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hot air

Balloons from all over the world flocked to New Mexico for the Balloon Fiesta last week.
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Anthrax sent to Sen. Daschle

WASHINGTON — A letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for carrying anthrax, forcing those exposed to it to be treated with Cipro, an antibiotic, a Capitol physician said.

The piece of mail, which contained a powdery substance, was dispatched to an Army medical research facility at Fort Detrick, Md., for further examination after a pair of preliminary tests in Daschle's office came back positive.

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U.S. airstrikes shake Kabul

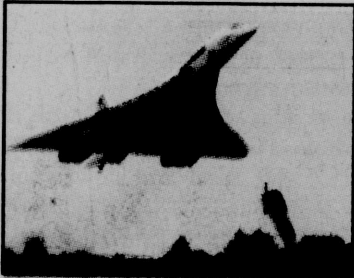
KABUL, Afghanistan — Huge explosions shook the Afghan capital day and night Monday, sending terrified residents scurrying for shelter, as U.S. jets pounded suspected weapons storage sites in Kabul and across the country.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, speaking at the Pentagon, suggested U.S. airstrikes could start targeting Taliban front-line positions facing Afghan opposition fighters in the northeast of the country.

Ex-hostages critical of Iran

WASHINGTON — With Iran participating in the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism, the government tried unsuccessfully Monday to block anti-Iran testimony from former American hostages held for 444 days after the U.S. embassy in Tehran was seized two decades ago.

The move by the State Department prompted one of the ex-hostages, Barry Rosen, to accuse the government of playing "a surrogate role for Iran" in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.



Concorde to resume service

PARIS — Fifteen months after the Concorde was grounded because of a deadly crash, Air France and British Airways are resuming flights to New York City — a decision Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called "symbolic of how all New Yorkers feel about rebuilding this great city."

The sleek, needle-nosed aircraft — revamped to address safety concerns after the July 25, 2000, crash that killed 113 people — will return to the skies on Nov. 7, the companies said Monday. Air France started selling Concorde tickets on Monday, and British Airways was to begin Tuesday.

Flood kills 81, damages land

SEOUL, South Korea — Floods caused by heavy rains last week have killed at least 81 people and injured 82 in North Korea, a U.N. report said Monday.

The report, jointly prepared by the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and North Korea's Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee, said torrential rains also damaged vast amounts of cropland just ahead of the fall harvest.

A large number of people, including children, were mobilized to save as much of the rice harvest as possible, it said.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

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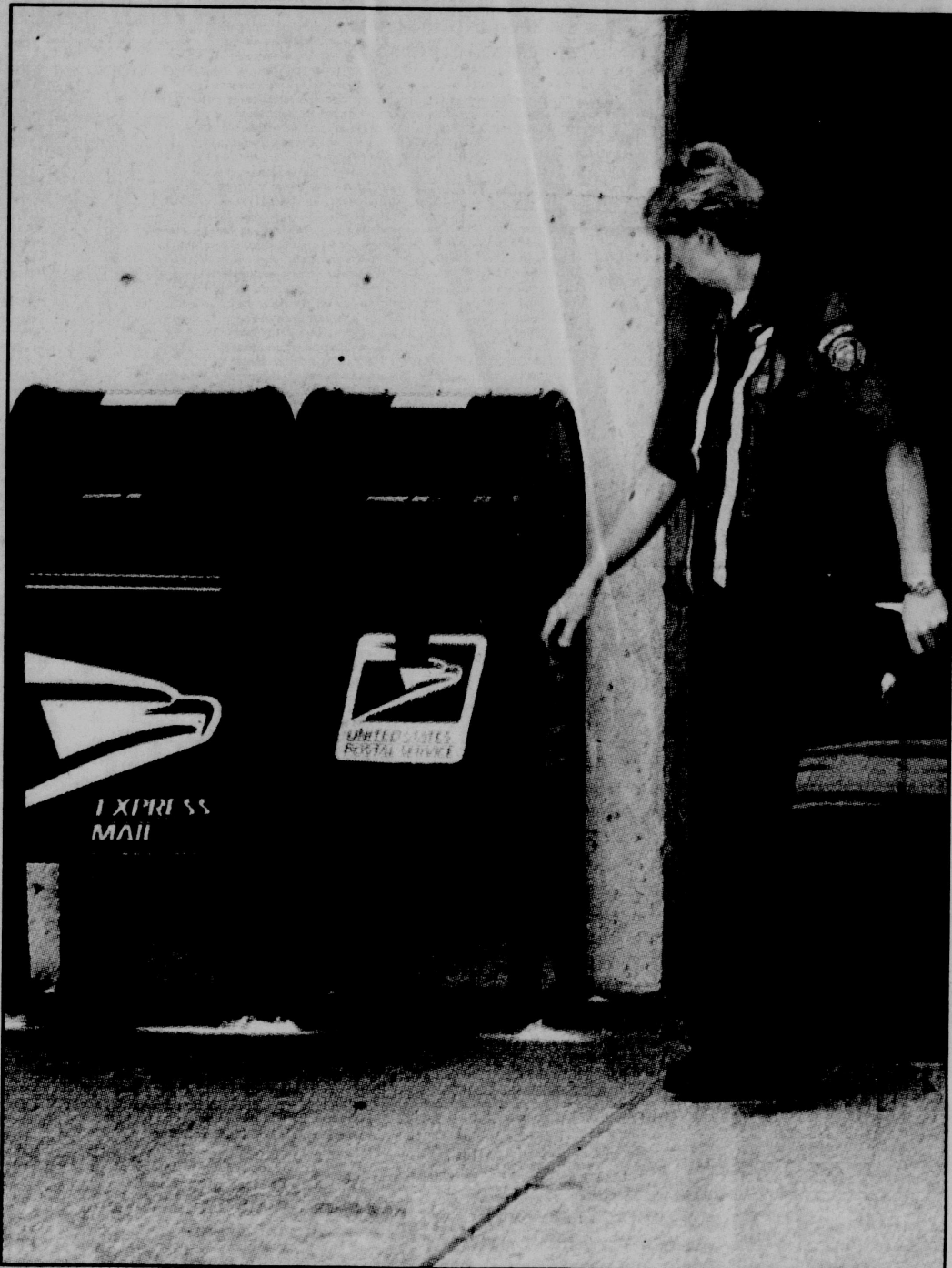
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Nation takes anthrax precautions



Luciana Castro/Daily Texan Staff

A UT police officer locks the doors of the law school Monday morning. The building was briefly evacuated after white powder was found in a reading room in the library. Officials are examining the substance for the presence of anthrax but believe the powder to be fragments of wallboard from construction.

U.S. Postal Service tells public to examine mail

By Angela Maclas
Daily Texan Staff

United States Postal Service officials are warning an American public fearful of mail carrying anthrax to monitor packages closely.

Monday's announcements that Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office received a letter containing the bacteria and an ABC News producer's child and a tabloid mailroom employee contracted the bacteria further solidified America's anxiety.

More U.S. postal inspectors are being placed in

post offices, but screening of each package is impossible, said Vanessa Kimbrough, U.S. postal inspector. Therefore, those receiving packages should take precautions when opening mail, she said.

"When we are processing millions of pieces of mail, one letter doesn't stick out to us," Kimbrough said.

Michael Buchanan, a postal worker, said the postal service hasn't provided any intensive training to employees on handling chemically tainted

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Anthrax scares affect UT community, law school evacuated on false alarm

By Rachel Yates
Daily Texan Staff

The number of confirmed cases of anthrax grew to 12 Monday, but hoaxes and false alarms related to the potentially deadly bacteria have infected the nation. The first anthrax scare at the University occurred about 11 a.m. Monday when the UT Office of Environmental Health and Safety responded to a call from the UT School of Law.

An unidentified person on the fourth floor of the law library noticed a white powdery residue in one of the reading rooms. Soon after, the smell of smoke became noticeable in the building and the Austin Fire Department was called to the scene, said Rhonda Strange, director of communications in the Office of Employee

and Campus Services.

Three AFD trucks, the Hazardous Materials team and the Emergency Medical Service responded to the call and evacuated the building until about noon, said Steven Goode, associate dean of the law school.

"The school is open, the library is open, the room that was the site of the white powder is still sealed off, but other than that everything is back to normal," Goode said.

The substance found in the law school is believed to have been fragments of wallboard from nearby construction, and a motor from construction equipment caused the smoke odor, Strange said.

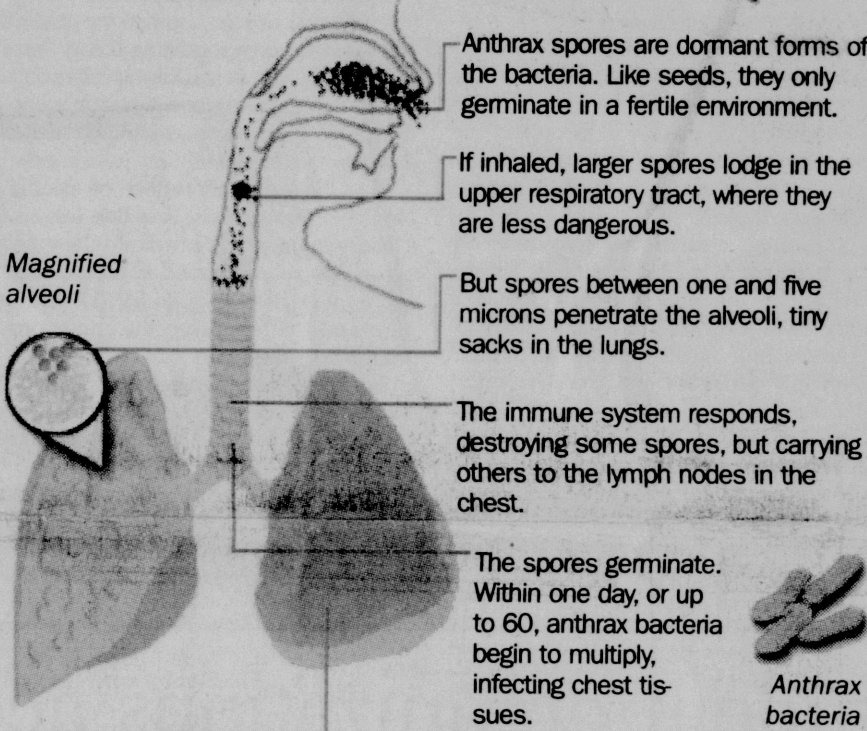
EHS will post test results of the substance Tuesday on the UT Web site, said Erle Janssen, EHS director.

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Anthrax: How America's latest terror infects

Anthrax is an acute infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. It occurs most commonly in wild animals and livestock, but it can also occur in humans when they are exposed to infected animals or tissue from infected animals. The following diagram drafts the course of the bacteria after inhalation. A less severe form of infection involves exposure of the skin to the bacteria.



As they infect tissues in the chest, bacteria also produce toxins that enter the bloodstream. In the lungs, the toxins can cause hemorrhaging, fluid collection and tissue decay.

Sources: Associated Press, UT office of Environmental Health and Safety
Graphic by Jesse E. Harris/Daily Texan Staff

Eleven student organizations challenge free speech policies

By Celina Moreno
Daily Texan Staff

When pro-choice activists set up a counterdemonstration to student group Justice for All's anti-abortion exhibit last spring, they probably didn't think they'd be teaming up with JFA this semester.

UT officials demanded that JFA black out the Web site addresses of off-campus groups, causing members to question if the University may practice content-based censorship.

That's one of the three issues addressed in a proposal endorsed by 11 campus political organizations — including Justice for All and Action for Abortion Rights— who want the University to stop what they

call content-based censorship of student organizations.

Calling the University's free-speech policies unconstitutional, the Undergraduate Students Association drafted a proposal which re-evaluates the University's free-speech policies and has since received co-sponsorship from 10 additional organizations.

"This is one issue that students are united on," said Collin Bost, president of Students for the American Civil Liberties Union, which is one of the co-sponsoring organizations. "They're not going to back down from expressing their constitutional right to express themselves and peacefully assemble. And both sides of the political spectrum clearly understand that current rules are unconstitutional and overly restrictive."

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Speech resolution passed by council

Faculty concerned with potential stifling of opinion

By Miguel Liscano
Daily Texan Staff

UT Faculty Council passed a resolution Monday reminding the members of the University community of their right to free speech and their responsibility when expressing opinions.

The Committee of Counsel on Academic Freedom and Responsibility introduced the resolution, stating differences of opinion should not be discouraged, but encouraging faculty to indicate clearly that they are not speaking on behalf of the University.

Also during the meeting, Barbara Harlow, an English professor, asked a formal question that addressed UT President Larry Faulkner's response to a Sept. 14 *Houston Chronicle* column written by Bob Jensen, a journalism professor. In the written inquiry, Harlow



Thomas Palaima, a classics professor, spoke at a faculty council meeting Monday. The council passed a resolution asserting faculty members' right to free expression as long as it was balanced with "appropriate restraint."

Lee Ruckman/
Daily Texan Staff

requested that Faulkner define his policy towards dealing with dissenting voices on campus.

In the column, Jensen expressed his sorrow for the victims of Sept. 11, but claimed the act was "no more despicable than the massive

acts of terrorism — the deliberate killing of civilians for political purposes — that the U.S. government has committed."

Faulkner responded in a letter to the editor by saying Jensen didn't

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Powell seeks restraint in Kashmir dispute



Associated Press

Pro-Taliban demonstrators burn an American flag at the end of an anti-U.S. rally in Pakistan Monday. Thousands demonstrated to protest Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit to Pakistan and the Pakistani government's support of U.S.-led military strikes in Afghanistan.

India-Pakistan conflict worries U.S. officials

By The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Secretary of State Colin Powell's South Asia visit got off to a rocky start Monday as Indian troops opened fire on Pakistani positions in the Kashmir region just hours after Powell appealed for restraint.

The Bush administration has been hoping that Pakistan and India would contain their differences over Kashmir at least for the duration of the American-led military campaign against Afghanistan-based Osama bin Laden and his terrorist organization.

In Washington, President Bush urged India and Pakistan to try to avoid military conflict over Kashmir, because fighting there "could create issues" for the anti-terrorism campaign.

"It is very important that India and Pakistan stand down during activities in

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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- President Bush says there may be links between Osama bin Laden and several recent anthrax cases, but has no hard evidence.
- Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says Afghanistan's Taliban regime still possesses planes and helicopters. He also acknowledges that Afghan civilians have been unintended casualties of U.S. attacks.
- Number of people missing at the World Trade Center stands at 4,688, with 450 people confirmed dead and 395 of those identified. Death toll at Pentagon remains 189 and 44 at Pennsylvania crash site.
- A second employee of a Florida supermarket tabloid publisher has the inhaled form of anthrax, health officials said Monday.
- A child of an ABC News employee tested positive for anthrax, two officials said Monday, adding that they expect the child to recover. The child had recently visited the ABC newsroom in New York, the source said.

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Officials: UT prepared for anthrax situations

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Similar anthrax scares have occurred at universities across the country within the last week, including Abilene Christian University, James Madison University in Virginia, and Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

In two confirmed cases of anthrax exposure in Florida and New York, victims of the bacteria found white powdery substances enclosed in letters. In those cases, tests confirmed the powder contained anthrax spores.

EHS, which routinely responds to chemical spills when they happen in campus labs, already had an anthrax protocol in place, Janssen said. Anthrax threats involving white powder in envelopes have aroused public interest recently, but Austin has experienced similar scares over the past few years, said Janssen, who has more than five years experience working with hazardous materials.

But high-profile cases since Sept. 11 involving a grocery store tabloid editor, an aide for NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle have prompted Janssen to review EHS procedures.

"As the climate changes, we need to constantly review what is going on around us," he said. "I met with [UT President Larry Faulkner] today and briefed him on it. We're going to have more of these. We don't want anymore, but nationwide, I think we're going to see an increase."

The UT homepage features a link to the EHS Web site,

which contains information about suspicious mail and anthrax, as well as what to do if one encounters an anthrax threat. UT officials refrained from sending a mass e-mail containing the information, Janssen said.

"We just don't think that's really appropriate ... If somebody's interested they can ask questions or click on the spotlight, and that will give them the latest information from the authorities," he said.

Tracking anthrax

New York City — Oct. 12: Four tested positive for exposure
Oct. 15: One tests positive for exposure



Reno, Nev. — Oct. 10
Suspicious letter received by a Microsoft office, no one tests positive for exposure

Boca Raton, Fla. — Oct. 4
One dead, seven tested positive for exposure

Source: Associated Press

Graphic by Jesse E. Harris/Daily Texan Staff

Most suspicious parcels are 'scams,' postal inspector says

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mail, just a warning to be cautious of powdery white substances and to keep vehicles locked.

He said he isn't paying any more attention to packages now that he is aware of a possible anthrax threat.

"There is always some danger that a parcel will have something in it," Buchanan said.

But some mail room employees said they are relying on the USPS to spot a potential threat before it makes it to their mailroom.

Ora Houston, receptionist for Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, said despite being cautious when sorting the daily mail, she believes the post office should have already intercepted anything that is a potential threat.

"I have complete trust in our post office," she said.

Houston said the senator's office received a handbook on detecting terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks, which outlined guidelines to recognizing threatening mail. But the topic of incoming mail and anthrax had not been formally addressed in her office.

Kimbrough said companies and organizations should rely more on their own

inspection measure, rather than the chance the USPS will intercept a correspondence containing the deadly agent.

The *Austin American-Statesman* is taking precautions for possible anthrax exposure, said publisher Michael Laosa.

"We are taking special precautions for our staff and the safety of our ongoing operations," Laosa said.

Laosa said the newspaper began taking precautions on Friday and is currently formalizing its plans.

Although the first of several suspicious anthrax cases occurred earlier this month when a tabloid employee died from inhalation of anthrax, media organizations became more cautious when an NBC employee contracted cutaneous anthrax. The television network announced Friday the bacteria was contacted via a letter addressed to news anchor Tom Brokaw.

Kimbrough said that if an individual suspects a package contains a chemical or biological threat, they must contact the USPS.

Once the USPS confirms the package is suspicious, a postal inspector and local hazardous materials team will retrieve the parcel from the recipient, and it will be tested.

The southern division of the Texas postal service has received at least 10

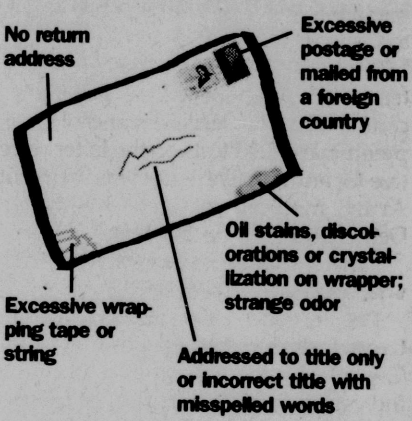
parcels containing a powdery white substance, Kimbrough said.

She said the packages have been mostly "hoax or scams" — all testing negative for anthrax.

The contents of the packages have not yet been determined, with testing still being conducted on them, Kimbrough added.

Taking mail precautions

If you have received a package or letter that appears to be a threat, contact 911 and do not open it.



Source: The Associated Press and UT Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Graphic by Tran Dang/Daily Texan Staff

'Appropriate restraint' phrase concerns some

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speak on behalf of the University, though he had the right to free speech, and called him a "fountain of undiluted foolishness on issues of public policy."

Faulkner defended his letter of response by stating that he must maintain the spirit of community within the University, but is not obligated to provide pretense to all arguments that surface.

"My overriding obligation is to defend the University as an island of free speech and expression," Faulkner said. "I did what I thought was necessary."

The committee created the resolution by adopting portions of a 1940 free speech statement written by the American Association of University Professors, which is a national organization advocating faculty rights, said Janet Staiger, an RTF professor and chairwoman of the committee.

"We are now hearing of events on other university campuses where individuals have expressed opinions and not only experienced public rebuke but also personal retribution through short suspensions without pay," she said. "[The committee] hopes the University of

Texas does not join these news reports."

She said the resolution was specifically a result of the Faulkner-Jensen controversy, but also related to the Justice for All incident last Spring where a University professor and a UT police officer were injured during a struggle over a megaphone in a protest.

Dana Cloud, a communications studies professor, said she was in favor of the resolution but expressed concern regarding using "appropriate restraint" when professors speak publicly. She added that the resolution is not clear about what constitutes appropriate restraint, and that she wonders who holds the authority to define the phrase.

"For example, a number of people in the Houston area thought that Bob Jensen did not exercise appropriate restraint where as a number of people in my own academic community and own political community felt that his utterance was accurate, respectful and appropriately restrained," she said.

She suggested that the language be clarified because the council should not be responsible for defining what is appropriate restraint for others.

Staiger said the committee was not completely happy with the 60-year-old language, but decided it was generally acceptable. She said people can interpret the guidelines differently,

but the general principle was to promote free and responsible speech.

She pointed out that the guidelines have remained in place after being revisited by the AAUP many times over the years during situations of national civil distress.

Robert Koons, a philosophy professor, said he opposed the resolution because there were no specific historic examples given as to what should be avoided. He questioned why the resolution is needed if no one within the University has violated the principles presented in the proposal.

"I think it's somewhat embarrassing for us," he said. "It suggests that we're afraid of the rough-and-tumble of real free speech — that we're trying to enforce some sort of vague speech code."

Jensen said he agrees with most of the resolution because it advocates free speech, but is concerned with the phrase "appropriate restraint," and that the overall value of this resolution is yet to be seen, Jensen said.

"The question is what effect it had on tenured faculty and students," he said. "And nothing in this resolution would reassure me, if I were an untenured faculty member or a student, about the real climate to engage political debate on campus."

Despite Powell's arrival, Kashmir fights continue

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Afghanistan or, for that matter, forever," Bush said.

Pakistan's support for U.S. operations is considered crucial because it is adjacent to Afghanistan. India has been sharing intelligence and offering other support for the anti-terrorism coalition.

Powell, who arrived here Monday night, is planning to make the case for restraint in Kashmir during a meeting Tuesday with President Pervez Musharraf and on Wednesday when he meets Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in New Delhi.

A senior Indian army official said Indian forces shelled Pakistani military posts across the cease-fire line Monday in Kashmir, destroying 11 posts. The Pakistani army was returning fire as midnight approached Monday, a Pakistani army spokeswoman said.

Bush said Powell's mission was "to talk to both sides about making sure that if there are

tensions — and obviously there are — that they be reduced."

"We are mindful that activities around Kashmir could create issues in that part of the region, particularly as we're conducting our operations in Afghanistan," Bush said after meeting in the Oval Office with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Monday's action in Kashmir followed a terrorist bombing there Oct. 1 that killed about 40 people. It left U.S. officials worried that India and Pakistan would turn their attention on each other instead of cooperating in the global counterterrorism effort.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said that before U.S. airstrikes on Afghanistan began Oct. 7, she, Bush and Powell called many top Indian and Pakistani officials to emphasize the importance of "not having a flare-up" over Kashmir.

"There's a lot of diplomatic infrastructure in place to try to tamp this down," Rice said.

Student organizations accuse University of content-based censorship

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But UT President Larry Faulkner said the University does not, to his knowledge, practice content-based censorship.

"I am deeply opposed to censorship based on content," Faulkner said.

Bost, however, said while the University won't admit that they cen-

sor based on content, those who study free-speech regulations will find otherwise.

"Anybody who studies the rules or has studied the [Justice for All] conflict knows that isn't true," Bost said.

The demand to cover JFA's content information was made based on a Board of Regents rule which deems impermissible "the oral or written

appeal or request to support or join an organization other than a registered student, faculty, or staff organization."

JFA, along with the Texas Green Party, College Republicans, University Democrats, Students for the ACLU, Campus Coalition for Peace and Justice, Action for Abortion Rights, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/o de Aztlan, National Lawyer's Guild and Students for Sensible Drug Policy, are 10 student organizations co-sponsoring the proposal.

The proposal, which will be submitted to Faulkner in November, states that the regent's rules should be relaxed so that student organizations can express themselves through supporting off-campus nonprofit advocacy groups and charitable organizations.

For instance, on-campus advocacy groups like Voices for Choice and Campaign to End the Death Penalty

should be allowed to promote relevant off-campus advocacy organizations, Bost said, adding that a political group like the UT Young Conservatives of Texas should be allowed to promote off-campus conservative organizations.

"This is an expression by association and essential for the organizations' constitutional right to advocacy," he said.

In response to Bost's comment, Faulkner said, "that's fair enough."

"I think it's important for the University to be a place for the University community [to express their opinions], but I think we're going to respect the regent's rules on that issue," said Faulkner, who added that he will further comment on the proposal once it's submitted to him.

Several members of the 11 organizations said this prohibition places an undue burden on the expression of reli-

gious organizations.

"Many campus religious organizations have ties to off-campus charities and churches," the proposal states. "If this regulation was enforced against them, they would be denied the right to express their religious associations."

The proposal also warns that if the regulation is extended to organizations' Web sites, students would be denied the ability to post links to off-campus organizations that they advocate.

A current policy to determine whether solicitation on organizations' Web sites will be prohibited is currently in development stages within the University's administration, said Cheryl Wood, a senior student affairs administrator.

At the beginning of this year, corporations such as AT&T and Verizon were allowed to promote their products in the "West Mall Marketplace," an exception to the University's solicitation rule that many students said concerned them. They expressed problems that for-profit organizations could solicit on campus while student organizations could not hand out flyers which advocated a nonprofit organization.

"Both should be able to be there and solicit," Bost said.

Citing what the drafters of the proposal deem another form of content-based censorship, they quote Regent's Rule 4.8 which states that "no component institution shall register any student organization or group whose actions or activities, in the opinion of the president or the appropriate executive vice chancellor, are inimical to the educational purpose and work of the institution."

The proposal said that such a decision is arbitrary, and that the decision is solely up to the president or executive vice chancellor and therefore is a form of censorship.

In reality, however, the determination is made on the campus level by the respective president, said Ed Sharpe, UT System executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

In addition, the policy said the University restricts speech it deems "obscene, vulgar or libelous."

"Let's not kid ourselves," Bost said. "The University can outlaw words to silence a message."

Bost said the proposal provides further evidence as it refers to the 1971 Cohen v. California case in which the Supreme Court ruled that "we cannot indulge the facile assumption that one can forbid particular words without also running a substantial risk in the process."

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Letter to Daschle carried anthrax

Antibiotic treatment given to exposed aides

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A letter opened Monday in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for anthrax, prompting a criminal investigation into a bioterrorism scare that has now spread to Capitol Hill.

Capitol Police Lt. Dan Nichols said the letter, which was opened by Daschle's aides, contained a powdery substance. He said two preliminary field tests on the letter were positive for anthrax. The letter was then sent to an Army medical research facility at Fort Detrick, Md., for further tests.

"There was an exposure when the letter was opened," Nichols said.

People who were exposed were being treated with Cipro, an antibiotic, said a Capitol physician. There was no immediate indication whether any of those exposed had anthrax spores in their bodies.

Daschle said his office in the Hart building a block from the Capitol had been quarantined and closed. Emergency medical vehicles were parked outside the building.

He said there were 40 people in his office at the time, but that he doesn't know how many of them may have come in contact with the letter. He said he also was gratified that the response was so quick.

"We have to be alert, we have to recognize that the risk is higher than it was a couple of weeks ago but we have to live our lives," he said.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Bush said "there may be some possible link" between Osama bin Laden and a recent flurry of anthrax-related developments.

"I wouldn't put it past him but we don't have any hard evidence," he said of the man suspected as the leader behind Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington that killed thousands.

Within a few hours of the delivery of the



Associated Press

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., talks to reporters on Capitol Hill Monday, after an envelope containing a suspicious powder believed to be anthrax was opened in his office. With Daschle are Capitol Police Lt. Dan Nichols, left, and Dr. John Eisold, congressional physician, right.

letter to Daschle's office, officials in the House and Senate issued orders to all congressional offices to refrain from opening mail.

A memo from the House sergeant-at-arms said the mail would be "picked up ... for additional screening and returned to you as soon as possible."

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said precautions were being taken at the White House with regard to mail, but added she was not aware of any tainted letters being delivered there. She would not provide details on the security measures.

"Like everybody else, we are being very cautious about what we open," Rice said.

The suspicious package was received at the majority leader's office in a Senate office building across the street from the Capitol.

Separately, one source said that when it was opened, a powdery white substance fell out. Capitol Police were summoned, the office sealed, and the workers immediately given a test for anthrax exposure. There was no immediate word on the results of those tests.

But Bush, in responding to a reporter's question, said he had just talked with Daschle. "His office received a letter and it had anthrax in it. The letter was field-tested. And the staffers that have been exposed are being treated."

The president made his comments after a

meeting with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, the latest in a steady stream of foreign leaders to visit Washington in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

The president said additional tests are being conducted on the letter. It "had been wrapped a lot," he said, and there was "powder within the confines of the envelope."

He said the powder itself had been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for additional testing. The disclosure came after days of unsettling reports of anthrax scares in three states, including the death of one man in Florida last week.

"The key thing for the American people is to be cautious," said Bush.

Sharon warns defectors against trying to bring down government

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Trying to keep his coalition from unraveling, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon warned ultra-nationalist defectors Monday that if they bring him down, they'll only help Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The first crack in Sharon's broad-based government appeared Monday when the National Union party said it was leaving because of Israel's troop pullback from some Palestinian areas. It also signaled a growing division over a U.S.-led push toward a return to peace talks with the Palestinians.

"You made [Arafat's] day," Sharon told his former allies in a tough speech before the Israeli parliament after their announced departure.

Sharon was elected prime minister by a landslide in February and put together a coalition that includes eight parties in an attempt to form a broad-based government that would not collapse as has happened with other governments.

The departure of the National Union did not rob Sharon of his parliamentary majority — his coalition still controls 78 seats in the 120-seat parliament. However, the defection served as a warning that Sharon's government can quickly unravel if he resumes peace talks with the Palestinians.

The National Union said it decided to leave after the government carried out one of its truce promises — a troop pullback Monday from two Palestinian neighborhoods in the West Bank town of Hebron. Israel seized the areas 10 days earlier to stop shooting on Jewish settler enclaves.

The National Union, which has seven seats in the 120-member parliament, is a patron of the Jewish settlement movement. Party leaders said they also quit to protest perceived U.S. pressure on Israel to make concessions to the Palestinians.

Palestinian officials confirmed last week that the United States is working on a peace initiative that calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state with a foothold in Jerusalem. U.S. officials have not commented on the details, but have said the plan might be made public during the U.N. General Assembly in November.

The United States is trying to cultivate Arab support as it retaliates for the Sept. 11 attacks. Several Arab leaders have said it is important to them to see progress in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In his parliament speech, Sharon tried to allay concerns of his traditional right-wing constituency.

"I am not subject to any pressure, and I do not intend to make any compromise on issues that endanger Israel's security," Sharon said.

Sharon warned that twice in the past decade, the defections of hard-liners from right-wing governments have brought dovish parties to power — and led to Israeli concessions to the Palestinians.

"I ask you, my friends, what do you want?" he said. "A campaign against terror or an election campaign."

Turning to the National Union leaders, Sharon said: "You have caused me great distress. To Arafat, on the other hand, you have given great satisfaction."

A dispute also broke out between the military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, and his boss, Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer — also against the backdrop of the Hebron pullback.

On Sunday, Mofaz issued a statement saying he opposed the pullback because it might endanger the lives of Israeli civilians and soldiers. Army commanders are routinely consulted by the government about security matters, but are not permitted to voice public criticism of Cabinet decisions.

On Sunday evening, Ben-Eliezer announced he had severely reprimanded Mofaz, who has nine months left of his four-year term.

Marines prepare for battle in Afghanistan-like setting

By The Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Calif. — In rugged mountains that resemble Afghanistan, U.S. Marines are rappelling down 400-foot cliffs, crossing rocky gorges, hiking for miles in the high, thin air, and eating bugs, lizards and wild plants.

Nobody is saying whether graduates of the Marine Corps' Mountain Warfare Training Center, 21 miles north of here in the high Sierra, will be sent off to a war half a world away. But if the call comes, they say they will be ready.

"If called to go there for whatever reason, I'd go, no problem at all," said Sgt. Alan Quartararo, 26, as he prepared to slide upside-down along a 100-foot rope strung more than 60 feet over a river.

"It's good to know I have the training, just in case that were ever to happen," said Cpl. Elias Gonzales, 23, as he and several other Marines — in combat fatigues, with M-16 rifles, 45-pound packs, and black and green camouflage grease daubed on their faces — waited their turn on the rope. "There's no doubt in my mind that if that were the case, we could handle it."

The punishing high-altitude combat and survival training is aimed at making harder, tougher Marines.

About 10,000 Marines a year go through the regular, four-week training at the only high-altitude military training base in the United States. The Marines scale cliffs, set up rope bridges, march at high altitudes in summer or learn combat

"When I first came here, it kind of took my breath away. But usually within a few days you acclimatize."

—Clinton Culp, Marine captain

skiing during snowy winter months.

Several hundred go through even tougher training, learning to lead troops in the wild in all seasons, forage for food and dodge enemy soldiers.

Trainees in the advanced survival program lose 15 to 20 pounds on average in two weeks as they learn to live on fish, worms, grasshoppers, snakes, rabbits or other small game they snare. They also learn how to cook a soup from more than a dozen plants, including gooseberries, stinging nettle, yarrow and watercress.

"It was the worst-tasting thing I ever had in my life," said Lt. Steve St. John, 25. Still, St. John said he enjoyed the survival training: "People pay to do this stuff, on vacations. We're getting paid to do it."

The Mountain Warfare Training Center, staffed by a force of 250, has an idyllic, resort-like look at first glance. It is on the edge of postcard-perfect Pickel Meadow, which is traversed

by the West Walker River. Pines and aspens cover surrounding mountains.

The training center was established in 1951 after the military learned some hard lessons in the "frozen Chosin" campaign of the Korean War.

During winters here, the snow can pile up to 10 feet or more at higher elevations. Temperatures range from 20 degrees below zero in winter to more than 90 degrees in summer.

"When I first came here, it kind of took my breath away," said Capt. Clinton Culp, 35, a 17-year Marine veteran who helps run the unit. "But usually within a few days you acclimatize. I can run up to 14,000 feet now without a major loss of breath."

Those who go through the advanced courses in winter and summer survival, leadership, high-altitude medicine and other training return to their units to pass along what they have learned.

The trainees are mostly men from Marine infantry battalions. But they also come from other branches of the service, as well as from other countries.

While some say it is business as usual at the center, others acknowledge things have changed since the Sept. 11 attacks on the East Coast.

Base security has been tightened. Entrances once open to hunters or hikers passing through are barricaded. In an administration office, there is a map of Afghanistan on a computer screen.

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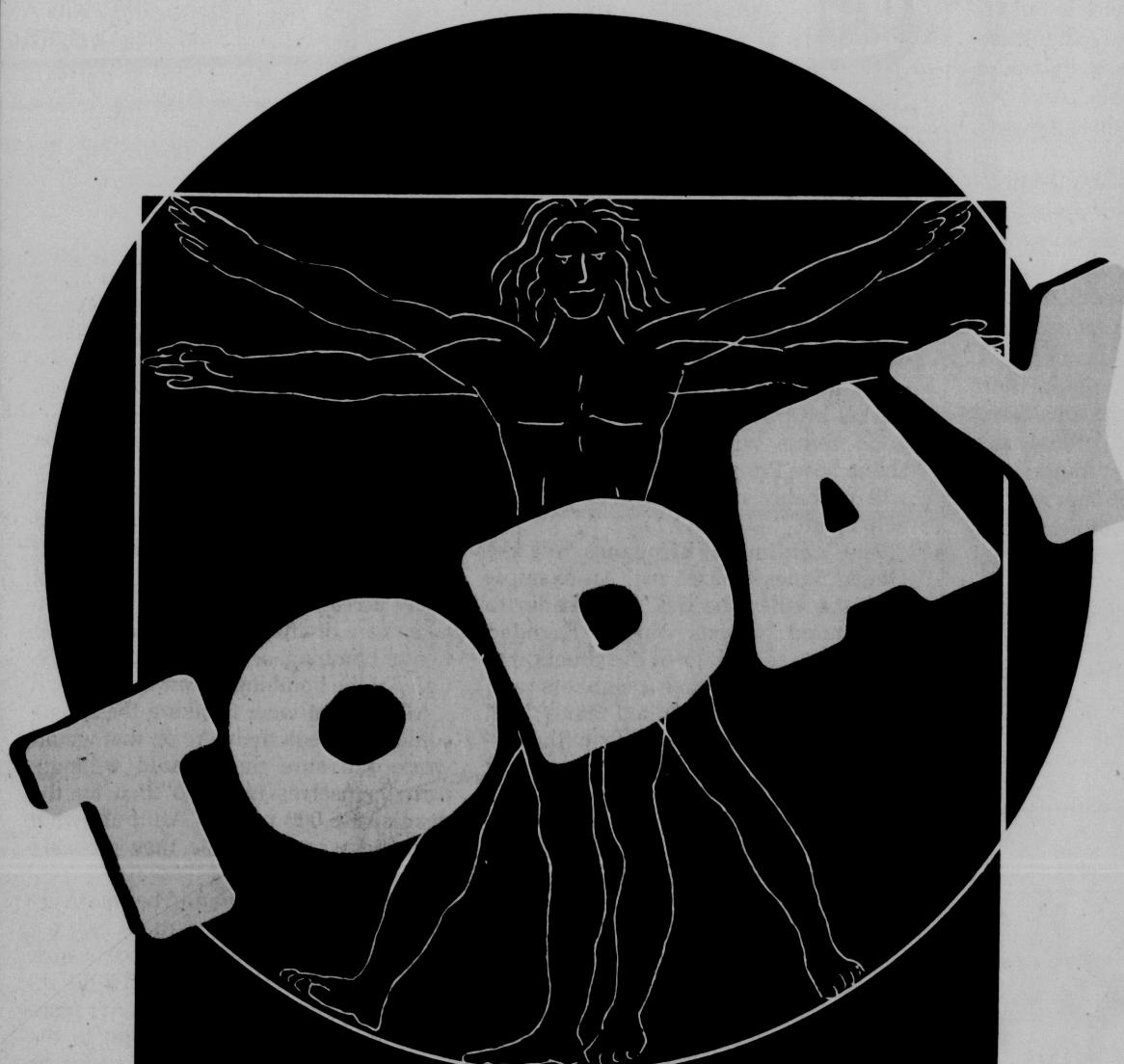
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VIEWPOINT

Scattered Shots

Unnecessary Regulation of Free Speech

As the University struggles even with the basic task of forming a committee on the exercise of speech and protest on our campus, some students aren't content to wait until the bureaucracy creaks and moans its way into forming some panel or task force. The Undergraduate Student Association has drafted a remarkably detailed and well-researched series of proposals dealing with the deficiencies highlighted during the Justice for All display last spring and subsequent events.

Among the UGSA's concerns is a lack of a coherent policy regarding freedom of association and certain partnerships on campus between students and outside organizations. What this means is that anti-abortion groups, like Justice for All, were prohibited last spring from referring to the Web pages and contact information of national anti-abortion organizations. Likewise, pro- and con- death penalty groups and groups in favor of rights for immigrants will also be restricted from referring to off-campus nonprofit organizations or political groups. Even religious groups will be prohibited from referring students to off-campus places of worship.

Banning contact information for off-campus groups only means that these off-campus groups will work that much harder to cloak their presence with the illusion of student-driven activism. Sure, maybe corporations and professional political slicksters shouldn't be able to masquerade as indigenous student enterprises, but a prohibition on the content of campus speech could have far-reaching repercussions that the architects of the campus speech rules may not have anticipated.

Students should be allowed to refer other members of the university community to off-campus organizations and nonprofit institutions. When the guidelines are evenly enforced, gutting even the least controversial of political voices on campus, then we'll see the complete folly of censoring the content of student speech.

Advice for the Faculty Council

If the Faculty Council was formed to represent the interests of university professors, our teachers would be wise to beware. The council may be wearing sheep suits for the Halloween season, but, judging from the resolution passed by the Council yesterday, there may yet be wolves afoot.

Sponsored by the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility, the resolution is designed to politely remind members of the University community — all of us — of some 1940 recommendations by the American Association of University Professors. The AAUP sagely encourages professors who speak and publish in public to "be accurate," cryptically tells them to "exercise appropriate restraint" and to "show respect for the opinions of others."

While it is gratifying to be reminded of some World War II-era advice from a group purporting to represent American college professors, the council could have taken a stronger stand on controversies surrounding the manner in which professors speak.

Reminders like the Council's resolution are just advice — and advice is easy to ignore.

Finally, the new resolution calls on professors to distance themselves from the University when they publish in public, but this is the worst slight of all. The University should be proud of its professors. We should want them to tout their University affiliation among their credentials. And we should support our teachers, even when we disagree with the content of their comments.

If a handful of irrational letter-writers are so simple-minded that they honestly believe any one professor speaks for the entire University of Texas and all its components, then they are the ones who need educating, not our own faculty. But this resolution's attempt to separate the personal and professional capacities of our professors is outrageous, insulting and impossible.

Professors should be encouraged to speak their opinions — especially on issues where they are considered experts. The public — and the media — could certainly use the expertise provided by years of study and training.

The Faculty Council should protect the professors that give it legitimacy and a good reputation. It should explicitly condemn the personal and anti-intellectual insults hurled by Faulkner.

The council would also do well to step beyond 1940s reminders about how to behave in public. A resolution with some actual teeth would go a long way towards dispelling the potential chilling effect created by an administration that is all too handy with an arsenal of insults for outspoken and unpopular teachers.

GALLERY



U.S. should keep close eye on borders

By Josh Sexton
Daily Texan Columnist

Nearly a month removed from the attacks on New York City, we are beginning to distance ourselves from that tragedy and drift closer to the next one. The people of this nation are beginning to ask themselves, "Are we doing everything in our power to postpone and ultimately prevent attacks in the future?"

This may be the most fair and crucial question in American history. The answer will forever be a simple "no." No matter how much we have been doing or how much we do in the future, we aren't doing enough at the present. As long as attacks are possible, it is required of us to do more.

With the airports being militarized for at least 6 months to come, we probably have one of our bases adequately covered. However, even though this gained a great amount of media attention last week, it is not enough. It must not be forgotten that covering one base is not adequate — all bases must be covered completely.

Fiver hundred and thirty million people cross America's borders each year, which can cause many headaches for the people securing

those borders. Out of 530 million people, some undesirable individuals are bound to slip through. The task is minimizing this number, which requires that border officials do a better job.

The figure of 530 million doesn't include one of the biggest threats to American security: illegal immigrants. There is no way to know the exact number, but an estimated 7 million illegal immigrants are in this country at any one given time.

Heightened border security in our current situation is not only smart, it is necessary. There are several plausible ways of going about this. The most likely possibility would be an increase of INS agents patrolling the northern and southern borders. Along with better surveillance, this could greatly improve the ratio of

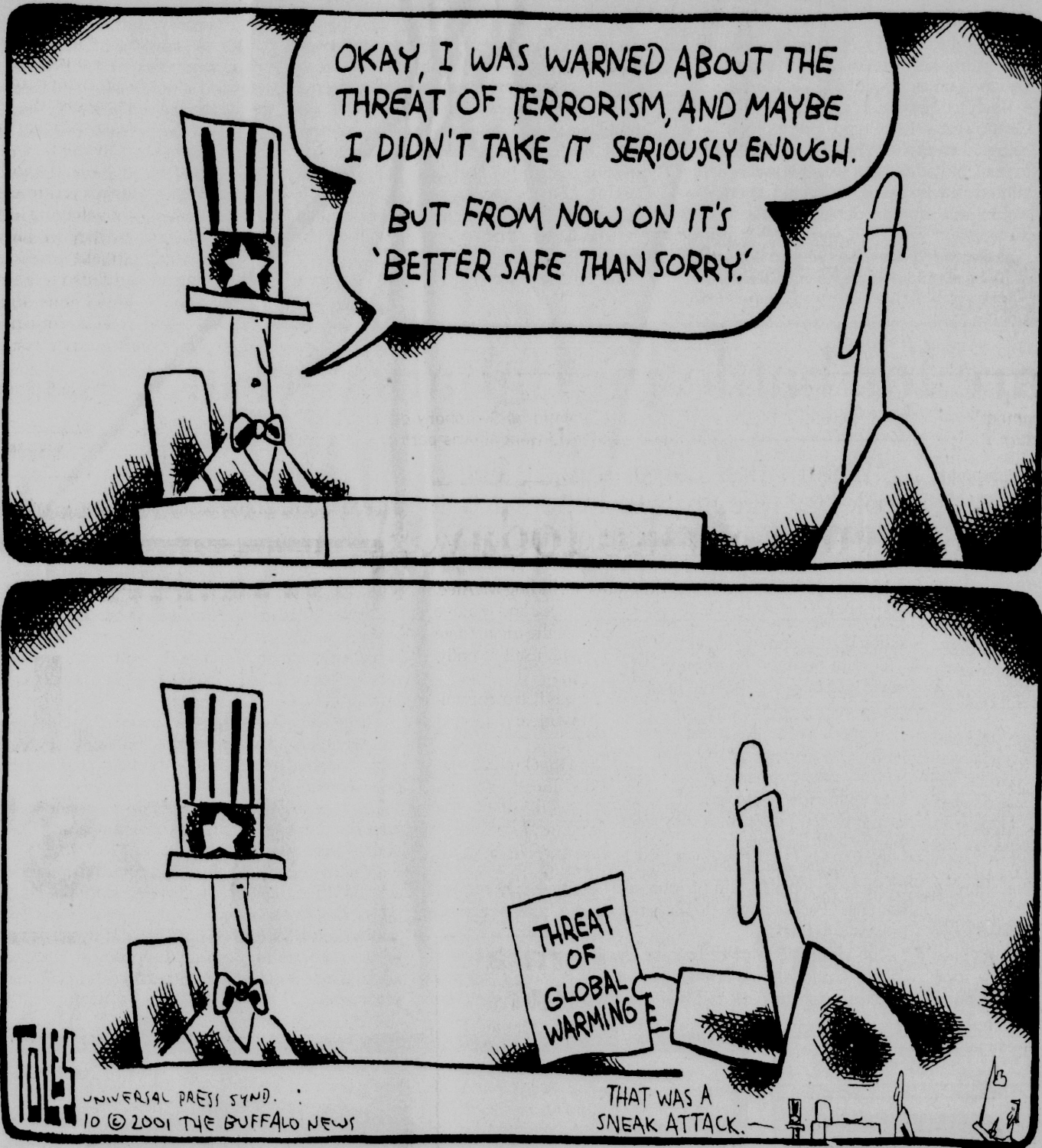
prospective terrorists apprehended to the number of prospective terrorists infiltrating our borders illegally.

This is in no way a call for closed borders. Rather, it is a call for heightened border security. Since 1994 the number of INS agents assigned to the Mexican border has more than doubled to 9,056 — about one every 1,300 feet. Conversely, there are 334 agents patrolling the entire northern border — one about every 12 miles. It mustn't be assumed that the agents on the northern border have super powers that allow them to patrol 12 miles of land as easily as the southern agents patrol 1,300 feet. The well-known cause of this is that the southern border has many more problems with people crossing illegally seeking decent salaries than do our friends to the North.

Nevertheless, this deficit does not bode well for our current concerns about national security. Due to some lax Canadian immigration laws and inadequate law enforcement sources, Canada is thought of as a desirable place for terrorists to be, and then possibly leave from there and enter the United States untouched.

Border security should be of the highest concern to every American in this time of crisis. Even though there is no proof yet that any of the suspected terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks crossed an American border illegally; it is important to remember that they likely could have. Left unattended to, this problem will undoubtedly be exploited.

Many more problems of national security exist other than illegal immigrants crossing our borders, but this problem in no way deserves to be overlooked. Our preparedness must be nourished like a child. As it grows we must feed it more and adapt to its changes. In its infancy now, we must lay its foundation for the future. We must never forget to inform our child, that no matter how dark the horizon appears, there is always hope.



THE FIRING LINE

Recipe for blindness

I agree with Hashaam Mahmood's comments (*A generous offer*, Oct. 15) regarding the rejection of the \$10 million check from the Saudi prince. I think it was extremely arrogant of Giuliani to reject the check. We need all the help we can get, and we certainly want to stay on good terms with the Saudis. Think about how Prince Walid must feel. He will probably never want to offer us help again.

The continued arrogance of the United States amazes me. An example of this is when the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations warned Baghdad not to take advantage of the situation to launch attacks on their neighbors, and that if they did, the United States "will reply very strongly to defeat [them]." I'm surprised that we haven't warned Schroeder not to invade Poland.

Another example is Bush not providing the evidence directly to the Taliban. Think about if another country wanted us to extradite somebody. If they provided no evidence directly to us, do you think we would follow through with the extradition? I think not, though I'm no expert in the field.

Don't get me wrong, I love this country and everything it stands for, but it's time to stop being so arrogant and start being more modest and humble. Let's not give people any more reasons to hate us.

For those of you that think I'm a bad person for not supporting everything we do 100 percent, I say this: The day we stop questioning our actions and policies is the day we are blinded by our own self-righteousness.

Jeff Ploetner
Electrical Engineering junior

Trials won't work

There seems to be quite a bit of irony behind a statement I read in the *Firing Line*, in which David Peterson claimed the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attack should be brought to trial and that we should not go to war (*Aid or propaganda*, Oct. 15).

How exactly were you planning on getting Mr. bin Laden and his associates to the Hague? It isn't as if we can just send a police officer into Afghanistan to throw him into the back of a squad car. If bin Laden and the al-Qaida were that easily accessible, they would have been taken care of after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, or the attack on the USS Cole, or the bombing of our embassies.

Maybe you were thinking the Hague could subpoena them. Yeah, that would work. I'm sure they would willingly turn themselves in to be tried for the deaths of 6,000 people. After all, what they did was wrong, so they probably feel really guilty.

The only way you would be able to get those responsible for the attack before a judge would be through force, which means war. Oh yeah, and even if the US relief campaign is propaganda, it's more aid than anyone else is giving to the Afghan people right now — seeing as how all humanitarian workers have fled the country. So I wouldn't be complaining if I were you.

Spencer Essenpreis
communications freshman

Add to the debate

I think it's time the peace protesters on this campus put up or shut up. For weeks now you've been condemning

military retaliation in favor of "seeking alternative solutions." What are these proposals? Enlighten us with some viable options. All I've seen is silly costumes and colored chalk.

I am of the opinion that the only language these people understand is destruction and bloodshed. I am of the opinion that our failure to retaliate for previous attacks in Manhattan, East Africa and the Persian Gulf is what led to this mess.

But hey, I could be wrong. Challenge me.

Barry Levitch
UT staff

Gay in wartime

In response to last week's *Firing Line* that criticized the movement to establish a Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered and Allies Resource Center: Queer students at the University will forge ahead with our desire for community space on campus. As students of color have the Multicultural Information Center and as women have the Women's Resource Center, LGBT students will have such a space in the near future.

And even though some students have claimed that the allocation of fees to queer issues/organizations violates their First Amendment rights by forcing them to fund groups with which they disagree — the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled in *Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin v. Southworth* that the student activity fees were distributed in a content neutral fashion to groups spanning the political spectrum and, therefore, not unconstitutional. The creation of LGBT Resource Center at the University is not

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only legal, but necessary to righting the wrongs of years of homophobia at the University.

Also in response to Nathan Brown's argument (*Global discrimination*, Oct. 15) that "Considering the atrocities committed by the Taliban, one would think that gay and lesbian advocates would be among the most ardent supporters of current U.S. military action." The U.S. military currently has an explicitly homophobic "don't ask, don't tell" policy which allows queer people to be in the military only if we remain silent about sexuality and desires.

The current Administration's unabashed intolerance towards queers manifests itself under the guise of heteronormative radical extremist Christian family values. Queer bashing has permeated the U.S. military — often leading to the murder of queer members of the military. Finally, The Associated Press reported a U.S. soldier signing a bomb used in the current war with: "HIGH JACK [sic] THIS FAGS."

Clearly, homophobia and hatred exists on both sides of the battlefield.

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Targeted mental training may help children

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Do genes determine your brain's abilities, or can you retrain the brain to overcome inherited problems, such as helping a learning-impaired child to read?

Neuroscientist Michael Merzenich has proved that special training, targeting specific brain regions, can help some children with dyslexia and other language-related disabilities to learn. Sophisticated neural imaging shows the retraining, using computerized educational games, leads to physical changes in the brain.

If it works for dyslexia, Merzenich reasons, why not for more profound neurological disorders like autism or schizophrenia? His theory: Such disorders aren't simply inherited illnesses. Instead, they're inherited brain weaknesses that turn into full-blown disorders only when the ever-changing brain essentially gets stuck in the wrong

gear — and that might be possible to reverse.

"There's a real prospect of understanding these conditions through understanding the brain as an operational machine that in a sense creates its own capacities," explains Merzenich, of the University of California, San Francisco.

It sounds provocative. But as Merzenich discussed the latest research at a National Institutes of Health meeting last week, neuroscientists said recent years have brought widespread agreement that the brain's "plasticity" — continual changes that let us learn new things every day — sometimes veers out of control, causing developmental disorders once attributed solely to bad genes.

The challenge now is to understand normal learning well enough to interfere when plasticity goes bad. Merzenich calls it "raising a brain."

Think of the brain as an incredibly mal-

leable computer. At birth, much of the hardware isn't hooked up and little software is running. But the brain physically changes as it learns, and each change enables new learning and more changes — constant evolution customized to experience.

Take vision. Newborns see very little. Day by day, messages beamed from the eyes to a region in the back of the brain literally hook up neural vision circuitry until babies can see normally. But studies of monkeys show patching over one eye makes the brain rewire itself to see only through the eye without the patch.

"It's a use-it-or-lose-it game during development," says Harvard Medical School's Carla Shatz.

Change isn't limited to childhood. Other scientists have painstakingly counted how many new brain cells grow in adult rats — very few if they're kept in plain boring cages but lots if they learn to use exercise wheels. In humans, brain-scanning MRI

machines show regions involved in playing music, for example, grow and become more intricately wired as musicians practice.

But a genetic flaw can knock the whole cycle off kilter. Consider: Some people with dyslexia have problems reading not because of eye problems but because their brains don't properly process sounds, such as the difference between "duh" and "buh," that link to words.

Merzenich's laboratory created computerized educational games to retrain sound-processing brain regions. The sounds may be drawn out until a child learns to recognize them and then gradually sped up to normal. Put children in MRI machines after about 60 hours of training, and the auditory cortex looks more normal. Tests show the children learn significantly better, too, Merzenich said.

Merzenich co-founded a California company that now sells the retraining games, called Fast ForWord, to schools and speech

therapists.

More intriguing are severe disorders like autism or schizophrenia. Clearly genes alone don't determine who gets those diseases, because 15 percent of identical twins of autism patients escape the disorder, as do half of identical twins of schizophrenics.

Merzenich thinks people who inherit a predisposition to those diseases actually get them when brain plasticity runs amok.

How? He hasn't proved it yet, but his autism theory is that a brain region important for social development, the amygdala, gets bombarded with signals that it can't keep up with, and thus proper development is stymied. It's like a car getting stuck in the mud — the genetic predisposition — and revving the engine — the brain struggling to learn — just digs it in deeper. Redirect the stalled amygdala and maybe autism can be lessened if not prevented, he says.

DESERT SONG



Bassist Hector Viveros Rogel carries his instrument toward the orchestra pit for a concert with the National Symphony on a salt flat near Uyuni, 815 kilometers south of La Paz, Bolivia Saturday. The concert, which was conducted by American David Handel, was part of a cultural festival.

Antidepressants, reduced heart attack risk linked

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Smokers who take certain antidepressants like Prozac and Zoloft run a dramatically lower risk of a first heart attack, a study suggests.

The study found that smokers who took selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs, reduced their chances of a heart attack by 65 percent compared with smokers who didn't.

Dr. Stephen Kimmel, an assistant professor of medicine and epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania, said one possible explanation is that the drugs act like a blood thinner, reducing the risk of clots that cause heart attacks. But he said more research is needed.

He said another possibility is that the drugs reduced the risk of a heart attack by relieving depression. Depression is known to be a risk factor for heart attacks.

It also remains to seen how the drugs affect nonsmokers.

The findings were published in Tuesday's issue of the journal *Circulation*.

Kimmel's study, originally intended

to examine if nicotine patches prevented heart attacks, looked at 3,643 smokers ages 30 to 65 during a two-year period in eight counties near Philadelphia. The SSRIs studied included Prozac, Zoloft, Luvox and Paxil.

Previous studies have indicated that other types of antidepressants can cause abnormal heart rhythms in patients with heart problems.

Dr. Daniel E. Ford of Baltimore's Johns Hopkins School of Medicine said a major limitation of the study was that it did not gauge the level of depression for each person in the study. He conducted an earlier study that showed clinically depressed men were twice as likely as other men to suffer heart attacks or develop other heart illnesses.

Ford said the results, however preliminary, could make people who fear the weariness and reduced libido associated with some SSRIs more agreeable to taking them.

"Probably the thing people most associate with antidepressants are the negative effects," he said. "This study suggests that they may have some positive effects on the heart."

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SirCam e-mail virus may strike today

By Ben Heath
Daily Texan Staff

An e-mail virus that plagued UT computers last summer may strike again today, UT officials said Monday.

Technicians at Information Technology Services believe that the SirCam virus that spread through UT computers is set to reactivate on Oct 16.

"If the machine got infected with it, it will reside in memory and will trigger itself to go off [on a given date]," said Marcy Goodfleisch, ITS manager of information services.

The virus usually comes via e-mail with the attachment filename "SirCam32.exe." The virus may have a number of effects, including filling up the hard drive, deleting all the files on the hard drive and sending copies of itself to all the people in the user's e-mail address book.

Most major virus protection programs, including McAfee, have a patch available that allows users to locate and remove the virus. The SirCam virus lies dormant until the trigger date in the computer's recycle bin, a place where, until recently, most virus protection programs did not scan.

ITS officials believe that they have pinpointed all of the vulnerable computers connected to the UT network and notified the users.

"We have the ability to scan for machines that are vulnerable," Goodfleisch said. "We have identified those machines and notified the users ... We really believe that the problem is under control for UT."

However, students with computers may have also contracted the virus. For more information, visit www.utexas.edu/computer/news/0110/sircam-oct16.html.

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UT-San Antonio student could face charges of manslaughter

The alleged attacker of UT student Terence McArdle may face steeper charges after the victim died from sustained injuries early Saturday.

Brandon Threet, a 19-year-old UT-San Antonio student, is currently being charged with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, a second-degree felony.

The charge may be changed to manslaughter and murder with sudden passion, both of which are also second-degree felonies. But if the charge is raised to murder with intent, a first degree felony, Threet could face harsher penalties, said Tracy Karol, spokeswoman for the Williamson County sheriff's department.

McArdle, 18, was a guest at an Anderson Mill party on Oct. 6. Witnesses say Threet, another guest, assaulted him early that morning after the two students had challenged each other to a playful hitting match. McArdle spent several days in critical condition at Brakenridge Hospital before his death Saturday.

The Williamson County District Attorney's Office will decide if the sheriff's department will file higher charges now or wait for a grand jury indictment for the higher charges to take effect.

"The charges will have to change," Karol said. "It is just a matter of procedure at this point."

Second safety specialist to be involved with 2002 Bonfire quits

The second safety specialist has dropped out of negotiations with Texas A&M University involving the construction of the next Bonfire.

The safety specialist, Jay Marak of Houston, withdrew because of communication and payment issues, said Bryan Cole, planning coordinator for Bonfire 2002.

Marak didn't return phone calls Monday.

Marak wanted a 15-month contract with the university that would pay him once a month, Cole said, and Marak was not willing to compromise on the contract. A&M wanted to offer Marak a contract through the end of the year, on an hourly basis.

A&M is now talking with another safety specialist and hopes to sign a contract in the next few weeks, Cole said.

Vallen Knowledge System, A&M's first candidate for the job, backed out earlier this year because of contract disputes.

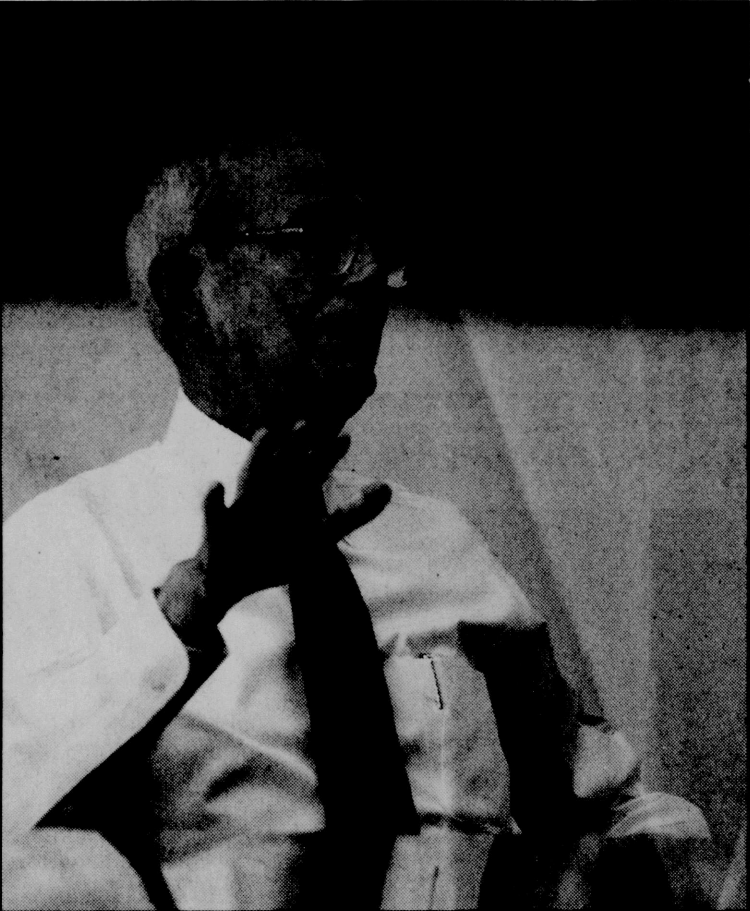
A&M hopes to revive the Bonfire tradition in November 2002, three years after the 59-foot-high structure collapsed, killing 12 people and injuring 27 others.

Cole said the university should be able to meet that deadline if a safety specialist is hired within the next couple of weeks. A safety consultant must be hired before the redesigned Bonfire can be fully developed.

"We are still working to be on track for November 2002," Cole said. "At this point we are very optimistic."

By Jennifer Mock, Daily Texan staff

Lectures explore reaction to terrorism



Sasha Haagensen/Daily Texan Staff

Bob Inman, LBJ School of Public Affairs chair in national policy and a former deputy director for the CIA, spoke to UT students and faculty Monday. He discussed issues related to the Sept. 11 attacks and the potential threat for future terrorist acts.

By Elizabeth Esfahani
Daily Texan

Bob Inman, former CIA deputy director and Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chair in National Policy, spoke Monday on terrorism in the first of a two-part lecture series.

The series, "What Americans know about terrorism and how they should deal with it," was sponsored by the De Toqueville Society, a student organization affiliated with the department of government.

Mujibur Rehman, a government graduate student and organizer of the event, said that he believes it was important to explore and discuss the many political aspects of terrorism.

"One of the reasons why I thought that we should go over this topic is because many people associate terrorism with a form of politics," he said. "These are defining moments of world politics because what we have previously been studying needs to be re-evaluated," he said.

Inman began by placing international terrorism within a historical perspective.

"Looking back at history, anarchy has been around as long as recorded history," he said. "The origins of international terrorism ... really dates back to 1967."

A variety of international events, including the Israeli capture of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the Soviet's loss of prestige in the Arab world, led to the establishment of training camps for terrorists.

Inman noted the importance of distinguishing between those who are conducting terrorist attacks across international borders and those that are conducting them within their country of origin.

"When it's only within a country, you get all kinds of questions on if you are interfering in a civil war," he said.

Inman also discussed to what degree he thought international terrorism was political and to what

degree it is religious.

"My inclination is to say that they use religion as a cover or as a justification," Inman said. "They maybe even successfully use it to attract candidates, but that is not the primary motivation."

In response to the attacks, Inman said he believes the United States needs to not only invest in covert intelligence but also in the foreign service sector.

"The reality in 2001 is to vastly rebuild the foreign service and more overt observers," he said. "I don't find many people studying these problems."

Inman also addressed the need to re-evaluate America's response capabilities to acts of terrorism, adding that that the United States needs to develop systems of response, alert and warning.

Inman said he was not worried about airline security or flying, but worried about other less apparent threats of terrorism.

"I worry how long its been since there has been a car or truck bomb," Inman said.

Walter Burnham, a UT professor of American politics and chairman of the event, concluded the talk by warning of the need to pay attention to the long-term economic impact of the terrorist attacks. He warned that the American economy and society will be extremely burdened by the attacks.

"We are going to be spending a lot more money and have a lower economic growth rate," he said.

He advised that Americans need to develop a sense of resilience and determination.

"This is our moment of truth," he said. "One shouldn't underscore the fact that life goes on."

The second part of the talk series will be Friday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in 602 Burdine Hall. It will feature Clement Henry, a government professor, and LBJ School Dean Edwin Dorn, and will focus on Arab perception of American intervention and America's defense policy.

A&M maintains ban on hanging flags

By Ben Heath
Daily Texan Staff

Texas A&M students were asked to stop hanging flags outside their dorm windows last week, though the nation's banner is increasingly appearing on automobiles, storefronts and residences nationwide.

Displaying flags outside of dormitory windows has always been prohibited as a matter of safety, but the rule has been placed in the spotlight after a resolution to amend it failed.

"This is an issue of safety," said A&M spokeswoman Cynthia Lawson.

On Oct. 10, the A&M Residence Hall Association voted to recommend that the university administration revise its no-flag policy to allow for display of the American flag. However, after taking another vote due to complications with an ineligible member, the RHA reversed its stance.

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"It is appalling that a university with such a military history would go so far as to keep students from hanging flags out their windows."

— David Rushing,
president of the A&M branch of the Young Conservatives of Texas

vote voted [to pass the resolution]," said RHA President Jorge Barrera. "We had to re-vote."

This restriction applies only to flags and banners hung outside of dorm windows. Students are still permitted to have flags displayed on the inside of the window.

"For safety reasons, ResLife [the administrative body that oversees RHA] does not want people hanging things on their ledges," Barrera said. "It is in the ResLife handbook."

But not all students are content with

the decision.

David Rushing, president of the A&M branch of the Young Conservatives of Texas, speculates that the RHA ruling came after some members were afraid that the flags would make international students feel uncomfortable, while university officials maintain that they are primarily concerned with safety.

"It is appalling that a university with such a military history would go so far as to keep students from hanging flags out their windows," Rushing said. "The fact of the matter is that we are in a time

of national crisis, and we need to keep our morale up."

Rushing does not believe that the judgment by the RHA was based solely on safety issues.

"We have several exceptions [to the rule] throughout the year, such as hanging spirit banners during football season," he said. "If safety is the issue, then there should be no exceptions."

YCT plans to combat this ruling with a petition to the A&M administration and a rally to be held Thursday, Oct. 18.

By asking students not to hang flags on their ledges, the RHA and ResLife are simply enforcing existing policies, not making any anti-American statements, said Barrera.

"The bottom line is that this was not an act of anti-patriotism," said Lane Stevenson, an A&M spokesman. "This was driven by safety concern ... Nobody waves the flag as much as Texas A&M University."

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Four-day manhunt for fugitives ends

Fighting between escapees leaves one wounded

By The Associated Press

MONTAGUE — The last two of five jail fugitives were back in custody Monday, charged with breaking into a farmhouse, taking a couple hostage and shooting at police during a nine-hour standoff capping a four-day reign of terror.

Bob Harold Leach surrendered just before 4 a.m. after helping the two captives escape unharmed and then shooting his partner, Gerald Lynn Gantt, in the abdomen, police said.

"It was a matter of one of the suspects wanting to come out and the other not and a conflict between the two," said District Attorney Tim Cole, who represents Montague, Archer and Clay counties.

Gantt was listed in good condition Monday at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth and was being guarded by law officers.

Leach and Gantt were charged with four counts of aggravated assault of a public servant, two counts of aggravated kidnapping and one count of burglary of habitation — all first-degree felonies.

Leach also was charged with escaping from the Grayson County Jail and a parole violation. He was being held without bond in Montague County Jail. Leach was not charged in the shooting of Gantt, whom authorities say was holding a gun at the time.

Cole declined to say whether police authorized Leach to shoot Gantt. Neither would Cole say if police offered Leach a deal to set the hostages free and surrender.

"Any time a defendant is cooperative, it obviously doesn't hurt the situation," Cole said. "He was very helpful in getting those people out, and we know it, and they know it."

Vincent Forrester, held hostage in his home near Forestburg, said after he gave his statement to authorities at the Montague County Jail on Monday morning, he asked to speak to Leach — and then thanked him.

Irma Forrester, the other hostage, said Leach allowed the couple to take their medicine and kept asking if they needed anything. While Gantt was asleep, Leach quietly led the couple into the bathroom, where they crawled out the window at about 3:10 a.m., Irma Forrester said.

"Everybody's got a little good in them," she said.

Leach, 38; Gantt, 20; and three others had been on the run since Thursday night, when they crawled through the ventilation system and tunneled through a dirt floor in the jail basement, authorities said.

Grayson County Sheriff Keith Gary said the five, muddy and in their underwear, went to an apartment near the jail where one escapee's father, Gary Reynolds, let them use a shower and drove them to McKinney. Reynolds has since been arrested and faces charges of harboring fugitives.

The sheriff said the men had no plan to stick together after the breakout.

"I feel that Leach initially was the leader," Gary said. "I'm not sure, but somewhere along the way he lost the leadership role to Gantt."

Two inmates were captured Friday, and a third was nabbed Saturday night. All five had been jailed on various charges, including assault, kidnapping and child rape, authorities said.

The men fled to a horse stable about 30 miles south of Sherman, where two were caught Friday. The fifth escapee left the stables in a vehicle but got separated from Leach and Gantt and was taken into custody Saturday night at a house southeast of Bonham.

Leach and Gantt abducted the stable owner, Joyce Silvius, and fled in stolen pickup trucks, authorities said. Silvius was left unharmed Sunday at a home the men had broken into, authorities said.

But the pair abducted another



Associated Press

Vincent Forrester stands by the road in front of his house just north of Forestburg, about 80 miles northwest of Dallas, Monday. Two jail escapees held him and his wife hostage for about eight hours Sunday evening into early Monday morning. One of the jail escapees eventually helped the Forresters safely escape through a bathroom window and later shot the other jail escapee before surrendering.

woman, Lindsay Ann LaRue, from that house, police said.

Her husband Michael LaRue said the couple, who live east of Bonham, found the two fugitives in the house about 11:30 p.m. Saturday when they arrived home. The escapees had cut the phone lines and killed a large, black dog, LaRue said.

Lt. David Hawley of the Grayson County Sheriff's Department said Lindsay LaRue got away from the men Sunday.

At about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, sheriff's deputies from Cooke County, which adjoins Grayson County to the west, began chasing a vehicle they said Leach and Gantt stole from a Bonham-area home.

With several law enforcement vehicles in pursuit on Farm Road

677, Leach and Gantt turned onto a dirt road and into the Forresters' driveway, about two-and-a-half miles north of Forestburg in Montague County.

The fugitives went inside the home, turned out the lights and tied up 65-year-old Vincent and 63-year-old Irma Forrester, but the couple said they were not afraid.

Police and sheriff's officers from several counties, along with DPS troopers and Texas Rangers, surrounded the farmhouse. Amid scattered gunfire from the house, Leach negotiated with officers by telephone.

A DPS helicopter flew overhead but retreated after shots were fired at it about 9:30 p.m. Several adjacent homes were evacuated.

"We were definitely praying and hoping everything would come out OK," said Mark Forrester, the couple's son who waited overnight at a law enforcement command post.

Many in the town of 500 gathered at the post all night or huddled in their homes, listening to police scanners for information about Forrester, who has been a bus driver for Forestburg School for 13 years.

The school, which has about 190 students in pre-kindergarten through high school, called off classes Monday because of the standoff.

"The kids really respect him, and they were worried," said Principal Sid Brannan. "In a small community like this, no one got any sleep, and that's no way to have school."

Benefit show addresses hunger issues

By Carl Hammerstrom
Daily Texan Staff

The Campaign Against World Hunger and Starvation, a UT student organization, is sponsoring the first annual benefit concert for the Capital Area Food Bank in response to Central Texas' growing hungry population.

Three local bands — Schrodinger's Cat, Ginger MacKenzie and Dorcus Ham — will play at 8 p.m. Tuesday on the South Mall, hoping to collect canned food for Central Texas residents who have a hard time putting food on the table. The suggested cover charge is two cans of food.

Alan Hathcock, co-founder of CAWHS, said layoffs in the last six months and increased housing prices in the latter part of the last decade in Austin have contributed to the larger number of people needing food assistance.

"It's the choice between paying for housing and paying for food," Hathcock said.

Dan Pruett, deputy director for the Capital City Food Bank, said requests for food assistance have escalated 178 percent in the past six months and that the need for donations is great because the bank serves 311 agencies in 21 counties throughout Central Texas.

"The change in the economy here in Austin has had an impact on our agencies," he said.

In addition to the collection of canned goods, the concert is intended to build momentum for the events coming in the next three weeks, Hathcock said.

On Nov. 5-9, the World Food Summit will convene in Rome, Italy, with delegates from 185 countries attending. The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the progress, or the lack of progress, that has been made on the goal to cut world hunger in half by 2015, Hathcock said.

In 1996, the World Food Summit met and compiled reports to determine that 800 million people around the world were malnourished. Since then, this number has only been declining by 8 million a year, which is lower than the necessary 20 million per year as proposed in the summit.

Hathcock said he wants to raise student awareness about the conference and educate the public about local hunger by getting them involved. While the summit discusses possible solutions, CAWHS will be sponsoring a five-day fast.

In addition to the music concerts, Hathcock and Pruett will speak at the event on the behalf of the hungry Austinites and address the hunger situation abroad.

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Up, up and away

Balloon Fiesta attracts hot-air aficionados from around the world to Albuquerque, N.M.

Photo essay by Luciana Castro
Daily Texan Staff

All the colors of the visible spectrum could be seen in the sky last week during the 30th Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N. M., where hundreds of hot-air balloons were flown by pilots from all over the world.

For nine days, the New Mexico skies were bright with color as 750 balloons lifted off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park. The park covers over 200 acres and was filled with balloons and vendors selling everything from traditional New Mexican food to balloon memorabilia.

Albuquerque is the premier ballooning city due to its crystal skies, perfect October climate and a weather phenomenon called the "Albuquerque Box."

While a pilot cannot typically steer a balloon because it drifts with the wind, the "Albuquerque Box" allows balloonists to have more control over the path of their flight and return to the point of takeoff. Within this weather system the wind at different altitudes flows in different directions, so all the pilot has to do to reverse direction is increase or decrease the balloon's flying altitude.

The Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta has grown from a small gathering of 13 balloons in 1972 to become the largest balloon event in the world today.

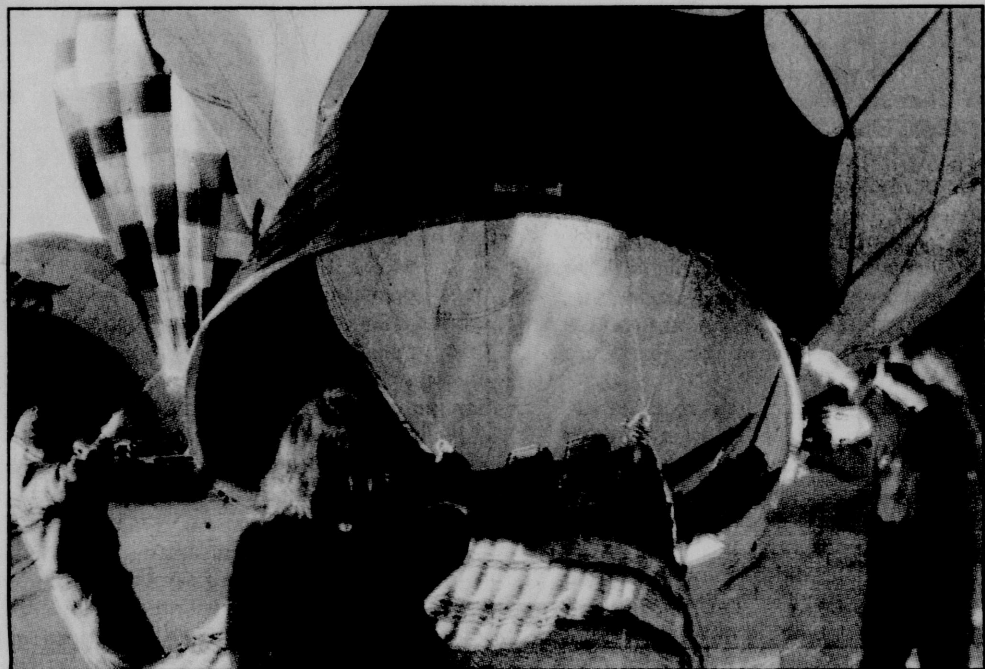
The occasion attracts about 20 percent of the total number of known balloons worldwide. Last year, more than 800,000 spectators attended the event.

Among the international crowd at the event this year were Texans.

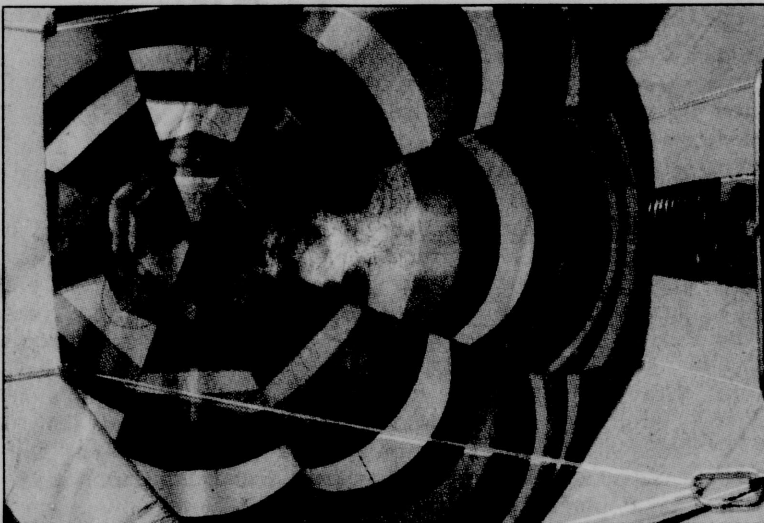
Michael Cardno, a sociology senior at the University, was among the spectators. He said he heard about the event and took the opportunity for a break in his studies, "because sometimes you need a break to see beautiful sights."



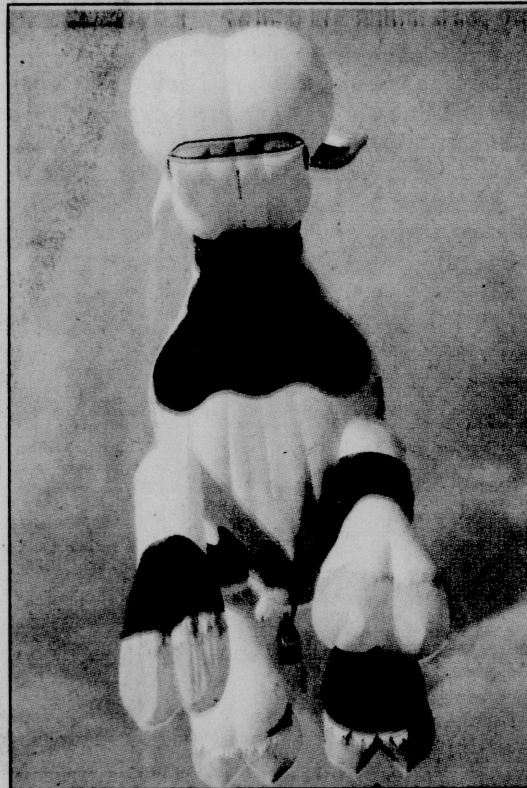
More than 750 balloons took off from Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park Oct. 7 as part of "Mass Ascension." The balloons usually take about an hour to leave the ground.



A group from Australia prepares its balloon for flight. The pilot directs hot air from the propane burner into the envelope — the red part of the balloon pictured. The hot air causes the balloon to lift.



The principle that hot air rises and cold air sinks allows for the flight of hot air balloons. The balloon's burner produces flames, which heat the air inside the envelope. The differences between balloons are mainly the shape, size and color of the envelope.



Special Shape balloons fill the skies over Albuquerque during The Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The unique balloons have gained a loyal following since their arrival at the Fiesta in 1989.



Michael Cardno, a sociology senior, talks with fellow Texan David Song. Cardno, who took a break from his studies to attend the Fiesta, said he wished he could stay longer than two days. Sometimes it's good to be away from reading and University work, he said. Cardno plans to attend graduate school next year.

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Women's basketball starts fall practice

By Mercedes Parker
Daily Texan Staff

Health and height are two things the Texas women's basketball team is counting on for the upcoming season.

After running the tables to a 13-3 record and No. 12 ranking to start last season, Texas dropped 10 of its last 17 games and had a first-round NCAA exit to finish the season.

The losses were mostly due to five significant injuries to Texas players along with a lack of depth. But with an 11th-ranked recruiting class and four returning starters rounding out the team for the 2001-02 season, head coach Jody Conradt thinks much better days are coming.

"I think being healthy is a big issue for us because that really changed our team dramatically when we had the injuries last year," Conradt said. "We still have a couple of injury issues, but just having bodies and that potential for depth is going to make a big difference."

"Having depth is going to be critically important

if we want to be the kind of team that I think we can be. That's one that applies pressure and one that is really able to use athleticism, quickness and speed."

Last season, starting guard Tai Dillard (knee injury), forward Annis Hastings (knee) and guard Asha Hill (fractured jaw) combined for a total of 43 missed games. Guard Alisha Sare's Achilles injury and frustration caused her to quit the team, and Lindsey Ryan's broken hand pulled her out of the NCAA tournament.

With the first day of practice last Saturday, all have returned in full force, including Sare, who rejoined the team last spring. Sare is back, but she is not practicing because of a separated shoulder she sustained in September.

The Horns are boasting five incoming freshmen that will add much-needed height to this year's lineup, as four of the five recruits measure 6-foot 2-inches. Included are both the Texas and Oklahoma State Players of the Year, Heather Schreiber from Windthorst, Texas, and Kala Bowers from Woodward, Okla. Jody Bell comes to Texas from

Chestermere, Alberta, Canada, and she was a member of the 2000 and 2001 Canadian junior national team. Rounding out the five are two All-State forwards from Houston, Coco Reed and Mercedes Williams.

"This freshman class has some talent, and there are a lot of them," Conradt said. "Five is a big class, and they're going to add a great deal to our team."

After going through individual workouts during the off-season, the Horns started official team workouts. They will continue until the intrasquad scrimmage on Oct. 30. Conradt said the first few days of practice were mostly educational, but still intense.

"I was pleased. I thought their enthusiasm and intensity effort was very good," Conradt said. "It's going to be a teaching environment here for quite some time. The real test will be how quickly they catch on and commit themselves to what we are going to do."

"We'll move forward as they show they're ready

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Freshman Coco Reed guards sophomore Kaira White in the Horns' first official team practice of the 2001-02 season last Saturday.

Courtesy of Texas Sports Information

A new attitude

Wilson sets different goals to be better player

By Avery Holton
Daily Texan Staff

Outside her window-side seat, Kathryn Wilson looked at the ground some 30,000 feet below. The plane rocked and swayed as cracks of thunder and flashes of lightning filled the cabin of the plane.

She just wanted to land, to hurry and get out of the raging storm. After all, she was supposed to be at a volleyball recruiting session in Austin.

But the commercial airliner bound from Michigan to Austin had different plans.

After braving a torrential storm, the plane had run out of fuel. Following a refueling stop in Houston, her plane left for Austin, but again made a stop in Dallas before finally coming down in Wilson's destination. What was to have been a two-and-a-half-hour flight had taken nearly 12 hours.

"Everyone told me that when I got to the college for me that I would just know," Wilson said of her visit to UT as a high school senior. "The trip getting here was horrible, but I loved the team, and I loved the campus. I knew I wanted to be here."

That was more than three years ago, and today, the redshirt sophomore couldn't be more pleased with her Texas experience.

"I could not be in a better position right now," Wilson said. "By the time I'm a senior, I'll be in the Final Four. It's something you just know."

After redshirting her freshman year, the Michigan native saw limited playing time in the 2000 season. In the Longhorn's all-time worst season, Wilson started in three matches, and averaged just under one kill a game as the middle blocker.

Even with a breakout game against Washington in which she hit .308 with five kills, she couldn't find her way into the starting rotation.

Instead of hanging her head over her subpar season and the Horns' dismal 10-18 record, Wilson decided to become a different player. She decided it was time for a change.

"Over the spring, I got up every morning at six and went to the weight room," Wilson said. "I worked hard with our trainer, and he got me into shape. I was finally getting to where I needed to be."

Not only did she work hard physically, but

Wilson also made a choice that would ultimately change her role on the Texas squad.

"My goals grew, and I thought about what it meant to be a part of this team," Wilson said. "I want to be dominant on the court, and have a dominant attitude. After last season, I think we all needed to change our goals and be more aggressive."

With a young team, including seven new players and three new coaches, Wilson wanted her teammates to see she had more to offer than the 2000 season had shown.

In Texas' 2001 inaugural tournament in Washington, Wilson posted 19 kills over three matches, and helped her team to a tournament sweep, including an upset of then-No. 11 BYU.

Looking to build on her goals of becoming a more dominating player, the 6-foot 4-inch Wilson has carried her flashy attitude into Big 12 conference play. With the Horns currently resting at a 9-6 record, she is hitting .214 with 94 kills and 14 block shots.

That improvement, though, has come with a price. After not playing for much of her first two years as a Longhorn, Wilson has now been placed in the hands of a new head coach and a changing Texas program.

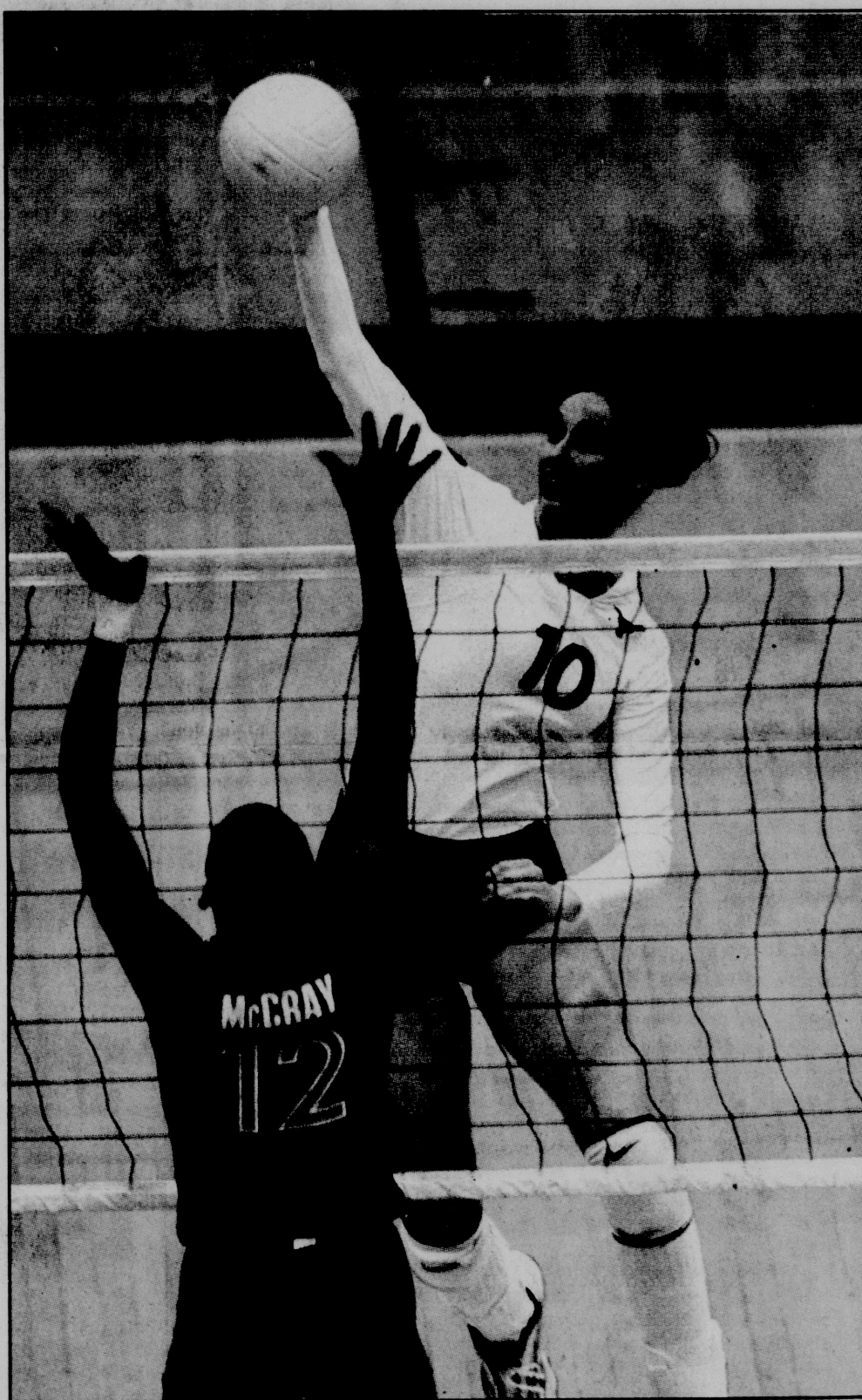
"This season I've had to learn a lot in the middle," Wilson said. "Things go so fast, but having Coach there to help has really helped me to see things. It's really tough, but the transition has been less difficult with him."

Head coach Jerritt Elliott represents the changes that Wilson herself wanted to make during the off-season. According to her, the team was ready to embrace any sort of alterations that would garner a better season than the 2000 campaign.

"We really felt like we had put our faith into everyone, and they had just left us," Wilson said of losing then head coach Jim Moore in 2000. "But then Jerritt and his staff came in, and now we know that no matter what, this is going to be a good season because we can only get better."

Still, for Wilson, the goals wrought after last year's season will not soon be forgotten.

"I can change. We can all change, and we can all get better. We just have to want it that bad."



Andrew Loehman/Daily Texan Staff

Kathryn Wilson (10), who came to Texas from Michigan 3 years ago, has 94 kills this season.

Men's golf in sixth

By Adam Zuvanic
Daily Texan Staff

It was a tale of two rounds for the No. 6 Texas men's golf team at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate on Monday.

After the first round of play at the Old Overton Club course in Birmingham, Ala., the Longhorns were in fourth place with a team score of even par — only five strokes behind leader Wake Forest University.

But Texas didn't fare as well in the second round in the afternoon, shooting 6-over-par and slipping to the middle of the pack at sixth place. Senior Matt Brost was the only Longhorn to post a sub-par second round, firing a 1-under-par 70.

Texas is now 19 shots behind tournament leader Wake Forest, and eight shots back of second-place Oklahoma State, as they head to the third and final round today.

"It was one of those days," Texas head coach John Fields said. "Our first round was okay, and it kept us in there. In the second round, we had some opportunities, but we couldn't convert on the greens."

Sophomore Jason Hartwick's play Monday was characteristic of his team's performance. Hartwick, who won the individual title at the Red River Classic in Dallas last week, fired a first-round 68, but posted a 76 in the second round. Hartwick's scores were the best and worst rounds by a Longhorn Monday, respectively.

"This morning, he made some putts late in the round," Fields said of Hartwick. "This afternoon, like the rest of our team, he couldn't convert on some opportunities."

Junior J.J. Wall topped all other Longhorns on Monday, and is tied for 23rd place individually at 1-over-par. Like Hartwick, Wall fared better in his opening round, following a 70 with a 2-over-par 73.

"I played well in the first 18 holes," Wall said. "In the second round, I struggled on the greens, and couldn't read them very well. I got on the wrong side of momentum. I made an eagle and a birdie early on, but then I made some bogeys and a double-bogey."

Hartwick and Brost are tied for 25th place individually, both shooting 2-over-par through the first 36 holes of play. Senior John Klauk is tied for 30th place at 3-over-par, and sophomore Rusty Kennedy is tied for 39th place at 6-over-par.

Despite its woes on Monday, Texas is confident it can play better today. In the final round of the Preview on Sept. 30, Texas posted the low round of the tournament to finish two shots behind winner Clemson University. Entering the third round, Texas trailed Clemson by 12 strokes.

"We haven't played well, yet," Wall said. "We know we're a good team, and there are a lot of teams ahead of us that we can beat."

Longhorns record come-from-behind win at Tech, 3-2

By Brian Welch
Daily Texan Staff

After dropping the first two games against Texas Tech on Monday night, the Texas volleyball team came back to beat the Red Raiders 3-2 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. The match was originally scheduled for Sept. 12, but was postponed after terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., on the previous day.

Freshman outside hitter Mira Topic helped the Horns snap their

three-match losing streak by posting 21 kills and 12 digs. Topic, who was last week's Big 12 Co-Player of the Week, had her second consecutive contest with 20-plus kills.

"The team showed a lot of character tonight," Texas head coach Jerritt Elliott said. "They came out in Game 3 with a conscious effort to turn the match around. By winning Game 3, the players gave themselves the confidence needed to pull out the victory."

Texas (10-6, 5-4 Big 12) fell behind

early, thanks to a .110 team hitting percentage in the 30-27 and 30-23 losses.

But the Horns turned it around in Game 3, with 22 kills and only six errors to take the 30-27 victory.

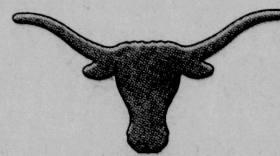
Texas continued to roll in the fourth game, with a 30-26 win before claiming the final game, 15-8.

Tech (11-6, 4-4 Big 12), led by senior Heather Justice's 25 kills, finished the match with a .208 hitting percentage.

Texas freshman middle blocker

Bethany Howden knocked down 18 kills, and hit a team-high .457. Redshirt sophomore Kathryn Wilson hammered a career-best 13 kills and had four blocks, while senior Katia Lara led the team with 17 digs.

The Longhorns hit the road again on Wednesday when they travel to Lincoln to take on No. 2 Nebraska, last year's NCAA and Big 12 champion. Texas was swept by the Huskers last season, and trails the all-time series, 11-16.



VOLLEYBALL

Texas	27, 23, 30, 30, 15
Texas Tech	30, 30, 27, 26, 8

Wild card boosts baseball



Darren W. Dummit
Daily Texan
Columnist

It's time to call a spade a spade — the wild card is good for Major League Baseball.

The wild card is to baseball what ketchup is to french fries: an extra bit of flavor that keeps a national favorite from developing a hideously bland taste.

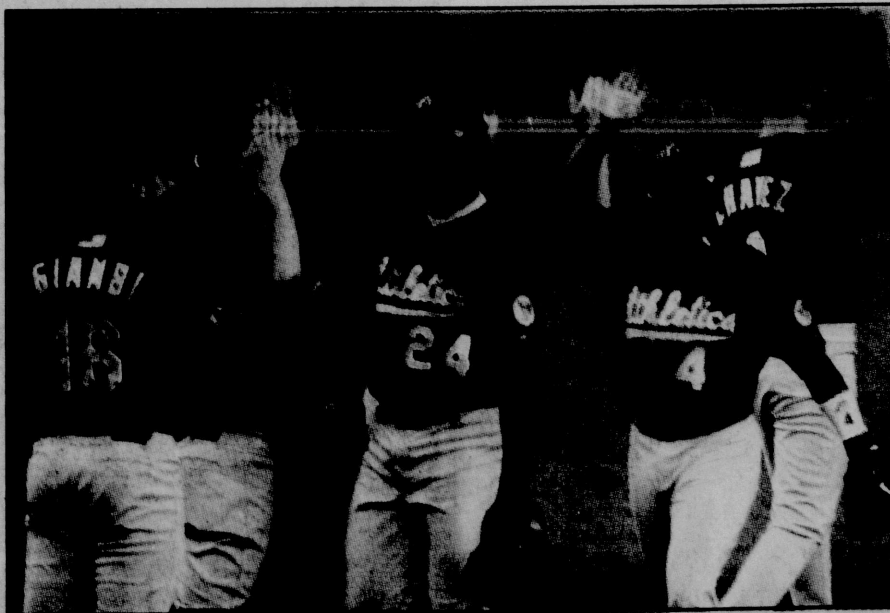
Thanks to the wild card, additional playoff series provide a sorely needed boost of excitement into the hearts of baseball

fans wooed to sleep by the monotonous routine of a 162-game schedule.

Having taken the country by storm with thrilling conclusions to three of the four divisional playoff series the past two days, the wild card has taught people how to once again care about our national pastime.

Tradtklonallst dilemma

The most common objection to the wild card is voiced by traditionalists like Bob Costas, who argue that messing with baseball's traditional playoff struc-



Associated Press

The Oakland A's were the wild card team from the American League this season.

Wild card harms baseball



Bob Jones
Daily Texan
Columnist

ue on into the playoffs.

But that didn't happen.

No, thanks to the baseball goons that introduced the wild card 7 years ago, a nation of future fans of America's pastime were forever robbed of the beauty of experiencing a pennant race.

That final game should have had everything riding on it in the Central Division. Instead, it had nothing riding on it, as the Giants had already been eliminated from wild card contention. What rested on that game was not a playoff berth, but instead only a home-field advantage that became a moot point thanks to Houston's collec-

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Solich upset about turnovers, Hybl to start for OU

By Jeff Sturdevant
Daily Texan Staff

Nebraska seems to be the dominant team. It's always been for a better part of a decade, but if there is one chink in its armor it would be turnovers. Nebraska head coach Frank Solich continues to be upset with the lack of ball control his team is displaying.

Against Baylor, the problem was magnified as the Huskers fumbled the ball seven times, including fumbles on their first two possessions. Nebraska wound up losing five of those fumbles, which could have cost the Huskers the game had the opponent been anybody but Baylor. On the year, Nebraska has lost 11 of its 21 fumbles.

"The first two drives were not good. We left the ball on the ground both of those times," Solich said. "With the way we let the ball on the ground, we could have been behind or in serious trouble in that football game."

Solich's concerns are focused on the problems the special teams have had during its games so far.

"The special teams part concerns us, because there has been a little bit of a pattern there," Solich said. "We had one on a kickoff return, in fact on the opening kickoff. But you look at our punting unit, and we have

had trouble consistently fielding the ball. I think a lot of that is technique. The guys that are returning are defensive backs, and just don't have the ball under the arm as much as a wide receiver or a punt returner would."

Controversy?

After having a solid performance against Texas, Oklahoma quarterback Jason White replaced starter Nate Hybl in the second quarter versus Kansas, and threw for 151 yards and rushed for 117 yards. The two performances have many wondering if Oklahoma has a quarterback controversy.

"I don't know what a controversy is," Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops said.

"We'll work with that one, and start with that when we get our players together for team meetings. The reason in the KU game that we made the change is we felt that Nate was not as productive, consistent and sharp as he had been in his other games. Jason came in and made the most of his opportunity. We'll have a starter ready for this week."

Consistency

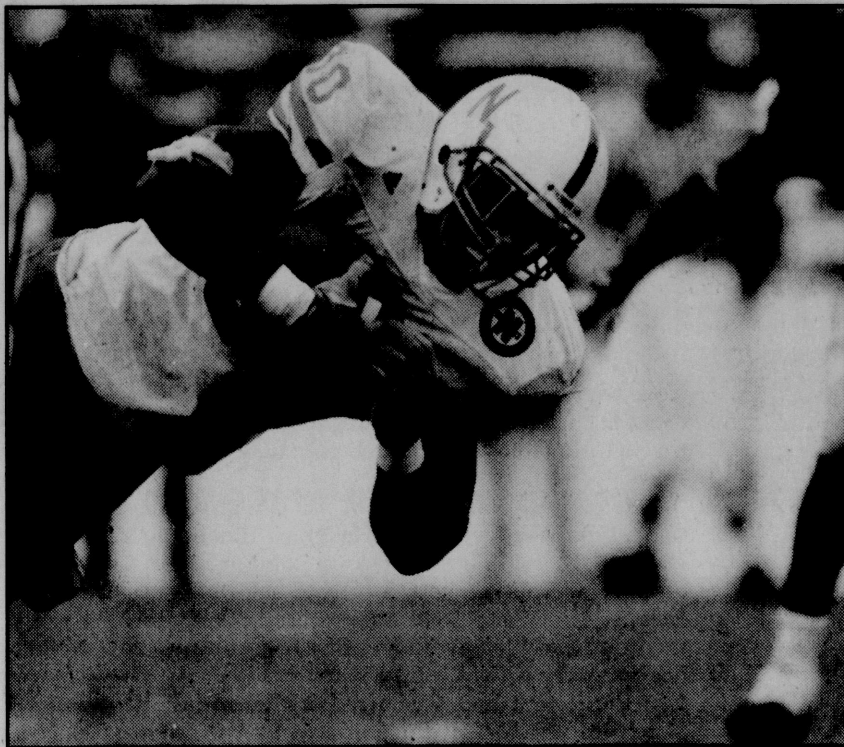
Kansas State has lost three straight games for the first time since 1992 after losing to Texas Tech, 38-19. Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder is remaining steadfast in his position to keep everything his staff is doing consistent with what has been done in the past, and also realizes upsets will happen in the Big 12.

"Losing three, five, seven, 10 — whatever the number can be — is very possible in this conference with the number of strong teams you have in this league," Snyder said. "We need to determine the mistakes that we are making, and determine if they can be corrected. And if so, let's do it. If not, are we asking players to do things they are not capable of doing? And if so, let's not ask them to do those things. But that is no different now that we've lost three in a row than if we had won three in a row."

And the winner is ...

The Big 12 announced on Monday that the 2002 Big 12 championship game will be hosted by the city of Houston. The game will be played on Dec. 7 in the new 69,500-seat Reliant Stadium, home to the NFL expansion Houston Texans.

"We're delighted to have the



Nebraska's Dahrran Dierdick dives for a touchdown in a 48-7 win over Baylor. Associated Press

opportunity to be in that facility in its first season," Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said. "While Reliant park is a new facility, I think it will early on establish itself as one of the finest football facilities around."

The conference also announced the 2003 game will be held at Arrowhead stadium in Kansas City, which was the site of the 2000 Big 12 championship.

Scoreboard

MLB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Seattle 3, Cleveland 1
Seattle wins series, 3-2
NY Yankees 5, Oakland 3
New York wins series, 3-2
NFL
Dallas 9, Washington 7
NHL
New York 2, Montreal 1
NBA Preseason
Memphis 103, Seattle 99
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BRIEFS

Yankees 5, Oakland 3

NEW YORK — With no margin for error, Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees' pinstriped dynasty persevered with one of the great comebacks in baseball history.

New York fell behind early as Roger Clemens stumbled, then seized on Oakland's youthful nerves to beat the Athletics 5-3 in the deciding Game 5 Monday night and advance to the AL championship series.

Seattle 3, Cleveland 1

SEATTLE — Jamie Moyer tamed Cleveland's bats for six innings, Ichiro Suzuki got three more hits and Mark McLemore drove in two runs Monday as the Mariners advanced to the ALCS with a 3-1 win over the Indians in the deciding Game 5 of the playoffs.

Seattle will play host to the best-of-seven series beginning Wednesday against New York.

Compiled from wire reports

Wild card not fair for teams

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tion of choke artists.

Regular season diminished

Proponents of the wild card will argue that it provides added postseason excitement to a long and grueling season. However, that lengthy season is exactly the point of the 162-game schedule in baseball. Adding an extra round to the post-season only demeans the accomplishments earned during the year. The Astros should not have to prove they are better than the Braves over five games when they have already proved their superiority through 162.

Sure, Atlanta's not the wild card, but the mere existence of the wild card necessitates a five-game series in which any team could pull off an upset, despite being a weaker squad. A shortened series does not give better teams a playoff showcase, but instead provides teams with only one or two good pitchers and less depth a chance to advance to a level that they don't belong in.

Even the Mariners, the third-best team in the history of the game, came face-to-face with early elimination twice against an Indians squad that wasn't even the third best team in its own league.

Under the current six-division system, the Yankees and the Indians have both made it to the Fall Classic, despite having a season where they possessed the ninth-best record in the majors at year's end.

And who can forget that pathetic ninth inning of Game 3 of the World Series in 1997 in which that same Indians team committed three errors, three walks and a wild pitch, and still almost defeated the wild card rent-a-championship Marlins?

Return to four divisions

In a four-division setting, two poor teams wouldn't have had a chance to sneak into the national spotlight and embarrass the sport of baseball as a whole. Fans wouldn't have to sit and watch the Rangers get squashed by the Yankees in the playoffs every year. And little excitement would be lost by throwing out a five-game series that, excluding this year, has only gone to a complete five games four times in 24 contests. Also, contrary to popular belief, the

existence of only two divisions would enhance division races, rather than decrease them.

Bear in mind that even with the addition of the wild card, the American League "pennant races" were decided weeks before the season's end, prompting even die-hard fans to become lackadaisical about a national pastime that was peaking in popularity before the 1994 strike. Coincidentally, this was the same year the baleful wild card system was introduced.

More compelling than a simple five-game series would be a pennant race going down to the wire where every game counted. This season in the National League, Houston might have had to duke it out with Atlanta over a full season to gain postseason glory, and St. Louis would have had to do the same with Arizona. Stars like Barry Bonds wouldn't sit out games at the end of the year, and fans would be compelled to watch each and every contest — not just a series of five after the season.

Wild card more harm than good

With the wild card in place, Bobby Thompson's "Shot Heard 'Round the World" wouldn't be nearly as memorable, and classic rivalries like the Yankees versus the Red Sox would never have been initiated. After all, how anticlimactic would *Major League's* ending be if the team featuring Rick "Wild Thing" Vaughn was content with a wild card spot, instead of trying to bunt home Willie Mays Hayes from second base to dethrone the hated Yankees?

It is a shame that many fans will never feel the heat of a true pennant race, and instead must muck through the standings daily to figure out who to root for and who to root against, game by game.

The wild card system is not even fair as is, since the unbalanced schedule allows teams like Oakland to beat upon the hapless Angels and Rangers an inordinate amount of times per year.

If baseball ever wishes to attain its glorious prominence once again, it must reconsider the wild card, not to mention the continued existence of teams such as the Devil Rays and the Expos.

Let's see some real excitement for a change in a sport that has become blander than Graeme Lloyd poster night at Olympic Stadium in Montreal. To all the baseball modernists out there: ditch the wild card, and let's play some real ball.

Horns' first practice intense

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to move forward, and hopefully that will be pretty quickly."

Senior forward Tracy Cook said Saturday's practice was fairly easy for the first official workout.

"The first day of officials is down to business, and once you step on the floor, you have to bring it," said Cook, who has been through four season-opening practices. "I think everyone got a taste of that [on Saturday]."

Cook said that even though it was intense, it was slower than normal.

"It was a little bit of a lighter first practice," Cook said. "I remember having worse days, and those are coming. I wouldn't consider it a hard practice. [The freshmen] have bigger and better things coming to them."

Cook and senior point guard Kenya Larkin said that the returnees felt their

biggest role in the off-season was to prepare the freshmen for their first practice.

"When you're a freshman, you're scared to death of your first day of practice," Larkin said. "My main focus was to work hard and try to make all the freshman feel comfortable, more relaxed and ready to go."

The freshmen made it through the first practice, which was a full three hours long, but not without going back to some of their high school ways.

"It is a transition, and they have to learn to play harder and longer," Conradt said. "They tried their high school things today, and most of them didn't work."

Coco Reed said practice was hard and definitely more intense than high school.

"You have to work harder every minute, and it's more competitive," Reed said. "I was very nervous because I didn't know what to expect. You have to be mentally and physically ready."

26 percent of teams making it is not enough

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ture ruins the integrity and purity of the game.

It's time for these traditionalists to pay attention to reason, and to embrace change.

Traditionalists maintain that one of the main reasons baseball is the greatest game on earth is its extreme difficulty, both in playing the game and making the postseason.

Hit a tiny ball traveling 100 mph with a wooden bat one out of every three times at the plate, and you'll be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Following that theme of difficulty, allowing more than four teams to make it into the playoffs supposedly decreases baseball's inherent challenge.

This, however, is not the case. The wild card has simply made it so that eight of the MLB's 30 teams make it to the postseason — a mere 26 percent.

With the NFL admitting 12 of its 31 teams (39 percent), the NHL admitting 16 of its 31 teams (52 percent) and the NBA admitting 16

of its 29 teams (55 percent) to the playoffs, baseball has by far the most exclusive postseason of all the four major sports.

Furthermore, Major League Baseball must guard against tailoring its game to the traditionalists — something that the NHL has learned the hard way.

The vast majority of baseball fans prefer luxury boxes to box seats, home runs to sac fly's and playoff contenders to cellar dwellers. It is these fans that fill the multi-million dollar stadiums, buy the bulk of the merchandise and tune in to the nationally televised games.

Alienating these fans, and thus leaving only the traditionalists, would be a death sentence to the economics of Major League Baseball. This is not so much an opinion as it is a documented fact.

With few casual followers, the NHL fan base consists primarily of traditionalist-type fans. This has resulted in the lowest television ratings of the four major sports, a statistic that doomed the NHL to paltry television contracts with the major networks.

In a day and age where television

revenue is the lifeline of every major sport, the survival of small market teams is severely threatened by a weak network deal — a problem baseball is increasingly becoming more aware of.

May the best team win

The only two teams to win at least 100 games this year were the Seattle Mariners and the Oakland A's. Seattle tied a 95-year-old record with 116 victories, while Oakland finished the season six games ahead of the next closest American League team, the Yankees.

Under the old playoff format, the A's would not have made the playoffs, because they are in the same division (AL West) as the Mariners.

Despite having the best record in baseball after the All Star break, the A's would have fallen 14 games shy of making the postseason. Fans flocked to the A's game, because their victories were giving them a chance to go to the World Series; something they could have never even thought about if not for the wild card.

Critics argue that the best-of-five divisional series allows for better teams to be upset by inadequate teams. At the risk of sounding too blunt, this claim is farcical.

If the divisional matchups were just one-game series, that argument might have some merit. However, a best-of-five series is more than enough time to produce the deserving victor. If a team can't take care of its opponent in five games, it doesn't deserve to go to a championship series.

With Major League Baseball's expansion, the talent pool has been diluted to the point that the regular season does not produce the four clear-cut best teams in the league. Having eight teams make it to the postseason factors in the margin of error created by this depletion talent.

The Yankees had the eighth best record in baseball last season, but after watching them steamroll through the playoffs there was little doubt who the best team in the world was.

And after the wars of this year's divisional playoffs, whomever is left standing after these playoffs will definitely be deserving of the most coveted label in sports: World Champions.

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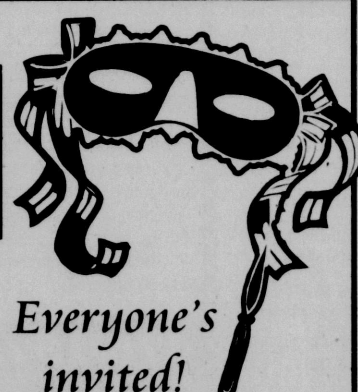
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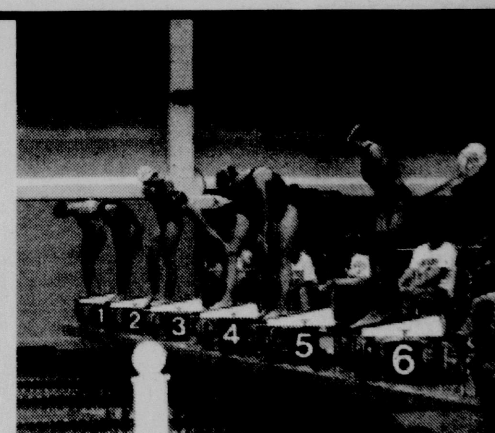
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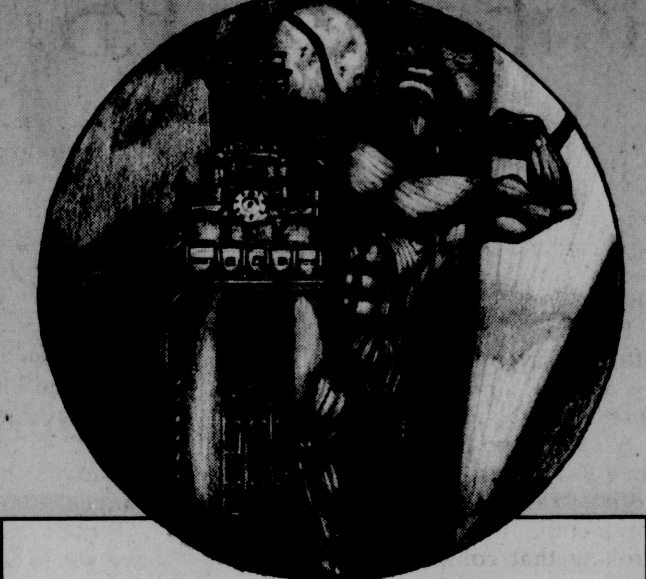
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Police say FBI keeping them out of loop

By The Associated Press

The thin blue line has become the front line in a nation transformed by terrorism, but police are beset by long hours and frustrated with what many see as a lack of information from the FBI.

From department chiefs to detectives, officers say poor intelligence-sharing by federal investigators leaves the chance for too many leads to go cold.

A case in point was last week's discovery of anthrax at NBC News — the FBI was called first after the arrival of a threatening letter to anchorman Tom Brokaw that contained a white, powdery substance. The agency did not immediately submit the letter for testing or interview the woman who opened it, and failed to immediately notify the New York Police Department.

The city learned from a private doctor days later that the woman, an assistant to Brokaw, was infected with anthrax.

"The overall sense of the man on the beat is that he's not getting every bit of information that he should," said Lt. Lou Cannon, a veteran of Washington's city force who is now with the U.S. Mint police.

Daniel J. Oates, who worked 21 years with the NYPD and is now police chief of Ann Arbor, Mich., is more blunt.

"The FBI has a culture of not sharing information with local law enforcement," said Oates, who headed intelligence for the New York police before moving two months ago.

"In this arena of counterterrorism, it is doing a disservice to the country. Frankly, I'd like the FBI to finally trust some cops, a whole lot of cops."

FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette in New York said Monday that "with regard to

the NBC incident the other day, we certainly would acknowledge that the way that was handled was not the ideal."

But as far as communication between the FBI and the New York police, he said, "there is a close working relationship." He said he could only comment for the local office, and FBI officials in Washington did not return phone calls Friday and Monday.

Yet Baltimore Police Commissioner Edward Norris testified before a congressional hearing last week that changes are needed nationwide.

"What's making me angry is that I have yet to talk to a police chief who's happy about this, but very few are coming out publicly," he said. "It's a little disappointing."

The frustrations come at a time when local police are already pushing themselves harder than ever.

Sept. 11 brought a steady string of long days for departments far beyond New York and Washington. The latest anthrax worries spur the need for officers to track down every call about white powder.

"The job's probably changed more in the past month than it has in my entire 22 years in the department," said Baltimore Detective Gary McHinnery. "We're clearly the front line."

His department went on 12-hour days and canceled days off for the first week-and-a-half after the terrorist attacks. Ann Arbor, Denver and many other cities stepped up their hours, too.

The burden, though few are willing to call it that, takes its toll on budgets, equipment and the officers themselves.

"Right now, we're mentally strong and we're ready to take the task on," said Larry Sowards, a crime prevention officer in San Marcos, Texas.



A New York City police officer keeps watch over a procession of anti-war demonstrators as they march past the Empire State Building in New York, Sunday, Oct. 7. Police are becoming frustrated by long work hours and what many see as a lack of information from the FBI.

Associated Press

High court to rule on door-to-door permit requirement

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to confront a particularly tough separation of church and state issue by deciding whether a town can require permits from Jehovah's Witnesses or others who want to solicit door-to-door.

Jehovah's Witnesses routinely go door-to-door to distribute literature and recruit believers. A village ordinance in Stratton, Ohio, requires members of the faith — and others, from door-to-door salesmen to politicians rounding up votes — to get the mayor's permission before soliciting and to display the permit for homeowners who ask to see it.

Jehovah's Witnesses sued the village in a church-state case with broad free-speech implications, and the justices agreed Monday to hear their appeal of a lower court's decision for Stratton.

"Permission to preach comes from God and not man," said Paul Polidoro, attorney for Jehovah's Witnesses, who have not solicited door-to-door in Stratton during the three years the permits have been required.

Village leaders said permits are free, and nobody has ever been denied one. The ordinance is reasonable in "weighing the First Amendment rights of canvassers against the right of homeowners to security, privacy and peacefulness in their homes," they told the Supreme Court.

The Constitution's First Amendment guarantees both free speech and the free exercise of religion. An appellate court ruled the ordinance does not discriminate against Witnesses because it demands the same permit of everybody.

The Supreme Court probably will hear the case early next year, with a ruling expected by summer. The justices restricted the issue to the First Amendment ramifications of requiring approval for all door-to-door advocacy, including political pamphleteering.

Stratton requires people planning solicitations to divulge to the mayor names, addresses for the past five years and names and addresses of their affiliations. A homeowner can demand to see the permit, and violators can be charged with misdemeanors.

Lawyers for the Jehovah's Witnesses said if church members were to complete permit requests, they would lose the right of citizens to practice their religion anonymously.

The court handled a related issue in 1995. Justices ruled that Ohio could not fine a woman for distributing unsigned leaflets opposing a proposed local school tax.

"Under our Constitution, anonymous pamphleteering is not a pernicious, fraudulent practice, but an honorable tradition of advocacy and dissent," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the 7-2 court.

The Supreme Court handled door-to-door solicitation cases involving Jehovah's Witnesses in the 1930s and 1940s.

This case is broader, applying to all solicitors including candidates for office.

"This is a tricky one," said Gregory Magarian, who teaches constitutional law at Villanova University. "The x factor is how far is the court going to go in saying it's OK for the city to protect privacy in the home this way."

Church lawyers said similar permit requirements have popped up in other jurisdictions over the years. Neither the church nor First Amendment scholars keep track of how many localities have such requirements.

U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus Jr. ruled in 1999 that Stratton could not limit activity from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as it initially tried to do. He ordered that stipulation to be changed to reasonable hours but upheld the permitting process.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled this year that the ordinance does not discriminate because it put the same requirements on all people, regardless of their message or purpose.

Stratton should not be stopped from "protecting its residents from fraud and undue annoyance in their homes," the court said.

Any of the fewer than 300 residents of Stratton can notify the village that they do not want to be solicited.

The case is Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York Inc. v. Village of Stratton, Ohio, et al., 00-1737.

U.S. buys rights to war-zone satellite pictures

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military is paying for the exclusive rights to commercial satellite photos of Afghanistan even though its own satellites are thought to take far better pictures.

This could serve two purposes: to provide an extra eye on Afghanistan, and to prevent anyone else from peeking at the war zone.

The images of the Ikonos satellite, among the best available to the public, will add to those collected by military satellites and airplanes, said Joan Mears, a spokeswoman for the National Imagery and Mapping Agency.

Mears declined to discuss how much the government is paying for the pictures, only saying that the agency has paid for exclusive access to the area involved in Operation Enduring Freedom, the military code name for the strikes in Afghanistan.

The agency's contract with Denver-based Space Imaging Inc. began Oct. 7 and is believed to be in the multimillion-dollar range.

A Space Imaging executive said the U.S. government had recently signed a large contract with his company,

not only buying exclusive rights to the imagery but paying for all the time that the satellite is over the target area.

This serves to prevent anyone else from using Ikonos to take pictures of the war zone. It also prevents Space Imaging from selling the pictures to anyone else, which the company does with most of its imagery.

Mark Brender, executive director of government affairs and corporate communications for Space Imaging, declined to reveal the amount of the contract but said "it was a wonderful business transaction."

Top-of-the-line Ikonos pictures have one-meter resolution, meaning the satellite can distinguish features on the ground one meter in size or larger.

"You can count the cars in a parking lot, tell which are pickups and sedans, and tell what color they are," Brender said.

Ikonos pictures can cost buyers up to \$200 per square kilometer of imagery, he said. Quick turnaround costs an extra \$3,000, he said.

The resolution achieved by U.S. military satellites is kept secret, but it is probably about 10 times better than Ikonos can provide, said Steven Aftergood, a government secrecy analyst and intelligence expert with the

Federation of American Scientists, a Washington-based watchdog group. He estimated military satellites can take pictures that distinguish objects as small as 10 centimeters in size.

But buying Ikonos imagery will still serve some military purpose, Aftergood said. U.S. military satellites and reconnaissance aircraft cannot be over the war zone at every instant, and Ikonos could serve as a backup. The satellite could also be used to take images where less resolution is needed, freeing up military satellites for more detailed work in the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

Buying exclusive rights to the pictures will keep the public — and the Taliban and bin Laden — from knowing where the U.S. military is looking. If a series of pictures of the airfield at Kandahar suddenly showed up on Space Imaging's Web site, that could provide a clue to U.S. military plans.

But the government is also denying the public the use of an important tool for oversight of its activities, Aftergood said, noting the media frequently buys satellite pictures of areas of news interest.

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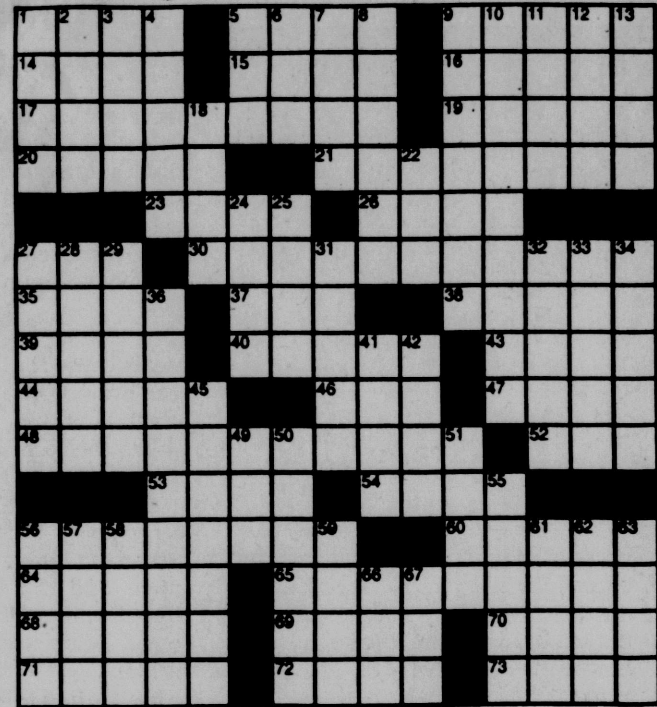
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Witty remark
 - 5 Hook on a handle
 - 9 Bogart's sleuth
 - 14 Scat queen Fitzgerald
 - 15 ___ and anon
 - 16 Caught congers
 - 17 Off-key turn that almost comes back on itself?
 - 19 Tire pattern
 - 20 Thighbone
 - 21 Wintergreen fruit
 - 23 Kitty cries
 - 26 ___ Bator, Mongolia
 - 27 Flier to Stockholm
 - 30 Off-key 1990 Julia Roberts movie?
- DOWN**
- 35 Chowder morsel
 - 37 Hurler's stat
 - 38 Purple bloom
 - 39 Like a gargyle
 - 40 Florida's ___ Bay
 - 43 Verdi opera
 - 44 "Cabaret" director Bob
 - 46 ___ Paese cheese
 - 47 Pork cut
 - 48 Off-key marksman?
 - 52 Rug rat
 - 53 Jacob's twin
 - 54 Midterm, for one
 - 56 Heavy downpours
 - 60 Shopping meccas
 - 64 Actor Delon

- ACROSS**
- 65 Off-key cop?
 - 68 Flood protection
 - 69 It's replacing the lira
 - 70 Castaway's place
 - 71 Loamy soil
 - 72 High-schooler
 - 73 P.D.Q.

- DOWN**
- 1 Mutt's partner in old comics
 - 2 Model Macpherson
 - 3 Bridge feat
 - 4 O'Neal of "Paper Moon"
 - 5 ___-Xer
 - 6 Batter's fig.
 - 7 Sensed
 - 8 Make available
 - 9 Determine get-out-of-jail money
 - 10 Orchid or peony
 - 11 Yankee or Angel, for short
 - 12 ___ Diary ...
 - 13 Whirling water
 - 18 Greek war god
 - 22 Totality
 - 24 Stimulate, as the appetite
 - 25 Poet Teasdale
 - 27 Shoe blemish
 - 28 Star in Perseus
 - 29 Latin dance music
 - 31 Repeated Stallone film role



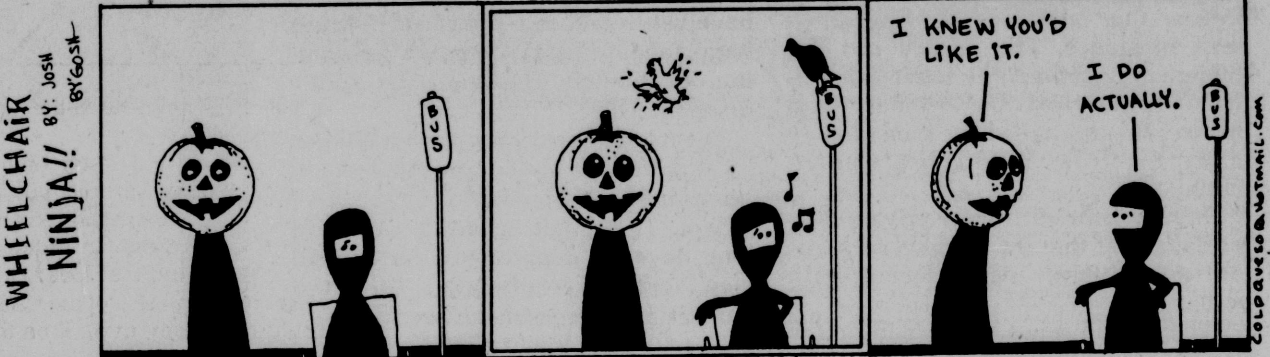
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- ACROSS**
- 32 T. S. or George
 - 33 AM/FM device
 - 34 Barely enough
 - 36 Detective stories
 - 41 Tennis ace Sampras
 - 42 Emcee Trebek
 - 45 Ancient ascetics
 - 49 ___ Solo of "Star Wars"
 - 50 Beginning
 - 51 Way on or off a highway
 - 55 Capo's crew
- DOWN**
- 56 Seven-foot, e.g.
 - 57 Ersatz butter
 - 58 Carry on
 - 59 Actress Elisabeth
 - 61 What red ink represents
 - 62 "Damn Yankees" vamp
 - 63 Rung
 - 66 ___ you kidding?"
 - 67 One of the Reagans

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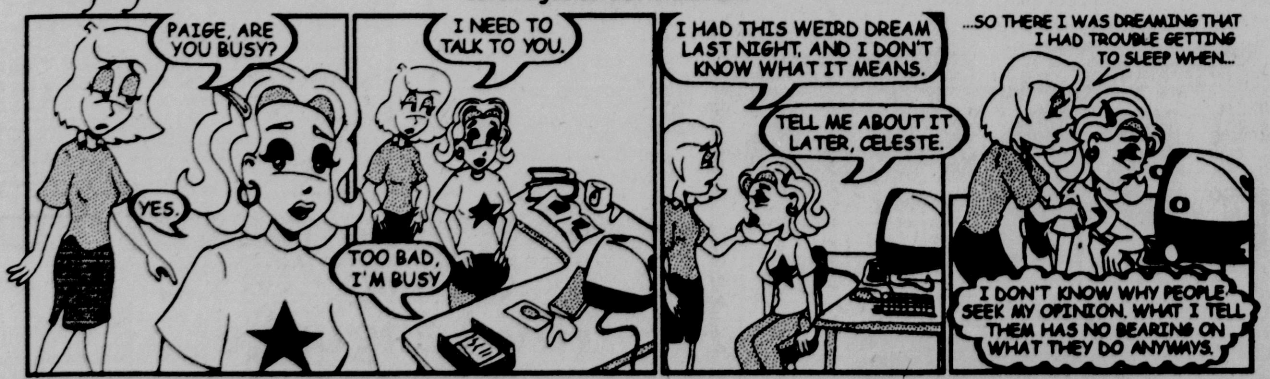


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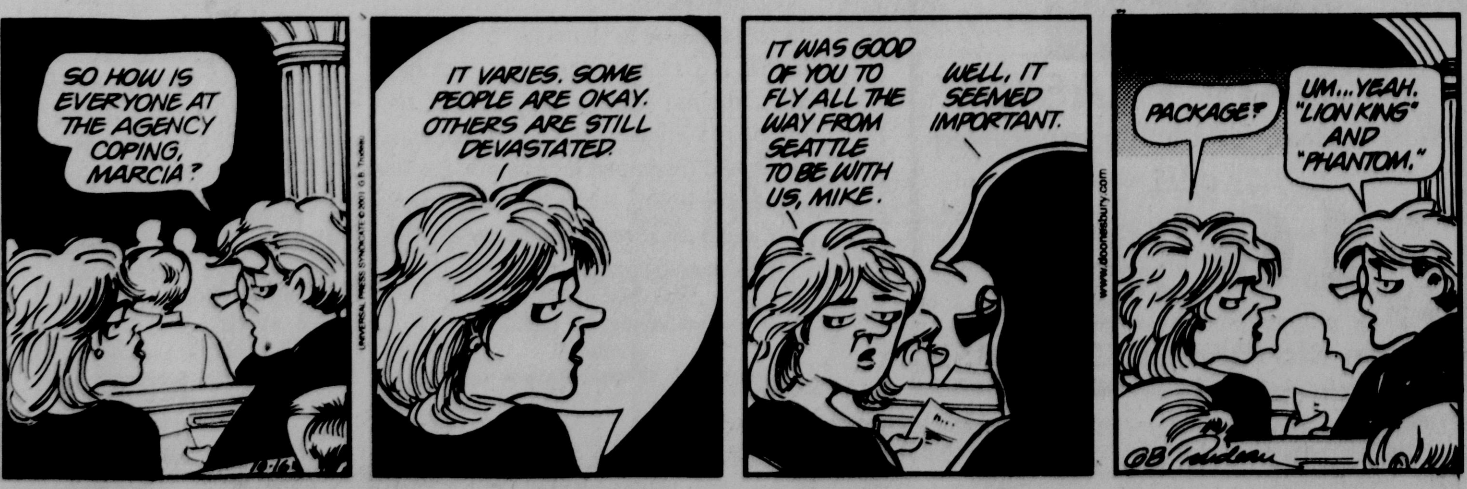


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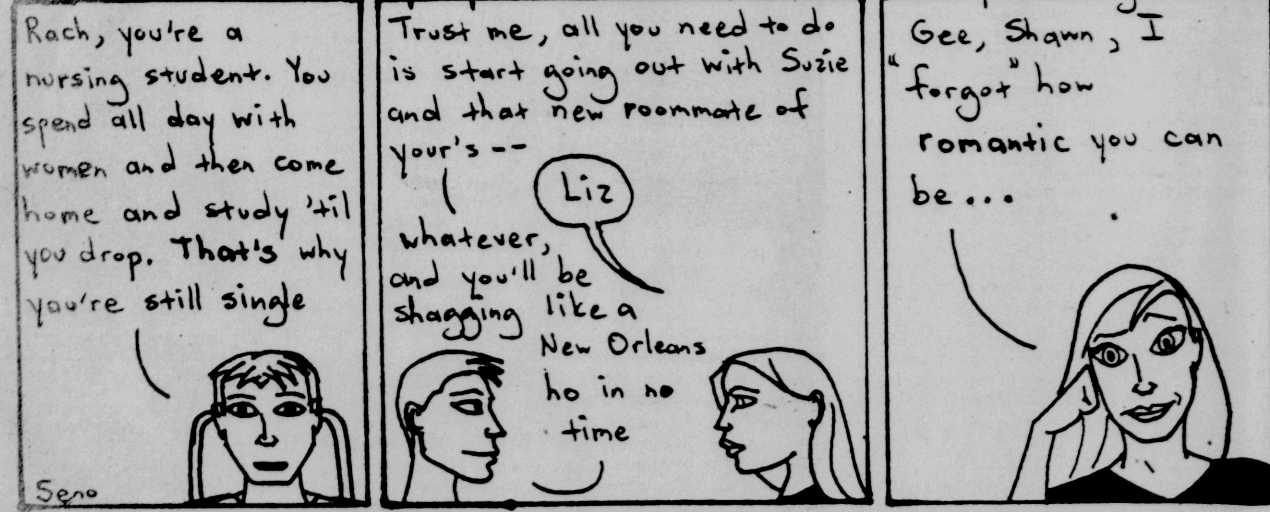
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French and Italian Graduate Student Organization and the Texas Union Events Committee is hosting the 3rd Annual Francophone Film Series to be held October 9-11, 17, and 18. All films will be shown in the Texas Union Theater at 7:30 p.m. Films are in French with English subtitles. Admission is free. Tuesday, Oct. 9: *Faat-Kine*, by Ousmane Sembene; Wednesday, Oct. 10: *Ressources Humaines*, by Laurent Cantet; Thursday, Oct. 11: *Emporte-moi*, by Lea Pool; Wednesday, Oct. 17: *Les Glaneurs et la Glaneuse*, by Angès Varda; Thursday, Oct. 18: *Harry, un ami qui vous veut du bien*, by Dominik Moll.

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Cactus Yearbook is taking pictures for the 2002 Cactus Yearbook. Studio runs from Oct. 1 through Oct. 19. Graduating seniors should call 471-9190 now to schedule an appointment while underclassmen can just walk in for their photos. There is only a \$2 sitting fee, so be a part of a UT tradition. Don't wait until the last minute. Come in now to have your picture taken for the yearbook.

Division of Housing and Food Service: Would you like to be an RA? Come to an information session from 7 - 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 in the Jester Auditorium [A121A] or from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the San Jacinto

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Texas Advertising Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the CMA Auditorium. Yvonne Touquigny, founder and guru of Touquigny Advertising, will be speaking. Come for the speaker, stay for the food and drink. Also, find out about the Houston Advertising Student Conference. For further information: jwhigham@mail.utexas.edu

Longhorn Classics, UT's classical music organization, invites you to their informal chat with Austin Symphony program writer, Stephen Aechtemact, Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Texas Union Governors' Room, UNB 3.116. Always informative and entertaining Stephen will be talking about the music being played in this week's Austin Symphony concert. Everyone is welcome.

Muslim Students Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Texas Union. Late Friday prayers are held at 2:15 p.m. in the Sinclair Suite of the Texas Union for students unable to attend the regular Friday prayer at the mosque on 21st and Nueces. Halaqas [lecture followed by a discussion] are held on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. in the Sinclair Suite of the Texas Union.

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New albums by New Order and Bubba Sparxxx arrive this week

SOUND BITES, from 16

matter doesn't push any real boundaries, confirming that the rap game doesn't change much in the shift from urban to rural. Having the dopest rhymes, the most bitches and being the most blottoed at the end of the night are the rap universals that cross all borders. But the gimmick here is country-western. Bubba is a big-ass redneck whose Polo shirts are the only things separating him from the hoboes; he's everything that Kid Rock was, without the Rock.

Outside of the single, "Ugly," the album falls flat. The production is generally top-notch quality, but there's a countrification that, at least in this case, is equal to degradation. Even if he can turn a rhyme, Bubba's poetry isn't as poignant as that of his contemporaries. Where R. Kelly can make a song called "Feelin' on Yo Booty" come off just right, Bubba's chorus for "Betty Betty" "Get in the truck, let's crank up these relations," sounds more like a one-liner from Jerry Springer's show.

"Bubba Talk" and "Get Right" ride the laurels of their skillful beats, turning into tight little packages. But they are the exception rather than the rule. The titular track is the last and most interesting on the album, acting as the moral to this tale of a country-thug lifestyle, an epilogue in which Bubba finally gets a little serious: too little, too late.

—John Bringardner

Bubba Sparxxx gets "Ugly" on Dark Days. Bright Nights

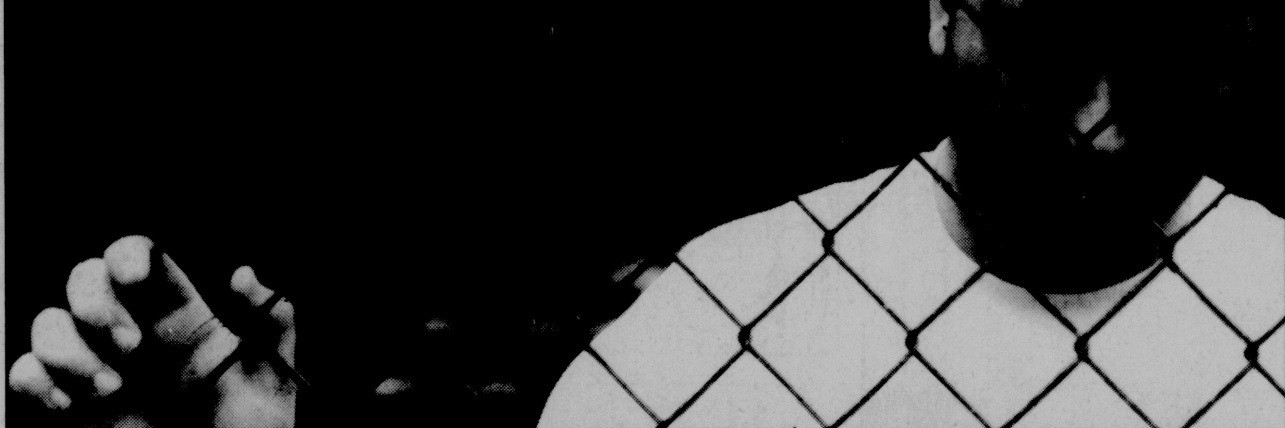


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ROOTY

artist Basement Jaxx
label Astralwerks Records

★★★★☆

Hailing from south London's Brixton neighborhood, Basement Jaxx has changed the face of British dance music by reaching the top of the charts more often than not. Yet they remain virtually the only pushers of their sound on the market.

Other favorites, like Fatboy Slim and the Chemical Brothers, influenced a slew of big-beat followers. But the Basement Jaxx's hectic mishmash of musical styles make them particularly unique and a difficult act to follow.

A steady flow of white labels and underground tracks, like Felix Buxton and Simon Ratcliffe's *Remedy*, have kept the buzz going — not to mention

a club that lends its name to the new album, *Rooty*.

The album was the result of the band's secret night at an Irish pub in Brixton. The night was organized and orchestrated by the duo in order to give play to the sound they loved, and a chance to test out a few of the tracks that would eventually make it on the album. The album's name comes courtesy of a slight mix-up in translation. Naoko, a Japanese friend of Felix, is said to have described the Jaxx sound as "mooty" at a show in Osaka.

Now we have *Rooty*, replete with ready-made dance classics "Romeo" and "Where's Your Head At" showing off the definitive Jaxx flair. "Romeo" has a catchy, hard-slapping sound balanced by Kele Le Roc's sassy soul, and "Where's Your Head At" has a deep, hard-edged, crunchy bass line that

made it an Ibiza anthem this year. "Just 1 Kiss" is just as likely to see some time on turntables with a more standard, but not displeasing, house sound and a hint of the French touch.

But what really sets this album apart, even from their own work, is the stylistic variety. "Broken Dreams" brings a Tijuana brass sound and bossa beat, while "Do Your Thing" begins with a good ol' piano joint sound before moving into quasi-Jackson Five vocals and a big-beat rhythm.

Even the more annoying "SFM" and "I Want U" — with its runaway carnival ride from hell sound — have their good points. The album stands as a testament to the freaky originality of Basement Jaxx, and a breath of fresh air in the British dance-music scene.

—John Bringardner

Entertainment Briefly

Nicole Kidman picks up the pieces after divorce

LONDON — Nicole Kidman has moved on since her divorce to fellow Hollywood star Tom Cruise, and she hopes others will follow suit.

"Everyone keeps asking me all the time, 'How are you? How are you?' I mean, divorce is divorce, and it's a really tough thing to go through," Kidman said in a television interview aired Saturday on the BBC. "You have to pick yourself up and move forward, and that is what I am doing."

Did the divorce sour her on the institution of marriage? "Oh no, I'd love to get married again," she said.

Kidman described her 11-year relationship with Cruise as a "fish bowl" that sometimes forced the couple to take extreme measures to protect their privacy. But it was an obstacle that often proved to have romantic consequences.

"We would see cities at night," she said. "We broke into the Coliseum — climbed the fences and broke in. It's a way of dealing with being really well-known, but still being able to see a city like Rome."

Tea Leoni joins pledge to fight breast cancer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — *Jurassic Park III* actress Tea Leoni hopes to increase breast cancer awareness with her participation in the sixth annual Take-A-Hike.

"She really is very committed at this. Her grandmother had breast cancer," said Take-A-Hike spokeswoman Brenda Himelfarb. "This is the fourth year that Tea has been involved."

The event, which benefits several breast cancer research organizations, involved taking participants for hikes in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Leoni, original *Shuff* star Richard Roundtree and exercise guru Kathy Smith were among the celebrities who led participants on the trails Saturday.

The event coincided with breast cancer awareness month.

Moby evaluates meaning of music during crisis

LOS ANGELES — Music could provide a comforting refuge and a venue for political expression after the terrorist attacks, says 35-year-old singer-songwriter Moby.

Moby, whose birthday is Sept. 11, said that in times of national crisis, more artists and audiences turn to activism and social commentary.

"Over the last few years, I think popular music has become kind of irrelevant for a lot of people. In times of crisis, people turn to music, because it does have the ability to communicate, soothe and comfort," Moby said in a *Los Angeles Times* interview. "I just hope this will force people to re-evaluate their priorities so that they create music that speaks to people on a more profound level."

Moby, who broke into the mainstream with his best-selling 1999 album, *Play*, said that although the attacks may drive artists to be more political, he'll probably keep politics out of his music.

"Whenever I tried over the years to write political music, it ended up really strident or didactic," he said. "Trust me, I've written political

songs, but thank goodness I've never released any of them."

Academy inducts big names in media, politics

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Music producer Quincy Jones, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and more than 200 other luminaries of politics, arts, science and the humanities were inducted Saturday into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Jones thanked the academy for his membership, and called a "new spirit of unity throughout the world" heartening and encouraging.

Referring indirectly to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, he said acad-

emy members are uniquely positioned to build understanding.

"We have an opportunity to speak to a wide public, here, and abroad, about the value of employing our creative faculties — our intellects, our expressiveness — to overcome the hatred and suspicions that have proved so deadly and dangerous," Jones said during Saturday's ceremony at the Harvard Law School.

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alteration of the script. Breen had deemed it "unacceptable," because "the characterization of the lead as a grossly immoral woman ... in contrast with her immoral characterization, an absence of what might be called 'compensating moral values.'"

As if those extras weren't enough, the disc also touches upon the use of rear projection and the blue screen, which was one of the first films to utilize the technique. Also included are a nice story about the Unica key as a lucky charm passed from Ingrid Bergman to Hitchcock at a tribute, newsreel footage from the film's premiere, and last, but not least, a full Lux Radio adaptation done by Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten in 1948.

In addition to *Rear Window*, *Psycho* and *Vertigo*, *Notorious* deserves a place alongside the best produced Hitchcock DVD transfers. Keane mentions in the commentary that *Notorious* was one of Hitchcock's favorite films, and after viewing the *Notorious* DVD, it isn't hard to see why. With the Criterion treatment, this DVD will soon become a favorite of any Hitchcock fan, and by extension, of films in general.

—Stephen Saito

Since 1986, Home Vision Entertainment has grown into the premier distributor of foreign and classic feature films in North America. With over 200 titles to its name, the company works primarily with The Criterion Collection in their release of special edition VHS tapes and DVDs. The releases vary from classics like Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* to documentary series like the recent *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews*. This diversity should continue to grow with last month's launch of Home Vision's own collection of DVDs.

The first two releases, *Plucking the Daisy* and *The Night Heaven Fell*, are questionable choices. The films are diverting and charming at best, but really nothing more than vehicles for Brigitte Bardot's bod and beguilement. However, the future of Home Vision's Classic Collection should fulfill the promise of its title through November's release of *Spirits of the Dead* (three Edgar Allen Poe tales told by directors Roger Vadim, Louis Malle and Federico Fellini), and next year's releases of *Victim* and *Louisiana Story*.

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New Order makes a strong return. Bubba Sparxxx turns country rap into *crap* and Basement Jaxx keeps the dancefloor moving. All this in Sound Bites.

GET READY ★★☆☆☆
artist New Order
label Reprise Records

As comeback albums and reunion tours flood the music market, the line between those warranted and those not becomes very defined. New Order, the pioneering '80s British electro-rock quartet, releases their first record in eight years, *Get Ready*, in such a climate. Once lost to the wolves of a grunge and post-grunge era now dead itself, the band reformed and recorded a set of songs to prove they still have the chops to stay in the game. Do they? it depends on how you look at it.

Get Ready is an aggressively rich and fluid rock album with the kind of production and composition smarts you'd come to expect from a band of veterans such as these. Their classic sound, which scored hits in the States with songs like "Bizarre Love Triangle" and "Blue Monday," seeps through the corners of this new sound, which is more rugged and raw.

The first single, "Crystal," opens with the kind of diva wail you'd hear in a trance club song, only to shift into high gear with heavy guitars. It rocks harder than anything New Order has done and most of this album rides those same lines. "Rock The Shack" is an almost note-for-note recreation of the late 1970s, early 1980s U.K. punk scene with a nod to Wire and Joy Division.

Joy Division, of course, is New Order's old moniker, adjusted when lead singer Ian Curtis committed suicide. The band left Joy Division behind and entered a Reagan/Thatcher age of making synth-pop instead of ambient, punk-noise rock. *Get Ready* feels and sounds like New Order returning to that era and those moods. They don't sound angry; they sound full of energy.

The signature New Order love and crisis syrup coats much of the new album all the same. "Turn My Way" has vocalist Bernard Sumner sharing the mic with Smashing Pumpkins leader



Three out of the four members of New Order spent this summer touring to support the new release, *Get Ready*.

Billy Corgan for an eerily reminiscent song about finding the secret to life. When Sumner sings, "I don't want to live like other people are/Don't want to hold a key/Don't want to wash my car/I don't want to live like other people do," it sounds like 1987 all over again.

Get Ready is disappointing as a whole, with some songs achieving pure brilliance, like the catchy "Slow Jam." It's an amazing rock song, and so are "Someone Like You" and "Vicious Streak." Other songs, such as the overdone melody of "60 Miles An Hour" fail to offer anything new. The biggest and most comforting surprise is the reminder of Joy Division. But we'll gladly take New Order while we can.

—Matt Dentler

DARK DAYS, BRIGHT NIGHTS ★★☆☆☆
artist Bubba Sparxxx
label Interscope Records

There appears to be a trend slowly forming in the upper echelons of successful rap producers. Dr. Dre was near the top of his game when he took Eminem under his wing, using his own skills and status to push his protégé into even bigger stardom than his own. Now we have Timbaland, still reeling from his success with Missy Elliot this summer.

He's dipped his own ladle into the shallow pool of white rappers and come up with Bubba Sparxxx, the latest and most bizarre in an eclectic line of acts coming out of

Athens, Georgia. Bubba refers to his new best-buddy as Timmy (pronounced "Tim-eh" in Sparxxxese). He calls his girlfriends "Betties" and his shits "grumpies." While one might be able to argue that Timbaland is the better producer, the question of who has the better ear for talent is shifting back in Dre's favor.

On the new album, *Dark Days, Bright Nights*, Bubba's rhymes aren't so awful; it's his voice that presents a major obstacle. It works well enough on a single, but over the course of a few tracks, the monotonous drawl begins to sound more like an alarm clock set on "Annoying." The basic subject

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DVD Spotlight

Criterion releases a 'Notorious' DVD, Home Vision begins a Classic Collection

NOTORIOUS

After Alfred Hitchcock mentioned uranium in the shooting script for *Notorious* in 1946, the FBI put a trace on the director for three months due to controversy surrounding the radioactive element, which was required in the U.S. government's making of the atomic bomb. While it's safe to say that directors today may not face such scrutiny, it's also safe to say that this little tidbit from Hitchcock scholar Marian Keane is one of the elements that makes the Criterion Collection's *Notorious* DVD so special. Coupled with the intriguing commentary of David Selznick scholar Rudy Behmer, the audio commentaries are only a small part of an overwhelming package of goodies for Hitchcock fanatics and novices alike.

Notorious stars Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman and villain/third wheel-extraordinaire Claude Rains. It centers around Bergman, who plays the daughter of a Nazi. She is hired by the FBI to get close to an old crony of her father's (Rains). Eventually, she marries the man she's hired to spy on, and her assignment is thrown into limbo. Grant, as FBI agent Devlin, is the only one who can save her. Unfortunately, that description sells it short. But as with all of Hitchcock's films, anything less than a 20,000-word essay on the film wouldn't do it justice. With all the trademarks of a classic Hitchcock film, *Notorious* is perhaps the epitome of a classic Hitchcock film.

The film mixes romance, suspense and film stars that truly fill up the screen (an impression which is still made with the DVD). William Rothman, the author of *Hitchcock — The Murderous Gaze*, cites in his liner notes that Francois Truffaut once said, "*Notorious* is the single work that provides the fullest representation of Hitchcock's art." The DVD presents the film as though it was on display at the Louvre.

With the exception of the actual

film, the *Notorious* DVD includes extras that have rarely been seen before. And like the film, if they have been seen, they've never been presented in such pristine condition. Ranging from the somewhat benign to the overly detailed, the special features of the disc are divided into two areas — one including the separate audio commentaries of Keane and Behmer (each with its own chapter index, as well as an additional sound effect and music-only track), and another area entitled "*Notorious* Dossier."

There are typical extras inside the dossier, such as teasers and trailers for the film, publicity stills, deleted scenes and even some script notes for an alternate ending. The deleted scenes are especially well-handled by the producers of the disc, who show how the scenes would have fit into the context of the film by sandwiching the notes in between the two existing scenes in the film. But more impressively, the disc captures the tense relationship between legendary Hollywood producer David Selznick and Hitchcock, who Selznick had to plead with to come to the States. Though *Notorious* wasn't Hitchcock's first film produced in the United States (1940's *Rebecca* was), the DVD meticulously details the evolution of their relationship metaphorically through the production of *Notorious*.

One intriguing extra is *The Song of the Dragon*, a *Saturday Evening Post* article written by John Trainor Foote that was the basis for many of the plot twists in *Notorious*. It was never credited for its influence, and Selznick went out of his way to exclude Foote's name from the ads and the finished film credits. The Criterion disc also carries the production correspondence of the film from notes about Selznick's optioning the rights to *The Song of the Dragon* to a letter from Joseph Breen (the director of the Production Code Administration) to Selznick urging

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