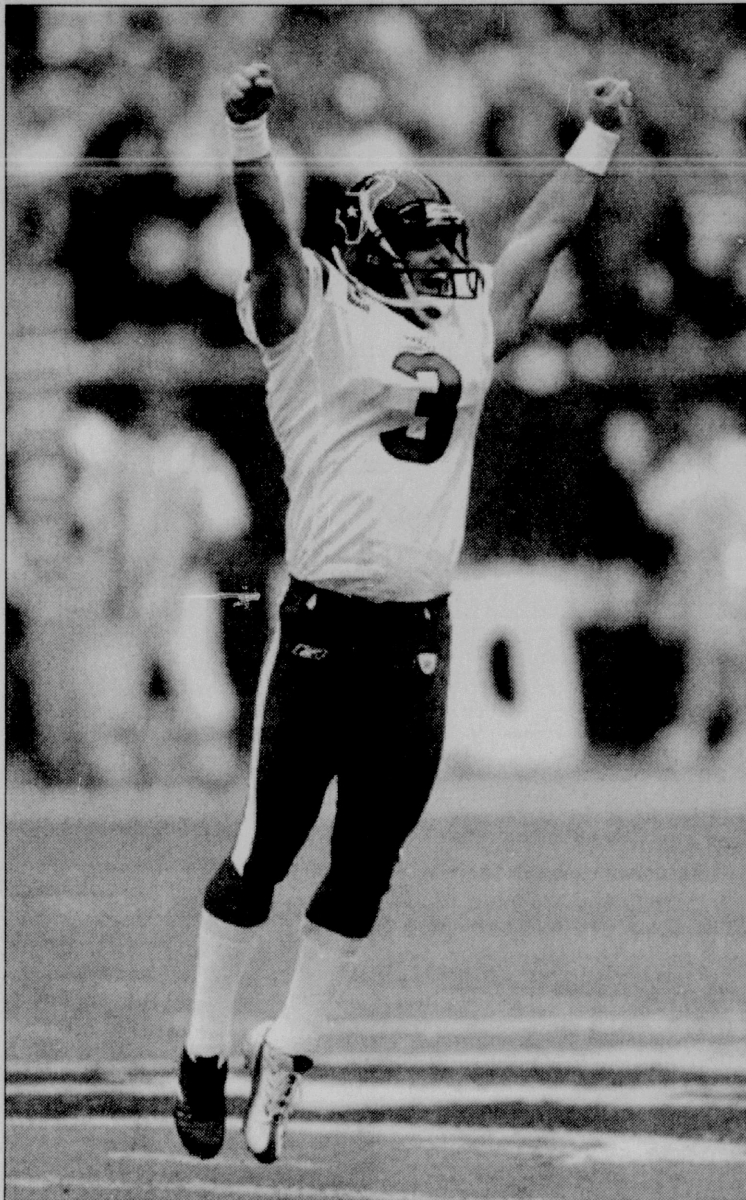
Brown helped the Texans break a two-game losing streak and avoid being beaten by a second straight winless opponent after last week's loss to Atlanta. The victory gives Houston its first winning record after five games in franchise history.

Schaub was 20-of-34 for 294 yards.

His 24-yard pass to Owen Daniels got Houston to the 4-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. But the Texans settled for another field goal that tied it at 19-all after a 2-yard gain by Ron Dayne and two incomplete passes.

Jay Feely's 48-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter had put Miami back on top at 19-16.

Ronnie Brown had 23 carries for 114 yards to become just the second player in Dolphins history with 100 yards rushing in three straight games. Ricky Williams did it three times.



David Ensle | Associated Press
Houston kicker Kris Brown celebrates after kicking a 54-yard field goal against the Miami Dolphins Sunday in Houston.

Soccer: Freshman goalie keeps No. 3 Texas in check

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A main staple of the Texas offense has been the pressure defenders Stephanie Logterman and Kasey Moore put on opponents by pushing forward through the midfield. Nebraska managed to keep both in check throughout the game by having their forwards sit back.

"Nebraska was sitting higher so the [back line] had to stay with them," Gaines said.

The win comes only two days after Texas battled to a 1-1 double overtime draw with Iowa State on the road. Texas put up 20 shots to the Cyclones' five

during that contest, but could only manage to squeak out one goal off of a Gaines corner kick that went directly into the net thanks to an extra boost from the wind.

The Texas offense struggled to find a way past freshman goal keeper and reigning Big 12 defensive player of the year Ann Gleason, who held the Longhorns in check with seven saves.

"In the end, we just didn't finish any of the quality chances we created," Petrucelli said. "When we had chances to finish, we weren't clean enough. We didn't take care of the moments."

CHARLES: Texas never mounts serious threat after turnover

From page 1B

be scoring runs.

Though the touchdown the Longhorns thought he'd reeled in for them would've put the Longhorns ahead and perhaps left the game in a tie at the end of regulation, the Longhorns didn't look at the play as a turning point in the 28-21 loss.

"We definitely don't want to make excuses," receiver Quan Cosby said. "It breaks our heart for him, but he still went out there and continued to fight. It was huge, but it was so early I don't think it was any game-changing play."

Unfortunately for Charles, his turnover woes didn't stop there.

Charles tipped a pass during Texas' first drive of the fourth quarter and Oklahoma cornerback Reggie Smith grabbed the pick, ending another Longhorn drive.

Rather than having slippery hands, Charles' second drive-stopping miscue was a big miscommunication between him and quarterback Colt McCoy.

"I thought I had a good chance to get the ball, but I thought that he was throwing to Quan," Charles said. "I may

have jumped in the way, but I should have caught the ball."

The interception came in Oklahoma territory as Texas was attempting to tie the game at 28-28, and Texas never mounted a serious threat after the interception.

"I don't know if that was the biggest play of the game, but it definitely stalled us," McCoy said. "And those things can't happen."

Texas lost the turnover battle for the second-consecutive game, which also happens to be the Longhorns' second-consecutive loss.

Charles was involved with both giveaways on Saturday, but his teammates' confidence in him remains as solid as ever.

"We're going to stand behind him because that's our guy and he is our running back," cornerback Ryan Palmer said. "We love him to death and we're behind him. Things happen in football games."

"It doesn't kill our team, it just kills Jamaal. He works on holding the ball all the time and he is just going through a tough time of holding the ball right now. I know he is going to keep his head up high and I know he's going to be fine."

KILLIAN: Game shows Texas has potential to win 10 games

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would lose the turnover battle 2-0 — including one lost fumble inside the Oklahoma five-yard line — would you ever have believed that the team would have a chance to tie the game with a drive in the

game's final minutes?

I doubt it. Hardly anyone was giving the Longhorns a chance to even make it respectable.

Well they showed up, and they looked good. When it was all over, most of the players asked said they thought Texas had

proved something.

It's a funny thing to say in defeat, but it was true.

What remains to be seen is whether or not the Longhorns can do this on a week-in week-out basis. They've been anything but consistent this year.

If they can tap into that enigmatic reservoir of gut and gumption that fueled them in Dallas, Brown will have yet another 10-win season.

If they lose focus and produce sporadically, there's no telling what could happen.

The season has reached a pivotal point already, and only the players can determine where the Longhorns go from here.

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October brings crowd-pleasing movies

By Alex Regnery

Daily Texan Columnist

The prestige films pretty much came out last month thanks to early releases at events such as the Toronto Film Festival. October seems to offer a nice mixture of Oscar contenders and standard crowd pleasers. So to get your calendars all planned out and schedules in order, here are four upcoming films that could make you laugh, cry or alternately rip your eyes out.

'The Heartbreak Kid'

The Farrelly Brothers really must buy into the law of diminishing returns. Each time out behind the camera, their movies get less and less funny. They really hit their peak with "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary." They were the fathers of gross-out humor. Then came "Me, Myself & Irene," and "Shallow Hal" and "Stuck On You."

"The Heartbreak Kid," which is a remake of the Elaine May-Neil Simon comedy of the 70s, again teams the Farrellys with "Mary" star Ben Stiller. Stiller plays a man who falls head over heels in love with "the perfect woman" (Malin Akerman) only to find out that she's a disgusting and truly abhorrent human being on their honeymoon. He falls for Michelle Monaghan (and really, who wouldn't) so he's faced with the decision to immediately ditch the psycho or to stick with her "till death do they part."

One strike already against the film: Carlos Mencia is in it. Here's hoping the Farrellys can make this film work and get back to their heyday, but its dismal opening weekend makes that possibility unlikely. (Oct. 5)

'Sleuth'

Yet another remake, but this one prides itself solely on the



"Sleuth's" Michael Caine and Jude Law at its New York premiere.

talent involved. The film's poster features four last names, Caine, Law, Pinter and Bragmah. Nobel Prize winning screenwriter Harold Pinter has taken on the task to adapt Anthony Shaffer's original play-turned-film.

In a role originated by Michael Caine, Jude Law plays Milo Tindle, a struggling actor who happens to have stolen the heart of the wife of mystery author Andrew Wyke (Caine). Over the course of one evening together, Tindle and Wyke match wits and play mind games with one another. The original is a fantastic, intense puzzle box of a film, and, hopefully with the talent involved, the remake will be so also. (Oct. 12, limited)

'30 Days of Night'

Just in time for the Halloween season comes a really awesome-sounding flick. "30 Days of Night" is based on the graphic novel by Steve Niles and tells the tale of an Alaskan town that plunges into darkness for 30 days each year. During those 30 days, vampires come and feast on the helpless town. It's up to town sheriff Josh Hartnett and a rag-tag band of survivors to take down the blood-thirsty gang of vampires, led by wonderful character-actor Danny Huston. Directed by David Slade, who made the fantastically shot, morally corrupt "Hard Candy," "30 Days of Night" should make for a fun popcorn flick that satisfies even the hardest of gore-hounds. (Oct. 19)

'Gone Baby Gone'

I'm going to throw this out there. If you want it, take it, if not, throw it right back.

I'm a fan of Ben Affleck. I think the guy has made some bad film choices, but he's a funny, affable guy who I always root for. For this reason, I hold nothing but high hopes for his directorial debut, "Gone Baby Gone."

Based on the novel by Dennis Lehane, the film stars brother Casey Affleck and Michelle Monaghan as a pair of private detectives out to find a missing 4-year-old girl. Also starring Morgan Freeman and Ed Harris, the film is already receiving good buzz, which is all I can hope for so that Ben Affleck stops getting beaten up among film geeks. (Oct. 19)

FIDDLE: Sisters release latest album on own record label

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sisters begin lessons together, learning Texas fiddling techniques and western swing.

Their talent and dedication is immediately apparent, all three winning state and national championships.

The McKenzies nurture the sisters' musical growth by exposing them to numerous CDs and LPs from their vast collection of old-time and contemporary music.

Their first foray into three-part fiddle playing began with none other than Bob Willis' classic "Faded Love."

One day, the fiddle teacher gets a call to provide some music at an event and decides that the sisters are a perfect fit, and since that first outing, the phone just keeps ringing.

They begin to formally rehearse, to build up a repertoire, a tour and a record, to make a name for themselves, and to take up singing three-part vocal harmony along the way.

Seven years, countless shows and a couple of albums later, their performance resume includes New York's Carnegie Hall and the Philadelphia Folk Festival, the country's oldest active folk festival.

Everything for the band has been done in-house. From Bob Willis' songs to Duke Ellington standards to fiery breakdown fiddle tunes, all of the fiddle and vocal arrangements are done by teacher and guitar player Joey McKenzie. McKenzie also put down his fiddle to accompany the sisters on guitar, a necessary accoutrement of old-time swing style.

All of their bookings and summer tours have been done by Sherry McKenzie, a role that she

learned on the job.

Their latest album was released on their own record label, Fiddle-tone records, despite solid offers from established record labels.

"We just wanted to establish our own sound and our own direction," says McKenzie. Part of this was the addition of ace North Texas bassist Drew Phelps.

The band's independent mindset comes through clearest in the varied selection of songs on their latest release, *Timeless*, which includes songs ranging from jazz standards to country gospel, from fiddle tunes to cowboy tunes.

Despite the varied repertoire, the constants on the album are impeccable musicianship, precise three-part harmony and a dedication to carry on a great tradition of Texas fiddling. According to McKenzie, "So far, we're just having a blast."

"We recorded the CD as an accurate representation of the band now, like one of our shows," remarked Grace Quebe about recording both of their albums and anything in the future.

No bells and whistles, no added musicians or overdubs, and no digital recording, *Timeless* was recorded analog at the Cash Cabin Studio on Johnny Cash's estate in Tennessee.

"It was a wonderful atmosphere for recording, very comfortable," reminisced McKenzie. "When you finish recording, you step out the door and there's deer out there and all kinds of critters."

When the Quebe Sisters Band hit the stage at Threadgill's, fans were transported into the utopic past of up-beat tempos, beautiful harmony and huge helpings of Texas fiddling.

BRAMHALL: Heavy guitar styles mixed with blues

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Waterloo Records Friday to commemorate the release of his new album, *Is It News?*, should be remembered as far more than just a footnote in the history of Austin's favorite guitar god.

Born in west Dallas in 1949, Bramhall grew up in a musical family surrounded by the blues, influences he internalized when he uprooted and came to Austin, playing in a succession of popular local blues groups in the 60s and 70s.

Bramhall has remained mobile ever since — playing with both Stevie Ray Vaughan and his older brother Jimmie, serving a short stint as Marcia Ball's drummer, recording with Lightnin' Hopkins, and putting out a series of solo albums.

His first album since 2003's *Fitchburg Street*, *Is It News?* finds Bramhall in a freshly energized mood. *Fitchburg Street*, a tribute-oriented affair, used mellow grooves and exhibited an overall laid-back atmosphere. *Is It News?*, by contrast, is a far more rock-centric outing, with heavier usage of guitars and more angsty, gritty vocals, as on the old-school rocker "Big."

Although there are slower moments, among them the title track, *Is It News?* is a harder, and more enthusiastic, effort than any of Bramhall's previous solo albums.

It's also, at long last, an album of all original material, a long overdue development for a bluesman best known for his impeccable songwriting skills.

And, despite its harder sound, it's a fundamentally upbeat, affirming mixture of multiple blues and rock stylings, making it the strongest album yet by an already accomplished player.

On *Is It News?*, Bramhall comes into his own as never before, proving once again that he has the skill and the soul to stand alongside Texas' blues' greats.

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Doyle Bramhall album debuts original work

Doyle Bramhall

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You may not know it, but there's a very good chance you've heard the blues stylings of Doyle Bramhall before — particularly if you grew up listening to classic rock stations

or watching PBS during pledge drive season.

That's because Bramhall's greatest claim to fame is writing several of blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan's most popular songs, among them "Tightrope," "Wall of Denial," and "Life By The Drop."

But the Texas native and blues singer, songwriter and drummer— who performed at

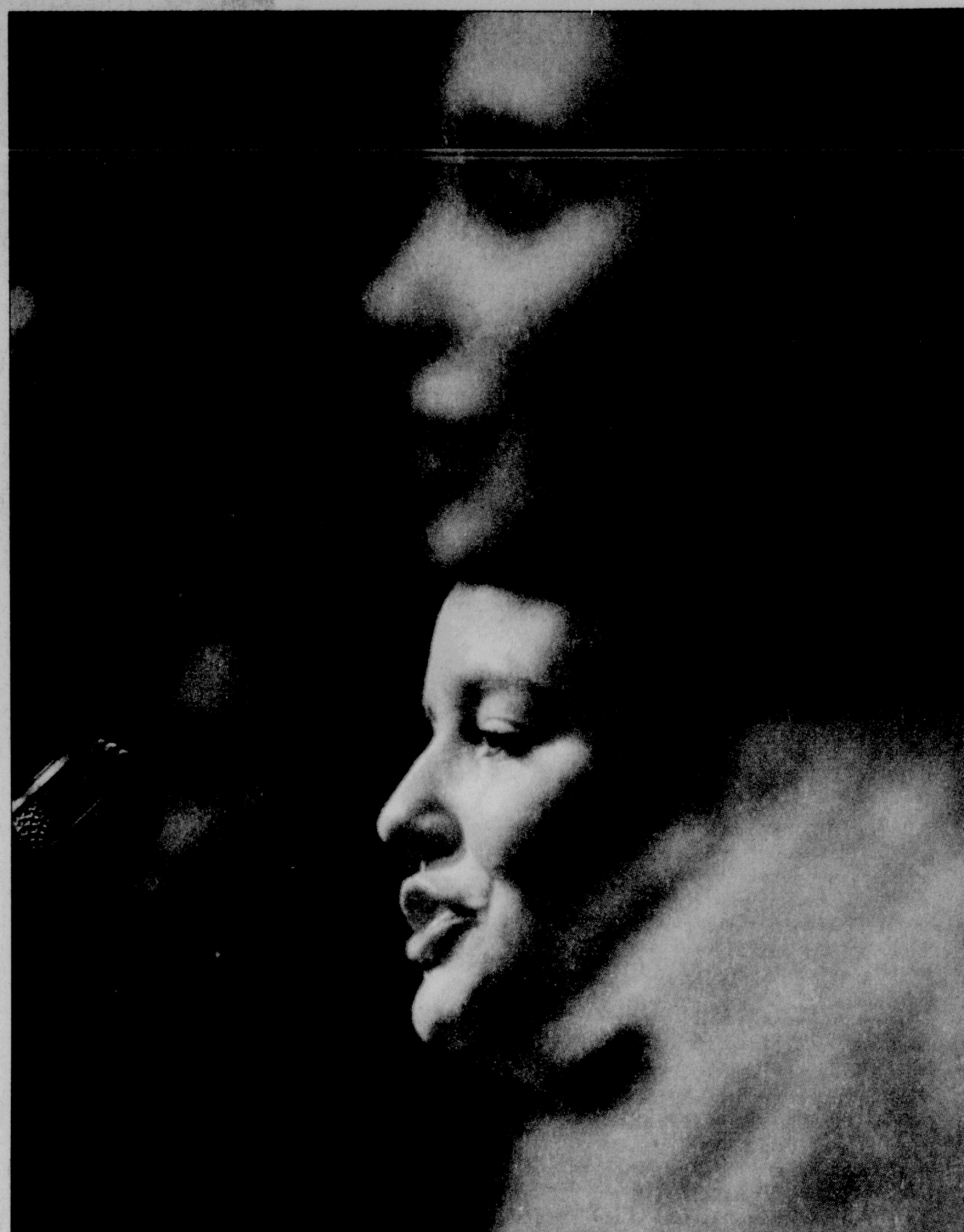
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Doyle Bramhall and Co. played at Waterloo Records Friday.

Fiddle-playing trio stops in Austin



The Quebe Sisters Band played their CD release show at Threadgill's on Saturday night.

Chris Kominczak
Daily Texan Staff

By Justin Patch
Daily Texan Columnist

The best way to describe the Quebe Sisters Band's rise from a local event in Fort Worth to a well-polished, road-tested five-piece band is organic. Since their first gig in 2000, they've added musical layers, recorded two CDs and landed on both coasts, Canada, and all around Texas.

This weekend, they found themselves temporarily nested here in Austin with radio appearances on KVET on Thursday morning and on KUT on Saturday at noon, two gigs in "A Ride with Bob" at the Paramount with Austin's Asleep at the Wheel, and a CD release at Threadgill's on Saturday evening.

Their story is quite charming: three young sisters, Grace, Sophia and Hulda,

see award-winning Texas fiddle players Joey and Sherry McKenzie at a competition and decide they want to play fiddle just like the McKenzie's.

The fiddlers run a studio, but their teaching schedule is booked up.

Mom is persistent and eventually gets them onto the schedule and the three

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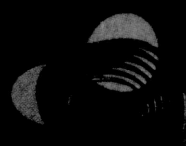
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Prada struts '70s style at Paris show

By Naomi Rougeau

Daily Texan Columnist

It was all short shorts, palazzo pants and bold, billowy caftans at Emilio Pucci, where Matthew Williamson's fit-for-a-Fellini-film designs for the Prince of Prints conjured up images of Capri during its heyday. In an interesting departure from the usual fabric archive of mod silk jersey, the young British designer cited Native American inspirations. Fear not, the overall effect was still very Pucci, very jetset.

Ever the fashion visionary, Miuccia Prada once again reinvented the Prada woman for spring. Highly stylized, almost art

nouveau-painted fabrics featuring fairies were shaped into whimsical silhouettes with unusually curved necklines. A large portion of the collection was devoted to '70s-style knitwear. The long, borrowed-from-the-boys v-neck cardigans and bellbotoms, coupled with chunky patchwork suede and velvet platform shoes lent the collection a decidedly hippie feel.

Donatella Versace has gained a reputation and a massive following — based on her almost formulaic (and undoubtedly self-inspired) approach to design: Take a tall, thin, slightly perturbed looking girl, add long blonde Lady Godiva-like locks and spackle her with a tan a' la Silvio Berlusconi. The closer the shade of skin to a Sicilian orange the better. Donatella clones of the world rejoice, with plenty of sexy silk and jersey shifts and separates, the spring collection did not disappoint.

Although showing in Paris, Rome-based Valentino Garavani's retirement after an historic 45-year career was a major talking point in fashion circles. Assuming

the role of head designer is fellow Italian Alessandra Facchinetti, who briefly replaced Tom Ford after his departure from Gucci for a short-lived two-season stint. More on Valentino's final prêt à porter collection, which totaled a whopping 86 looks, to come next week with a recap of the Paris shows.



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Selections from the Versace collection at Milan's fashion week.

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