

and actions attempting to undermine the decision, as well as a movement to overturn it.

decision legalized the right to abor-

tion, the decision faces regulations

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a think tank that historically favors abortion rights, the number of

Yudof for plan's

Student Government passed a resolution Tuesday pressing UT Chancellor Mark Yudof to

outline the specifics of the Texas Compact pro-

The resolution, authored by two-year, at-large SG Representative Jordan Buckley and SG

President Katie King, call for Yudof to present an

explanation of his plan to UT students in a forum.

If Yudof fails to present an explanation, the reso-

lution states that the UT student body would

regard the proposal as nothing more than a polit-

ical move intended to sway the Texas Legislature

accountable to the student body and to the Texas

"It is important for the chancellor to be held

specific details

ry notice or consent laws for minors. Diana Philip, co-founder and executive director of Jane's Due

Process, a statewide advocacy center that serves pregnant teenagers who wish to comply with the parental notification law, said that parental

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states now have mandatory waiting

periods, and 43 states have mandato-

"It is difficult to provide abortion in an environment that's so hostile," McLaughlin said.

providers to protests and acts of vio-

lence against abortion clinics.

McLaughlin said the National Abortion Federation reports seven abortion providers have been mur-

was a sex offender, and it was their duty to identify her to her neighbors." LaRue said she and other anti-abortion organizations condemn vio-

bors pictures of a woman who pro-

vided abortions. They acted like she

See ROE, page 2

Dr. Martin Luther King stood for has been in vain." Tuesday's gathering at the MLK statue followed a rally held Monday evening after students found the statue covered with raw eggs. The University

stand for this to continue to happen then everything

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# Endowments for UT drop in fiscal year

4 -percent loss is first back-to-back decline in 30 years, study shows

### By Yvonne Lim Daily Texan Staff

Endowments for the University fell more than 4 percent in the 2002 fiscal year, said Bob Boldt, president of the University of Texas Investment Management Company.

The drop was actually below the national trend in the 2002 fiscal year. College and university endowment values fell an average 6 percent in the 2002 fiscal year, according to a report released Tuesday from the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Endowments are donations to be used for investment purposes.

The decline is notable because it is the first backto-back loss for university endowments since NACUBO began its study over 30 years ago. In the 2001 fiscal year, endowment values suffered a 3.6

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**By Lauren Reinlie** 

Daily Texan Staff

to deregulate tuition.

population for this pro-

posal," said Brian Haley,

a two-year, at-large rep-

resentative. "If he is

tying this so closely with

tuition deregulation, the

facts need to be laid on

the table."

posal.

# PERRY TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Alex Jones/Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry, right, and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst celebrate at the inaugural ball Tuesday evening.

### Some raise concerns as corporate donations total \$1 million in costs for inaugural celebration

### By Elizabeth Esfahani and Stephanie Weintraub **Daily Texan Staff**

It took 8,000 pounds of brisket,

a half-mile of smoked sausage and almost \$1 million in corporate donations to pull off this year's inaugural festivities.

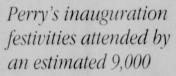
The price tag for Tuesday's celebrations rang in at \$1.5 million and was mostly footed by bigname businesses, including several insurance, telecommunications and energy companies. Though \$100,000 in taxpayer

money is usually set aside for the inauguration, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decided against using the reserve, which instead could be put toward the suffering budget. "We are pleased to have so

many underwriters on board helping out with this historic event," said Pam Willeford, inaugural committee chairman. "Their efforts will help ensure reasonable ticket prices for the public. We want every Texan who wishes to participate in these inaugural events to be able to do so."

But critics argue that corporations have more in mind than

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By Elizabeth Esfahani and Stephanie Weintraub Daily Texan Staff

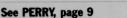
Gov. Rick Perry finally earned his inaugural stripes Tuesday when he officially became the 47th governor of Texas.

appointed to the position in 2001 after President Bush's election - took the oath of office with his right hand on Sam Houston's Bible, which has been used in every inauguration since the 1800s. He shared the honor with Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in front of an estimated crowd of 9,000. Perry and Dewhurst outlined visions of their terms, reiterating the need for less government and no new taxes to bolster ailing state revenues.

"The lesson I've learned is that a government that attempts to do all things for all people does few thing well," Perry said. "We limit government so that opportunity is unlimited. When economies soften, the burden should not be on taxpayers to pay more, but on the government to spend less."

Inauguration day marked the changing of the guard in this once staunchly-Democratic state. For the first time in Texas history, the state's executive and legislative branches are under Republican control.

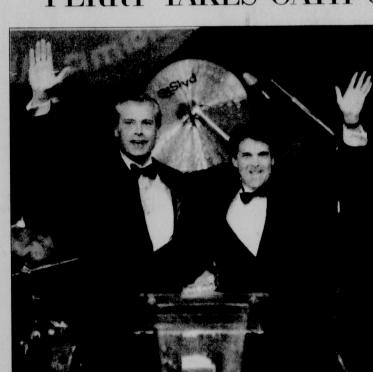
The Legislature has also never before dealt with a





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will introduce a resolution Tuesday that seeks to include student ID

Yudof unveiled the Texas Compact proposal in December, reporting

to the Austin American-Statesman that Texas families with an income of up to \$41,000 would be able to send their children to any UT campus for free if the Texas Legislature authorizes the UT Board of Regents to set tuition.

Yudof reported later to the Statesman that he could not be held to the numbers of this plan and that the plan has "so many holes.

The resolution states that Yudof's plan would be considered a strategic repackaging of existing grants and scholarships.

'If you are a student whose family makes under \$42,000, there are tons of scholarships available," said Chris Allen, Young Conservatives of Texas state chairman. "The majority of scholar-ships are geared toward that individual, as well they should be. Yudof's plan is addressing a problem that doesn't exist."

photos in the online directory **SEE PAGE 6** 

Student Government

President Katie King



### CARDED IN OAK CREEK

OAK CREEK, Wis. - Don Meyer was a little annoyed when a Pick 'n Save clerk recently carded him in the liquor store. He wasn't just upset because they carded him while he was buying nonalcoholic beer. He was upset because he's 76 years old. Eleven Pick 'n Save stores have begun requiring clerks to card everyone who tries to buy alcohol to eliminate the chance of underage sales.

# Provider: Stigmas attached to abortion

### **ROE, FROM 1**

lence at abortion clinics, but she agreed that the violence helped to decrease the number of doctors willing to perform abortions today.

LaRue said technology has also had an impact on the number of women who have abortions.

"Ultrasound imaging has had tremendous impact on women contemplating abortion," LaRue said. "Ninety percent of women who see the new 3-D untrasound choose to carry the baby to term."

Amy Heigstrom Miller is an abortion provider who works at a Texas clinic. She said that 43 percent of women will have an abortion by the age of 45. She also said that most women do not have abortions by themselves, but are accompanied by a partner or family member.

"With all those people who are affected by abortion, it's shocking that there is so much silence and stigma in our country about this," Miller said. "I think we need to have an open and honest discussion and confront the stigmas that are attached to this. There are not many things in this county that affect 43 percent of people that have so much stigma attached to them.

Sarah Weddington, who argued the Roe v. Wade case before the Supreme Court and is currently a UT professor, said the case has helped empower women during the last 30 years.

"It has given them 30 years of knowing what it is like to be autonomous in making the decision most vital to their lives," Weddington said. "I am incredulous that women or those who

care about them would ever give up the reproductive freedom they have known and have come to expect. So many people have had a mastery of their own lives because of that right to privacy."

Miller said the women who come to her clinic do not express that they are receiving an abortion to exercise their civil rights.

"They say, 'These are my dreams for the future, and this isn't the way I want to go," Miller said. "I get to be present with women when they are being powerful. They are making a choice in their lives."

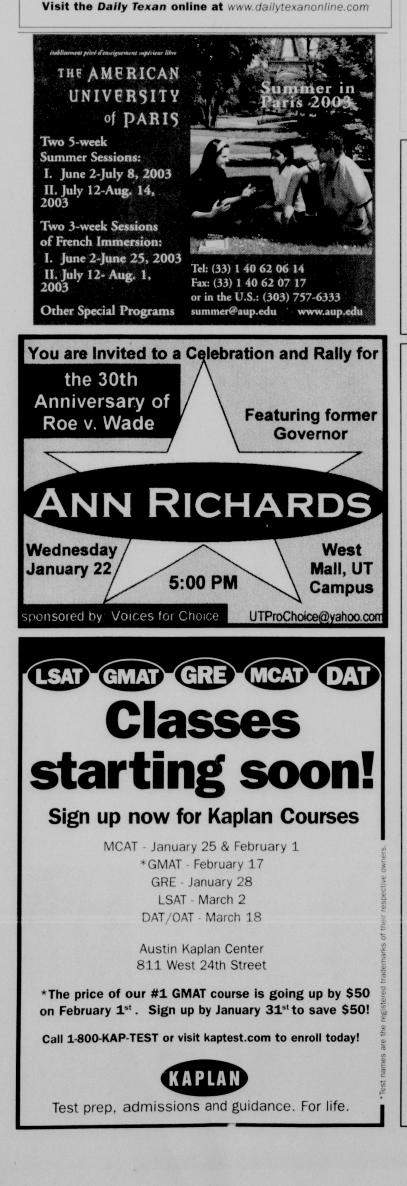
Not only does Roe v. Wade face becoming undermined by decreased availability of abortions, but the decision also faces the chance of being overturned.

Weddington said recent votes by the nine justices currently on the Supreme Court on abortionrelated issues show that three say they would like to overturn Roe v. Wade, three say they would sustain it but weaken it, and three say they would leave it alone.

Eight years have passed since a Supreme Court justice stepped down, the longest period of time in U.S. history, McLaughlin said. She said Bush has committed to appointing judges who will overturn Roe v. Wade.

Weddington said young women should get involved in maintaining their right to an abortion in a time when it faces opposition in the White House.

"I'm part of the generation that worked hard to expand opportunities for women," Weddington said. "I think it has become something that most [young women] simply take for granted.'



# streetTALK

The University has declined to release information on the location, operating hours and costs if its surveillance equipment, arguing that it would compromise campus safety and citing "the protection of national security" as an additional compelling interest.

While Attorney General Greg Abbott decided that the University has an obligation to release the information under Texas' open records laws, the University has decided to contest the opinion in Travis County District Court.

The Daily Texan asked some students around campus about the issue:

- Delaney Hall



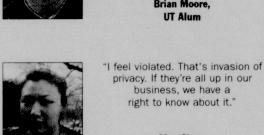
to monitor safety, but if we entrust our safety to the school then they have a responsibility to reveal this sort of information to us. And bringing up national security, that's the weirdest reasoning. There's this prevailing notion that our national security is threatened, but this sort of surveillance seems only relevant in the school context, not at a national level.'

"Any institution has a responsibility

**Rvan Davis**. studio arts freshman

"If it was a private school, it would be okay for them to keep this information from us, but because it's a public institution, the University absolutely has to reveal this sort of information. I don't necessarily expect the government to act in my best interest, so it's essential that this information be available to the public. It should be required."

> Tim Bender. Plan II, physics junior



"If the University is going to cite national security as a reason for this surveillance, then they should tell us exactly how national security would be impacted. 'National security' has become such a buzzword. It's being cited for so many

different reasons."

"Knowing the location of the cam-

eras could possibly compromise

security on campus. People would

know they could do stuff conse-

quence-free in areas where there

were no cameras."

Doug Michalsky,

undeclared business freshman

"If people are curious, the

University should release this infor-

mation. I don't have anything to

hide from them, they shouldn't

unless there's some secret experi-

ment they're trying to protect."

Brian Moore,

**UT Alum** 

privacy. If they're all up in our

business, we have a

right to know about it."

Ling Chou,

studio arts freshman

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Lani Ogle, undeclared freshman

## Older men focus more on sex, survey says

By Jim Fitzgerald

Associated Press

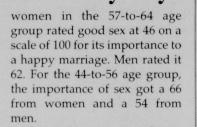
CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. - Love and sex are more important to a happy marriage for men in their late 50s and early 60s than at any other time in their lives, a new survey says. Unfortunately for them, that's just when intimacy becomes less important to women.

The survey, being published in the February issue of Reader's Digest, found that between the

ages of 57 and 64, men become more attentive to their wives, while women, finally freed from family responsibilities, find more goals outside of marriage.

"The guys are saying, 'Now I get it. I want more intimacy," said John Gottman, a marriage expert who analyzed polling data for the magazine. "And the women are saying, 'Sorry, bub, I've already done that. I've got my own goals now."

Survey results show that



The differences smooth out somewhat in later years. The importance of sex drops for men, while they remain highly interested in being in love.

"When you're young, you demonstrate love more often with sex," said a 77-year-old man from Michigan. "But when you're a bit older, you find there are many other ways — a peck

### CORRECTIONS

· In Tuesday's Daily Texan, a Page 1 story about the University's lawsuit against the attorney general to keep surveillance camera information secret incorrectly stated the suit was filed this week. The suit was filed Jan. 15.

· Also in Tuesday's Texan, a Page 1 story about an immigrant naturalization ceremony on campus included quotations from Wiley Blakeway, an officer with the INS citizenship program, and Preva Sundaram, a new U.S. citizen from India. The quotations should have appeared as comments paraphrased from their actual statements.

The Texan regrets the errors.

### **AROUND CAMPUS**

### UT 'QuitSmart' Smoking

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Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, informational meeting today, 7 p.m., UTC 1.144. Come learn more about us. gammaamor59@yahoo.com

Women in Natural Sciences Conference, today, 5 to 7 p.m., GRG 102, 232-1035.

Roe v. Wade 30th Anniversary Celebration Rally, Featuring Ann Richards, today, 5 p.m., West Mall. Sponsored by Voices for Choice.

### An Evening of Spiritual **Enlightenment and Group** Meditation, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m., Texas Union Eastwoods Room 2.102, free.

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### WORLD BRIEFS

### Gunman kills American, injures another in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY --- A gunman ambushed two Americans driving near a U.S. military base Tuesday in Kuwait, killing one and wounding another in what U.S. officials branded a terrorist attack.

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**By Ron Fournier** 

**Associated Press** 

WASHINGTON - President

Bush on Tuesday scolded world

leaders who are demanding more

time to search Iraq for illegal

arms, and a top U.S. diplomat

warned that war is fast approach-

time - how much time do we

need to see clearly that he's not

disarming?" Bush said, acknowl-

edging frustration with both Iraqi

President Saddam Hussein and

The comments were part of an

administration-wide effort to

counter rising opposition to war

that could jeopardize Bush's frag-

ile anti-Saddam coalition. With

tens of thousands of U.S. troops

massed near Iraq, the president is

expected to decide in a matter of

weeks whether to end diplomatic

France complicated Bush's task

by telling the United Nations

reluctant U.S. allies.

efforts and wage war.

This business about more

ing as America's only option.

The shooting was the first assault on U.S. civilians in Kuwait and the third on Americans since October in the oil-rich emirate, where pro-American sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling for a possible war on Iraq.

The victims --- civilian contractors working for the U.S. military - were traveling in a four-wheeldrive Toyota when they came under a hail of bullets

The U.S. Embassy identified the man killed as Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, of San Diego, an employee of a software company, **Tapestry Solutions** 

No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

### Avalanche kills 7 skiers, including 3 Americans

CALGARY, Alberta - A wall of snow 100 feet wide buried several skiers on a remote British Columbia mountain, killing seven of them, including snowboard pioneer Craig Kelly and three other Americans

Three skiers who escaped the avalanche that thundered 300 feet down the mountainside Monday rescued one person, but the others suffocated under several feet of snow, according to police and rescue officials. Sgt. Randy Brown of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said there were two groups of skiers

on the mountain --- a group of 13 higher up and the group of 11 hit by the avalanche.

### **Former President Carter** proposes Venezuelan plan

CARACAS, Venezuela - Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jimmy Carter proposed a plan Tuesday to lead Venezuela to elections and end the strike against President Hugo Chavez, which has dramatically cut production in the No. 5 oil-exporting country.

Carter's ideas were the first concrete proposals to emerge from more than two months of talks between the government and Venezuela's opposition, which called the strike to demand early elections or Chavez's resignation.

Both Chavez and opposition leaders reacted cautiously, saying the proposals merited study.

### Oil barge sinks off coast of Spain, kills captain

MADRID, Spain - A barge loaded with nearly 270,000 gallons of light fuel oil sank Tuesday one mile off Spain's southern coast, threatening more ecological damage even as workers con

Security Council there is no reason yet for military action, hinting it may veto any resolution authorizing an attack. Other nations — including Russia, Germany, China and Chile have backed the French contention that U.N. inspections are starting to work and Iraq can be disarmed peacefully.

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Britain, America's closest ally, is the only major military power committed to joining the United States. Other countries with smaller armies, such as Australia, Canada and Bulgaria, could play supporting roles in a "coalition of the willing" that Bush has pledged to lead if the United Nations won't join him.

Turning up the heat on allies, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer warned that the United Nations' relevancy is dependent on its ability to disarm Iraq.

White House officials said Bush won't declare war or impose a deadline next Tuesday



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President **Bush meets** with Poland's President Aleksander Kwasniewski in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington Tuesday.

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**Bush frustrated with reluctant France** 

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Thursday speech designed to fur-Wolfowitz plans to discuss models for disarmament in a

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ther build the case against Saddam.

# Hispanics top blacks as largest U.S. minority group

### By Genaro C. Armas Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Hispanics have surged past blacks and now constitute the largest minority group in the United States, a status Latino leaders are sure to use to push for political and economic advances.

The Census Bureau released

estimates Tuesday showing the Hispanic population rose 4.7 percent between April 2000 and July 2001, from 35.3 million to 37 million.

During the same period, the non-Hispanic black population rose about 2 percent, from 35.5 million to 36.1 million.

The data are part of the

bureau's first statistics on race and ethnicity since results from the 2000 census were released nearly two years ago.

Due to high birth and immigration rates, the Hispanic population more than doubled during the 1990s, the 2000 census found. Many new arrivals were drawn by the booming U.S. economy

### NATION BRIEFS

### Bush to boost spending for federal agencies 4 percent

WASHINGTON --- President Bush will propose boosting overall spending for federal agencies next year by 4 percent, less than half. the growth expected this year, the White House budget director said Tuesday

The figure seemed to presage a battle over the coming months between Bush and congressional Democrats — and perhaps some Republicans — over whether his proposed increases for security at home and the wide range of other domestic programs are sufficient.

Budget chief Mitchell Daniels provided few details, saying only and settled in areas in the South and Midwest that previously attracted few Latinos.

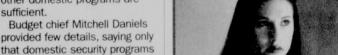
Democrats and Republicans, aware of the surge, have placed increased emphasis on attracting Hispanic voters.

Last year, the two top Democratic candidates for governor of Texas debated in Spanish.

### More private labs caught giving false test results

WASHINGTON - Private laboratories are increasingly being caught falsifying test results for water supplies, petroleum products, underground tanks and soil, hampering the government's ability to ensure Americans are protected by environmental laws, federal investigators say.

The fraud has caused millions of people to fill their cars with substandard gasoline or to drink water not properly tested for safety.



Also last year, the Republican National Committee began sending representatives to citizenship ceremonies to register Hispanic immigrants.

Whites remain the largest single population group, numbering 199.3 million in July 2001, or nearly 70 percent of all U.S. residents, according to the Census Bureau.

### Australian study shows that marijuana a gateway drug

CHICAGO — A study of Australian twins and marijuana bolsters the fiercely debated "gateway theory" that pot can lead to harder drugs.

The researchers located 311 sets of same-sex twins in which only one twin had smoked marijua na before age 17. Early marijuana smokers were found to be up to five times more likely than their twins to move on to harder drugs.

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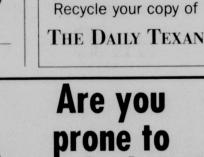
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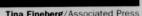
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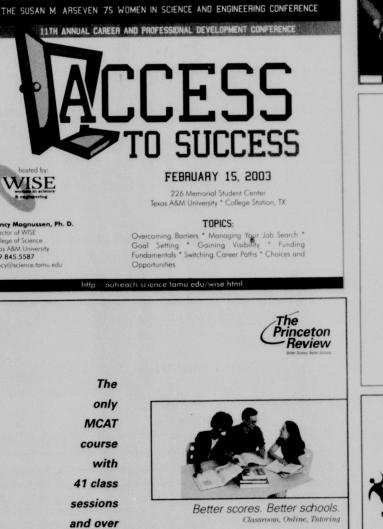




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# Record industry must modernize

Verizon Communications was ordered by a federal judge Tuesday to reveal the identity of a Kazaa subscriber who allegedly downloaded more than 600 songs in one day over the Internet. The ruling serves as a major victory for record companies, which has blamed Internet piracy for its sagging record sales. The decision gives record companies the power to identify music pirates through the Digital Millenium Copyright Act, a fast and cheap way to obtain subpeonas.

The suit brought by the Recording Industry Association of America is based on the 1998 Digital Millenium Copyright Act, which can penalize individuals for distributing and reproducing copyrighted materials such as music, film and software. Verizon claims the Digital Millenium Copyright Act does not apply because the company does not host the material on its servers.

It's absurd to believe Verizon and other Internet service providers should be held responsible for their subscribers downloading pirated material. They should also not be forced to hand their subscribers over to record companies that wish to prosecute the violators. The only way to do so would be to investigate all of their subscribers for possible piracy, a blatant invasion of privacy.

Not only are record companies attacking through the courts, they are attacking the bastion of pirated downloading — colleges. Students across the country take advantage of the highspeed Internet connections supplied by many colleges to download music and movies. The RIAA has written letters to more than 2,300 colleges urging administrators to reprimand students who engage in Internet piracy. The United States Naval Academy confiscated the computers of 100 students suspected of pirating music. Violators were threatened with expolsion or court marshall. Last time we checked, colleges were not supposed to serve as copyright police.

All this comes while the recording industry struggles to sell records. Album sales fell by 9 percent in 2002, continuing a three-year trend of decreasing sales by the industry. Record executives blame pirated music and CD-copying for the declining sales and worry that if such tactics are not stopped, the record-selling business as a whole will crumble.

We've heard all this before. Record companies complained bitterly when people began copying cassette tapes and recording songs off the radio. Yet the industry found ways to survive. Internet piracy isn't the only problem facing the industry; more and more disposable income gets spent on video games, and only Eminem sold more than 10 million records last year — a threshold frequently attained by top stars in prior years.

The industry must adjust to modern times instead of using Internet piracy as an excuse for its shortcomings. Record companies could create Web sites that offer superior service to entities like Kazaa, and include things like exclusive chat rooms with the artist to entice subscribers. Or, artists could focus on making money through live shows rather than album sales.

The Internet is a tool that exposes people to music they may have never heard in their area and were never able to buy in their local record store. With the homogenization of radio stations and the limited music videos now shown on MTV and VH1, exposure should benefit the industry. Record companies should use the Internet as a tool, not a scapegoat, and refrain from asking Internet service providers and colleges to do their

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### THE FIRING LINE

### Intolerable

On Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, students proceeded to made their way to the MLK statue on the University of Texas campus after the traditional march held every year in his honor. They were dismayed to find the statue covered in eggs; this act was unnecessary, unwarranted and intolerable. Adam Haggerty, a University of Texas student, immediately began putting up fliers asking everyone to meet at the MLK statue at 8 p.m. to discuss what needs to be done

Students assumed that because the statue was supposed to be under 24-hour camera surveillance, the culprits would be identified on tape. However, they were upset to learn that the University has been having trouble with the cameras, and they probably were not working. Although many felt that there should have been a larger turnout, the student presence and concern was definitely felt as students asked questions, made suggestions, sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and embraced hands to pray for the peop who committed this intolerable act. Present were students from the NAACP, African American Cultural Committee, many black organizations on campus, and a variety of races and cultures However, the support of other individuals, groups and organizations in the community is still desperately needed. Although the eggs have been wiped away, the disrespect towards Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream and legacy will never disappear. Although the guilty person may have done this in an attempt to ruin MLK Day, it has only brought the University of Texas and African-American community closer by further emphasizing that the journey is not over. It took students 12 years to reach success with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Sculpture Project. The MLK Jr. statue is one of the only things we have on the University of

Texas campus, and it is our job as a community to hold the University accountable for making sure it is preserved, honored and respected. As Kimberly Cruise, an active member of the NAACP emphasized, we will not tolerate racial injustice or disrespect toward the man that brought us so far.

Dr. Faulkner and the administration are going to have to take action, give us some answers, make some changes, and we won't back down until our goals are accomplished.

Crystal Andrea Hampton Computer science freshman

### **Releasing the secrets**

That the University is so afraid of releasing security data to the public is indicative of its failure to provide adequate security. Relying on "secret" information, like when Jane Security Guard happens to be watching the cameras, has always been considered bad security policy.

What we do in the software world is give a software vendor a month or two to fix the problem before publishing the vulnerability. Since we're at the

American and Chicano students in particular because of the various socio-economic factors that we must surpass in order to even give higher education a second thought. If we are limited and declined acceptance into more prestigous universities, we would have to settle for either less prestigious universitites or even smaller colleges and fast-track college progams. This in turn will limit our possibility to attain success (success being something beside the "grandeur" of attaining an 8-5 job to work at for the next 40 years) and again legally discriminate us into possibilities of smaller roles, hard-

er labor and lesser pay. Even if the ban on affirmative action passes, attention will be paid to black and white enrollment, of course. But a whole other color of people will be ignored, which will only lay the platform for what could possibly turn into a harsher protest and/or reformation. Hopefully affirmative action will remain. or at least somewhat remain a part of enrollment, but personally I wish for more attention to be paid to brown people as we pertain to this subject. As we

I have never been able to articulate a strong argument to defend it against those that would argue that it is an instance of "reverse discrimination" ... until now.

I have always felt that white people at this University have a very insincere approach to racial equality, embracing the principle but not the people, and this article gives me hope that I am wrong.

Ikechukwu C. Ofili Electrical engineering senior

### **Dissing Haygood**

Lane Haygood's claim that the effects of segregation can still be felt today is true; it's blatant in the very case Haygood speaks against. Affirmative action is discriminatory and unconstitutional. I've received every award, honor and acceptance based on merit. I'd be offended if anyone offered me something even partially based on anything else, particularly the color of my skin.

Affirmative action, far from beneficial, actually deters minorities from attaining the same level of achievement since they can get in with lower scores thereby holding down minorities with prejudice. Haygood claims that since "every institution of higher learning has to discriminate in some way", they must discriminate by race rather than academic merit. Affirmative action basically claims that minorities are too stupid to get in to a school on their own merit. A minority myself, I am personally offended by any attempt to keep this insulting and racist policy in place. Amber Karl



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start of a new legislative session, it is of paramount importance that appropriate security measures be put on the list of legislative action items. While the *Texan* should expose examples of undue corner-cutting and get it on the budgetary radar, it can do this without reckless, immediate publication of the most vulnerable spots.

> Stephen Waters Philosophy senior

### Forgetting a minority

Although the article on "Affirmative Action Grants Opportunity, Not Deny Rights" has a positive ultimate goal, an entire reading public was ignored! The article dealt with black and white relations but totally did not even mention the relationship with affirmative action and Latinos (and we are in Texas, mind you!). Affirmative action is vital for Mexicancan see here, even newspaper articles ignore our existence. I seriously believe that legislatures will be doing the same if affirmative action is banned. *Iris Rodriguez* 

Mexican-American studies sophomore

### Hailing Haygood

At the risk of sounding prejudiced, I couldn't believe that a white person wrote the article on affirmative action that I read in the *Texan* today. I read the article assuming that the writer was black and was immensely touched to find out that I was wrong. Lane Haygood made some of the most articulate, incisive and, most importantly, objective arguments for affirmative action I have heard in a long, long time.

I am black, and even though I feel in my heart that affirmative action is right for America, Civil engineering junior

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# City Council should cut network funding

### By Christian Hurt Daily Texan columnist

In 1991, the Austin City Council proclaimed the official city slogan to be "The Live Music Capitol of the World." To back the slogan, the city decided in 1994 to launch the Austin Music Network, with the intent of promoting local music around Austin. In 1998, the city implemented a three-year privatization plan that was supposed to gradually taper down funding from \$500,000 a year. The network ran out of money in the first year, and privatization failed - the station is still funded by the city and is proposing a 2003 budget of \$675,000, 65 percent of which is to pay the salaries of Austin Music Network employees. The city, however, is looking at a budget shortfall of \$77 million and is currently reviewing Austin Music Network's funding for 2003. The City Council will vote on the budget Jan. 30.

At an Austin Music Commission meeting on Jan. 14, a few local musicians voiced their support of the station and attempted to justify why Austin citizens should be forced into pro*The belief that without public funding the live music scene in Austin will disappear is a fallacy.* 

moting their music. While using emotional ploys about how the station gives back to the community, they failed to mention that after 10 p.m., the station allows vulgar language and nudity and with the addition of slow jazz can, in theory, turn into a soft-core porn channel. So much for watching the scrambled Spice channel. The musician's emotions, coupled with a petition that is circulating around the network and among its supporters, leads one to believe that if the city cuts the channel's funding, it will kill live music in Austin.

The belief that without public funding the live music scene in Austin will disappear is a fallacy. The scene depends purely on the willingness of Austin residents to go see live music acts and the willingness of the city to allow venues to be played in the city. Popularity is the driving force behind a musician's or bands' success and is based on capitalist concepts such as bars and clubs venues, ticket sales, and album sales versus a socialist concept like the Austin Music Network. Austin was the "Live Music Capitol of the World" before 1994 and does not need the city underwriting a channel that has helped the Austin music scene very little in nine years while extorting public money without any accountability

While cutting Austin Music Network's funding completely would solve part of the city's overall budget crisis, the Austin Music Commission instead compounded the problem by recommending various things the channel should do to justify its funding. One of these was to survey viewers to find out what they want played, rather than freely playing any video that arrives at the station, which is what the channel currently does.

The fact that, after nine years, a station using public money has not once interacted with the public justifies cutting the Austin Music Network. Without public interaction, the station has been able to go in whichever direction it pleases, playing garbage disguised as music without having to worry about public outcry or funding. Just as the National Endowment of the Arts forces American taxpayers to pay for such exhibits as "Piss Christ," the Austin Music Network forces city taxpayers into buying an animated version, with the addition of barely recognizable musical tones and trite lyrics.

The Austin Music Network proudly claims to be the only independent music channel in the world — and it is. It is completely independent of public morality and decency and independent of economic forces that have Austin residents tightening their belts while the general manager of the network collects a salary of \$75,000 a year. Austin has an unemployment rate of 5.5 percent and the network is asking these people - who are struggling to pay the rent — to underwrite the closest thing to undiluted sewage on television. University graduates are looking into a near dismal job market and the network is asking them to continue funding the most frivolous item in the city budget. As both the city and the City Council consider the Austin Music Network budget, they should cut all of Austin Music Network's funding — it is a waste of money, a waste of city resources, will never be self-sufficient and does not serve the interests of the city.

Hurt is an electrical engineering senior.

the edge

OAK CREEK, Wis. — Don Meyer was a little annoyed when a Pick 'n Save clerk here recently carded him in the liquor store.

He wasn't just upset because they carded him while he was buying nonalcoholic beer. He was upset because he's 76 years old.

"I tell you, I was really ticked off this little-by-little chipping away at your rights," the World War II veteran said.

Meyer won't be the only senior citizen getting carded now that 11 Pick 'n Save stores in Wisconsin have begun requiring clerks to card everyone who tries to buy alcohol.

Most alcoholic-beverage retailers ask for identification from patrons who appear younger than 30 or 40, but Pick 'n Save officials say they wanted to eliminate the chance of selling to someone underage.

Milwaukee Attorney Michael A.I. Whitcomb, who represents many clients with liquor licenses, said he has never heard of a store carding everyone.

"Practically speaking, I see no reason to instruct employees to card the AARP crowd," said Whitcomb. — Associated Press

## Defacing of MLK statue shows that 'race still matters to people,' student says

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of Texas Police Department reported finding eggs on the ACE and RLM buildings as well.

UTPD Chief Jeffrey Van Slyke answered questions Tuesday night as to why UTPD was unable to find the perpetrator despite a camera set up next to the statue.

Though the camera was working, Van Slyke said, the recording device was broken. Even had it been able to record, he said he doubted whether the camera's narrow range would have included the egg throwers.

The statue has been put on extra patrol, and Information Technology Services and crime prevention officers will visit the statue Wednesday to decide how to better monitor it, Van Slyke said.

Student Government voted unanimously Tuesday to pass a resolution condemning the statue's defacement and urging the UT administration to adopt and implement a racial harassment policy.

Nicholas Kendall, a mechanical engineering junior who said he

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found flowers encircling the Robert E. Lee statue on the South Mall Monday, called the defacement an act of cowardice.

"It's a reflection of where we're at in today's society with the issues of peace and equity," Kendall said.

At the gathering, students decided to hold a 24-hour rally that will begin today at noon at the MLK statue and then move to the South Mall at 12:15 p.m. The rally, which students said will be peaceful to honor MLK's legacy, is necessary to inform the UT community that race relations remains an important issue, students said.

'George Bush touted the University as being this example of diversity and acceptance and one of the reasons affirmative action should be eliminated," said Andy Gallagher, a psychology senior. "This is a perfect example that racism exists on this campus. It goes beyond racism. It's a hate crime.'

The vandalism, said Maxine Chambliss, a history and government junior, "is just another exam-

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ple of the way UT has conducted seem to put forth the effort to of course, deplore any symbolic itself" since she has been here. Other students agreed.

"People will sit on the floor before they come and sit next to you," said Jennifer Johnson, a marketing senior.

The statue's defacement occurred while affirmative action is under attack all over the country, said Nelson Linder, president of the NAACP's Austin chapter. "An instance like this shows

that race still matters to people," said Victoria Pierre, a journalism junior. "If our president thinks race is not a factor, then he needs to come down here and take a look."

In the face of such racism, students stressed the need to unite, educate and empower themselves. "We're not going to tolerate

this on campus," said Kimberly Cruse, a social work sophomore and president of the Longhorn NAACP chapter. Cruse said she is concerned

that no one from the administration attended Monday's rally.

"This statue means a lot to us, [yet] the administration doesn't

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show that they care," Cruse said. UT President Larry Faulkner said not much could be conclud-

ed from Monday's events. "We don't know who did this," Faulkner said. "We don't know if students or faculty or alumni or anyone associated with the University was the perpetrator. I,

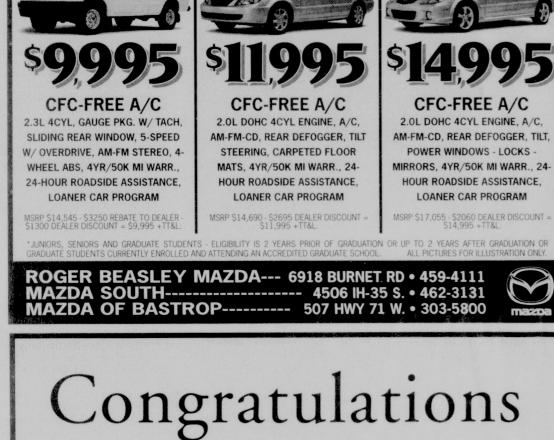
attack that might have been intended on Dr. King's memorial." Whatever the reasons for the statue's defacement, students said they will not let racism hold them back.

"I'm gonna move on. I'm gonna make something of myself," Chambliss said. "I will go back to my community, and I will teach them. I will bring up another generation who's not afraid to be active."

Activism is essential, everyone agreed, because the fight is not over.

"The struggle for justice and respect of all mankind continues," Hood said.





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LUFKIN - Rebecca Tarver Robins once again has the high school ring she

lost in her college dorm at Stephen F. Austin University in 1965. University plumber Duane Frazar found the ring last week while replacing old pipes. He had his secretary contact Donny Webb, the high school principal at Hudson, about 5 miles outside Lufkin.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT Bill to include photo option for directory

### By Anjali Athavaley Daily Texan Staff

Finding a photo alongside a phone number in the University online directory may be a future possibility, although opponents say it will create greater risks for students.

A bill allowing students to post their ID picture in addition to their year, major and contact information will be introduced at the Student Government meeting next Tuesday

SG President Katie King said the bill would provide a more precise system of locating people in the UT community.

King is modeling the idea after the Boston College directory in

which "everyone in the campus community," including faculty and staff, has the opportunity to post their photos for identification purposes.

Students would most likely be given the option of directory pictures when logging on with their electronic IDs for the first time, King said.

Opponents believe that students would not fully understand what they are agreeing to if they click the "yes" box.

'I still don't know if students are well-informed enough to make that choice," said Mustafa Abdul Jabbar, a residential halls adviser and SG representative.

Tiffany Graves, spokeswoman for pre-law fraternity Beta Alpha

Rho, agrees that freshmen are most susceptible to being unaware of the risks of posting an online photograph.

"They don't know the widespread use of [the directory] and who all has access to that. I think this [bill] is going to invite opportunists to come in and use the pictures for other reasons," said Graves, a psychology sophomore

King believes this concern can be resolved if an explanation of the terms of agreement is provided before students make their choice

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act defines directory information as name, address, telephone number and "other similar information" that "would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of priva-Assistant Dean of Students CV. and SG adviser Tany Norwood said the representatives introducing the bill discussed the issue of privacy.

"We generally agreed that as long as having the photo is optional and not forced, there is not much need for concern," Norwood said. "If students want it, we will try to accomplish it somehow."

University administration has claimed in the past that the initiative does not have adequate student support. Liz Travers, an SG representative, said she feels this has changed with the growing population on campus. I've been speaking to my constituents about it, and now that the University has

grown so large, the support

is there," Travers said. According to a survey posted on the SG Web site, 67.7 percent of 272 students were in favor of the directory picture option. Graves argues that it cannot be concluded that the statistic shows campuswide support

for the initiative. 'You have to think about who is taking this survey and who is hitting that Web site,' Graves said. "It's biased. [SG] is not taking a random sample of UT students."

Quitting smoking focus of new class

## Stress management a method used in series' approach By Justin Lefkowski

Daily Texan Staff

University Health Services will start its fourth series of smoking cessation classes, which teach students techniques to fight off cravings.

UHS began offering the classes in September 2002 when they realized no services were offered to help students quit smoking, said Chuck Roper, the class instructor.

Roper has modeled his class on the famous "Quit Smart" method, which teaches smokers stress management skills to counter nicotine withdrawal. Robert H. Shipley created the approach in 1977

To take the class, smokers must purchase a \$30 kit that includes a self-hypnosis CD, a substitute cigarette and a book with quitting tips.

ited enrollment of 10 people. All 27 students who signed up for the program last semester completed it. Roper, a former smoker, is passionate about helping others quit. Roper said nicotine is the hardest drug to get away from, and smoking takes more lives every year than every other drug combined.

Many students around campus said they generally think the sessions are a good tool to help smokers kick the habit.

"I have no plans to quit," said Lauren Burton, a journalism sophomore. She said that while she loves to smoke, she admires what the people at UHS are doing.

Stephanie Nissley, a psychology freshman, has been slowly quitting smoking for the past few months. Nissley said she has cut back to just a few cigarettes a day.

"Most smokers want to quit and tell their friends that haven't started smoking to not try it," Nissley said.

The Smoking Cessation classes will meet on Wednesdays at the Student Services Building

## MOVES



Danny Ngoo, William Tran, and Chris Chang, from left to right, members of the Texas Wushu Club, demonstrate some stances from the quickly growing sport outside Gregory Gym Tuesday.

## UT faculty inducted in hall of fame

### By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - A geneticist and a researcher at the University are among nine people inducted into the state Hall of Fame for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

Wen-Hwa Lee, a geneticist

on how malfunctioning tumor suppressor genes lead to breast cancer.

Dr. Bankole Johnson, an addiction researcher who heads the University's South Texas Addiction Research and Technology Center, has done extenive research into the neur chemical pathways that influence addictive behaviors and has tested medications to curb cravings for alcohol and drugs.

was recruited for the faculty in San Antonio.

Also inducted were Mary Kay Hemenway, director of educational services for the astronomy department at the University of Texas at Austin; and Ron Sass, chairman of ecology and evolu-

### BRIEFS

### Professor: Study focuses on doctor-parent relationship

UT nursing professor Joy Penticuff has developed a new method for creating better under standing between doctors and parents of premature infants.

After conducting a five-year study with the National Institutes of Health, Penticuff found that many parents with a baby in neonatal intensive care do not fully understand the specifics of their infants' medical situation. Penticuff said that although survival rates of premature infants have increased dramatically due to new technology, aggressive medical treatment can still create development problems or prolong the preemie's inevitable death

The study showed that parents who discussed medical information, treatment options and probable outcomes directly with doctors showed improvement in understanding their babies' situa

- Habeab Kurdi

### **Report reveals roadblocks** for mental health treatment

tion.

The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health released a report on public comments about mental health care Jan. 10, revealing some barriers mental health stakeholders face when providing or seeking treatment.

The committee received statements from 1,205 people involved in mental health care. In October 2002, the

Commission on Mental Health recognized the Texas Medication Algorithm Project, a collaborative effort including University pharmacy professor Lynn Crismon, as a model program in its interim report

The TMA project uses flow charts to direct physicians through a step-by-step process of prescribing medication and gauging its effectiveness. Researchers have developed guidelines for treating serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, major depressive disorder and bipolar disorder.

- Erin Keck

### Study: Jewish candidate would cause controversy

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The prospects of a Jewish presiden tial candidate could create friction among American voters, according to the results of a recent study conducted by two University of Florida political sci ence professors.

Professors Kenneth Wald and Stephen Craig, along with University of Florida political science adjunct professor James Kane of the Florida Voter Survey organization, conducted research using statewide telephone sur-

Both samples were given a list of ideas, such as taxes going up and athletes being paid more money, and asked which specifically made them angry. One sample was asked if they would be angered by a Jewish vice-presidential candidate, and the other was asked if they would be angered by a Jewish presidential candidate. - Associated Press

The class will have a lim- from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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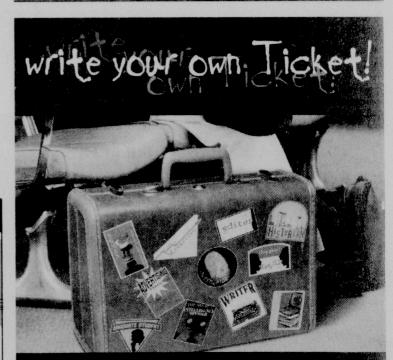
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### City Council to monitor possible spring pollution

Austin City Councilman Daryl Slusher will likely lead the council over the next 90 days as they monitor the investigation into the possible Barton Springs toxic contamination.

Mayor Gus Garcia said he will sponsor a resolution for the council's Jan. 30 meeting naming Slusher the lead member as the council sorts out reports that high levels of potentially cancercausing agents exist in the sediment of the natural spring.

"Over the years, the Council has looked to Council member Slusher for leadership in regards to the serious negative effects pollution and over-development have on the vitality of the springs," Garcia said.

---Katherine Sayre

### Texas Tech professor out on bond after bacteria scare

LUBBOCK — A Texas Tech professor accused of lying to federal agents about the whereabouts of 30 vials of plague bacteria was released from jail Tuesday after posting \$100,000 bond.

Federal prosecutors withdrew their motion to deny bail for Dr. Thomas C. Butler, 61, during a court hearing Tuesday morning. Butler is charged with making a false statement to a federal agent in an incident that sparked a bioterrorism scare last week.

Butler was released from custody shortly afterward. Because he was allowed to be released, Butler waived his right to a preliminary hearing where prosecutors would have had to provide witness testimony to establish probable cause for the charge. —Associated Press

## Reprieve given to killer who may be mentally retarded

HOUSTON — A convicted killer set to die this week won a reprieve Tuesday from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because state prison records show he may be mentally retarded.

Elkie Lee Taylor, 41, was scheduled for lethal injection Thursday for the 1993 strangling of a mentally ill 65-year-old Korean War veteran during a burglary of the victim's Fort Worth home.

The reprieve will allow time for a hearing in Tarrant County on whether Taylor is mentally retarded.

Taylor's attorney, James Rasmussen, said tests administered to Taylor after an earlier burglary conviction showed he had an IQ of 63, and a second test yielded an IQ score of 57. STATE&LOCAL Page 7 THE DAILY TEXAN Wednesday, January 22, 2003 **GLASS OR GRASS?** 

LAREDO — A tractor-trailer supposedly hauling glass bottles across the Mexican border really contained 9,331 pounds of marijuana, U.S. Customs officials said Tuesday. Friday's seizure was the largest ever at the decade-old Colombia-Solidarity International Bridge, Customs spokesman Rick Pauza said.

# City budget office seeks to cut costs

Officer: Goal is to maintain public services for Austin By Katherine Sayre Daily Texan Staff

The Austin budget planning for fiscal year 2003–2004 will focus on cost–saving measures in the current economic climate, which has been marked by decreased tax revenues and increased unemployment over the last two years.

The budget office plans to communicate with city department directors, employees and the community in an effort to maintain public services for the city of Austin, city budget officer Rudy Garza said.

"The biggest challenge is to maintain an equal level of basic city services within our limited resources," Garza said. "We have to evaluate everything we do."

Garza said the public must be provided emergency services, including fire and police departments, health services and other public resources, such as libraries. An increase in taxes remains an option, he said.

"It is so early on, nothing is being ruled out," Garza said. "It would be irresponsible for us to say absolutely 'we rule that out,' because we don't know the consequences of that."

Currently, there have been seven consecutive months of declining sales tax revenue, with a year-to-date loss of about \$1.1 million. The original budget for this year included an estimated 2-percent growth in sales tax revenues, but the revised estimate has been reduced to a 3.5-percent decline in revenues.

For the current fiscal year, the estimated city revenues equal

\$447 million, with total available funds totaling \$489 million. After expenditures, the city is estimated to have an ending balance of \$18.9 million.

The forecasted figures for the 2003–2004 fiscal year include revenues at \$446 million and total available funds at \$523 million. After expenditures, this means no ending balance for the city and a loss of \$58 million.

In order to bring in the same amount of revenue for the fiscal year 2004 was budgeted for 2003, the tax rate would need to be raised two-hundreths of 1 percent. Without an increase, property tax revenues will be \$8.9 million less.

The current unemployment rate in Austin is 5.5 percent, according to the November 2002 Texas Workforce Report.

Saralee Tiede, spokeswoman for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, said the organization predicts an improvement in the economy by the end of the year.

"We had a lot of layoffs and a lot of job losses," Tiede said. "We had some smaller and some larger businesses that were unable to survive. The recovery is probably going to be slow."

For the budget planning process, the chamber will be interested in business development and other aspects, such as good transportation systems, that will attract people to the city and stimulate the economy, Tiede said. Current economic initiatives led by Council members Will Wynn and Betty Dunkerley have already helped Austin's economy and should continue, Tiede said.

"We feel that one of the best things that can happen here is to help the economy so that the city's revenue will not be in jeopardy as it has in the past," Tiede said.

## **PRACTICE TIME**



Deputy Jon Craigmile of the Hays County Sheriff's Office, emerges from a car with a paintball gun in hand during a "Hot Zone Rescue" drill held as part of the Texas **Tactical Police** Officer Association Annual conference in Austin.

Geoff Riddle/ Daily Texan Staff

# Morales' brother to plead guilty

### By The Associated Press

The brother of former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales will plead guilty to federal extortion charges related to threats made to the Tony Sanchez gubernatorial campaign, his attorney said Tuesday. Federal agents had been

investigating whether Michael Morales tried to extort between \$200,000 and \$300,000 from Sanchez by threatening to release information about the millionaire from Laredo.

Michael Morales' attorney, John Pinckney of San Antonio, said the U.S. Attorney's office would file documents detailing the case in the next couple of days.

He declined to say what it was Morales threatened to release, although published reports have said it was an allegation of felony criminal activity.

The allegation has never been substantiated.

Morales faces up to two years in prison and \$250,000 in fines, said Pinckney, who

met with federal investigators Tuesday. No hearing or court appearance was immediately scheduled, he said.

Pinckney said his client had no comment.

"We'll handle that later," he said.

Telephone calls to the U.S. Attorney's office were not immediately returned.

"We are deeply disappointed with Mike's actions and saddened by the fact he will now have some very signfiicant consequences to bear," Dan Morales said.

"He obviously made a very big mistake. Our family will continue to love and support Mike and wish the best for him," he said.

Sanchez lost to Gov. Rick Perry in the November election. Dan Morales lost to Sanchez in the Democratic primary and ended up endorsing Perry's bid.

Michael Morales, 40, lives in San Antonio and along with brother Ron Morales has won numerous Grammys for producing recordings, including Freddie Fender's 2002

album La Musica de Baldemar Huerta.

Michael and Ron Morales also developed campaign ads for their brother's bid against Sanchez in the Democratic primary last year. They also worked previously on Dan Morales' races for the Legislature and attorney general.

According to published reports, a caller to Sanchez's campaign manager threatened to make public an allegation that Sanchez committed a felony in the 1960s while a law student at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

A spokesman for the Sanchez campaign said the campaign got a call attempting to extort money during the week of an Oct. 9 debate between Sanchez and Perry in Houston.

The alleged illegal activity involving Sanchez was never reported to the police. The matter could not be corroborated adequately, Dan Morales said.

## TEXAS UNION LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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- To meet with major student organizations in order to create long-term collaborations and mutual support;
- To sit as a voting member of the Texas Union Board of Directors;
- To represent the SEC by giving reports at monthly UnionBoard meetings and semi-annual Alumni Advisory Council meetings.

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The Texas Union Board reviews and recommends policies affecting the operation of The Texas Union. The Board has nine voting members: three faculty and six students. Two of the students are elected at large to one-year terms.

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Information and filing materials can be picked up in the Director's Office, Room 4.124 in The Texas Union, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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# Austin chosen as 2004 Capital of Culture

### By Ami Cholia Daily Texan Staff

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Anuj Timblo came to Austin to

study computer science, but his passions lay elsewhere.

"Coming from India, music seemed not only an insecure path, but an illegitimate path, and being in Austin gave me [most] of my confidence," said Timblo, lead guitarist and manager of local fusion band Shadow Box.

Austin artists like Timblo will have an opportunity to be featured next year in an international program.

American Capital of Culture, an international organization that promotes cultural activity, chose Austin as an "American Capital of Culture 2004," along with Santiago, Chile. Austin is the first U.S. city to be given this honor.

The program will include television displays of local artists and musicians that will be seen by millions of viewers in the international audience.

Xavier Tudela, president of the American Capital of Culture, visited Austin Friday to sign an agreement with Mayor Gus Garcia.

Tudela said one of the program's goals is "to contribute to greater knowledge between the people of the American continent, at the same time respecting the cultural and regional diversity and highlighting the common cultural heritage."

Garcia hopes this award will help Austin participate in a larger international community.

"Austin's declaration as an American Capital of Culture for the year 2004 will help us share our creativity with the rest of the western hemisphere," Garcia said. "Many people from throughout the world come here as a result of some of the beauty that we have in this community, some of the culture."

He said no new funding will be contributed to arts programs as a result of this awarded title.

"We have a more decentralized kind of cultural environment in Austin," Garcia said. "We want these kinds of cultural activities to involve as many people so that resources can actually be energized to do the things they do well."

Garcia said the city is currently funding many programs, such as the George Washington Carver Museum, the Mexic-Arte Museum and the Long Center for Performing Arts.

However, Timblo doubts the ability of the city to effectively coordinate with the artistic community.

"A capitalistic society does not know how to grasp art," Timblo said. "Since art is such an intangible thing, politicians don't see the effect it has on people."



However, Nikki Rowling, co-founder and program director for the Austin Music Foundation, hopes this award will spur further cooperation between the city and local artists. "The economy has affected national funding for the arts, and,

unfortunately, Austin has been on the receiving end of that, although we are fortunate to have a city council that is trying to support music initiative," Rowling said.

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## NASA tries to recruit astronaut teachers in new program

### By Marcia Dunn **Associated Press**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -With the widows of three of the Challenger astronauts looking on, NASA launched a program Tuesday to recruit more teachers as astronauts and get more youngsters interested in science and math.

"One of the things I'm going to say when I'm in space is what I'm going to say right now to all of you students and teachers," said educator-astronaut Barbara Morgan, who was the backup for Christa McAuliffe on that frigid, fateful morning of Jan. 28, 1986. "I'm going to say, 'Come on up. We want you to follow us."

Morgan, 51, will fly to the international space station in November aboard Columbia, the shuttle now circling Earth on a 16-day research mission. She quit her Idaho teaching job in 1998 to move to Houston and join NASA's astronaut corps.

NASA plans to choose three to six teachers for its next astronaut class, the Class of 2004, and launch at least one of them a year beginning in late 2005 or early 2006. The educator-astronauts will be eligi-

ble for multiple space shuttle flights and even long stays aboard the international space station.

The widows of Challenger's commander, Dick Scobee, and astronauts Ronald McNair and Gregory Jarvis were in the audience at Hardy Middle School in Washington as NASA put out the call for more educator-astronauts. NASA broadcast the event live on television and the Internet.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said the space agency wants to recruit more teachers like Morgan, who has a biology degree from Stanford University

and taught second- and thirdgrade.

> NASA will accept applications until April 30 from teachers of kindergarten through 12th-grade who have bachelor's degrees in education, math, science or a science-related discipline, and who have taught for at least three of the past four years. Candidates must be U.S. citizens and must be able to pass NASA medical exams.

> The pay is sure to attract the attention of teachers: The starting salary for educator-astronauts is between \$51,000 and \$95,000 a year.

# **Texas Tech faces** appeals court

University denies all allegations of discrimination By Teresa Lo

### Daily Texan Staff

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is expected to decide in February on a sexual discrimination case against Texas Tech University.

Two former School of Pharmacy faculty members, Lucinda Miller and Elaine King-Miller, filed a sexual discrimination lawsuit for the denial of tenure against Texas Tech University in November 2000. Both women claim the university ensured they could apply for early tenure, but when they did two years later, it was denied to them and awarded to another less experienced male co-worker.

"It is not fair to hire doctors, promise them tenure and not give it to them later on," said Mary Jean Corbet, president of the American Association of University Women. "Dr. King-Miller even had tenure at the previous university she taught at. The entire situation was not handled in the right way."

The AAUW has contributed \$25,000 to the plaintiffs' cause.

"The support from the AAUW, which comprises of about 15,000 women, has given the case national coverage," King-Miller said.

Last December, Texas Tech attorneys presented arguments to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to appeal U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson's ruling that the university could be sued for discrimination. The lawyers said the university could not be sued because state agencies are granted immunity from federal laws under the 11th Amendment,

regarding lawsuits against states.

Former Texas Attorney General and current U.S. Sen. John Cornyn also supported the university by filing a brief stating the institution is immune from the federal disability lawsuit.

However, the U.S. Department of Justice declared that state institutions are not immune because, under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, institutions that receive federal aid are prohibited from discriminating practices.

Similar cases in other states have placed state institutions under the authority of federal law. A similar case that was appealed in New York courts found that the state of New York was not above federal law and must follow the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"That the very fact this case reached the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals implies it is a very strong case," King-Miller said.

Past history has shown that nine previously related cases heard before the circuit courts of appeals have failed.

Kevin Russell, an attorney from the civil rights division of the Justice Department representing U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, said if the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Texas Tech, funding for all other Texas institutions could be hurt, including the University of Texas.

Earlier this year, Texas Tech hired an outside consultant to investigate discrimination charges in the law school, but did not do the same in the pharmacy school despite four charges of discrimination, including the pending suit.

A spokeswoman for Texas Tech denied all allegations that the university has ever used discriminatory practices.

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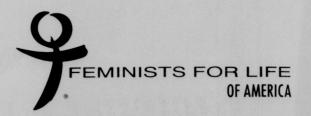


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## Donors seek to open inauguration

### **COST, FROM 1**

extra tickets and VIP passes when they donate huge sums to inaugurations. They suggest that donors may receive political favors in return for seemingly philanthropic behavior.

"I don't think those are the kind of people that spend money without expecting a return on their investment, and I think it sends a very bad signal when we're facing a huge budget deficit," said Reggie James, director of Consumers Union Southwest.

Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, said the inauguration should be paid for by taxpayers to ensure there is no political favoritism.

[Corporate sponsors] illustrate who is in control of Texas government," McDonald said.

"They have dozens, if not hundreds, of legislative issues at the statehouse every year, and contributions like this help give them access to those who can help with that agenda."

"[Corporate sponsors] illustrate who is in control of Texas government."

Craig McDonald, **Director of Texans for Public Justice** 

Donors denied any ulterior motive to their inaugural money-giving, saying they wanted to give back to Texans. "One of the reasons we feel it's important is that the money

goes to really broadening the inauguration, opening it to more people and making it a more public ceremony," said Bob Davis, spokesman for ExxonMobil, a \$25,000 donor.

Sandy Fruhman, Reliant Energy's director of public communications, said her company was "contributing to the political process" and did not expect anything in return for the donation, which was also \$25,000.

The gold and silver underwriters - companies that donated \$50,000 or \$25,000 respectively - also included the tobacco giant Philip Morris and the aerospace and defense manufacturer and contractor Boeing Company. Ten thousand inaugural ball tickets at \$65 a piece also helped pay for the day's events.

## UT not facing crisis, finance officer says

### **ENDOWMENTS, FROM 1**

percent drop. The NACUBO Endowment Study is an annual survey of higher education institutions who volunteer to report their endowment holdings. Participating in the 2002 NES were 654 higher education institutions, including the UT system.

Boldt said that the loss in endowment value is a reflection of the larger economic environment.

"Being down 3 or 6 percent at a time when the equity markets [are down by 18 percent] is a relative victory for the endowment funds," Boldt said.

The sharpest drop was 19.8 percent, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The UT System reported \$8.6 billion in endowment assets in 2002-the third highest behind Harvard and Yale University, respectively, according to a NACUBO report.

Keith Brown, a UT finance professor, said endowment money is generally used for

investment, and returns on that investment are used for funding. However, difficulty arises when endowment returns fall short of budget expectations.

"If we have a bad year, then that takes away money they [college officials] were counting on to pay the bills," Brown said. Brown said that higher educa-

tion income comes from tuition, state taxes, investment returns and endowment funds. He said that when state funds are limited, as in the current budget shortfall, higher education institutions need to rely more on endowments.

Sue Leander, director of endowment services for the University, said that scholarships and faculty support depend the most heavily on endowment income. She said the University currently has 3,600 endowments.

"Essentially these endowments help us recruit, reward and retain outstanding faculty," Leander said. "Endowments give us a margin of excellence." Leander said the Board of

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Regents determines any reductions in endowment fund payout rates. She also said that she does not foresee a reduction due to a few years of lowered market value.

Kevin Hegarty, the University's chief financial officer, said that it is still early to be concerned about budget cuts related to the lowered endowment values.

Hegarty said conservative endowment pay rates set by the board serve as a "cushion" in the endowment fund. Because pay rates remained conservative even during years with higher endowment value, a year of lowered endowment value would not have an immediate impact, Hegarty said.

"Just because the endowment is down doesn't mean the pay rate is less," Hegarty said. "It's not like we're facing a budget crisis.

University gifts and endowments for fiscal year 2002-2003 are at \$130 million, which constitutes about 16 percent of the total budget.

# Food, fighter jets highlight Perry's inauguration festivities

### PERRY, FROM 1

budget shortfall so large, a challenge that both Perry and Dewhurst promised would be resolved during their terms in office.

"Much has been made of our so-called 'revenue shortfall,' but that term resonates only in Austin where even \$100 billion budgets are called insufficient," Perry said. "All the answers may not be found this session, but we will work until they are found, and these issues will be addressed during this administration."

Unlike his low-key inauguration two years ago, the day's events were filled with inaugural pomp and circumstance, including an arching saber entrance, four F-16 fighter jets zooming over the Capitol dome and a 19gun salute following Perry's oath of office. Numerous public officials and dignitaries were also on hand to witness the ceremony, including U.S Secretary of Education Rod Paige, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, former U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm and three Mexican governors.

"I thought that they were emotionally moving and kept you close to what they were saying it was very special," said Lauren Avery of Stafford, who came up on a bus sponsored by state Sen. Kyle Janek. "They said all the right things," Richard added. her husband

Following the ceremony, 12,000 hungry bystanders were treated to a Texas-size barbecue buffet prepared on the south lawn of the Capitol by the inaugural veterans, Eddie Deen Catering. The company, which has now cooked at three gubernatorial inaugurations, prepared 12,000 pounds of barbecue, 15,000 homemade rolls and enough ranch-style beans to make sure everyone was satisfied.

"The food was great," said Kelly Ward, an LBJ School of Public Affairs graduate student. "My favorite was the Earl Campbell smoked sausage, the venison and the mini-pies - the five mini-pies."

The UT Longhorn Band and the UT-Pan American in Edinburgh Mariachi Band hit the

pavement late afternoon for the inaugural parade that traveled down Congress Avenue to the Capitol. Other bands, dance teams and participants representing the far reaches of Texas were also a big hit with spectators.

"It's good how they took highschool bands from all around the state," said Charles Clymer, 16, of Round Rock.

The day was capped off when 10,000 celebrants converged on the Austin Convention Center Thursday evening for the inaugural ball. This is the first time in more than a decade the party has been held under one roof. Headliners included Robert Earl Keen, Clay Walker and Sixpence None the Richer.

Excitement over the festivities seemed to outweigh any looming fears of budget-crunch days ahead.

"It's Texas' day," said Carrol Lackey of Fort Worth. "We've started our new governor's term in office, and we're looking forward to it.'

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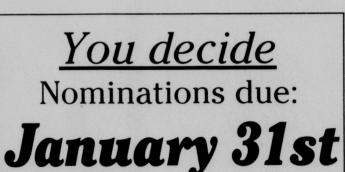
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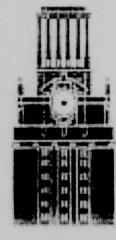
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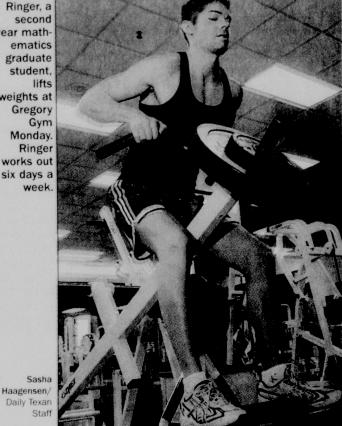
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Nathanael Ringer, a second year mathematics graduate student. lifts weights at



### By Lori Slaughenhoupt and Casey Zertuche Daily Texan Staff

When the ball drops, the New Year's resolutions begin. As 2003 progresses, however, many are quickly broken.

According to a poll sponsored by General Nutrition Centers, 38 percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions to lose weight, and 55 percent promise to eat healthier. Like those Americans, some UT students make it a goal to get healthy and lose weight. For students looking to get fit and interested in learning about healthy lifestyle choices, the University offers a variety of programs.

University Health Services offers two programs geared toward improving students' lifestyles. The NEW You program is a combination of nutrition, alternative exercise and emotional responses toward health. The second program is a non-diet weight management program that provides a variety of ways to attain a healthy lifestyle.

"[NEW You] is a three-pronged approach," Monica Krygowski, a registered dietician at UHS, said. "It's a hands-on approach, which makes it pretty unique for a weight management class. The focus is on what you should and shouldn't eat and what habits you need to cultivate to have a healthy body for your whole life."

Though the programs offer different information, the underlying purpose is learning how to manage a healthy lifestyle. Krygowski said she sees the programs as skills classes rather than dieting classes.

"The focus [of the programs] is not primarily on changing a body to fit an image," she said. "Rather, the focus is on helping you establish long-term healthy habits around food and exercise and the way you think about yourself.'

Choosing a program is up to the student Krygowski said. If a student is looking for a classroom setting, the non-diet weight management program can fulfill his or her needs.

The NEW You program has changed some students' outlook on fitness and health. Britt Dean, an ecology junior, said she was always trying to lose weight, so she enrolled in the program and learned patience.

"It takes a while ... It's a life change, and it takes a long time to accomplish all your goals, but it's going to happen if you do all the stuff that [the instructors] tell you to do," Dean said.

Along with UHS, RecSports provides students with exercise information through the NEW You program and offers students other opportunities to change their lifestyles, from fitness/wellness classes to personal trainers.

"We have 10 certified professional trainers that people can sign up with for a one-on-one session," Jennifer Speer, a fitness/wellness director, said. "Then we have kinesiology student trainers. People apply to get 10 sessions for \$60, but not everyone is selected [for the sessions]. We hold two sessions every semester."

The beginning of a semester means that more students will go to the RecSports facilities to take advantage of programs and equipment, Spears said. However, as the semester continues, fewer students will attend fitness/wellness classes.

"The number of people through the door is up," Speers said. "Semester classes are packed, but in the fall and spring semesters, there is no difference [in the number of students]. If anything, there are more students in the weight room."

As a participant of the NEW You program last semester, Scott Hanna, a graduate student in the LBJ School of Public Affairs, offered advice for students interested in a healthy lifestyle.

"I don't think anyone with an open mind is going to have a bad experience," he said. "You have to want to be looking to change; most [important] is your willingness to change. Having made that decision, [the program's] going to be really helpful."

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### **Fitness Tips**

· Start slow. Students are getting back from holiday break, and they are either starting to exercise again or just beginning too quickly.

. Know what you want to do. Some people have no idea what they want to accomplish. Choose a goal, whether it's being able to climb a flight of stairs without being winded or increasing endurance.

Be educated. It's important to know which exercises and fad diets work and which do not.

· Lift weights. Weight training is good for those who want to boost metabolism.

· Realize it's a lifestyle. Make exercising and healthy choices a decision.



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Billy Bob

Jessica Smith, a UT business alumna, and Shandy Smith, a kinesiology senior, test avocados in the produce section of the HEB located in the Hancock Center, Monday.

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### 'CHUCKY' MAKES ARRIVAL

After being absent from Monday's press conference, Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden arrived in San Diego. Page 12

### **COMING TOMORROW**

Texan sports previews Texas baseball's annual alumni game, which will be played Saturday at Disch-Falk Field.

# Big 12 a hot spot for basketball talent

Okla. State shining in early goings of conference play

### By Jason McDaniel Daily Texan Staff

In November, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma looked like favorites in the Big 12. All three were top 5 in the preseason AP Poll, with the Sooners at No. 3. But after the first two weeks of Conference play, it's the team from Stillwater, Okla. - not Norman leading the pack.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys have ridden their 12-game winning streak, currently the NCAA's longest, to a 14-1 record, 3-0 in Big 12 action, and jumped to No. 13. Along the way they've beaten two ranked opponents: in-state rival Sooners and the Missouri Tigers.

Texas is also undefeated in Big 12 action, at 3-0. The fourth ranked Longhorns have relied on depth and a tough defense to tally seven consecutive victories.

Meanwhile, after a slow 3-3 start, the Kansas Jayhawks have risen to No. 6, racking up 10

consecutive wins and three convincing conference victories. And the Sooners pulled an overtime victory with a stellar performance from Hollis Price, that was, well - priceless.

Will Kansas repeat last year's record-setting performance, going 16-0 again en route to a secondconsecutive conference title? Will T.J. Ford guide the Longhorns to their first title since 1999? Or will one of the teams from Oklahoma bring the state its first Big 12 Championship?

The answers won't come until March 13 when the Phillips 66 Big 12 Tournament begins in Dallas. In the meantime, here is a look at what the top half of the Big 12 has done so far.

### **Oklahoma State**

The Cowboys appear to have the Sooners lassoed. In a hardfought defensive battle, a last second shot from senior guard Victor Williams decided the game

With just under five seconds, Williams sank a short bank shot to give the Cowboys a 48-46 victory. The shot appeared to come after the 35-second shot clock

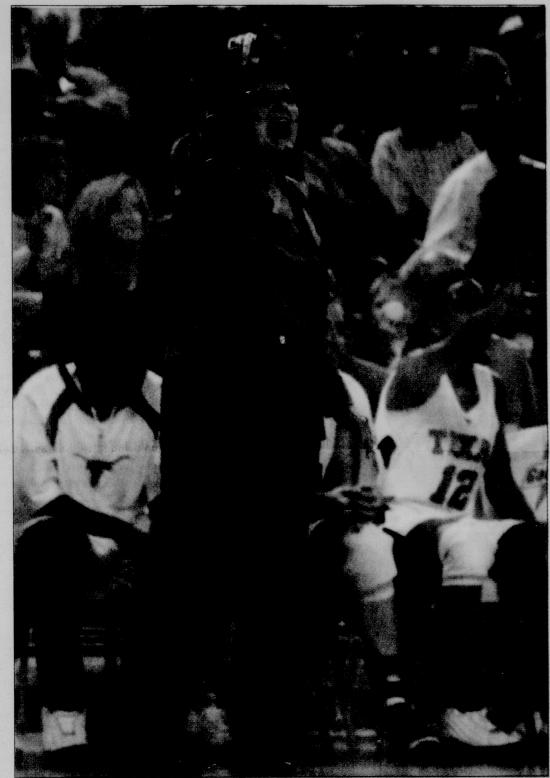
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Hollis Price is the leader of an Oklahoma squad that is ranked in the top 10 and in contention for a Big 12 Conference Title. The Sooners have never won a Big 12 title.

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# **Conradt reaches toward history**



Only the Texas Tech Raiders stand between Conradt and 800, but she's only thinking W's

### By Lorne Chan

Daily Texan Staff

There are milestones in sports that define greatness.

Jody Conradt is one win away from a milestone that will elevate her past the status of legend to a title as one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time. With her 800th win, she will ascend to the top of basketball's Mount Olympus, joining only six others in all of college basketball. But Conradt isn't counting.

Conradt doesn't have the time to

care about her individual accomplishments. She is entirely focused on winning Texas' fifth conference game of the season, not the 800th of her career.

"I want this team to contend for a conference championship, and that's the focus," Conradt said.

Conradt's attitude toward 800 wins is much like her attitude concerning basketball: Throw out the numbers, the stats and the distractions. Pure sport is what attracts Conradt, and her focus rests singularly on the players.

"There have been so many moments, but what I remember most are the individuals that I had the opportunity to coach, and be a part of their lives and their development," Conradt said.

As Conradt is about to

She has wandered into a room with a television, and her eyes are

now locked in on the screen, watch-

ing a women's basketball game a

that it's basketball, and she has the

passion for the game. After 34 years of coaching, she is still a student and

"This game is my passion,"

She is watching because of the fact

nowhere to be found.

thousand miles away.

a fan of the game.

Conradt said.

"When I started out, I was hired to teach, and coaching was something that I volunteered to do. People sav that I would do this, even if I didn't get paid for it, and I can prove that I actually would."

Her career began in 1969 at Sam Houston State University. Humble wouldn't begin to describe her start as a coach in Huntsville where she taught seven classes and coached three sports.

"In Huntsville, there was nothing much else to do, so I might as well be working," Conradt said.

She would coach in Huntsville and at the University of Texas-Arlington until 1976, when she accepted a job at the University.

The University found a coach who immediately looked to turn the program into a women's basketball powerhouse. In her first year as coach, Conradt's team won 15 more games than they had the year before.

"She's really built up this program into a great place to play basketball," senior Tai Dillard said. Great coaching skills produce great players.

What has followed in the past three decades is a list of feats that is long enough to make the world of basketball stand in awe.

Her 183-game conference-winning streak is the longest, her undefeated season was the first, and no

Kelly West/Associated Press: Photo Illustration by Thomas Meredith/Daily Texan

### other coach has produced three for an interview, she is suddenly national players of the year.

Even in a sport that is rapidly changing year after year, Conradt has remarkably sustained a career that continually produces winning.

"She wants to win," associate head coach Karen Aston said. "Some coaches are stubborn, but she's been willing to change things as the game has changed for the program to be successful."

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## Despite coaching milestone that hinges on this victory, the Longhorns are focused on just the win

### By Lorne Chan

Daily Texan Staff

For coach Jody Conradt to win game No. 800 at home, the Texas Longhorns will need to plow through the red and black wall that is Texas Tech.

No. 7 Texas Tech will be one of the toughest opponents that No. 17 Texas has faced. The Red Raiders are tied with the Longhorns for the Big 12 lead with an undefeated 4-0 record, and have amassed a 15-1 record for the season.

The rivalry between the two teams has reached a fevered pitch in recent years. Although Texas (11-4, 4-0 Big 12) leads the alltime series 47-18, they are actually 12-18 against Tech in the last 30 matchups.

'We're tied with Tech for the conference lead, and in order to get here we want to go, we need a win," Conradt said.

been a factor in the conference race, and it's always something that our fans really get into, since they're one of our rivals," she said.

Texas Tech is led by forward/center Plenette Pierson, a force to be reckoned with in the paint. Pierson leads the team in both points and rebounds, averaging 17.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

Tech has an inside presence similar to that of the Baylor Bears, who Texas was able to shut down on Saturday for a 70-50 win.

"We'll try to defend Tech the same way that we did against Baylor," forward Heather Schreiber said. "They both have really good inside games.

"Tech might be a little more athletic, but we have to go with the same mentality as we did against Baylor of trying to deny them the ball

"It's a big game for us because it's always inside as much as possible," Schreiber said.

Although the game is already a battle between two basketball titans, the game itself is overshadowed by Conradt's attempt to win her 800th game. Overlooking the matchup is the very thing Conradt is afraid of.

"I think it would be short-sighted to be focusing on [800] wins," Conradt said. "We would be short-changing a lot of young women that have worked hard."

But the fact of the matter is that the game will be Conradt's only chance to win No. 800 at home for over a week. After the game Wednesday, the team travels for two road games.

"I hope she gets it because we're at home," associate head coach Karen Aston said. "It would be nice for the fans who have been so supportive for so many years to be able to enjoy her win at home.'

To prevent her individual milestone from distracting the team, Conradt has worked toward keeping the team focused on winning another tough conference game.

"There has been a lot of attention, but Coach has done a good job of focusing the attention to us, and telling us that it's about our team," guard Tai Dillard said. "She's not really worried about 800.

Conradt isn't worried about her stats, but facing a heated rival at home will turn the Frank Erwin Center into a pressure cooker.

The battle will resemble their memorable face-off in Austin last year, when Texas came from behind to upset Tech 87-83 in overtime.

They have a lot of good players," Dillard said. "We kind of balance out, and the outcome will be all about intensity and who wants to win the most."

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Before February's exhibition, Rangers stop off in Austin

### **By Clint Hale**

Daily Texan Staff

A handful of Texas Rangers' coaches and players visited Disch-Falk Field Tuesday to promote their upcoming exhibition game with the Texas Longhorns. The game is scheduled for Thur., Feb. 27, at Surprise Stadium in Surprise, Ariz

Rangers' outfielder Kevin Mench, pitcher Todd Van Poppel, third baseman Mark Teixeira and hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo discussed their hopes for the upcoming season and their disappointment in a 2002 Rangers squad that finished last in the American League West Division.

"If we can stay healthy, we will be able to put the team that we want on the field every day," said Van Poppel, who almost signed with the Longhorns as a high school senior in the late 1980s.

"Last year, we just couldn't stay healthy.

The Rangers made a couple of key acquisitions in the offseason, signing free agent pitchers Ismael Valdes and Ugueth Urbina. The Rangers' pitching staff ranked among the league's lowest last season, while its offensive production

ranked among the league's best.

The team lineup is expected to take a hit this season, as catcher Ivan Rodriguez is not expected to return to the team. Rodriguez, who has demanded more money than owner Tom Hicks is willing to spend, is currently entertaining offers from other clubs with minimal results.

"Ivan is going to be sorely missed, because everybody knows that he's a Ranger," Van Poppel said. "Sometimes in baseball you have to move on, and it was his time to do so.'

While one Rodriguez is not

expected to return, another Rodriguez is considered the best player in the game. Rangers' shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who hit .300 last season with 57 home runs and 142 runs batted in, was actually a candidate for most valuable player last season, even though the Rangers had one of the worst records in the league.

But at times, more talk has centered around A-Rod's paycheck than his on-field talents.

Rodriguez signed a 10-year, \$250 million contract with Texas in 2001, making him the highest-paid athlete in any of the four major sports. But because of Rodriguez' contract, the Rangers have had trouble pursuing talented free agents, which is one of the reasons their pitching staff has been one of the worst in the league over the past few years. But Jaramillo said he disagrees

with the notion that the Rangers are mediocre because of their star player's contract.

"Alex Rodriguez is worth every bit of \$250 million," Jaramillo said. "Tom Hicks surely didn't make a mistake giving him that kind of money. There's no doubt that he's the best all-around baseball player in the game."

While it has been tough for the Rangers to sign players as of late, they did get the coach they wanted. Buck Showalter, who enjoyed success as the coach of the New York Yankees and Arizona Diamondbacks in recent years, was signed as Texas' coach in the offseason.

"The big thing about Buck Showalter is that he has a big presence," Jaramillo said. "He's a leader, and showed it when he turned the Yankees and Diamondbacks around. He's proven that he can take a team and turn them into a championship-caliber squad."

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# Gruden doesn't want to be focus of Super Bowl

### By Eddie Pells Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Squinting into the sunlight, glaring down at the reporters, Jon Gruden did his best to be a good sport.

It wasn't easy.

"You guys are killing me," the Tampa Bay coach said when the 50th or 100th or maybe the 1,000th question on the same subject floated his way.

With the Super Bowl approaching, Gruden only wants the story of his strange breakup with his former employee and upcoming opponent, Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders, to disappear into the "rearview mirror."

But rearview mirror stories like Gruden's are what the Super Bowl is all about. And days like Tuesday — Media Day at the biggest single sporting event in America — are what tales like Gruden's are made for.

"I don't try to relive the whole thing," Gruden said. "Sometimes, change is inevitable. Things have gone well since then. Hopefully, we can all continue to have a nice life."

Indeed, they are all having a nice life.

Gruden, the 39-year-old wondercoach, got a raise and expensepaid move to the place where he spent his childhood, Tampa, Fla., to coach the team he always adored, the Buccaneers.

Davis got a king's ransom by NFL standards — two first-round draft choices and two seconds, plus \$8 million in exchange for a guy who will never play a down. Bill Callahan got Gruden's old

job.

The whole gang made it to the Super Bowl — Davis and Oakland for the first time in 19 seasons and the Bucs for the first time ever. And the rest of the football world?

They got Gruden Bowl I, possibly the most intriguing Super Powl soap opera since Broncos coaches of the present and past, Mike Shanahan and Dan Reeves, aired their dirty laundry before the Denver-Atlanta Super Bowl in Miami four years ago.

"I don't have anything to do with it!" annoyed Bucs receiver Keyshawn Johnson said, as he grew weary of the Gruden questions. "I don't care about it. If you want to know about it, just take your notebooks down there and let him deal with that stuff."

Gruden dealt with it, and dealt with it. Occasionally, he'd field a lob about the linebacker or the long snapper or the tight end. Then, he'd deal with it some more.

"The whole thing embarrasses me. That's why I don't want to get too philosophical about this," he said. "I just want this to be a sidebar on the lower-right column of the sports page somewhere."

But this is more than mere sidebar material.

As the story goes, Gruden began to chafe after four years under the yoke of the strongwilled, eccentric Raiders owner.

Gruden had one year left on his contract after last season and made it known he wanted an extension and a raise or he wanted out.

"Bottom line was, Al Davis wasn't going to pay Jon Gruden four or five million dollars," said John Madden, the former Raiders coach-turned-TV analyst.

Gruden also wanted more say in personnel decisions. Davis has always made those calls with the Raiders. Gruden got tired of the perception that Davis was the "real" coach of the team, a stereotype every Raiders coach has fought over the years, thanks to the owner's constant presence at practices and in the locker room.

"Some of you have some of the information, some of you have none of it, some of you have all of it," Gruden said. "You can form your own opinion. I never looked at autonomy as an issue anywhere I've been. I can work with people. At the same time, when it comes to calling plays, when it comes to organizing players, that's the job of a coach."

Some Raiders, like Jerry Rice, loved Gruden. "He's similar to Bill Walsh," Rice said, invoking the name of his first, and beloved, coach with the 49ers. "But life is about choices."

Others, like Jerry Porter, were glad to see him go. "It was confrontation after confrontation with him, and I was always getting mad," he said.

Gruden said he tried hard to have everybody like him.

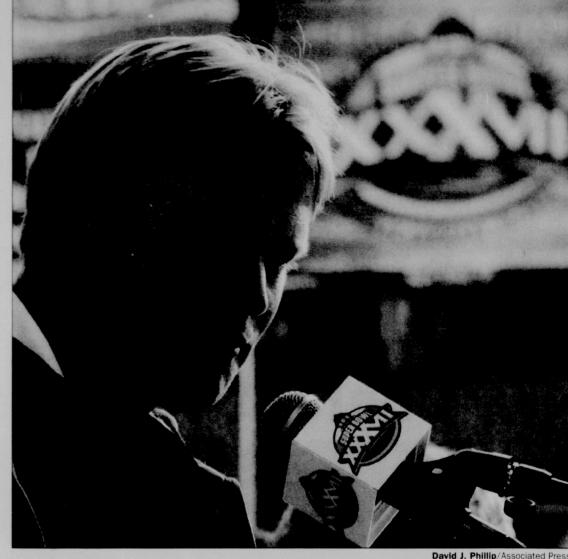
"But there are some people you will just never please," he said. "I expect some of those guys to have some bitterness."

One team's loss is another's gain, and the Bucs are ecstatic about the guy they got.

General manager Rich McKay said they needed a coach who could pump some life into their offense, and they went after him hard.

That's only part of the story. Soon after Tampa Bay fired Tony Dungy last season, they thought they had Bill Parcells to replace him. Parcells reneged.

So, the Bucs turned to Davis and asked him about Gruden. The negotiations never took off. Tampa's coaching search meandered on, with Marvin Lewis, Ralph Friedgen and Steve



Tampa Bay Bucaneers head coach Jon Gruden fields questions Tuesday at Super Bowl media day. Gruden is the former coach of the Oakland Raiders, the team facing Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII Sunday.

Mariucci getting into the mix.

But eventually, the search came back to Gruden. The Bucs went back to Davis, made a deal, and McKay says there are no regrets about giving up so much to get him.

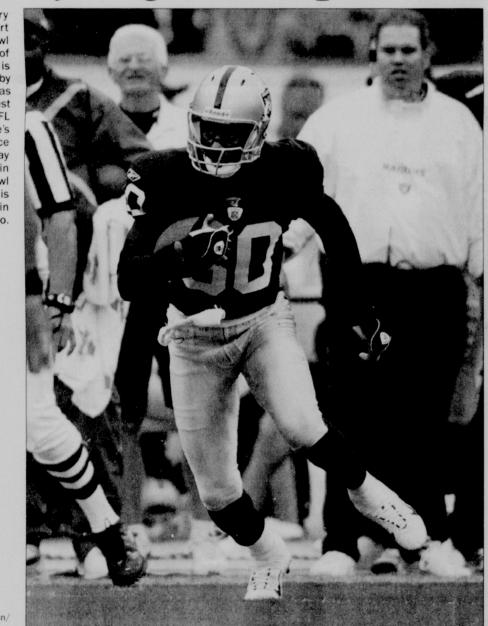
"If you find the guy who fits your team, and exactly what your needs are, then you've got to get that guy. Period," McKay insists.

Now reviled in Oakland, and loved in Tampa, Gruden insists he has only respect for Davis, and only good memories about his days with the Raiders. "I don't like getting into the

whole thing," he said. "My contract was running out. I got traded. Hopefully, in four or five years, we'll all be friends."

# Rice eyeing 4th Super Bowl ring as Raiders face Bucs

Oakland's Jerry Rice will start in the Pro Bowl at the age of 40. He is regarded by most critics as the best receiver in NFL history. Rice's Raiders face Tampa Bay Sunday in Super Bowl XXXVII, which is



*Future Hall of Famer looks for first title with Oakland* 

### By Greg Beacham Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jerry Rice sees no reason why his fourth trip to the Super Bowl should be his last. As long as Rice is fast enough "Pretty much everybody had put me out to pasture," Rice said. "I don't want to say, 'I told you so,' but if you challenge me, watch out. This is just my second year in Oakland, and I'm back here already. I don't see myself slowing down at all."

He's still tough enough to be smiling and injury-free after a season of pounding. He was an integral part of the NFL's most potent offense, which is focused on Rice and his fellow receivers. He credits his longevity to long summer conditioning sessions at Stanford Stadium near his home - and a feverish work ethic he learned during his Mississippi childhood. "When you get old, what you lose is the ability to recover," Rice said. "You can always get out there and run around, but when guys retire, it's usually because they can't take getting beat up.

Coach Jon Gruden made him a starter last season — and this fall, in the three-receiver sets favored by new coach Bill Callahan and offensive coordinator Marc Trestman, he has been the most important threat in the league's most prolific passing offense.

"This is unique, because I've never played on a team where we almost had to throw the ball every down," Rice said. "In our first four games this season, Tim and I had to tell Bill, 'Run the ball, please!' We're a little tired from running downfield all the time."

being held in San Diego.

Elaine Thompson/ Associated Press

### and strong enough to get back up after they catch him — the Oakland Raiders' 40-year-old wonder will keep playing the game he loves.

"No, this is not my last game," Rice said Tuesday. "I'm not looking that far down the road. I still enjoy it, and if my body continues to hold up, I'm going to keep plaving."

As Oakland prepares for Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Rice is at the culmination of his remarkable two-season comeback with the Raiders.

He set every significant NFL receiving record during 16 seasons with the 49ers, winning three Super Bowls and the 1989 MVP award in the game.

The Niners gave up on him, but Raiders owner Al Davis thought there was life in Rice's old legs. He was right.

With 36-year-old Tim Brown and rising star Jerry Porter by his side, Rice caught 92 passes for 1,211 yards this season to earn his 13th trip to the Pro Bowl. "I'm blessed because I get really tired and beaten up, but I don't have trouble getting back up again. I'm just starting to get my second wind. I'm ready to go."

Rice seethed during his final seasons in San Francisco, when he felt the Niners tried to develop young players at the expense of a veteran who could still play. It's the same complaint voiced by Bill Romanowski, Rod Woodson and several of the Raiders' veterans who arrived in Oakland motivated by being rejected.

But not even Rice imagined the responsibility he has taken in his two seasons with the Raiders. When the Raiders face Tampa Bay's vaunted secondary on Sunday, all three Oakland receivers will face their toughest challenge of the playoffs. Trestman, who coached Rice during a short tenure as San Francisco's offensive coordinator, consults his two veteran receivers on game plans.

Trestman hasn't made a single concession based on Rice's age simply because Rice is almost exactly the same player Trestman coached in San Francisco.

"I'm probably the luckiest person in the world," Trestman said. "You stand out there on the sideline for practice, and the first person who runs out there is Jerry Rice. He and Tim Brown are sitting in the front row when you're installing your offense. It's amazing to have that opportunity."

# Agassi, V. Williams cruise into Australian Open semifinals

### By John Pye Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Venus Williams slammed sizzling aces. Andre Agassi executed precision serves.

Both advanced to the Australian Open semifinals Tuesday as Williams moved one match closer to another showdown with sister Serena, and Agassi neared a fourth title in this Grand Slam event.

After fans loudly called some of her shots out, Williams responded with a burst of winners midway through the first set of her 6-4, 6-3 victory over seventh-seeded Daniela Hantuchova.

She will meet fifth-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne in the semifinal. The Belgian beat Virginia Ruano Pascual 6-2, 6-2.

Agassi enjoyed another stressfree match – a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 win over France's Sebastien Grosjean. He next plays Wayne Ferreira in the semifinals. The South African upset fourth-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-1. Venus Williams made the most of her serve, hitting six aces at speeds up to 125 mph.

"I was surprised when I saw that speed," she said. "I got a bit distracted, so I said, 'Venus, focus back on the match.""

She's been concentrating on accuracy over speed since producing the fastest recorded serve in women's tennis: 127 mph in 1998. But her booming serve had her thinking of changing tactics.

"Now I'm going to start trying to see if I can serve it even bigger than the record," Williams said.

Williams got match point with a backhand crosscourt winner on the run, losing her earring in the process. She replaced the jewelry, composed herself and won on the next point when Hantuchova sent a backhand long.

Venus gave Hantuchova room to maneuver. She had five double faults and 32 unforced errors. She also dropped a service game in each set.

"I was fortunate to get through," said Williams, seeded second.

"I don't think Daniela played as well as she wanted to today."

Henin-Hardenne, who tumbled to the court with leg cramps in a three-and-a-half-hour fourth-round win over Lindsay Davenport on Sunday, dropped her opening service game and trailed 2-0 before winning eight in a row.

"I've played a lot of close matches against Venus. I believe in my chances, and I will go on court to win the match," said Henin-Hardenne, who lost to Williams in the 2001 Wimbledon final.

A semifinal win by Williams could set up a fourth consecutive Grand Slam final against her sister. Serena faces Meghann Shaughnessy in a Wednesday quarterfinal and is aiming for a fourth consecutive major to complete her "Serena Slam."

Agassi didn't serve faster than 117 mph in beating Grosjean and advancing to the semis of a Grand Slam tournament for the 23rd time.

Agassi, seeded second, hasn't lost a match at Melbourne Park since 1999. He has dropped just one set in this tournament — against Nicolas Escude in the third round.

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heat works to his advantage. "It helps that it's January," he said. "I think a lot of players take a break at the end [of the year]. That's where I learned to prepare and come here ready."

The 32-year-old American worked Grosjean around the court and increased the tempo at the decisive moments.

In the eighth game of the second set, Agassi trailed 30-0 on Grosjean's serve. He reeled off consecutive backhand winners and forced back-to-back errors to clinch the set.

Grosjean, seeded 12th, was coming off a five-set win over Felix Mantilla in which he rallied from two sets down. He had played three and a half hours longer in his previous matches than Agassi.

Grosjean, an Australian Open semifinalist in 2001, couldn't match the consistency, timing or intensity of the seven-time Grand Slam champion.

"He never dropped his level," Grosjean said. "Ilost against a great Agassi today."

Grosjean made only 47 percent of his first serves.

"It was really tough because I had no serve," Grojean said. "When you're up against the best returner of serve in the world, you're in trouble."

Ferreira, playing in his 49th consecutive Grand Slam, advanced to his first Grand Slam semifinal since the 1992 Australian Open. He set up his second match point with a forehand winner and won with an inside-out forehand.

Ferrero, runner-up at the last French Open, struggled with his forehand and couldn't combat the relentless groundstrokes of his 31year-old opponent.

Ferreira put only 53 percent of his first serves into play, but had 46 winners to 30 by Ferrero.

"I played so well from the back and hit my backhand so well, so that helped me out from my bad serving," he said.

Ferrero said he lost his confidence after squandering breaks in the first two sets and losing both in tiebreakers.

"Losing the first two sets 7-6, 7-6, it's very tough to come back," he said. "Tennis is like this."

Agassi said if he wins the Australian Open he wants wife Steffi Graf to play mixed doubles with him at the French Open. Graf retired in 1999, weeks after winning at Roland Garros. Agassi has been practicing with Graf — for years the No. 1 player — and says her game is strong.

"You think I'm an inspiration at 32, you should see her at 33," Agassi said. "She always wins ... the problem is, I can't keep my eye on the ball."

In the fourth round Monday, No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt's hope of becoming the first Australian men's champion in this event since 1976 vanished under a barrage of aces by Younes El Aynaoui.

# Conradt looks for 800th victory

**BIG 12, FROM 11** 

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expired, much to the chagrin of

Oklahoma head coach Kelvin

Next, the Cowboys stunned

No. 11 Missouri on national tel-

76-56,

Williams' season high 24 points

and another stifling defensive

performance. It was the 11th

time OSU held its opponent to less than 62 points this season.

Defense again bailed out the Cowboys Tuesday. Two clutch

three pointers, by Baylor's

Kenny Taylor and Lawrence Roberts, sent the game into

overtime. But after OSU's

defense denied the Bears a shot

with three seconds left in the

extra period, Williams iced the

game with a free throw to give

conference player of the week

on Monday for single-handed-ly corralling the Cowboys into

Javhawk coach Roy Williams

notched his 400th career victo-

ry by beating Wyoming 98-70 Jan. 15 in Kansas. Williams

became the fourth fastest coach

in Division I history to reach

400 wins, needing just 496

Kansas opened Big 12 play by

beating Iowa State and Nebraska

by a combined 62 points. After

Wyoming, the Jayhawks squared

off against rival Kansas State. For

the 25th consecutive time, Kansas

was victorious, winning 81-64

behind senior Kirk Hinrich's 26

points on 9-of-18 shooting.

Kansas has won a Big 12-record

23 consecutive conference games.

12 player of the week Dec. 23,

is averaging 17.3 points per game and shooting three-pointers at just under 50 per-

cent to lead the Big 12 for the

feeling knowing that he's out

there on the court playing for

'It's an awfully comfortable

The Longhorns' relied on

defense to build a 9-2 non-con-

ference record, holding nine

third consecutive year.

my team," Williams said.

Texas

Hinrich, who was named Big

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games to get there.

Kansas

Williams was named Big 12

the Cowboys the 67-64 win.

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### **CONRADT, FROM 11**

The sport has continued change in part thanks to Conradt, who was a pioneer in women's basketball. A female coach even before Title IX, Conradt said that what's more surprising than the growth of her win total is the growth of the sport as a whole.

"The fact that I'm still coaching and going for 800 is shocking, but a bigger surprise is how much visibility women's basketball has, and the fan base it has.

"I would not have been able to predict how much this sport has grown, but it is a great time to be a part of women's basketball.

Conradt is a part of women's basketball as much as women's basketball is a part of her.

Walking back from watching the basketball game, Conradt is about to sit down when she has to excuse herself again.

"Sorry," she says. "I just need to get them to do something down the court."

Conradt turns back around to lend guidance, as she has done now in four different decades.

She is not able to get away from coaching even when she tries, always keeping at least one eye on every movement of her players.

"I look forward every day to coming to practice and teaching," Conradt said.

"Coaching is teaching, and I work with a highly skilled and highly motivated group of students. Anyone who loves to teach and loves young people would enjoy that environment.'

To remain a successful coach for so long requires mounds of different elements, characteristics and intangibles. A proper mix of the right qualities is necessary, and cannot be traced to just one.

"Anytime you've been in the game as long as Jody has, you have to maintain a level of consistency," Aston said.

"Consistency is needed with how you handle everything opponents below 40 percent shooting, but the offense has taken over now.

Texas undefeated in Big 12 play

Though they struggled early, especially against zone defenses, the Longhorns have averaged 80.3 points in the first three conference games and shot 50 percent from the floor.

Six players reached double digits in scoring in a 70-50 win over Iowa State to open league play. T.J Ford, Brandon Mouton and James Thomas are all averaging better than 10 points. Head coach Rick Barnes earned his 100th career victory against Baylor.

At one point before halftime in that game, the Bears were up by 11 points. But a 16-1 run late in the first half, spurred by seven points from Mouton and Ford's highlight-reel putback slam off a missed three-pointer, put the Longhorns ahead for good. Mouton and Ford both finished with 18, but Ford also had eight crucial assists and one of the biggest dunks of his life.

"That [dunk] was the first one in my college career that actually counts, but that wasn't the biggest thing I did," Ford said. "The biggest key was getting the other guys involved." Texas routed in-state rival

Texas A&M Saturday, 89-61, at a sold-out Erwin Center, with Ford going for a career-high 25 points.

### Oklahoma

The 48-46 loss to Oklahoma State was a tough one for the Sooners to swallow, but they rebounded with a 70-60 victory over Iowa State.

Forward Kevin Bookout was named Phillips 66 Big 12 Rookie of the Week Monday. The 6-foot-8-inch freshman averaged 15 points a game last week on 72 percent shooting from the field.

Hollis Price scored 31 points in the victory over the Cyclones with a career high nine treys. But he wasn't done there. Price racked up 10 of the last 12 Sooner points in regulation, and five more in the extra period, to overcome a gutsy performance by Tech's Kasib Powell, and give OU the 69-64

overtime win. The senior guard has helped lead the Sooners to an 11-3 overall record.

Oklahoma is another Big 12 school that relies heavily on stingy defense to win games. The Sooners have held their last 10 opponents to an average 38 percent shooting and less than 57 points.

### **Texas Tech**

Senior Forward Powell scored 26 points for the Red Raiders as Texas Tech knocked off Baylor 80-64 on Saturday. The win was a 40-point differential swing from Tech's 44-68 loss at Kansas State to open Big 12 play.

The victory was the 798th of head coach Bob Knight's career. Knight has four seasons with 30 or more victories including the perfect season (32-0) by the Indians Hoosiers in 1975-1976 season.

"I really have not given it any thought. People have asked me about that, and I simply say I can remember the first game that my team ever won. I have no idea who we beat at any 100, 500, 700 along the way. That's just never really meant anything to me."

Knight was denied No. 799 in Norman, despite 19 points from Powell. Price hit an offbalance, high-arcing prayer at the buzzer to give Oklahoma the 69-64 win Monday night against the Red Raiders and prolong Knight's wait for 800.

### Missouri

Two back-to-back road losses against ranked teams, 69-76 to No. 25 Syracuse and 56-76 to No. 24 Oklahoma State, have dropped the Tigers to No. 21 on The Associated Press Poll.

Second-leading scorer Ricky Clemons missed Sat.'s game with OSU after being charged Friday with second-degree assault against a 20-year-old woman. Clemons has denied the charges and head coach Quinn Snyder says he will play against Iowa State today.

### **BIG 12 POWER POLL**

### 1. Oklahoma State Cowboys (14-1, 3-0 Big 12)

The Cowboys have ridden to the top by beating two ranked opponents, including the rival Sooners, and trounced the Aggies in College Station. 2. Kansas Jayhawks (13-3, 3-0)

The Jayhawks have won their conference games by an average of 26 points and are trying to repeat as Big 12 champs.

### 3. Texas Longhorns (12-2, 3-0)

Outstanding play by T.J. Ford has helped the Longhorns improve their offense just in time for conference play.

4. Oklahoma Sooners (12-3, 3-1)

The Sooners scraped by Tech in OT Monday and remain in the AP Top 10. 5. Texas Tech Red Raiders (11-3, 1-2)

Junior Andre Emmit leads a dangerous Red Raider offense that took OU to OT with 21.6 ppg

6. Missouri Tigers (10-3, 1-1)

Injuries and Clemons' suspension have really hurt the Tigers after winning 10 of their first 11 contests.

7. Colorado Buffaloes (11-5, 1-2)

The Buffaloes lost a tough OT game at Nebraska. 8. Kansas State Wildcats (10-6, 1-2)

The Wildcats have lost two in a row.

9. Nebraska Cornhuskers (9-7, 1-2)

The Cornhuskers squeaked by the Buffaloes in OT after losing by one point to the Aggies.

10. Texas A&M Aggies (9-5, 1-2)

The Aggies lost their two conference games by a combined 44 points and just barely beat the Huskers.

11. Iowa State Cyclones (10-4, 0-3)

The Cyclones were breezing along until they hit conference.

12. Baylor Bears (9-5, 0-3)

The Bears are living and dying by the three. Mostly dying.



you go about in the coaching life. Her expectations of her players have been the same ever since she started coaching.

Conradt continues to coach out of love for her players. Even though she fails to remember years, numbers or statistics, she can still fondly recall the names of every player and coach she has had the pleasure of associating with.

As Stacy Stephens recently became the 28th player to score a thousand points, Conradt continues to gush about not only those who score 1,000, but those who score one.

"The most exciting thing for me is the players, and how they come together," Conradt said.

"I have been so fortunate to coach so many great players. How many programs have had so many players who have scored a thousand points, and I have had the privilege to coach all of them."

"It's also a source of pride to see how successful some of my players have become in life.'

Conradt's feeling of admiration is mutual with her players.

"She really talks to us and communicates with us, and she really wants the best out of her players," sophomore Heather Schreiber said. "She looks at the best things that the players can do, and tries her hardest to get them in situations where they can accomplish things."

As Conradt continues to coach, her career has already seen her inducted to both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

She has walked onto the floor for a game 1,061 times, and the tally will continue to rise as Conradt retains her fire and passion for the game of basketball and the players who have come under her tutelage.

After 800, 850 or 900 could easily follow in upcoming years. Not that she's counting.

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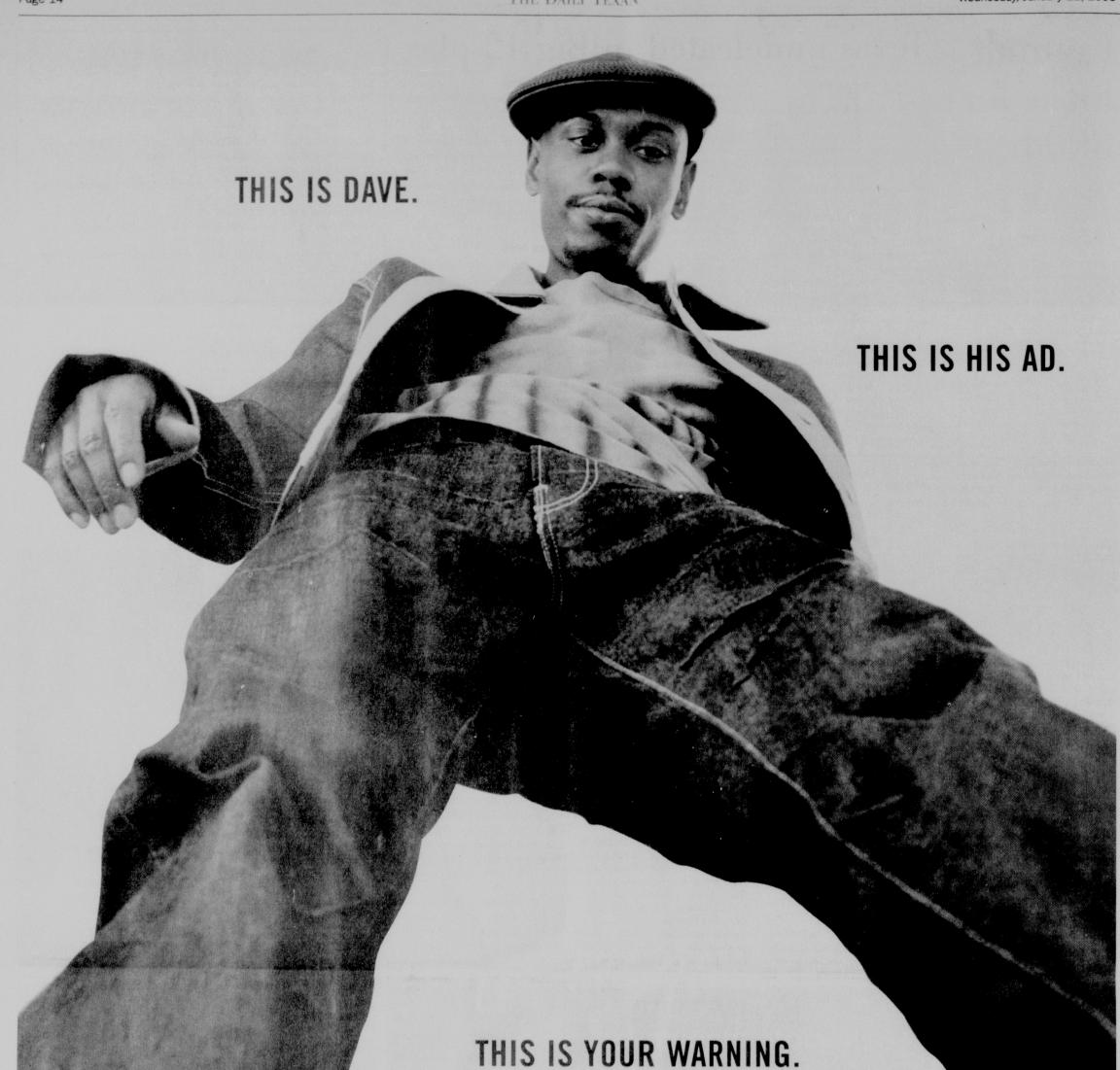
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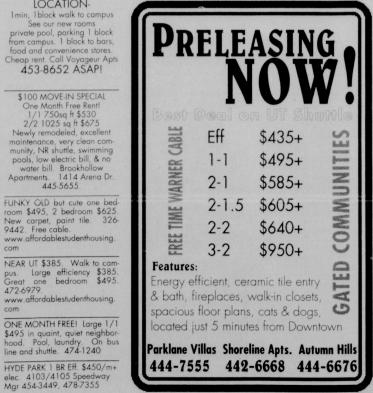
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## Students protest war in D.C.

### **By Will Krueger** Daily Texan Staff

Several students from the University were among the thousands who descended upon Washington, D.C., over the weekend for massive anti-war rallies.

Protests mounted in the nation's capital Friday, and by Saturday, the crowd had swelled to over 200,000, according to estimates provided by protest organizers. Simultaneous protests occurred in cities across the world, including San Francisco, Tokyo and Austin.

Students said it was important that Texas activists had a presence at the D.C. rally.

"Austin is one of the most active places in the country," said Joshua White, a religious studies freshman and member of the Campus Coalition for Peace and Justice. "Certainly, our voice was heard.

Notable speakers at the rally in Washington included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton, former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Academy Award-winning actress Jessica Lange.

personally liked Al Sharpton," said Kena Piña, an anthropology freshman. "He said that war isn't necessary and the nonviolent way is the best way to solve our problems."

White said he hopes the high profile of this rally will draw Washington's attention to the anti-war movement.

"Perhaps our policy will be changed if people start to listen," White said. "President Bush: You aren't doing what the people want. We don't hate you for it. You just aren't listening."

Many at the rally believed the protest was a success.

"It was a big crowd," Piña said, "and the bigger the crowd, the bigger the message to President Bush.

The recent protests drew people from almost every demo-

graphic and income level. Ann Ginger, a professor at San Francisco State University, noted the wide range of participants at the rallies.

"I noticed a whole lot of people who had never demonstrated before," Ginger said. "I met a woman who was my age - 77 and she'd never demonstrated before."

The anti-war movement was also active in Austin over the weekend. According to Lisa Krebs, an organizer of yesterday's Martin Luther King Jr. rally, "Four-fifths of the participants were carrying anti-war signs."

The Campus Coalition for Peace and Justice is also sponsoring an anti-war rally Friday on the West Mall, according to member Warren Craig, a liberal arts sophomore. The coalition hopes to bring more students into the anti-war effort.

"Last year we had a lot of sucis still very young."

cess," Craig said. "The semester

Dublin Dr Pepper still sweet

## Recording industry wages war on downloaders

### By Ted Bridis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Internet providers must abide by music industry requests to track down computer users who illegally download music, a federal judge ruled Tuesday in a case that could dramatically increase online pirates' risk of being caught.

The decision by U.S. District Judge John D. Bates upheld the recording industry's powers under a 1998 law to compel Verizon Communications Inc. to identify one of its Internet subscribers who was suspected of illegally trading music or movies online. The music industry knew only a numerical Internet address this person was using.

Verizon promised Tuesday to appeal and said it would not immediately provide its customer's identity. The ruling had "troubling ramifications" for future growth of the Internet, said Verizon's associate general

counsel, Sarah B. Deutsch.

"The case clearly allows anyone who claims to be a copyright holder to make an allegation of copyright infringement to gain complete access to private subscriber information without protections afforded by the courts," she said.

Deutsch said Verizon planned no immediate changes to disrupt sharing of computer files among its customers.

Cary Sherman, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, which won the case, said piracy is a "serious issue for musicians, songwriters and other copyright [owners]."

The judge acknowledged the case was an important test of subpoena powers Congress granted copyright holders.

The judge said the controversial 1998 law, enacted to uphold copyrights online, lets music companies force Internet providers to turn over the name of a suspected

pirate upon subpoena from any U.S. district court clerk's office, without a judge's order.

Critics of the procedure said judges ought to be more directly involved, given the potential privacy issues of a corporation revealing personal information about customers amid an allegation of wrongdoing.

In the past, the entertainment industry has acknowledged accusing one subscriber of illegally offering for download the movie Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, even though the computer file in question actually was a child's book report on the subject.

"There's almost no judicial supervision here," said Stewart Baker, who represented a trade group of Internet providers that sought to intervene in the case.

The Computer and Communcations Industry Association, which fought the music industry on this issue, predicted its rival

"will be cranking up its presses pretty quickly" to send threatening letters to Internet users sharing songs and movies.

"We're just sort of shaking our heads," said Will Rodger, a spokesman for the computer group, whose membership includes one firm, Streamcast, that creates file-sharing software.

During a contentious court hearing in October, the judge lamented ambiguities in the copyright act, saying Congress "could have made this statute clearer." At the time, the music industry indicated a ruling in its favor could lead to reams of warnings to scare Internet pirates into taking their collections offline.

'We would hope that the RIAA and other copyright holders would wait until this matter was decided by the Court of Appeals before flooding service providers with requests," Deutsch said.

### By Mark Babineck

**Associated Press** 

HOUSTON - Fear not, Dublin Dr Pepper drinkers. Last month's shutdown of the Imperial Sugar refinery near Houston won't mean the end of the retro formulation of the soda.

The tiny bottling company in the north Texas town of Dublin produces about 500,000 cases of Dr Pepper annually and never switched from sugar — Imperial Pure Cane to be exact — to high fructose corn syrup when other Dr Pepper makers made the change in the 1960s.

The demise of the storied 77year-old refinery in Sugar Land last month will not affect the recipe for the 112-year-old bottling plant in Dublin, assistant general manager Kent Crouch said.

"Definitely not. We just got a huge shipment of sugar in," Crouch said.

Both Crouch and Anita Bryant, who works at the nearby Dublin

### Dr Pepper museum, say they were deluged with calls in December when Imperial announced it was closing the refinery. Callers were told Imperial, which is emerging from bankruptcy, would keep packing and distributing sugar at its home in Sugar Land, just southwest of Houston.

"They're going to ship out of there," Bryant said.

The bottler brews Dr Pepper, whose cans and bottles proudly wear the Imperial Pure Cane stamp, technically only for the 68,000 residents in the 40-mile radius around Dublin. The territory takes up a swath of Texas tucked inside the triangle formed by Fort Worth, Abilene and Waco.

But aficionados known lovingly as "bootleggers" come from points far and wide to load up cases of the sweeter, heavier version of Dublin Dr Pepper. What Crouch calls the "super premium" version of the soda is available on the Internet from Dr Pepper's oldest active bottle

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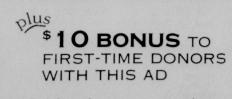
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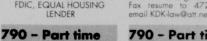
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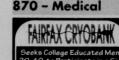
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# **Universal Acclaim?**

# We examine whether the winners of Sunday's Golden Globes should expect an Oscar nod

### By Stephen Salto Daily Texan Staff

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It took 90 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press, three hours and 13 Golden Globe awards to say what everyone was already thinking: This year's Oscar race is going to be the most unpredictably wild ride in years.

With five films taking home 12 Golden Globes Sunday night, the event, which is usually seen as the best prognosticator for the Oscars in March, may have aptly described the wide open field of potential Oscar nominees, but were about as confusing as Lara Flynn Boyle's ballerina getup.

The Hours, Gangs of New York, Adaptation, About Schmidt and Chicago each received two awards apiece and will also probably become Oscar nominees for best picture, if Oscar voters maintain the same relatively short attention span they've demonstrated in recent years. Seventy-seven percent of Golden Globe best picture winners have eventually won the Academy Award for best picture, though nothing is a sure thing come Feb. 11, when the Academy Award nominations are announced.

And that should be taken as a

Photo courtesy of Miramax

### Catherine Zeta-Jones steals the spotlight as Velma in Chicago.

Adaptation, the older voters in the his Golden Globe for his dual role Academy may be as put off by the second half of the film as The Orchid Thief author Susan Orlean should've been.

Perhaps the most notable surprise of the Golden Globes was the fate of Streep's The Hours costar Julianne Moore, who up until Sunday had locked up nearly every major acting award for her work in Far From Heaven. Although Moore's still a virtual lock for a nomination, as well as Unfaithful's Diane Lane, Renee Zellweger, who wooed Oscar voters for a nomination for Bridget Jones' Diary last year, may be Moore's toughest competition since Zellweger's Golden Globe for best actress in a musical or comedy for Chicago put her as a frontrunner in the Oscar race. Similarly, Nicole Kidman, who has become a perennial Golden Globe winner for Moulin Rouge, To Die For and now, The Hours, should be expected to get at least an Oscar nomination, even though her performance as Virginia Woolf may split the vote with her two Hours co-stars Moore and Streep, and her luck with the Golden Globes has never translated into Oscar success. On the other hand, Jack

Nicholson, in the best actor category, has a different story from Kidman's. The 11-time nominee Nicholson is a near guarantee to get a record breaking 12th nomination, and his win at the Golden Globes should give the Oscar audience a sense of déja vu when the About Schmidt star has a chance to become the first actor to win an Academy Award in four different decades. His competition should include Richard Gere, who took home a Golden Globe of his own for best actor in a musical or comedy for Chicago, Nicolas Cage, who Gere thought should've won

in Adaptation, Daniel Day-Lewis (Gangs of New York) and Michael Caine, whose Oscar for best supporting actor in 2000 for The Cider House Rules proved that the Academy never misses a chance to honor Caine.

Golden Globe nominees Hugh Grant (About A Boy), Adrien Brody (The Pianist) and Kieran Culkin (Igby Goes Down) all will probably fall prey to the Academy's longstanding aversion to youth, and though Grant has the best shot of the three for breaking through, comedies almost never garner Oscars for actors unless they're in supporting roles.

Incidentally, Meryl Streep's rare comic turn in Adaptation will probably serve as a nice consolation prize at the Oscars when she gets edged out of the best actress race for The Hours. And with the Golden Globe under her belt for the performance, she currently leads an Oscar pack that will probably mirror her Golden Globe competition: Kathy Bates (About Schmidt), Queen Latifah (Chicago) and Catherine Zeta-Jones, who despite being nominated by the Hollywood Foreign Press for best actress in Chicago, will have a better shot of winning the Oscar in the supporting category.

If Julianne Moore goes the same supporting route for The Hours, she is the obvious choice to round out the category, though Patricia Clarkson (winner of the New York and Seattle critics awards for Far From Heaven) and Edie Falco (winner of the L.A. Film Critics award for John Sayles' Sunshine State) could sneak in like Marcia Gay Harden did with Pollock in 2001, if only the voters watch the Academy screener tapes.

Things are a little more cemented in the best supporting actor category where Oscar veterans Paul



Nicole Kidman plays author Virginia Woolf in Stephen Daldry's The Hours.

Newman (Road to Perdition, in what could be the film's only acting nod), Ed Harris (The Hours) and Christopher Walken (Catch Me If You Can) are looking like shoo-ins to compete for the award, in spite of the fact that it's veteran character actor Chris Cooper of Adaptation, who won the Golden Globe and looks to have the best shot of winning the category. Two other actors that might score a nomination, Dennis Quaid and John C. Reilly, are only considered as good as their films, and if Far From Heaven and Chicago, respectively, sweep the nominations, expect the two performances to be swept up as well.

Still, with less than a month to go and the cliché very much intact, anything anything could happen. Incidentally, this may be the last year the Golden Globes may have as much impact on Academy voters for quite some time since the Oscars will be moving up to February from March, depriving the studios of an extra month to jockey for position and rendering the Golden Globes as an afterthought if voting for the Oscars concludes before the Globes even

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While the Academy made the move to achieve exactly all those things and to curtail the outrageous spending of the studios to lobby for nominations, the Golden Globes may move up their date or, as usual, enjoy the position of being first to sing the praises of the past year in film. Either way, this past year in film has given way to an award season that's likely to be unforgettable.

# 'Who is Jim Holt?' hits the stage at FronteraFest today and continues through Feb. 2

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with the term 'parasite,' " Southan said. "There are a couple of direct inspirations - really only one scene is completely

inspired, the rest is our own imagination."

comfort for Todd Haynes' 1950s

melodrama Far From Heaven,

Roman Polanski's holocaust

memoir The Pianist and Peter

Jackson's The Lord of the Rings: The

Two Towers, none of which

received the boost they were look-

ing for at the Golden Globes,

though all still very much in the

Haynes and Polanski virtually

split the Critics' Choice awards,

with Heaven winning the New

York and Seattle critics' circle

awards for best picture, and The

*Pianist* earning the National Society of Film Critics and the

Boston critics prizes, in addition to

the cachet of winning the highly

coveted Palme d'Or at Cannes this

If either of those two films suc-

ceed in knocking off one of the

Golden Globes' suggested fron-

trunners, Adaptation is destined to

be the first to go after Academy

voters snubbed the first collabora-

tion between director Spike Jonze

and writer Charlie Kaufman,

Being John Malkovich, for best pic-

ture in 1999, although Jonze

received his first best director

nomination for the film. Plus, as

Meryl Streep alluded to in her

Golden Globes acceptance speech

for best supporting actress in

running for Oscars.

vear.

With 17 actors in all, including Weisenthal and Southan, who play seven different characters between them, the two luckily

had a group of friends who were just as daring (and stubborn enough) to get their vision across to the stage

Some of them we knew better than others," Southan said. "We

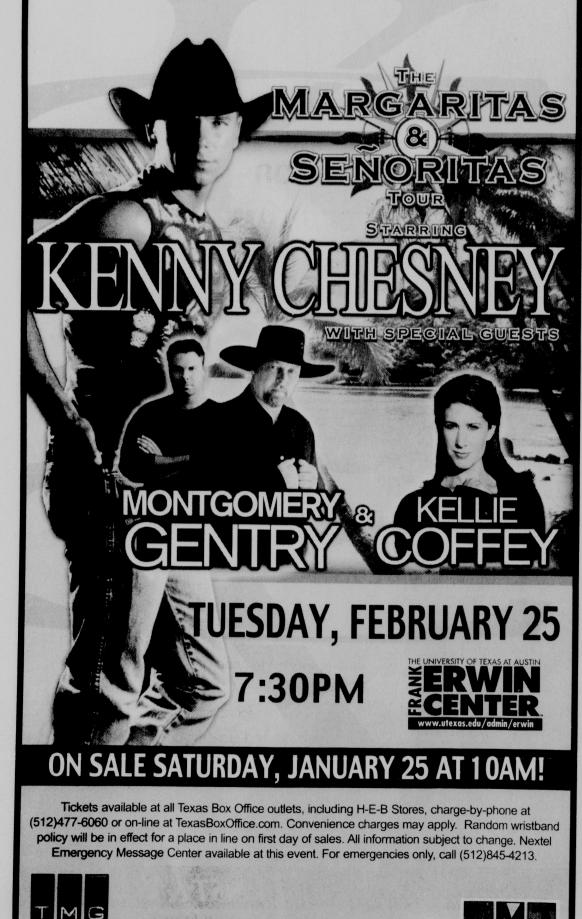
have one theater major in our cast, and we got her by going to an audition for another student musical and convincing her to not bother with that one, and join our team instead." Weisenthal explained that dif-

ferent tactics were needed in order to form their team of actors. 'We saw a flier for another

Weisenthal's play was the fringe act to see, leading to four soldout performances at The Hideout theater in May 2002.

Yet their product isn't an easy pitch for audiences in search of clear-cut answers. Prospective audiences will be asking who exactly Jim Holt is. The production's flier poses the same question: Is he a man? Is he a mura golden gun by the president as a token of appreciation. This is definitely fraught territory the playwrights are entering, which revolves loosely upon the Sept. 11 attacks, but their intentions, they argue, are not malicious.

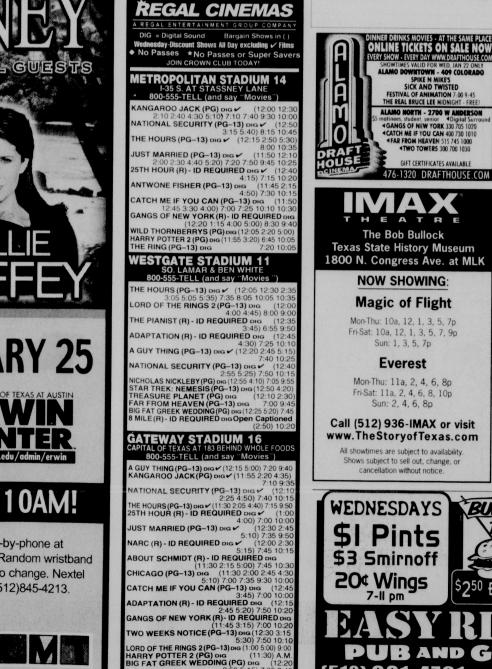
"I certainly don't mean any disrespect for any of them, or anyone who died, obviously,' Weisenthal said. He adds, how-



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student musical and staked it out," he said. "Outside the door, as people were walking out, we told them about our musical, and how it had a hope and a future. Although it may have seemed presumptuous at the time, we turned out to be right then.'

Indeed they were, for that other musical ended up never even seeing the light of day. With their production, however after final casting and constant rehearsing — word caught on throughout the Austin theater community that Southan and



derer? A myth? Or even a messiah?

Weisenthal explains it, " comes from John Galt, who is the main character in Atlas Shrugged, which throughout, people ask, 'Who Is John Galt?"

"The play makes fun of hero worship, because Jim Holt is sort of this mediocre person. He doesn't really exist at all, except for what people project on to him," Weisenthal said.

In the play, Jim Holt is the person who murders lesbian separatists who threaten to destroy a federal building. He's heralded as a savior, and is even awarded

ever, that, "Dying shouldn't really make anyone a hero. It's blind hero worship, when we don't really know anything about these people. Yet they were in this situation that was incredibly tragic. It's something that most artists don't want to touch ... so we decided to.'

That's what "fringe" theater, and FronteraFest are all about. If there is any festival, or forum in which to be airing these ideas, this is the one.

"I don't think there's any doubt that Ayn Rand would hate this musical," Southan said. "It's very nihilistic, we mock the idea of hero worship, which she was really in to, and there's no clear message. It's full of contradictions.



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FRONTERAFEST 2003

Editor's Note: This is the first installment in our continuing coverage of Austin's FronteraFest.

### By Kevin Taylor Daily Texan Staff

It's not everyday that audiences are able to see a musical play that is both loosely based on Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged and post-Sept. 11 hero worship, and even rarer that such a work would be this fiercely original and offbeat.

"fringe" theater is all about pushing the envelope, trying new things. That's the reason Rhys Southan and Joseph Weisenthal decided to bring their new musical Who is Jim Holt? to FronteraFest's Long Fringe.

FronteraFest, operated annually by Hyde Park Theater, is the leading alternative theater showcase for Austin's budding writers, directors and actors. Former UT students Southan and Weisenthal have fashioned a wicked satire poking fun at But that is exactly what America's fixation on heroes,



Rhys Southan and Joseph Weisenthal salute --- and undermine -the musical with their satirical take on hero-worship, Who is Jim Holt? while delving beyond the superficial surface of most musicals.

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"I'm a really big fan of musicals of the past, but they are just that — musicals of the past. We violate that," Weisenthal, cowriter/director of Who Is Jim Holt?, said. "For example, there's a scene ... when the characters are singing about chopsticks - it's seemingly inconsequential, but it breaks the rules of a musical. Two people singing about chopsticks ... I don't think that would normally happen."

Stage musicals, by their very nature, are certainly not radical in their political beliefs, which is a fact that serves these two literary nihilists as they proffer their point-of-view

'None of our actors share our ideological viewpoint, yet we were able to get these 'leftistactivists' to be in our play, because there is no distinct message," Southan, the production's other writer/director, said. "If you're pro-gun control, anti-gun control, pro-freedom or antifreedom, you'll enjoy this as much as anyone."

By playing loosely - vet indirectly - off of Ayn Rand's heroworship in Atlas Shrugged, the two playwrights have found a springboard by which they can bounce ideas, while creating something entirely their own.

"It's political, but there's no distinct ideology of the play; every side is skewered," Weisenthal said. "We skewered audience members, because Ayn Rand might think they're parasites for paying to see someone

else's play, instead of creating a play themselves.

Who is Jim Holt? will be
performed at The Blue Theater:
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The two writers - who became roommates after meeting while students at the University - woke up one morning with an epiphany that formed the basis of Who Is Jim Holt?

"First we thought we would make a book about it," Weisenthal said. "Back then, I was really into songwriting at that time and he [Southan] had just finished writing a screenplay — but we realized we could spend years writing a book, and maybe five people would read it, or maybe none. We could ... create a musical about the subject and we could probably get it done a lot quicker, and hopefully people would see it immediately.

Southan reiterated that the book they were drawing inspiration from wasn't going to be an absolute measure of the play's contents.

"We started writing this before either of us had read Atlas Shrugged because we had a sense of what it was all about -- how every character is a representation and not an actual person, and how they were obsessed

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