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# Powers testifies in discrimination suit

UT president, law professor volley claims regarding \$100,000 agreement in 2002

> By M.T. Elliott Daily Texan Staff

President William Powers took the stand Thursday to defend him-

self and the University against a suit brought by a UT law profes-

agreement he reached with them as part of a \$100,000 settlement in 2002. and discuss them with Carson. Powers signed the racial profiling he was dean of the law school.

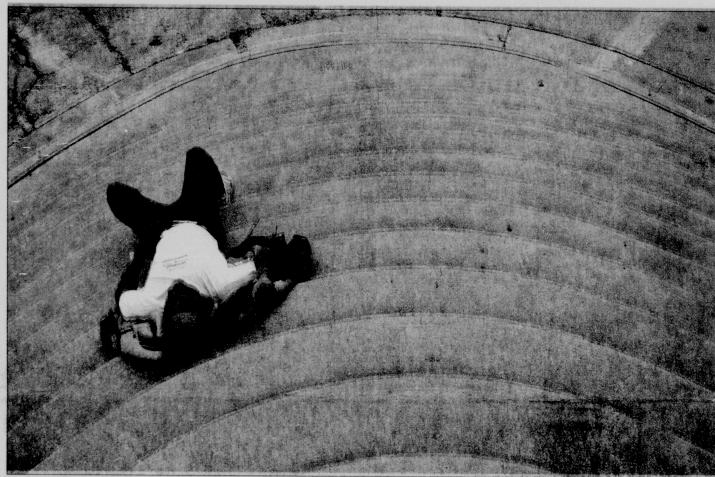
claims the University broke an his obligation to address concerns Powers' claim. of the black community and to meet

Notzon presented the jury with examples of what he called Powers repeatedly said Carson inconsistencies or unequal retaliation and racial discrimination and discrimination settlement when was either absent or refused to treatment by the UT Law School meet with him on several occa- Foundation, claiming there Robert Notzon, Carson's lawyer, sions, but trial evidence provided was racial discrimination and

Law professor Loftus Carson argued that Powers did not fulfill record of only one e-mail verifying retaliation against Carson. Much of the testimony centered around the foundation's denial of Carson's request for a second mortgage, which foundation president David Beck said would have set

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### **EVERY STEP YOU TAKE**



Avery Griffin takes a nap on steps on the corner of 8th and San Antonio Streets near the Austin Public Library downtown Thursday afternoon.

### Study finds restaurants risky for binge eaters

By Weiwen Ji Daily Texan Staff

Restaurants are a high-risk environment for binge eaters, and depression can agitate unhealthy food habits, according to a new study conducted by Gayle Timmerman, assistant dean of the UT School of Nursing.

The article, "Restaurant Eating in Nonpurge Binge-Eating Women," will be published in the November issue of the Western Journal of Nursing Research. The study involved 121 female participants, including 71 nonpurge binge eaters, or persons who do not vomit after binge eating.

According to the study, people eat out at restaurants about 3.5 days per week. When eating at restaurants, 27 percent of binge eaters

said they had difficulty controlling how much they ate, while 43 percent said they ate an "excessive" amount, according to the study.

Larger food portions, relaxing environments and appetizing food cues actually attract binge eaters who think they can control themselves in restaurants to eat more, Timmerman said.

"That was surprising to me," she said. "Fifty percent of binge samples were in restaurants. Binge eating is not something you do at home secretly."

A high number of binge eaters reported eating excessively at restaurants in response to feelings of depression, according to the report.

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Students take food from the buffet at the Kinsolving Dormitory Thursday evening. The University offers free nondiet weight management classes that emphasize healthy nutrition. exercise and meal planning.

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He wasn't excited. He just talks a lot.

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### Don't forget to fall back this weekend

**Daylight Savings** Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m.



### Clinic helps about 150 Austin Katrina evacuees obtain rental assistance

FEMA documents require recertification every 3 months for aid

> By Julio Trujillo Daily Texan Staff

Nearly 14 months after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Mark Jones still does not know what happened to his home in the city's Ninth Ward.

The 39-year-old professional musician is one of 3,000 to 4,000 evacuees still living in the Austin area after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged areas of the Gulf Coast in August and September

2005. Jones was among more than 150 evacuees who attended a clinic Thursday at an East Austin church to recertify for Federal **Emergency Management Agency** rental assistance.

"I'm trying to get what I can get," Jones said. "I keep hearing about rental assistance, but the big checks I hear people are get-

ting, I'm not." According to documents provided by FEMA, the agency allows disaster evacuees to receive rental assistance for 18 months after a federal disaster declaration, but the evacuees

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# 11th Texas Book **Festival** kicks off

Guests include Gore Vidal, Maureen Dowd, Sen. Barak Obama

> By Michelle West Daily Texan Staff

Notable public figures at this year's 11th annual Texas Book Festival include a prospective presidential candidate, a New York Times columnist, a comedic writer and performer and a renowned intellectual. However, a well-known red furry monster pulled out at the last minute.

Elmo and the man behind the puppet, Kevin Clash, cancelled their appearance because of scheduling conflicts, but more than 200 authors are slated to promote and sign their latest literary works and discuss issues relevant to their books over the weekend

Since the first festival in 1995, the literary celebration has taken place every year primarily at the Texas Capitol - a nod in the direction of former Texas first lady and book festival co-founder Laura

"It was just the idea that this is public space. It's the people's venue, this is where [the festival] should be," said festival literary director Clay Smith. "It just seems sort of natural that in addition to political discussion that there be literary discussion as well."

The festival aims to promote reading and raise money for state libraries. It has raised as much as \$1.8 million for Texas public libraries since its inception, Smith said. By the spring, organizers project the festival will raise \$2 million to be awarded in the form of grants. Funds come from corporate sponsors and ticket sales from the First Edition Literary Gala today, Smith said.

Topics authors will discuss include presidential politics, children's literature and the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Most events are free, unless noted on the festival Web site.

"We're like a gift to the state," Smith said.

In addition to the various discussion sessions taking place during the festival, special events include a conversation between columnist Maureen Dowd and intellectual Gore Vidal at Paramount Theatre, a viewing of Animal House with the writer and fraternity member whose adventures inspired the movie, and an opening ceremony with U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

"Texas' long-standing literary tradition and libraries have a special place in my heart," said Laura Bush in a statement on the festival's Web site. "The Texas Book Festival celebrates both."

#### **Book Festival** select events



**House Chamber** Sen. Barack Obama, D-III., will be headlining the opening ceremony with his book "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream." He most recently gained attention for saying on Sunday's "Meet the Press"that he has "thought about the possibility" of a bid for the Democratic



 Saturday, 2 p.m., **Bon Appetite** Cooking Tent at the Capitol

Amy Sedaris will be baking brownies with friend and writer David Rakoff and promoting her book, "I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence." Sedaris is most widely known as the comedian playing Jerri Blank in the series and movie "Strangers with Candy," which she



· Sunday, 2 p.m., **Paramount Theatre** Well-known New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd will engage in political conversation with author Gore Vidal. Dowd will also continue to promote her book, "Are Men Necessary? When Sexes



· Sunday, 2 p.m., Paramount Theatre

Essayist, playwright and historical fiction writer Gore Vidal will share the stage with Dowd. He is expected to release his latest memoir. "Point to Point Navigation: A Memoir" on Nov. 7

"We had the idea of putting [Dowd] in conversation with [Vidal]," said festival literary director Clay Smith. "Back in the late '60s, people read him to see what he would say in the same way that people read her."

Source: Texas Book Festival Web site.

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"LEE KORAN, JAPANESE IMPERIALISM AND MULTI-RACIAL PROPAGANDA", 3:30 p.m., Harry Ransom Center. Lecturer lan Buruma is Henry R. Luce Professor of Democracy, Human Rights and Journalism at Bard College, NY. Reception to follow.

JOHN THIESSEN PLAYS BAROQUE TRUMPET, 8 p.m., University Presbyterian Church - 2203 San Antonio. The baroque trumpet, sometimes called a natural trumpet, does not have any valves for manipulating the pitch the instrument produces. Instead, the only method for the player to change notes is by increasing and reducing the amount of air flow into the trumpet. Thiessen will be accompanied on the Organ by UT professor Judith Hancock. Free admission.

UT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHORUSES, 8 p.m., Bates Recital Hall. The program varies from classical to modern, religious and secular choral music. Admission is free.

HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION INFORMATION CLASS, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., SSB 2.204. No registration required. Provided by University Health Services.

THREE DEBUSSY OPERAS, 8 p.m., McCullough Theater. The UT Butler Opera Center presents the world premiere of Robert Orledge's orchestration of Chanson de Bilitis, the American premiere of La Chute de la Maison Usher (The Fall of the House of Usher) as realized by Robert Orledge and L'enfant Prodigue. \$17 general admission; \$15 UT faculty/staff; \$10 UT students. Also runs 29th, 3rd and 5th.

PARENTS' WEEKEND DINNER, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Texas Union Ballroom. RSVP at http://utdirect.utexas.edu/ txshop/index.WBX to join the Dean, distinguished faculty members of the College of Liberal Arts and members of Liberal Arts Council for a great dinner and discussion of being part of the Liberal Arts family

TAIWANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MARKET NIGHT. 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m., Main Mall. A re-creation of the night markets in Taiwan and various Asian countries. At night, food, clothing and miscellaneous trinket vendors fill the streets to sell their merchandise to crowds of people. Food, games and performances including the Dragon Dance starting at 7:45.

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### LOOKOUT, BEHIND YOU



Kim Espinosa | Daily Texan Staff

Betty Baker speaks about the care and feeding of Bevo in the Prather residence hall lobby Thursday afternoon. A celebration was held to honor the new painting that decorates the hall, a work done by Ragan Gennusa.

### CARSON: Act helps reduce trial's length and scope

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precedent that would have strained the foundation's funds. Carson claims this decision was in retaliation for the 2002 settlement.

Other evidence concerned whether Carson's reprimands for the cleanliness of his office and the amount of storage space he used were racially motivated.

Carson's credibility came counsel to reduce the scope of the Foundation were still included as Street.

under criticism when Powers trial under the Speedy Trial Act of defendants in the case. told defense lawyers that Carson 1974, also known as Rule 50. had published only three times in his 18-year tenure at UT. His lengths, allows a judge to decide testimony also called into question whether, after arguments have been whether Carson was fulfilling his full-time duties at UT while working at other institutions, including Texas A&M University.

dismissed the jury and recalled Powers and the UT Law School the U.S. District Court on Eighth

presented, there is enough evidence for a jury to make a decision.

Donald Walter said most of the After initial arguments, the judge arguments were against UT, but

The Rule 50 ruling released Rule 50, created to reduce trial legendary trial lawyer and swim center namesake Joe Jamail and Vice President for Employee and Campus Services Pat Clubb from the lawsuit in their individual Senior U.S. District Judge capacities, though they may be called as witnesses.

The trial continues today in

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### **WORLD BRIEFLY**

#### Good governance in Africa encouraged with cash prize

LONDON - A Sudanese billionaire is putting up millions in prize money to promote good governance in Africa — and to encourage leaders on the world's poorest continent to step down once their democratic mandates have expired

Judges of the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership will rate 53 African countries each year on progress in economy, health, education and

Each leader awarded the prize will receive \$5 million spread over 10 years after leaving office. If still alive when the initial prize is exhausted, prize-winners will receive another \$200,000 annually until they die.

"A situation in which leaders face three choices — relative poverty, term extension, or corruption — is not conducive to good governance," Ibrahim wrote in an opinion piece published in The Guardian newspaper Thursday. "And the continent's problems will not be solved unless governance improves radically."

The first prize will be awarded late next year.

#### Russia opposes Iranian nuclear program sanctions

MOSCOW — Russia signaled its opposition Thursday to a draft U.N. Security Council resolution proposed by European nations that would impose sanctions on Iran over its disputed nuclear program, calling it a departure from existing agreements between world powers.

Russia and China, veto-wielding permanent members of the council that have strong commercial ties with Tehran, have been reluctant to support sanctions against Iran. A key concern for Moscow is the future of its \$1 billion contract to build Iran's first nuclear power station.

"Our goal is to eliminate the risks of sensitive technologies getting into the hands of Iran until the IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] clarifies issues of interest to it, while maintaining all possible channels of communication with Iran," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in comments on state

"And it seems to me that, in clearly does not correspond to those tasks agreed on by the six sides," he added, speaking on the sidelines of an international Arctic conference in Russia's far

The six major powers of United States, Russia, Germany, France, Britain and China have offered Iran incentives to halt uranium enrichment, but Tehran has rejected them. Enrichment can produce material for nuclear power reactors or weapons.

# U.S. deaths in Iraq highest in year

#### By Qassim Abdul-Zahra The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The number of American troops killed in Iraq in October reached the highest monthly total in a year Thursday after four Marines and a sailor died of wounds suffered while fighting in the same Sunni insurgent stronghold.

The U.S. military said 96 U.S. troops have died so far in October, the most in one month since October 2005, when the same number was killed. The highest monthly death toll prior to that came in January 2005, when 107 U.S. troops were killed.

The spike in deaths has been a major factor behind rising antiwar sentiment in the United States, fueling calls for President Bush to change tactics.

Polls show a majority of Americans are opposed to Bush's handling of Iraq, and at a news conference in Washington on Wednesday, Bush indicated he shared the public's frustration even as he pushed back against calls for troop withdrawals.

"I know many Americans are not satisfied with the situation in Iraq," Bush said. "I'm not satisfied either."

Fighting continued Thursday with fresh clashes between Iraqi security forces and militia groups linked to major Shiite political parties, part of an ominous new trend adding to the violence



Khalid Mohammed | Associated Press

A 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team soldier squats by a shopkeeper in central Baghdad's Karradah district Thursday. U.S. and Iraqi forces threw a security cordon around Karradah on Monday night and continued door-todoor searches through Thursday in search of missing officer of Iraqi descent.

wrought by the Sunni-led insurgency against U.S. coalition forces and their Iraqi allies.

At least five policemen were killed and 10 injured in fighting near Baqouba pitting Iraqi security forces against gunmen of the Mahdi Army militia, who are loyal to fiery anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, police spokesmen said.

Mahdi militiamen have flooded into the area 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, forcing large numbers of residents belonging to Iraq's Sunni Arab minority to flee their homes. Mahdi fighters killed scores of Sunnis in massacres last week in the nearby city of Balad, forcing U.S. troops to return to the area after Iraqi security forces were unable to stem the bloodshed.

The U.S. military said the five service members killed in volatile Anbar province included a sailor assigned to the 3rd Naval Construction Regiment. Two of the Marines were attached to Regimental Combat Team 5, and two others to Regimental Combat Team 7. All died from

wounds suffered in attacks on Wednesday in Anbar province, a hotbed of the Sunni insurgency.

Names are being withheld pending notification of their families.

U.S. officials have said October's higher death toll is linked to a historical spike in violence during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ended this week, as well as additional patrols launched as part of a security drive in Baghdad.

The deadliest month for American forces in Iraq was November 2004, when military offenses primarily in the theninsurgent stronghold of Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, left 137 troops dead, 126 of them in

October has been especially deadly for Iraqi security forces and civilians, also. According to Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, about 300 Iraqi police and soldiers died during Ramadan, while altogether, more than 961 Iraqis have been killed in war-related violence this month, the highest level since The Associated Press began tracking civilian deaths in April 2005.

That amounts to an average of more than 41 each day, compared with a daily average of about 27 since April 2005, as more Iraqis fall prey to sectarian death squads affiliated with the militias.

### **NATION BRIEFLY**

### New home prices fall by largest amount in 35 years

WASHINGTON — Is this what a housing bust looks like? New home prices fell last month by the largest amount in 35 years and owners are being warned to brace for further declines, especially in formerly hot markets.

After years of increases, some buyers say prices are still out of their range.

The Commerce Department reported that the median price for a new home sold in September was \$217,100, a decline of 9.7 percent from September 2005.

That was the lowest median home price in two years and the sharpest year-over-year decline since December 1970, providing dramatic evidence of the slowdown in the once-booming housing market.

The median price is the middle point, where half sell for more and half sell for less.

#### Rumsfeld tells Iraq war critics to 'back off' deadlines

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday that critics should "just back off" on demands for deadlines in Iraq and that it is difficult to predict when Iragis will resume control of their country.

At a Pentagon news conference, Rumsfeld said benchmarks for security, political and economic progress that U.S. and Iraqi officials have been discussing are valuable because "you are in effect establishing

But he said the timelines have no specific deadlines, or consequences if goals are not met by specific dates.

You're looking for some sort of a guillotine to come falling down if some date isn't met. That is not what this is about." Rumsfeld said.

'They've been discussing the way forward through the rest of this year and next year," Rumsfeld said of discussions between U.S. and Iraqi officials.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

### Bush signs bill allowing 700 miles of fence on border

#### By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush wanted an exchange of workers with Mexico to bring order to the border, but wound up signing a law Thursday that approves partitioning 700 miles of the United States from its southern neighbor.

The administration once talked of "orderly migration" - workers entering the United States and returning to Mexico or other countries when their jobs were finished. But political realities have replaced phrases like that with "border security" and plans for fences, surveillance cameras unmanned aerial vehicles and watch towers.

Bush still wants a guestworker program, but the toughest resistance to that idea has come from his own Republican Party — and has intensified as the midterm elections have drawn near.

His White House signing ceremony for the new fence law - just 12 days before the Nov. 7 elections — gave Republicans something to point to as they try

will do a better job of cracking down on illegal immigrants and keeping criminals and terrorists

"We're modernizing the southern border of the United States so we can assure the American people we're doing our job of securing the border," Bush said.

The new law also gives the Department of Homeland Security up to 18 months to achieve "operational control" of the border, defined as preventing all illegal entries into the U.S. by land or water.

The bill didn't come with any new funding, and the \$1.2 billion that Congress previously approved is not enough to build the full 700 miles of proposed double-layer fence.

Costs differ depending on terrain, environmental issues and whether private property is

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Congress will add more money each year to erect the fence.

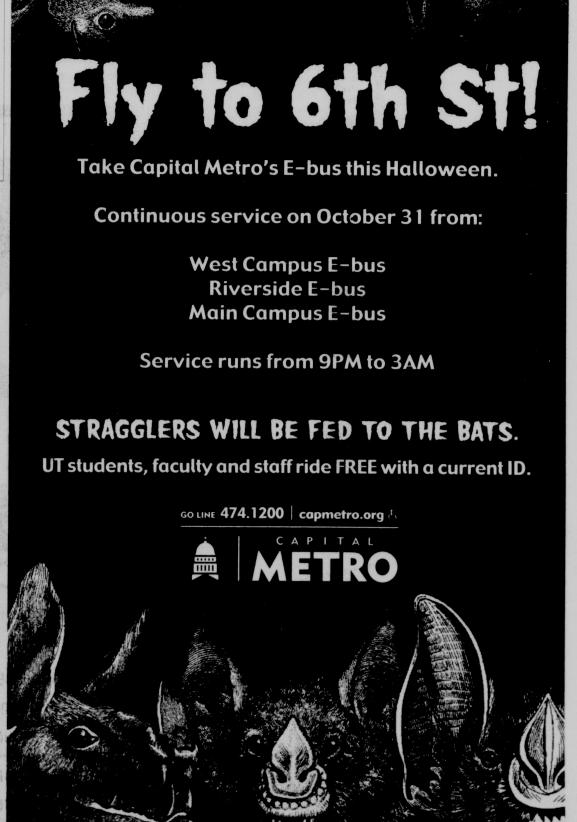
"Within about three years, we should have about 370 miles," said Kyl, whose state would be virtually sealed from Mexico through fencing and other barriers.

Skeptics say the money to build the full 700 miles will never materialize and the bill signing was merely a political gesture.

'The president and this Congress had a historic opportunity to pass a tough but fair

immigration reform plan this vear, but instead that chance was squandered by those Republicans who are more concerned about the ballot box than actually providing real solutions," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, a chief architect of the Senate legislation Bush had supported.







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# Horns up, Horns down



Cold fronts

Unless the frauds at the National Weather Service are messing around with us, a beautiful cold front will have passed Thursday night, bringing another fall blast of cool air to Austin. After an abnormally hot Thursday that pushed 90 degrees (are we still casually ignoring global warming?), anyone reading this indoors might consider going on a

Go outside and play already.



The beloved Sesame Street character cancelled an appearance at this weekend's Texas Book Festival citing a "schedule conflict." Unlike pathetic schmucks Barack Obama and Gore Vidal, Elmo, of "Tickle Me" fame, had better things to do.

Kevin Clash, the muppeteer behind the fur, was scheduled to promote his scintillating tell-all "My Life as a Furry Red Monster: What Elmo has Taught Me about Life, Love and Laughing Out Loud."

We've always been Cookie Monster fans.



PTS boots

It's bad enough that too many unpaid University parking tickets can halt registration. But it's even worse to find a piece of paper cemented to your windshield and a spirited, burntorange mechanism stuck to your front tire. The driver then must pay \$150 and wait for it to get removed.

It's understandable that there needs to be punishment for unpaid parking tickets, but adding a hassle on top of a fine is just too cruel



#### Sculpted nudity

A settlement was reached Monday between Frisco I.S.D. and a 28-year art teacher after a fifth-grader saw some statuesque genitalia at a field trip to the Dallas Museum of Art. The teacher, Sydney McGee, will be on paid leave until her termination goes into effect in May, but school board officials insist she wasn't fired for the field trip.

Maybe folks at the Blanton could invest in some John Ashcroft robes of justice to prevent an occurrence

# I TOLD YOU I WAS THE

# Hurrying to a life in the fast lane

By Francesca Fraga Daily Texan Columnist

As a Liberal Arts sophomore, when teased with the stale line about not being able to find a job after college, I think about the equally stale quip that if I can't find a real job I'll become a politician. Fortunately for me, I get to see how this idea pans out beyond the world of hypotheticals.

Luke Ravenstahl is only four years out of college, and this past September he became the new mayor of Pittsburgh. When the previous mayor died of a brain tumor, Ravenstahl became the youngest mayor in the country.

Many may hope their parents don't find out about this, in case more pressure to finish school on time is needed. But the biggest threat to my stress level is a loan called the "Be On Time" loan.

This loan doesn't make you pay back your money as long as you graduate on time with no more than your required credit hours. Although this is a great way to promote hard work with the incentive of no debt, in my case this means I'll have to graduate a year early so as not to go

This rushing through college is just a symptom of society's unwittingly acknowledged fast track to happiness through money.

What produced this uncomfortable state of affairs was the choice to take summer classes at my local community college and dual-credit classes in high school, as so many of my friends did to get ahead of the game.

Those who experienced the accelerated AP or IB programs in high school were always looking a few years down the road, when our hard work preparing for college would finally pay off. The reality turned out to be that the job market is bursting with people with bachelor's degrees looking for work

Not only that, but entry-level wages for college and high school graduates fell by more than 4 percent from 2001 to 2005 after factoring in inflation, according to an analysis of Labor Department data by the Economic Policy Institute. In addition, the percentage of college graduates receiving health and pension benefits in their entrylevel jobs has dropped sharply.

The end goal of the race is further away than we had imagined. Graduate school, a synonym for additional years of academic toil and financial debt, is actually a more pleasant option than wading through the unknown waters of the "real world." While it is gratifying and a great leverage point for those who make it through, why can't there be socially acceptable and viable alternatives to trudging along the beaten path of so many other hopeful intellectuals?

The question of "where are all the leaders of today" could be answered: they're all struggling under the stress of accumulating debt and pleasing mom and dad, also known as society's accepted measures of success.

This rush through college is just a symptom of society's unwittingly acknowledged fast track to happiness through money. American capitalism has made our readily identifiable measures of success limited in their realm of opportunity.

Those coming to college on scholarship or financial aid are especially pressured to make the "responsible" decision of choosing a major that will ensure a steady job after college. Social work and the exploration of careers in studying poverty or working with non-profits are too often dismissed as not being suitable for making a living in our

Is the reason behind our inability to produce answers to the questions induced by poverty and the increasing disconnect between factions in our society linked to the avoidance of these areas in favor of higher-paying jobs? What might happen if we were allowed to redirect our energy and resources to the greater good in more direct ways?

Mark Ravenstahl may have found his calling as a young political leader. But our generation might find that it's a good idea to take time to slow down a bit and really analyze our potential as human beings at this time without the distraction of major responsibilities.

Fraga is a psychology sophomore.

# An attack on Bell screws 'Grandma'

By Harrison James Powers

Daily Texan Columnist Gov. Rick Perry released his first attack ad last week, and its target surprised many. Instead of attacking his then-closest competitor, Independent Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn, Perry went after Democrat Chris Bell.

The ad features sharks and 'Jaws-esque" music while showing news clippings incriminating Bell and his alleged collusion with a "corrupt" trial lawyer. Gov. Perry has found a perfect combination of allusions that can connect with the average Texan voter. No one likes sharks, and even fewer like successful trial lawyers. How are we to look at a trial lawyer shark except with contempt?

John O'Quinn, the attorney in question, gave \$1 million to the Bell campaign after last month's gubernatorial debate. O'Quinn has already promised an additional \$4 million to help Bell defeat Perry, despite the controversy. O'Quinn has been described by his critics as having a "questionable" career, to put it kindly. Although a legendary attorney in the state, O'Quinn has faced accusations by the State Bar for ethics violations and illegal solicitation of clients.

Most notably, his firm-the O'Quinn Law Firm based in Houstonreportedly approached the victims of a 1994 USAir jet crash to be represented. O'Quinn is also considered to be the highest paid lawyer in Texas. Perry seized on this colorful background and made a direct stab at the man most polls have in third.

How one man donating \$1 million to Bell is awful while Perry revels in his massive war chest financed by huge donations is unclear. What is clear, however, is that Perry was not attacking Bell as a competitor. Perry was trying to remove focus from his closest competition, Strayhorn.

Perry's ad campaign worked. Bell has moved up in the polls — in fact, the latest Rasmussen poll places him three percentage points above Strayhorn

and within striking distance of Perry. Strayhorn is no longer considered to be a threat to the incumbent's campaign. Perry's closest competitor is a Democrat running in a red state.

There is no way that Bell can be governor of Texas. There are only so many Democrats voting, and because of this his percentage of the vote is reaching its apex. To compound the problem, independent Kinky Friedman is holding some of the Democratic votes hostage.

Lots of money is needed to run a political campaign. Yet all of the candidates are under scrutiny for their various methods of procuring it. Bell, who has been running despite having little money in comparison with the other candidates, finally gets a sizeable donation and is hanged

Money needs to be removed as a campaigning factor in future elections. If free air time were allotted for each candidate with more than 5 percent of the vote, then campaign contributions would become much less important. We could judge the candidates based on their merits and platforms, not by the overwhelming campaigns and careful politicking of the wealthier runners.

Strayhorn has received the shortest stick in this deal. She is now out of the race because she is splitting the Republican base with Perry, and in her place is someone that cannot win. The ads drew the Democrats that were voting for Strayhorn into Bell's camp. Perry's political team has scored a home run.

Strayhorn is making a final effort to bring voters back with her denouncement of the Accenture-run state program, which she claims is denying children health care. She claims that the program is an example of how privatization fails in prac-

Unless this causes a reaction among voters, this gubernatorial race is over before the voting has even begun.

Powers is a Plan II and English freshman.

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### THE FIRING LINE

Money doesn't buy equality

After reading "Report shows problems queer students face" by Stephen Clark in the Oct. 25 issue of The Daily Texan, I realized just how out of touch the UT leadership is. The report details many recommendations that the senior administrators seem to be taking seriously. These include gender-neutral bathrooms and publicity materials, an LGBTQ dormitory floor, access to UT married housing and my favorite, free HIV testing.

These recommendations come just a week after the blood drive. where an article in this paper featured homosexuals who took offence to the mere thought that they were more prone to HIV than straight people are. Now we should use tuition dollars to provide a reportedly unneeded service that is offensive to the group it is supposed to be supporting? That doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me, but neither does allowing unmarried students to use UT's married housing program. Providing support for children should be the priority here, so slots should be given to those with kids first, then to those couples most likely to have children.

The rest of the recommendations are poor for two reasons. First, they are just throwing money at the problem. Gender-neutral bathrooms can't be cheap. All restrooms have private toilets already. Specialized faculty training will also be costly and ineffective. Does a gay man have a harder time doing calculus? How about reading Shakespeare?

Secondly, they do not provide the "unequivocal message of inclusiveness" the report is asking for. In fact, it's just the opposite. If there were LGBTQ only dorm floors, fraternities and communities, wouldn't that be more segregated than integrated?

No amount of money or special considerations will make a group feel more included. The only way to make someone feel equal is to treat that person like everyone else.

> Robert Rogers Electrical and computer engineering junior October 25, 2006

### Forum to address QSA report

The Queer Students Alliance thanks Chris Robertson for his Firing Line, "Segregating a Community," in which he points out several questions that arise after a first reading of the "State of LGBTQ Affairs" report. We welcome these questions and are excited about the opportunity to educate the University community about

the report and its recommendations. QSA is planning a "town hall meeting" that will be open to all University students, faculty and staff. We invite all who are curious or have questions about the report to attend. We are confident that once we open a dialogue, the perceived contradictions will be resolved, and we can all work together in making the University a national leader in LGBTQ student inclusiveness.

If you would like to read the report for yourself, please download a copy at our Web site, www.queertx.org.

> Jake Holbrook Public relations director Queer Students Alliance Radio-television-film senior October 26, 2006

### Out with Smith, in with Strohm

Although the Texan editorial board endorsed John Courage in Congressional District 21, a far better vote would be for Libertarian James Strohm. Although the district was recently redrawn by a court, it is still so severely gerrymandered that incumbent Republican Lamar Smith should easily win re-election. Consequently, this scenario presents the best opportunity for a third-party vote for people concerned about the future of freedom in America.

Strohm's strong Libertarian positions have a lot more to offer both liberals outraged about warrantless wiretaps, habeas corpus infringements and the Patriot Act, and conservatives infuriated over Bush being the biggest-spending president since FDR.

Anti-war voters who vote for Courage will have many of their votes cancelled out by pro-war Courage voters. Only by voting for a Libertarian like Strohm can liberals be assured of sending a strong message against the war and against Orwellian government.

Young conservatives who are concerned about our \$8.5 trillion national debt and realize that Social Security will be bankrupt by the time they reach retirement are throwing their vote away by voting for Smith. Apparently, Republicans have been spayed and neutered against voting for massive

cuts in government appropriations. Bush defenders such as Smith supported the president's multi-billion dollar Medicare prescription drug coverage bill, and Smith has even boasted about increasing higher education subsidies. Only Libertarians like Strohm realize that Bush is a tax-spend-andinflate Fabian.

> Clark Patterson Special student in liberal arts October 26, 2006

### Is c.u. an insult?

The Daily Texan needs to be aware of errors that show up all the time in this paper. Simple errors. In this morning's article about Evan Sylvester and his appearance on Wheel of Fortune, Shara Challa refers to the schools from which Sylvester's opponents come from, one of which she deems Colorado University. As far as I know, there is no such school. It is The University of Colorado. Maybe this is just a huge pet peeve of mine, but this sort of thing happens all the time (not just at the Texan), and it makes the paper look amateur.

As far as I know, the only two-word state school in the country that has the state first is Indiana University. Yes, KU is The University of Kansas. NU is the The University of Nebraska. OU, while certainly sucking, is The University of Oklahoma. Please, from now on, don't screw this up. It's aggravating and in the words of that famous newsman Ron Burgundy, it's "bush."

> Ben Silvermintz Music studies senior October 26, 2006

### Kitty love

Dear Daily Texan,

This is what my cat thinks of your endorsement of Kinky Friedman for governor.

What can I say? She's a regular reader of your publication but has a hard time typing out Firing Lines with her paws.



Karl-Thomas Musselman Government senior Former Texan columnist October 26, 2006

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### SUBMIT A COLUMN

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# Police monitor forum introduces candidates

By Joshua Winata

Daily Texan Staff

The three remaining candidates for the position of Austin police monitor answered tough questions on the inconsistency of police treatment in areas around Austin during community forums Thursday at the Palmer Events Center.

The purpose of the forums was to give the candidates an opportunity to interact with the community and obtain public feedback, said City Manager Toby Futrell, who will make the final hiring decision within the next two weeks. Around 45 people initially showed up to the first forum, but the number dwindled to only six by the end of the afternoon. Public feedback can also be submitted via e-mail, fax or mail.

The police monitor handles community complaints against the Austin Police Department, monitors practices and investigations of APD and makes policy recommendations to the chief of police, according to the Office of the Police Monitor's mission statement.

"They're not an advocate for the police officer or an advocate for the complainant," said said. "People tell us all the time that they're Mike Sheffield, Austin Police Association president. "They're simply there as a neutral third party to give that assurance that we are holding ourselves accountable.

The remaining candidates are Susan Hutson, a former assistant attorney and acting police monitor; Clifford Brown, a former Travis between officers and citizens. County prosecutor; and Jaime Flores, a former Laredo assistant attorney general.

The audience asked questions about how the position to a largely advisory role. Primary empathy.

concerns included how candidates plan on reducing the disparity between police treat- reactionary figurehead that reacts to tragedies ment of citizens in East Austin compared to and things that happen," Brown said. other areas and improving public knowledge of the police monitor's office.

All three candidates said trust, transparency and understanding were important in developing community relationships.

> "We want a police monitor that understands discipline and accountability are what make a good police force."

Debbie Russell, board member for the Central Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union

"We're trying to lessen the fear," Hutson

Hutson said her main goal was to "provide a level playing field" between the police department and the community. She hopes to create community advisory groups, provide more ability are what make a good police force." statistics to the public and improve relations

and training and would be proactive in fostering community relationships. He proposed candidates expected to accomplish their goals officer visits to local high schools and rolewithin strict contract stipulations, which reduce playing in police academy training to promote

"I don't think the police monitor can be a

Flores, who moved from Austin back to his hometown of Laredo 10 years ago, was the only out-of-town candidate, which allowed him to bring a new perspective, he said.

Flores said he wants to establish himself as a good listener and problem-solver who "looks to build consensus and looks to understand both sides of every issue."

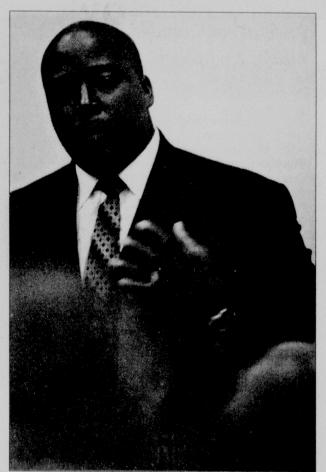
In the feedback session, the public commented on the candidates' experience and accomplishments, body language and motivations.

Austin is one of fewer than 50 cities nationwide with a police oversight agency, but some critics say it still lacks sufficient authority. Debbie Russell, board member for the Central Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, said the monitor's position doesn't have the power it needs to help the public because it "was watered-down from the task force that envisioned it in the first place."

"It is not, at this point, an office that instills any sense of confidence in the community if in fact [community members] have fallen to some injustice," Russell said. "We want a police monitor that understands discipline and account-

The remaining three candidates were selected by the city manager from a pool of 12 Brown said he would emphasize education applicants reviewed by a panel composed of city staff and community representatives, said Michael McDonald, acting assistant city man-

Additional reporting by M.T. Elliott.



Jordan Smothermon | Daily Texan Staff

The police monitor forum Thursday afternoon at the Palmer Events Center hosted three potential candidates, including Clifford Brown, an Austin attorney.

# KATRINA: 13 organizations provide health care information, services

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must recertify their need for rental assistance every three months. Katrina evacuees can continue receiving rental assistance through February 2007 and Rita evacuees have until March, said FEMA spokeswoman Franceska Ramos.

The amount of rental assistance each person receives depends on

their income and need, she said.

available at the clinic, held in the gymnasium of the Reflections of Christ's Kingdom Church on E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The 13 organizations helped evacuees obtain health care information, proper identification and other services. The volunteer group Mobile Loaves and Fishes provided the evacuees with food and water during the clinic.

Various organizations were also Manor, Texas, to the clinic to get is in Austin," Johnson said. "This

"It's been hard because we're not given any help because everything is in Austin. This lady my husband works for told us [about the clinic]. It's a blessed day."

Gloria Johnson, sought aid at clinic

any help she could for her family.

"It's been hard because we're not Gloria Johnson, 38, came from given any help because everything day."

lady my husband works for told us [about the clinic]. It's been a blessed

Interagency-Interfaith

Disaster Response organized the 1-year-old Darryana Harney, was to 8 p.m., and served 188 people by 6 p.m., said Amy Elder, the organization's executive director.

'It's been a community effort. We kind of facilitate it," Elder said.

She said the event was publicized to evacuees through the media, FEMA caseworkers and fliers given to the rental properties where evacuees live.

Tiffany Allen, 19, the mother of

clinic, which was open from 2 p.m. one of them. Allen sat quietly while waiting for her case number to be called. She has been in Austin since Katrina hit her home in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood and said she will stay put until the situation in her city improves.

> "They're not fixing up the poor parts of town," Allen said. "They don't have a lot of hospitals or schools, but everything's pretty good here."



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# Flow Conference roundtables continue

Professionals examine media, TV in open forums this weekend

> By Suyun Hong Daily Texan Staff

The University hosts the first Flow Conference, an open forum for professionals to discuss television and media, this weekend at the Texas Union with roundtable discussions led by radiotelevision-film professors from around the world. The conference, which began Thursday, is open to the public and explores discussion in areas such as reality television, political resistance in the media and feminist televi-

Flow, an online bi-weekly publication of television and media studies, was created to provide an outlet in which teachers, students, professionals and the public can discuss the media.

Two UT radio-television-film graduates, Christopher Lucas and Avi Santo, launched the Web site in 2004. The radio-televisionfilm department sponsors Flow.

Brandon Baker, Flow column editor and radio-television-film role in scholarship. graduate student, said the conference consisted of 28 roundtable discussions each led by four to six panelists. Baker said the conference will hopefully become an annual event.

From page 1A

The study showed people gain

an additional 12 pounds per year

from an extra 226 to 253 calories

and 10 to 16 grams of fat con-

"We really need to think about

restaurant eating behaviors,"

she said. "Just by eating out and

sumed per meal in restaurants.



Tessa Moll | Daily Texan Staff

Olivier Tchouaffe, a UT doctoral candidate, discusses films and television of Africa in a panel on De-Westernizing Television Studies at the Flow Conference on Thursday afternoon.

The first roundtable of the express themselves through the the most fickle market, she said. conference invited guests and media." speakers to discuss topics such as the future of television and its

ment and education are merging," said John Hartley, panelist with a camera and Internet to and Queensland University of are finding ways to learn and viewers, mainly teenagers, are ducers."

not being careful with your food

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ing weight and not really realize

Amanda Mellowspring, a regis-

tered dietitian for University Health

Services, said she agreed restaurant

environments support overeating

with fast music, buffet-style service

what's happening."

and appetizing pictures.

Stephanie Tuszynski, University of Toledo professor, said YouTube.com, a consumer

BINGE: Study finds people gain 12 pounds annually from dining out

healthy eating because of their lim-

ited time and money, Mellowspring

said. Students overeat under stress

nutrition information on menus.

and tend to favor fast food, which sophomore.

Panelists went on to discuss YouTube and its effects on the

future of television viewership. YouTube will break barriers The worlds of entertain- media company, is an example of into media entry," said Santo, a a media source allowing anyone communications professor at Old Dominion University. "Anybody self-broadcast. YouTube's popu- can now create media and the Technology professor. "People larity is not stable because its consumers have become the pro-

"It is not easy for students to

Sustaita, a radio-television-film

affect her because she rarely has

Although worried about the

take healthy food," said Stefanie weight management class this

Today's roundtables in the Texas Union will cover the following:

9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

 Taste and Television • Television as an Advertising

Technologies of Transport and

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12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

• HBO's Legacy and Future Radical Television

 Globalizing TV Studies • Public Sphere, Public Media in an

Open Source Age

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

• Watching Television Off-Television Reality TV, Governmentality and Citizenship

Participatory Political Cultures

More information about Flow can be found at www.flowtv.org.

Other roundtable topics Thursday included political resistance and the media, mainstream and alternative television practices, de-Westernizing television studies, television as a culture center and new technologies.

The conference is free. Registration is held through Saturday in the Texas Union Lone Star room.

University Health Services

began a three-week, nondiet

semester. Students learn how to

manage weight without dieting

and learn lifestyle skills like meal

"People may need more educa-

tion first," she said. "Nutrition

planning, Mellowspring said.

facts alone will not work well."

### **UNIVERSITY BRIEFLY**

#### New dean plans research on educational performance

Kristi Duke Fisher has been appointed the new associate vice provost and director of UT's Office of Information Management and Analysis, formerly known as the Office of Institutional Research.

In September, U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said colleges and universities lack data on the educational performance. To meet this demand, Fisher said the office will expand time and resources to conduct more in-depth institutional research on topics such as graduation rates.

"We're also wanting to expand our focus to include more of what our internal leadership needs to manage the University," Fisher said.

More in-depth research will be done to better inform deans on how their faculty and students are performing, Fisher said.

"Primarily because of resource issues, this office has been predominately focused on getting our state and federal reports," she said.

The University has a few data-collection systems around campus that have grown up over time, Fisher said. The office will work more closely to streamline their efforts, Fisher said.

— Jessica Sondgeroth

#### New dean appointed at UT Medical Branch at Galveston

Dr. Garland D. Anderson took over as dean of the UT Medical Branch at Galveston's School of Medicine Wednesday. President Dr. John D. Stobo

appointed him to the position after Anderson served as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for 17 years. During his tenure, the department ranked among the top 20 in National Institutes of Health research funding, and most recently was ranked fourth in the nation, according to a UTMB statement.

Anderson has been serving as interim dean for the school since September, after controversy arose earlier in the summer surrounding UTMB's plan to erase the operating deficit from its budget by laying off about 1,000 people.

His predecessor, Dr. Valerie Parisi, resigned in September after men attacked her husband in July and "made threatening remarks about her. The men who attacked Parisi's husband have not been identified.



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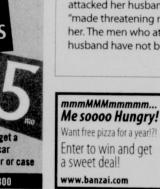
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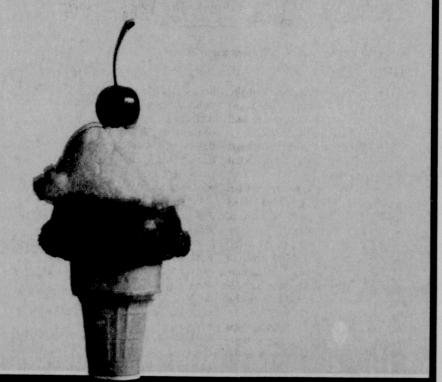
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### Newsworthy



### The Texan's NBA rankings hit No. 3

The Sun's return several key players, including Steve Nash and Amare Stoudemire. If they can stay healthy, Phoenix should be a force to be reckoned with in the Western Division and will get over the

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### Details emerge in TCU rape case

Three former Texas Christian University athletes accused of raping a fellow student laughed during the incident, one of the men told police.

Because she was unconscious during much of the Oct. 13 attack in the men's dormitory rooms, the 18-year-old victim first thought she'd been raped by only one of the men, Virgil Allen Taylor, 19, according to arrest warrant affidavits obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

But the alleged role of the two other accused students - Shannon Behling, 19, and Lorenzo Jones, 20 - did not surface until police interviewed Taylor, who implicated Behling. The affidavit states that an interview with Behling then revealed the involvement

When they were arrested last week, Behling was a sophomore basketball forward, Taylor a former basketball player, and Jones a nose tackle who had been cut from the football team the week before.

Officials say that the investigation is continuing.

— The Associated Press

### Men's swimming ranked third

The Longhorn men's swim team is opening the year with high expectations, and those expectations are being recognized nationally.

The College Swimming Coaches Association of America preseason poll released earlier this week has Texas in a tie for third place with the University of Florida. Both teams collected 214

The Longhorns find themselves looking up to defending national champion Auburn, which received seven of the eight first place votes and 239 points, and perennial powerhouse Stanford, which received the other first place vote and 232 points.

Head coach Eddie Reese believes the poll is a fair representation of his team and

"Third is a pretty good read on us for right now," said Reese. "Overall, I wouldn't change many of the teams in

there." The Longhorns are in the midst of a three-week lavoff since the team's victory at the Big 12 Relays on Oct. 13. The team will begin a stretch of three meets in three weeks beginning with a meet against California and Indiana on Nov.

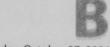
3 and 4 With the meets coming up, Reese has lowered the dryland workouts for the team.

"We're training very hard, and they are doing a very nice job," Reese said. "They're able to recover on a daily basis so their swimming is still good."

Adam Pielamowicz

team with the spread option?





### SOCCER

# Texas hosts A&M to end regular season

Texas forward Ashley Foster goes up against Oklahoma State defender Angelika Feldbacher during the Sept. 29 game. Texas lost

**Marc Hamel** Daily Texan Staff



By Dennis Killian Daily Texan Staff

After all the practices, long road trips and mental hurdles of season, Texas soccer heads into the regular-season finale tonight against Texas A&M. This is not just another

home game. "We'll get a good match [tonight] that will prepare us

going to be a high-intensity and high-level match. It will five or six times, ever since be a good warm-up for the my freshman year, and Big 12 and NCAA

State

Farm Lone Star Showdown pits No. 9 Texas against No. 5 Texas A&M. For

tournaments.

Texas, senior leaderfor the playoffs," Texas coach ship will be a key for success Chris Petrucelli said. "It's tonight.

"I think I've played them

we've done pretty well against them," said senior Amy Burlingham. "It's nice having some confidence going into the game knowing that we've

beat them before and we can beat them again."

Burlingham and her senior cohorts can provide experience and poise in a big-game atmosphere. Going a goal down or scoring early will not deter Texas from finishing off the game strong against a tough and equally confident Texas A&M opponent.

"We're going to get it done against Texas," Aggie

**SOCCER** continues on page 3B

# Tech will test Longhorn secondary

By Ryan Killian Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns face two as they head into Lubbock tion to the Red Raider's ing game, the Longhorns sic plays either. also must weather the traditional barrage of tortillas tortillas can be expected to fall harmlessly to the turf, getting beat on." don't expect the same of Graham Harrell's passes. The sophomore has comin 356 attempts and averper game in the air.

The Texas secondary Ross and Michael Griffin, but with the help of a rash in. of injuries, they're ranked ninth in the Big 12 in passing defense, giving up 221.1 yards per game.

Head coach Mack been impressed with how Saturday. co-defensive coordinator the adversity.

"Duane has done an ing the secondary together," he said.

If the secondary comes Tech head coach Mike Leach's relentless attack, you can probably write off Texas' offense. The Texas attack- Colt McCoy said.

chances in the game. Ross, a senior defensive back, leads the team with four intercepaerial attacks this weekend tions and looks forward to the extra pressure, saying he to play Texas Tech. In addi- wanted to see as many passes as possible. He doesn't conference-leading pass- expect all of them to be clas-

"I'm pretty sure they're going to come out with from Tech fans. While the some trick plays," he said. "That's what we've been

Since that game day is only three days prior to Halloween, his predicpleted 245 passes this year tions seem accurate. You wouldn't expect Tech to ages more than 313 yards treat the Texas defense, if given a choice.

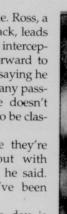
But that's where Tim has pro prospects in Aaron Crowder and the rest of the defensive line come

> "We don't have to play the run as much, and we can show our pass-rush moves,' Crowder said

Brown doesn't consider already this season and injuries an excuse for knows double-digit numtheir trouble, but he's bers may be within reach

Duane Akina has handled said while declining to talk much about the mark.

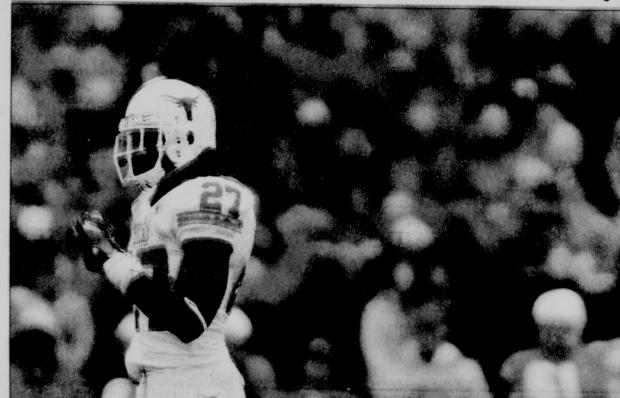
Crowder did say that he season-total goals — that would be limiting himself.



The senior has 8.5 sacks

amazing job, to me, of hold- wasn't going to make any

If Crowder and Ross per-



Michael Griffen pauses during Texas' game against Nebraska on Saturday. Griffen finished the game with eight tackles, one for a loss, and an interception. Texas won 22-20.

"It's like a no-hitter," he will likely rely on Selvin While Tech has struggled Tech in Lubbock proved a getting sauced up for the the offensive line. While the Red Raiders lead the conference in pass coverage, their run defense has proved a weakness

"I feel like we'll establish apart Saturday under Texas form well, the Longhorn a running game early on defense will be well on and be able to run the foottheir way to stopping Tech's ball this week," quarterback

can't take anything for granted in the Panhandle. Their last loss against an instate opponent was in 2002, and it was the Red Raiders piling up 42 points against them in the win. In fact, Brown-coached Texas teams have only lost three times

Young, Jamaal Charles and this year, the Longhorns disastrous combination in 1998 as well.

Tech's fans contribute more than just tortillas to their opponents' experience. In contrast to Nebraska's cordial folk, the bunch crowd jeers, the agile corner in Lubbock is known as rowdy.

"They'll be up there tail-

game," senior Justin Blalock said on Monday.

Ross agreed, saying he was pretty sure they were "wired up" as the week began. Unable to avoid hasn't been hit by any of the edible projectiles.

"I've seen them fly my against Texas schools, and gating, probably tonight, way though," he said.

# Coaching troika breaks the mold



By Eric Ransom Daily Texan Columnist

When coaches meet at midfield for postgame handshakes, do you ever wonder what they say?

It might be sweet nothings, an insult or two. But it might also be an agreement on what cliches they'll spout off at halftime.

By and large, college football coaches are pretty boring. You can make a long, great career on a simple gameplan and a tight fist over your message to the public.

If college football coaches were any more square, as Jim Murray once said, they'd be divisible by

A trio of coaches are bucking the trend, including Tech's pirate king, Mike Leach.

It could be the play-calling. It could be the personality. Urban Meyer is the newest post-

er boy for the innovative offense. Two seasons ago, Meyer and his Utah Utes destroyed Texas A&M in their opening game and rolled to a 13-0 record.

What was the end result for the



Urban Meyer's pass-heavy offensive schemes make him one of the wackiest coaches in college football.

Alex Smith is taken No. 1 in the NFL draft, and Meyer heads to Florida, where the Gators are still trying to install the same offense.

Meyer's scheme, once considered a wacky idea, is being emulated at other campuses. And Meyer could be dryer than a bucket full of chalk, but his teams

tend to be on the radar because of the innovative offense. On the reverse side, Pete Carroll of USC is straight-laced from a football standpoint as a defensiveminded coach. But single out his

personality, and Carroll falls under the wacky category as well. In his NFL days, Carroll was known as a happy-go-lucky type, even prone to riding his bike to the Patriots' stadium.

At USC, his plan was to make football fun again. He opens practices to the public and invites Snoop Dogg to the locker room.

For Halloween last year, Carroll and running back LenDale White staged an argument during prac-

tice. Carroll kicked White out of practice, and the argument continued until the two reached the top of the parking garage overlooking the practice field. His players saw Carroll toss White over the side, thinking their coach just murdered the star running back.

Of course, it was all a stunt. Another day in Carroll's football

Leading up to the Rose Bowl last year, Carroll was deemed a coaching genius with his high-rolling offense. But he also rambled on all sorts of things in the press conferences, even likening Reggie Bush's running style to a jazz musician.

The better you get at your skills, whether you're a piano player or a horn player or an athlete or basketball player shooting hoops, whatever it is, the better you get and the more confidence that you acquire through your experiences, the more freedom and the more free-flowing

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# Even with Bailey, kicking game not set

By William Wilkerson

Daily Texan Staff After all that, he still doesn't have a girlfriend? How could

Tim Crowder was sure that Ryan Bailey's bachelor status would change after his 22-yard field goal helped Texas defeat Nebraska.

Shoot, he's going to have to choose," Crowder said.

No girlfriend, no problem for the guy that Colt McCoy called the new "big man on campus."

"Past couple of days have been a little crazy," Bailey said. "Walking around campus is fun. Sometimes people congratulate me. My friends give me a hard time. I have a lot of family calling. Pretty much just like a normal day."

Normality has never seemed so good.

Bailey's status as the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week has certainly amplified his status quo. Before his kick, few outside of the Longhorns kicking circle could have recognized him.

"I was in the huddle, and I turned around and saw No. 39. I thought 'Is [defensive end Brian Robison] kicking?" offensive lineman Justin Blalock joked.

When Mack Brown was asked after the game if Bailey was on the team last season, Brown winced and said, "I don't

Brown definitely knows he's on the team this season, and there is certainly no need for an

introduction.

buddy in physics," Aaron Ross said. "This week he's the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the But what's next for the "Family Guy"-loving, rap-spit-

'Last week he was my study

ting BMOC is anyone's guess. Bailey was thrust into the hero-or-goat role in Lincoln, Neb., after place kicker Greg Johnson had reaggravated a groin pull earlier in the game. Both Bailey and Johnson are

listed as starters against Texas

"I'm not sure yet [who will kick]. We'll decide that later on," Brown said. "But Hunter [Lawrence], Greg and Ryan have all been kicking for us, and they all have a chance to do it

this weekend. With Greg being sore last week, the kickoffs are set [with Lawrence], but the punting, field goals and extra points are in question until we see how

[Johnson's] health is." Bailey was taken back when asked what it would be like to have another opportunity to

"If it happened again, it would be crazy. I never thought something like that would happen,"

KICKER continues on page 3B

### **NBA COUNTDOWN** 3 Days 3. Phoenix Suns Last season:

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The Suns were a long shot last year to do much damage in the West. After losing leading scorer Amare Stoudemire from the previous season, Phoenix wasn't predicted to go further than the Conference Semifinals. However, by beating both the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers in seven-game series, the Suns found themselves in the same position as the year before — in the Western Conference Finals. They were defeated in six games by the Dallas Mavericks.

#### Offseason moves:

Both Tim Thomas and Eddie House left Phoenix to sign deals elsewhere. The Suns signed center Sean Marks and swingmen Erick Piatkowski and Jumaine Jones.

#### Strengths:

The up-tempo style of Phoenix's offense is their greatest strength. Few teams are able to run with the Suns, as they are one of the most athletically gifted teams in the league. Amare Stoudemire's return should spell good fortune for Phoenix. If he stays healthy, they should be able to establish a good interior presence once again, something they dreadfully lacked last season. Steve Nash, of course, is a huge asset, and as long as he's playing, he will be able to create Phoenix's offense.

#### Weaknesses:

Depth is still a critical issue this year. If they are unable to get good production from their free-agent signings, then the Suns will be even worse off than they were during last year's playoffs. Health could potentially be an issue for Stoudemire. His knee surgery last year could cause him to lose his explosiveness. Defense is still a big question mark for the Suns as well, as they were third-worst in points allowed last season. Stoudemire and possibly Kurt Thomas' presence in the frontcourt might be able to alleviate some of the defensive woes of Phoenix.

--- Philip Clark

VOLLEYBALL

# Horns look to get high seed in NCAA tourney

By Anup Shah Daily Texan Staff

The slightest whisper about it is bound to drive any coach crazy. But at some point or another, the topic becomes inevitable.

For No. 8 Texas volleyball, an NCAA tournament bid is just around the corner. The only question right now is where they'll sit in the

Riding on the heels of six victories in seven matches, the Longhorns are trying to make a push to regain that spot in the top five that they so valiantly earned after the Time Warner Invitational seven weeks ago.

On Wednesday, Texas demolished Texas Tech in Lubbock 3-1. But what was more important about the victory was the fact that they didn't play down to the level of their opponent — at least after the first

After dropping a heartbreaker in the first series 31-29, the Longhorns came back and won three consecutive games with three con-

of 30-21, 30-19, 30-21.

Along with learning to play consistently as a team, Texas is learning that every player needs to be more consistent.

One of the biggest problems for the Longhorns has been individual consistency. There has been a tendency for different players to step up one night and then falter the following match.

Junior setter Michelle Moriarty is an exception to that trend, putting up 13.61 assists per game - an average that has hardly shifted since the season began.

One player who the Longhorns believe is really starting to come along and have relied heavily upon in their last seven matches is freshman outside hitter Destinee Hooker. The reigning Big 12 Player of the Week has averaged 21 kills per match over her last five performances.

But what has impressed her teammates and coaches even more has been how much

sistent performances — reflected by the scores Hooker has matured in the last few weeks.

"I'm learning to be more patient out there, and I'm not trying to force anything big," Hooker said after Texas 3-2 win over Oklahoma. The last fault that Texas has been making on the court is their inability to close out games.

Texas has failed to finish off a team seven times this season — two of which resulted in a loss. Against Oklahoma on Saturday, the Longhorns found themselves with a comfortable 2-0 lead but allowed Oklahoma to climb back and force them to a fifth game.

Despite winning the match, Texas head coach Jerritt Elliott was not pleased with his team not being able to close out the match.

'It's always unfortunate when you can go up 2-0 and not be able to close out the match," Elliott said. "It's one of the things we'll be working on for the rest of this season."

Yet, despite the flaws, the Longhorns are finally starting to figure out what they need to do to be in contention for the national title.

### KICKER: Walk-on not fazed by attempt to ice him

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he said. "I always thought my first kick would have been an extra point. It was extra point distance, but I put a little extra on it."

Even if the book closes on Bailey's epic adventure, he'd still have memories to last him a lot longer than it took for his "chip-shot field goal" to split the uprights.

He remembers Henry Melton to freeze him by calling two timeouts around and said 'Let's just block was enhanced tenfold by the Memorial Stadium record crowd of 85,187

Shipley, the holder, reminded him the rest. before the kick.

talking about staying calm, despite and asking the officials to review the a surrounding environment that Longhorns' previous third-down pass, which the Cornhuskers were hoping was intercepted.

Through it all, there was one Just like practice," Jordan moment that stood out more than

'Actually, the only thing I really He spun rap songs in his head, as remember about being on the field Nebraska coach Bill Callahan tried was when the offensive line turned

for 1.3 seconds," he said. "Just give him a chance to get the ball off.

Afterwards, Blalock, one of those linemen, was asked if he knew

"I could pick him out of a lineup. I don't think anyone is going to say they hang out with kickers,"

Think again.

# RANSOM: Texas Tech coach combines way-out offense with kooky personality

From page 1B

and the more room there is for improvisation," Carroll said.

While Meyer brought innovation to the schemes and Carroll Leach is a rarity among coaches.

personality to the sidelines, there's also Mike Leach.

In a wacky sense, he's the per-

It might be overblown, but

First of all, he never played college football. He earned a law degree from Pepperdine, and he enjoys learning about

Plus, he is always good for a laugh.

But more importantly, his Red Raiders play the spread offense to the extreme. He'd use six or seven receivers if the NCAA done with the pass under Leach. would allow offensive tackles to be eligible.

vation and Carroll's sense of fun, ball.

Baylor are emulating what Tech has

Some might write Tech's offense Leach might have the winning off as gimmicky, but teams like combination.

But do those wins translate to the football field? That's just So with Meyer's offensive inno- another wacky thing about foot-

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**WOMEN'S SWIMMING** 

# First meet today against Stanford

By Colby White

Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorn women will have their first home event of the season today with a two-day swim meet against Stanford.

Stanford is riding high off of their wins over Oregon State and San Jose State in which they won by a margin of at least 45 points. Stanford came out of the gates with energy, winning 11 of the first 12 events.

But Stanford was swimming in their home arena. Now they will have to head down to Austin and swim in Texas' Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center.

"It definitely makes a difference," said head coach Kim Brackin. "It puts them in the spotlight."

The meet will mark the first top-15 ranked team Stanford has faced thus far. Texas is ranked No. 11 in national polls, behind Stanford's No. 6 ranking.

If Texas performs well, they could make a jump in the polls this weekend. No. 9 Texas A&M faces off against No. 25 Oregon State and a Beaver upset could see the Longhorns in the top 10. Playing in Austin could make the difference for Texas in such a pivotal meet.

"It's parents weekend," said freshman swimmer Alex Basso. There should be a lot of energy in the pool."

Basso put up her first two collegiate wins in as many races in Texas' last meet against Nebraska. She will look to make an impact against Stanford.

"I think she's on the right track," Brackin said. "She raced an event that wasn't necessarily hers. That was fun to see."

But Brackin isn't ready to start praising her team yet. She is fully aware of last year's disappointment against the Cardinals, in which a No. 4 ranked Stanford team beat No. 7 Texas 192-156.

"It was one of their best performances of the season," said

Then-sophomore vidual, two relays) in that meet to preparation for March.'

set the pace for Stanford.

Bishop will likely be in her usual form in this year's meet. She posted three wins (two individual, one relay) in Stanford's last meet of this season and could pose problems for Texas this year.

But Bishop isn't the only swimmer Texas is worried about.

"Stanford is pretty unknown. They have a very large freshman class," said Brackin. "You don't know what freshmen are going

Among those freshmen are Julia Smit and Elaine Breeden, who each posted two individual wins in the Cardinal's last meet. They will be in attendance and ready for the big stage.

The meet between the swimming juggernauts will be between the two most decorated women's swimming and diving programs in terms of NCAA team titles. Stanford is on top with eight titles to Texas' seven.

With that statistic in the air. both teams can't help but think this may be a March preview.

"I like our team's perspec-Brooke tive," Brackin said. "What we do Bishop had six wins (four indi- in October and November is in

### **SOCCER:** Aggies have myriad offensive threats

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forward Melissa Garey told The Bryan Eagle. "No pressure, just go in there and make it happen. Being undefeated says a lot about a team. I think we have enough heart to do it, and it will mean a lot to clinch it, again, in Austin."

The Aggies have a number of players who are offensive threats, and that's what makes them so dangerous. They have four players who have tallied five or more goals this season, with senior forward Suzzette Devloo leading the way with nine goals.

Texas' defense will need to step up and limit the scoring chances for this potent A&M offense. The Aggies have only lost twice on the road all season, versus UCLA and Santa Clara, but that was back in early September. After clinching their third-straight Big 12 title against Missouri on Sunday, expect A&M to come out with a bit of swagger.

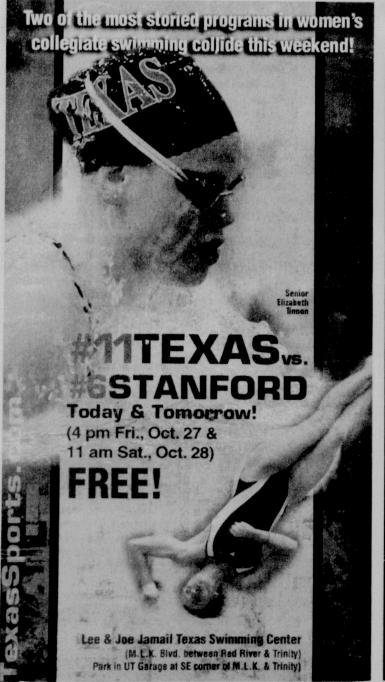
The Longhorns might have the advantage in motivation though. Playing in front of a packed crowd, at home, and with something to prove against the top team in the conference Toxas will be energized and ready to play.

"We were disappointed in ourselves after [Oklahoma] weekend, because it was a home game," said Texas midfielder Carrie Schmit. "It was frustrating to have a tie and a loss to teams that we knew we're better than and we should beat, especially at home. We've just come out with a vengeance after that and want to win every game."

Schmit has steadily found her scoring rhythm over the past couple of weeks and is now the second leading goal scorer for Texas, with six. Kelsey Carpenter and Burlingham continue their solid offensive play, not only through scoring, but assisting their teammates on goals as well.

The seniors' determination to win against the Aggies seems to have rubbed off on the underclassmen. Even the younger players for Texas don't seem too nervous about tonight's high stakes match-up.

"I feel more excitement than nervousness," said freshman Emily Anderson. "It's not pressure, because I think we have a good team, and it'll just be fun heing in front of a lot of fans."



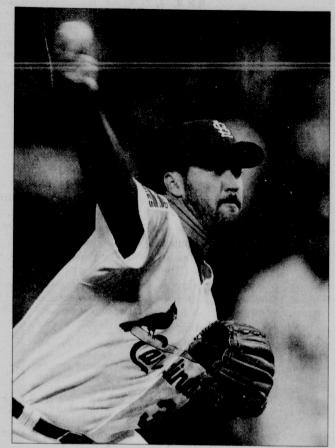


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# Cardinals win 5-4 to take 3-1 lead in World Series

St. Louis Cardinals' Jeff Suppan delivers a pitch to Detroit Tigers' Curtis Granderson in the first inning of Game 4 of the World Series on Thursday in St. Louis.



By Mike Fitzpatrick The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With some help from a soggy field and two big hits by little David Eckstein, the St. Louis Cardinals took control of the World Series with a wild come-

Eckstein's tiebreaking double glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in left field in the eighth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit's sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night in Game 4.

After Curtis Granderson slipped in center field on a key play trying for another ball hit by Eckstein, rekindling memories of Curt Flood in the 1968 Series between these teams, St. Louis took a 3-1 lead to move within one win of its first championship

Jeff Weaver can wrap it up Friday night at Busch Stadium when he pitches against rookie Justin Verlander. Each lost his first start in this Series.

One word of caution, Cardinals fans: St. Louis had a 3-1 lead in '68, too, before Detroit rallied to win behind lefty Mickey

The decisive hit that time came when Flood, a Gold Glove center fielder, slipped

off Cardinals ace Bob Gibson to break a of Placido Polanco covering at first base, scoreless tie in the seventh inning of Game allowing Eckstein to score the tying run. 7 — right across the street, where the old Busch Stadium stood.

This time, the 5-foot-7 Eckstein hit three doubles and a single as St. Louis overcame an early 3-0 deficit to close in on its 10th World Series title. The last team to squander a 3-1 Series lead, however, was the 1985 Cardinals against Kansas City.

After a rainout Wednesday night, only the second World Series washout in 20 years, showers were expected again Thursday. But the heavy stuff stayed away on a 53-degree night and much of the backand-forth game was played in a light mist that obscured the Gateway Arch beyond center field.

The mist got heavier in the sixth, however, and the Tigers began to struggle with the elements.

With St. Louis trailing 3-2 in the seventh, Eckstein hit a drive to right-center that Granderson appeared to have in his sights before he slipped to the slick turf, kicking up a huge divot. The ball fell for an easy

Pinch-hitter So Taguchi dropped down a sacrifice bunt, and reliever Fernando on Jim Northrup's two-out, two-run triple Rodney threw the ball way over the head

It was the fourth error by a Tigers pitcher in four games, a record for one pitching staff in the World Series.

After an intentional walk to Albert Pujols and two strikeouts, Preston Wilson singled to left against Rodney to give St. Louis a 4-3 lead. But Ivan Rodriguez opened the eighth

with a double and Brandon Inge tied it with a double off rookie closer Adam Wainwright, who avoided further damage by striking out pinch-hitter Alexis Gomez and Granderson. That set the stage for St. Louis' final rally.

Yadier Molina drew a leadoff walk from Joel Zumaya before Aaron Miles beat out a potential double-play ball. Miles moved up when strike three to

Juan Encarnacion got past Rodriguez for a wild pitch, and Eckstein hit a drive to left-center.

Monroe sprinted to his left and laid out with a desperate dive, but the ball ticked off the tip of his glove. The left fielder lay prone on the grass as Miles scored the goahead run.

Wainwright set down Detroit in order in the ninth to the delight of the red-clad

Charles Krupa Associated Press

BASEBALL

## Orange team wins intrasquad game

By Ricky Treon Daily Texan Staff

ROUND ROCK — Texas coach patience, and his congregation is listening.

With the first game of Texas' intrasquad Fall World Series tied at 4-4, the Orange team took the lead in the top of the eighth off two opposite-field singles from Todd Gilfillan and Nick Peoples, helping the Orange to a 6-4 win Saturday at Dell Diamond.

"We've been spending a lot of time on pitch selection," Garrido said. "That's something we're focusing on.

Gilfillan led off the inning with a single to right, followed by a Kyle Lusson sacrifice bunt. Peoples then pushed another hit down the right-field line, and Gilfilan rounded third.

Kyle Russell's throw beat Gilfillan to home plate, but Brett Lewis couldn't handle the ball, Augie Garrido is preaching and the Orange took the final lead of the game.

That's the kind of hitting Garrido is looking for.

While Peoples and Gilfillan used patient hitting to get singles, that's not the only way Garrido's offensive teachings have helped the Longhorns this fall.

Kyle Russell is using that approach to put a hurting on the ball. The sophomore went 3-5 Thursday, including a three-run, line-drive homer that cleared the left-field wall by just a few feet.

"I feel more comfortable at the plate than in the past," Russell said. "I'm cutting down on the Ks. I've only struck out once this fall."

That's also the product of more patience at the plate.

The Orange team won the game despite the absence of junior starting pitcher Adrian Alaniz, who was slated to start the game but suffered an injury to his hand during warmups. Garrido said the hand would likely have to be X-rayed.

The Orange team got an insurance run in the top of the ninth off a double from freshman Russell Moldenhauer, and the visitors finished off the game with some hustle out of Peoples.

The senior outfielder made a full-out diving catch to end the game with the tying run at the plate. This may only be a scrimmage, but there's still something to play for.

"We take this pretty serious. Some guys are still fighting for a spot," Peoples said. "We're all Longhorns, but right now we're two different teams.

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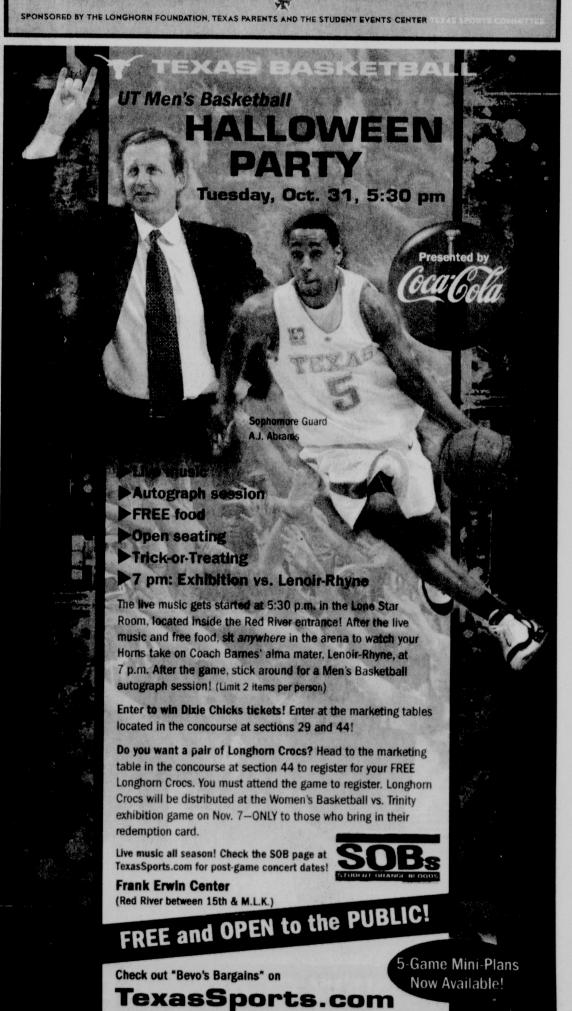


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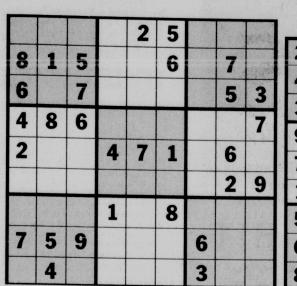
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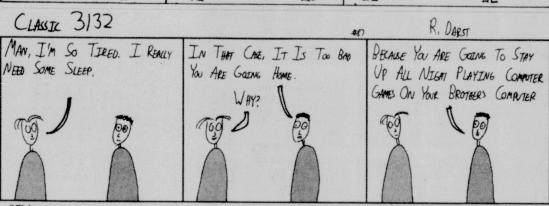
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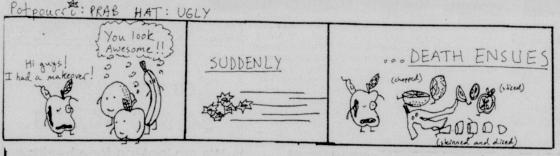


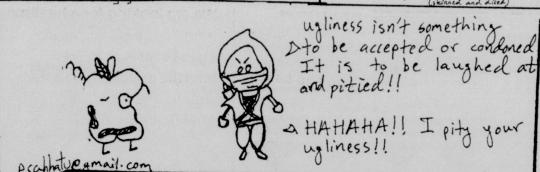
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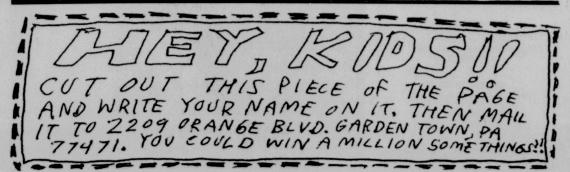
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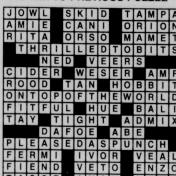
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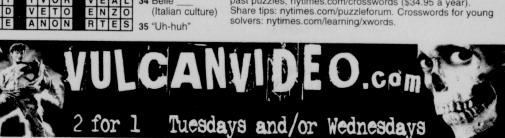
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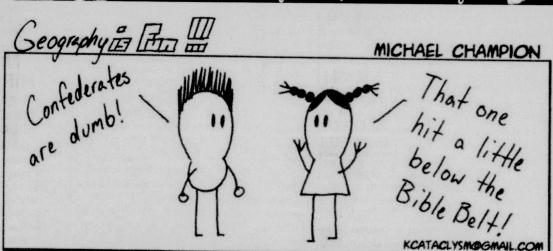


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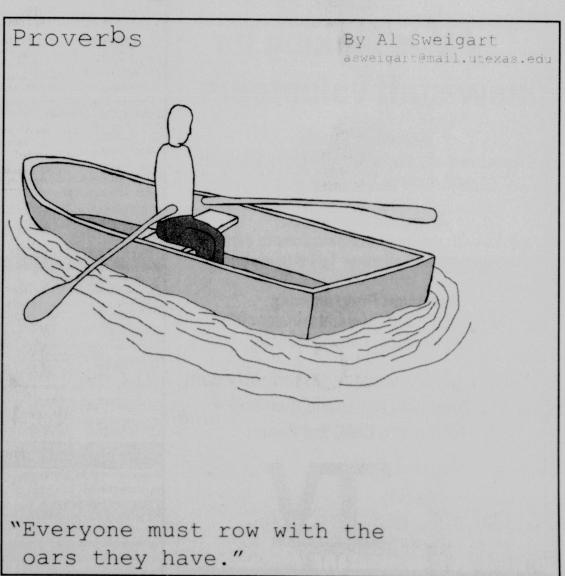
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REVIEW

### All-star cast, humor keeps 'Running with Scissors' accessible

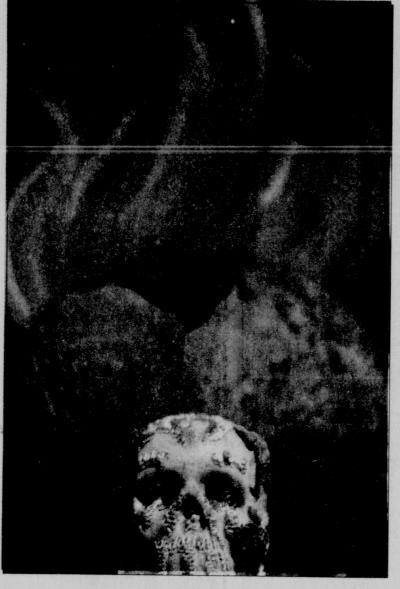
By Marissa Marlin Daily Texan Staff

Anyone looking to feel more secure in their sanity only needs to watch "Running with Scissors" to put their mental health into perspective. This brilliant film dances on the fine line between genius and insanity, and it would be too far-fetched to identify with if it were not actually based on the memoirs of the central character, Augusten Burroughs (Joseph Cross).

The movie opens with a 6-year-old Augusten putting his mother's hair into curlers as she calls his school to let them know he'd be home sick because he "over-conditioned his hair." It becomes obvious Augusten idolizes his amateur-poet mother, Deidre (Annette Benning), as he mimics her depressive at-home poetry readings. Watching Burroughs struggle through childhood in the 1970s with an alcoholic father, Norman (Alec Baldwin), and a narcissistic mother is uncomfortable. Eventually, Deidre begins to see a deranged psychiatrist, Dr. Finch (Brian Cox), who plays the puppet master as the family falls apart. Deidre basically sells Augusten to her demented therapist in hopes of him having a better life, but watching Augusten live with the truly neurotic Finch family is more than uncomfortable, it is painful. While stuck in this looney bin, young Augusten finds companionship from Natalie (Evan Rachel Wood), the rebel Finch sister, and through dating another patientturned-adopted-son, 35-year-old schizophrenic, Bookman (Joseph Fiennes).

'Nip/Tuck" creator Ryan Murphy directed and wrote the screen adaptation for this cynical and darkly humorous film. The combination of a warped family and Gwyneth Paltrow's performance as one of the doctor's daughters is reminiscent of "The Royal Tenenbaums," but the variety and extent of the Finch family's oddities makes the Tenenbaums look like a cookie-cutter, suburban family.

Witty humor and an all-star cast keep the audience from being weighed down by such hefty issues. Even if you do not identify personally with the characters, you can leave the theatre feeling as good about their performances as about not having anything in common with them.



By Chris Thorburn

Daily Texan Staff

the rugged landscape dissected by

massive Texas highways. As memori-

als of loved ones, these crosses are

sprinkled aside many roads through-

out the Southwest and are somewhat

of a mystery to passersby's unfamiliar

with the Mexican holiday Dia de los

În America, death does not typi-

cally lead to hearty celebrations. Our

burial rituals are somber and quiet.

A person, like their peers, dressed in

black delivers a eulogy. Funerals are

a gathering where friends and rela-

tives can reconnect with one another

and reminisce about the deceased.

However, for the ever-growing num-

ber of Mexican immigrants, death is

es of a spooky Halloween-like event,

Dia de los Muertos serves as a day

to celebrate those who have passed

on. The festive colors, great food and

lively interaction give stark contrast to

the standard American look at death.

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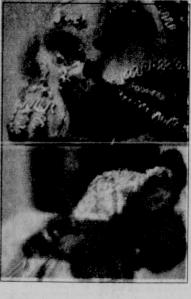
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# EXHIBIT **BRINGS** LIFE TO



Top, "La Mujer es Vida," an altar built by Elva Maria Salinas, is on display at the Mexic-Arte Museum through Nov. 5 as part of the 23rd annual Dia de Los Muertos exhibition. Above, The paintings of Carlos Rivera Pineda are on display.

Dia de los Muertos serves as a day to celebrate those who have passed on.

empire. Of course, it has grown throughout the centuries into the ditional artistic style of Mexico. With cultural phenomenon today, which numerous sponsors and artists partakcovers a significant portion of the ing, the altars on display give varying significance from personal to political. In celebration of life, death and art Mothers Against Drunk Driving is the Mexic-Arte Museum in Austin is one of the headlining sponsors, which running an exhibition displaying variparallels the roadside altars adorned ous effigies and memorials in the trawith offerings for the deceased.

Along with the exhibition, the Mexic-Arte museum will be holding a ceremony in respect of acclaimed artist and Texas graduate Luis Jimenez ,who recently died in his studio. Jimenez is best known for his polychromed fiberglass works. However, his paintings and drawings are stunning as well. Hispanic culture inspired much of his work, as is evident in his use of vibrant colors. Today, friends and associates of Jimenez will speak in memory of him as the exhibition holds ceremony to his life and death. The tribute will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The exhibition ends Nov. 5. Mexic-Arte Museum is at 419 Congress Ave.

# **DEATH** Mexic-Arte Museum celebrates holiday with effigies, memorials

Fast forward to 2006, and Joe Buglewicz | Daily Texan Staff

I think it's important to keep

Even though most people wouldn't understand why a band would take such a long break, band members feels that the break put them in a position to become better as their careers continue. The new record hasn't received the same amount of attention from music buyers as records from bands like Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance. This smaller fan base is something that doesn't

'We're exactly where we wanted to be when we started the band," Rickly said. "Fans come and go. I feel lucky to have the people that have stuck with us. I'd rather have passionate fans as opposed to millions of fans that

Thursday is confident in its audience, and that confidence shines through when asked about what it is looking forward to the most

ing Rise Against and Circa Survive every night. It's a great feeling to watch [younger] bands grow up and go through the same things that we've been through," Rickly

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### Thursday unfazed by shift in fan base

By Eddie Strait Daily Texan Staff

Hailing from the much maligned state of New Jersey, Thursday is about to turn 10. At a time when most were being hit with the puberty stick, singer Geoff Rickly, along-side guitarist Tom Keeley, guitarist Bill Henderson, bassist Tim Payne and drummer Tucker Rule, were forming a band that would carry the flag for the emo genre, bringing legitimacy to the table.

After releasing records on inde-pendent labels like Eyeball and Victory, the band got its call up to the majors and signed with Island Def Jam. As a band, Thursday has seen

their popularity take off since its inception in 1997, reaching its peak following its 2003 record War All the Time. But what a difference three years can make.

In 2003, Thursday was a band that was on the verge of a breakthrough of epic proportions. Its major label debut on Island Def Jam, War All the Time, hit the charts at No. 7. At the time, it was ludicrous to think an emo band could break into the top of any list. The band's first week numbers were overshadowed by then-label mate DMX's fifth-straight No. 1 debut.

A successful headlining tour followed. Ensuing stints with AFI and a jaunt on the Warped Tour kept the band's profile high. Then, Thursday went on what some would call a hiatus. Rumors abounded about the band's imminent breakup. As a result, the band took a sabbatical from the public eye.

Thursday has returned with its strongest effort to date, A City By the Light Divided. The band went through a rejuvenation and brought in new producer Dave Fridmann to help them realize its goals.

playing what you find most exciting about music... and Dave helped us," lead singer Rickly said.

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are passive."

about its future. "I'm looking forward to watch-