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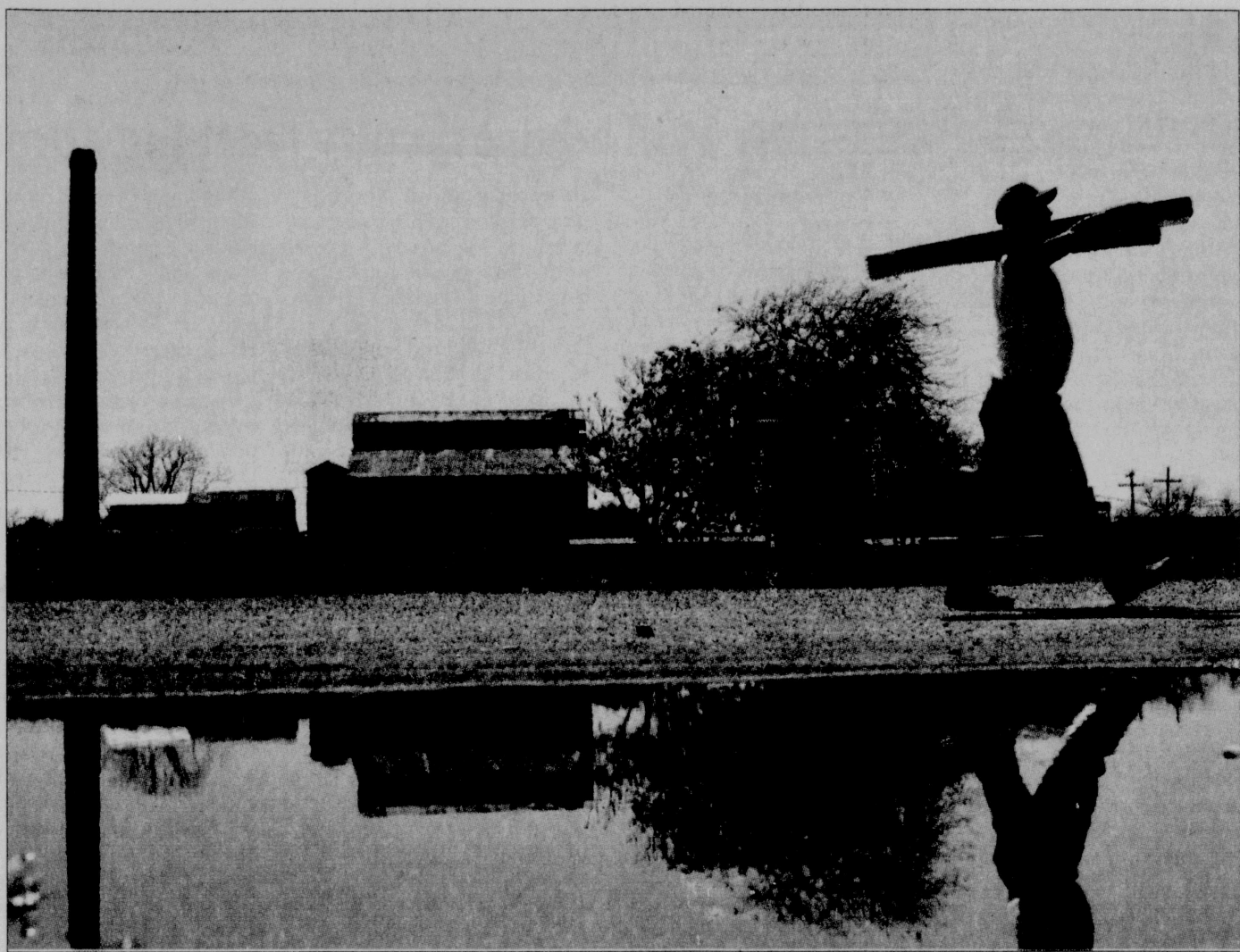
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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



Jeffrey McWhorter | Daily Texan Staff

Kevin Louis, 32, carries supplies from the Shoreline Christian Center to a storage shed on East Fifth Street Monday afternoon. Louis and a group of men were helping Thomas Wright, the director of Shoreline, move folding chairs and other material to the shed.

Honorary A+ proposal approved

**Transcript will show
A+, but won't affect
grade point average**

By Maya Srikrishnan
Daily Texan Staff

UT's Faculty Council passed a motion Monday to add an honorary A+ to students' transcripts in light of the new plus/minus grading system.

The council approved a motion in May 2007 to implement plus/minus grading for UT undergraduates. This proposal omitted an A+ worth 4.33 grade points with the suggestion that creating a grade worth more than 4.0 points can hurt students in external fellowship competitions and graduate admissions, according to the Faculty Council Education Policy Committee proposal.

An honorary A+ will visibly reward students for exceptional work without risking such negative impacts, according to the pro-

posal. Four of the University's official comparison schools, the University of California at Berkeley and the universities of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, include an honorary A+ that counts for 4.0 grade points.

The A+ grade would be officially awarded by faculty members and appear on students' transcripts but would not differ from an A in grade points.

The Graduate Assembly will vote on the motion on their meeting Wednesday. If it is approved, it will continue to the Office of the President and the UT administration.

The Senate of College Councils formally requested that an honorary A+ be included in the new grading system in a resolution passed in November.

"The students are very supportive of this idea," said Reid Long, policy director of the Senate of College Councils. "We talked about a

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Study abroad office hires new director

**Barclay-Hamir, from
Central Washington,
replaces Sunnygard**

By Maya Srikrishnan
Daily Texan Staff

Although she had not planned on searching for a job when she applied for the position, Heather Barclay-Hamir said she was drawn to the job of study abroad director based on the written description. Barclay-Hamir left her position as study abroad director at Central Washington University to take over as director of UT's study abroad office. She started her new job on March 17.

"The more I read the more I liked the way it was written, what the components of the jobs were and what the values of the institution seem to be. When I got to the required qualifications and the preferred qualifications, it sounded just like me, so I went ahead and applied," she said. "I thought, 'Well, if nothing else, I'll see where I lay in a pool like this.'"

Barclay-Hamir said she was impressed with the UT staff's dedication when she visited the campus.

"The thing that surprised me was that my experience from Central Washington, which is a very different university, was really parallel to the kinds of conversations that are going on here

around study abroad, inside the office and externally," she said. "Because I was at a smaller institution I had the benefit of having actually done pretty much every kind of function within this office, from budgeting to supporting faculty-led programs to advising. When people were talking to different kinds of issues, I could really relate."

Central Washington University had 10,688 students enrolled in 2006-2007. UT's total enrollment for fall 2006 was 49,697 students. Proportionally, UT's study abroad program is about five times bigger than the program at Central Washington University.

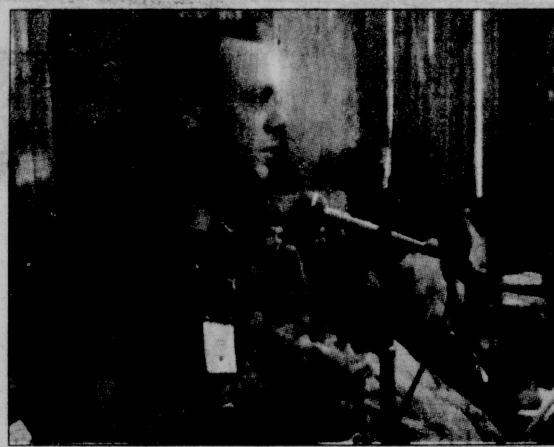
"We were really pleased be-

cause of her background and her experience," said Jerry Wilcox, director of the International Office. "The University was looking for someone who had a breadth of experience, who understood about exchanges and about the complexities of faculty leading programs abroad."

The advertisement for the position was posted in the fall through various forums, such as NAFSA: Association of International Educators and the Forum of Education Abroad. Barclay-Hamir said she read about the job on a Web site.

Wilcox said each director has

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Members of the
Faculty Council
discuss
changes,
including the
switch to a
plus/minus
grading system.

John Gilchrist
Daily Texan Staff

Three APD officers face civil suit for 2005 incident

**Two officers fired,
one suspended as
result of Taser**

By Stephen Keller
Daily Texan Staff

A federal court heard a civil suit against one current and two former Austin Police Department officers Monday.

Ramon Hernandez, an Austin resident involved in a September 2005 Taser incident with police, said that Officer Christopher Gray and former Officers William Heilman and Joel Follmer violated his civil rights. Hernandez said he was beaten and Tasered while the officers held him down. The

officers arrested him for fleeing the scene of an accident.

In March 2006, Gray and Heilman were acquitted of official oppression charges, a class A misdemeanor. Criminal charges against Follmer were later dropped. Following the incident, Follmer was fired, Heilman resigned and Gray was given a 70-day suspension. Hernandez filed the civil suit against the three officers in December 2006.

In his testimony, Hernandez said he fled the scene of an accident after having trouble breathing. He ran through an apartment complex and scaled a barbed wire fence, cutting his forehead. He said he then stopped to pray

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Council considers names for Town Lake Park

By Katy Justice
Daily Texan Staff

It looks like one of the most popular outdoor places in Austin is getting a new name.

In recent months residents have expressed their opinions on new names for Town Lake Park. Austin City Council must decide by its April 10 meeting what it should name the park.

The Parks and Recreation Department sent recommendations to the council Saturday to keep the park's current name but to

also name features of the park to honor people important to the city, said Ricardo Soliz, the department's division manager of planning, design and construction.

The department recommended that a garden be named the Butler Fountain and Children's Garden, after Michael Butler, who donated the park's land in 1942. The department also recommended that a pond be named after Liz Carpenter, Lady Bird Johnson's press secretary.

Councilman Lee Leffingwell

said the council would not want to change the name of the park to Lady Bird Lake Park because it wants to honor as many influential and deserving people as it can.

"I am specifically interested in having Liz Carpenter honored. I nominated her," Leffingwell said. "She was Lady Bird's sidekick for so many years and part of the efforts that went into the lake. I am also interested in honoring the Butler family that donated the land."

The department also wanted to name a hill after singer and guitarist Doug Sahm and a field after Willie Wells, a baseball player and Hall of Fame inductee.

These recommendations were based on names submitted by Austin residents in September 2007 and testimonies given at public meetings, Soliz said.

"I think the people that came to the public meeting were giving pretty good arguments as

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Cornyn speaks out against UT's Sudan investments

By Lauren Winchester
Daily Texan Staff

Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn said on campus Monday that the company managing the UT System's investments should divest from Sudan.

Cornyn's speech in the Texas Union's Quadrangle Room was hosted by College Republicans and the White Rose Society, which seeks to remember Holocaust victims and condemn genocide.

College Republicans President Brandon Lighton introduced Cornyn by saying he makes sure tax dollars do not fund genocide.

After discussing national secu-

urity, the economy and health care, Cornyn mentioned the bipartisan divestment bill he cosponsored with Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

During a question-and-answer session, Cornyn said that though he understands that the University of Texas Investment Management Company needs to take financial considerations into account, investing in Sudan sends a bad message to the world.

"I do not believe we should sit idly by doing nothing and saying nothing while the genocide continues," Cornyn said. "I wish UTIMCO would consider the message it sends by not choosing to divest."

Bruce Zimmerman, the company's CEO and chief investment officer, stuck by the statement he gave in a letter to UT System Board of Regents Chairman Scott H. Caven on Dec. 20. He said then that social and political considerations should not influence investment decisions because the result could have economic costs that vary from cause to cause.

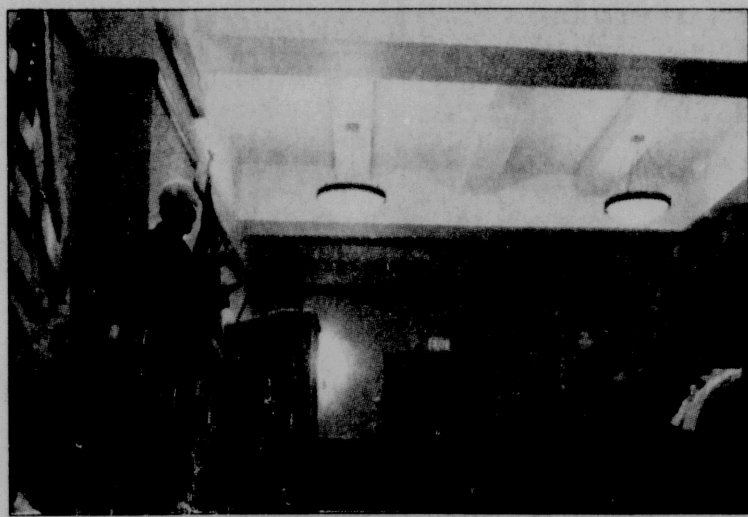
He said he believes the company's financial responsibility to the board does not allow for "social investing."

Zimmerman also said in the letter that the company's investments in Sudan were relatively small. He

said \$27.6 million — one-tenth of one percent of the company's total portfolio — was invested in Sudan as of October 2007.

White Rose Society co-chair Punam Kaji said that the company should not invest in Sudan because there has been wide-reaching support for divestment. She said the student body wants to divest and that the state and U.S. government have already done so.

"Senator Cornyn taking a stance on this issue makes a statement," Kaji said. "People on all sides of the spectrum care about this. It's stubborn to ignore the request coming from so many people to divest."



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Sen. John Cornyn, R-TX, speaks to a crowd of UT students and faculty in the Texas Union Monday afternoon.

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A+: Senate proposed idea for new grade

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lot of concerns we heard, particularly from the Graduate Assembly, in our meeting last week. A lot of those concerns did not carry much weight with students."

After a faculty discussion, marketing professor Linda Golden said she sent an e-mail survey to the McCombs School of Business' students on what they thought about an honorary A+.

"The results were overwhelmingly not in favor of this. They were afraid of it complicating perception of the grade system and they also indicated it was possible to give an A+ in a letter of reference and there were many ways to indicate superiority in the grade ranking for students," she said.

Martha Hilley, distinguished teaching professor at the School of Music, said she has used A+ for the last 37 years of her teaching.

"Rarely does a student get an A+ in my class. It means everything they have done for the semester could not have been any better, but I feel it's an im-

portant thing to do for our students," she said.

The committee also put forth a motion to include certificate programs, such as the Business Foundations Program offered in the McCombs School of Business, the Bridging Disciplines Programs in the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Texas Interdisciplinary Plan, on students' official transcripts.

"There's been a problem at UT for, well, forever where things like certificate programs have not been recognized on official UT transcripts," said civil engineering professor Desmond Lawler.

The proposal describes five criteria for the programs to be recognized on a transcript: the program must be completed simultaneously with the student's undergraduate degree and completed by the time of their graduation; the program must include 18 to 24 hours of course work; at least half of this course work needs to be completed in residence; the certificate cannot be in the same field as the student's major; and the student needs to

apply for the certificate program when they apply for their undergraduate degree so the program recognition will be awarded at the same time as their degree.

"I've been the business foundations adviser for mechanical engineering for quite some time, and most of the engineering programs do not have a lot of electives in the program," said mechanical engineering professor Tess Moon. "For students to get a business certificate it requires them to do this above and beyond what they need for their degree."

Moon said it is not unusual for students to want to pick up a few business foundations courses while they're undergraduates and then try to finish up the certificate once they complete their degree.

Lawler said the committee discussed the issue at length but felt this could lead to problems where students come back long after they graduate to get their certificate.

The council will vote on this motion at its next meeting on April 14.



John Gilchrist | Daily Texan Staff

Study abroad director Heather Barclay-Hamir adjusts to her first week on the job.

DIRECTOR: Will advise faculty teaching abroad

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had a very unique job and helped shape the office UT has today.

"John [Sunnygard]'s role was expanding, getting a lot of faculty involved," he said. "We have an activist provost in Terri Givens, who has a small staff looking into international initiatives. From the study abroad side, Heather's job is to make sure we have good advising and work with faculty who

are teaching abroad. Her job is to provide good customer service."

Barclay-Hamir said her goals for the position will come directly from the people she reports to, such as Terri Givens, who is vice provost for undergraduate studies and international affairs.

"Certainly as I learn more about UT and about study abroad here, I will probably start developing more of a sense of, 'OK, within this initiative we should look

a little more to the right to these things that are important to our students,' but for the most part, I want to make sure what I'm doing adds value," Barclay-Hamir said. "I don't just want to take off in one direction because I think it's really interesting."

Former director John Sunnygard resigned from the position in January. Barclay-Hamir is UT's third director since the office opened in 1987.

PARK: Family pushes for use of Butler name

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to why these names were important to Austin," Soliz said. "Only the city council can make it official, though."

In July 2007, city council changed the name of Town Lake to honor former first lady and philanthropist Lady Bird Johnson, who died that month. Leffingwell said retaining the park's original name, Town Lake Park, would be inappropriate since the lake's name is no longer used.

Michael Butler is the Irish immigrant who founded the Butler Brick Company in several locations surrounding the lake. His family has been pushing to name the park after him.

Russ Butler, great-grandson of

"We want to memorialize how Austin really got its kick and how it got started."

Russ Butler, executive vice president of Butler Brick

Michael Butler, said the company had plants on the north side of the lake until a flood caused them to be relocated to the south side. The company prospered from the lake's clay deposits.

Butler donated money to

the city and frequently volunteered for the fire department. Bricks from the company were used in constructing many UT buildings and the Capitol, Russ Butler said.

"We are trying to show how Austin came about. He came to Austin after the Civil War and helped establish the community," said Russ Butler, executive vice president of the brick company. "We want to memorialize how Austin really got its kick and how it got started."

The Parks and Recreation Department has been deliberating the park's construction on its north side. Soliz said the department wants to keep the area open but is considering the construction of restrooms or a bridge.

TASER: Hernandez faces charges for fleeing accident scene

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when Heilman approached him. He said he did not hear the officer give him instructions to stop.

As he approached, Heilman Tasered Hernandez. After Heilman Tasered him a second time, Hernandez said he ripped off the Taser wiring attached to his chest. He said he fell to the ground after being Tasered a third time.

Assistant City Attorney Fred

Hawkins asked Hernandez how it was possible to be Tasered without the wiring attached.

In cross examination, Hernandez said he lied to APD Internal Affairs investigators about the incident. In his statement to investigators, Hernandez said he was resisting arrest during the incident and might have reached for the officer's gun. Hawkins said Hernandez also told internal affairs that the offi-

cer did a "good job" and "saved his life."

Attorney Amber Bode said Hernandez was facing criminal charges because he fled the scene. Hernandez did not have a lawyer present at the time of the interview with internal affairs.

The officers did not testify during the trial. Testimony will continue today at 9 a.m. in the U.S. Courthouse on 200 West Eighth Street.

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Civil engineering professor rewarded for asphalt work

Civil engineering professor emeritus Thomas Kennedy has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Modified Asphalt Producers.

Kennedy said Monday that he oversaw the \$50 million endeavor known as the Strategic Highway Research Program, combining research from the University of California at Berkeley, Texas A&M, Auburn and Pennsylvania State universities.

Transportation engineering professor Randy Machemehl said Kennedy is a primary asphalt expert in the world.

His contributions increase road safety through "better skid resistance in all weather conditions," Machemehl said.

"The idea was to make the pavements perform well for longer periods of time," Kennedy said.

Machemehl said Kennedy's discoveries have been put to use worldwide.

— Amie Glover

Transportation engineering grad student D.C.-bound

Transportation engineering graduate student Alison Conway was selected to attend the 2008 Eno Leadership Development Conference in Washington, D.C.

Conway will be one of 20 graduate students selected for the conference. During the weeklong event, students will participate in a mock congressional hearing and meet with leaders in the U.S. Department of Transportation along with leaders from public and private transportation organizations.

"Although I am an engineering student, my research is very policy-focused, so I am really looking forward to learning more about the transportation policy development process," Conway said.

The conference is hosted by the Eno Transportation Foundation, a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve ground, water and air transportation.

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Bush says 4,000 U.S. deaths in Iraq 'not lost in vain'

By Ben Feller

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Marking a grim milestone, a determined President Bush declared Monday the lives of 4,000 U.S. military men and women who have died in Iraq "were not lost in vain." The White House signaled anew that additional troops won't be pulled out soon.

A roadside bomb in Baghdad killed four U.S. soldiers

Sunday night, pushing the death toll to 4,000.

That number pales compared with those of other lengthy U.S. wars, but it is much higher than many Americans, including Bush, ever expected after the swift invasion of Iraq five years ago.

Bush proclaimed the end of major combat operations in Iraq in May 2003. Almost all of the U.S. deaths there have happened since then.

"One day people will look back at this moment in history and say, 'Thank God there were courageous people willing to serve, because they laid the foundations for peace for generations to come,'" Bush said.

"I have vowed in the past, and I will vow so long as I'm president, to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain, that, in fact, there is an outcome that will merit the sacrifice," Bush said.

The news of 4,000 dead in Iraq came the week after the war rolled into its sixth year, dominating most of Bush's presidency. Almost 30,000 U.S. service members have been wounded in the war.

The White House was careful in its reaction to the milestone, calling it a sober moment but emphasizing that deaths are grieved no matter what the number.

In early April, Bush is expect-

ed to announce the next steps in the war, and he is likely to embrace a pause in any troop withdrawals beyond those scheduled to end this July.

Democrats in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail continue to push for a faster end to war. But Bush still has the upper hand for 10 months.

"Americans are asking how much longer must our troops continue to sacrifice for the sake

of an Iraqi government that is unwilling or unable to secure its own future," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the death toll is a reminder that the nation must get out of an "endless civil war and make America more secure."

The U.S. has about 158,000 troops in Iraq. That number is expected to drop to 140,000 by summer.

NATION BRIEFLY

NASA will park 1 Mars rover, limit twin due to budget cut

LOS ANGELES — Scientists plan to put one of the twin Mars rovers to sleep and limit the activities of the other robot to fulfill a NASA order to cut \$4 million from the program's budget, mission team members said Monday.

The news comes amid belt-tightening at NASA headquarters, which is under pressure to juggle Mars exploration and projects to study the rest of the solar system.

The solar-powered rovers Spirit and Opportunity have dazzled scientists and the public with findings of geologic evidence that water once flowed at or near the surface of Mars long ago.

Justice Department approves XM-Sirius satellite radio deal

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on Monday approved Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.'s proposed \$5 billion buyout of rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., saying the deal was unlikely to lessen competition or harm consumers.

The transaction was approved without conditions, despite opposition from consumer groups and an intense lobbying campaign by the land-based radio industry.

The combination still requires approval from the Federal Communications Commission, which prohibited a merger when it first granted satellite radio operating licenses in 1997.

Pilot's gun fires on U.S. Airways flight; no injuries reported

DENVER — A gun belonging to the pilot of a U.S. Airways plane went off as the aircraft was on approach to land in North Carolina over the weekend, the first time a weapon issued under a federal program to arm pilots was fired, authorities said Monday.

The "accidental discharge" Saturday aboard Flight 1536 from Denver to Charlotte did not endanger the aircraft or the 124 passengers, two pilots and three flight attendants aboard, said Greg Alter of the Federal Air Marshal Service.

"We know that there was never any danger to the aircraft or to the occupants on board," Alter said.

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Phil Ipparis | Associated Press

Pro-Tibetan protesters hang a banner on the balcony of a hotel as a car of the official torch relay passes by in the village of Ancient Olympia, southern Greece, on Monday.

Olympic torch-lighting ceremony disrupted by protests about Tibet

By Stephen Wilson

The Associated Press

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece — Even before the Olympic flame was lit Monday, a protester of China's human rights policies disrupted the solemn ceremony, foreshadowing the prospect of demonstrations throughout the 85,000-mile torch-relay route right up to the Beijing Games themselves.

Forecasts of clouds and rain had been considered the main threat to the pomp-filled torch-lighting. But in the end, while the sun sparked the flame to life, it was the protesters who turned the joyful bow to the Olympics' roots into a political statement about China's crackdown in Tibet and other rights issues.

Three men advocating press freedom evaded massive security and ran onto the field at the ceremony in Ancient Olympia before they were seized by police. Minutes later, a Tibetan woman covered in fake blood briefly blocked the path of the torch relay.

The incidents came after International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge told The Associated Press in an interview that he was engaged in "silent di-

plomacy" with the Chinese but wouldn't intervene in politics to try to change their policies.

"We are discussing on a daily basis with Chinese authorities, including discussing these issues, while strictly respecting the sovereignty of China in its affairs," Rogge said.

"Later we will do protests in London and Paris."

Tenzin Dorjee, protester

Protests are bound to follow the torch throughout its 136-day route across five continents and 20 countries. China pledged strict security measures to ensure its segment of the relay won't be marred by protests.

Tibetan activists have already said they plan to demonstrate elsewhere on the route.

"Later we will do protests in London and Paris," said Tenzin Dorjee, a member of Students for

a Free Tibet who protested in Ancient Olympia.

Protests of China's rule turned violent March 14 in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa, sparking waves of unrest in surrounding provinces. China reported a death toll of 22 from the violence, but Tibet's exiled government says 80 Tibetans were killed. Nineteen died in subsequent violence in Gansu province, it said.

A rising chorus of international criticism and floated calls for a boycott have unnerved the Chinese leadership, which has turned up efforts to put its own version of the unrest before the international public.

China has blamed the riots on followers of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has urged China to start talks with him.

Edward Friedman, a China specialist at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, said he expects Beijing to rally national pride by attacking its critics. Friedman said he expects China to put pressure on other countries to stay neutral and "to not do things to politicize the Olympics."

Detroit mayor charged with perjury over affair

By Corey Williams

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was charged with perjury and other offenses Monday, and got a stern lecture about the importance of telling the truth, after a trove of raunchy text messages contradicted his sworn denials of an affair with his chief aide.

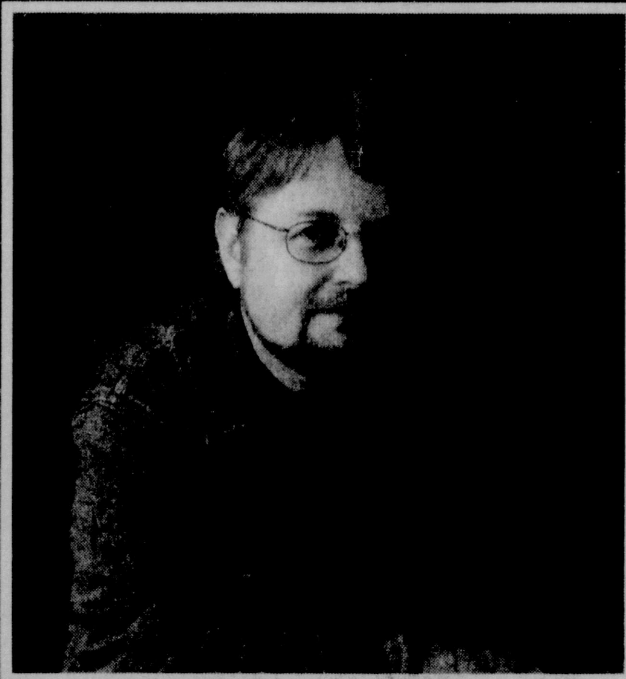
The 37-year-old "Hip-Hop Mayor" who brought youth and vitality to the job in this struggling city of 900,000 could get up to 15 years in prison for perjury alone and would be automatically expelled from office if convicted.

Ignoring mounting demands that he step down, Kilpatrick said: "I look forward to complete

exoneration once all the facts have been brought forth. I will remain focused on moving this city forward."

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy brought charges of perjury, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and misconduct against the popular but polarizing mayor. In announcing the charges, she delivered something of a civics lesson on the importance of telling the truth under oath.

"Some have suggested that the issues in this case are personal or private," said Worthy, a Democrat like the mayor. "Our investigation has clearly shown that public dollars were used, people's lives were ruined, the justice system severely mocked and the public trust trampled on."



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VIEWPOINT

The four-year phenomenon

Whether or not scientists have an explanation for it, people are maturing sooner and living longer. Considering that college is a time in which much of our future planning and personal growth takes place, it makes perfect sense that we should therefore spend more time on and get more worth out of higher education in order to actually benefit from this scientific phenomenon.

At summer orientation or in the first weeks of college life, advisers introduce students to the four-year plan checklist that follows them through their university careers. From day one, universities set the standard of what's considered "behind." Similarly, parents and other student benefactors usually encourage "on-time" graduation and immediate entry into the money-making world to stave off the blow of the ever-rising tuition tab. Universities' tendency to view us as "customers" rather than "students" only feeds this mentality.

So it's not uncommon — or unreasonable — for students to automatically choose a concentration that will prove to be the most profitable, or for parents to advocate the study of such concentrations (best to start repaying your student debt the day after graduation, right?). According to the International Center for Education Statistics, the most popular undergraduate major in the U.S. is business, and engineering follows close behind. We can wax romantic and hypothesize that high school seniors are passionate about math and thus inclined to apply their enthusiasm to vocations focused on number-crunching, but the promise of money behind those majors makes better sense.

But at the age of 18, before even leaving the shelter of high school, students are required to declare a major during the college application process. Universities force students to make definitive life choices before they are exposed to the core university curriculum — or the real world. And once they've entered the gauntlet of college, it's harder to move around academically than it seems. There's a stigma attached to changing majors, and it's often discouraged. It's a difficult process that often causes financial and social setbacks. Not to mention that no indecisive student is excited by the requirements that come along with a change of major, which usually include going back to 300-person intro classes no matter how many years deep you are in your undergraduate experience.

But changing a major midway through college is nothing compared to a mid-life career change. We should pay attention to the time science has been so kind as to give us now, before we have to cope with more real-world restrictions. However, while time may be on our side, the University is not. On Wednesday, we'll likely see the UT Board of Regents approve yet another tuition increase (which was proposed last week), and the growing need to spend more time in college only adds thousands to our eventual debts. University officials should consider ways to quit feeding the stigma and welcome our 5-year (or longer) stays in college. A good start would be to set tuition rates accordingly.

— C.H.

GALLERY



THE FIRING LINE

No property taxation without assessment representation

This letter is in response to the controversy concerning the increase of property taxes nationwide at a time when most property values across the nation are declining.

According to Wikipedia, property tax is a tax that an owner pays on the value of the real property being taxed. The taxing authority requires and/or performs an appraisal of the monetary value of the property and tax is assessed in proportion to that value. These taxes are collected by municipalities such as cities, counties and districts, and they fund municipal budgets for things such as school systems, sewers, parks, libraries and fire stations. As with most self-perpetuating bureaucracies, these budgets are increased each year. The irony of the situation is that property taxes are going up as property values are going down. How can there be such a discrepancy between what properties are assessed at and what they are actually selling for? In other words, how do we find an equitable means of determining value?

In different parts of the country, there have been "tax revolts" whereby people are challenging the tax assessments and in some cases are getting their property taxes reduced. The problem is

that it will only lead to municipal budget shortfalls because the estimated revenue will be less than what was forecast to be collected. Consequently, many cities across the country will be forced to reduce services in order to bring the budgets back into balance. If property values continue to plummet, the end result will be one of social catastrophe. In order to preserve this country, the federal government needs to take emergency action to solve this problem before it festers out of control and leads to civil unrest. Perhaps one action would be to seize the ill-gotten gains of those who profited the most but yet suffered the least. Until then, there should be no property taxation without proper assessment representation.

Joe Bialek
Cleveland, OH

A big Butler 'thank you'

On March 17 a historic announcement was heard across the country. The University of Texas School of Music was honored with the largest single gift ever given to an American public music school. The generous donors, Sarah and Ernest Butler, pledged \$55 million to our school, which has benefited from their generosity for many

years. In a token of gratitude, the UT Board of Regents has approved the decision to rename the school the "Sarah and Ernest Butler School of Music" in their honor.

Though the impact of their contribution will surely mean incredible things for our music school in the coming years, their gift represents something even more significant to us all. While consuming so much of our lives that it can be difficult to see, the world is undergoing a tremendous transformation, spurred by the proliferation of technological innovations that connect people from all over the globe. Collaboration is only going to increase more quickly as countries such as China and India continue to advance. One can debate about the challenges and opportunities that this new age present to no end, but there is little debate that the lines of community, culture and regionalism will continue to blur as individuals from disparate backgrounds in the far regions of the earth speak, write, trade and collaborate as never before imagined. It is up to us to decide which distinctions we value in our society and which ones we do not and, perhaps most importantly, how best to find a common language and common ground.

Sarah and Ernest Butler have made a bold declaration to this end. Their incredible gift is a state-

ment of faith in the transformative power of the arts. The world will indeed flatten and it is up to artists and musicians to provide a place of understanding, a universal language and to keep us true to what it means to be human in an age in which efficiency seems to drive every endeavor (see: Wal-Mart). The global economy will challenge everything, but in responding to that challenge we must not lose sight of part of our cultural heritage. We must not lose sight of the value of the arts in cultivating creativity and illuminating truth that words cannot express. This is the gift the Butlers dream for us, and for this, I invite all Longhorns to join me in thanking them.

James Tolleson
Music studies senior

Getting rowing straight

While I am very happy that The Texan is covering club sports, I was disappointed in the article about Texas Crew ("Checking in with Texas Crew, intramural rowing," Mar. 18). I would like to provide some corrections. I work at IBM and coach the team daily.

First, there are two teams on campus: Texas Crew (men and club women) and Women's Texas Rowing (funded by the athletic department). Both compete for the

national rowing championship. Texas Crew is not at all intramural, as is stated in the headline. It is a varsity-level team with no funding from the athletic department.

Rowers complete six to nine workouts per week, nine months per year, with up to three of those being on their own time. The coaching staff has experience at the international level and on the U.S. national team.

Rowing was the first intercollegiate sport. Texas has had rowing since 1969, which was accurately presented in the article, which is great. Men's rowing, which is the majority of the team, predates the NCAA by decades. As such, rowing does not choose to be part of the NCAA for men. This allows both a varsity and freshman national championship. Our men are eligible to compete in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship, which is the national championship of men's rowing.

While Texas Crew receives more funding than any other club sport from RecSports, the vast majority of our funding comes from donations. Support at other schools is much greater. For example, Wichita State receives more than \$250,000 per year in funding and is a club sport.

Bob Krentler
Austin, Texas

BY JULIO BORJON DAILY TEXAN CARTOONIST



Out-of-state students out of UT's financial concern?

By Amanda Patterson
Daily Texan Columnist

In our indisputably progressive country, higher education is no longer a right but a privilege for those who can afford it. Many of us are studying at UT with the notion that obtaining a degree is a necessity in the competitive job market. According to Answers.com, a financial and investment Web site, in the late 1990s, those with a college diploma earned almost 52 percent more in salaries than those who only had a high school diploma. Considering today's technology boom and flourishing global trade market, it is essential for Americans to be educated. Let's face it — there are usually more benefits that come with degrees, despite the hassle of getting through that biology test right now. In the long run, educated individuals will only bring more profit to the country.

Our government pushes for citizens to go to college, while the college industry has warped the minds of students and parents into thinking \$30,000 or more per year is an acceptable amount to pay for tuition.

But as the need for educated individuals to fulfill positions within our economy grows, so do tuition rates. Nationally, tuition rates reached twice the rate of inflation during the 1980s and 1990s. During the late 1990s, costs rose about 4 percent per year. In the early 2000s, some schools' tuition rates rose as much as 10 percent per year. It's not uncommon for families to take out second mortgages on their homes to cover the costs of sending their kids to a good college, or for college graduates to be wrought with a lifetime of loans. Unfortunately, the paradox is that our government pushes for citizens to go to college, while the college industry has warped the minds of students and parents into thinking \$30,000 or more per year is an acceptable amount to pay for tuition.

Granted, The University of Texas System, which for most students is generally cheaper than \$30,000,

still follows the trend of increasing prices while the economy worsens. According to the University's tuition Web site, in 1970 the state paid for nearly 85 percent of the cost of running the education side of UT-Austin. Today, that percentage is below 20 percent, and the regents proposed last week to raise tuition yet again. UT nationally ranks ninth among competitor schools such as the University of California at Berkeley in terms of overall value for in-state residents, but for out-of-state students, tuition costs just about as much at UT-Austin as at a private school. Considering that out-of-state UT students pay anywhere from \$24,000 to \$32,000 per year (not including housing or food), Harvard's 2007-2008 tuition rate of \$31,000 doesn't look that bad.

Furthermore, in December, Harvard University initiated a "Zero to 10 Percent Standard," in which families earning anywhere from \$120,000 to \$180,000 are only required to pay 10 percent of

BY THE NUMBERS

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UT's rank for most expensive public school tuition

9

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UT's rank for most expensive public school tuition

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Average cost of UT tuition

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Source: UT tuition Web site

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Runners set 2,800-mile goal, to finish May 26

By Dan X. McGraw
The Associated Press
DENTON, Texas — Andrew Wahila scribbles down the last bits of notes in a pocket-sized notebook that he dug out of a plastic bag after completing a 20-mile run.

The 150-page notebook carries the names of dozens of people who Wahila, 23, Matt Durkin and Ken Stannard have met during their 2,800-mile cross-country run that started Feb. 1 in Tybee Island, Ga.

Each name carries a story. Like Elizabeth Sims of Auburn, Ala., who served as the trio's Valentine's date this year, or Dr. Troy Espiritu, a podiatrist, who mended Stannard's ailing foot. On March 18, Wahila's journal detailed the group's run through the Dallas-Fort Worth area en route to San Diego by May 26.

Rather than running for a cause, however, the three men are running for themselves. Running to meet people. Running to experience the United States one town at a time.

"We are seeing a lot of different people and their lifestyles," Stannard, 23, said. "Things we have never seen or experienced before. Basically, we are seeing America, but not just the little community that we live in up in New York."

The plan was hatched more than three years ago after the

group was inspired to attempt the feat by reading of another man's trip — no, it wasn't Forrest Gump — while attending State University of New York at Oneonta.

"We got to thinking that we wanted to do something big — something like this," said Durkin, also 23. "It just snowballed. Ever since that day, over three years ago, it has always been in the back of our minds. This is what we are going to do after we graduate," he said.

While at college, the group saved their money instead of going on spring break trips with friends, and many people, including their parents, wrote off their plan as nothing but a dream — until they started training and buying gear and plane tickets, Durkin said.

"When parents hear their kids daydreaming, they always just shrug it off," Stannard said. "We did the same thing — we are going to run across the country in three years. My parents shrugged it off, but I knew it was true."

It wasn't until their parents saw their detailed route and schedule that they fully embraced the idea, and since then, their parents have been completely behind them, the trio said. Over the last 47 days, their parents have stayed up late to check their blog, NationRun.com,

called family and college friends to find them a place to stay and touched in with newspaper and television stations along the way.

When the group doesn't have a place to stay, they get a hotel or sleep in a tent. With no car following them, they keep everything they need — including tents, food, clothes and other supplies — in two baby strollers that they run with. While their parents worried about the trip, the group has been carefree since it started.

"When I got off the plane in Tybee Island, Ga., I knew we were going to make it," Durkin said. "Now, we are rolling. Our bodies have just gotten into the routine of running at least 25 miles a day. We don't know anything else."

However, through their trip, they've learned it has never been about running across the United States. Rather, it has been about meeting people who share their stories, their culture, their money and their homes with them. But in the end, the three know it's their job to finish the trip.

"Our own legs and wallets have to get us to the next city," Durkin said March 18. "We don't have another option. So far, it's been the best 47 days of my life, and I intend for it to be the best four months of my life when we finish."



Gary Payne | Associated Press

Matt Durkin, left, Ken Stannard, second from left, Kaitlyn Skelley and Andy Wahila run on U.S. Highway 380. The runners are trying to run across the country from Savannah, Ga., to San Diego by May 26.

Coyote attacks elicit increased awareness, preventative action

By Sarah Wilson
Daily Texan Staff

Nancy Williams and her husband rushed their 12-year-old cocker spaniel, Blossom, to an emergency veterinary clinic when they found her bleeding from severe bite marks on her head from a coyote attack in their Shoal Creek Road backyard.

Williams said Blossom was having problems recovering from the Feb. 4 attack more than a month later, when they found out she had cancer. To save the dog from further pain, they had her euthanized.

"It has been a really sad time for our family. Blossom was such a big part of our life," Williams said.

Because of a growing number of coyote attacks on pets this year, people with animals who live in the Shoal Creek area should not leave pet food outside, said Town Lake Animal Center Director Dorinda Pulliam.

Since January, three pets from Shoal Creek neighborhoods, including Blossom, have died from coyote attacks. Another was seriously wounded but recovered after several weeks.

But Williams said she never left Blossom's food outside and is still shocked that the coyote

jumped her five-foot fence to attack her dog.

Pulliam said that that kind of jump is the reason the city put its coyote trapping and education program into place three years ago.

The threat of attack arises from the loss of the coyotes' habitat as a result of community development, Pulliam said, which leaves the animals with nowhere to go.

"We don't want to trap and kill every coyote in the city of Austin, but the animals that have lost their fear of humans are particularly dangerous," she said.

The goal of the trapping and education program is to facilitate cohabitation between humans and wildlife in a quickly expanding city.

Austin officials advise people not to spread bird or deer feed because coyotes will eat any type of food they find.

Pulliam said cats should be kept indoors while owners are gone because cats replace the rabbits coyotes would eat in a natural environment.

Since Blossom's death, Williams said she wants to protect other neighborhood animals from Blossom's fate. She and others near Shoal Creek are planning

an April 14 meeting with Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services to prevent further coyote attacks.

"This is not something I ever thought could happen in my backyard, and it needs to be addressed," Williams said.

Precautions to take

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services has prepared a memorandum for Shoal Creek Area residents to be released March 28 to help eliminate coyote presence in urban areas, with advice including:

- Secure garbage containers and try to cover up garbage odors.
- Trim any shrubbery that may provide a hiding place for coyotes or prey.
- Small children should never be left unattended outdoors.
- Discourage coyotes from entering your yard. If you see coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises or throwing rocks.

Source: Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services

LOCAL BRIEFLY

Ownership of tank still source of debate at Littlefield Building

After two months of debate, the owner of the Littlefield Building wants to determine once and for all the ownership of the tank that caused an oil spill in January.

Austin Littlefield, who owns the Littlefield Building, announced Friday that he has filed a request for any information the city of Austin has related to the tank.

Investigations conducted by its consultants prior to its purchase of the Littlefield Building revealed no evidence of any tanks on its property, Littlefield said in a statement.

Lynn Lightsey, spokeswoman for Austin Watershed Protection, said her organization is waiting on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to determine who owns the tank.

The commission's legal staff has been investigating public property records and relevant legal statutes, said Terry Clawson, spokesman for the commission.

Clawson said the property owner

is responsible until the commission determines the tank's owner, unless he or she can show legal documentation, such as a deed reservation, invoice or bill of sale.

Austin Watershed Protection found documents at the Austin History Center and University of Texas libraries weeks ago that said the building management had requested the tank to be installed at a council meeting in December of 1910. Surveys and investigations conducted by the building management indicate that other tanks may exist in the same area.

— Katy Justice

Astronaut artifacts earn thousands for the Heritage Auction Galleries

The Associated Press

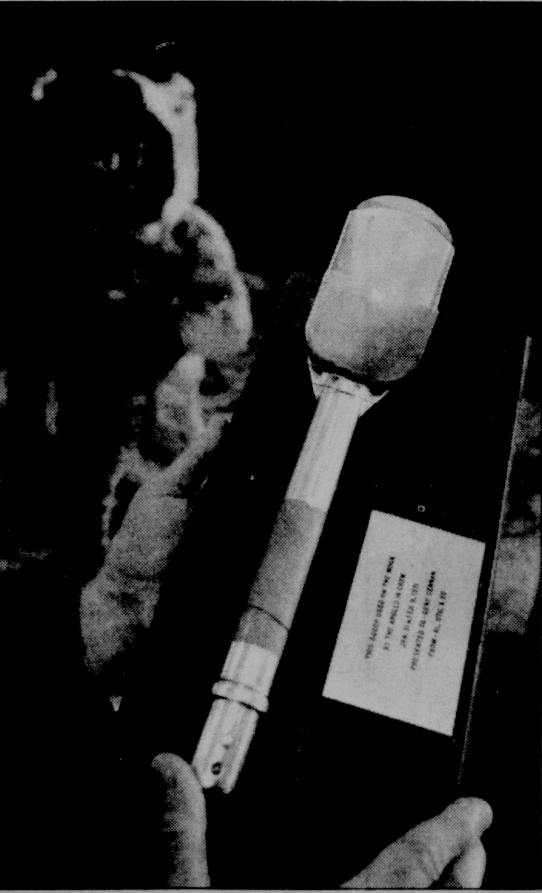
The space suit patches from Buzz Aldrin's Gemini 12 space suit, presented by the astronaut to his parents as a Christmas gift in 1966, are estimated to sell for as much as \$75,000 at a public auction Tuesday. Aldrin's patches — given to his parents "with a grateful son's love," according to the inscription — are among the more expensive items available Tuesday at the Heritage Auction Galleries sale of air and space artifacts.

The priciest item looks like a dustpan with a foot-long aluminum handle. It's actually a scoop used by astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell to pick up moon dust on the 1971 Apollo 14 mission. Its estimated worth: as much as \$300,000.

Other items being auctioned include an American flag that went to the moon's surface on the Apollo 14 mission, a pair of needle-nose pliers from Apollo 16 and a lunar chart used during Apollo 17.

"When one considers ... just how few actual objects have been off-planet, it's amazing to think that any of us would have the opportunity to actually own one of these incredibly rare pieces," said Tom Slater, director of Americana auctions for Heritage.

Slater said the space memorabilia have "impeccable provenance."




Shown in Dallas on Monday is a scoop used by Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell to pick up moon dust on the Apollo 14 mission. It is one of the items included in the Heritage Auction Galleries, Air and Space Auction, Tuesday, at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas.

Donna McWilliam
Associated Press

More than 100 lots in the auction come directly from astronauts such as Aldrin, Charles Duke and Richard Gordon.

Last month Heritage refunded thousands of dollars after auctioning off bogus Hollywood mem-

orabilia, including a whiskey flask purportedly owned by Errol Flynn and a Humphrey Bogart-engraved cigarette case. The auction house is suing the company that provided it with the phony items.




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DROUGHT RUINS FARMERS IN TYPICAL TEXAS TURN



Eric Gay | Associated Press

LA PRYOR, Texas — Hal Jessee looks at a shovelful of dirt and assesses it as only a lifelong farmer can.

“It’s not looking good,” says Jessee, 83, who farms 400 acres about 100 miles southwest of San Antonio. “If you go down, you get dry dirt. It should be wet all the way down.”

With his land consumed by drought, Jessee probably isn’t going to plant milo on three-quarters of his farm acreage this year. As a dry land farmer, he relies on rainfall to keep the ground moist enough to support his crops.

Jessee said the .7 inches of rain he got earlier this month was the first measurable moisture in six months. His land is visibly dry, and dust devils spring up with the wind.

For farmers in a large swath of land west and south of San Antonio, the downpours of last summer that in some cases threatened to ruin crops

have all but disappeared, leaving them to make hard decisions about whether to plant and hope for rain or cut their losses now.

“In this case it was weird because 2007 started out great as far as rainfall. We were on pace to have the wettest year in Texas on record for the state as a whole” until rainfall dropped off around September, said Texas State climatologist and Texas A&M University professor John Nielsen-Gammon. “If it were evenly distributed through the year we’d be fine, but it wasn’t. Unfortunately, Texas weather has this nasty habit of alternating between too much rain and too little rain.”

Last July, the state was declared drought-free for the first time in at least a decade. No more.

“It was so wet, then when it quit, it quit,” Jessee said.

— The Associated Press

At 114, one of Texas’ supercentenarians dies

By Andrew Kreighbaum
Daily Texan Staff

Genes and lifestyle choices are known to prolong a person’s life, but caretakers of the oldest Texan say faith kept her active for more than a century.

Arbella Perkins Ewings of Dallas was 114 years old when she died Saturday. She was one of a small subset of Americans called supercentenarians — people who have exceed the age of 110. Ewings had been living at home before she was moved into a nursing home to receive treatment for a broken hip.

She remained at the nursing home past her required stay because she enjoyed being there so much, said Diana Patten, life nourishment director of the nursing home.

Stephen Coles, executive director of the Gerontology Research Group, dismissed any correlations between the frequency of supercentenarians and race or nationality. The Gerontology Research Group has confirmed 77 cases of supercentenarians worldwide, but Coles said that number could be as high as 150 if proper documentation could be found in many countries. More cases have been documented in places like the United States and Japan because record-keeping improved near the turn of the century.

“One thing we can say is that they are escapers of diseases that normal people die of,” Coles said. “The longevity of supercentenarians is not attributable to any particular lifestyle but to good genes.”

Coles also said supercentenar-



Michael Ainsworth | Associated Press

114-year-old Arbella Perkins Ewings, considered the oldest person in Texas, died Saturday at a Dallas retirement home.

ians frequently indulge in unhealthy lifestyle choices, such as decades of tobacco use, but that they continue to live regardless these habits.

Female supercentenarians are statistically dominant, outnumbering men in the group by as many as 10-to-1. Coles speculated that the XX chromosome structure in a woman’s genome may act as a compensation measure. Men only have one X chromosome, and if it is defective he cannot compensate for it as a woman could.

The cause of death of most supercentenarians is TTR-amyloidosis, a failure of a thyroid hormone that controls metabolism and maintains body temperature.

While the number of supercentenarians has remained mostly constant, Coles said the number of centenarians, those

over the age of 100, has grown exponentially.

UT nursing professor Graham McDougall said an aging population would drastically change American society. He said as people live longer, they become more susceptible to disease and require more health care. He added that there is also a problem of financing nursing homes.

The oldest person in Texas is now Eunice Sanborn, 111 years old, of Jacksonville — about 125 miles southeast of Dallas.

Sanborn’s friend David French said she has been confined to bed for six years and receives care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Though unable to attend church, her Christian faith has given her a good outlook on life and something to which she can look forward.

“They have a desire to live in spite of all their frailty,” Coles said.

UT contributes nearly \$8 billion to Texas economy, study shows

By Amy Bingham
The Daily Texan

The statewide economic impact of public universities reaches into the billions of dollars, according to two studies on UT and Texas State University.

A 2007 study conducted by James LeSage, an urban and regional economics professor at Texas State, showed economic contributions of Texas State at nearly \$1 billion. A similar study showed

UT’s economic impact at more than eight times that amount.

“A flagship school such as the University of Texas at Austin has a very large statewide impact, for sure,” said Bruce Kellison, associate director of the Bureau of Business Research, which performed the study on the economic impact of UT in both 2004 and 2007.

UT’s economic impact includes purchasing goods and services, investing in construction and capital improvement and attracting students, faculty, staff and visitors to the area, Kellison said. These businesses use this revenue to pay their employees, who then spend their salaries at other businesses. This “multiplier effect” is factored into the estimate for the total economic impact.

For example, direct spending by Texas State University totaled \$545 million, but with the multiplier effect taken into account, the total economic impact was \$960 million, according to the study on Texas State.

The studies showed that student spending from the two universities is one of the largest contributors to the state’s economy. Texas State’s 28,132 students contribute \$516 million annually. This figure shoots to more than \$1 billion for UT-Austin, which enrolls almost 50,000 students.

“The University benefits Austin in ways that a firm wouldn’t because the University has the economic benefit of thousands of students,” LeSage said.

UT’s economic impact in 2007 was \$8.2 billion, up from \$7.9 billion in 2004. This impact can be broken down into expenditures, research expenditures and student tuition and fees.

University expenditures include construction, utilities and faculty and staff salaries spent within the state. Research expenditures include about half a billion dollars in grants combined with patent and licensing revenue.

The large amount of grant money that UT-Austin attracts leads to cutting-edge research that yields patentable discoveries, Kellison said. These new discoveries catalyze the formation of companies that develop new technology.

University spokesman Dave Holston said that this expansion effect had an impact of \$2.1 billion on the state economy in 2007.

Tourism is another major factor in determining the economic impact of the University. Holston said the report estimates that the 2007 football season had an impact of \$24 million per home game from 36,000 out-of-town visitors. This amounts to \$144 million from home football games in 2007 alone.

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BASEBALL

Tenth-inning rally salvages 5-4 win

Moldenhauer's single makes up for errors in seventh inning

By Anup Shah
Daily Texan Staff

The bad breaks had to end sometime.

Luckily for Texas, they ended in the bottom of the tenth inning.

With the bases loaded and two outs, sophomore Russell Moldenhauer hit a trickling single to the

left side of the infield to give the No. 13 Longhorns (17-6) a 5-4 victory over Oral Roberts (13-6).

"It's not something we'd like to practice too often," Moldenhauer said. "But that's just baseball for you."

The Longhorns won the game despite committing five errors — highlighted by a bizarre seventh inning two-error play.

With one out and two men on for Oral Roberts in the seventh, Golden Eagles shortstop — and the last man in the batting

SCOREBOARD

'Horns 5 Oral Roberts 4

- Russell Moldenhauer drives in game-winning single with the bases loaded
- Longhorns score three runs in bottom of third inning

order — Juan Martinez sent a routing sacrifice bunt down the third base line.

But what happened from there was anything but routine.

Texas third baseman Travis

Tucker managed to get the runner out at third, but went for the gusto trying to get Martinez out at first.

The ball sailed over first baseman Brandon Belt's head and bounced off the wall and back towards the infield. Second baseman Michael Torres went after the ball and kicked it into right field past Kyle Russell — the second of the two errors that scored two runs for Oral Roberts.

"I think we get in the game and we get to a different level and we

BASE continues on page 2B



Texas catcher Cameron Rupp warms up during Texas' 5-4 extra-innings win over Oral Roberts Monday night.

John Gilchrist
Daily Texan Staff

An uphill struggle for Longhorns

No. 1 Connecticut Huskies face Texas in home territory

By David R. Henry
Daily Texan Staff

It's a new chapter in the battle between Gail and Geno.

Legendary coaches Gail Goestenkors and Geno Auriemma's teams clashed several times in the NCAA tournament while Goestenkors was at Duke.

This time will be different. Rather than a match up of two powerhouses, like when Goestenkors was at the helm for the Blue Devils, this year Goestenkors will face off against a heavily favored powerhouse Connecticut team with an underdog Texas squad.

WHEN: 8 p.m.

WHERE: Arena at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport, Conn.

ON AIR: ESPN2/ESPNU

NEXT: NCAA Regionals

Making things more difficult is the fact that Texas (21-12) takes on the No. 1 Huskies (33-1) right in their own backyard at Bridgeport, Conn., today at 8 p.m. The winner goes on to the Elite Eight and plays in the Greensboro, N.C., regional semifinal game.

However, playing in Bridgeport seems to be a good luck charm for Goestenkors. She is 3-0 there and defeated Connecticut 63-61 the last time she played the Huskies in 2006.

"It's definitely challenging to play them there," Goestenkors said. "I haven't forgotten the last time I played there and we went to overtime."

Goestenkors improved her record in the first round to 14-0 when eighth-seeded Texas knocked off No. 9 seed Minnesota 72-55 on Sunday. The Longhorns were a step too quick for the Gophers from start to finish. Sophomore Brittainey Raven led Texas with 19 points, while senior Erneisha Bailey did all she good to prolong her season, adding 16 points.

After the second-half comebacks the Longhorns pulled in the Big 12 tournament, Goestenkors made the statement that she



Ed Betz | Associated Press

Texas' Brittainey Raven drives past Minnesota's Brittany McCoy during the first half of a first-round NCAA tournament basketball game at in Bridgeport, Conn., on Sunday.

wanted the team to begin games focused, too. Texas responded by jumping out to a 17-5 lead against Minnesota and never looked back.

"By us starting out the way we started, it was just contagious," Bailey said. "Everyone kind of

just locked down, really."

The Huskies opened up with an 89-47 win over Cornell in the first round of the tournament. Freshman Maya Moore leads the team with 17.7 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Post Tina Charles provides an inside

presence with 14.6 points and 9.4 points per game.

Moore has taken the nation by storm this season.

"I played against her in an All-Star game in high school and she is definitely very talented and plays very smart," Raven said.

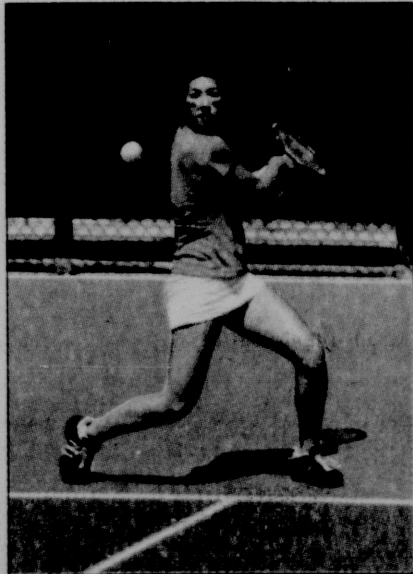
"I'm looking forward to going up against her. She's amazing."

Texas has played Connecticut three times and has lost every time. Then again, Goestenkors has played in Bridgeport three times and has not lost yet, so something's got to give.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Texas hopes home magic works against No. 1

Stephanie Davison hits a shot during a recent match. The Longhorns host the No. 1 Wildcats today.

Tina Hogue
Daily Texan Staff

Longhorns aiming to upset one-loss Wildcats squad

By Charles Osborne
Daily Texan Staff

Texas hosts No. 1 Northwestern today at 1:30 p.m. at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center. Taking on a top-ranked foe is never an easy task, but having home court may benefit the Longhorns, who are 6-2 at home this year.

However, both losses were to top 10 teams.

The Wildcats (13-1, 3-0) haven't played since March

9, while No. 17 Texas (8-3, 2-0) has played four matches and won three since then. The Longhorns have swept the doubles in their last two matches, and the duo of junior Marija Milic and sophomore Vanja Corovic have been playing exceptionally well at No. 1 doubles, and haven't dropped a doubles match this month.

Milic and Corovic will play Wildcat sophomore Lauren Liu and either junior Georgia Rose or sophomore Samantha Murray. Liu and Rose are ranked No. 28 in doubles, but have played more recently than the No. 13 coupling of Liu and Murray.

WHEN: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Pennick-Alison Tennis Center

ON AIR: Live Stats on texassports.com

NEXT: Iowa State

The doubles pair of Texas freshman Maggie Mello and senior Courtney Zauft will play at No. 2 doubles and will most likely go up against Murray and sophomore Suzie Matzenauer. At No. 3 doubles, the Longhorns should toss sophomore Stephanie Davison and freshman Caroline Larsson in the mix. Davison was named Player of the

Week by the Big 12 Conference on Monday.

In singles, the match-ups are more predictable. Corovic will definitely play No. 3 Maria Mosolova at the No. 1 position.

At the No. 2 position, Zauft will play No. 5 Rose. At No. 3, Davison will face the U.K. native Murray, and at No. 4 Mello will go head-to-head against Liu.

Larsson will most likely play at the No. 5 position, and draw Ghazal. Filling the No. 6 slot, sophomore Sarah Lancaster will face Matzenauer, who has won 17 consecutive single matches so far in 2008.

COMMENTARY

By Colby Whit
Daily Texan Columnist

Longhorns' game against Stanford not in the bag yet

Doesn't feel right, does it?

A trip to Houston for the Sweet 16 in what should amount to another home game and a 26-point night for A.J. Abrams on 6-10 shooting from behind the arc should make Texas fans feel pretty good about the Longhorns.

But the numbers don't lie — nor do they comfort.

Sunday against Miami, Texas led by 16 with 4:15 remaining in the game only to watch the lead be slowly chipped away by the Hurricane's three-point shooting and brought down to two.

And then, with less than two seconds left and the game on the line, there was D.J. Augustin's air-ball free throw that made you cringe.

Does that sound like a No. 2 seed?

Every fan has reason to feel a little worried, especially considering the way Texas let the Hurricanes back in the game. Miami, an overrated team who gets the benefit of the doubt because they're in a tough conference, simply put together runs behind their 3-point shooting (6-of-11 in the second half) thanks to Texas switching in and out of the 2-3 zone.

That sounds a lot like the Big 12 title game against Kansas. Texas, who likes to play on the perimeter, played the zone in order to keep the Jayhawk's big men out of the paint.

The result: Kansas shoots 60 percent from deep (15-of-25) and ends up taking the title.

Now consider who the Longhorns have to match up with next: a Stanford team that touts the Lopez brothers, the best twin duo since, well, Stanford's last set of twin big men. (Remember the Collins brothers? Let's hope the Lopez brothers do better in the NBA.)

If Texas decides to play the zone in order to contain Brook and Robin Lopez, then it leaves open Stanford's shooters to burn the Longhorns from deep in the mold of Miami and Kansas.

The only question is, will Stanford's shooters be as deadly as Kansas' or fall short like Miami's.

It's tough to make predictions, though we pundits do make it look easy, but Stanford is shooting 47 percent from three in the tournament thus far (tied for 15th best) and reserve Kenny Brown — a Texas native, ironically — is shooting 75 percent, best among players who have played in two games. He's only 6-of-8, but you get the picture.

All those numbers make for a scary amount of doubt for a No. 2 seed and the possibility for a bitter Sweet 16.



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POWERLIFTING

Lifting their weight day in and day out

By Harsh Kalan
Daily Texan Staff

For 20-year old finance junior Austin Smith, a day at the gym involves doing several sets of dead lifts amounting to more than three times his body weight. The native of Aransas Pass, Texas, is the vice president of the Longhorn Powerlifting club.

The Longhorn Powerlifting club has 20 members, including nine women. They work out at the Gregory gym in a special powerlifting room four times a week. The team members practice here for stretches of three hours.

"There are fewer reps and more sets and it's real complicated, but basically it trains your nervous system to get used to the form and the motion rather than gaining size. You really don't wanna put on a lot of mass or you'll move up a weight class," Smith said.

Smith competes in the 181 pounds weight class and can bench-press up to 350 pounds and can deadlift about 550 pounds. He was also invited to represent team USA in the North American Powerlifting Championship in 2007 and placed third in the junior (age 20 to 23) category.

The Longhorn Powerlifting club, which competes at USA Powerlifting events along with other colleges, placed third at the nationals.

A crucial aspect of powerlifting is the random drug tests that the athletes are subjected to. As per USAPL norms 10 percent of the athletes are mandatorily tested for banned substances at any meet. Throughout its competitive history, the Longhorn Powerlifting club has never failed any test.

"It's a great sport and anyone can do it. It just takes a lot of hard work," Smith said.

BASE: Errors piling up so far

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try too hard," Tucker said. "We have the talent, the ability to do it. I was just trying too hard to make the play."

After the Longhorns gave up another run that started from another error, Tucker – the man who started the fiasco earlier in the inning – made a diving stop at third that eventually fueled a Longhorn defense that allowed only one hit for the rest of the game.

"We had to change something up," Tucker said "We tried catching it and throwing it right. That always helps."

With 39 errors through 23 games, the Longhorns could break the school record for most errors per game during a season (1.66).

"I told them at the beginning of the year we're going to set some school records and obviously they picked that one," coach Augie Garrido said. "I guess they misunderstood me."

In the bottom of the seventh inning, with the Longhorns down 4-3, freshman left fielder Kevin Keyes hit his second home run of the season to tie the game.

From there, sophomore Brandon Belt – who leads the Longhorns in home runs, RBIs, and hits – pitched two perfect innings to lead his team into the bottom of the tenth.

"I just went out there and did my job," Belt said. "Coach tells us to be mentally focused because we could go out there at any time."

Garrido, with his abundance of pitchers, used eight different pitchers despite solid performances from all of them.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Memphis more than bad FTs

Tigers' coach points to blocks, defense despite misses at line

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

The Memphis Tigers have no problems with high-flying dunks. They can knock down jumpers from anywhere on the floor and most of the players are 3-point threats.

Put them at the free throw line, however, and something happens. The unguarded shot turns out to be most difficult indeed.

Not that coach John Calipari is worried. That 15-of-32 performance in his Tigers' 77-74 second-round win over Mississippi State? Just a bad game.

Listen to him Monday, though, and it's clear he's tired of critics pointing at his Tigers' free-throw struggles as the fatal flaw that will stop the top-seeded team in the NCAA South Regional.

"It's almost to the point of, 'Do you really even know what my team does well or doesn't do well?' Or is it because you don't know. You just say, 'It's free-throw shooting. That's all I'm going to talk about,'" Calipari said during a conference call.

Calipari said nobody is talking about the 11 shots his Tigers blocked or their five turnovers against a Mississippi State defense that ranked second in the country in field goal percentage defense. The Tigers are in rare company with UCLA as the only teams to reach the regional semifinals in each of the last three years.

"But everybody, all they want to talk about is our free-throw shooting," Calipari said. "I don't know why. I come back to the conclusion that maybe they haven't seen our team play nor do they really know and the easy thing to talk about off the stat sheet is our free throws. Maybe I'm wrong though."

Memphis (35-1) will play No. 5 seed Michigan State (27-8) on Friday night in Houston in the regional semifinal.



Memphis coach John Calipari reacts in the second half of an NCAA men's basketball second-round South Regional game.

Sue Ogrocki
Associated Press

MEN'S GOLF

Longhorns plummet to bottom of first round

Fifteenth place finish worst Texas showing this season so far

By Scott Bagan
Daily Texan Staff

The UT men's golf team began the three-day United States Collegiate Championship in Alpharetta, Ga., with abysmal performances from all starters.

The Longhorns trail the 15-team competition, carding a combined score of 313 — 29-over par. This week's event is loaded with talented opposition, with eight of the 15 teams ranked in the national top 10, according to Golfweek magazine.

UCLA leads after the first round of tournament play, carding a combined score of a two over 290. Following them by a stroke is Florida State, who is also trailed by a single stroke by Oklahoma State.

In spite of the stiff competition, the Longhorns began the United States Collegiate Championship with its worst collective start of the team's 2008 season. Freshman Donald Constable, who is taking part in his first-ever season of collegiate competition, is tied for 44th place with redshirt freshman Bobby Hudson.

The underclassmen each carded a five-over 77 in the first round. Sophomore Charlie Holland, who is coming off a first place overall finish at last week's Fresno State Lexus Classic, carded a meager seven-over 79 and is currently tied for 61st place overall. Senior Jace Moore finished Monday's first round tied for 64th place carding an eight-over

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In the same competition, Texas placed three of its golfers in the top five finishing spots, with Holland finishing in first place overall.

"Our team, when faced with difficult circumstances — weather, course conditions and a really strong field — did not stay in the moment," Texas coach John Fields said. "What is great about a tournament like the U.S. Collegiate Classic at The Golf Club of Georgia is that it challenges every aspect of you as a golfer. Today we did not meet that challenge. Tomorrow however, will be better. Our guys will give it their best and we will be better for having played this tournament."

Nonetheless, if the Longhorns hope to earn a top finish in this week's competition, they will need to record a phenomenal finish.

80, followed by Lance Lopez who is currently tied for 66th place sitting a stroke behind Moore.

The season-low first round on Monday occurred only one week after a second place overall finish at the Fresno State Lexus Classic.

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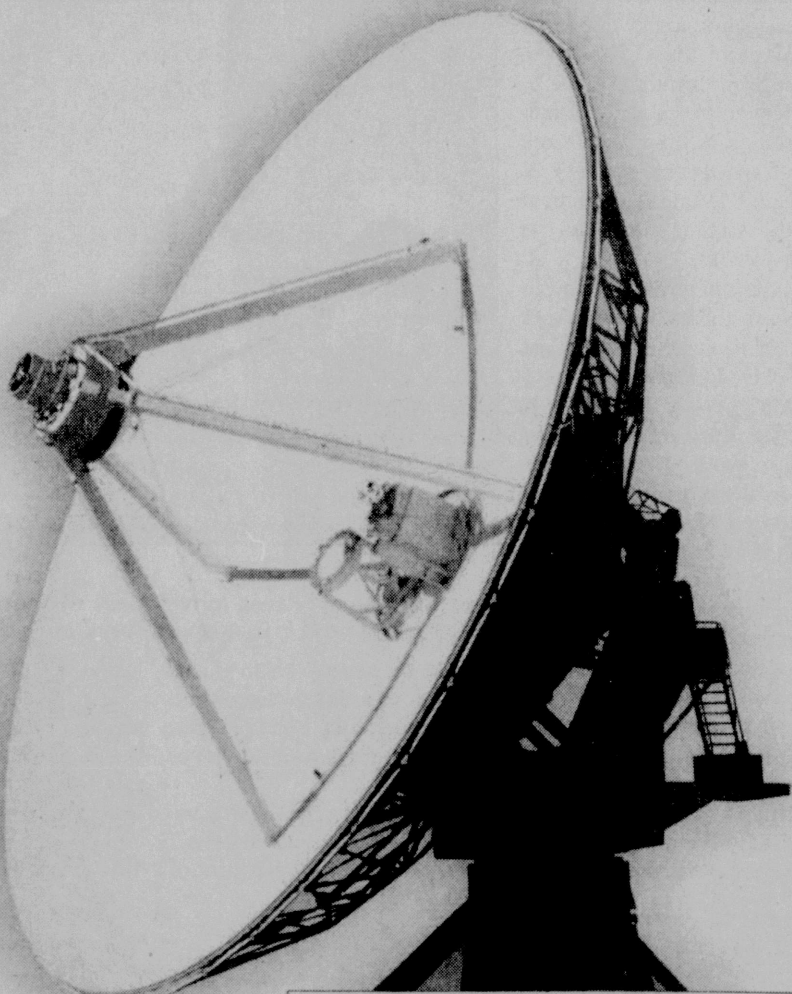
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Exceper
Debt Dept.
You'll Like It If You Like: Throbbing Gristle, Gang Gang Dance, Trent Reznor

On their latest release, Brooklyn's Exceper sounds like the art-damaged love-child of '80s industrial music and a Jamaican dub plate. *Debt Dept.*, the band's sixth full-length release, is teeming with the kinds of skeletal, gritty electronic percussion associated with industrial acts like Skinny Puppy and Einstürzende Neubauten, but everything has been slowed down and slathered in disorienting effects. The result is a sequence of demented dirges that sound like a DJ Screw version of an early Suicide album. The only hint that humans had anything to do with the creation of these dark, bleak electronic atmospheres comes when the boys and girls of Exceper mix teams of disembodied chants and slightly verbal utterances in with their hard edged synthesizers and heavy, mechanical drum patterns. While *Debt Dept.* certainly isn't for everyone, it could easily be an interesting late-night soundtrack for the more adventurous listener.

— Brad Barry

Thomas Function
Celebration
You'll Like It If You Like: Velvet Underground, The Deadly Snakes, Richard Hell

Though it is a part of the current wave of garage bands, Thomas Function is essentially a pop outfit, focusing on vocal hooks and shouted choruses, and it has the crisp production to support it. The presence of some older material on this, the band's first full-length album, turns out to be a blessing, as the keyboards and horns on songs like "Can't Say No" and "Relentless Machines" benefit from the record's clear, vibrant production. The latter gradually builds up from a deftly strummed guitar and rapid-fire lyrics about the presence of technology in modern life into a driving pop anthem. The song is centered on the interplay between repetitious, galloping drums, wavering keyboards and soaring vocals, making it tower over the rest of the album. With a greater focus on musicianship, lyrics and just plain audibility, *Celebration* catapults the Thomas Function far above its garage rock peers.

— Ben Cox

ACTOR: Powell stars in 'The Great Debaters'

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already in Harvard Memorial Hall by July filming for his part as a pretentious Ivy League student. "Denzel knows what to tell you to get what he wants in a scene," Powell said. He wanted me to be the cockiest debater and convey it through facial expression and body language. He told me to button up my tux and stare at the audience and smirk before I began my speech." Along with acting, Powell has also performed his own stunts for "The Wendell Baker Story," starring Luke and Owen Wilson and Will Ferrell, as well as some

pretty dangerous night diving for "Jumping Off Bridges." But car-ramming and platform-leaping aside, Powell is no different from his fellow Longhorns. The down-to-earth freshman chose to go to UT because it reflected the flexible laid-back mentality of Austin. Though his takes up more time than the part-time jobs of other students, he still wants to remain focused on school. "I want to keep my two lives separate and just manage my time well," he said. Explaining why he's not taking up any theater courses at the University, Powell said, "I've gotten my ed-

ucation in the whole acting thing outside of school, and I'm interested in entertainment finance and business." While trying to get into the McCombs School of Business, Powell is also preparing for his hardest role yet as a stoner alongside Hollywood starlet Brittany Murphy in the tennis version of "Caddyshack" — "40 Love." And though he has lived vicariously through a wide array of characters Powell is still looking out for more opportunities. "There are so many roles I want to play," he said. "Just watching a movie gets me excited about the potential to do different roles."

'Mist,' wrestling don't disappoint

The Mist

★★★★★

With "No Country For Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood" topping many critics' "Best Of" lists, 2007 was a year of very bleak films. None of these, each of which involved death, murder, greed and corruption, held a candle to the pitch-black horror film, "The Mist."

It's probably a film most of you missed in theaters since it didn't really set fire to the box office. But now that it's out on DVD today, it should not be missed. The plot is pretty simple: Folks are trapped in a grocery store while a mist, which includes otherworldly creatures, engulfs their small town. The great thing about director Frank Darabont's ("The Shawshank Redemption," "The Green Mile") film is not the Lovecraft-ian monsters outside the store that are dangerous, but rather the people on the inside of the store. Particularly interesting is Miss Carmody (Marcia Gay Harden), a religious zealot who promotes the idea that a vengeful god is responsible for the dangers that lie in the mist.

Not only are there tons of red spilled all over the store, but the psychological terror beats the audience into submission, especial-

ly with an ending that will kneecap you...hard. After attempting to make us swoon with his sweet Capra-esque "The Majestic," Darabont has decided to return to his primal instincts, intent on not leaving his audience unscathed. The 2-Disc Special Edition includes a black and white version of the film, helping make it feel even more like the old "Twilight Zone" episodes the movie hearkens to. If you're looking for a great horror film, settle down with this great adaptation of Stephen King's novella.

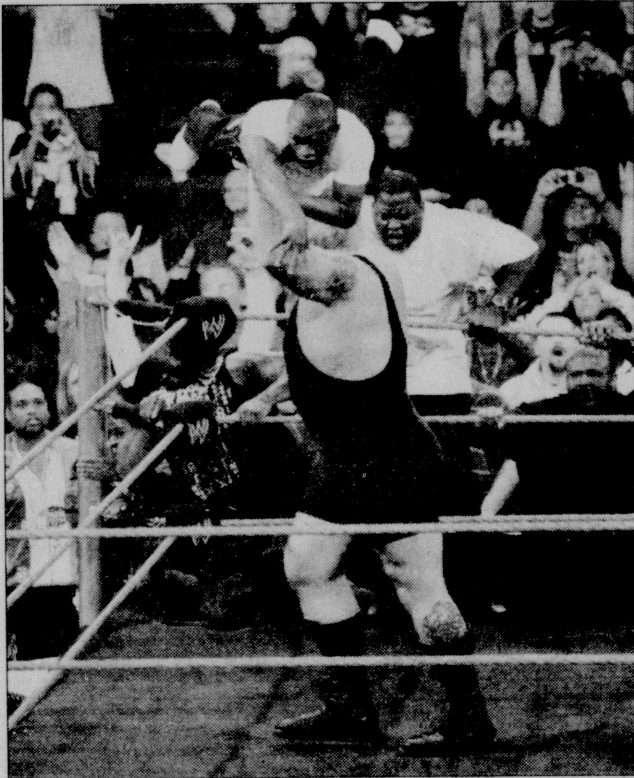
— Alex Regnery

WWE No Way Out 2008

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Since The Daily Texan has now been added to the WWE's DVD mailing list, expect periodic reviews of some of the wrestling juggernaut's new releases. Today, "No Way Out 2008" goes on sale, and for anybody with even a smidge of wrestling interest, it's not too bad.

The DVD covers the company's final Pay-Per-View event before "Wrestlemania," the biggest show of the year. Because of this fact, many of the matches feature stipulations regarding "Wrestlemania," including two "elimination



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Darren Huack
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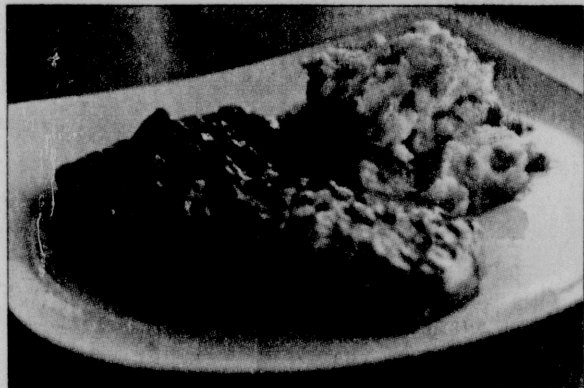
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TASTY TUESDAY

Cookout extravaganza without barbecue tools

Swanson's Hungry Man XXL: Backyard Barbecue caters to a hearty appetite.



Jordan Gomez
Daily Texan Staff

By Andy O'Connor
Daily Texan Staff

Few things in life are better than a cookout. Good food, good people and cold beer — these things may disgust you if you're an anti-social straight-edge vegan, but for the rest of us who are American, a cookout is a great place to bond with our fellow man and stuff ourselves in the process.

We are the United States of Convenience. Rarely do we have the time, the space or most crucial of all, the motivation to have a gathering. The microwave is the maiden ship for our culinary explorations, leaving the grill withering from lack of attention. To capitalize on our changing sensibilities, the good folks at Swanson tried their best to replicate a cookout with their Hungry Man XXL: Backyard Barbecue. Note that this is XXL: more than a pound and a half of food. Barbecues are not for those afraid of excess — people who have been to Stubb's Gospel Brunch know this all too well. Even without opening the box, Swanson has succeeded in replicating the experience.

Perhaps the most controversial facet of the box dinner is the "rib-shaped" pork patty, but I find it to be the crowning jewel. It's fake, yes, but it's damn proud of it. Authentically fake, if you will. Where there should be bones is more processed meaty goodness.

Bite into it, and you'll understand why having no bones is so tasty. The chicken also bears marks of grill marks acting as tattooed battle scars. No fat or bones on the chicken either — who needs 'em? The sauce, made from Anthony Bourdain's tears and Bobby Flay's nervous sweat, is too sweet and thick for its own good. It's more like having syrup for your meat than an actual sauce. Even the mashed potatoes, the only non-meat component aside from the sauce, want you to know it's okay if you didn't labor over their creation. The whole dish such a monument to our refined food tastes and work ethic, Patton Oswalt should have a routine about it.

The Backyard Barbecue has also taken out some of the worst aspects of an all day-cookout. You won't have to deal with that uncle with a penchant for Schafer, your crazy liberal cousin trying to bomb the event with Boca Burgers, or that terrible movie "The Cookout." No more listening to Bad Company or Alan Jackson, either — you can set your own soundtrack to chowing down on this masterpiece. "Job for a Cowboy" is almost the musical parallel to the Backyard Barbecue, though Sammy Hagar also complements the meal.

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ACTING OUT



Courtesy of the Weinstein Company

Glen Powell, an undeclared sophomore at UT, plays a Harvard student in Denzel Washington's "The Great Debaters."

UT student shines on screen

By Stephanie Liu
Daily Texan Staff

Glen Powell looks like your average UT student. With his hunter green polo, faded Wranglers and a pair of worn-in cowboy boots, he blends in with the mass of people walking around campus every day. If you look at him carefully, you might recognize Powell from the big screen — most notably as the Harvard student from Denzel Washington's "The Great Debaters." Though he's been in various movies and TV shows throughout his life, after talking to Powell, it's easy to see that he is just a regular undergrad at UT.

An undeclared sophomore from Austin, Powell, 19, attended Westwood High School

"I met up with Denzel [Washington], and he said that I looked too smart for an Oklahoma City debater."

Glen Powell,
actor and UT undergrad

and was involved in theater at a young age. He performed at the Paramount Theatre in plays such as "The Sound of Music" and "Oliver" before auditioning for television shows and movies, garnering roles in "Spy Kids 3D" and "Fast Food Nation," among others.

Last May, Powell tried out for the part of an Oklahoma City debater, hoping to get a smaller role in "The Great Debaters."

When asked to attend a callback audition with Denzel Washington in Shreveport, he never expected to receive a bigger part than he tried out for.

"I met up with Denzel, and he said that I looked too smart for an Oklahoma City debater," Powell said. "I lost the accent, read the same lines again, and a couple of weeks later, I was invited to a table read with the whole cast. Everyone else had

been casted, but Denzel was really pushing for me to do the role of the Harvard debater. He turned around to the producer and gave him a thumbs up and offered me the part after the last line. Twenty minutes after the table read, I was flown to debate camp in Dallas."

There, Powell and the other main kids from the movie learned parliamentary debate and extemporaneous speaking with the Texas Southern University Debate Team to become more comfortable as real debaters. While other students were worrying about dorm arrangements before the first month of their freshman year, Powell was

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AUDITORY RICHES

Band's album mimics classic ZZ Top sound

The Parlor Mob

And You Were A Crow

You'll Like It If You Like: ZZ Top



By Robert Rich
Daily Texan Staff

I have a love-hate relationship with Roadrunner Records. On one hand, the label is home to Dream Theater, the progressive metal giants who are without a doubt my favorite band in the world. But at the same time, Nickelback also resides on the label, and it's safe to say I am not a fan. In fact, if I go to hell, I've determined that my punishment will be to spend eternity with Chad Kroeger.

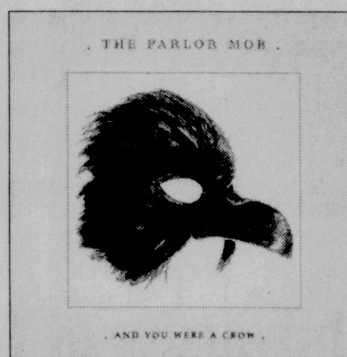
Disclaimer: This column will continually feature shots at Kroeger and Co.

Strictly because of my Dream

Theater fanboy status, I sorted through the stack of promo records Roadrunner sent and selected the one I hoped would be the least like the previously mentioned Nickelback. The artwork for The Parlor Mob's *And You Were A Crow* features font similar to that used on playbills for theater shows and apparently that somehow appealed to me.

Upon hearing the opening riff in "Hard Times," the album's opener, I thought that I had mistakenly placed a ZZ Top record into my CD player since the riff was nearly identical to the one found in "Tush." Although the song wasn't by any means a bad tune, I just had a hard time accepting it as something new due to the almost paint-by-numbers devotion to ZZ.

The rest of the album continues the classic rock mimicry, and also pays homage to — or maybe I should say rips off — many other bands and tunes.



There is also an undeniable Led Zeppelin influence that pulses throughout the undercurrent of the album.

It's most certainly not the worst thing in the world (i.e. Nickelback), but I never could shake the feeling that I was listening to a really good cover band rather than a unique group. The Parlor Mob basically walk the same line as Wolfmother, but actually cross into the realm of unoriginality. At the same time, this album brings me to a crossroads, because it is,

in many ways, extremely good. Of course, I knew that when I first listened to ZZ Top and Led Zeppelin years ago.

The entire album left me jumping back and forth between two thoughts: 1) Man, I'm really upset that these guys think they can just rip off a bunch of old bands without anybody noticing; 2) Maybe I should give them a break because this riff/guitar solo is freaking rocking. Where's my Guitar Hero guitar?

After several listens and bouts of grappling with my bipolar view of the album, I finally settled on the conclusion that it's good but not great. If you like old-school rock a la Zeppelin, then The Parlor Mob is your opportunity to still listen to that music but at the same time be "modern." But if you're broke, or just too scared to pirate the album, have no fear, you're not missing anything that wasn't created at least 25 years ago.

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