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## Back sliding

Texas was eliminated from the Big 12 tournament Wednesday. Kansas State beat Texas 79-63.

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### Al-Qaida fighters taunt U.S.

SIRKANKEL, Afghanistan — Capt. Kevin Butler couldn't believe his eyes.

Just before the U.S. missiles would hit, al-Qaida fighters would duck into caves from their positions launching mortars at Butler's troops below.

When the F-15 Strike Eagles were gone, the enemy fighters would emerge — only to throw stones, wave and shout taunts at the Americans in a show of defiance.

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### Mugabe seen as desperate

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Robert Mugabe rose from poverty to become a school-teacher, a Marxist leader in Zimbabwe's struggle against white minority government, and eventually, his country's ruler.

More than two decades after he took over an independent Zimbabwe, many of those who once praised Mugabe's statesmanship say he is destroying his country in a desperate bid to remain president.

For the past two years, Mugabe has encouraged militias in a campaign of violence against supporters of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change, the strongest threat to his rule since 1980.



### Risky Hubble transplant done

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two spacewalking astronauts gave the Hubble Space Telescope a new central power unit in a risky "heart transplant" Wednesday that ended with the patient surging back to life.

To pull off the surgery, NASA had to turn off the 12-year-old observatory for the first time in orbit. A tense four hours and 25 minutes later, electricity was sent to the newly installed unit.

Putting in a new unit amounted to the riskiest repair job ever attempted on Hubble. The unit was never meant to be replaced. Once NASA turned off Hubble, there was no guarantee it could get the telescope working again.

### Counsel says Clinton lied

WASHINGTON — President Clinton could have been indicted and probably would have been convicted in the scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, Independent Counsel Robert Ray contended Wednesday in his final report.

Ray said Clinton lied in January 1998 testimony denying a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, and "impeded the due administration of justice" by drawing secretary Betty Currie into his false account, Ray added.

Clinton's lawyers had made an arrangement with Ray sparing him from criminal charges.

### U.S. deploys more troops

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — Fierce fighting raged for a fifth day as the United States deployed hundreds of reinforcements Wednesday and gathered 5,000 Afghan troops for an offensive aimed at finishing off al-Qaida.

The U.S.-led coalition involved punishing, round-the-clock airstrikes above the rugged terrain in eastern Afghanistan and some U.S. officers predicted the operation could be wrapped up in days.

The Pentagon said opposition fighters were still putting up stiff resistance after five days of battle.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

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After picking up a member on the Drag, The Weary Boys will be making an appearance at SXSW.

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# UT lawyer clarifies justification for fee

By Jennifer Mock  
Daily Texan Staff

A UT System lawyer sent a letter to two state legislators Tuesday clarifying that the University did not use a bill passed during the last legislative session as authority to implement the infrastructure fee.

The letter, sent by Mike Godfrey, vice chancellor and general counsel for the UT System, offered regret to Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, for confusion concerning the authority of the UT Board of Regents to approve the infrastructure charge.

The confusion began during a Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Excellence Funding, when Don Brown, the commissioner of higher education for the Higher Education Coordinating Board, told the committee the University was using House Bill 658 as authority to pass an infrastructure fee with only the Board of Regents' approval.

Junell authored and Ellis sponsored HB 658 in the 2001 legislative session. The bill modified tuition bond revenues in the Texas Education Code.

Last week Ellis and Junell sent a letter to

Attorney General John Cornyn saying the Legislature's intent in changing the education code with HB 658 was not to allow the University to increase fees. Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, asked Cornyn to review the legality of the fee and issue an opinion.

Godfrey said he sent the letter to Ellis and Junell in response to their letter to Cornyn. Though Godfrey said he was not apologizing for anything, he said he did regret that Ellis and Junell were led to believe the University was using their bill as authority for the charge.

"[The letter] was meant as a clarification," he

said. "My letter was to make clear that it was existing legislation we used for authority. I regret there was a misunderstanding."

Ellis said the letter from Godfrey made it clear that HB 658 did not give the University additional authority to charge fees.

"The UT apology reiterates that neither Chairman Junell nor I intended provisions of HB 658, the tuition revenue bond bill, to be used as authority for the type of infrastructure fee recently adopted by the UT System Board of Regents for UT Austin," he said in a statement.

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## Runoff results in split ticket



Communication studies junior Stacey Kounelias, center, of the One ticket, won the vice presidential race by 10 votes. This year 3,139 students participated in the runoff election, making it one of the highest turnouts in recent years. Behind Kounelias is her running mate, Kevin Robnett, who was defeated in the SG presidential race by Katie King of the Achieve ticket.

G. Daniel Lopez/  
Daily Texan Staff

## Achieve secures presidency; One wins vice president post

By Courtney Morris  
Daily Texan Staff

A handful of students decided the fate of next year's executive branch of Student Government, splitting the Achieve and One ticket for the president and vice president positions.

The election marks the first time in the history of SG that women have been elected to both executive positions.

Katie King, Achieve presidential candidate, garnered 51 percent of the runoff vote, beating One candidate Kevin Robnett by 83 votes.

Stacey Kounelias, One vice presidential candidate, defeated Nada Antoun, Achieve vice presidential candidate, with a narrow margin of 10 votes.

King said that while she was pleased with the progress Achieve made in the elections, she accepted her victory with mixed emotions.

"I'd just say that it's very bitter-sweet. We came in, Nada and me, as a team. It's really hard to accept that she won't be in there," King said. "I'm excited about working with Stacey — I think this will be a really good assembly next year. We think it will be really good, but it's very bitter-sweet."

Kounelias said although she was surprised to have won, she was confident that the two tickets would be able to accomplish their respective goals for SG.

"I'm very surprised. I think that we're going to work together," Kounelias said. "We're going to make



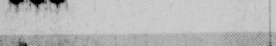
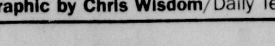
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SG President-elect Katie King, center, consoles Nada Antoun, left, after learning that Antoun lost the vice-presidential election to Stacey Kounelias of the One party by only 10 votes. Brad Wallace, a business sophomore, comforts the disappointed running mates.

### Final election results

Ticket	Total
Achieve: 	23
One: 	11
Imagine: 	3
Action: 	1

Katie King, SG president-elect

Stacey Kounelias, SG vice president-elect

Source: Election Supervisory Board

Graphic by Chris Wisdom/Daily Texan Staff

## Ratliff calls political mailing 'pornography'

By Kirk Watson  
Daily Texan Staff

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff responded Wednesday to what he called "hate mail" that a conservative advocacy group recently sent to Texas Republican voters.

The mailing featured pictures of homosexual couples holding hands, kissing and cutting cake at a wedding ceremony. Accompanying the images was text calling Ratliff, Rep. Brian McCall and Sen. Jeff Wentworth supporters of the "Radical Homosexual Agenda."

The criticism is based on their support of the Texas Hate Crimes Bill passed last May, which increased penalties for crimes against individuals based on race, gender

or sexual orientation. The mailings were sent out by Free Enterprise PAC, a political action committee whose mission is "supporting conservative values in the Texas Legislature."

Ratliff painted a wholly different picture of the organization. He called the mailings "hate mail," and "political pornography."

"This type of hate mongering is reminiscent of the Nazis," he said. "This type of hate mongering is reminiscent of the Ku Klux Klan ... typical of the skinheads. This type of hate mongering is now being practiced by the al-Qaida and the Taliban."

Ratliff called on all candidates and members of the Texas Legislature to condemn the mailings, invoking the words of

President George W. Bush.

"You are either with us or against us," he said. "In this matter you are either with the purveyors of filth, or you are with those of us who are willing to come forward and condemn it."

Ratliff called on Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, a candidate for lieutenant governor, to strongly condemn the mailings and disavow any assistance to Free Enterprise PAC. Dewhurst has been a major contributor to the group in the past, donating more than \$84,000 to the organization between 1994 and 1999. Dewhurst maintains that he has not assisted the group for some time.

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## NEWS FEATURE

# Administrator remains young at heart



Lee Ruckman/Daily Texan Staff

Kevin Hegarty, UT vice president and chief financial officer, leans against the railing of the UT Tower observation deck.

## Chief Financial Officer Hegarty recalls experiences as student

By Jennifer Mock  
Daily Texan Staff

Kevin Hegarty may be a 46-year-old UT administrator on the outside, but inside he has not grown out of his partying days as a student at the University.

Granted, he has traded in his disco records for fine wine and his long hair for a more conservative look, but Hegarty, UT vice president and chief financial officer, said he has never felt younger.

"I have never felt like I've ever left school," he said. "Life is a learning experience. I don't know what I want to do when I grow up, but if growing up means getting old, then forget it."

Hegarty said he was a "military brat" during his childhood and moved across the country every two or three years. He ended up in Austin when his father retired from the Air Force after 25 years of service. Hegarty attended Reagan High School in Northeast Austin, and as graduation loomed, the University was an obvious choice for college, he said.

Beginning in 1974, Hegarty, an accounting major, worked his way through school with only minor parental financial support, which only left him time to study and work. So, he found a job that he could enjoy and make money to support himself.

By being in the right place at the right time, he landed a job at Eli's Club, which he considered one of the best music venues in Austin at that time. He said he got the job right in time for the "John Travolta era," and before he knew it, he was spinning records for the popular disco club. With long hair and side burns

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## Redevelopment finalist in favor of UT expansion

By Esther Wang  
Daily Texan Staff

A new UT biotechnology center will figure heavily into a local group's plans for the vacated Robert Mueller Municipal Airport site.

The Mueller Redevelopment Corp., a group of local and national builders, is one of two finalists for the city-initiated Mueller redevelopment project. The project is meant to revitalize the old airport grounds, at 51st Street and Airport Boulevard, into a dynamic mixed-use urban center in East Austin.

The proposal that the Austin-based group unveiled Tuesday includes a large portion designated for the University.

UT officials and the developers contacted each other about three months ago to begin discussion about the possibility of bringing the University into the proposal. Both sides would benefit, they said.

The University needs the land to build a home for its newly created biomedical engineering department, which will begin to enroll students next semester. Developers need UT faculty, staff and students to fill the more than 5 million square feet of office space and housing.

A UT-Mueller partnership has been a possibility since plans to redevelop the old airport began, said Patricia Clubb, vice president for employee and campus services. As there is no room to expand on the main campus, Mueller, which is about 1.4 miles northeast of the University, is a good location for new buildings, Clubb said.

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# Lawyer: UT adhered to code

**FEE, from 1**

"The apology also clarifies that if anything, we limited board authority through the language of the bill. It should now be abundantly clear that any institution inferring new authority for such a fee in that bill would be doing so based on misguided reading of the legislation."

Godfrey said though the bill did modify

chapter 55.16 of the Education Code, which is the authority the University used to implement the charge, the University has complied with the code, even in its more restrictive form.

The approved fee will begin at \$150 in fall 2002 and spring 2003. The fee will increase \$50 in the fall and spring the second year, \$85 in fall 2004 and spring 2005 and then \$30 in

fall 2006 and spring 2007. The cumulative fee will be capped at \$430 per student, per semester.

A summer fee will start at \$100 for students taking seven or more hours in the two summer sessions combined and \$50 for students taking six or fewer hours. That fee will increase \$30 each year, charging students a capped \$250 for seven or more hours in summer 2008.

# PAC chairman defends mailings

**PAC, from 1**

Dewhurst was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

Richard Ford, chairman of Free Enterprise PAC, remains unapologetic and said his organization is simply making the voting records of legislators open to the public.

But GOP leaders question the form his tactics have taken.

"There is no place in Texas politics for hate-mongering activities of this kind. Someone must finally come forward and say, 'Enough is enough,'" Ratliff said.

Gov. Rick Perry said the issue is regrettable for all politicians, regardless of party affiliation.

"I will tell you, I don't think it particularly helps the entire process of politics, whether you're a Democrat or a Republican," he said. "I don't think any of us like to see this kind of conduct."

# Hegarty enjoys collecting wine

**HEGARTY, from 1**

down to his chin, he fit the role, Hegarty said.

Hegarty and some friends then decided to create their own mobile disco disc jockey company called Déjà Vu Productions. Since he never had the time to attend parties or the money to join a fraternity, the DJ job let him go to all the best parties. His company was hired by Greeks and other party organizers in Austin.

Hegarty also made a lot of money as a DJ, which is one reason he decided to stay at the University after he graduated and get his master's degree in professional accounting.

"I made more money as a DJ than I did in my first job straight out of school," he said. "I just wasn't ready to have a real job yet."

Like many students today, Hegarty participated in a few protests on the West Mall during his time at the University, taking advantage of the opportunity to speak his opinions freely.

"It is just part of growing up and learning how to use your voice," he said. "A university is where you should learn that."

When he left the University in 1979 to work for a Big Five accounting firm in Dallas, he had no plans of returning to Austin. But when Dell called to offer him a position as chief accountant, it gave him the perfect opportunity to return to his college town, he said.

Though he enjoyed his job at Dell, Hegarty said it was not as personally satisfying as he would have liked.

"At a certain point in your life there is more gratitude for what you do than money," he said. "In corporate America you can make a difference, but not always for the public good."

When he heard about the newly created CFO position at the University from a neighbor who works in the Perry Castañeda Library, he had to consider the opportunity. He began his job in October.

"I was

looking for a challenge in my career," he said. "I had been in corporate America for 22 years, and I was ready to do something different. The University offers an environment where people really have at their core a love for the University."

Hegarty said he was the oddball in the group of finalists, with no previous academic experience, but he felt he offered the outside perspective the University wanted.

"The [selection] team took a chance because I had a different background and had something that would complement the University," he said. "I'm not here to Dell-ize or make the University corporate America, but the University is a business."

UT President Larry Faulkner said Hegarty's background made him attractive to the University.

"It is true his background is not the usual thing you would see for a chief financial officer position at a University," he said. "He is from an environment where forward planning is a way of life, and it has not been a way of life for public universities."

Faulkner said Hegarty is a team player, something that is very important in an academic setting.

"He is a very positive person and has a great team spirit," he said. "It is very refreshing."

His other hobbies include collecting fine wine — which he keeps in a wine room in his north Austin home — and playing with cars and stereo equipment. Excluding the wine, his interests have not changed much from when he was a student.

The wine collecting was only added about three-and-a-half years ago, he said, and is a passion he shares with his next-door neighbor, Bubba Thornton, UT head track coach.

"It can get pretty competitive," he said of the wine collections. "Hobbies almost become an obsession with me, and I think that has to do with me never growing up."

The most expensive bottle of wine he has is worth about \$700, though he has seen some worth as much as half a million dollars.

The key to his happiness has always been having fun no matter what life throws his way, he said.

"Somewhere along the way people forget that life is fun," he said. "I have been married 23 years and am 46 years old, but I still feel like I am 25."

# Runoff turnout almost twice that of last year

**SG, from 1**

Student Government the way that we both want to. And it's going to turn out to be the best year that it can be."

Robnett said despite his loss, he feels his ticket's vision will be carried on with Kounelias.

"I am so happy for Stacey. ... I think we are in a good position," he said. "I think we are still going to be able to accomplish what we set out to do regardless of where I am."

Antoun said to the crowd of Achieve and One supporters that she would continue to be a part of SG despite the loss.

"I'll be with you guys," Antoun said. "I'll be with you every moment — I swear to you."

About 6 percent of the student body, or 3,139 students, participated in this year's runoff election, which is almost more than double the number of students that voted last year in runoffs.

Shane Pavonetti, an Achieve campaign supporter, said despite the results of the election, he believes King and Kounelias will be able to work together.

"I'm actually surprised that One was able to close the gap, but that's the way the election goes," he said. "I think students in general have a relatively common goal, so I think that they'll be able to work together and get some things done, hopefully."

King and Kounelias will be inaugurated and take office in April.

# Mueller's proximity to UT sparks officials' interest

**MUELLER, from 1**

"The airport is too close to the University not to look at it as a possible site to work closely with programs on the main campus," Clubb said. "It's clear that we're running out of space."

UT officials have asked for up to 100 acres out of the site's 711.

Developers hope the new center will spur a biotechnological boom similar to the explosive growth of the computer industry of the mid-90s.

Dick Rathgeber, a member of the local development group, envisions the center as a magnet to draw biotechnology companies to Austin.

"Austin needs another economic engine to generate jobs since the computer industry is slowing down, and we view the biotechnology piece as an economic engine," Rathgeber said.

UT President Larry Faulkner said the University doesn't have the resources to begin any extensive building projects. But because the city and state are interested in pursuing biotechnology research, money may come from local and state agencies, he said.

"Perhaps there are spaces that involve corporate and university joint research that might materialize," Faulkner said. "But it would have to come out of some initiative we don't know of now."

While discussion is in the pre-

liminary stages, UT officials believe that for the University to continue to grow and remain a leading research institution, it will be necessary to expand to Mueller.

"There's no question," Clubb said. "The leaders of the University are committed to developing the future of the campus. We have a large campus ... and we need new buildings."

Specifically, the new biomedical engineering department needs buildings. Its offices and staff are currently scattered across the campus in temporary facilities, putting an additional strain on the University's already squeezed resources. For the school to keep up with the growing field, it is critical that the new center be built, said Kenneth Diller, head of the biomedical engineering department.

"Any school which is going to have a leading program in engineering education needs to be able to include biomedical engineering," Diller said. "Biotechnology has already developed, and all indicators say it's going to have a tremendous quality-of-life impact in the next years."

Clubb said, however, that it is too soon to talk about specifics, especially since the city has not yet picked a developer for the massive redevelopment project. While Catellus — the other developer competing for the job — has indicated it would be open to a partnership with the University, it has not included the University as part of its initial proposal.

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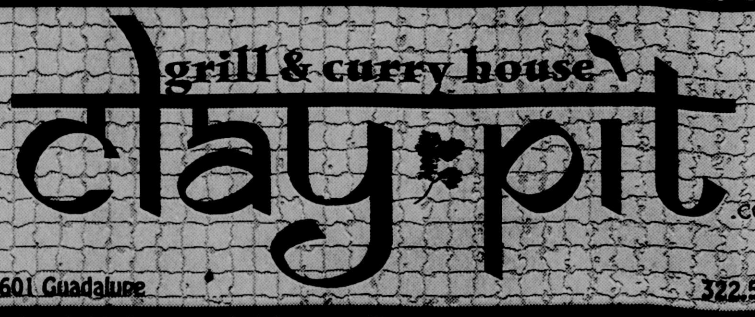
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## Tensions heighten on front



Chaplain Capt. Mike Shellman, of the 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, helps comfort a soldier who was hit with shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade in Sirkankel, Afghanistan Sunday.

## Al-Qaida fighters taunt U.S. troops from their caves

By The Associated Press

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"I've never been so frustrated and angry," said Butler, 30, from Pattenburg, N.J.

Frustration was coming easy to the U.S. troops of the 101st Airborne Division. They were facing a well-armed and well-entrenched foe. They were shivering in subfreezing temperatures that left many of their uniforms tinged with frost.

The Americans were preparing to flush out enemy fighters on ridges overlooking their positions, their piece of action on the second day of the biggest joint offensive yet in the Afghan war.

The first sounds of incoming artillery and heavy machine-gun fire cut through the air. The mortar bursts came slowly at first, then intensified as al-Qaida and a few Taliban hold-outs zeroed in on some 200 soldiers

hidden in a deep stone riverbed that had dried up long ago.

The U.S. soldiers called headquarters to request airstrikes on the enemy in the caves.

"We were moving our command post to high ground," said Cpl. Jeremy Gaul, 25, from Marietta, Ohio. "When I looked out on the horizon I saw a flash of light, and I saw a projectile coming and fall to the earth. It must have exploded no more than 30 yards away."

Butler requested another airstrike, watching through a scope. Again the enemy fighters disappeared into caves dug into the granite, snow-capped mountains at 9,000 feet. When the explosions ended, they emerged with wide grins, flailing their arms over their heads.

Butler sprinted forward, running uphill on the peak — a task made more difficult by the thin mountain air — and exposing himself to hostile fire so he could pinpoint his enemy.

Getting a read on their location, he raced 45 yards back to relay the coordinates to his radio man behind him. He needed six trips before he could make sure he'd gotten all the data he needed.

Now he was ready to put his own plan into action: His forces would launch 60 mm mortars just as the jets roared toward the caves — a risky proposition because it placed the

planes in danger of being struck by friendly fire.

The jets roared ahead, and just like before, the enemy ducked into the caves, emerging for a third time to taunt the Americans.

But as they came out, the mortars detonated over their heads, spraying the al-Qaida fighters with shrapnel. Four of them died, said U.S. special operations soldiers who scaled the mountains and counted bodies.

The al-Qaida fighters could get a few more chances; the Gardez area offensive is expected to continue for a few more days at least. U.S. forces are pursuing al-Qaida and Taliban forces together with Afghan commanders who have sent in thousands of fresh troops for a final push.

Butler and soldiers in the Alpha company, 187th Infantry Regiment of the division's 3rd Brigade, were still fighting in the lunar-like Paktia landscape late Wednesday.

"These guys were trying to be clever," Butler said just after the mortar match. "I guess they don't like it when we hit back."

## Syria gives moderate support to Saudi-proposed peace plan

By The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syria for the first time expressed support for a Saudi peace overture to Israel Wednesday, giving a crucial boost to the proposal.

Damascus expressed some reservations about the proposal by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, saying it must bring a full Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands and the right of return for Palestinian refugees — stances that Israel has rejected in past peace negotiations.

Still, the vote of support from Syria, a front-line state still officially in a state of war with Israel, is key to forging an Arab stance on the plan, which has been welcomed by the Palestinians, Egypt and Jordan but denounced by Iraq and Libya.

President Bush has praised the plan, calling it a "very positive development."

But Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that Israel and the Palestinians have to put a stop to violence for the peace initiative to work.

While criticizing both sides, Powell said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon must reconsider his policy of heavy retaliation, saying, "I don't think declaring war on Palestinians will work."

Saudi Arabia wants to present the plan to be adopted when Arab leaders gather in the Lebanese capital March 27-28 for an Arab League summit. But the Palestinians say Abdullah has assured them he won't submit the proposals unless Yasser Arafat — who has been confined for months to the West Bank town of Ramallah by Israeli troops — is allowed to attend.

Syrian President Bashar Assad met with Abdullah on Tuesday in Saudi Arabia to discuss the proposal, which offers Israel peace, trade and security with the Arab world in return for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories it seized during the 1967 Mideast war — including the Golan Heights, captured from Syria.

"President Assad confirms the convergence of Prince Abdullah's ideas with [Syria's] national principles," the

Syrian state newspaper *Tishrin* said Wednesday.

Official Syrian newspapers, which reflect government thinking, raised reservations about the refugee question that Assad has expressed before.

"Peace will not prevail without a full Israeli withdrawal ... and adherence to the right of return," said Al-Thawra, spokesman for Syria's Baath Party.

Israelis say allowing Palestinian refugees to return to what is now Israel would undermine their state's Jewish character.

Israeli leaders have rejected the prospect of any full withdrawal to pre-1967 lines, but have welcomed Abdullah's overture as a starting point for possible talks.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has rejected the Saudi proposal, saying the Palestinians need weapons and funds, not peace proposals.

On Tuesday, Iraq's U.N. Ambassador said Abdullah has "no right" to speak on behalf of the Palestinian people.

## Analyst questions budget deficit

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's budget would dig a deeper deficit next year than the White House claims and tap \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses for other programs over the next decade, Congress' top fiscal analyst said Wednesday.

Both political parties seized upon the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's report.

Democrats said the analysis underlined the need to "restrain spending and tax cuts," while Republicans said it showed the budget's condition will improve as the recession fades.

Bush's budget — which Congress is only beginning to work on — would

begin generating annual surpluses in 2005, yielding a total surplus of \$681 billion from 2003 through 2012, the report said. The figures assume the president's tax and spending plans become law.

That is in contrast to Bush's estimate of a \$1 trillion 10-year surplus. The major discrepancy is that CBO believes Medicare spending will be higher than the White House has estimated.

The report also predicted a \$90 billion deficit under Bush's budget for fiscal 2002, which runs through next Sept. 30. The White House has estimated this year's deficit at \$106 billion. Either figure would end a string of four straight years of surpluses.

Democrats focused their fire on the

report's forecast that \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses would be used to help pay for other programs over the coming decade.

Citing the costs of war, recession and terrorism attacks, Bush has said he has little choice but to generate federal deficits and tap Social Security surpluses. Democrats say diverting Social Security money will make it harder to shore up the giant pension program.

Calling such a course "simply unsustainable," Budget Committee chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said, "We have got to restrain spending and tax cuts if we're to prepare for what's to come."

A few Democrats have called for blocking parts of last year's \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut from taking effect.

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### VIEWPOINT

## The Mark of the Beast

Applied Digital Solutions is a Palm Beach company that wants to implant microchips in your body. It's product, VeriChip, is the actual device that will soon be planted under your skin. It can be injected with a special syringe and it's about the size of the tip of a pen.

In March 2000, ADS launched Digital Angel technology which provided for the transmission of radio signals by a device that would register in Global Positioning Systems. ADS is now trying to pack Digital Angel technology into the VeriChip as fast as possible. In real-time, the chip would allow someone to monitor the movements of any "chipped" individual and record and store their location and vital signs. Well, the VeriChip is completed and the media hype machine is in overdrive. All ADS is waiting on is FDA approval to begin marketing the device to unsuspecting Americans.

ADS is pushing its product as a means to register medical information instantly at hospitals and for helping to locate missing children. The only problem with the company's logic is that the technology to read the chips and the chips themselves would have to be widespread or the VeriChip would be useless. But ADS has grander designs. The chip can only help locate a missing child if every child is implanted with the chip beforehand. ADS has already signed a contract with California law enforcement to use DA technology to track parolees and other offenders — proving that its main purpose is to track people, not register vital medical information, as ADS would have the public believe.

Think this technology is only being pushed by techno-geeks and fascists? Well, at the unveiling party for Digital Angel in New York, the keynote speaker was U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. Mineta, a Clinton appointee held over by Bush, went on to speak about the need for the federal government and companies such as Digital Angel to work together to foster and breed technology like VeriChip.

The Federation of American Scientists has a vision that by 2025, implanted microchips in humans will be commonplace. On its Web site, the FAS says that stigma against having things implanted in humans is already subsiding with such innovations as vaccines and artificial organs. The FAS predicts, rather gleefully, that implanted microchips will help our military soldiers better communicate and protect America. What happened to radios and radar?

But for any manufactured technological revolution, you need the help of the mass media. *Time* is helping lead the propaganda charge with a story about a family that has signed on to implant themselves in a test run titled, "Meet the Chipsons." The subhead on the story reads, "Jeffrey, Leslie and their boy Derek will be America's first cyborg family. Are you ready to 'Get Chipped?'" *Time's* fawning endorsement of VeriChip ends with the prophetic lines, "Technology has a way of moving faster than legislation, and if it comes down to a race between cyborgs and senators, guess who will win? Resistance is futile."

Hopefully, freedom-loving Americans will wise up to schemes like those of ADS and the rest of the biometrics industry. From face-scanning cameras to the VeriChip, this technology exists solely to dehumanize and enslave people. Have we reached the point where we will enter a world of implanted chips, scanning devices and satellite tracking of humans? Isn't it time we say "enough is enough?" We are human beings and our right to privacy of mind and body should be preserved.

There is still such a thing as the sanctity of the body and plain human dignity. Touting any intrusive, civil liberty-destroying electric device as something we should just "get used to" is as frightening as it is untrue.

### On the Web

**Digital Angel's Web Site**  
See the latest on how ADS is planning on taking over the world.  
[www.digitalangel.net](http://www.digitalangel.net)

#### Infowars.com

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### WRITE TO US

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## Matchmaker, matchmaker, make jobs instead

Thanks to President George W. Bush's welfare reform proposal, the federal government is now armed with bows and arrows. They're itching to play Cupid.

Clearly the administration was bored with its slick surveillance toys. No longer content with reading our e-mails and tracking our bank transactions, they felt compelled to raise yet another rumpus about how the American people should run their lives. This time 'round they want welfare moms to tie the knot.

The reform offering from the policymakers is pathetic. The plan offers the states millions of dollars for programs and experiments convincing people from low-income groups, particularly single mothers on welfare rolls, to marry. The only way the states can claim the federal money is by documenting successful efforts to promote marriage through state-funded programs.

While marriage is a worthy goal for many and two paychecks are decidedly cozier than one, the government has no business playing matchmaker.

As a preface to his plan, Bush applauded the "heroic work" of single mothers but was quick to add that preserving two-parent families "should always be our goal." The plan seeks \$200 million in federal efforts and a further \$100 million from states to provide marriage counseling and education to unmarried mothers. The administration will also allocate \$135 million to advo-

cate premarital abstinence.

Granted, the proposal looks lean in the face of the glutinous spending in the rest of the bill. But \$300 million isn't exactly loose change. It is valuable taxpayer money that could reinforce neglected causes such as unemployment insurance, national employment programs, job training, transportation and housing subsidies.

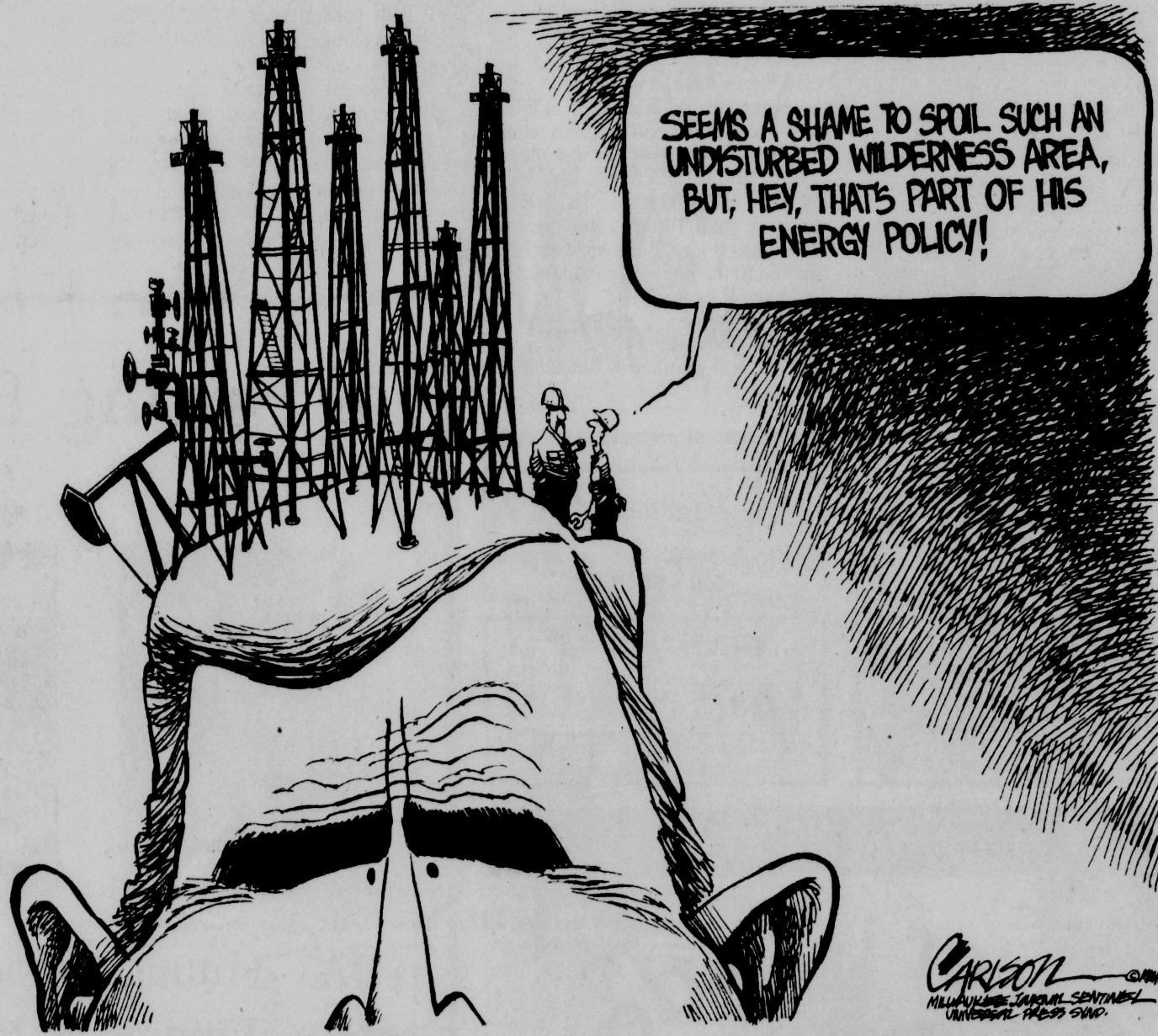
Unveiling his welfare plan at a Catholic church, Bush said he intends to spend \$17 billion annually on welfare for the next four years. What he didn't care to spell out is that by convincing states to integrate more recipients into expensive work programs, the welfare spending will ultimately buy fewer services.

More importantly, the plan conveniently dodges the entire issue of child care. Designed to raise the number of recipients holding down jobs, the plan mandates that 70 percent of recipients have jobs and that they work 40 hours a week, up from the current 30 hours. Naturally, the number of recipients requiring child care and the number of child-care hours would subsequently increase. Yet the Bush plan does not include additional funds for childcare. Instead, it strongly opposes the Democrat proposal of a \$1 billion provision for increased child care.

The administration would do well to borrow a pointer or two from Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md., who is shepherding the party's efforts on welfare reform in the House. In an interview with *The Washington Post*, Cardin offered stellar advice when he said that the value of pro-marriage programs needs to be weighed against the value of helping the poor meet basic needs in health care, job training, child care, vocational education and transportation to work.



By Radhika Mitra  
Daily Texan  
Columnist



### THE FIRING LINE

#### Admittedly confused

I can't seem to figure something out. Why does George W. Bush have such a high approval rating? I mean, who is the person that tells the polls, "Yeah. Bush is doing a great job. Way to bomb Afghanistan and show those bastards who runs the world." Jesus H. Christ!

The Bush administration is constantly sending the message to the rest of the world that we don't need them. This 'go it alone' attitude is ridiculous. Let me start by the most recent act of selfishness: the 30 percent steel tariffs. These are just some of the nations Bush has pissed off with this plan. Britain, South Korea, Australia, Germany, China, Japan, Russia, Sweden, Brazil and New Zealand. And there are others. The anger-filled repercussions of Bush's decision are sweeping across Europe and Asia. This is just the most recent issue.

I've got news. Terrorism is not something you can bomb into submission. It's a way of thinking. The Bush administration has blatantly done the most illogical thing you can do when solving a problem. They are treating the symptoms, not the cause. And the sad part is that Americans are more than willing to sit back in the comfort of their cozy homes and exist within a mist of blind patriotism. People want revenge.

The best thing that could happen to this country is if each and every one of us had to spend one week living as an Afghan citizen — someone poor trying to avoid dying in a war

brought on by an un-elected government. We are cut off from the world, people! We have it easy. America is selfish and unaware of how our actions affect the rest of the world. We need the rest of the world. In my opinion, we need to be moving toward a world government and that takes compromise. And Bush has showed that he doesn't care about the world's opinions. He cares about pumping billions of dollars into the defense industry and drilling for oil in a frickin' national park.

And everyone is afraid to say anything because they are so caught up in this ridiculous excuse for patriotism that has swept over our country through CNN. Real patriots wouldn't give Bush an 80-percent approval rating for pissing off the rest of the world. I don't understand it at all.

Tim Ashlock  
English junior

#### An immodest proposal

Dear Mr. Willis,  
Your article (*States's rights eliminate need for shadows*, March 6) showed such clarity of thought that I was astounded. Can it be possible for another soul on this campus to feel that — gasp — the federal government is not the answer to every problem, and is not responsible for the stupidity of its citizens? If this is actually your view, then Mr. Willis, I felt compelled to contact you and ask you to be the father of my children. Yes, Mr. Willis I am asking you to marry me. Perhaps you and I could rear a generation of children that feel

they should think for themselves and not rely on the government to think for them. Perhaps in true Darwinian fashion they could go on and marry like-minded individuals. These unions could then produce more free thinkers, and so on and so on. Oh, just imagine it Mr. Willis! You and I could in fact save America from itself. So, Mr. Willis, I wait with baited breath for your answer. Will you marry me?

Carrie Harvey  
Education junior

#### Please define 'diversity'

I see that the president of the Black Student Alliance doesn't think the student government tickets are diverse. Of course, now that "diverse" has become a code word meaning "racially mixed," he is correct.

He thinks they should be diverse. But if it is people's character which matters, not their race, as we are so frequently reminded, then the candidates' skin colors are irrelevant. Imagine hearing someone call for all-black or all-white tickets in the name of, say, "purity" instead of "diversity." Wouldn't you reject the call as the work of a misguided bigot? This should be the reaction to the call for "diversity" as well.

Alan McKendree  
UT staff

#### Pick a better job

I write in regards Melissa Thraikill's article "CIA jobs popular among college graduates," in the March 6 *Texan*. The

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money "is for research into what will work." Under pressure from the press he added that this would include "celebrity endorsements."

No doubt the policymakers need to be more realistic while proposing new reforms. The need of the hour is a structured program that eases the unemployed back into the American workforce. Our dwindling economy certainly doesn't need federal hucksters and idle moviestars peddling marriage as an antidote to poverty.

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importance of national intelligence in the post 9/11 world is obvious. However, when students think of approaching the CIA, they must at least make an informed decision about the past actions of the CIA. They should also consider what other careers are also of vital national importance, such as entering the classroom to serve future generations of Americans.

Several weeks ago, Ms. Falkenberg, the head of the Liberal Arts Careers Service wrote an e-mail to students urging us to explore careers with the CIA. I wrote to Ms. Falkenberg at that time scolding her for supporting the CIA. I asked her whether or not she remembered how the CIA helped topple Salvador Allende in Chile in the early 1970s. The CIA's actions in Chile led to the triumph of Augusto Pinochet's military dictatorship which "disappeared" hundreds, perhaps thousands of people in the 1970s and 1980s.

Defending America's interests against the "communist" Salvador Allende, brought misery to the Chilean people. Chile is not an isolated example. Are students reminded of the CIA's chequered past of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries?

Ms. Falkenberg never returned my e-mail. She never answered a question I still have: When will the Liberal Arts Career Service write to students urging them to enter the classroom? Isn't the shortage of teachers — particularly in strategically crucial areas of mathematics and science — the real national emergency?

Patrick Lowery-Timmons  
Ph.D. candidate, Department of History



*They're shocking (literally). They're popular. And they're three easy payments of \$19.95. They're ab belts, and they're exercising their electrifying power over a decidedly no-sweat workout-crazed nation ...*

By Casey Zertuche  
Daily Texan Staff

"Effortlessly tone and tighten your midsection!" "Get firm abs without breaking a sweat!"

Offering 30-day money-back guarantees for great results, these often-heard commercial phrases are aiding in the sales of one of the nation's latest fitness trends: ab belts.

From the Ab Tronic to the Ab Energizer, most belts can be seen online or through late-night infomercials. Some UT students, like consumers across the United States, buy into the trend. However, most are curious if the belts do what they say: "Tone abs without breaking a sweat!"

Michelle O'Donnell, an undeclared sophomore, bought an Ab Tronic about a year ago. She said she used and enjoyed it for two months before the battery died. She has yet to buy a new battery and said she'll just give the Ab Tronic to someone else if she gets around to buying a battery.

"I used it quite often this summer because it was convenient," O'Donnell said. "A couple of my friends tried it; they didn't like it too much. They said it kind of hurt; I thought it was more massaging."

This isn't the first product O'Donnell purchased from an infomercial.

"I'm one of those who, if I'm staying up late, I will watch those infomercials, and a few times — often — I've purchased a few things or donated money to Feed the Children," she said. "You see them every night, and I said, 'I'm going to try this.' I got the whole thing, and I was working at it, and I liked it."

O'Donnell said she spent more than \$100 for the belt after taxes and other charges. If she had known the belt was going to be cheaper now that others are on the market, she said she would never have paid so much.

"Overall, I think those commercials are just there to make money," O'Donnell said. "They are like vacuums. They just suck in viewers, and I was one of them."

Heather Smith, a personal trainer and coordinator of the trainers at the University, said the ab belts don't work for fitness needs, but can serve as physical therapy in certain situations, such as muscle rehabilitation following a cast removal.

"They have physical therapy functions or purposes," she said. "You would have to endure such a high shock for such a long period of time to get fitness benefits that you just wouldn't be able to do it. It would be like sticking your finger in a light socket."

Smith said basic crunches are one of the most effective ways to attain sculpted abs.

"There are some others, regular abdominal exercises, that you don't need any equipment for. You can do them on the mat," Smith said. "You don't need any special equipment or anything like that, you just need to know how to do them correctly. You just have to use the correct form."

Nutrition also plays a big part in attaining tight abs, also known as a six-pack, Smith said.

"Trying to attain a six-pack has more to do with how much you are eating than it does with how much you train the abs," Smith said. "You have to balance out all the different components — nutrition with cardiovascular work with strength training."

Smith said one who sets attainable goals will see some change — probably not anything dramatic — by summer.

"It takes effort, and it takes time, which is why people don't do it," Smith said. "Your body will start to change within three to four weeks. Realistically, it depends on what idea you have in your mind of change. Some people might have this unrealistic idea of what kind of improvements they'll make in four weeks when really it takes six months or a year, but you definitely will see some changes in three to four weeks."

Smith suggested that people go to RecSports and sign up for one or two sessions with a trainer who can show them how to work their abs. Though Smith does not recommend buying regular fitness magazines, she said there may be trainer magazines in the library or online that people can order, such as *American Council on Exercise* and *American College of Sports Medicine*, which have easy-to-read information.

Steve Sexton, an undeclared sophomore, said he was looking for a quick ab fix and purchased an Ab Tronic about eight months ago. Unlike O'Donnell, Sexton returned his belt after the 30 days.

"I felt it working, but I didn't see any results," Sexton said. "I didn't look like the guy on the commercial."

Sexton said the commercial was convincing, so he bought the belt to attain better abs with minimum effort.

"I'm actually rather lazy," he said. "My forearms are very strong because the only exercise I get is typing on my computer. I got it because I felt a little lethargic at the time and decided to try something new."

Sexton's friends also tried his belt, but they didn't go out and buy one. He said it's a great conversational piece, because once people heard he had one, they all wanted to try it.

"I don't hold much stock in them," he said.

However, he said he would buy another product off an infomercial. "Only if there's a 30-day money-back guarantee, even if I have no intention of keeping it," he said. "Why, not try something else that's new?"

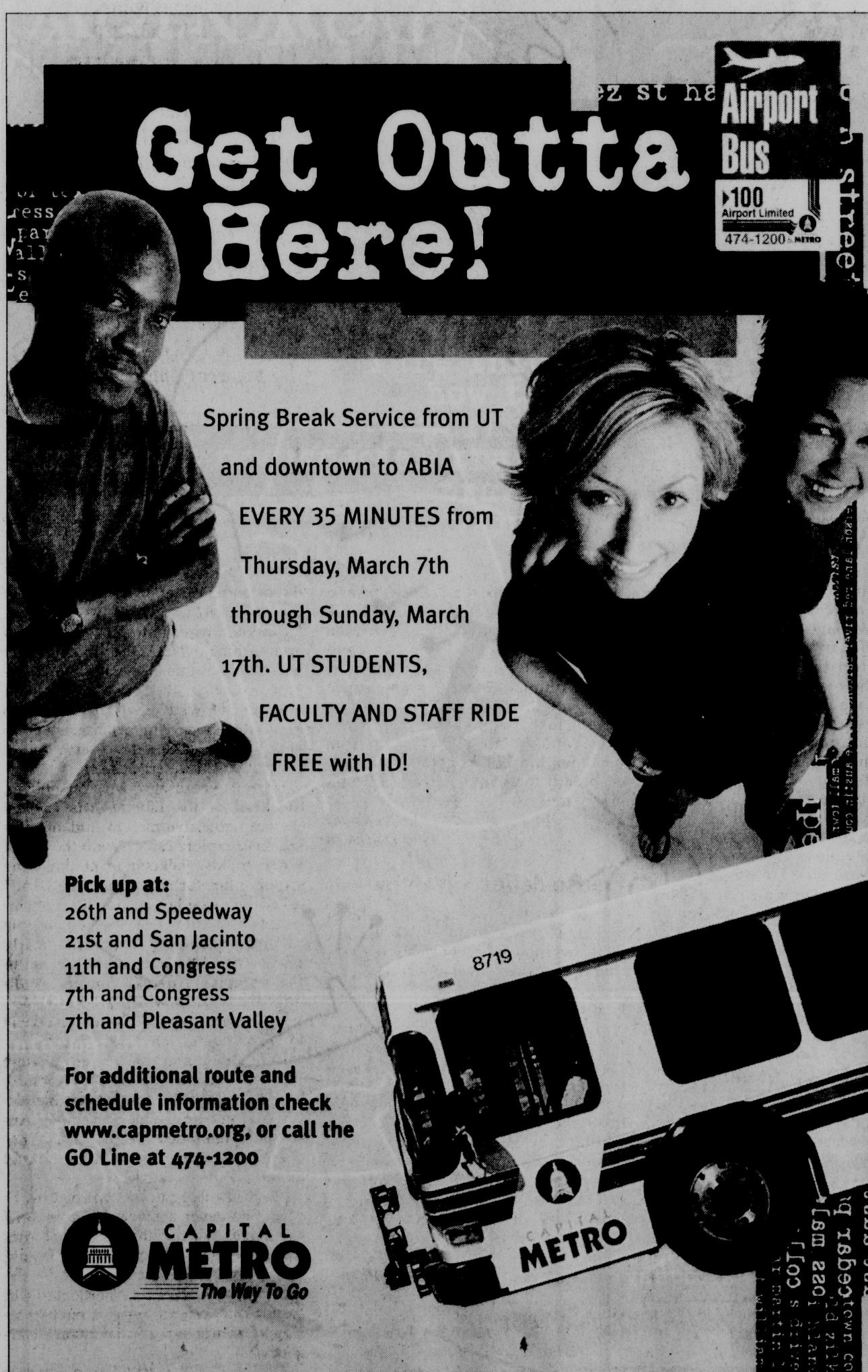
## BEEF UP YOUR AB I.Q.

Heather Smith, a personal trainer and coordinator of the trainers at the University, explains the correct and effective way to do crunches. Remember not to over-train and to set realistic goals, she said.

"The basics would be making sure you are engaging your abdominals, that you're pulling your belly button and flattening out your lower back," she said. "For instance, if you were lying down on the mat, you would want to make sure your lower back was flat against the mat. You want to make sure that your knees are bent or your legs are lifted off the ground in a certain fashion so your lower back is also protected. Make sure you are using your abs to pull you up — not your head, not your back — and that you try to get your shoulder blades to where you are curling your shoulders to your abdominals, toward your hips."

Smith said when you strength train, you need to rest between 24 and 48 hours before training again.

"Abdominals are pretty much like everything else. You should do them about three to four times a week — no more than that," she said. "Having toned, defined abs comes more from having a low percentage of body fat, as well as what part genetics plays into it versus having super, strong, very big abdominals."



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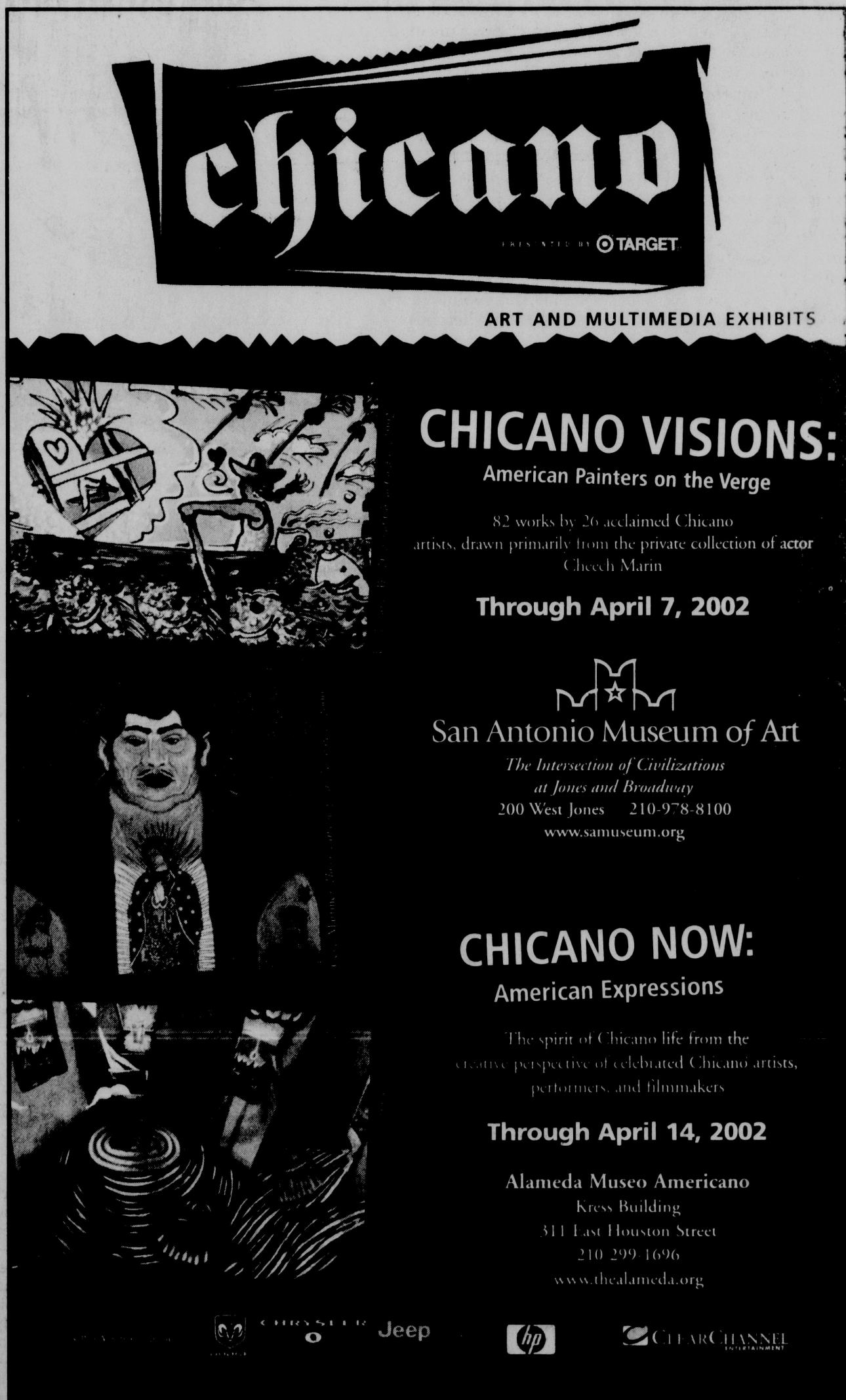
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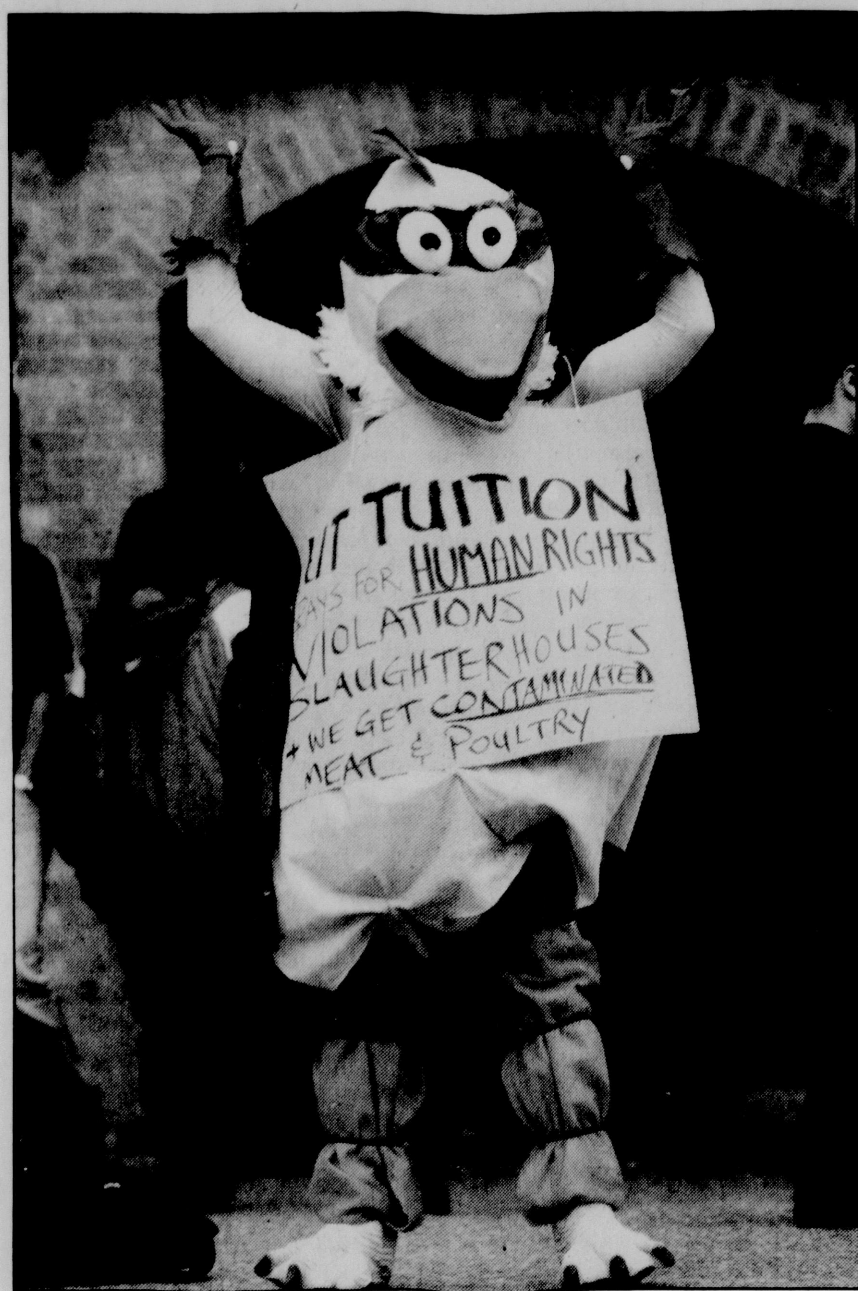
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## Group protests meat industry



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Dressed as a corporate crime-fighting chicken, Stacey Proctor of Colorado tries to attract attention in front of Beauford H. Jester Center Wednesday to the cause of unfair labor practices and unsanitary meat processing by some UT food vendors.

By Sarah Shipley  
Daily Texan Staff

A person dressed as a "corporate crime-fighting" chicken stood at the Beauford H. Jester Center Wednesday to promote awareness of alleged contamination and human rights violations within the meat and poultry industry.

The demonstration, sponsored by Texas-based organization Home Justice Watch, attempted to expose the "money trail of student's tuition and taxpayer's dollars to the violation of human rights," said Scott Sibling, organizer of Home Justice Watch — an advocacy group of students, faculty, staff and community members.

Sibling said tests had found fecal matter or bacteria, such as E. coli and staphylococcus, in food at the University.

Melissa Rojas, a government freshman, said students need to inform themselves about the risks associated with food contamination.

"This is an issue that relates to everyone," Rojas said. "If you don't care about someone else's life then be concerned about your own."

Doug Garrard, associate director of the Division Housing and Food Services, said the meat the University purchases is of the highest grade.

"I am not aware of research that a group has done," he said. "We buy Grade A meat and that grade is done by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration]. The meat products go through a serious inspection, and once we receive the product we adhere to strict preparations."

Garrard said the division keeps a sample of every plate of food served in the UT cafeterias for 48 hours so that it can be tested in case students believe they became sick from the food.

The Home Justice Watch demonstration also addressed human rights violations that pervade the meat and poultry industry.

Rojas said the University needs to be held responsible for paying an industry that allegedly violates human rights.

"UT knows this, but human rights are still being violated," Rojas said. "Why can't they demand human rights for poultry workers? They are able to make demands on the leanness of the meat and the price. They are willing to disregard human life for money."

Sibling said that the government is "toothless" when it comes to holding these companies accountable. He attributes this to the fact that the meat and poultry industry has enormous lobbying power.

"Home Justice Watch are organizing to hold UT accountable for putting our tuition and tax dollars into an industry whose workers are dying in poultry factories and whose meat is contaminated," Sibling said.

Garrard said he was unaware of the allegations. The demonstration was a preview to a film screening of *The True Story of Workers' Pain and Death in the Meat and Poultry Industry* that was shown at the Union Wednesday night.

"Senior citizens should not have to compromise their health so that they can make ends meet."

— Rick Perry,  
Texas Governor



Gov. Rick Perry embraces Village Christian Apartments resident Jerry Whitten, 90. Perry announced support Wednesday for a program that helps low-income seniors afford prescription drugs.

Gerry McCarthy/  
Daily Texan Staff

## Prescription drug program may help seniors cut costs

By Miguel Liscano  
Daily Texan Staff

A new prescription drug initiative might help senior citizens balance living expenses and medical costs.

The Texas Share Card Program, available through the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and Pfizer Inc., will offer easy access to prescription drugs for low-income senior citizens.

"Low income seniors without drug coverage are 15 times more likely to limit their prescription use and they're also the most vulnerable to the very diseases that medicines can best help," said Karen Katen, executive vice president of Pfizer. "Seniors deserve all the help they can get."

Senior citizens limiting their prescription use, Katen said, leads to more frequent hospitalizations and emergency room visits, which could prove costly.

Under the program, people with an annual income of \$18,000 individually or \$24,000 as a couple receive a 30-day supply of any Pfizer medicine for a flat fee of \$15. The program also offers a help line where senior citizens can receive recommendations on where to get additional aid.

Gov. Rick Perry signed the first person into the

program Wednesday and said prescription drugs represent a renewed hope for better health, longer life and better quality of life in those years.

"Senior citizens should not have to compromise their health so that they can make ends meet," Perry said. "When they do, too often they have to receive emergency care and suffer conditions that could have been prevented."

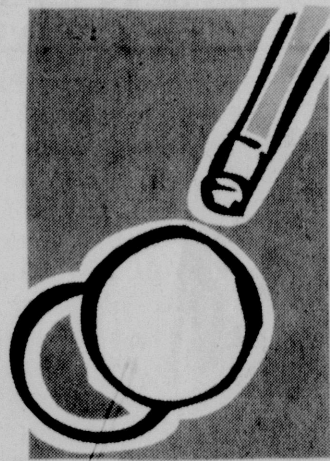
Other pharmaceutical companies are working on programs to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for seniors on fixed incomes, Perry said.

"I wouldn't mind seeing a competition among companies to offer the best, most affordable senior citizen discounts," he said. "Making sure that prescription drugs are available and affordable is one of our most critical health-care issues facing Texas."

Jeanne Blair, an Austinite who relies on prescription drugs for medical reasons, said a mild stroke forced her to give up luxuries like eating out with friends and owning a car in order to pay for her medicine.

"Any time you can get prescriptions for less, it's a help because senior citizens either are living on a low income or they have saved money that they need to enjoy instead of having to pay for medicine," she said.

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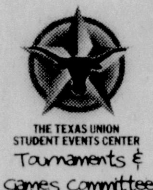
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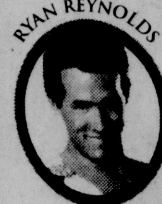
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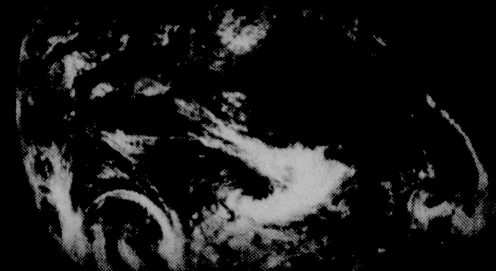
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## SPORTS

## Diving in

Texas diver Ally Hartzell says time has made her transition to Texas easier.

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## Falling down

## Icy first half dooms Texas to early exit in tournament

By Jonathan Green  
Daily Texan Staff

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Texas was worn down by being taken to the wire by Kansas on Tuesday. That fatigue let No. 13 Kansas State cruise to a 79-63 win over No. 12 Texas on Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament at Municipal Auditorium.

"Nobody is interested in excuses at this point in time," Texas head coach Jody Conradt said. "We were a step slow to everything. But whether that was their aggressive play or whether we were fatigued, I don't think we have an answer to that. And I don't think it really matters."

Fourth-seed Kansas State (24-6) advances in the Big 12 Tournament to face top-seeded Oklahoma Thursday at 6 p.m. Texas (20-9) won't learn of its next opponent until this weekend, when the NCAA tournament selection committee announces its bracket.

Sixteen teams host first- and second-round games, which gives the 12th-ranked Longhorns a chance to play two postseason games at the Erwin Center.

"I was never planning on being at home. So if you look at the worst scenario, then whatever happens better than that is a surprise," Conradt said.

Kansas State used two runs to build an early lead over Texas Wednesday, as the Wildcats led by 20 points with 4:02 to play in the half. An early 12-point run gave them a 14-4 lead, then a 15-2 run — behind three three-pointers from Laurie Koehn — pushed the lead to 33-13.

Texas had hit just 5-of-24 from the field until the 3:46 mark in the first half. For the half, Kansas State shot 54 percent, compared to the Horns' 24 percent, to build a 19-point halftime lead.

"We had dismal shooting in the first half," Conradt said. "We had good looks; we just didn't finish things. We did not knock down some shots that we had knocked down before and got really discouraged."

Kansas State head coach Deb Patterson said she was surprised by Texas' early shooting struggles.

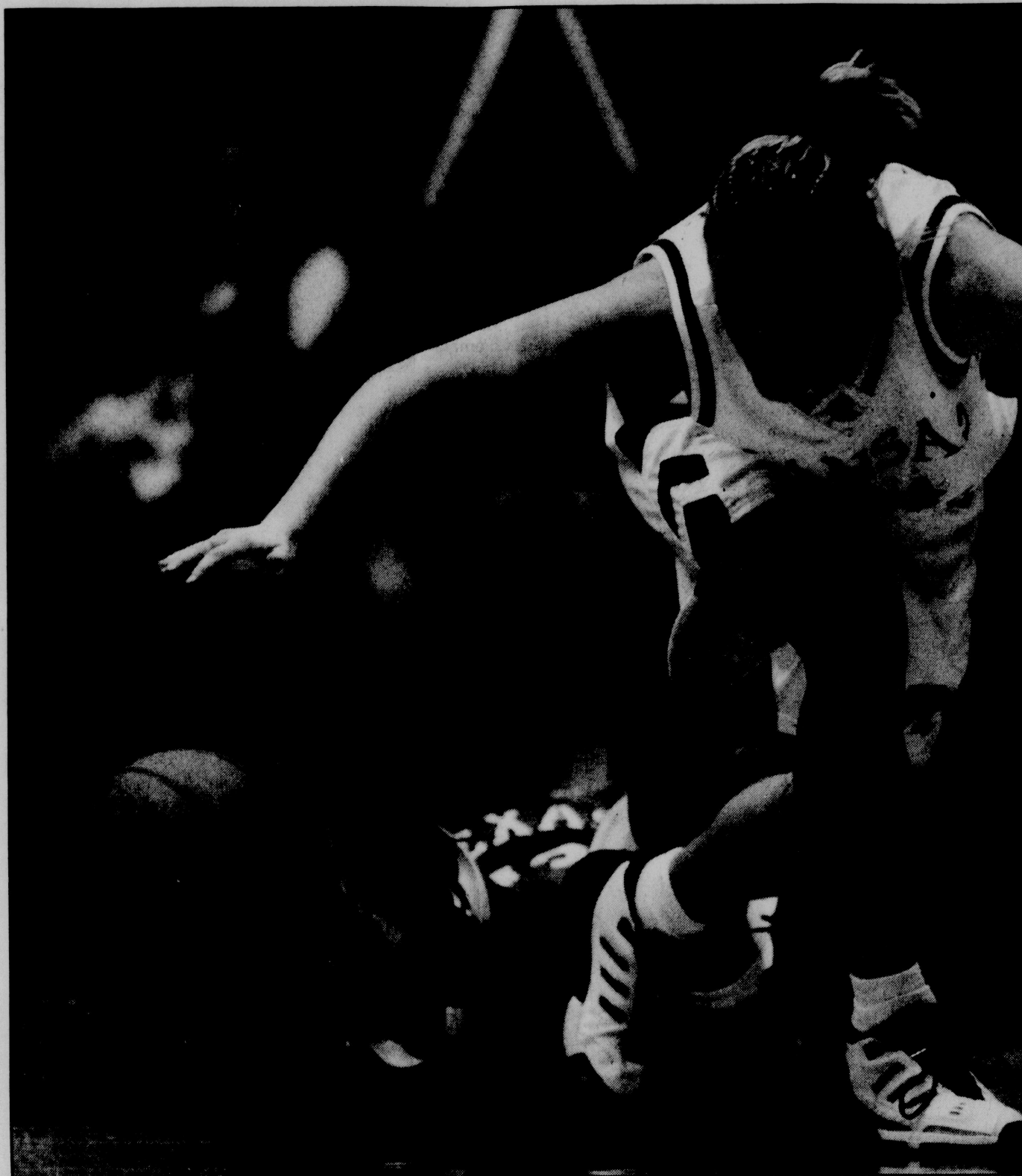
"I certainly could never have expected that," Kansas State head coach Deb Patterson said. "It certainly felt very comforting to go in at half with that kind of lead, but I don't think we went in at all feeling that Texas wouldn't come right back at us."

Conradt said her team, in addition to its poor shooting effort, got out-hustled in the first half.

"We had really lackluster performances on the offensive end," Conradt said. "We've done that before, but we haven't let it affect us defensively. I felt that here, we let it affect us defensively. That's the disappointing thing about it."

The Horns improved their shooting in the second half (15-of-32), but it was not enough to overcome their large deficit.

Kansas State's strategy coming into the game was to slow Texas forward Stacy Stephens, and consequently the Horns' rebounding prowess — something the Wildcats accomplished by playing physical in the paint.



Associated Press

Kansas State's Megan Mahoney, front, runs past Texas' Kenya Larkin, back, during the Wildcats' 79-63 victory Wednesday.

## Youth movement to replace seniors

## Texas must fill three spots on offensive line

By Bob Jones  
Daily Texan Staff

Before spring practices even began, Texas head coach Mack Brown knew that the losses to his offensive line would be some of the hardest to replace. With All-American right tackle Mike Williams likely to become a top-five NFL draft pick come April and three-year starting center Matt Anderson also departing, it's easy to understand Brown's concern.

Needless to say, newly anointed starters Lionel Garr and Jason Glynn have their work cut out for them.

Charged with protecting left-handed quarterback Chris Simms' blindside will be the sophomore Garr, who stands 6-foot 7-inches and tips the scales at 350 pounds. Garr is more than a match for Williams in terms of size, who was listed at 6-foot 6-inches and 345 pounds during his senior year.

However, Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis says it's far too early in Garr's career to contrast the two.

"I think that's unfair right now, just like it would have been unfair to compare [2001 left tackle] Robbie Doane to [No. 2 overall pick] Leonard Davis," offensive coordinator



**Lionel Garr** will replace graduating lineman Mike Williams at right tackle for the 2002 season.

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Alex Jones/Daily Texan Staff

Texas swimmer Tommy Hannan captured a gold medal as part of the U.S. Olympic swimming relay team.

## Hannan worked hard for gold

By Clint Hale  
Daily Texan Staff

With the 2002 Winter Olympics wrapped up, athletes around the world are now preparing for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

For most of these athletes, the dream of a gold medal will remain just a dream. But for Texas senior Tommy Hannan, the dream of winning a gold medal has already become reality.

In the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, Hannan was part of the United States swimming relay team that captured the gold.

Although he's now a world-class athlete, Hannan was not always at the top of the swimming world. Hailing from Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore, Md., Hannan was not touted as a top recruit out of high school, let alone an Olympic gold medalist.

However, under the tutelage of Texas head coach Eddie Reese, Hannan's list of accomplishments continues to grow with every meet. In addition to winning a gold medal, Hannan is a three-time NCAA champion, an 11-time All-American and holds the American and NCAA records in the 400 medley and freestyle relays.

"I came to Texas because Reese is the premier swimming coach in the nation," Hannan said. "We work well together, and I have learned a lot and improved as a swimmer because of him."

In transforming from a mildly-recruited high school senior to a champion many times over, Hannan has shown that talent sometimes takes time to develop.

With the NCAA Championships taking place March

28-30, Hannan is a key element of a Texas squad that is striving for its third consecutive national championship. The Longhorns are 8-1 in dual competition this season and consistently won most meets they participate in.

But competing against oneself, Hannan said, is now a primary factor in his improvement as a competitor.

"Knowing that you can always do better and trying to improve on your best time is key to becoming a better swimmer," Hannan said. "Also, I would like to win a national title as an individual and possibly set a team record in the process."

Hannan noted that even though Texas is a championship contender every year, the majority of the competition on the college level is friendly and in good nature. However, on the international level, Hannan said the fans are not as responsive to the United States as collegiate fans are to the Longhorns.

"The amount of boing we received in the 2000 Olympics was unparalleled," Hannan said. "It didn't matter who won the meets, the fans would cheer for them as long as they defeated Americans."

Hannan said that hatred for the United States is probably not the main reason for the negative feelings expressed from international fans. Instead, Hannan said, national pride and being tired of seeing Americans win all the time are probably the motivating factors in the fans' reactions to American competitors.

Now a senior, Hannan has taken on more of a leadership role over the past two seasons for the

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## Texas shuts out Hilltoppers twice



Gerry McCarthy/Daily Texan Staff

Texas senior Deeanna Williams slides into second base during the Longhorns' 8-0 shutout of St. Edwards Wednesday.

By Chad Thomas  
Daily Texan Staff

In a meeting of cross-town softball programs, Texas showed its dominance over its Austin counterpart St. Edward's, overpowering the Hilltoppers from the plate and on the mound to take both games of the doubleheader 8-0.

The Horns needed only six and five innings, respectively, to dispose of the Hilltoppers, closing out the two contests via the eight-run rule before the games were called.

Leading Texas (16-7) was its duo of freshman pitchers, Cat Osterman and Amy Bradford, who blanked St. Edward's over a combined 11 innings.

Though she tied the Texas record for consecutive innings pitched without allowing an earned run at 64 and two-thirds, Osterman looked more human against Division II St. Edward's than she had in her most recent outings, which included appearances against two ranked Division I opponents.

Osterman, who followed her Feb. 26 perfect game with a 23-strikeout performance last Saturday against No. 22 Mississippi State, surrendered a pair of hits while throwing two walks and two wild pitches in the first game against the Hilltoppers.

Bradford, meanwhile, fanned six batters in her five scoreless frames of Game 2, coming up one single shy of tossing her first career no-hitter.

"Honestly, I didn't even think of a no-hitter," Bradford said. "I was just looking for a five-inning game. All I really cared about was getting out of there with a good outcome."

Bradford and Osterman hardly needed to throw shutouts for the Horns to grab the wins.

The Texas offense, which totaled only one run in last weekend's Sunshine Classic, rebounded in grand fashion, erupting for 16 runs on 23 hits in the two-game set.

The offensive explosion spanned the Texas lineup from topped to bottom.

Tamara Poppe, who entered the series at the tail end of the Texas squad with a .210 average, was nearly unstoppable from the plate, going 3-for-4 on the night with a walk, four RBIs and two runs scored.

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## Teams at Big 12 tournament not competing for NCAA bid

By Darren W. Dummit  
Daily Texan Staff

The Big 12 regular season produced six virtual locks for the NCAA Tournament, including two of the nation's top four teams. With not a single team riding the proverbial bubble, the consensus among Big 12 coaches is that this week's conference tournament is good for only three things: seeding, bragging rights and money.

After completing the first undefeated season in conference history, the No. 1 Kansas Jayhawks have already cemented a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and claimed bragging rights over the other 11 teams in the conference. And if history is any indication, head coach Roy Williams might not mind dropping a game this week in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1992, 1997 and 1998, the Jayhawks won the Big 12 Tournament and then failed to advance past the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament. But in 1991 and 1993, the Jayhawks went all the way to the Final Four after losing in the conference tourney.

"The conference tournament is a great event, and people really like it. But you do get tired of beating up on your brothers or getting beaten on by your brothers after such a long season," Williams said. "But the fact of the matter is that it brings in a lot of money to the athletic departments."

While Kansas has little to worry about in terms of seeding for the Big Dance, the No. 4 Oklahoma

Sooners are facing the prospect of a single loss costing them a coveted No. 1 seed.

"If you have your preferences after going through a grueling 16-game conference season, and knowing that you're going to be a pretty high seed in the NCAA Tournament, maybe for your team these are unnecessary games," Oklahoma head coach Kelvin Sampson said.

That being the case, Sampson still knows what kind of joy a conference tournament title can bring after his Sooners cut down the nets in Kansas City last year.

"Selfishly, I'm not crazy about it. But at the same time, I've seen what this tournament means to the fans and all the schools," Sampson said. "The Big 12 Tournament is good for the players, good for the fans and good for our league."

Aside from Kansas and Oklahoma, four teams have a legitimate shot at tasting the fruits of a conference tournament championship this year.

Two of those teams, Texas Tech and Texas, have earned byes in the first round of the tourney. On the strength of Andy Ellis' buzzer-beating follow-up jam against Baylor, the Red Raiders captured the No. 4 seed with a 10-6 conference record.

With the No. 3 seed, Texas surprised many by overcoming a season-ending injury to their leading scorer to also post a 10-6 conference record. In the quarterfinals on Friday, the Horns will face the winner of the Missouri-Iowa State first-round matchup.



## Scoreboard

### NBA

Boston 130, Orlando 110  
Philadelphia 85, Cleveland 76  
Utah 92, L.A. Lakers 84  
Milwaukee 92, L.A. Clippers 86  
Miami 92, Chicago 87  
Phoenix 89, New Jersey 87  
Minnesota at Portland, late

### NHL

Washington 3, Calgary 2  
Montreal 5, Boston 3  
Edmonton 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Anaheim 4, Atlanta 1  
Detroit 6, Toronto 2  
Dallas 3, Los Angeles 2 FOT  
Columbus at Colorado, late

### NCAA Basketball

#### WOMEN'S TOP 25

(4) Oklahoma 87, Oklahoma St. 86  
(7) Baylor 75, (17) Texas Tech 60  
(8) Louisiana Tech 70, Boise St. 53  
(11) Iowa St. 58, (10) Colorado 56  
(18) Colorado St. 79, Air Force 68

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Big 12 Tournament 6 p.m., UPN

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#### NCAA BASKETBALL — WOMEN

Big 12 Tournament 8:30 p.m., UPN

## BRIEFS

### Men's tennis team remains undefeated

The No. 13 Texas men's tennis team upped their undefeated record to 11-0 on Wednesday after beating SMU in Dallas. Once again, the No. 2 Texas singles player Rodrigo Echagaray managed to secure the 4-3 win.

"We were up 3-2 with two matches still on, and Rodrigo [Echagaray] yet again found a way to come through and lead us to victory," Texas head coach Michael Center said. "Everyone has a lot of confidence in him when he is out there with the match on the line. He showed a lot of maturity, and I think his game is continuing to improve."

Echagaray was named by the Big 12 Conference as the Player of the Week last Monday, and he upheld the title Wednesday afternoon. Echagaray currently holds a national ranking of No. 47.

Before Echagaray's match-clinching win, Texas captured the doubles point, setting the Mustangs back to a 1-0 early deficit.

SMU bounced back with a win in the No. 1 singles position against Texas junior Jean Simon.

Texas resumed its lead when Jose Zarhi won at the No. 3 singles position.

Again, the opposing teams battled for the lead until Echagaray clinched the final match point.

"This was a nice win for us," Center said. "The team really hung in there and found a way to get it done."

The Horns return home to open their Big 12 Conference play against Oklahoma on Friday at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

### Women's golf team finishes in seventh place

The Texas women's golf team finished in seventh place at the Spartan Invitational after shooting their best round of the tournament as a team on Wednesday.

The two bright spots for Texas on the final day of competition were senior co-captains Kristin Dufour and Randi Meadows. Dufour posted a two-over-par on the final day to finish in a season-best tie for 10th place. Meadows tied her season-best 18-hole score of one-under-par to finish in a tie for 21st place.

Sophomore Janice Olivencia shot a one-over-par Wednesday to finish in 16th place at six-over-par. Freshman Lisa Ferrero fired a seven-over-par to finish in a tie for 40th place, while Jessica Reese rounded out the Texas players with an eight-over-par to tie for 56th place.

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# Diver makes big adjustment

By Natalie England  
Daily Texan Staff

For Texas sophomore diver 'Ally Hartzell, stepping onto the 40 Acres meant stepping out of a classroom of one and into a classroom of 50,000.

Living in Cedar Park, Hartzell began home school in fifth grade, but competed in Austin's junior club diving circuit. During those years, she caught the eye of Texas head diving coach Matt Scoggin.

"I actually didn't know she was home-schooled," Scoggin said, "until one day, I started making phone calls to recruit her, and I asked where she went to high school. She said, 'Well, I don't go to high school.'"

Despite growing up just miles from the Texas campus, Hartzell did not sell her soul to Bevo at birth.

"It was when I went on my recruiting trips that I decided this was the place for me," Hartzell said. "This was just the best, all the way around. Swimming, diving, academics ... I liked everything."

Transitioning academically and athletically provided a challenge for Hartzell, but one that she said has eased with time.

"The academic and social transition was tougher," she said. "Athletically, it was more pressure-filled than club. The academic part was different, because I wasn't used to going to classes and taking extra time to study. Socially, all I ever got before was the diving parts. I never really got to hang out with different

types of people, and now I get to."

Being just minutes from her own bed also eased Hartzell's transition.

"All my family is here, so it was nice to have that support group," Hartzell said. Living near home eased her laundry bill, as \$1.50 a load adds up, she added.

During the summer of 1996, Hartzell quit gymnastics, but didn't immediately set her sights on the diving board.

"I didn't think I was going to get into a water sport, because I used to have to hold my nose when I went underwater," Hartzell said.

But after encouragement from her friends, Hartzell tried diving and liked it. She also found out she was very good at it.

Her talent has carried her into a stellar sophomore year at Texas. Hartzell has claimed seven first-place finishes this season and was named January's Big 12 Female Diver of the Month.

"She's stronger this year and having longer periods without injury," Scoggin said. "Based on her talent and those two key factors, she's been able to have a successful season thus far."

However, Hartzell's strength lies not only in her physical musculature, but also in her mental strength.

"Ally has the ability to focus on the task at hand better than a lot of her competitors," Scoggins said. "A diver can think of all the 'what ifs' and the consequences. Ally can shut

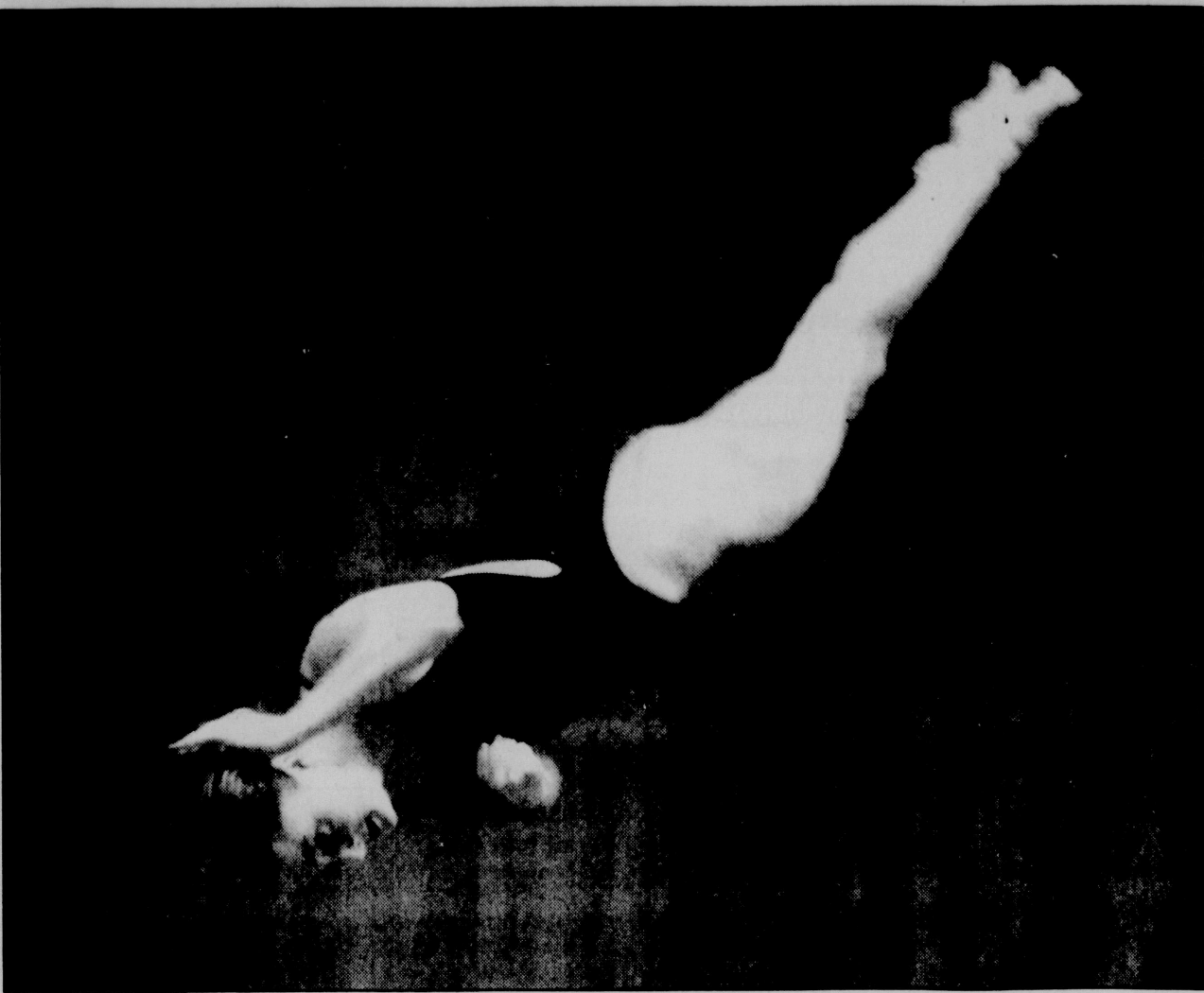


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Longhorns diver Ally Hartzell didn't consider getting involved in water sports until she was encouraged by her friends.

all that off. She can simplify things, and that's a great talent."

For now, her focus centralizes on the upcoming NCAA Zone D diving meet. There, Hartzell will be vying for a spot in the NCAA Championships. But she also has her eye on the ultimate championships — the Olympics.

"It's good to dream big, if it's a reasonable dream," Scoggins said. "And

it's definitely a reasonable dream for Ally."

Yet on occasion, even Hartzell questions the validity of her ambition.

"Sometimes I struggle with it," she said. "I'm not sure I could make it there. Matt always tells me that I can be so great, so he makes me believe it when I'm doubting myself."

But beyond all the NCAA

Championships and future Olympics, Hartzell sees the bigger picture. Particularly, the one she may paint for her children or grandchildren some day.

"I would like to tell them that I was a good diver and that I had a lot of fun," Hartzell said. "And that I made a lot friends, and it was the best time of my life."

# Oklahoma dominates OSU

By Jonathan Green  
Daily Texan Staff

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The way No. 4 Oklahoma played in its 87-56 win over Oklahoma State on Wednesday may have other teams at the Big 12 Tournament feeling frightened.

"I don't think we look very scary, but we'll take it," Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale said.

The top-seeded Sooners (25-3) ran off to a 45-10 start over the first 15 minutes.

"I don't know if it's as well as we can play or as well as anybody can play, but it was pretty flawless when you look at how we were shooting the ball," Coale said.

Stacey Dales had 16 points, and Dionnah Jackson added 17 off the bench for OU during that stretch. Each finished the game with 23 points.

Dales — the two-time conference player of the year — hit 4-of-5 three-pointers and was able to get some

## Big 12 Women's Basketball Roundup

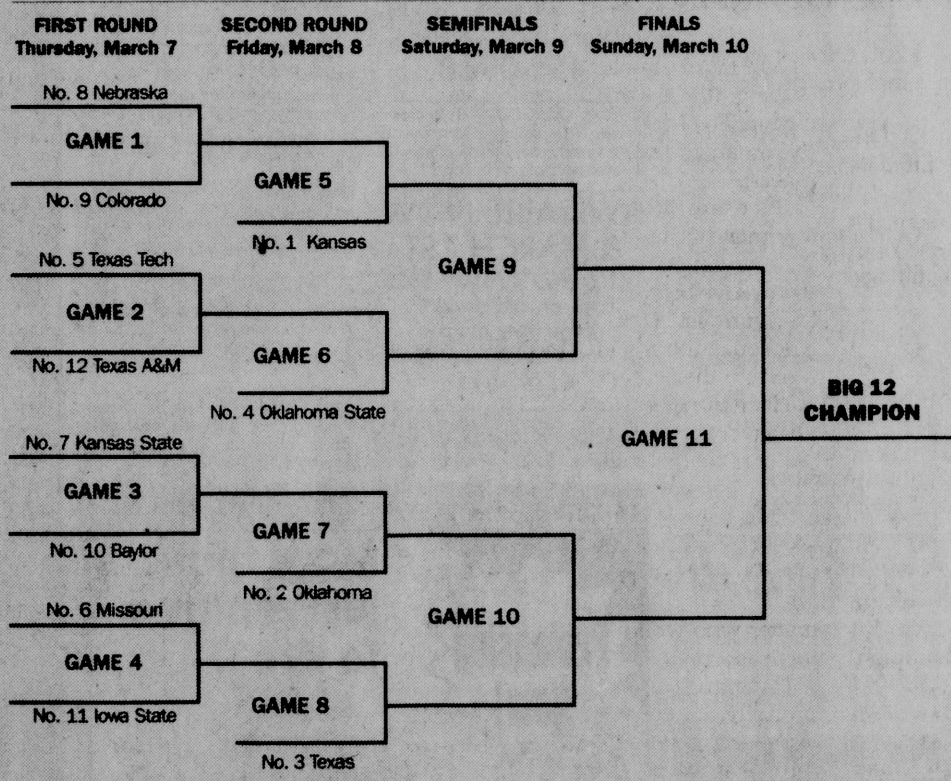
valuable rest in the game, playing just six second-half minutes.

"The rest is huge," Dales said, "especially when playing in the Big 12."

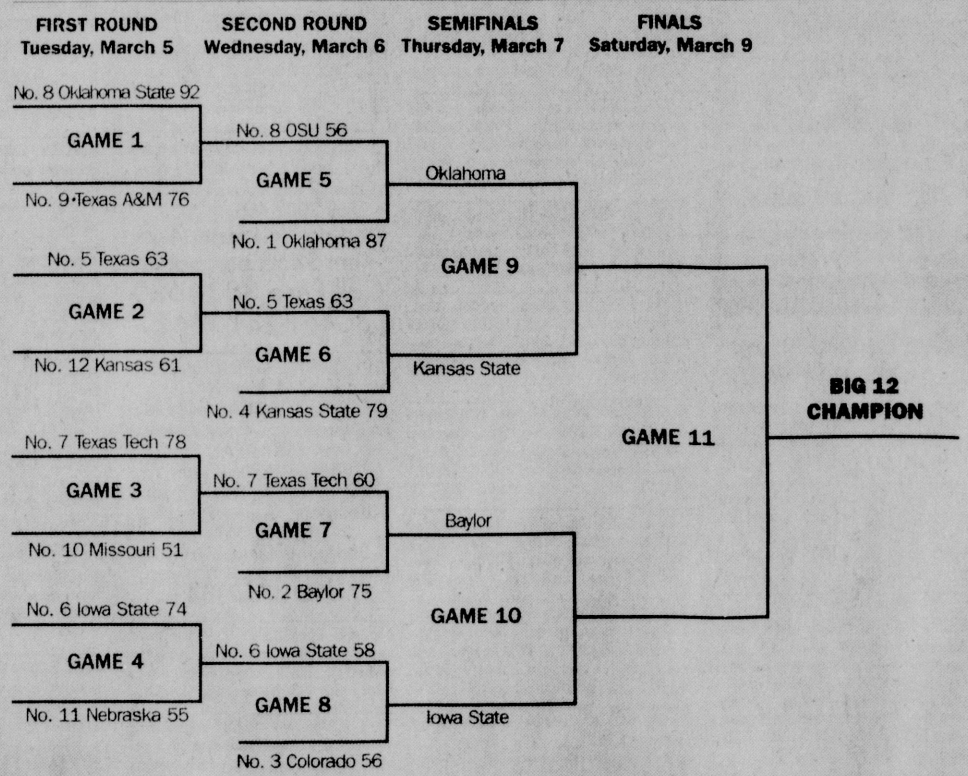
Oklahoma will face No. 13 Kansas State (24-6) in the semifinal Thursday at 6 p.m.

Shelby Hutchens was Oklahoma State's only double-figure scorer for head coach Dick Halterman's final game with the team. OSU officials announced on Feb. 12 that Halterman's contract would not be renewed after the season, ending her 19-year stint with the Cowgirls.

## BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



## BIG 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



## Women ousted at tournament

### WOMEN, from 8

At one point in the first half, Stephens took a shot in the gut from Kansas State forward Kendra Wecker and got called for a blocking foul.

"I remember seeing at one point in time some little football video on Kendra Wecker," Stephens said. "She could definitely be a great linebacker."

Stephens said she experienced muscle spasms after taking the hit. Then, in taking a charge later in the game, Stephens said she had trouble breathing.

In a Jan. 30 game in the Erwin Center between the teams, Stephens torched the Wildcats for 33 points and 17 rebounds, which made her a target in Wednesday's contest.

"That was definitely a priority, because she's a great player," Kansas State forward Nicole Ohlde said. "We knew that, what she did to us down in Austin, we couldn't let her do to us again. Whenever a shot was up, somebody put a body into her."

The Wildcats also wanted to focus on rebounding against Texas, as the Horns beat them on the boards, 60-44, in their previous meeting this year.

"They hammered us on the boards down in Austin, and that's something we really needed to focus on today," Wecker said. "I felt we did a good job today boxing out all five positions and crashing the boards."

## Experienced Glynn must make up for size

### FOOTBALL, from 8

Greg Davis said. "What we're looking for is just a good solid player, and we're excited about where he is right now."

While Garr has adjusted well to lining up against All-Big 12 senior defensive end Cory Redding in scrimmages, he admits he has a way to go before he becomes the caliber of player he wants to be.

"It's really not who you're going against, but how you're trying to improve yourself," Garr said. "It's an everyday struggle, and every day you have to come out here and compete. There are 15 practices, so that's 15 chances to show them what you got."

A daunting task also awaits sophomore Glynn. He will be stepping into the center role vacated by Anderson, who started 35 games in his career at Texas. At a mere 6-foot 2-inches and 275 pounds, Glynn is the smallest of Texas' offensive linemen.

He does have some experience, though, seeing action in 11 games last year.

Davis says that Glynn has the inside track to becoming the starting center when fall rolls around, but Glynn is the first to recognize that he, too, has work to do before then.

"I've got a long way to go. I have to know a lot more mentally, lift more weights and get bigger physically," Glynn said. "But everybody helps out, and everybody tells you what to do if you mess up. So you can always look to the guy to the left to help you out. The guys are real good about encouraging you to keep you going."

Living up to last year's standard will be the aspiration of the two newest starters on the line. That goal will include opening up holes for sophomore Cedric Benson, who gained 1,053 yards last year on the ground — good enough for first among true freshman running backs.

Benson himself has no doubts about the ability of Garr and Glynn to adapt and make an impact,

citing the fact that they both have been with the team longer than he has.

"They've been able to get adjusted to the plays and things like that, and they're more experienced than I am," Benson said. "They're fresh to being out there with the first team, but they've got a lot of experience already starting off."

If experience and desire are not enough to motivate Garr and Glynn toward betterment, they are currently being pushed by the play of redshirt freshmen Jonathan Scott and William Winston, both of whom have impressed Brown and Davis with their solid play during spring drills.

Filling out the starters on the line are senior tackle Doane, senior guard Derrick Dockery and junior guard Tillman Holloway, all of whom saw significant starting time in 2001.

## Texas swimmer looks for Olympic bid in 2004

### HANNAN, from 8

Longhorns. Having accomplished more than most swimmers ever dream of, he says that helping his younger teammates is now a main factor in his motivation to continue winning.

"There are some younger guys on our team who have not won a national championship, and

it would be nice to help them win one before I graduate," Hannan said. "I swim for my coaches and teammates just as much as I swim for myself, because the team is most important."

With the NCAA Championships beginning in three weeks, Hannan knows there is still more he can accomplish before his career at Texas draws to a close. But even after his career at Texas is

over, Hannan knows that competitive swimming will be the focus of his life for at least a couple years.

"I would like to continue swimming competitively through 2004 and possibly earn another Olympic bid," Hannan said. "With the younger swimmers in America getting faster, it's not guaranteed that the Olympics are in my future."





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# Police, ACLU wrangle over proposed charter changes

By Shannon Richardson  
Daily Texan Staff

Members of the Austin Police Association called on City Council members Wednesday to oppose placing two proposed amendments to the city's charter on the May election ballot.

Mike Sheffield, Austin Police Department detective and APA president, discussed how the amendments, proposed by "anti-police groups," would affect the police contract. The APA is the union that represents more than 1,100 Austin police officers.

"Now [anti-police groups] are asking City Council members to turn their backs on the police and the law," Sheffield said.

Butting heads with the APA is the group pushing the proposed amendments, the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU has pushed for police oversight since 1998.

The first proposed amendment would make public an officer's personnel file, including investigations of misconduct that prove unsustained. Even if an officer is not found guilty, the past inquiries would be open to the public.

"An officer accused of wrongdoing would be turned into a public spectacle, and that is exactly what the cop-bashers in this city want to do," Sheffield said. "It doesn't matter to

[anti-police groups] whether an officer is innocent — everyone would go on trial. This kind of system promotes attitudes of police hatred and would only serve to divide this city."

To alleviate concerns over police misconduct, City Council and APA entered into a contract last year creating a citi-

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zen oversight panel, and last month, the city established the office of police monitor. The monitor is responsible for overseeing investigations into police conduct and hearing citizens' complaints.

The second amendment would change the way the police monitor and the citizen oversight panel are appointed, increasing the role the council plays in filling and overseeing the positions. Under current police contract, the city

manager hires the monitor and appoints the members of the panel.

This amendment would put the process in the political arena, said Shelly Wilkison, APA spokeswoman.

Rather than simply choosing the most qualified monitor, the selection becomes political in nature, Sheffield said.

"We don't want a political police department," Sheffield said. "The ACLU is misguided, misdirected and confused on the issue."

Ann del Llano, a spokeswoman for the ACLU's Texas Police Accountability Project, said police must be accountable to citizens.

"Citizens should not allow the police to throw their muscle around anymore at our detriment," del Llano said. "Do not let them win this war against you."

The council will vote Thursday on whether to put the proposed amendments on the ballot.

If the proposed amendments are added to the ballot, the APA will discuss its options, Sheffield said.

But Catherine Haggerty, APD detective and APA executive board member, has already determined her course of action if the amendments go up for vote.

"I'm a voter in the city of Austin, and I'll vote against them," Haggerty said. "Enough of my personal life is already dragged out."

By Katherine Pace  
Daily Texan Staff

Operation: Food Drive, the first UT campuswide food drive, collected more than 6,000 pounds of food — enough to provide more than 4,600 meals to hungry Texans.

Sponsors expect the drive to exceed 7,000 pounds as donors continue to drop off their last gifts of food, said Andrew Araiza, a journalism junior who initiated the program. The campaign officially ended March 3.

The drive was a joint venture between KVR-TV, KVRX, *The Daily Texan* and the Student Volunteer Board.

Araiza said the drive's sponsors have set a goal to raise 10,000 pounds of food in a second campuswide food drive next year — 9,000 pounds more than this year's goal of 1,000 pounds.

"We learned how much more we can do with this," Araiza said. "[We] really underestimated this food drive because we only estimated 1,000 pounds. There was so much enthusiasm about it that we realized how many more people wanted to get involved."

Melanie Gleason, a social work sophomore and communications director for the Student Volunteer Board, helped Araiza organize the event.

"I think for the first year we did really awesome," Gleason said. "Next year, once we have things running more efficiently, I think it's really going to be awesome. It just has so much potential to become something monumental."

Araiza said next year's food drive will target campus service organizations and spirit groups in addition to the fraternities, sororities, residence

halls and college councils targeted this time.

Araiza began the food drive due to a lack of a universitywide initiative to fight hunger.

"A bunch of smaller organizations have their small food drives, but there's never been a way for the whole campus to come together and help feed Texas citizens," Araiza said.

The drive began Feb. 18 with a free concert by local band Damesviolet in front of Gregory Gym. The kick-off event was followed by competitions between fraternities, sororities and college councils.

Araiza said the Interfraternity Council, the largest donor, provided more than 3,600 pounds of food. Pi Beta Phi was the largest sorority donor, with more than 1,400 pounds of food collected. The Communication Council won the college council competition with more than 400 pounds of donations.

Kristie Gibson, events coordinator for Capital Area Food Bank, said CAFB will use the food to help serve the 340 different human service agencies that work with CAFB to help feed people throughout central Texas.

Gibson added that CAFB helps feed 415,000 people a year, a number that is increasing.

Caroline Connor, a communication studies senior and KVR-TV station manager, said KVR-TV staff members organized the kick-off concert, produced fliers, banners and advertisements and collected cans from pick-up locations.

"As a media unit we knew we had the ability to get the word out," Connor said. "We think that [the food drive] went really well, and we're glad to see that so many people donated and so many people gave so much time and effort to make sure that this was a success."

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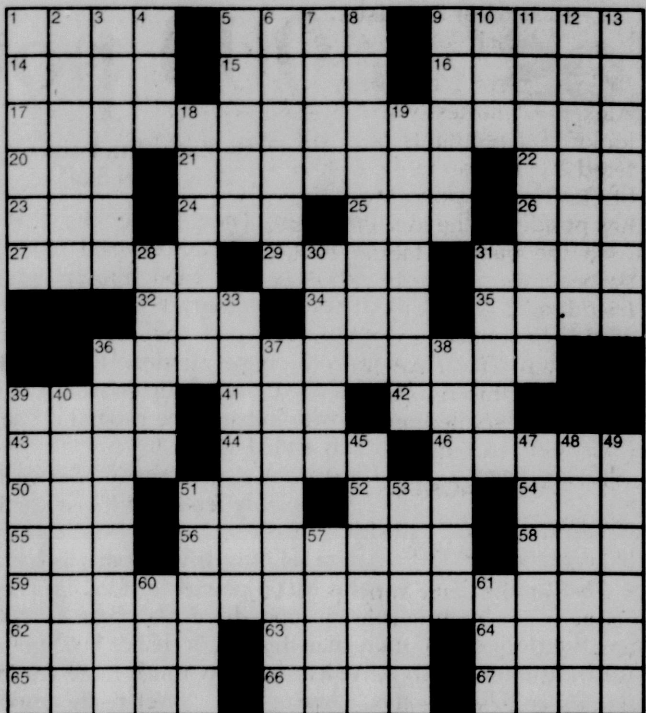
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- ACROSS
- 1 With 5-Down, Microsoft co-founder
  - 5 ... unto itself
  - 9 Naval Academy newcomer
  - 14 "The Weakest Link" host
  - 15 ... land
  - 16 Play against
  - 17 Laissez-faire doctrine
  - 20 Kay Kyser's ... Reveille
  - 21 Earthshaking?
  - 22 W.W. II vessel: Abbr.
  - 23 "Music for Airports" composer
  - 24 It may be bitter
  - 25 Article in Le Monde
  - 26 Board mem., maybe
  - 27 1916-18 post for Calvin Coolidge: Abbr.
  - 29 Concert array
  - 31 It may wind up on the side of a house
  - 32 Motor City monogram
  - 34 1940's Giants manager
  - 35 Belle's counterpart
  - 36 Wet blanket
  - 39 Housecat's perch
  - 41 Snicker syllable
  - 42 Piece activists?: Abbr.
  - 43 Piece
  - 44 What it is in Italy
  - 46 Surround snugly

- DOWN
- 1 Many a Degas
  - 2 Consecrate
  - 3 Open, in a way
  - 4 Souvenir with a scent
  - 5 See 1-Across
  - 6 Oh-so-genteel
  - 7 Cry after failing
  - 8 Become friendly with
  - 9 Tag line?
  - 10 China's ... Piao
  - 11 A saint he ain't
  - 12 One of the strings
  - 13 Bay State emblem
  - 18 Invariably
  - 19 Nascar sponsor
  - 50 One that shoots the breeze?
  - 51 Sixth-century date
  - 52 Electric's partner
  - 54 Margin
  - 55 Director ... Lee
  - 56 City near South Bend
  - 58 Actress/singer Tatyana
  - 59 Minor obsession
  - 62 Some Mideast dignitaries
  - 63 Guesstimate words
  - 64 German border river
  - 65 Matisse's "La
  - 66 Small dam
  - 67 Nobelist Morrison



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

- 28 Challenging tests
- 30 Depression, with "the"
- 31 Letter-shaped girder
- 33 Murderous Moor
- 36 Begin impetuously
- 37 "That's nothing new to me"
- 38 Magic word
- 39 Overnight guest's spot
- 40 Beach in a 1964 hit song
- 45 1999 U.S. Open champ
- 47 1972 Oscar refuser
- 48 Soprano Farrell
- 49 Composer Shostakovich
- 51 Doltish
- 53 Shady plot
- 57 Now's partner
- 60 C.P.A. hiner
- 61 Word in a denial

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1. TITLE OF THIS COMIC STRIP: "SALT \_ EARTH"

(HINT: RHYMES WITH "THE")

BY QINGDI GUAN

DOWN

19. THE STATE you ARE NOW IN. ASK A POLICEMAN IF NECESSARY.

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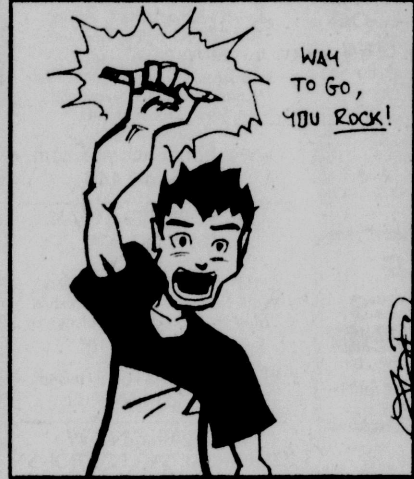
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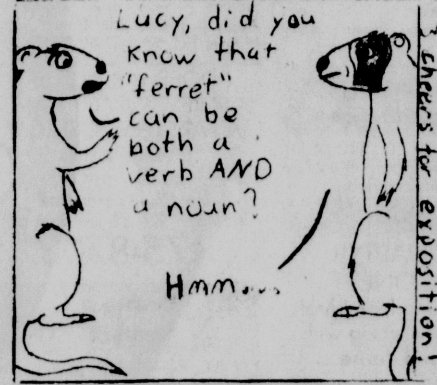
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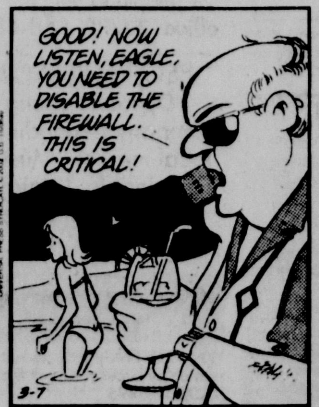
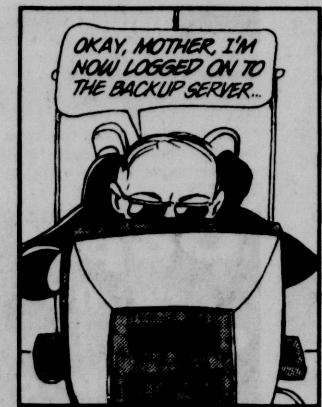
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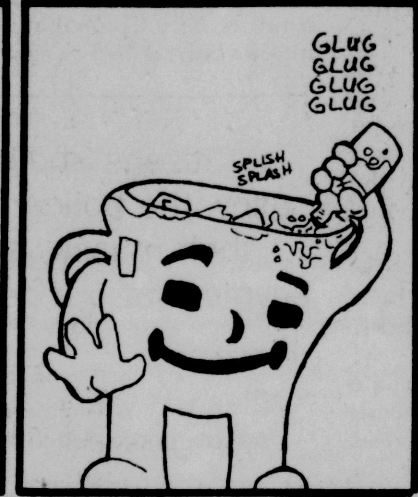
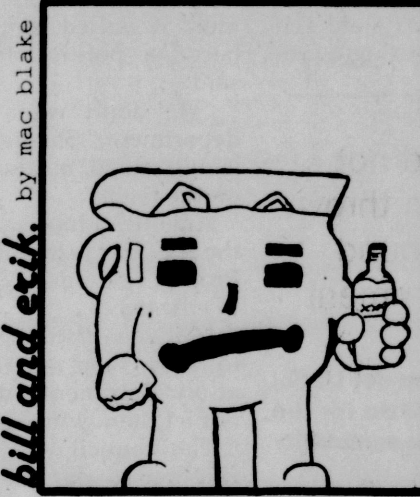


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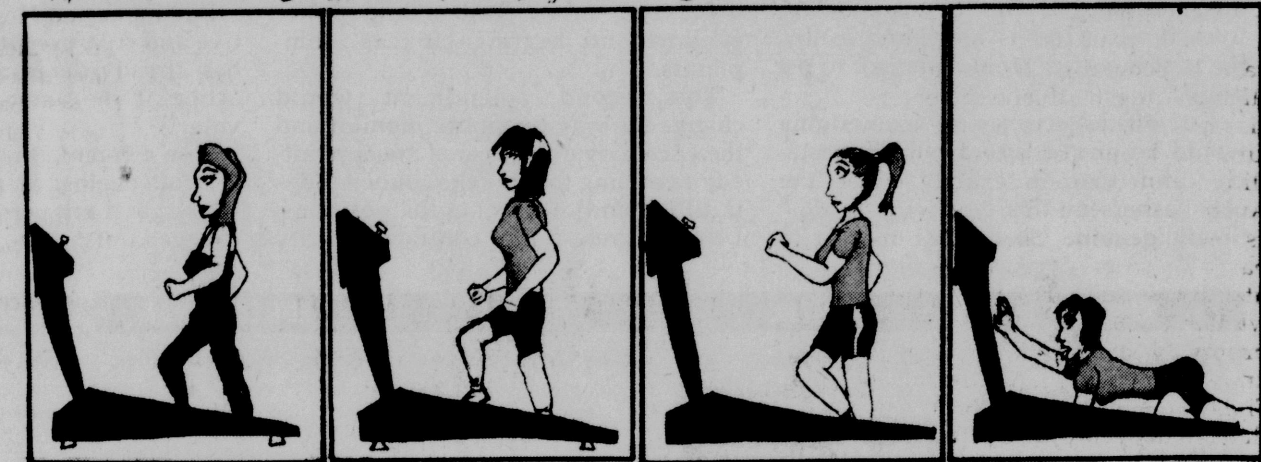


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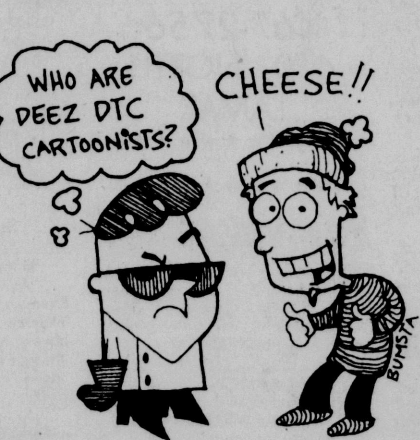
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BY KYLE WHITACRE



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# Music for the first two days of SXSW

## SOUND BITES, from 14

left the now-legendary indie label in favor of the anti-label. But a change of address isn't the only noticeable difference with the new release, *Wood/Water*. Finally given a proper amount of time to ponder and craft, the guys have put together an album more contemplative and introspective than *Very Emergency!* and *Nothing Feels Good*. Some of it comes from not wanting to produce *Very Emergency! Part II*, and some comes from singer Davey VonBohlen's recovery from a malignant brain tumor the size of a fist. The album is dense, perhaps inspired by the surroundings; it was recorded at Jacobs Studios, where the Smiths recorded *The Queen is Dead*. One song even ponders what it would be like to "enjoy morning coffee in the afternoon." The Promise Ring delivers the kind of self-deprecating lyrics and textured hooks that make them emo kings, even if the classification is touchy.

— Stephanie Jakob



Photo courtesy of Mammoth Records

Austin-based quartet Schatzi will be performing at Emo's as part of SXSW.

with singer and co-founder Carol C's sexy vocals. It's a beautiful concoction, and watching it happen onstage should be quite a treat.

— John Bringardner

**Schatzi**  
Saturday, March 14, midnight  
Emo's Main Room  
Is it pop? Is it rock? Who cares? Schatzi's *Death of the Alphabet* rings with enough enthusiasm and energy to let the band jump back and forth between stifling genre boundaries. This Austin-based band's EP showcases more genuine talent than the past year's slew of yawning rock-lite bands combined (i.e. anyone whose music gets featured and promoted by a WB show; you know who you are). A little bit Foo Fighters, a little bit Weezer and thoroughly enjoyable, Schatzi's sound is both as familiar as a childhood summer day and as emotionally complex as, well, as a faded graduate student. The sweet melancholy of "The Spider Smells Disaster," "By the Silvery Moon" and especially "The Fall of Canaryville" let you wallow in your problems while still feeling surprisingly comforted. But it's "Death of the Alphabet" and that song's remix, a track simply dubbed "\*\*\*\*," that will get stuck in your head for days, driving you to place it on mix collections for your friends so they, too, can get addicted to its sugary joy. There's still the possibility that Schatzi's upcoming LP, *50 Reasons to Explode*, will start teetering into the bland land of laughably attractive "rock" groups whose albums could cure insomnia. Fortunately, their strong showing on *Death of the Alphabet* suggests otherwise. And hopefully, their hometown gig at SXSW will do just the same.

— Sarah A. Rodriguez

**Si\*Se**  
Saturday, March 14, midnight  
Element

One of the more interesting acts to come out of David Byrne's eclectic Luaka Bop label in some time, this bilingual down-tempo act from Brooklyn makes the kind of music that can save "world-beat" from its poor reputation. They've been touted as Everything But the Girl meets Sade, and the comparison is not unwarranted. But that's only half the story. Mixing in bits of Spanish, Arabic and Caribbean influences with live instrumentation and electric breakbeat action, Si\*Se's sultry groove is topped

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# No 'Time' on its side

By Jennifer Prestigiacomo  
Daily Texan Staff

"Why can't I change the past?" Alexander earnestly wonders while looking at remnants from his shattered civilization in the film version of *The Time Machine*. Most everyone has pondered the idea of tampering with the past — taking back that barbed comment you made to a friend; taking that unknown job that could have led to a successful career. In *The Time Machine*, the answer to this timeless question is prosaically spelled out for Alex and then later refuted.

**THE TIME MACHINE** ★☆☆☆☆  
starring Guy Pearce, Samantha Mumba  
directed by Simon Wells

*The Time Machine* appears Disneyesque in its treatment of characters and settings, and it's no wonder when director Simon Wells' (last name a coincidence?) past film credits are *The Prince of Egypt*, *Barto* and *An American Tail*. Besides the fact that the movie set and scenery look like animation with loads of cartoonish gadgetry sprinkled about, the characters are like a comic strip — two-dimensional.

From the first scene, Alexander (Guy Pearce) is a run-of-the-mill geeky scientist that wears chalk dust on his jacket as if it is part of his attire as he scrawls endless calculations on the blackboard. When Alex proposes to his girlfriend Emma (Sienna Guillory) that night, time plays a dirty trick that leads to her death. Overwrought with grief, Alex spends four years hacking out plans for a time machine to use to travel back in time to alter fate and avert Emma's death. But Alex's attempt to change the circumstances leading up to her death is to no avail as she is run over by an engine-powered carriage, a new invention that reflects how Alex, by trying to change fate with his machine, kills her. The scene is laughable at the least.

The love story that occupies the first 15 minutes is completely bogus. Not only is this subplot absent in the book — let's leave the book out of this and try to judge the merit of this misguided film on its own — it establishes no character credibility. The audience has no idea why these two people are in love, and thus, no discernible motivation for Alex's time travel is established.

After an hour, the film finally starts resembling the H.G. Wells masterpiece — minus the novel's underlying social context. Alex decides to travel into the future to look for answers to his burning questions about time travel. In 2037, the futuristic setting looks like *Back to the Future Part II*, but with a twist: The sky is falling! Or at least the moon is. Terrified, Alex escapes the turmoil via time machine and travels even further into time to 2701.

Here, Alex meets the Eloi people

that live in an Ewok-esque village on the side of cliffs. In the daytime, the natives happily play; but by night, they are the food source for a subterranean species known as the Morlocks. When Alex's Eloi love interest, Mara, is abducted by the Morlocks, he enters the fray to thwart the predators.

*The Time Machine* has a few fine elements, but they are poorly executed. The time machine itself is a complete anachronism; it sparkles with pristine golden rods and a crystal key — which is a little on the hokey side, but fun to watch. The special effects that visualize the passage of time as the machine travels are eye-catching, but certainly not enough to salvage this broken film. Even the minor performances by Orlando Jones and Jeremy Irons are flat and uninteresting. In the end, time will surely make this a forgotten film.

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## SXSW Countdown

# Austin's world-weary travelers

Sex, drugs and Bill Monroe are influences for the Weary Boys, who will play SXSW

By Stayton Bonner  
Daily Texan Staff

"Got a joint, man?" The question kind of catches me off-guard. I'm standing outside the Continental Club interviewing local country band The Weary Boys, who have achieved local fame by religiously playing traditional country and bluegrass standards. Since most of the guys playing this kind of music these days are either staunchly conservative or eating Metamucil for breakfast, the question surprises me. Telling them I don't have a joint, but feeling like it'd be a lot cooler if I did, I start to realize there are a lot of surprises rolled up in the Weary Boys.

Originally hailing from hippie-mecca Humboldt County, Calif., the band's originators Mario Matteoli, Brian Salvi and Darren Hoff got into country music at an early age.

"I picked it up from watching *The Last Picture Show* when I was about 12, and ever since then I've liked Hank Williams," says Mario. "From there on, I found a bunch of other old country shit that was cool."

The three Californians played together for a couple months in high school, and then all went separate ways. While traveling around Germany, Brian had the idea of getting the group back together.

"While Brian was living in Germany, he started e-mailing us, saying we should move somewhere and play music again. Seemed like a good idea. Eventually, we settled on Austin, and that's pretty much it," Darren says laughing. "Not a whole lot to it."

Despite the fact that they hadn't played together in years, had never been to the Texas capital and knew nobody here, the reformed trio packed all their stuff into a car and hit the road for

Austin in late 2000.

"Guadalupe Street Drag was our first gig. About the third or fourth day we lived here, we decided to go play the five songs we had worked up together since we started hanging out again," Darren relates with a smile. "We went down to the Drag, made over a hundred bucks and bought some steak and some beer. It was awesome."

"Yeah, the first day was the best," Brian reiterates.

Unbeknownst to the California three-piece band, a Texas rhythm section was about to join them. Darren Sluyter walked up to the trio that first day on the Drag, gave them a dollar and hung out. A couple weeks later, Sluyter ran into Brian again, invited the band over to jam at his place and was instantly invited to play bass for the group.

A little while later, Cade C. Callahan saw the four guys playing at a San Marcos bar and started harassing them for not having a drummer. Leaving during the middle of the show and coming back to the bar with a drum kit, Callahan got on the stage and hasn't left since.

The Weary Boys were now complete with Mario on lead guitar, Darren on rhythm guitar, Brian on fiddle, Sluyter on bass and Cade on drums. All five guys sing, though Mario and Darren share the bulk of the vocals. Playing covers that included Bill Monroe's "Dark as the Night," Hank Williams' "Ramblin' Man" and Jimmie Reed's "Runnin' Hidin'," as well as a mess of old traditional songs and a couple originals, the Weary Boys started playing for tips during the day on the Drag.

Eventually moving up the street and indoors at the Hole in the Wall, the Boys started forming a fan base that led to other gigs. Before the end of 2001, the



Photo courtesy of www.thewearyboys.com

The Weary Boys play the Drag, where the band first met guitarist Darren Sluyter.

band had a critically acclaimed album cut the old fashioned way (with everyone playing live in the studio simultaneously) and an increasing number of venues to play in. Now, firmly entrenched in the Austin music scene with a steady gig following Toni Price on Tuesday nights at the Continental Club, the Weary Boys are setting their sights outside the state lines.

"Touring is much better than having a day job," Brian says laughing.

The band recently traveled to Angola State Prison in Louisiana to record a live album.

"It's not real often that you get to actually have murderers playing with you," Darren says.

"We don't actually know what their crimes were," Brian quickly interjects. "We didn't ask out of politeness."

Though the band was a little uneasy at first, all agreed that the experience proved to be very worthwhile and enlightening.

"They were real nice, I thought, for the most part," says Cade.

"Yeah, Cade got some action," Mario says, causing the group to start laughing and ripping on each other.

Besides an immediate future of

steady touring, the Boys are also excited to be playing in next week's SXSW music festival.

"We're really happy to get such a good slot at the Continental," says Brian.

"Last year, we just played on the street," remembers Darren.

"Yeah, it was sunny and people were walking by. I remember thinking this is the best SXSW gig I've ever played," Cade says laughing.

Not taking too much more than their music seriously, the Weary Boys are a lot of fun to hang around. During their show last Tuesday night at the Continental Club, they got the crowd clapping along to the fast songs and two-stepping to the waltzes. Decked out in vintage Western clothing and cowboy hats, the Boys lined up in a row along the stage and played shoulder to shoulder to the eclectic crowd that included college kids, hippies, businessmen, old-timers and a lot of good-looking girls. If you're a Weary Boy, life is looking pretty good right now.

The Weary Boys play the after-party tonight at Stubb's after Willie's show and every Tuesday night at the Continental Club.

## Sound Bites SXSW Spotlight

**The Hissyfits**  
Friday, March 13, 1 a.m.  
The Red Eyed Fly

Wuz up grrlz? Not so wild about the male domination of SXSW rock 'n' roll?

Well, fear not, females! Within the testosterone-dominated festival lies girl-power gems The Hissyfits.

Doubtful? True, their lyrics have all the emotional depth of motivational rhetoric from your favorite grrl-power mags. True, their lineup, since the production of their last CD, *There Must Be Something Wrong*, has retained only one original member named Princess.

But judging by said CD, these girls seem genuinely capable of ... well ... throwing a hissy fit. There isn't really enough chick-rock in the world, and their sound is best described as I-stole-my-brother's-guitar-and-I-sing-better-than-him-anymore: high-energy, defiant and guitar-powered. It sounds a little like Liz Phair's solo work, or maybe an embryonic version of Luscious Jackson. This should be an entertaining show. Look for the lead track off their CD, *There Must Be Something Wrong*. There's just something right about it.

— Cary Keagle

**Seaworthy**  
Saturday, March 14, 9 p.m.  
Emo's Main Room

Athens, Ga.'s, favorite post-rockers Macha have hit up the festival in recent years. But this time, band leader Josh McKay is striking off on his own with his side-project, Seaworthy. Their sound is immediately recognizable as the same ethereal mix of novel instrumentation and shoegazer tunes. Seaworthy's album, *The Ride*, plays with an atmospheric ambience best suited to headphones or surround sound. And as a full listen, it's an extremely relaxing experience. Josh's barely-there vocals decorate a few of the tunes, where others are content to remain instrumental. Some tracks even feature the occasional guest vocalist, like Japanese singer Haco on "The Day." This is the kind of late-night music that should provide a welcome respite to the hectic rush of the festival.

— John Bringardner

**Quarashi**  
Saturday, March 14, 10 p.m.  
La Zona Rosa

There are two blocs of rap in Iceland: one raps in English, the other in the native Icelandic tongue. While bad blood exists between the two, it seems unlikely the country's premier rap group would choose to use both languages. But Quarashi, Iceland's foremost shot at leaving a mark on the hip-hop world, do just that, and they do it well. Formed by chance when producer Sölvi Blondal met Steini Fjeldstad at a skate park (Blondal was doing community service), the group enjoyed instant success locally, with their first two albums going gold (5,000 copies in Iceland). Recently signed to Columbia, Quarashi's international debut, *Jinx*, is due April 6. Though the rappers already enjoy a massive cult following domestically, no doubt boosted by the appearance of "Stick 'Em Up" on the *Orange County* soundtrack, their best material has yet to meet the masses. The appeal of Icelandic bands works in their favor, and Quarashi are clearly serious about creating a highly diverse international sound. Skilled raps meet smooth beats and unexpectedly melodic sound cuts. "Malone Lives" is the smoothest, while "Transparent Parents" is the closest sound to a rap-rock-pop song since early Beasties. With more imagination and ingenuity than most rap-rockers, Quarashi's music is so sublime, it's transcendent, and so magnetic, it's surreal.

— Stephanie Jakob

**The Promise Ring**  
Saturday, March 14, 10 p.m.  
Emo's Main Room

Though they've built a reputation centered on boyishly obsessive songs with finely crafted guitar licks, Milwaukee's The Promise Ring dislike "emo" and other hyphenated labels frequently attached to them. Named in the Spin 40, the indie-rock heroes have spent the past year recuperating from hyperactive bouts of touring and recording a new album. Three albums and six years after signing with Jade Tree, the Promise Ring has

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