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SG candidacy filing closes today

Ten positions remain empty; most to run on Empower ticket

By J.D. Haney
Daily Texan Staff

Students hoping to file for the upcoming Student Government election must do so by 4 p.m. today.

According to the SG office, 37

students filed for 47 positions, with a majority of these belonging to the Empower ticket.

English sophomore Sarah Stearns, who is running for liberal arts representative as an independent candidate, said that it is more difficult for candidates who are not affiliated with any party to participate in SG. While the parties do not actively seek to prevent independent candidates from filing in any way, Stearns

said, it is much more difficult without the organization and support of a large party.

Running under a large ticket such as Empower has its advantages, said Plan II senior Keshav Rajagopalan.

"We are able to work as a team and pool our resources," Rajagopalan said. "We can also reach out to the students more effectively since we have members in most of the schools."

While a majority of candidates run on the Empower ticket, all members are not united by common ideology but by a common interest in effecting change at the University, Rajagopalan said.

In order to file, students must write a statement announcing their intention to run for office and provide a signed statement that allows the Election Supervisory Board to verify filing requirements.

The board limits students to run for one office per election. Students must also pay a filing fee of \$20 to cover the administrative costs of the election and a refundable deposit of \$20, provided that the candidate is not fined during the election period.

Any registered UT student with 12 hours in residence and no scholastic or disciplinary probation record is eligible to run for most of the positions, according to the SG

office. In order to run for president or vice president, though, a student must also have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

All interested students can visit the SG office in the Student Services Building for the necessary paperwork.

The SG Web site lists all candidates running for the elections and their party affiliation or independent status at www.utexas.edu/studentgov/elections.php.

Rattlers IN THE ROTUNDA

Sweetwater gets ready for its 50th annual Rattlesnake Roundup this March

By Sarah Wilson
Daily Texan Staff

Visitors' and workers' eyes were fixated on the rattling reptiles that slithered around the Capitol's rotunda Monday, but spectators kept their distance from the venomous creatures.

The Sweetwater Jaycees, a community group in Sweetwater, Texas, brought seven western diamondback rattlesnakes for three days of snake-handling demonstrations one month before their annual Rattlesnake Roundup. The 50th roundup will start in Sweetwater, which is about 200 miles west of Fort Worth, on March 6.

Jody Gray, vice president of the Jaycees, said the group is specially trained to handle and research the snakes and has been giving demonstrations at the Capitol for more than 30 years to educate Texas children.

Unlike other groups of snake handlers who put snakes in their mouths and intentionally provoke them, Jaycees do not engage in unsafe relationships with the reptiles.

"This is not a show, and we don't do anything unnatural with

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Above: Seong-Ji Kim touches a rattlesnake at the Capitol Monday afternoon.

Left: A rattlesnake gets defensive during an exhibition by the Sweetwater Jaycees.



■ Watch video of the snakes at the Capitol.

Kim Espinosa photos | Daily Texan Staff

Chancellor Yudof urges discussion, ties with Israel

By Amy Bingham
Daily Texan Staff

Pausing from his duties as the UT System's top official, Chancellor Mark Yudof managed a much smaller audience Monday night, sharing stories of his experiences on a recent trip to Israel.

His trip entailed encouraging universities to strengthen ties with the country through educational relationships.

Yudof visited Israel last July with a group of 10 other university presidents and chancellors as a part of the University Presidents Seminar, organized by the American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange. He spoke at the Texas Hillel Topfer Center for Jewish Life to about 15 community members on Monday.

Yudof said the idea of this program was to sensitize American university leaders who had never been to Israel to issues involving the two nations. During its trip, the group visited prom-

inent universities, met with Palestinian, Bedouin and Israeli leaders and visited historical sites throughout the country.

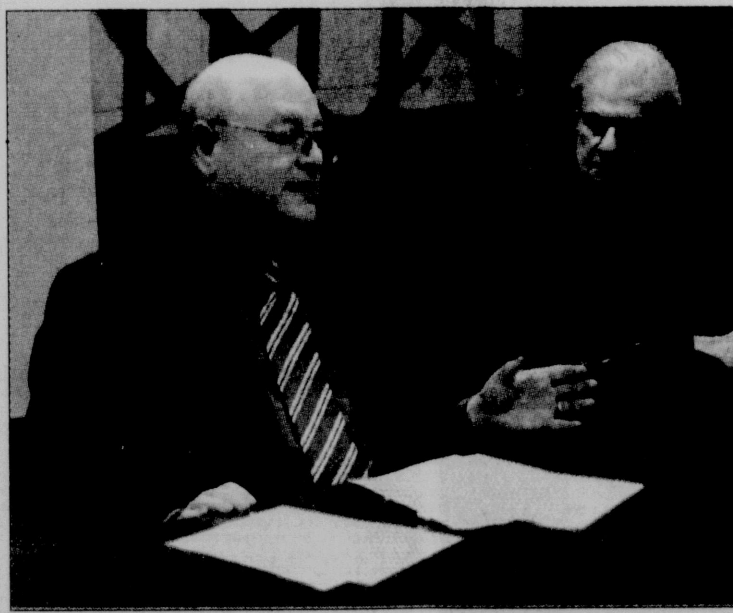
"I think it blew them away that Israel was a very safe and stable country. They were surprised that we were not surrounded by soldiers everywhere we went," Yudof said.

A longtime supporter of Israel, Yudof stressed the importance of maintaining strong academic relations with the country.

"Academics can keep a dialogue going even when governments can't get along," he said.

In light of this trip, Yudof said he hopes students will have more opportunities to study abroad in Israel.

"Study abroad is extremely important. It doesn't matter where students study. It is important for them to learn that everyone doesn't look like you do, doesn't think like you and doesn't act like you do," Yudof said.



John Gilchrist | Daily Texan Staff

UT Chancellor Mark Yudof speaks about his recent trip to Israel at Texas Hillel on Monday night.

Israel is on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's travel warning list of unstable regions due to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Many American universities are thus apprehensive toward approving trips, Yudof said.

Students also stressed the importance of building strong academic ties to Israel.

"Israel has an incredibly high concentration of those in higher education and produces much

research, literature and technology that benefits us as students directly," said Dexter Weiss, political chairman of Texans for Israel, a student organization that provides a venue for students who want to expand their understanding of Israel.

Texans for Israel said they thought the chancellor's trip was very important for UT.

"It is important for leaders,

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UT alumna Longoria joins Board of Regents

Appointee replaces Estrada three years after his term ended

By Maya Srikrishnan
Daily Texan Staff

Governor Rick Perry appointed Houston attorney Janiece Longoria to the UT System Board of Regents on Friday, to replace former Regent Robert Estrada, who served three extra years on his term.

Estrada had served on the board since November 2001. His term expired in 2005, but he remained on the board because Perry did not name a replacement. Longoria's term ends in 2011, as if she had been appointed when Estrada's term expired.

Longoria received her bachelor's and law degrees from UT-Austin. She is a partner at the private Houston law firm Ogden, Gibson, Brooks & Longoria, L.L.P.

Prior to entering private practice, she served as a municipal judge and an assistant district attorney in the Houston area, according to the board's Web site.

Longoria has served on the

board of directors of Centerpoint Energy Inc. since 2005. Centerpoint gives \$10,000 every year to Texans for Perry. In 2006 and 2007, Longoria donated money to the same group, according to the Texas Ethics Commission.

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H. Scott Caven,
board chairman

"Governor Perry's appointment of Janiece Longoria to the UT System Board of Regents is great news for all of us in the UT System family," said H. Scott Caven, the board's chairman. "Ms. Longoria's vast experience on numerous civic boards and charitable organizations will serve us well, and I, along with rest of the board, look forward to

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• When the University of Texas opened in 1883, its faculty consisted of eight professors, four assistants and a proctor.

Today, UT has 2,766 faculty members, 10,315 instructors and 9,368 student employees.

• Singer Janis Joplin attended UT and went on to become a musical icon of the 1960s.

• UT's Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum was the first presidential library built on a college campus. It was built in 1971.

• Legend has it that the school's burnt orange color was chosen by football coach Darrell K. Royal, who thought that the color would help his players conceal the football when they ran the triple option.

Sources:
Rhonda Weldon, UT campus and employee services spokeswoman
Robin Gerrow, vice president of public affairs, received information from Jim Nicar, history and traditions coordinator for Texas Exes, in an e-mail.
Betty Sue Flowers, director of the LBJ Library and Museum
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PROJECT: Milked venom donated to cancer studies

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the snakes," he said. "This is a safety demonstration."

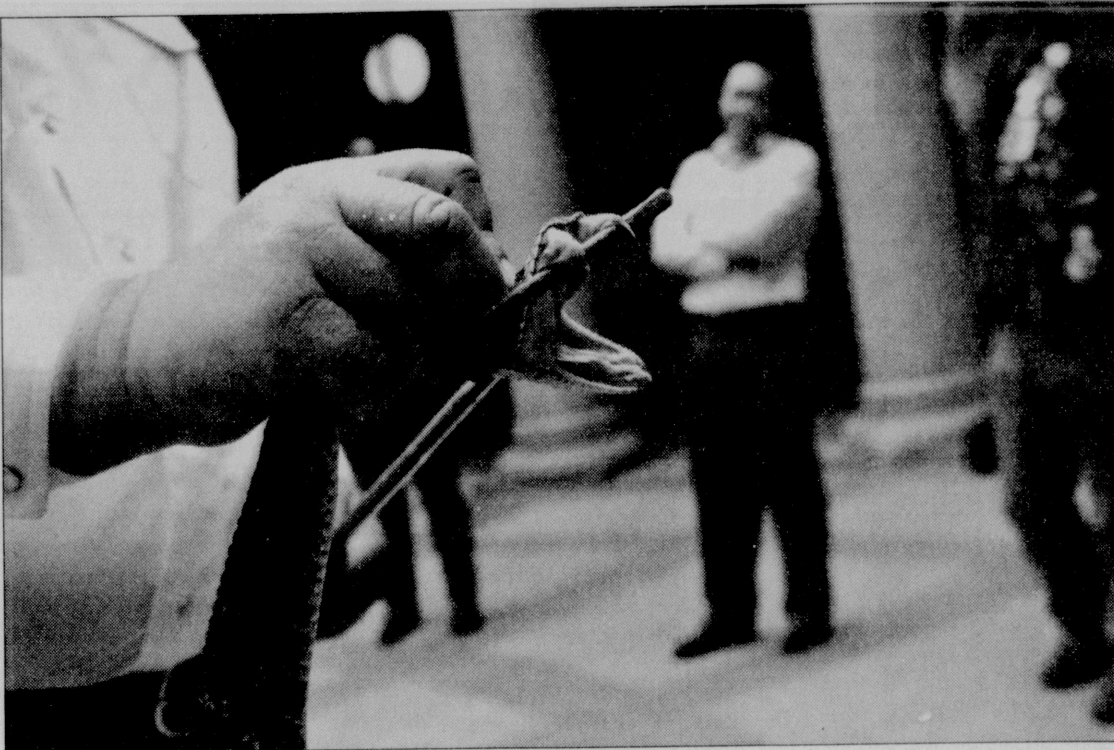
Riley Sawyers, president of the Sweetwater chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, offered to wrap the snakes around children's necks and shoulders for photo opportunities, but only a few accepted.

Gray said a group of ranchers began the project in 1958 to manage the rattlesnake overpopulation that threatened their livestock. Fifty years later, locals still have to control rattlesnake presence in the area.

The Jaycees catch several thousand pounds of rattlesnakes every March, identify their genders, milk them, collect venom and give it to Texas universities for cancer and Alzheimer's disease research. All the biological data collected during the process is given to Texas Parks and Wildlife, Gray said.

The snakes are then slaughtered, and the skin, head, rattler and meat are sold worldwide, he said. The profits go to local schools and organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, the Special Olympics and the area children's advocacy center, according to the Rattlesnake Roundup Web site.

The Texas House recognized the Jaycees for their work



Kim Espinosa | Daily Texan Staff

Gene Bartlett of the Sweetwater Jaycees demonstrates the danger of a rattlesnake's fangs to onlookers at the Capitol Rotunda Monday afternoon. Rattlesnakes do not respond to sound but to movement only.

within the Sweetwater community last year.

The roundup festival, parade, Miss Snake Charmer pageant and rattlesnake meat cook-off draws a crowd of about 45,000 people to Sweetwater, Gray said.

Sweetwater Jaycee snake safety expert David Sager gives 30- to 45-minute demonstrations throughout the year and during the roundup, and said the first thing he tells people is to stop and stand still if they encounter a rattlesnake.

Gray said human fear of snakes is natural, but people should learn to manage that fear to get out of the situation safely. Sager said people will be safe as long as they do not make any sudden movements, and a snake will not strike unless it is threatened or about to kill its prey.

Although the roundup occasionally draws controversy, Gray said data collected over the years shows Sweetwater rattlesnakes are the some of the healthiest in the region because of the yearly roundup and slaughter.

LONGORIA: Ex-UT law student serves on additional boards

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working with her as we continue to advance higher education excellence in the state."

Additionally, Longoria serves on the boards of directors of the

Greater Houston Partnership, the Galveston Bay Foundation and the Heritage Society. She also served as a member of the board of trustees of the Houston Symphony, Houston Symphony Endowment, Cultural

Arts Council of Houston Harris County and the President's Advisory Council of St. Thomas University.

"She's an outstanding candidate. She has outstanding community involvement and will

be an excellent addition to the board," said Allison Castle, the governor's spokeswoman.

Longoria will attend her first Board of Regents meeting on Feb. 6 and 7 at UT-Pan American in Edinburg.

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such as the chancellor, to go to Israel as a way to say "it is OK to support the country and to encourage dialogue about the conflict in the area," said English junior Frankie Shulkin.

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CORRECTION

In the Feb. 4 story "Workers lay foundation for future downtown skyscraper," the subhead should have read "Condominiums in the Austonian to start at \$550,000." The Texan regrets the error.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

School for homeless children torched; teachers attacked

SUGOI, Kenya — Just a few hours after youngsters at a children's home in western Kenya finished the soccer game, their fellow players turned on them.

The attackers crept out of a coffee plantation, smeared with clay and armed with spears, machetes, bows and arrows. Then they burned and looted the home that served as the only refuge for 130 children with troubled pasts. One child heard an attacker mention President Mwai Kibaki, who is accused of stealing this country's Dec. 27 election.

The attack on the Sugoi-Munsingen Children's Home and School this weekend is one more example of the turmoil that has followed the disputed election. Protests quickly degenerated into clashes that killed more than 1,000 people.

U.S. military says 9 civilians' deaths in raid were accidental

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said Monday it accidentally killed nine Iraqi civilians during an operation targeting al-Qaida in Iraq, the deadliest known case of mistaken identity in recent months.

In northern Iraq, Turkish warplanes on Monday bombed some 70 Kurdish rebel targets, the Turkish military said. It was the fifth aerial attack against Kurdish rebel bases there in two months.

Also Monday, 15 suspected militants were killed in U.S. raids targeting a possible hideout for a senior al-Qaida leader in Iraq northeast of Baghdad, the military said.

Evans did not say exactly how the civilians died, but said the killings occurred as U.S. forces pursued suspected al-Qaida in Iraq militants. The incident is under investigation, he said.

"We offer our condolences to the families of those who were killed in this incident, and we mourn the loss of innocent civilian life," Evans said in a statement e-mailed to the AP.

Thousands flee Chad's capital as fight continues for third day

N'DJAMENA, Chad — Thousands of people fled Chad's capital Monday as government troops and rebels battled for a third day. Gunfire and explosions were heard throughout the city, a U.N. official said.

The U.N. Security Council condemned the rebel offensive and authorized France and other nations to send troops to help defend President Idriss Deby's government.

Casualties were believed to be high, and the violence threatened peacekeeping and aid operations intended to stabilize a wide swath of Africa that borders the war-ravaged Darfur region of Sudan.

"Fighting and shelling has started again in N'Djamena," said Helene Caux, a spokeswoman for the U.N. refugee agency. Speaking from Geneva, she said U.N. staff in Chad told her it was impossible to move around the city.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

Holocaust float banned from parade

By Alan Clendenning
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A Brazilian carnival group banned from parading with a dancing Hitler and mannequins representing Holocaust danced the samba through the streets Monday with men and women in white gowns wearing gags.

"You don't build the future by burying the past," read a banner on the float that the Viradouro group was forced to alter after a judge sided with a Jewish organization and ordered it not to use the float designed to remind people of past horrors to prevent them from happening again.

Viradouro's new float was designed as a statement in favor of freedom of expression. Its other floats kept with the group's main theme, "It Gives You Goosebumps," with hundreds samba dancers wearing electric chairs, dressed as cockroaches and skiing down a 130-foot ice-coated slope.

Sergio Widder, Latin America representative for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said the Jewish human rights group never wanted to censor the parade but wanted to protest "the banalization and trivialization of the Holocaust."

"No one wants or should bury the past," he said. "In fact, if there is one thing that the Jewish community is renowned for, it is its refusal to bury the past."

The frenzy of parading that started Sunday night and didn't end until dawn Monday also included a nearly nude Brazilian woman who hopes to set a record for plastic surgeries dancing before thundering drummers in a tribute to the first wave of Japanese immigration to Brazil 100 years ago.



Ricardo Moraes | Associated Press

Above, men work on a float at the Viradouro samba school in Rio de Janeiro. Rio's samba parade is the highlight of Carnival, but some Brazilians are upset about Viradouro group's plans to parade with a float showing a heap of dead bodies, representing the Holocaust. **Below**, dancers parade carrying Chucky dolls, a homicidal character in a series of movies, to represent the theme "It Gives You Goosebumps."

The 36-year-old star of the Porta da Pedra samba group, Angela Bismarchi, who had her eyelids surgically altered to look Asian, danced with thousands of people decked out as geishas, sushi chefs and samurai. In the shadow of a golden pagoda float, rotating Hello Kitty dolls opened to expose fur-lined shells with scantily clad women inside.

"It's better than the Super Bowl," said 33-year-old Elsa Yu of Toronto as she waved a flag from the stands. "The Super Bowl belongs to America. Carnival belongs to the world."



Dado Galdieri | Associated Press

COLOMBIANS PROTEST WORLDWIDE



Christian Escobar Mora | Associated Press

Millions of Colombians wearing white T-shirts marched in their homeland Monday, holding a giant banner that reads in Spanish: "No more FARC, no more deaths, no more lies, no more kidnappings." The protestors demand the country's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia, or FARC, to stop kidnapping people and release those it holds.

The idea of the protests was born less than a month ago on the social networking Web site Facebook, and more than 100,000 people in 165 cities around the world confirmed their participation.

The protests were concentrated in Colombia and Latin American capitals, though there were smaller protests in other places including Spain, Sweden, Hungary, France, Italy, India and Miami.

— The Associated Press

Today in History

1631 — The co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

1897 — The Indiana House of Representatives passed a measure redefining the method for determining the area of a circle, which included altering the value of pi.

1917 — Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

1917 — Mexico's constitution was adopted.

1973 — Services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire.

1983 — Former Nazi Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon, France, to stand trial. He was ultimately convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

— The Associated Press

Police say boy killed parents, brothers

By Kasey Jones
The Associated Press

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — Police say a 15-year-old Boy Scout charged with killing his parents and two younger brothers shot them as they slept, then returned a day later after spending time with friends to stage the discovery of their deaths.

A judge denied bail for Nicholas Browning on Monday, though his attorney cited his strong academic background and lack of a prior criminal record in seeking to have it set at \$1 million instead.

"I don't even think he's even been suspended from school," attorney Steve Silverman said. "Quite frankly, it's really quite shocking."

Officials believe the teen had shot his father, mother, and brothers with one of his father's guns Friday, then tossed the handgun in some bushes and left.

Friends dropped Nicholas off on Saturday, authorities said, and soon after, he came out of the house to say he had found his father's body on the ground floor. He then called 911.

"A caller reported to 911 that a 45-year-old male was lying on the couch with blood coming out of his nose. He was not breathing," charging documents said.

Shortly before 5 p.m., officers found Nicholas' father dead in a ground-floor room and his mother and brothers' bodies in upstairs bedrooms. They also found the gun. The victims were John, 45; Tamara, 44; Gregory, 13, and Benjamin, 11.

Police said Nicholas confessed early Sunday and was charged as an adult with four counts of first-degree murder. Nicholas was being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center in Towson in a special section for juveniles.

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Happy trails, TSHA

After a 110-year tenure in Austin, the Texas State Historical Association is packing its bags and moving from UT to the University of North Texas in Denton. While employees of the association seem positive about the move — president Frank de la Teja told the Austin American-Statesman that “it’s the best thing that could have happened to us” — still waters run deep. Over the past few years, the group had become micromanaged by UT. Several years ago, they were moved from offices in the history department to the Center for American History, weakening important ties with history faculty, and more recently, UT wanted to usurp the association’s autonomy by requiring that its employees become employees of the University. According to de la Teja, the University was reticent to compromise. So despite its longstanding history in Austin, the TSHA will have to go Denton and begin work on a new legacy.

Majoring in charity

Philanthropy has long been an art reserved for image-conscious tycoons and ladies-who-lunch. But Stanford University is trying to change that. The university recently established a Center on Philanthropy and Society to put philanthropy in focus for its students. However, programs like Stanford’s are slow to revolutionize philanthropy because the field still needs to be clearly defined in a modern context: According to the center’s Web site, “the knowledge base about philanthropy’s behavior and impact, including its effectiveness, is quite thin.” But the discipline is becoming a major arena for power and change, and can only move forward with serious youth interest and dedication. As Princeton professor Stan Katz notes on his Chronicle of Higher Education Web log, “the establishment of the Stanford Center highlights the importance of convincing bright young scholars that the field is one that can sustain first-rate scholarship... Perhaps the momentum is picking up, and a real ‘field’ of philanthropy will finally emerge.” Harvard, UCLA, Johns Hopkins and the City University of New York’s Graduate Center have similar institutions to Stanford’s. Perhaps UT could establish one in lieu of the logistically impossible medical school our top officials continue to dream about.

Sorry, bud, you’ve had one burger too many

A bill recently introduced in Mississippi’s state legislature would bar restaurants from serving people determined to be obese. House Bill 282 requires dining establishments to follow guidelines set by the state’s health department to determine a prospective customer’s obesity, turning away those considered too fat to serve. Considering the Magnolia State’s perennial status as “fattest state in the union,” the bill seems to come from good intentions but what, if we may wonder, would keep those hordes of hungry people (nearly a third of Miss.’s population) from descending on a supermarket and gorging themselves at home?

HE wants to be president; SHE doesn’t

Hillary Clinton’s rise to the top of the presidential hopeful field appears to be a harbinger of a new age of gender-diverse politics. But it seems that women applying to the politico grooming academy that is law school are not following in her flat-heeled footsteps. According to a Kaplan survey of LSAT takers, 52 percent of males say they will either “definitely” or “probably” run for public office eventually, while only 34 percent of female test-takers saw politics in their future. Perhaps this marks a shift in the cultural evolution, or most likely, the women polled had more honest life ambitions in mind.

GALLERY



Land reform needed in Zimbabwe



By Jordan Frisby
Daily Texan Columnist

Every few weeks, another bizarre news item pops up about Zimbabwe’s economic collapse. Government price-control units trigger riots when they force stores to lower prices. Everyone is a millionaire because bread costs more than a million Zimbabwe dollars. Private economists claim inflation is up to 9,000 percent, while government insists inflation is “only” around 3,700 percent (five percent in this country would be a concern). Such stories would be wryly amusing if it were not for the context of deprivation in which they are occurring.

The economic crisis in Zimbabwe behind this insanity has several causes, but commentators often blame the government’s land redistribution program. Beginning in 1999, the government of Zimbabwe began expropriating the country’s white commercial farmers without compensation. Subsequently, the farm sector collapsed and — voila! — economic meltdown. If Zimbabwe were the only example under consideration, it would seem fair to conclude that land reform is a misguided, anti-capitalist, anti-democratic, autocratic policy. Despite how tempting it

may be to draw this conclusion, careful inquiry shows that well-managed land reform can lay the groundwork for impressive economic growth and poverty reduction.

Land reform essentially consists of taking land from one group, usually landowners, and giving it to another group, usually peasants.

Asia in the post-war era often credits land reform in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan for laying the groundwork for economic development in those countries. In fact, comparative studies show that land reform is only effective when the governments in question do not intervene excessively in the market for agricultural inputs and crop sales.

Zimbabwe’s exports of grain and tobacco stopped, and there was a major food shortage that continues today. The major logic behind the expropriations was to shore up support for the government in the countryside among the rural poor, while simultaneously getting rid of the whites, who owned the farms. Political considerations came before economic ones in this case, and the people of Zimbabwe are reaping the consequences. A sensible land reform program in Zimbabwe would have preserved the commercial farms and their high output levels, even if the owners were changed. It also was unethical to seize the farms without compensation.

One failed implementation of a policy doesn’t mean that the policy is a failure. Days have gone by in recent weeks in which electric power in Harare, Zimbabwe’s capital, has been on for only four hours a day. News analysis is quick to blame this on land reform. Soon we can expect some other headline highlighting another new low of misery coming from the southern African nation. But no matter how much Zimbabwe failed in its implementation of land reform, we must bear in mind that well-executed land reform is key in delivering economic growth and reducing rural poverty.

Frisby is a Plan II, economics and math junior.

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It is easy to romanticize land reform with a political narrative of equality or righting past wrongs, but the logic behind letting the people who work the land own it too is a relatively banal phenomenon: Peasants in poor countries tend to grow more crops when they own their own land instead of working someone else’s or renting the land. This fact is reflected in both economic theory and practical experience. For example, thorough land reform in South Korea laid the groundwork for three decades of annual growth in agricultural output.

While government seizure of land sounds hostile to the spirit of capitalism, analysis of the phenomenal economic growth in East

Zimbabwe in 1999 was not a country prime for land-to-the-tiller land reform. Instead, the targets of expropriation were commercial farms, which were large, modern, mechanized and with experienced farmers. These farms were seized and replaced with small subsistence plots. Instead of giving land to the peasants who already worked it, the new farmers in this case tended not to have experience running their own farms. The new farmers have trouble getting seed, fertilizer and loans, and many were replacing farmers with years of experience squeezing the most crops possible from the land. It is no surprise then that after land sei-



Freud’s take on sexuality



By Nick Staha
Daily Texan Columnist

Over the last several weeks, The Daily Texan has published a number of arguments by students, staff and professors that malign the University and the state of Texas for the “injustice” of the University’s failure to provide same-sex couples with the same employment benefits married couples have.

Morality has been central to the issue in most arguments, and more than one made an audacious comparison to the civil rights movement. Justification for treating the issue as a moral question has been lost in the fervor.

The University’s so-called “discrimination” targets lifestyles, not individuals. The law applies equally to everyone. People who identify themselves as homosexual may enter a heterosexual marriage, as has presumably been done in the past and present. One may argue

that the law threatens equal opportunities for pursuing happiness. However, the matter is not simply one of happiness, as there exist many lifestyles that no reasonable and decent society could allow but that make certain individuals happier. The question is where to draw the line.

This question is addressed in Sigmund Freud’s “Civilization and its Discontents.” The issue for Freud is not homosexuality in particular, but rather the appropriate role for sexual activity in a society.

Freud’s strongest insight is the hostile relationship between society and sexual activity, and that it is justified, if not necessary, for a society to restrict sexual activity when not serving the valuable function of procreating and binding parents to one another and to a child as a result of the activity. Put simply, sexual activity alienates a person from society.

It is the worst kind of narcissism. It often binds two people together against the rest of society, its institutions and even their own families, like in “Romeo and Juliet.” Society demands much of one’s time and energy, and sexual activity can drive one to indifference about meeting worldly obligations. Freud thinks that repression of sexual instincts enables the work of civilization, and that the demise

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of repression is a return to the infantilism of barbarians. On resolving the tension between society and sexual desires of the individual, Freud remained expressly silent. In the 1950s, German émigré Herbert Marcuse took up Freud’s question and laid part of the intellectual foundation for the “sexual revolution” by arguing that the civilization itself is the problem. Proffering tired Marxist themes, Marcuse found 20th-century civilization to be a source of

aggression, domination and destruction.

If society were only to lift its repressive laws and taboos, people would lose tensions that cause such unhappiness in their ordinary relations and experience the joys of polymorphous affection. Sexuality would lose its genital association, and people would experience sexuality through body of the whole human organism so that everyday activities, even certain kinds of work, are made erotic. Repression would be unnecessary, yet sublimation would remain. Anxiety and earnestness cast aside, Marcuse unapologetically states that his happiness is an ever-present feeling of the infantile.

Marcuse seems to have won the day. Sexuality surges through society. Feelings of polymorphous affection and child-like indignation are now accepted as an adult mentality. For proof of the matter, consider the naive moralizing so often at play in matters such as same-sex couple employment benefits.

Staha is a law student and former chairman of the Senate of College Councils.

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World's largest supercomputer opens for access

'Ranger' to 'push the boundaries' of space, climate research

By Lauren Winchester
Daily Texan Staff

UT's supercomputer, Ranger, entered full production Monday, allowing scientists and researchers to run computational applications on its system.

A computer is classified as a supercomputer based on its sheer size and how many pro-

cessing cores are in the system. Ranger has about 63,000 processing cores and 4,000 servers, said project manager Tommy Minyard.

Housed at the Texas Advanced Computing Center's building at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus, Ranger is the largest general purpose system for open research in the world.

"This is significant, as it will be the first opportunity for many researchers across the U.S. to access a system of this size and capability," Minyard said.

Before its full production status, a limited number of staff and early users could access and run the system. Researchers who want to use the system need to submit a proposal through the National Resource Allocation Committees.

The system will run applications ranging from climate, weather and ocean modeling to computational chemistry and high-energy physics, Minyard said.

"For many of these applications, Ranger will provide additional capability that had not

been available previously, allowing scientists to push the boundaries of their current research and explore new problems that were not feasible with older systems," he said.

Astronomy assistant professor Volker Bromm and his research team are among Ranger's early users. They are studying the first stars in the galaxy, which formed shortly after the Big Bang.

"All we know has to rely on theory and computer simulations," Bromm said. "We know the laws of nature and the ini-

tial conditions of the universe — how the Big Bang was set up. The most powerful supercomputer available will be Ranger. It will be used to simulate how these first stars and galaxies formed."

Ranger's full production status will allow the team to more fully explore the formation of the first stars, galaxies and black holes, Bromm said.

"We need a lot of computational power to study both the universe on large scales — many millions of light years — and si-

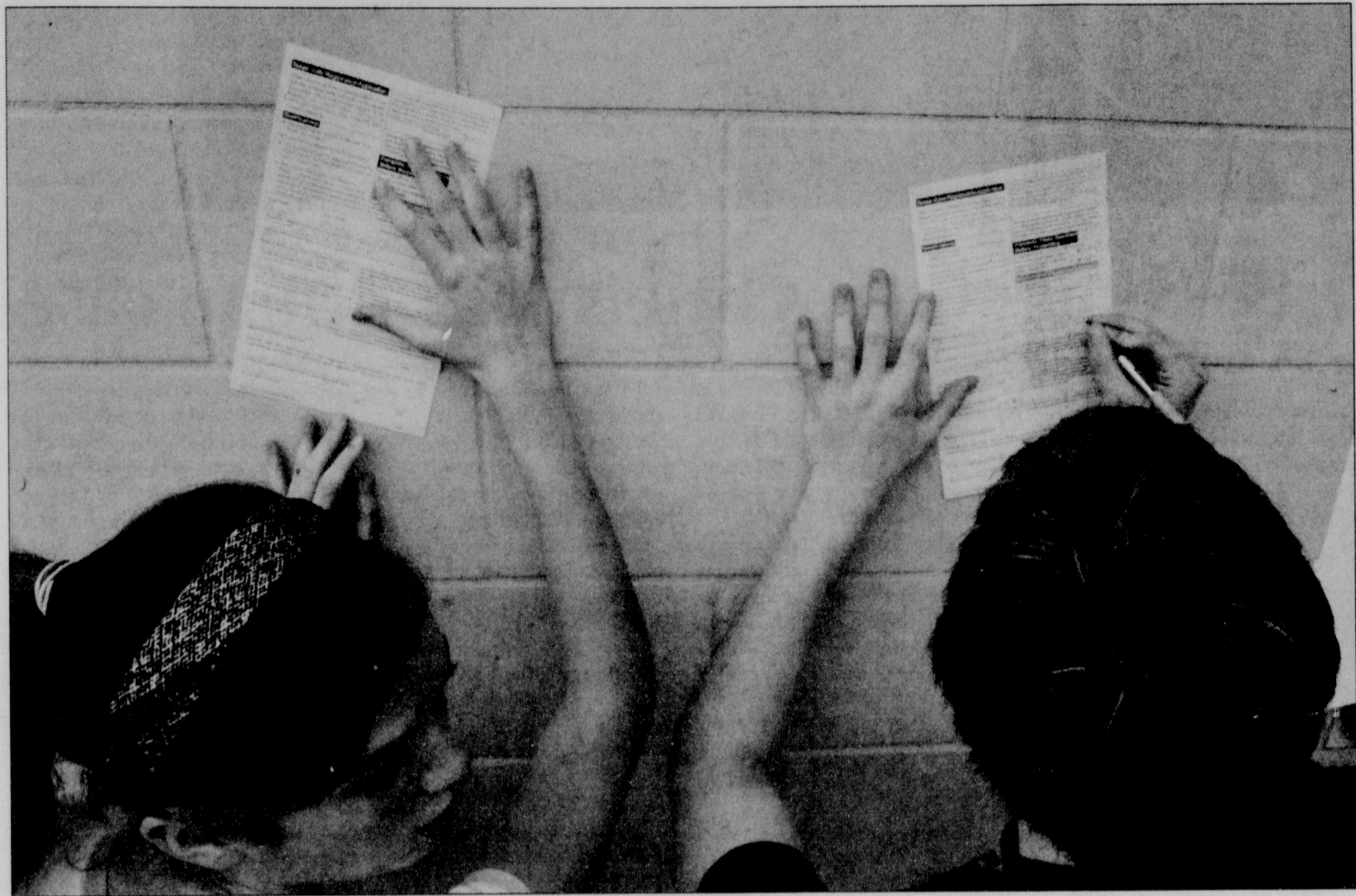
multaneously on the very small scales of individual stars — a few light minutes," he said.

"This simultaneous treatment of the large and small can only be achieved with the most powerful supercomputers available today, such as Ranger."

The team will use its computer simulations to predict what NASA's James Webb Space Telescope will be able to see in a few years.

There will be a formal Ranger dedication ceremony Friday, Feb. 22.

GETTING OUT THE VOTE



Jeffrey McWhorter | Daily Texan Staff

Studio art junior Audrey Campbell and rhetoric and writing sophomore Lane White register to vote outside the Co-op Monday afternoon. Monday was the last day to register to vote in the upcoming primaries. Volunteers from University Democrats and other political organizations set up tables on the Drag from 8 a.m. to midnight where students and other passers-by could quickly register. The Texas primaries will be held March 4.

Board of Regents convenes to act on legal issues, evaluate university fund distribution

By William Gest
Daily Texan Staff

The UT System Board of Regents will convene at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg this Wednesday and Thursday to make decisions involving campus construction projects, legal issues and distribution of funds from the Permanent University Fund.

Regents will decide on several large construction projects under the Capital Improvement

Program. UT-Austin projects include adding permanent seating at the south end zone of Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, renovating the fifth floor of Jester East Residence Hall and constructing experimental science and liberal arts buildings.

Regents will have a chance to act on legal issues concerning "holistic admissions" and the border fence. The UT System could not elaborate on the issue, but UT-Brownsville is under

threat of a federal suit for not complying with a request to allow campus property to be used by surveyors for the fence.

Regents will also re-evaluate the Permanent University Fund distribution rate, which determines how much money the UT-System can take out of the fund each year. The rate has not been changed since 2001, when it was raised from 4.5 to 4.75 percent.

Other topics to be discussed

at the meeting include system-wide fire and safety upgrades, changing the compensation systems for certain employees and a discussion on the search for university presidents for UT Southwestern and the UT Health Sciences Center in Houston.

The meetings will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday. A live webcast will be available on the board's Web site.

After McCombs ban, Philip Morris loses exposure on campus

By Andrew Kreighbaum
Daily Texan Staff

After UT's McCombs School of Business severed monetary ties to tobacco companies in November, students groups are still looking to generate support from other corporate sponsors.

The Asian Business Students Association relied on Altria Group Inc., a parent company of Philip Morris USA, to fund its mentoring and social events, said president Jeena Lee. According to McCombs figures, the association received \$3,000 in 2006. Although Philip Morris is still permitted to recruit from the business school, the company's inability to sponsor student organizations has hurt its exposure on campus.

More than a year ago, George Gau, dean of the business school, decided not to solicit funds from tobacco companies, including Philip Morris. The donations kept flowing, though, forcing the dean to eventually ban them outright.

Paula Murray, associate dean for undergraduates in McCombs, advocated for the ban upon assuming her position on Sept. 1. Although faculty were consulted, Gau said the ban was a "leadership decision" in which student organizations did not have a role.

Gau said the decision was an attempt by the administration to display ethical leadership.

The business school did not want a decision like this to open the door to a re-evaluation of each of its corporate partners, said Dave Wenger, spokesman for the McCombs school.

While ethical flaws may exist in the dealings of some other corporations, tobacco is a "unique product" and "uniquely harmful," Wenger said. The reality is that McCombs students will work in the corporate world for a large part of

their careers, and corporations have a lot to offer them while in school, including speakers, research funds and networking opportunities, he said.

Wenger said he suspects that corporate partnerships are stronger in McCombs than in any other UT college because McCombs produces "businesspeople, not architects." However, he said he shares Murray's concern that partnerships, like that with Philip Morris, could appear to be endorsements, a concern that motivated the ban.

"The decision limits students' opportunities to learn about possibilities after college."

Greg Mathe, spokesman for Philip Morris

McCombs spokesman Rob Meyer said Philip Morris' share of corporate contributions to McCombs' groups was 2 percent of all contributions. The company has donated \$308,557 to business school organizations since 1989.

Lee said Philip Morris' representatives did not come to the campus to sell their product but to provide professional advice and mentoring, and she said she disagrees with the assertion that it is somehow different from other companies.

Greg Mathe, a spokesman for Philip Morris, echoed Lee's beliefs and said the company is disappointed with UT's ban.

"The decision limits students' opportunities to learn about possibilities after college," Mathe said.

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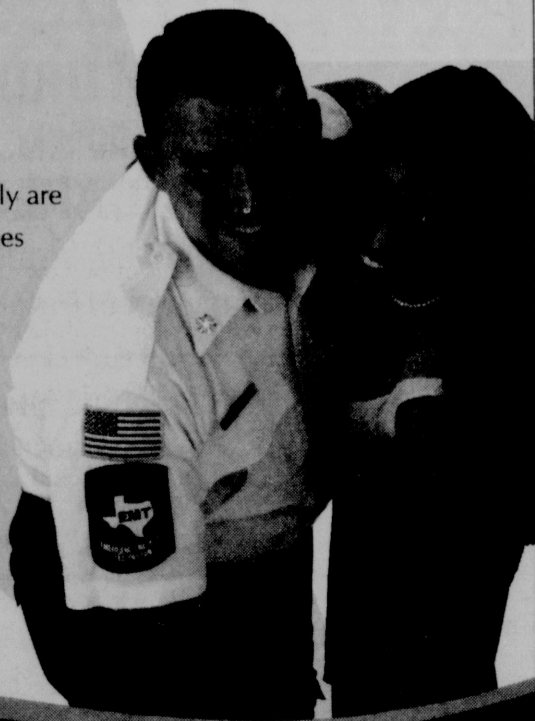
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Texas Monthly honors work of UT scientist

By Megan Kaldis
Daily Texan Staff

Texas Monthly lauded a UT research scientist for her efforts in reducing carbon dioxide emissions produced by power plants.

The magazine named Susan Hovorka, a scientist for the Bureau of Economic Geology, one of the top "35 people who will shape our future" in its February issue.

The final 35 seemed poised to make a transformation or leap forward, said Jake Silverstein, a senior editor at Texas Monthly. Tremendously well-known figures were not included, he said.

"It's a UT team effort," Hovorka said, "It's not me by myself, but I'm flattered to represent the community."

The bureau and the chemical and petroleum engineering departments at UT are working together to research and test carbon sequestration, the process by which carbon is captured after leaving power plants. They are also determining safe sites to store the carbon dioxide and ensuring that properties of the rocks used for storing will keep the gas underground, Hovorka said.

About 50 people at UT are working on the carbon sequestration research along with 100 more collaborators from across the globe, Hovorka said.

"UT may have the greatest concentration of people working on these things out of the universities in the United States," she said.

The bureau received a \$38 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy in October for a research site in Mississippi that has a large number of power plants.

"People know there's an option, through our research, to use fossil fuels and not emit [carbon dioxide] into the atmosphere," Hovorka said.

Large amounts of carbon dioxide emissions change the heat balance in the air and water, leading to global warming.

"Texas has already been such a leader for so many years in energy production," Silverstein said. "There is a poetry to [Hovorka's] work that sought to make Texas also a leader in providing green solutions for the byproducts of our energy industry, letting Texas come full circle."

UNIVERSITY BRIEFLY

Street fight near pizza parlor on Guadalupe yields 1 arrest

UTPD arrested one male involved in a street fight Monday night.

The fight broke out on the sidewalk in front of Mellow Mushroom and escalated into Guadalupe Street.

The male arrested was taken to the Travis County jail to sober up, said UTPD Sgt. Chris Bonnet. The other male was released after providing UTPD officers with a credible story.

The suspect's name was not re-

leased because UTPD could not confirm his name, as he had no forms of identification on his person.

"We're pretty sure he's been arrested before though," Bonnet said.

Officers searched the suspect's backpack and pockets and found no illegal substances in his possession.

UTPD said they intervened when the men started fighting in the street, posing a danger to both individuals and drivers.

"There's not much you can do about soliciting, but you can for fighting in the street," Bonnet said.

—Amanda DeBard

GIVE ME YOUR BEST SHOT



Radio-television-film sophomore Bill Saxelby photographs Jamie Linter, left, and Matt Benavidez as Linc Allen throws in a choreographed punch Monday afternoon. The four friends were working on a project for an RTF class.

Jeffrey McWhorter
Daily Texan Staff

Law clinic studies briefs for Pittman case

By Lauren Winchester
Daily Texan Staff

An array of juvenile justice-related and human rights organizations filed amicus briefs in support of a case the UT Law School clinic hopes the Supreme Court will hear.

UT Law's Supreme Court Clinic reviewed the five briefs Monday and members hope the briefs will increase their chances of getting their case to the nation's highest court. The clinic hopes the court will review Christopher Pittman's 30-year sentence in prison without parole for the murder of his paternal grandparents. According to the clinic, Pittman was given an excessive sentence considering he committed the crime when he was 12, yet was sentenced in South Carolina as if he were an adult.

An amicus brief is filed by a "friend of the court" who is interested in the case but is not a party to it.

Michele Deitch, an adjunct

professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, is working with the clinic. She said having five briefs filed at this stage of the process is extremely unusual and shows the importance of the case.

"We are gratified that so many influential organizations and individuals in the field believe our case is important enough to take the time and effort to provide their perspectives to the Supreme Court on this issue," Deitch said. "Each of these briefs reflects a different stakeholder group's unique insights into these critical juvenile justice issues."

Briefs regarding the case have been filed by:

- the Juvenile Law Center and 15 other juvenile justice advocacy organizations
- scientific experts on adolescent psychology and brain development
- three judges who have written about transfers of juveniles to

the adult criminal court system and have handled cases of serious juvenile offenders

- the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
- five international human rights organizations

The clinic filed a petition for a writ of certiorari, which asks the Supreme Court to review the decision of a lower court, on Dec. 17.

Law School Professor Michael Sturley directs the law clinic with professor Lynn Blais. Five law students worked on the Pittman case with the clinic and five LBJ School of Public Affairs graduate students, under Deitch's supervision, have done background research regarding domestic and international juvenile justice practices.

"South Carolina called him an adult, but he was a 12-year-old child, and he should suffer the consequences appropriate for a 12-year-old child," Sturley said.

The clinic uses the court's 2005 ruling in *Roper v. Simmons* to

make their case for Pittman. In *Simmons*, the court rejected the use of the death penalty for juveniles, holding that "children are different" when sentencing is involved.

The clinic wants the court to clarify whether Pittman is protected under the Eighth Amendment, which bans cruel and unusual punishment.

Attorney Lanny Vickery briefed a trial court and the South Carolina Supreme Court on the Eighth Amendment. He brought Pittman's case to the clinic and asked for help in petitioning the Supreme Court to hear his case.

Deitch said the Pittman case tests the viability of the juvenile justice system.

"If it can't be used for 12-year-olds who commit serious crimes, who is it for?" Deitch asked.

The clinic said children should be recognized as being in a developing stage, rendering them less culpable than adults.

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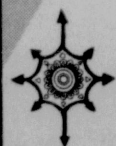
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Knight abruptly ends career

Bobby Knight unexpectedly made the decision to step down as Texas Tech's head coach after 902 career wins. He hands the program over to his son, Pat Knight, who was named coach-designate in 2005.

Tony Gutierrez
Associated Press



By Brad Gray
Daily Texan Staff

The all-time winningest coach in college basketball called it quits Monday afternoon.

Bob Knight informed Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers that he was resigning immediately and handing over control of the team to his son Pat. Knight ended his career with 902 wins, 23 more than former North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

Knight told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that he made his decision on Sunday after speaking for an hour and a half with long-time friend and legendary basket-

ball coach Pete Newell.

"My thinking was that for Pat and for this team — most of which is returning next year — the best thing for the long run for this team would be for Pat and his staff to coach these remaining 10 games," Knight told the Avalanche-Journal late Monday night.

Knight has spent the last six years at Texas Tech, compiling 20 win-seasons five of those years. Texas Tech is 12-8 this season and in 3-3 in Big 12 games.

"Bob Knight has done an outstanding job as Texas Tech's

KNIGHT continues on page 2B

AP TOP 25

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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| 1. Memphis (72) | 14. Indiana |
| 2. Duke | 15. Drake |
| 3. North Carolina | 16. Marquette |
| 4. Kansas | 17. Washington St. |
| 5. UCLA | 18. Texas A&M |
| 6. Georgetown | 19. Connecticut |
| 7. Tennessee | 20. Kansas State |
| 8. Wisconsin | 21. Pittsburgh |
| 9. Stanford | 22. Nore Dame |
| 10. Butler | 23. Vanderbilt |
| 11. Michigan St. | 24. Purdue |
| 12. Texas | 25. Saint Mary's |
| 13. Xavier | |

SEE INSIDE FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

COMMENTARY



By Anup Shah
Daily Texan
Columnist

Tiger Woods could make undefeated run in 2008 season

By abandoning his job, he summed it up perfectly.

On the 17th hole of the Dubai Desert Classic, the greenside marshal — instead of holding up his "Quiet Please" sign and facing the crowd — subconsciously lowered the warning and turned his head to watch the Tiger Woods putt for the lead.

And when it went in, the supposed-to-be-impartial marshal pumped his fist in a familiar Tiger-like way.

Expect to see that all year long.

I know people have been saying it for the last 11 years: Tiger could very easily win the Grand Slam — that is, win the Masters, the U.S. Open, the Open Championship and the PGA Championship all in the same season.

But for the first time ever, Tiger himself has admitted he has a good shot.

"I think it's easily within reason," Woods said on his Web site, www.tigerwoods.com, before the 2008 season began.

I'm actually going to take it a step further and say that he will win every tournament he plays in this year.

I mean let's face it, this isn't some Igor Olshansky or Anthony Johnson guarantee. This is the most dominant athlete in the world we're discussing.

And every week he gives more and more hints that send the other professional golfers — nowadays known simply as "the field" — back into their own little corner.

"For most of my career, I've won more than four tournaments per year, and all I have to do is win the right four," Woods said before the Buick Open, his first tournament of the year.

Two wins later and Woods is getting his game geared up for the Masters.

There is no question about Tiger winning all the majors. Nick Faldo — a six-time major winner himself — practically guaranteed it as well.

Take a look at the schedule. The WGC Accenture Match Play is next, followed by the WGC at Doral. Both of these tournaments he has won before.

Then there's the Masters — no surprise there.

The U.S. Open at Torrey Pines follows, where Tiger has more than 10 wins as both an amateur and a professional.

Then there's his own tournament, the AT&T National, which I know Tiger won't be able to stand losing this time. He'll know how to handle the role of host and be far more prepared this time around.

Then the Open Championship at Birkdale where Tiger can succumb to his one "weakness:" poor driving. Birkdale's wide and hard fairways will definitely play into his favor.

Then on to the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, where Tiger has

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Gritting it out

Mason's effort, versatility on court make him a threat even without scoring points

By Ryan Killian
Daily Texan Staff

When 12-year-old Justin Mason started getting the best of his dad during one-on-one basketball games in their driveway, Bobby Mason knew his son was something special.

When Justin, the ninth-grader, was put on the varsity team in time for Palo Duro High School's playoff run, Bobby knew his son would eventually play at the college level.

Justin's aunt, Janie Wysner, gets the credit for introducing her nephew to the sport. He was getting into a little bit of trouble — nothing major, his dad said, he just "didn't want to mind the teachers for a while there" — and she figured basketball would give him something better to do. So Janie took Justin, the kindergartner, across the street to a school gym and put him on a Kids, Incorporated team.

Justin took to the sport immediately and devoted himself to getting better. And so it happened that at the end of his freshman season he found himself playing with the varsity team.

Jeff Evans, Justin's high school coach, was the man responsible for the early promotion, and he never had a reason to regret it. Justin quickly established himself as a special player by playing through pain, working long hours in the gym and providing more than just points.

The value of versatility

Texas had already pulled ahead of Baylor on Saturday, but the Bears were trying to claw their way back on top. Engaged in man-to-man defense on the perimeter, Justin's adversary tried to sneak the ball by him.

Justin dove on the lazy pass as it trickled past and called a quick timeout. Moments later, the Longhorns scored, and

Baylor never seriously threatened again.

It was one of his signature games: a little bit of scoring and a whole lot of scrambling.

Evans isn't surprised to see Mason's versatility shine on the collegiate level.

"I always felt when he went there he would find a way to get out on the floor," Evans said. "He proved me right on that."

Justin developed his signature style of tenacious play during his high school days and didn't let his status as a star stop him from working hard at every facet of the game.

"It was like unleashing a tiger back to the wild when you let him step on the court," Evans said.

Better still, the cat was consistent.

"Pretty much every day you walked in our gym you knew what you were going to get from him," Evans said. "No one day stands out above the others because you knew you'd get his best."

Eventually, recruiters from across the Big 12 and schools such as Marquette and Illinois came calling. Mason narrowed his choices down to Texas and Texas Tech.

Rick Barnes or Bobby Knight.

Justin's mother, Oneta, was wary of Knight's reputation for swearing, yelling and getting

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MEN'S TENNIS

Texas wins two road matches

Longhorns win in double-header to stay undefeated this year

By Andrew Martinez
Daily Texan Staff

Between a day-night double-header against UT-San Antonio and UT-Arlington on Sunday, Texas coach Michael Center looked calm sitting in his office as his players left the locker room to eat lunch as a group.

When asked about his busy weekend and upcoming match later that night, Center chuckled and said, "No Super Bowl for us tonight."

The No. 7 Longhorns ended a long weekend full of traveling difficulties and emotional tennis with

a definitive victory against UTA to remain perfect on the season.

The 6-1 win late Sunday night marked the third consecutive win against the Mavericks in three meetings as Texas (5-0) continues to showcase its highly impressive tennis play.

"I've seen improvement in the team since we first started [the season]," Center said. "It's still early in the season, but we have talent and depth. That's probably what's been carrying us through."

Center is happy with his team's performance so far. Texas has four singles players ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Top 100 and two doubles teams in the Top 15 men's doubles rankings.

The Longhorns began the match Sunday against UTA at 6 p.m., riding a wave of momentum after

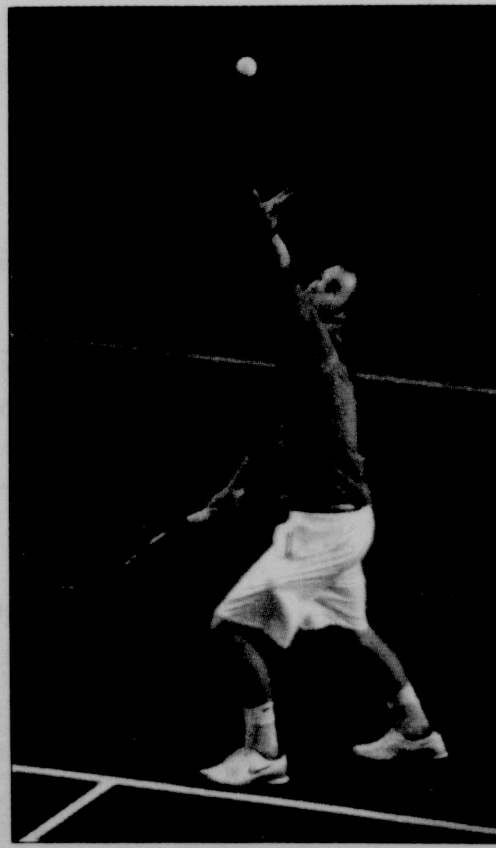
sweeping UTSA just hours before. Texas also played an away game against the University of Arkansas at the Dills Indoor Tennis Center in Fayetteville, Ark., on Friday. The Longhorns disposed of the Razorbacks by a 7-0 margin after arriving in Fayetteville on Thursday by bus seven hours behind schedule.

"We've had a long weekend," Center said. "But I like what I've seen from the team."

Texas has won 27 out of its 30 singles matches of the season and continues to dominate doubles play, having won all 15 of those matches.

That is probably why there seems to be a calm atmosphere surrounding the Longhorns' locker room after every match.

The same one that surrounds their coach.



The men's tennis team won its double-header this weekend against UT-San Antonio and UT-Arlington. The No. 7 Longhorns remain undefeated (5-0) this season.

Caleb Miller
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TOP 25

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1. UConn (50)	14. George Washington
2. Tennessee	15. Pittsburgh
3. North Carolina	16. Notre Dame
4. Maryland	17. Oklahoma St.
5. Baylor	18. Kansas St.
6. Stanford	19. Ohio St.
7. Rutgers	20. Utah
8. LSU	21. Texas A&M
9. California	22. Wyoming
10. Oklahoma	23. Syracuse
11. Duke	24. Georgia
12. West Virginia	25. DePaul
13. Old Dominion	

KNIGHT: Son takes over coaching job

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basketball coach," Myers said in a statement. Knight was hired by Texas Tech in 2001, six months after being fired by Indiana for what officials called "a pattern of unacceptable behavior."

Knight started his career at Army, where in 1965 he became the youngest-ever head coach in Division I college basketball at the age of 24.

Knight served as the head coach at Indiana from 1971-2000 and won three national championships while with the Hoosiers. His 1975-1976 championship team was the last in college basketball to finish the season undefeated.

But his career has been filled with controversy, even to this day.

Among his antics, Knight once threw a chair across the court during a game against Purdue in 1985. He was also accused by Neil Reid, a former player, of choking Reid during a practice in 1997.

Just last November, Knight was accused of shooting in the direction of Lubbock resident James Simpson while hunting. Simpson claimed Knight was hunting too close to his home and videotaped the confrontation after the shooting.

Knight had hinted at leaving in April, but his mid-season departure was completely unexpected.

"I didn't know, I've never really known when I was going to step down from this job," Knight said. "As I thought about it, my first thought was at the end of this season."

Rick Barnes released a statement concerning the retirement of his close friend and mentor.

"The best that has ever been has just walked off into the sunset," Barnes said. "As people reflect on his career, they will begin to recognize what Bob Knight has been able to accomplish."

MASON: Guard chose against Tech because of Bob Knight

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physical with his players.

"She didn't like the style of coaching Bobby Knight does," Bobby Mason said.

His wife was afraid she'd get herself into trouble if Knight ever put his hands on her son.

And Bobby Mason said Justin had the same concerns.

"He figured if Knight messed with him, he might not be able to control himself," he said.

Luckily, when Justin stepped foot on the University of Texas campus, he felt right at home.

"When he made his visit down there, it was clear to him that's where he wanted to go," Evans said.

Between the players, the coaching staff and the city, something just clicked.

Now in his second season with the Longhorns, Justin has forged a reputation for his gutsy play. But sometimes effort alone isn't enough, and the 6-foot-2-inch guard has struggled at times.

Mired in a shooting slump, Justin lost his starting job when freshman phenom Gary Johnson received clearance to play. His stint on the bench didn't last long, though.

A combination of Johnson's slow start and Justin's unrelenting play meant he was still getting plenty of minutes. When Texas struggled against Colorado, it was Justin who made the difference.

In 36 minutes of play the sophomore contributed only two points, but scoring wasn't what the Longhorns were looking for.

He provided four crucial blocks in Texas' two-point win and got to the kind of rebounds that only heart and hustle allow.

"He played like a junkyard dog, and that's what we needed him to do," head coach Barnes said.

Desire is never a question with Justin, but his confidence suffered when he couldn't get things going on the court.

Seeing Justin fight through a funk hasn't been easy on Barnes.

"It's really hard watching guys really do everything you want them to do [and still] struggle, guys that you know really care," he said. "That's one of the hardest things as a coach."

"He does everything you ask him to do. Then you've got to do things sometimes to try and jolt him out of it," Barnes said. "You're searching to figure out 'what can we do to get him going?'"

Justin said he's spent considerable time in practice attempting shot after shot, but as long as he keeps playing defense and corralling loose balls, he'll still be invaluable.

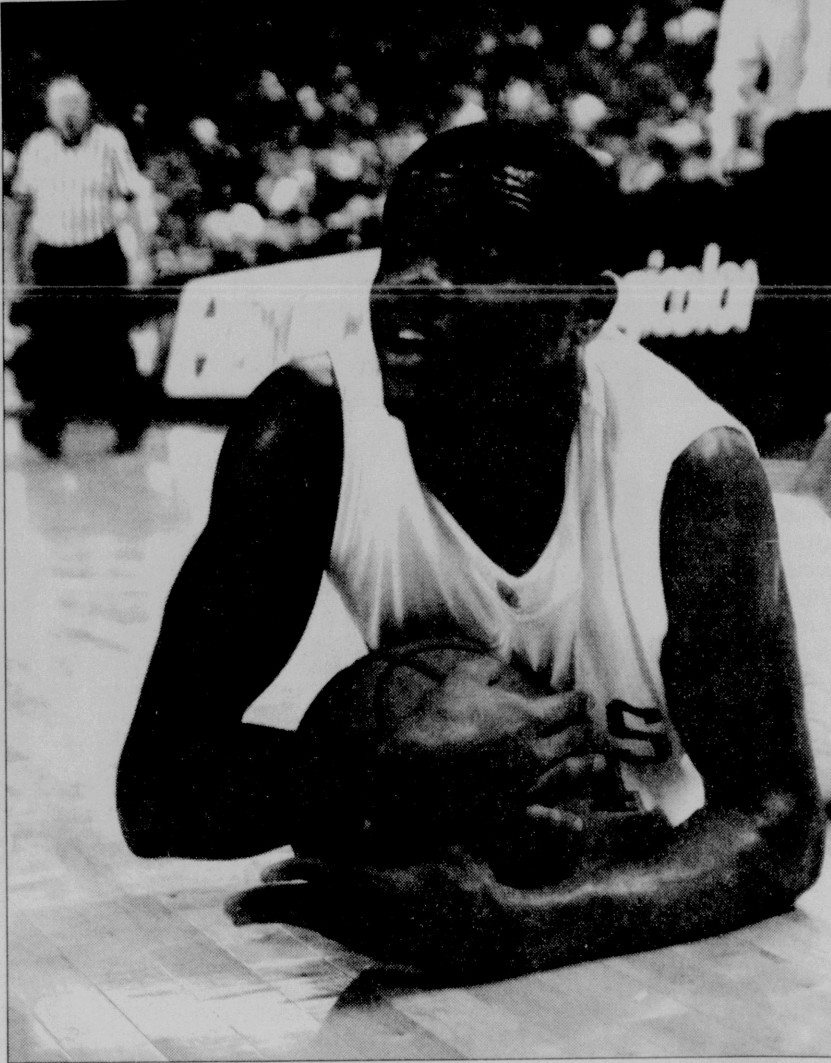
"Every day in practice, he hasn't changed, even when he struggled," Barnes said. "Lord knows he wants to do the right thing. He's said to me 'maybe I'd be better coming off the bench. I don't think I'm getting anything done for us.'"

While Justin has yet to break through in the points column, his recent contributions haven't gone unnoticed and, whether or not he remains a starter, his value to the team isn't in question.

"We need his attitude," Barnes said. "I wish I had a team of guys like that. You'd go anywhere with those guys."

Bobby takes to the road

On Sunday, Bobby Mason got in the truck he takes on a dedicated run from Amarillo, to Tucson, Ariz., to Phoenix and back again. He spent the drive listening to the Super Bowl on the radio with a load of compressed helium in the trailer behind him.



Justin Mason hustles for a loose ball during Texas' 80-72 win over Baylor Saturday. Mason's grab helped Texas hold onto the close win.

Bobby makes this drive all the time, but if his son is playing, the trip takes a backseat to the game. He'll schedule his stops around games and watches them from motels when he's on the road.

It wasn't so long ago that he could compete with that kid that's now running around on ESPN. Justin also remembers those moments on the driveway.

"Any time he had some free time we'd go out and play some one-on-one," he said. "He was a little older, and it was right when I was getting better at basketball so it probably helped me playing with stronger people."

Indeed, his dad was no slouch. Bobby played forward in high school, and he's still got some advantages of Justin. At 6-foot-4, he's two inches taller. He's got a bigger wingspan and larger hands.

Heck, if they were playing a half-court game, he might even be able to hold his own for 10 minutes or so, he said.

Justin doesn't know about that.

TIGER: The way he's played so far, season sweep not all that unlikely

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had a measly six wins.

Finally you have the PGA championship at Oakland Hills which, if he wins all the others, he'll conquer on sheer confidence. Remember Oakland Hills was where Tiger made the cut as an amateur in 1996.

Then another three-month hibernation and Tiger will be back for the Target World Challenge — which he won by only seven shots two months ago.

So, based on the schedule, not

only does Tiger have a shot to win every tournament, but at the end of the year, he will be two wins and one major from Jack Nicklaus on the all-time list.

The only scary part about it all is Tiger thinks he's just getting started.

"My career is not done yet," Woods said two weeks ago at the Buick. "Hopefully my good years are still ahead of me."

So, for now, don't blame the marshal for shirking his duties to watch Tiger. I know I won't.

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OH DEFINITELY.

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TRIO: Album impresses with clear production

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cool, the band has no spiritual connections.

"At the time, Brent [Anderson] was reading a lot about Masonic shit — Zoroaster came up a lot," Flore says. "We don't practice religion or try to convert people."

Zoroaster is currently touring in support of its debut full-length *Dog Magic*, released last September. Though the band's self-titled demo released in 2006 had a raw charm, the massive, clear production on the new album flat out slays. Massive riffs are given prominence with the layers and layers of distortion and volume. Zoroaster wanted to make *Dog Magic* a real headphones album, and somehow, guitars and amps being pushed to their lowest extreme wasn't enough. Saxophone and Moog synthesizers are also utilized to not only diversify the sound, but suck the listener into an even greater trance. The group had always wanted to use these elements, but they only had three days to record the self-titled. The electronics in particular were inspired by Anderson, whose knob-fiddling closes almost every Zoroaster gig.

"When he left [his previous band] Terminal Doom Explosion, he went through a phase where he started collecting Moog pedals," Flore said.

Although *Dog Magic* and the



Courtesy of Zoroaster

Zoroaster will stop in Austin tonight to play a gig at Emo's. The band is on tour promoting its latest release, *Dog Magic*.

self-titled sound are very different. Will doesn't notice a great deal of change within the band itself.

"It's hard to see any change happening when you're inside something," he said.

Will said he is open to expanding these elements further by collaborating with other bands. He wanted to collaborate with the band Nogaxt and even brought them into the studio, but due to time constraints, nothing came about. It's hard to imagine, though, that a band as dominating as Zoroaster could even share record space with another band.

The band is playing tonight at Emo's inside stage. Sourvein and The Roller will support.

SANDWICH: Homemade made easy

From page 6B

Some words to the wise — do not touch the foil immediately after you remove the iron. It becomes a heat magnet hotter than the surface of the sun, and yes, I speak from experience. Also, unless you're wanting to: a) re-carpet the floors, b) purchase a new desk or c) burn down the whole dormitory altogether, put something under your sandwich project. A metal baking sheet, a plate or anything that can resist heat and serve as a buffer between the counter and your scalding mass of melted cheese will work.

If you do not own an iron, I don't blame you. What college student frequently irons his or her clothing? In this case, you'll be happy to know that I've also experimented with making my sandwich using a hair straightener. If you were born with the gift of naturally straight hair, are male or don't happen to own a hair straightener, just ask the first girl you see in a pair of Nike running shorts and I guarantee you'll find one. Unfortunately, grilling via hair straightener is harder than you'd think. You can't just leave the straightener resting on top like you can the iron. Instead, you have to carefully hold the straightener in place and move it over an inch every 30 seconds. It gets pretty tedious. In a pinch, it will work, but I advise sticking to the iron for best results.

Overall, a dorm room grilled cheese makes for a simple yet satisfying meal or snack when you're craving something warm and comforting without the means of acquiring it. I highly rec-



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commend giving this experiment a try. If anything, it's something to pass the time while counting down the days until your apartment lease begins.

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Local performance showcases bands' eccentric music

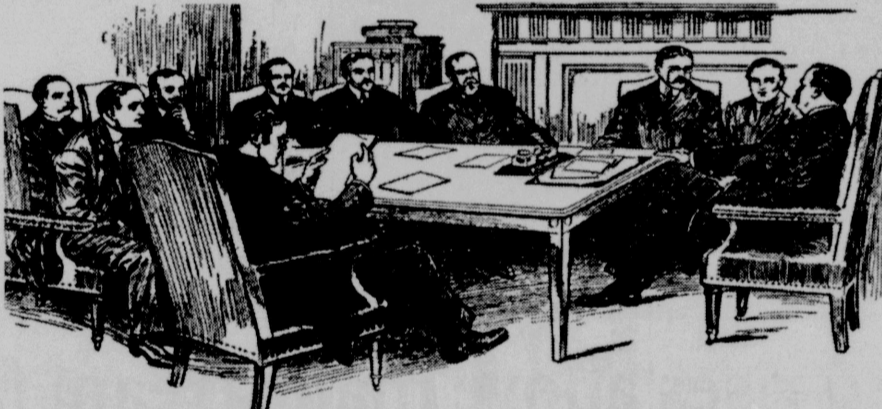
By John Meller
Daily Texan Staff

Saturday night brought Holy Fuck and Super Furry Animals to Emo's for an awesome performance showcasing the experimental and psychedelic. Holy Fuck wins the award for coolest show by a band with a name you wouldn't say to your mother. They produced experimental, improvisational electronic music without using a laptop. Instead they used whatever they could to make noise, from half a dozen mini-keyboards to pulling film frantically through a 35 mm film sequencer. There's a strong possibility the sequencer actually didn't make the sound, but it sure looked awesome.

Welsh group Super Furry Animals came out with lead singer

Gruff Rhys in a giant red Power Rangers helmet and, when he started singing, his mic was against his helmet's eye shield. They proceeded to rock out to their atmospheric, psychedelic pop for a full hour and a half without giving anyone time to rest. They made sure no one was left out of the out-of-this-world experience created by their surreal musical presence.

The show was a great double bill and showed off two exceptional groups in two diverse and unique genres.



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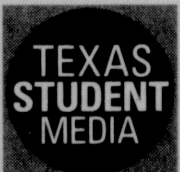
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TASTY TUESDAY



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Dorm cuisine reaches a new level of creativity with the iron-cooked grilled cheese sandwich.

Toasty homemade snack in your dorm

By Leigh Patterson
Daily Texan Staff

Let's be honest — dorm life can be rough, especially when it comes to dining. It's February: The cafeteria's make-your-own-waffle station got boring long ago, the soft-serve ice cream machine has been broken for six months, and you've been out of Bevo Bucks since September. Your 12-by-15 dorm room has two outlets and no sink, let alone space to store any appropriate, "University-approved" appliances. The situation may be looking grim to some.

Alas, not all hope is lost. Dining can once again be fun and delicious if you are willing to think outside the box and get creative with your culinary endeavors.

Enter my dorm version of a grilled cheese sandwich. Making this sandwich requires only a piece of foil, a clothes iron, the basic components of a sandwich

What to do:

Plug in iron. Butter bread. Make sandwich. Wrap sandwich in foil. Place hot iron on top of foil-wrapped sandwich. After about 30 seconds, flip foil packet over.

If you want, check on the sandwich periodically while cooking to avoid burning or any other potential disasters. Unwrap and eat.

— Leigh Patterson

(bread, cheese and margarine/butter) and less than 10 minutes of your time.

I feel like detailed instructions are fairly unnecessary as this is a ridiculously easy recipe. It involves only making the sandwich, wrapping it in foil, plunking the iron on top for about a minute, flipping the sandwich over and repeating the ironing process once more.

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Sandwich

Dorm Room Grilled Cheese
Serves one • Takes less than 10 minutes

- 2 slices of bread
- 1 tsp. margarine
- cheese (the gross, processed cheese works best)
- 1 piece of foil
- clothes iron

Good old southern boys

South Carolina
band sells out gig
at La Zona Rosa

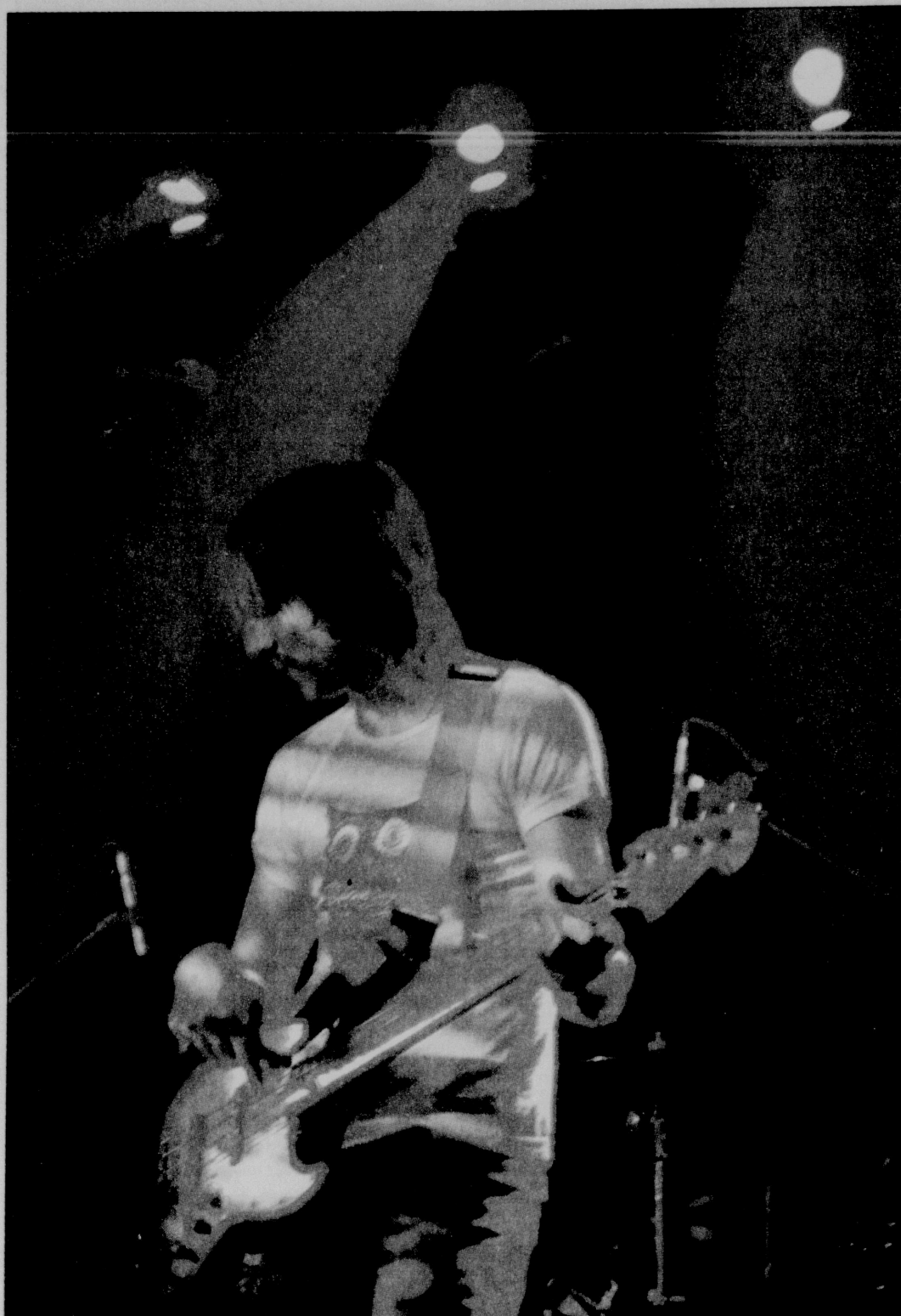
By Natalia Ciolko
Daily Texan Staff

"We're just some southern boys. We don't like the cold," said Rob Hampton, Band of Horses' drummer, as he leashed up his dog Roscoe for a walk through downtown Austin. The Boston terrier was almost as excited as the crowd at La Zona Rosa Sunday night for the sold-out show. This Southern stop hasn't been the only recent homecoming for the band — the members also just relocated from Seattle to Mt. Pleasant, S.C., to be closer to their families and perhaps to the roots of their sound.

The BOH boys look the part of a Civil War-era jug band, updated with insane tattoos, about nine electric guitars, a drum kit, keyboard and upright bass. Their tastes certainly seem to lean toward the country. No less than 10 12-packs of Miller Lite lined the walls of the tour bus, accented by a Johnny Cash DVD and a copy of this month's Vice Magazine.

The camaraderie between the group is solid, and singer Benjamin Bridwell is a delight to watch, at turns both frenetic and calm. The reverb-heavy vocals on the album sound amazing live due to the choirboy quality of his voice. In addition to the lyrical power of the songs, the instruments themselves create a perfect wall of sound, huge and seamless. He wore a huge smile throughout the encore, in contrast to the self-serious sneer seen all too often from out-of-town performers.

But it's not a surprise, coming from this band, which has a small-town sensibility that has remained throughout the huge amounts of ink being spilled about the band's new album *Cease to Begin*, out now on the label Sub Pop. The unfamiliar songs on the set list point to a new album in the works, and fans can look forward to a product that audibly resembles their new surroundings.



Band of Horses perform to a sold-out crowd Sunday night at Austin's La Zona Rosa. The band entertained the energetic crowd with strong vocals and proved to enjoy the show just as much as the fans.

Callie Richmond
Daily Texan Staff

Zoroaster's sound rises above mainstream fads

Band played SXSW
last year, makes local
stop on current tour

By Andy O'Connor
Daily Texan Staff

Iggy and the Stooges may have been the buzz centerpiece of last year's SXSW, but on March 16, 2007, there was some equally raw power on display at Spiro's Amphitheater. Japanese experimental metal trio Boris packed the place with disciples and curious Pitch-

"We don't do anything technical or sassy.
It's just this wall of sound."

Will Flore,
guitarist

fork readers, while San Francisco noise-rockers Oxbow caused a rift with the staff. Not to be forgotten in the madness, however, was Zoroaster. The Atlanta trio reveled in the low end, proving their worth with their array of Green and Sunn

amplifiers. Being in a "doom" band may net more press in very un-metal publications, but Zoroaster's music remains truly cathartic and above all trends.

"We don't do anything technical or sassy. It's just this wall of

sound," guitarist Will Flore said.

The band came together in 2003 when Will Flore, his brother and drummer Rob Flore (who has since been replaced by Dan Scanlan) and bassist Brent Anderson, all previously in the grindcore group Terminal Doom Explosion, decided to jam again.

Some may know the name Zoroaster as the prophet that inspired Zoroastrianism, which was once the dominant religion of what is now Iran. Will Flore says that although the name was

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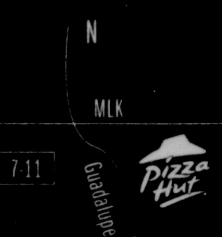
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