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Pat Clubb, UT's vice president of employee and campus services, speaks during Monday's Student Safety Coalition News Conference. The coalition was established as a way for exchanging ideas about safety concerns for UT students.



Jason Sweeten
Daily Texan Staff

Coalition looks at safety

Students voice concern over crime on campus after increase in rapes

By Julio Trujillo
Daily Texan Staff

A new student safety coalition launched Monday afternoon will address campus concerns about criminal activity after high profile crimes and an increase in the number of rapes in the last year.

The number of rapes in Austin's downtown area increased by 21 percent in the first eight months of 2006, according to Austin Police Department statistics released in September.

The coalition, proposed in an August city

council meeting by Councilwoman Jennifer Kim, will join together various city, state and university organizations to share information and ideas about increasing campus safety, Kim said in a press conference launching the coalition.

Kim cited the high-profile death of UT freshman Phanta "Jack" Phoummarath by alcohol poisoning last fall as a reason why she proposed the coalition's creation.

"As the UT population is growing, we have the responsibility to the students, and their parents to make sure they are safe," Kim said.

Councilwoman Sheryl Cole said the coalition is needed because of the large student population living off-campus.

"With 86 percent of students living off-campus,

[crime issues] are particularly challenging," she said.

In a meeting following the press conference, police divisions gave various presentations on student safety concerns and the coalition held an open forum for the public.

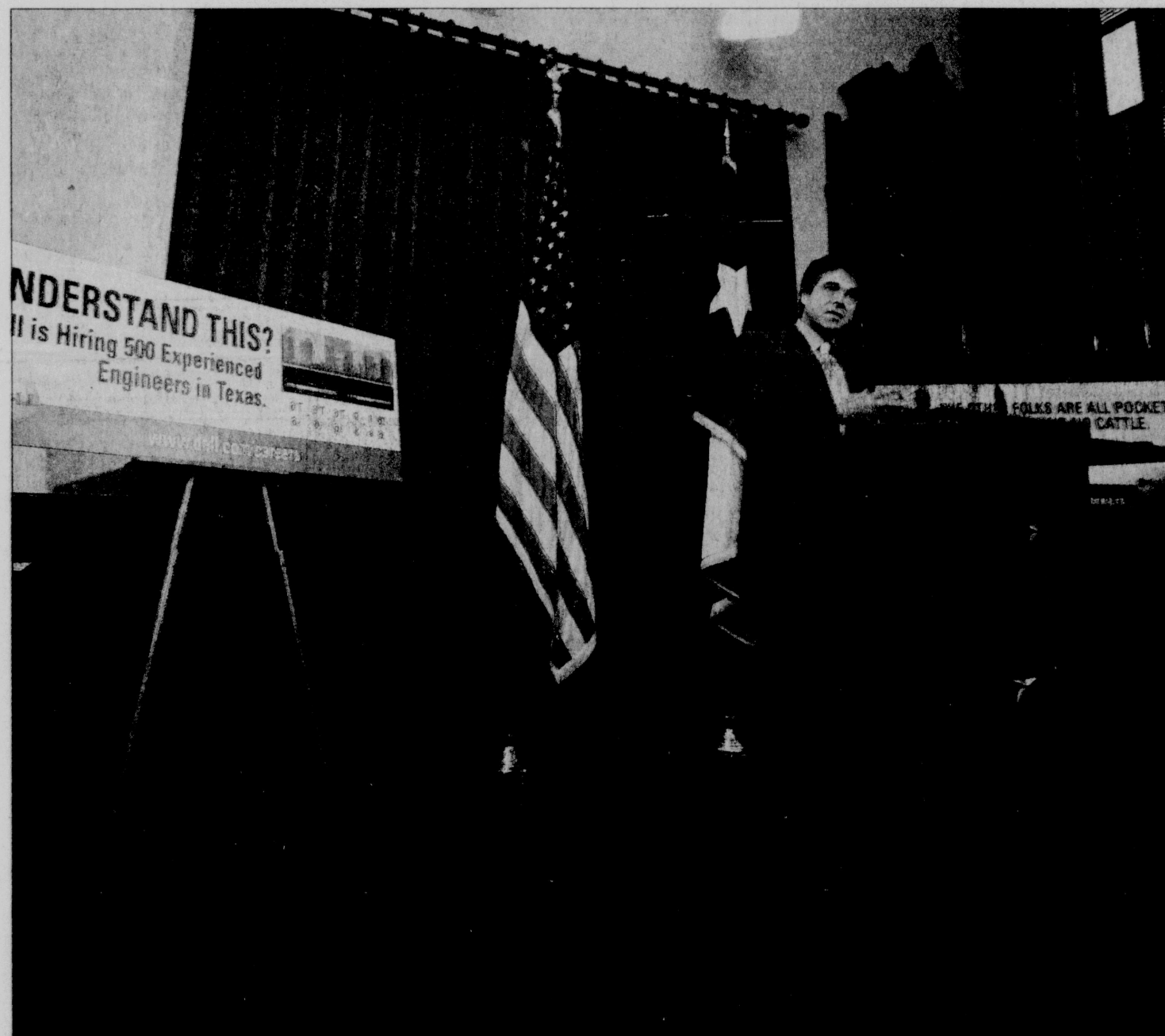
Brian Donovan, the general administrator of student housing co-op Intercooperative Council said he has seen cases where students feel intimidated into not reporting crimes.

"We need to work on the culture that reporting crime is good," Donovan said.

There will be two additional meetings of the coalition at the beginning and end of the spring semester.

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DELL TO HIRE 500 ENGINEERS



Gov. Rick Perry announces the expansion of Dell's Texas operations Monday. The company plans to hire an additional 500 engineers.

Liang Shi
Daily Texan Staff

Computer industry giant plans on recruiting new grads from universities

By Cassandra Kirsch
Daily Texan Staff

Computer manufacturer Dell Inc. officially announced plans to hire 500 engineers in Central Texas alongside

Gov. Rick Perry on Monday at the Capitol.

Michael Dell, Dell Inc. chairman, said that the company would immediately begin to recruit engineers from graduates at state universities, including UT. The desired engineer specializations are fairly broad, Dell said, ranging from mechanical engineers to audio technology engineers.

The expansion is part of the Dell

2.0 business plan, an initiative by the company to revitalize every element of the business, said Jess Blackburn, a Dell Inc. spokesman. The initiative includes continuing to improve design and customer satisfaction rates after some negative reviews over the past few years, Dell said.

Dell said although the company already has several engineering sites around the world, Austin provides the

kind of environment ideal to the new expansion, specifically the quality of life in the city.

"We have our roots here in Austin; it was in Jester Room 2613 that I began this company," said Dell, referring to his college days at UT.

In December, about 400 students will graduate from the College of

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Students' habits put short-term, long-term health at risk

Competitiveness, lack of sleep, stress additional risks to well-being

By Cody Schultz
Daily Texan Staff

Habitual student activities such as sleeping five hours a night, eating Wendy's at midnight and stressing out for tests may be more devastating to short- and long-term health than many students may realize.

Jane Bost, associate director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center at UT, said she believes stress makes life interesting and challenging, but if a student is too stressed, it can be destructive to physical and mental health causing anxiety disorders or depression. She said the center treats anxiety and depression the most.

"Stress is sort of a bell curve, either [students] don't have enough in their life, or they have too much," she said. "Stress cuts down on performance and what they are able to do."

Bost said a student's competitiveness plays a large role in their stress level. She said she believes college has gotten much more competitive over the last 20 years.

"There is a sense of pressure to have to perform well in everything," she says. "Competition is significant in getting into graduate school or getting a job beyond the bachelor's degree."

Eugenia Montoya, a liberal arts sophomore, said she averages five hours of sleep a night.

"I do not eat three meals a day, because I simply do not have the time," she said. "I have a bowl of cereal in the mornings at around 8 o'clock, and I do not eat again until dinner."

The sense of competition can be seen in the college application process, and how rigorous the standards have become for admission to the University, said Kedra Ishop, associate director of admissions. This year the University, ranked 47th in the nation according to *U.S. News and World Reports*, received 27,000 applications, she said.

"Admissions have become much more competitive over the last five years, in terms of students vying for a limited number of spaces," Ishop said. "The students competing for these spots are

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Friedman, Ventura team up for campaign stops

Tour to stop at more than 20 universities statewide, including UT

By Joseph Boone
Daily Texan Staff

Texas independent gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman and former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura will visit more than 20 Texas universities before Oct. 10 as part of a campaign to get students to vote in the November election.

The two kicked off the college tour by visiting UT-San Antonio on Monday afternoon. Friedman

and Ventura will speak and take questions at each university, said Laura Stromberg, Friedman's spokeswoman.

Friedman will visit UT on Oct. 4 without Ventura. He will speak and take questions at 11 a.m. in the Texas Union Ballroom.

Other schools on the college tour include Texas A&M, Texas State University and the University of North Texas.

Assistance with voter registration will be available at each event, Stromberg said.

"I think the kids might surprise us," Friedman said at a press conference Monday.

In the 2002 governor's race, 29

percent of eligible voters cast a ballot, Ventura said. He said he believes that if an extra 10 percent of voters turn out in November, Friedman could win.

"I'm hoping to inspire them to get out and vote," Ventura said. "If you become a voting force, politicians will listen to you."

Ventura said he joined Friedman's campaign to increase support for independent candidates and to advise Friedman as an independent with gubernatorial experience. He said the best advice he could give Friedman is to always be yourself.

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Top issues Texas college students consider when voting for governor

1. Tuition costs and tuition deregulation
2. Abortion
3. Sales tax on textbooks
4. Public school financing
5. Economic development

Source: Sherri Greenberg, elections expert, LBJ School of Public Affairs lecturer



Jesse Ventura and Kinky Friedman kick off their college campus tour at the Friedman Headquarters Monday morning at 701 E. Ben White Boulevard. Friedman will be at UT on Wednesday, Oct. 4 as part of the tour.

Jacqueline Walker
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COLLEGE: Students advised to practice healthy habits

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becoming savvier about the administration process, which makes the entire process an even more competitive one."

Coby Cooper, an administrative associate for the Department of Human Ecology, said he realizes students do not live very healthy lives.

Students do not get enough sleep or regular activity, Cooper said. They do not eat the right amounts of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, go light on meat or shy away from processed foods,

which can exasperate anxiety and depression because of things like caffeine and high sugar, he said.

"One-tenth of 1 percent of the students probably follow the proper diet or get the proper amount of sleep," he said. "I think the students who don't follow it are definitely lower performers in general, they are probably more tired and more sluggish, because diet affects mental acuity."

Cooper said other than short-term consequences, many degenerative diseases are a result of

"One-tenth of 1 percent of the students probably follow the proper diet or get the proper amount of sleep."

Coby Cooper, administrative assistant for the Department of Human Ecology

poor diet and lack of sleep, including diabetes, heart disease, hemorrhoids, cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

"Recent studies have shown

that reducing caloric intake lowers chances for Alzheimer's disease, which results from a diet of too many calories," he said.

Bost said she knows it is hard for students to remember to take care of themselves when they have so many things going on in their life, but she believes they need to remember to put time in their schedule for themselves.

"I think students are finding it more and more difficult to build in time to take care of themselves," she said. "Making time for themselves and with friends is very healthy."

KINKY: Candidate says he feels closest to younger generation

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Mary Dixon, associate director of the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Participation, described Friedman's relationship with Ventura as a "natural fit." She said Ventura has the ability to affect Friedman's campaign because of his experience as an independent.

Friedman identified money as the biggest issue for college students in November's election. College students are "broke" while their institutions are "wealthy," he said.

If elected, Friedman said he would like to see the younger generation become influential in running institutions of higher education and the state.

Friedman said in relation to his opponents, he is the "closest to the people and closest to the kids."

Ventura and Friedman criticized the Texas voting process and the inability to register late after Oct. 10.

"Every state should have same-day registration," Ventura said.

States, such as Minnesota, that allow same-day registration have seen positive results, Dixon said.

ODDITIES

Message in bottle brings teenager international fame

NAPLES, Fla. — Dennis Davis has reached celebrity status in a Spanish village he's never visited.

Three years ago, the 16-year-old put a message in a bottle that eventually washed up on a beach near Malpica.

Now, thanks to an article about the bottle published in a Spanish newspaper Aug. 26, the whole town knows more about the American who lives more than 4,000 miles away than he knows about them.

The bottle was part of a project at Oak Ridge Middle School. Teachers there had students bring glass bottles with cork tops to class. On one side of a paper, the teachers wrote a note about themselves, with contact information. On the other side, students wrote things about themselves, including their ages, where they went to school and what their lives in Naples were like.

Dennis would like to read the Spanish article that features him. But before he can understand it, the teen needs to finish the Spanish I class he's enrolled in this year.

"I thought it was kind of weird that I've never been there, and I see my name in their newspaper," Dennis said. "It's like I'm famous in another country."

You're supposed to talk to your plants, not take them walking

DES MOINES, Iowa — Aaroh Janssen apparently made it way too easy for police.

Janssen, 36, was arrested on marijuana charges Thursday after he was spotted taking a leisurely stroll through downtown, carrying his recently harvested pot plants, police said.

Polk County Chief Deputy Mark Burdock said he did a double-take when he looked out his office window at the county jail and saw Janssen walking down the sidewalk with the stalks.

"He was carrying it like you'd carry a bundle of presents. It was tall enough where he was looking over the top of them, and he's just walking like nothing's going on," Burdock said.

Burdock said he went outside and yelled at Janssen, who walked right over to him, still carrying the plants.

DELL: Announcement may benefit local students

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Engineering, said Ben Streetman, dean of the engineering school.

Dell's decision comes as good news for students hoping to snag a job in the area, Streetman said. He said about a quarter of graduates stay in Austin after graduation.

"It will be a pleasure for many to be able to take a job here in Austin," Streetman said.

Perry verified that no state funding is linked or attached to Dell's decision after concerns were raised at the press conference over Dell's reasons for choosing Central Texas over other facilities across the globe.

"This is the effect of making Texas a place where people want to expand and relocate their businesses," Perry said.

"It was in Jester Room 2613 that I began this company."

Michael Dell, Dell Inc. chairman

The influx of the engineering positions will drive up the overall average income for Austin due to the typically higher salaries of jobs needing specialized skills, said Nan Matthew, a spokeswoman for the Austin Chamber of Commerce.

"Ultimately, it takes the private sector to lead through investment capital for the economy to grow and create jobs," Perry said.

Dell Inc. did not announce plans to cut staff in any areas as a result of the additional engineers for reasons of overall growth in the company, Dell said.

SAFETY: UTPD sets goal to become safest campus

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The end result of these meetings will be a report on student safety that the coalition will give to the University, the Austin Police Department and the city

government, Kim said. The report will contain recommendations about how the various agencies can increase student safety.

"Our goal is to make this campus the safest in America," said UT Police Chief Robert Dahlstrom.

— used forged checks to buy surveillance equipment, cell phones and stereo equipment.

Python makes daring escape from sixth-grade captors

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. — Students at a Long Island school have more than the three R's to deal with these days. They're hunting for a reptile running loose.

The 2-foot serpent's name is Slim, a ball python who escaped from its tank in the sixth-grade science room it had occupied for five years at the Hauppauge Middle School.

On Tuesday, teachers were putting Slim and another snake named Otis back into their containers when a student with a problem in the hall distracted them for a few moments.

"The calculating snakes took this as an opportunity to make a break for it," principal Maryann Fletcher explained to parents in a letter.

Otis was caught. Slim was not.

The principal promised that the school is "making every effort to locate the snake." To entice the critter, the school has set up heating lamps and traps filled with crickets.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Pope meets with Islamic envoys to rebuild relations

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — Seeking to end anger in the Islamic world over his remarks on holy war, Pope Benedict XVI told Muslim envoys Monday their two faiths must overcome historic enmities and together reject violence, saying the future of humanity is at stake.

The pope also urged "reciprocity" in religious freedom, calling for preserving the rights of Christians throughout the Islamic world.

"The circumstances which have given rise to our gathering are well known," Benedict said, referring to his remarks on Islam in a Sept. 12 speech at Regensburg University in Germany, which set off protests around the Muslim world.

U.S. troops say Sadr City

staging ground for militants

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. soldiers trying to calm Baghdad say the sprawling Sadr City slum has once again become a haven for anti-American militants — and the source of most of the gunfire and mortars directed at them.

In the last two weeks, U.S. forces have suffered several casualties from dozens of shootings, mortar attacks and roadside bombings that American troops believe originated from Sadr City.

Yet the Americans have been restrained in their response, as U.S. and Iraqi leaders strive to avoid a third confrontation in two years with firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his Mahdi Army — the biggest and most dangerous Shiite militia in Iraq.

Instead of venturing into Sadr City in strength, U.S. troops are concentrating instead on the mostly Shiite neighborhoods that surround the militia stronghold. All the while they are drawing fire from Sadr City.

As a result, some American soldiers believe the only way — in the end — to curb Shiite militias and halt the sectarian violence will be to confront the militia fighters in their sanctuary.

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British troops kill top terrorist

Forces slay alleged al-Qaida leader during early-morning raid on Basra dwelling

By David Rising
The Associated Press

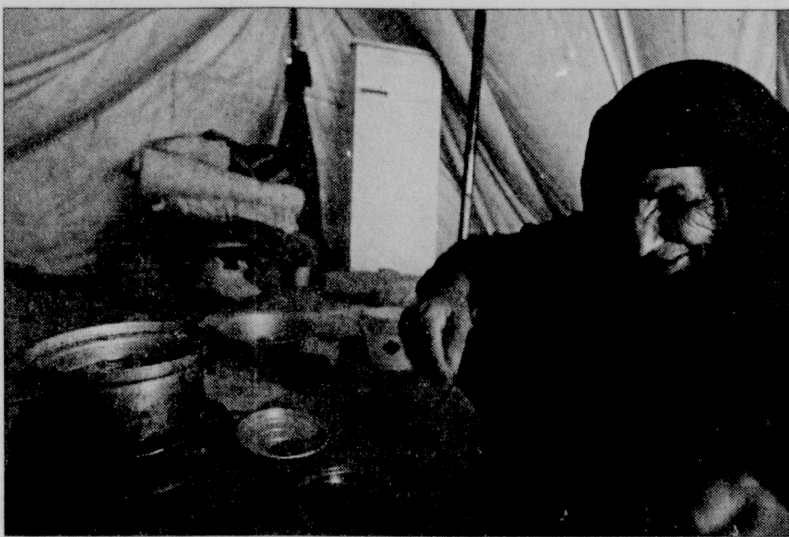
BAGHDAD, Iraq — British forces said they killed a top terrorist leader Monday, identified by Iraqi officials as an al-Qaida leader who had escaped from a U.S. prison in Afghanistan and returned to Iraq.

Omar al-Farouq was killed in a pre-dawn raid by 250 British troops from the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment on his home in Basra, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, British forces spokesman Maj. Charlie Burbidge said.

Al-Farouq was killed after he opened fire on British soldiers entering his home, Burbidge said.

"We had information that a terrorist of considerable significance was hiding in Basra, as a result of that information we conducted an operation in an attempt to arrest him," Burbidge told The Associated Press by telephone from southern Iraq. "During the attempted arrest, Omar Farouq was killed, which is regrettable, because we wanted to arrest him."

He said he could not comment on whether it was the same man who led al-Qaida's



An Iraqi woman displaced by sectarian violence, prepares food in her makeshift tent, in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday.

Hadi Mizban
Associated Press

Southeast Asia operations, citing British policy not allowing him to link an individual to a specific organization.

But a Basra police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity for security reasons, said it was the same man, adding al-Farouq was known to be an expert in bomb-making. The officer said al-Farouq was going by the name Mahmoud Ahmed while living in Basra, adding that he entered Iraq three months ago.

Earlier, Basra police Lt. Col. Kareem al-Zubaidi identified the man killed as Mahmoud

Ahmed, saying he returned two weeks ago after reportedly fighting U.S. troops in Afghanistan. There was no explanation for the differing accounts on the date of his arrival.

Neighbors told the AP that al-Farouq was a member of al-Qaida and had received training in camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The U.S. command had no immediate comment on the incident.

Al-Farouq was one of four al-Qaida suspects who broke out of the prison in Bagram, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan, in July 2005.

Judge puts tobacco decision in jury's hands

Suit alleges companies misrepresented health risks of light cigarettes

By Tom Hays
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge ruled Monday that a jury should decide whether tobacco companies must pay tens of millions of smokers up to \$200 billion for allegedly duping them into buying light cigarettes over the past three decades.

The nation's biggest cigarette makers said they would appeal but their shares sagged on Wall Street as the ruling took the edge

off what had appeared to be an improving legal environment for the industry.

"The plaintiffs are entitled to the chance to prove their allegations," U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein said in granting class-action status to a lawsuit against industry leader and Marlboro maker Philip Morris USA Inc., its biggest U.S. rival R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and other cigarette manufacturers.

The suit, filed in 2004, alleges the tobacco companies responded to consumers' mounting health concerns with a marketing scheme

to promote light cigarettes as a lower-risk alternative to regular cigarettes, even though their own internal documents showed they

knew the risks were about the same.

Smokers' attorney Michael D. Hausfeld said the decision could clear the way for one of the largest class-action cases ever, both in number of plaintiffs and amount of damages. He estimated the class — consisting of anyone who purchased cigarettes that were labeled "light" or "lights" after they were put on the market in the early 1970s — could number up to 60 million.

Lawyers for the tobacco companies said they would appeal.

"We obviously disagree with the ruling — strongly," said Theodore Grossman, an attorney for Reynolds American Inc.'s R.J.

Reynolds Tobacco division. "The law doesn't support class certification."

Last year, the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals threw out Weinstein's decision in a 2002 case in which he certified the first-ever, nationwide class-action against tobacco companies. The panel ruled he had stretched the boundaries of the law by allowing the plaintiffs to seek only punitive damages.

In Monday's 540-page ruling, Weinstein said the class certification was necessary because "no individual can afford to prosecute the case alone." Any flaws in the case, he added, were outweighed by the need to put it before a jury.

NATION BRIEFLY

Government relaxes ban on liquids, gels on airliners

WASHINGTON — The government is partially lifting its ban against carrying liquids and gels onto airliners, as long as they are purchased from secure airport stores, and will also permit small, travel-size toiletries brought from home, officials said Monday.

A total ban on such products, instituted after a plot to bomb jets flying into the United States was foiled, is no longer needed, said Transportation Security Administration chief Kip Hawley.

He said that most liquids and gels that air travelers purchase in secure areas of airports will now be allowed on planes. He called the new procedures a "common sense" approach that would maintain a high level of security at airports but ease conditions for passengers.

New procedures also were announced for toiletries and other products passengers bring to the airport. These products will be limited to 3-ounce sizes and must fit in a clear, 1-quart size plastic bag with a zip top. The bags will be screened and returned if they are cleared.

NTSB rules out intoxication in Kentucky plane crash

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Two pilots whose plane crashed on takeoff after they turned onto the wrong runway had no trace of alcohol or illegal drugs in their systems, federal safety investigators said Monday.

In updating its investigation of the fiery Aug. 27 crash, which killed 49 people, the National Transportation Safety Board also said no evidence was found of engine failure on the flight.

The Atlanta-bound commuter jet plowed through a perimeter fence and crashed in a field about 1,800 feet from the end of the runway at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport. In the pre-dawn darkness, the crew mistakenly had tried to take off on a runway that was too short.

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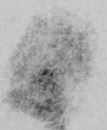
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Simply put, Robert Rowling is one of the wealthiest human beings on the planet. In fact, Forbes Magazine listed Rowling as the No. 129 richest person in the world this year, with a net worth of more than \$5.2 billion. In the state of Texas, only Michael Dell, Alice Walton (of Wal-Mart fame), Dan Duncan and Robert Bass have amassed more money.

Of course, this massive personal wealth makes Rowling a perfect candidate for the Board of Regents, and Gov. Perry appointed the Dallas businessman to the position in July 2004 to finish the term of outgoing chairman Charles Miller.

Back then, the Texan caricatured Rowling as the “financially invincible Super Regent,” you know, because: “Where most regents are rich, he is richer. Where most regents are Bush supporters, he is Bushier. Where some regents have maintained a financial stake in the Texas oil industry, he is oilier.”

In fact, Rowling even beats out most wealthy donors. He has roughly four times the wealth of car salesman and business school moniker Red McCombs.

Rowling graduated from the University in 1976 with a bachelor's in business administration and went to law school at Southern Methodist University. He sits in the minority of folks who have their family names etched in stone on campus: Reese M. Rowling Hall, on the east side of Royal-Memorial Stadium, houses the Touchdown Club and 62 stadium suites that each fetch around \$75,000 every season.

That wing of the stadium was named after Rowling's father after the regent donated \$5 million to athletics, in part to help construct the giant practice bubble for football on the corner of Red River and Dean Keeton streets.

Reese Rowling hired his son in 1972 to work with him at Tana Oil and Gas. Ten years later, the two founded the Teco Pipeline Company. They later sold most of Tana's assets to Texaco Inc. in 1989 for \$476 million, forming the company TRT Holdings that same year.

Regent Rowling is currently the chairman of the board, director and owner of TRT Holdings, which has diversified its interests in

the last few years. TRT bought Omni Hotels in 1996 (Rowling is its chairman), sold Corpus Christi National Bank in 1985 and bought Gold's Gym in 1994. The company also invested \$25 million in the Mexican dollar store Waldo's in 2003, and still owns the Tana Holdings Corp. and Tana Exploration Company. The company also owns assets of GGI Holdings, Nueces Insurance Company and an aeronautical company.

TRT owns considerable real estate in Corpus Christi (about one-fifth of the surface area of downtown), where TRT was based until Rowling moved it to Irving in 1997. In April, TRT was negotiating with Corpus Christi to develop a seaside amusement park.

In the past, Rowling has sat on the corporate boards for NationsBank of Texas and the J.G. Boswell Company. Recent financial statements list major stock holdings (more than 10,000 shares) of the energy holdings company PG&E Corp., Bank of America and Horizon Oil Limited. He also holds more than 5,000 shares of ExxonMobil. He additionally receives income in excess of \$25,000 a year from Conoco Phillips, North Central Oil, Kaler Energy, Blackstone Ivory and RRP, Inc.

Being appointed regent was Rowling's first step into the public sector, but he is no stranger to political influence. He was a Bush pioneer, pledging to raise more than \$100,000 for the president's campaign, in both 2000 and 2004, and has donated heavily to state Republican leaders. Combined, Gov. Perry and Attorney General Greg Abbott have been the beneficiaries of nearly \$500,000 in Rowling donations over the past six years. He has given more than \$1 million to Republican campaigns over the last decade.

Rowling has the air of a staid family man, and some of his actions with Omni Hotels reflect this. In 1999, he announced that Omni Hotels would turn down an estimated \$4 million a year by discontinuing carrying pornography, because he did not want his children to think porn was a legitimate way to make money. In addition to his position with Young Life, he donates heavily to other Christian youth groups.

Through it all, he has been a deep-pocketed ally of Gov. Perry. Much like Regent Rita Clements, whose husband, former Gov. William Clements, donated \$100,000 to Gov. Perry less than a year after Perry reappointed Clements to the board of regents, Rowling made a \$100,000 donation of his own. On June 22, 2005, he cut Perry two checks that totaled the six-figure amount.

As of May, Robert Rowling additionally served on the boards of directors for:

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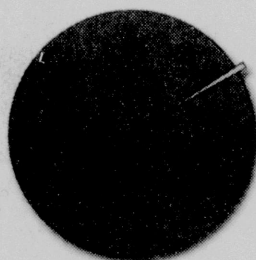
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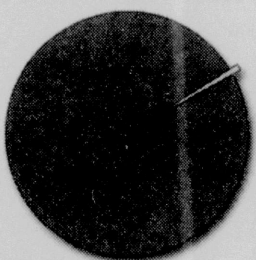
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Sources: Texas Ethics Commission, OpenSecrets.org

VIEWPOINT

Having met your regents

Off and on for the past four weeks, we've spent gallons of ink profiling each member of the UT System Board of Regents, which writes the institutional rules and sets tuition for the 15 UT System campuses. Today marks the end of our series.

A few things over the last month have perhaps grown apparent, easiest of which that the regents are no doubt a part of a wealthy elite. Their positions are set up that way: They are not compensated for their service to the board, save reimbursements for travel.

But our current governor, who is notably up for reelection this November and has appointed all of the current regents, has had the opportunity to show the kinds of leaders he wants for the UT System. Robert Rowling, Perry's most recent appointment who is profiled today, epitomizes that model.

Few of the members of the Board of Regents have any administrative background in academics, besides attaining their degrees (most often from UT-Austin). They are not educators, but rather corporate crusaders, and Perry's appointments have implied that governance of the UT System is first and foremost about money management, especially the \$19.9 billion in endowments and donations that the University of Texas Investment Management Company invests (which mostly goes into the private sector).

The mantra coming out of the UT System these past few years revolves around the idea that the University is an “economic engine,” a fact not lost in Perry's Emergency Technology Fund, which aims millions at research for commercial applications. The University is increasingly managed like a corporation, where “market forces” are always pushing the privatization of the University environment.

Perhaps most important in this mix is state support for higher education, which is a faucet that has slowly been on drip since Perry took office. Since the regents gained the authority to set tuition rates in 2003, student costs have skyrocketed. Tuition is up more than 65 percent over the past three years, an unfortunate causality to diminished state support. Students are increasingly viewed as consumers, and it's hard not to imagine them barreling their way through the valves of our state's “economic engine.”

Of course, Gov. Rick Perry, an especially partisan Republican, has been rewarding to Republican supporters for the position of regent. The biggest exception to this trend is the relatively apolitical Regent Judith Craven, who is the only regent to hold a doctoral degree in anything (hers is in medicine), but even she has given money to Perry's campaign. Since 2000, the regents have donated a total of more than \$934,000 to state political races, with nearly 97 percent of that money going to Republicans.

Partisanship has little way to manifest itself on the Board of Regents, and on a microscopic level the regents do not wear their party on their sleeves. But less important than social conservatism in this case is economic Darwinism.

Any sane human can see the widening chasm of access to higher education — instead of defending every year's tuition jump, our regents should be demanding the state to reassess its priorities for the future of all its students.

Instead, we have a board stacked with wealthy business folk whose priorities rarely broach on affordability.

As terms are set to expire, there is the possibility that the UT System will have five new regents by next March, all appointed by the governor. Will these regents fill the same mold, or will they fight for increased access?

A more progressive state might elect regents to state systems, but the closest Texas has now is the election in November.

THE FIRING LINE

Facebook is not a story

I would just like to point out that yesterday was not the first time that a Facebook-related story made the front page of The Daily Texan in the past month. Now, I loves me some Facebook, and I'm probably one of the most prolific Facebook stalkers on the UT campus, so this kind of news is important to me, but surely it can be pushed to Page Two so that a more pressing issue can be put up front.

Andrew Wildman
 Human biology senior
 September 25, 2006

No heterosexual left behind

Matthew Hammond should be praised for his insight, not derided (Firing Line, Sept. 25). His fear that if America were to assume one policy shared with the Israeli Defense Force, it would lead to all policies being shared, including enforced conscription, is a substantial argument.

For instance, for the past decade the American military often uses the Shock and Awe strategy in war, a strategy openly admitted to be based on the Blitzkrieg strategy used by Nazi Germany. One can only assume that with this strategy being shared, the American government will assume all other tendencies of the Nazi party, including enforced euthanasia, eugenics and all those wacky camps that everyone wanted to attend.

Hammond is also right in worrying about the bathroom practices of military personnel. I mean, with the current policy of “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” in place, it's obvious that there is not one single homosexual left in

the military. Therefore, all those soldiers who are brave enough to fire a gun, take someone's life or have the responsibility to protect it, can shower in peace, knowing that not one person in any of the stalls next to them will be sneaking a single glance. Hell, they can go to gyms for that.

And if one were to insist on a common ground between a military with homosexuals and one without, would it be preposterous to propose separate, yet equal, regiments of gay and straight soldiers? What about separate gay and straight bathrooms, showers, sleeping quarters, movie theatres, etc? I dare anyone to name one separate but equal policy that has not worked out in the past!

And finally, Hammond is also right in worrying about the harassment of homosexuals. Surely, other than sexuality, everyone on this Earth is exactly the same, and therefore no one, supposing they are straight, will ever be teased in their entire life.

Mitch Metcalfe
 Fine arts sophomore
 September 25, 2006

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Morrison is an English senior.

A fall with longer days

By Brian Morrison
 Daily Texan Columnist

Fall has come to Texas. As the days begin to shorten, high school students everywhere begin their search for higher education.

Essays will be frantically written — the introductions stilted and the conclusions redundant. Recommendation letters will be sought from biology teachers and gym coaches alike. Somewhere, a kid is trying to convince his mother that UT doesn't really have a party college reputation but that it has a really good business school.

These seniors are special, in more ways than Boys II Men or even that one song from “The Breakfast Club” can adequately relate.

The spring semester at UT marks the first time a student can enter a university after being originally tested into No Child Left Behind.

Signed into law in January 2002, No Child Left Behind, or NCLB in boy-band T-shirt lingo, was a landmark bill designed to increase teacher accountability, usher states into a realm of standardized tests and bring all students up to a federal proficiency level by 2014.

Each state submits information about its curriculum to the Department of Education, demonstrating their Title I (federally funded) schools' degree of academic difficulty and student achievement requirements. Students in the fourth and eighth

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grades test in accordance with the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

All that being said, NCLB hasn't really made much of an impact. Hundreds of pages of testing data have been accumulated, but none of it really means anything. NCLB doesn't create a real national standard of proficiency in any subject: It only mandates that the states create a proficiency level for their schools.

There is an Adequate Yearly Progress system to monitor how schools do, but it varies so much from state to state that results are meaningless.

For example, Texas schools may rank higher or lower than some other states in terms of AYP percentage, but that statistic only measures how well students are doing versus their own state's criteria. Bringing all states up to any Federal AYP by 2014 is impossible because there is no real standard.

Even if some school districts somehow failed, no sanctions have ever been imposed. The closest that the Department of Education has ever come to actually enforcing NCLB was earlier this year in California. Secretary Margaret Spelling threatened to take away some of the \$700 mil-

lion due to the state, but only after being threatened herself with a lawsuit.

It wasn't even a matter of grades. The conflict arose because of overcrowding, and a school district's inability to transfer students. At this point, failing to meet the NCLB standard means very little in terms of school district dollars.

Despite all this, the question pertaining to the University is: What has NCLB done for Texas? NCLB succeeded in creating a culture of standardized tests. That is to say, tests that can be easily graded, quickly and in bulk, and compiled into statistics. Instead of teaching the fundamentals of critical thinking, students learn the fundamentals of multiple choice.

Texas' own statistics with the Department of Education show remarkable promise. Sixty-eight percent of recent juniors scored as “proficient” in math and 70 percent in reading. And the NAEP has data that shows a remarkable increase in Texas' statistics versus the nation as a whole, pulling ahead of the national average in math and coming close in reading.

The troubling thing is that reading and math scores are measured using multiple choice

test data. Science and writing data is gathered using exit exams and essays. In the last five years, Texas has gone from meeting the national average in science to falling 4 points behind in test scores.

In 1996, 55 percent of students had a basic assessment of science. That's not a high number, but it's better than the 53 percent from 2005. Writing fares even worse. Since those numbers have been going down since 1998, it's little wonder no one in America can correctly use the word “literally.”

The reason for the discrepancy, to put it simply, is reason. Science and writing are areas that require reason, critical thinking and finesse, none of which seem to fit the new core curriculum.

The collegiate system is not built on hand-holding. Rather, it is a system built on people teaching things to themselves.

Students must reach an understanding of a diverse area of study with guidance, but on their own.


The mechanism of No Child Left Behind inadvertently keeps a school from teaching the skills necessary to survive in college and beyond. This year's new student will come from a school where this practice is slowly being abolished. That means longer days for professors, longer days for students and long nights for freshmen trying to decipher the answer key.

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Cartoon introduces children to deaf awareness

The Texas School for the Deaf premiered an episode Monday from the PBS children's cartoon "Maya and Miguel" which introduced a young deaf character in an elementary school classroom. The event was held to coincide with National Deaf Awareness Week, which runs from Sept. 24-30.

In a question-and-answer session about the episode, Jackie Roth, an American Sign Language consultant at the event, said she hopes viewers

will take away an appreciation of different cultures as well as a respect for sign language. She also said that she believes the deaf community has been underserved, and the show offers the opportunity for "direct communication" in which the deaf community is spoken to in its own language.

Rebecca Starr, from outreach and development at the School for the Deaf, said that about 350 elementary school children from the school and

surrounding area were in attendance.

National Deaf Awareness Week is held annually in the last week of September to commemorate the first World Congress of the Deaf held during that week in 1951. Claire Bugen, superintendent at the School for the Deaf, said the school, created in 1857, has celebrated the event with the Austin community every year since 1952.

—Jared Mason

Students push for new major in foreign affairs

By Michelle West
Daily Texan Staff

Four student groups formed a task force earlier this month to examine the creation of an international relations major at the University.

Members of Student Government, Liberal Arts Council, Senate of College Councils and Graduate Public Affairs Council will present their proposal to the administration on how to construct an intergovernmental relations program.

"This study is definitely [needed], especially if we want to put UT in position of influence within international relations," said Evan Autry, executive director for SG.

Government department chair Gary Freeman said he was not aware of any movements within the College of Liberal Arts or the department to create an international relations major but agreed that the creation of one would be of value to the University.

"I think the trend in higher education is geared toward a

focus on international studies," Freeman said. He added a major in international relations would include many resources already available within a government major.

The government department has the largest enrollment within the College of Liberal Arts and offers an array of courses to students interested in international study, he said.

The department has 20-to-22 faculty members who specialize in international studies, Freeman said.

"A student who had a strong interest in international studies could satisfy that interest here," he said.

The first steps toward the creation of a program began in fall 2004 when a group called the International Relations Initiative appealed to the student government to write a resolution to formalize its support for the program.

The resolution was written and was passed in May 2005.

"From the LBJ School of Public Affairs' perspective, the increas-

ing integration of society has made it to where a public policy education often times needs to be integrated with international affairs," said Chris Kennedy, president of the Graduate Public Affairs Council.

The task force has started to research measures and resources necessary to implement an international studies program as well as its proper placement, Autry said. When it finishes gathering information, it will host a student-faculty forum, he said.

"The idea was if we're really going to do this and do this correctly," said Danielle Rugoff, SG president. "We want everyone who would be interested or passionate about getting an international relations major on campus to have an opportunity to be involved."

University President William Powers and former Provost Sheldon Ekland-Olson have supported the student movement to create the major and have also made efforts themselves, Rugoff said.

Textbook prices outpace inflation twofold

By Weiwen Ji
Daily Texan Staff

College textbook prices have increased at twice the rate of inflation in the last two decades as prices nearly tripled between 1986 and 2004, increasing by 186 percent at an average of 6 percent each year, a recently released Government Accountability Office report said.

Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce, requested the study to confirm college textbook prices were increas-

ing and becoming a growing financial burden to students. On Sept. 19, Wu asked the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance to conduct another one-year study to be completed in May on how to make textbooks more affordable for students.

"The cost of higher education is increasing and the buying power of financial aid is decreasing," Wu said in a press release. "I intend to find solutions to this problem that is plaguing our students."

"The main problem is the used book market," said Michael

Granof, accounting professor and the chairman of the University Co-op board. "The publishers need to find other profitable ways, such as adding supplements and issuing new editions, to make up their lost revenues."

Wholesalers and retailers expressed concerns about publishers' practices of bundling supplements and revising textbooks frequently, which may limit the chance for students to decrease their costs by purchasing cheaper used textbooks, the accountability report said.

The average textbook cost for a full-time UT student is between \$300 and \$400 for the academic year, said Thomas Steele, Co-op vice president. Students in the College of Natural Sciences paid the most in textbook costs, around \$600 per year he said, and engineering and business textbook prices are also on the rise.

"It might be true that natural science textbooks really cost more," said Todd Arbogast, a mathematics professor. "Some professors will choose a cheaper required book if it has good quality in advance. But students generally do better with bundles, and they cost more."

Annie Morris, a mathematics junior, said she spent about \$180 for textbooks this semester.

"The price is always high. But I could not wait too long for the cheaper books from online sources, and there were no used ones in the Co-op," she said.

Namsu Park, a radio-television-film graduate student, bought about \$70 in textbooks from Amazon and Half.com. Although cheaper, the on-line books always take more time for shipping, she said.



Jason Sweeten | Daily Texan Staff

A passer-by throws a tennis ball through the "Hole in the Border Ball Toss" Monday afternoon at an event held by Young Conservatives of Texas in front of the Gregory Gym.

Demonstration calls attention to security

By Laura Blewitt
Daily Texan Staff

The Young Conservatives of Texas invited students to participate in its first border security ball-toss game at Gregory Plaza

on Monday. The event was held to raise awareness of what they describe as weak border security in the U.S.

A group of students who immigrated into the country said coming into the country is not quite as simple as YCT claims, and expressed its discomfort and offense in witnessing the game.

YCT spokesman Tony McDonald said the ball-toss game illustrated the ease of entering the U.S. borders as an illegal immigrant. Participants threw a tennis ball through a wooden board displaying a picture of the United States with a hole in the center.

If participants missed on their first toss, they were encouraged to keep trying until they got through. If the ball made it through the hole, members of YCT offered candy and fake Social Security cards. The candy and Social Security cards represented the perks members said were "immediately handed to illegal immigrants upon arrival in the States."

"The game works just like real border security; we're not upholding the borders at all," said McDonald, a government and economics sophomore.

Most students passing by were reluctant to participate in the game, and many declined the offer to play. "We've gotten dirty looks," McDonald said.

Max Rabinovich, a psychology sophomore, said he immigrated into the U.S. about 10 years ago. His friend, Ilya Kuperman, a business freshman, said when he immigrated from Ukraine he spent six months in Italy before he was permitted to enter the U.S.

"It's hard to support this, because I understand why the people want to leave Mexico," Rabinovich said.

Nicholas Chu, president of University Democrats and government junior, said that although he didn't get a chance to stop by, he thinks there is a better way to express such complicated views.

"Throwing balls into holes just doesn't represent it well," Chu said. The event went off without a hitch, and the opposing side was friendly and open to debate, McDonald said.

"That's what I love about this campus, people are always open to debate," he said.



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Substance found in state building not harmful

Austin Fire Department responded to a hazardous-material scare Monday morning at the William P. Clements Building on 300 W. 15th Street, after a white residue was found in a mail room. The substance does not appear to be harmful.

Texas Department of Public Safety responded to the state administrative building and a Haz-Mat team was brought, said Lisa Block,

DPS spokeswoman. Police blocked off Lavaca Street between 15th and 16th streets.

She said the substance was sent to a lab for testing.

Those exposed to the residue were identified and contacted, Block said.

Austin Fire Department did not return calls Monday.

— M. T. Elliott

STATE BRIEFLY

Newspaper analyzes state report, says electricity supplier withheld power

GALVESTON — One of the state's three largest electric suppliers withheld available power last summer while soaring demand saddled consumers with hefty energy bills, according to a newspaper analysis of a state report.

The company was not identified in an August report by Potomac Economics, the independent market watchdog for the Public Utility Commission, the state's regulatory arm.

In the 2005 State of the Market Report, reviewed by The Galveston County Daily News, Potomac states that the market practices by "Company C" in 2005 raises "substantial competitive concerns" about possible market abuse.

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley, citing commission policy, would not disclose the name of the company. Hadley would not say whether the supplier targeted in the report was currently under investigation or would be investigated.

The 2005 report doesn't name any of the state's largest suppliers, but the same report in 2004 lists the top four as TXU Corp., Calpine Corp., American Electric Power Co. and Texas Genco LLC.

According to the report, "Company C" withheld as much as 10 percent of the power that it could have offered to the market during peak demand. The report says the company also offered its power at prices so high over that period that it was unlikely to be purchased by retailers.

— The Associated Press

Gubernatorial candidates securing endorsements

Anti-abortion group backs Perry, AFL-CIO supports Democrat Bell

By Andrew Egan
 Daily Texan Staff

The 2006 gubernatorial election is in full swing as organizations rush to endorse candidates. Although the process varies depending on the organization, certification often slants in favor of incumbents.

Organizations such as the Texas Municipal Police Association and the Texas Alliance for Life decided to endorse Rick Perry for governor months before some of the other candidates had declared intentions to run. They also heavily weigh incumbent's voting records for endorsement.

The Texas Municipal Police Association endorsed Perry in July 2005, said Tim Gaylor, a spokesman for the association. The Texas Alliance for Life followed in Jan. 2006, said Joe Pojman, the alliance's director.

"In this case, that would've been almost impossible for one of the other candidates to overcome because of [Perry's] track record in the legislature and in the governor's office," Gaylor said.

Many organizations endorse incumbent candidates because they win re-election at a high rate, said Jason Casellas, a UT government professor.

"It's better to go with the devil you know rather than the devil you don't," Casellas said.

In addition to candidates' records, the Texas Alliance for Life uses interviews with candidates and questionnaires to specify candidates' positions. But in Perry's case, the decision was

clear, Pojman said.

"He is the gold standard in terms of agreeing with our position and acting on that," Pojman said. "He's been in public office for nearly 20 years and he has always been pro-life."

"It's better to go with the devil you know rather than the devil you don't."

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 Government professor

Official endorsement from the alliance comes from a political action committee selected by the alliance's board of directors, Pojman added.

A few organizations, such as the AFL-CIO, hold conventions where elected delegates decide which candidate the organization will support. The AFL-CIO held its convention in May with Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Kinky Friedman and Chris Bell soliciting for the union's support.

Bell received the endorsement that required two-thirds of the union's represented 210,000 members, said Ed Sills, AFL-CIO spokesman.

Without the AFL-CIO endorsement, the Bell campaign may not have been able to continue, said Ryan Malone, a Bell campaign spokesman.

"Labor represents a veritable voting base that, while traditionally has stood behind Democratic candidates, it didn't necessarily have to go our way, especially with as many candidates as there are," Malone said.

Political endorsements become increasingly important in tight races for accessing "single-issue voters," Casellas said.

Samples of 2006 gubernatorial endorsements



Rick Perry
 Texas Public Employees Association, Texas State Rifle Association and the Texas Association of Business



Carole Keeton Strayhorn
 Texas State Teachers Association, Texas Federation of Teachers and Texas State Employees Union

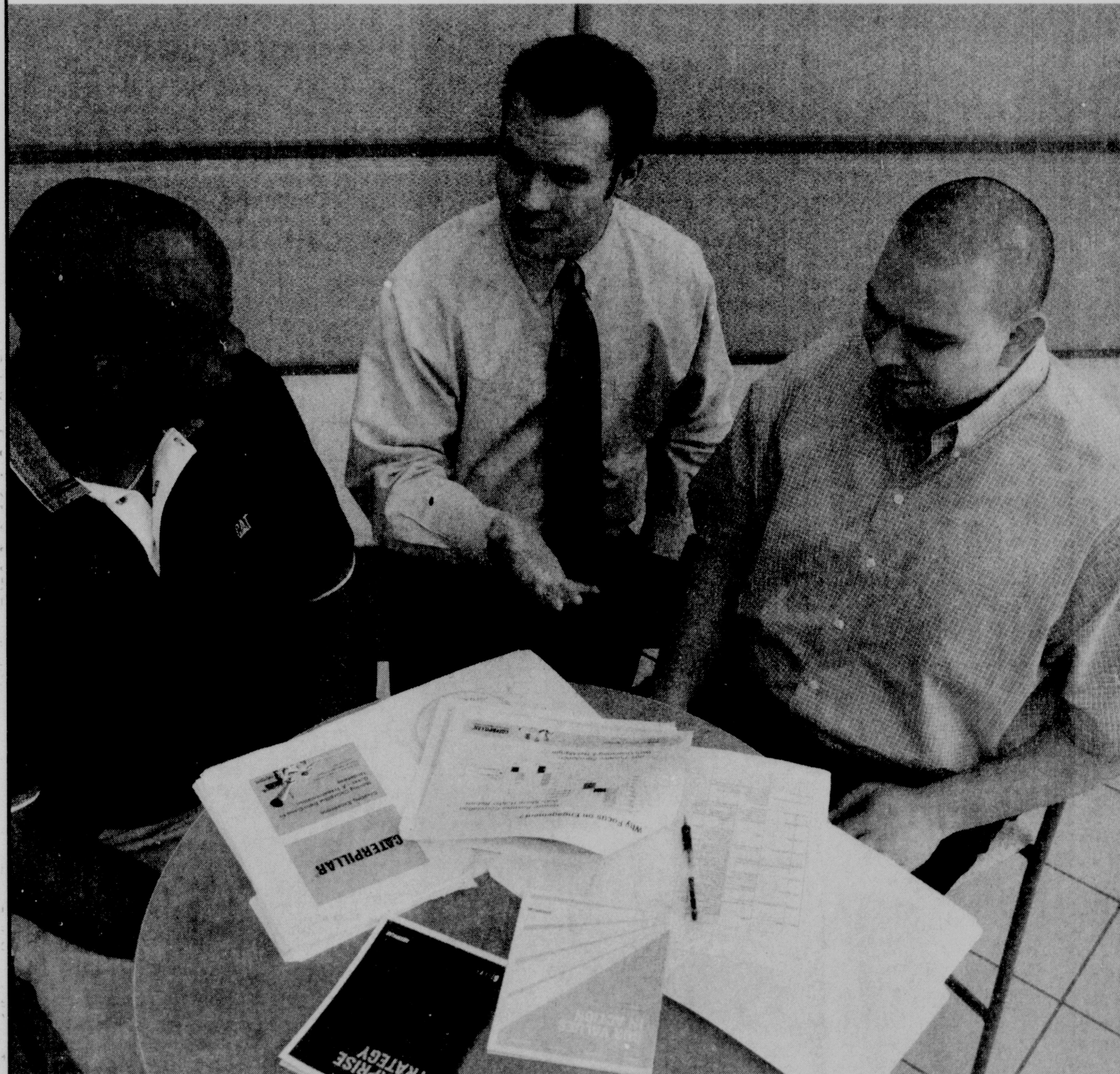


Kinky Friedman
 Ron Rosenbaum (author) and Jimmy Buffet



Chris Bell
 The AFL-CIO, the Texas League of Conservation Voters and Planned Parenthood of Houston

"People say that voters are ignorant or not very knowledgeable and that's if you look at the whole set of issues," Casellas said. "But generally voters care about one or two issues, and they're going to vote on that issue."



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Texans upset with being 0-3

Houston Texans feel embarrassed after beginning the NFL season with three straight blowout losses.

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FC Dallas gears up for playoffs

FC Dallas (49 points) clinched a playoff berth Saturday after defeating Real Salt Lake 2-1 in front of 17,975 at Pizza Hut Park. Carlos Ruiz put the ball in the back of the net for the Hoops only five minutes into the contest, his second consecutive game with a goal since being held goalless in 11 straight games. Kenny Cooper put in the game-winner only five minutes later on an assist from Abe Thompson. RSL striker and league-leading scorer Jeff Cunningham notched his 16th goal of the season three minutes into the second-half.

FC Dallas became the first team to clinch a playoff spot out of the West. Dallas remains six points behind D.C. United (55 points) for the Supporters' Shield, after United downed New York 4-3 at RFK.

Houston (41 points) slipped to third in the West after drawing 1-1 with lowly Columbus. Chivas USA (42 points), the league's worst team last season, beat fourth place Colorado 1-0 to over-take Houston for second.

With three games remaining, only five points separate Houston from fifth-place RSL.

— Simon Provan

MLB discusses potential playoff

The Houston Astros will host the St. Louis Cardinals next Tuesday in a one-game playoff if both teams finish tied for the NL Central title.

Major League Baseball held a coin toss Monday to determine the site of a potential game between the Astros and Cardinals. Entering Monday's games, the Astros were 3 1/2 games behind the Cardinals.

For such a tie-breaker to be necessary, a makeup of the Sept. 17 game between the Cardinals and the San Francisco Giants at Busch Stadium would have to be played next Monday.

— The Associated Press

Rankings

AP Football Poll

1. Ohio State (59)
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5. Florida
6. Michigan
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Texas can't forget Iowa State



By Alex Blair
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas dominated Iowa State 37-14, but that doesn't mean that the Longhorns have seen the last of the Cyclones.

Iowa State is the second-best team in Big 12 North after Nebraska. If the Longhorns "do what they do" and roll through the Big 12 South, they could meet the Cyclones again in the conference championship game.

If that happens, don't assume the second meeting will have the same result.

In 2001, the Colorado Buffaloes visited Austin and were destroyed 41-7. That day the Longhorns put up 425 yards of offense. That Buffalo squad went on to upset Nebraska to win the Big 12 North title. The team they faced in the conference championship game? None other than the same Texas Longhorns who had thoroughly embarrassed them earlier in the season.

With a win, heavily-favored Texas would have advanced to their first Rose Bowl to play for the national championship. Instead, current Tennessee Titans running back Chris Brown erupted for 183 yards and the Colorado defense forced four turnovers to pull off a 39-37 upset.

Could history repeat itself?

Iowa State certainly has the playmakers to knock off the Cornhuskers in the North. Bret Meyer is the premiere dual-threat quarterback in the conference. Meyer was sacked seven times for a loss of 26 yards against a speedy Longhorn defense.

Then again, Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith didn't fare much better, with -13 yards rushing during the Buckeyes' 24-7 dismantling of the Longhorns. Consider that Meyer passed for even more yards against Texas, with 274 yards to Smith's 269. Meyer had two touchdown passes to Smith's one. Meyer did throw two interceptions to Smith's none, but he was also sacked four more times than Smith.

Besides Meyer, the Cyclones have more talent on the offensive side of the ball. Running back Stevie Hicks is one of the better running backs in the conference. He only gained 62 yards against Texas.

Considering the strength of Texas' run defense, Hicks can hang his hat on that. The Cyclones couldn't afford the time-consuming luxury of establishing the running game after falling behind so early. With only 11 carries, Hicks had a respectable 5.6 average yards per carry against Texas.

Heralded wide receiver Todd Blythe only had 68 yards against Texas. But anyone who saw his 214-yard, four touchdown performance against Texas A&M last season knows that Blythe is perhaps the best big play receiver



Sophomore running back Jamaal Charles carries the ball during Texas' 37-14 win over Iowa State on Saturday. Despite sloppy weather near the end of the game, the Longhorns were able to pull away from a resilient Iowa State team. But Texas might see the Cyclones later in the season at the Big 12 Championship in Kansas City, MO.

Courtney Dudley
Daily Texas Staff

er in the Big 12.

With the torrent of Longhorn touchdowns and rain that followed, fans may forget that for a quarter-and-a-half the game was still a contest. After two

quick touchdowns and a safety put Texas up 16-0, the Cyclones didn't crack. Meyer led them on two touchdown drives of more than 60 yards to narrow the margin to 16-14. After that, plenty

of Longhorn fans were worried that their team had underestimated Iowa State.

There's a chance that come December, those brief feelings of concern could be resurrected.

Texas unsure of the Bearkats

By Ryan Killian
Daily Texan Staff

Texas has never played Sam Houston State in football, and defensive tackle Derek Lokey has a theory why.

Fear of the Bearkat, the team's mascot. "We don't even know what that is," Lokey said. "You've got to be careful with wild animals."

While technically, there is no such thing as a bearcat, a pair of Asian animals are similar to this fictitious feline. The kinkajou is a 10-to-12-inch whiskered critter, while the binturong is a much larger creature capable of leaping five feet into the air to land on its prey.

Ty Cashion wrote something entirely different in "Sam Houston State University: An Institutional Memory" though. According to Cashion, "The bearcat was a fierce, snarling critter of Deep East Texas mythology — half-panther, half-bear and all-beast."

Apparently the Bearkats ferocity is not in question, but Texas quarterback Colt McCoy didn't appear to worried about facing off with one.

"I haven't seen a bearcat," he said. "But I've shot some bobcats."

Fan's dedication appreciated

When the Texas and Iowa State teams returned to the football field Saturday after a 70-minute lightning-inspired delay, a large contingent of Longhorn fans were there to greet them.

With the score at 37-14 and Texas dominating, the loyal crowd surprised head coach Mack Brown and his players.

"I was really impressed with those who stayed," Brown said. "It was dangerous."

Like the teams, the fans were evacuated from the stands as bolts of lightning struck just east of the stadium.

Despite reports of hail, and the rain that whipped through the air at times, thousands of fans chose to stick around to see the end of a game that appeared already decided.

"Coming back after, I heard hail and lightning, those are true fans," McCoy said. "They're the people that really want to support us."

While their dedication was rewarded with a win, neither team put points on the board in the final quarter, but Brown pointed out that the fans got another perk by coming back.

"Some of them had better seats than they did before," he said.

No Place Like Texas

As a tight end, running free in the Brenham High offense, Limas Sweed attracted the attention of both Texas and Sam Houston State. Both came calling, but Sweed's decision was easy.

"I knew from the start where I wanted to go," he said. "I committed at an early age."

Like Sweed, it only took Lokey one visit to know in which locker room he'd hang his jersey.

"Texas was where I wanted to go, and that's the truth," he said.

Despite offers from perennial powerhouses such as Ohio State University and Notre Dame, Lokey opted to stay in the Lone Star State. Texas, he realized, was on the cusp of something big. Coach Brown, with his honesty and dedication to his players, sealed the deal.

Longhorn quarterback Colt McCoy drops back to pass against the Cyclones Saturday in Texas' 37-14 win. Most of the Longhorn players were unsure of what exactly a Bearkat is, as the two teams have never played against each other in football before. The game will be shown on Pay-Per-View this Saturday at 6 p.m.



Jordan Gomez
Daily Texan Staff

Rice player dies after collapsing during light workout

Defensive back Dale Lloyd goes down on Sunday, dies in hospital the next morning

By Kristie Rieken
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Rice University freshman football player died Monday, a day after collapsing during a light workout.

Dale Lloyd, a 19-year-old defensive back, collapsed on the field about 5 p.m. Sunday but was conscious when taken to a hospital by ambulance. He died about 9 a.m. Monday, school officials said.

"I just can't describe the pain we're feeling right now and the shock," Rice athletic director

Chris Del Conte said. "It will take a long time to digest. The coaches are crushed. This is a tough time for all of us."

Del Conte said Lloyd collapsed while the team was doing some light running. Although he didn't complain of anything specific, he told team trainers he didn't feel right.

"No one knows what happened," Del Conte said. "It's a mystery."

An autopsy was pending.

Coaches met with the team Monday afternoon to talk about Lloyd's death.

"He was a tremendous student who happened to play football," Del Conte said, fighting back tears. "His smile just lit up the room."

Lloyd played in Rice's season opener

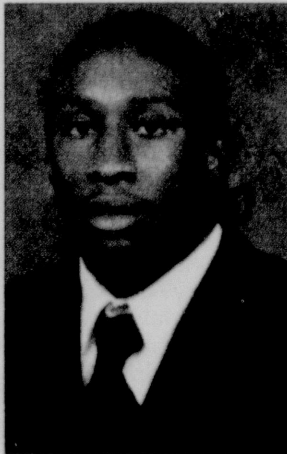
against Houston but didn't play the last three games. The team planned to redshirt him.

Rice is scheduled to travel to face Army on Saturday. Del Conte said he hasn't made a decision on the status of that game.

"The Rice Owl family has suffered a devastating loss," Rice coach Todd Graham said in a statement. "Dale was a tremendous person with the heart of a champion."

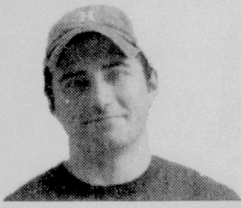
Lloyd played football and baseball at Houston's Lamar High School, was selected to the Who's Who Among American High School Students and volunteered with the Mayor's Youth Council.

He is survived by his parents, Dale and Bridgette Lloyd, and two brothers.



Dale Lloyd
Rice freshman

New Orleans Saints return to Superdome



By Chris Schmidt
Daily Texan Columnist

A year after Hurricane Katrina smashed into the Gulf Coast, the Saints finally get to play a home game in the Superdome

You can hate Tom Benson. You can hate Reggie Bush — but you can't hate the Saints.

After a year of turmoil for the city of New Orleans, it's hard to come up with a good enough reason not to cheer for the Saints. They have unseated the Cowboys and become "America's team," if only for the 2006 season.

The Saints spent last year as nomads, playing "home" games in the Meadowlands, San Antonio and Baton Rouge. They shared the pain of their fans, but Monday, they shared their joy. This year the Saints are playing for a cause, and that cause is to lift the spirits of New Orleans with wins on the field.

In a city known for its music, New Orleans kicked off their first true home game of the season with the biggest house party ever. Green Day and U2 brought the noise, while the Saints fans packed the house — the same fans that had to inhabit the Superdome after Hurricane Katrina hit.

It was apparent that the energy of the fans influenced the Saints. On the Falcons' opening drive, the Saints defense blocked a punt and ran it in for a touchdown in what would be the storybook

opening to such an emotional game.

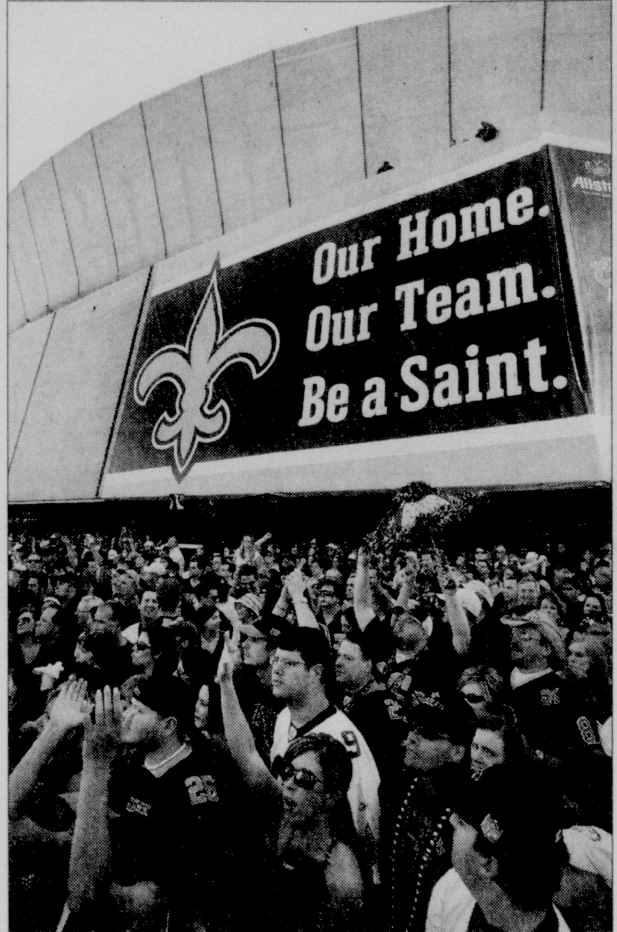
The celebration of football returning to the Big Easy was long overdue. But as loyal Saints fans already know, there is more reason to root for this team than just the cause they are playing for. The Saints added players that have made them one of the more exciting teams in the league to watch.

New Orleans scored big in the draft when Bush fell to them with the second pick. And so far this season, he has shown why he is such a valuable player. Going into the game Monday, he had touched the ball a total of 43 times for 250 yards. With Bush and fellow running back Deuce McAllister, the Saints have the most versatile backfield in the NFL.

... [T]he Saints fan base is growing bigger than ever. And for a city that hasn't had much to cheer about, an improved football team is a welcome gift.

The biggest move in the offseason, however, may have been the acquisition of quarterback Drew Brees. The problem for the Saints over the last couple of years was Aaron Brooks handing the ball over to opposing defenses. With Brees, the Saints have a quarterback who can throw for 300 yards and a touchdown or two on any given day.

With these new additions and a strong start to the season, the Saints fan base is growing bigger than ever. And for a city that hasn't had much to cheer about, an improved football team is a welcome gift.

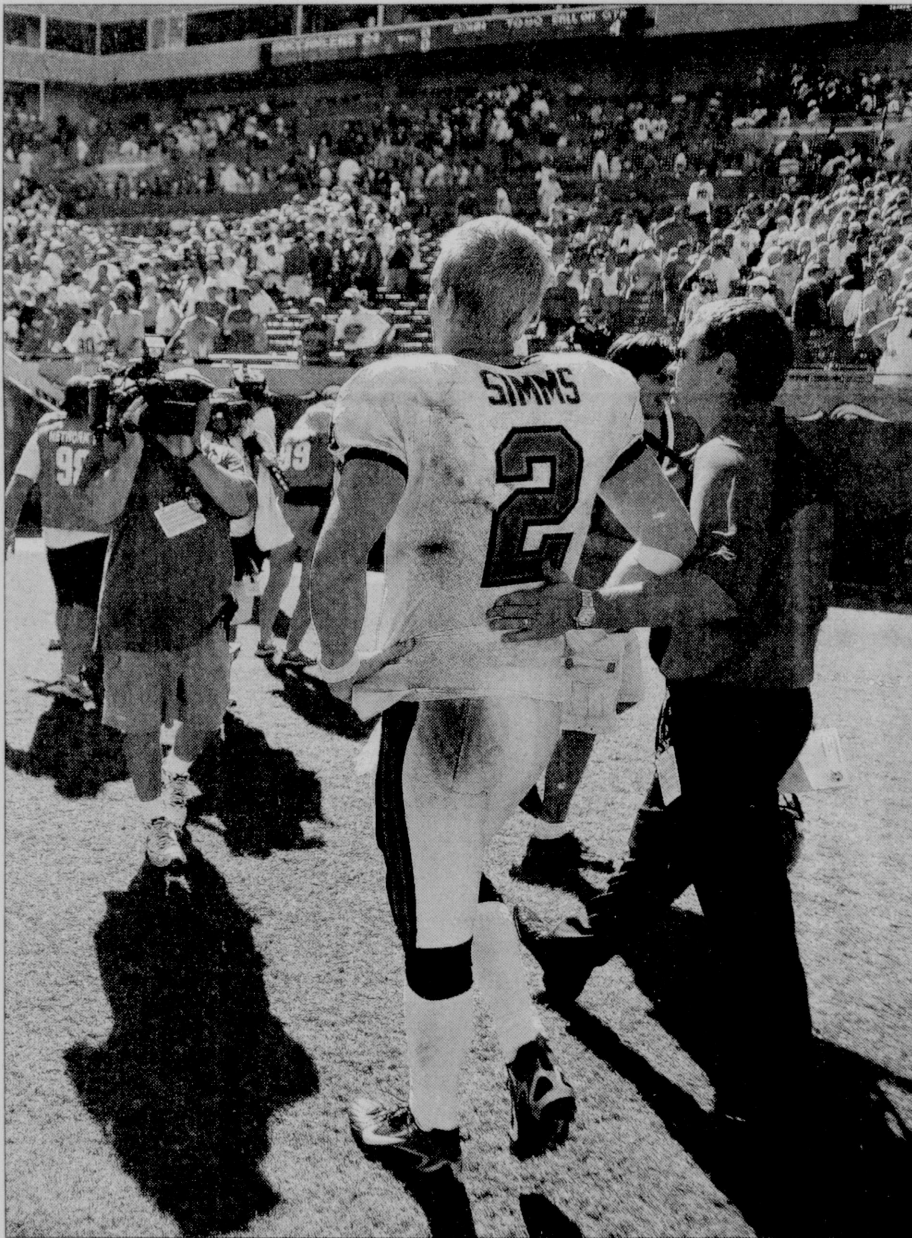


New Orleans Saints fans listen to the Goo Goo Dolls in front of the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans Monday. The Louisiana Superdome hosted the Atlanta Falcons New Orleans Saints football game.

Alex Brandon
Associated Press

Simms out indefinitely after surgery

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Chris Simms (2) leaves the field following the team's 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers during an NFL game Sunday Sept. 24, 2006 in Tampa, Fla. Hours after the game, Simms had his spleen removed during emergency surgery. His status for the remainder of the season is unknown.



Scott Audette
Associated Press

By Fred Goodall
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Chris Simms took hit after hit, responding the way football players are taught. He endured the pain and kept on playing.

"In the huddle, he was gasping for air," Buccaneers receiver Michael Clayton said Monday, a day after the Tampa Bay quarterback's spleen was removed following a 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers.

"He'd call part of the [pass] routes, then gasp for air and finish it. ... Everybody was saying: 'Chris, are you OK?' You could tell he was fighting it."

Simms is out indefinitely, although coach Jon Gruden has not ruled out his playing again this season.

In the meantime, rookie Bruce Gradkowski becomes the starter. Tim Rattay will be the backup, and the Bucs will explore signing a veteran to fill in as the No. 3 quarterback until Luke McCown comes off the physically-unable-to-perform list.

The Bucs initially thought the 26-year-old son of Super Bowl-winning quarterback Phil Simms had difficulty breathing because of sore ribs and dehydration, but rushed him to St. Joseph's Hospital when it became apparent the injury was more serious.

"He got hurt early in the game and was able to complete the first half. He went into the locker room, was diagnosed carefully and had no symptoms whatsoever of a spleen injury," Gruden said. "He got an IV. ... He was persistent about playing and was confident he could fight through it."

It was not clear if Simms was hurt on a particular play or if the injury resulted from an accumulation of blows. Gruden felt the most damaging may have occurred late in the fourth quarter when Carolina's Al Wallace hit Simms on a pass play and landed on top of the quarterback.

Gruden thought Wallace should have been penalized for roughing the passer. Two plays later, Matt Bryant kicked a 28-yard field goal that gave Tampa Bay a 24-23 lead with five minutes remaining.

Simms attempted one more pass after that, overthrowing Joey Galloway on a deep route Gruden

called on third-and-5 from the Tampa Bay 25. A first down would have given the Bucs an opportunity to burn more time off the clock.

Instead, the Panthers drove 48 yards in the final 1:41 to set up John Kasay's winning field goal with 2 seconds left.

Despite dropping to 0-3, Gruden was encouraged by the way the team battled back after trailing 17-0.

Simms was a big part of that, overcoming his seventh interception in three games to give Tampa Bay the lead twice in the second half.

"He's a tough guy. There's been people out there that have questioned his toughness," Gruden said. "Those people hopefully were silenced yesterday."

Gruden said he didn't learn Simms was in the hospital until he was driving home from the stadium and received a call from the team trainer. He visited the quarterback early Monday and found him in good spirits.

"He's going to be just fine. ... His football career is in no jeopardy," Gruden said.

"He said it's the first time he's ever been knocked out with a sleeping pill and he didn't think it would work. ... He's a great kid. He's obviously very frustrated, very disappointed that physically he can't play."

Teammates were shaken when they learned Simms had surgery.

Some heard about it from television reports, while Simeon Rice — who rarely reads the newspaper or watches NFL highlights on TV when the Bucs lose — didn't find out until he walked into the locker room Monday.

"I didn't even know what a spleen was," rookie guard Davin Joseph said. "Talk about toughing it out for the team."

Texas coach Mack Brown related a story about Simms facing Nebraska in 2002, when the former Longhorns quarterback had an ugly looking dislocated finger on his throwing hand. Simms went to the sideline, had it popped into place and finished with 419 yards passing, still a Texas regular-season record.

Tiger Woods is hoping for a younger crop of players in Ryder Cup

By Ken Peters
The Associated Press

Tiger Woods believes curing America's Ryder Cup ills requires an infusion of good young players, getting off to better starts in the matches, a true home-court advantage — and making timely putts.

After he and his teammates joined the triumphant European players in their celebration party the previous evening, Woods dissected the latest lopsided loss by the Americans.

"They have a younger crop of players that are playing well. When our youngest player is 30 years old, that's not a positive thing," the 30-year-old Woods said Monday in a conference call from London. "They have Luke [Donald] and Sergio [Garcia], Paul Casey, all in their 20s. We don't have anybody in their 20s on the team."

"And all three guys I just mentioned have won numerous tournaments around the world; most of our guys in our 20s haven't won tournaments yet."

Former British Open champion Ben Curtis, 29, is the only American player currently under 30 to have won a tournament on the PGA Tour.

"Hopefully, we'll have a new crop of guys that will come up from college and start producing, and the guys right now in their 20s will start winning tournaments and get on these teams," Woods said. "Dealing with pressure-packed situations in regular tour events, that's one of the reasons why I think they [the young

Europeans] are able to win tournaments around the world as well."

The Europeans kept the Cup with an 18 1/2-9 1/2 victory, identical to their one-sided margin in 2004.

The Americans got off to a bad start, and it didn't get any better. At the end, the Europeans had won 8 1/2 points from the 12 singles matches to become the first team to win all five sessions since that format began in 1979.

"We were in two record Ryder Cups, and unfortunately, we were on the losing side," said Woods, the world's No. 1 player who went 3-2-0 in his matches. "I've always felt that it's important to get off to quick starts in matches."

"We were down one or two in the first six or seven holes and always had to fight to get up. When you see that blue on the board and you're European, it sends a positive feeling through the entire team. Their guys were up in every match, so we were never able to get that feeling."

Then there was the putting.

"We hit about the same, but they holed so many more putts," Woods said. "Time and again, we were in position to make momentum-building putts and we didn't. If you can't change momentum, it fuels the other side."

"Those greens weren't really that hard to learn. They actually were very simple. They just outputted us. I had numerous opportunities to make putts, and I didn't. Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't

as well."

He noted that when the matches are in Europe, they are generally held on courses the players there play each year, and that when the United States hosts the event, it's often on a course the Americans aren't familiar with.

"We have chosen venues that are fantastic venues, difficult golf courses, but courses we don't play," Woods said.

The 2008 Ryder Cup will be at Valhalla in Louisville, Ky., and although Woods won the PGA title there in 2000, he said the site essentially will be neutral because it will have been eight years "since any of us have seen the golf course."

After Sunday's final matches, the players spent some time together that evening.

"Both teams hung out with each other last night, which is the way the spirit of the Ryder Cup is supposed to be," Woods said. "We were all having a great time and singing and dancing, so I think it was a true celebration of golf."

"Unfortunately, we got beat pretty bad."

Eleven players from the Ryder Cup, including Ireland's Darren Clarke, will join Woods in December's Target World Challenge in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Woods stages the annual event, which benefits the Tiger Woods Foundation for youth.

Clarke, whose wife died of breast cancer six weeks ago, inspired his European teammates simply by playing, and he won all three of his matches.



U.S. golfer Tiger Woods is seen during a press conference at Leicester Square in London, Monday for the launch of the "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07" video game.

Chirs Young
Associated Press

Texans ‘embarrassed’ after third straight loss

Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson, left, goes up for a catch over Indianapolis Colts cornerback Jason David in the fourth quarter of their game in Indianapolis Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006. The Colts defeated the Texans, 43-24.



Michael Conroy
Associated Press

By Kristie Rieken
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — On Monday, after yet another ugly loss, the Houston Texans were embarrassed.

The Texans have not just lost en route to their 0-3 record. They haven't even kept a game close, getting beat by an average of 16 points.

And that number isn't as high as it should be since Houston managed three touchdowns against Indianapolis backups in the fourth quarter of a 43-24 loss in Week 2.

"Our fans don't deserve this. Coach (Gary) Kubiak doesn't deserve this," said defensive tackle Seth Payne. "It's just unacceptable, and we deserve any criticism anybody wants to give us."

With all the coaching and personnel changes after last year's 2-14 record, things were supposed to be different. But instead it's beginning to look eerily similar.

Though all the losses were bad, nothing topped Sunday's 31-15 defeat by Washington, when the

Redskins' Mark Brunell completed an NFL-record 22 consecutive passes one week after looking ordinary in a loss to Dallas.

"We have not played well, and yesterday was the worst," Kubiak said. "There's got to be some drastic improvement very quickly. There's no excuse for what happened yesterday, and there's no reason for that to take place like that."

Houston had three fumbles (losing one), an interception, a handful of false starts and another penalty that nullified a fumble return for a touchdown.

"We have to overcome our small mistakes," offensive lineman Chester Pitts said. "Some teams are good enough to have 100 yards in penalties and still put up a lot of points. There are teams that can do that, but we aren't one of them. We can't have any kind of penalties or make mistakes."

The Texans defense, which was supposed to be bolstered by No. 1 pick Mario Williams, is giving

up a league-worst 484 yards per game, almost 100 more than next-to-last Green Bay.

The defense is also surrendering the most points in the league (32.7) and has just three sacks.

For the first time, Kubiak criticized Williams, Houston's \$54 million investment at defensive end.

"I was disappointed in the way he played," Kubiak said. "I think he's progressed and done some things, but he did not do that this week."

Kubiak said he expects improvement from Williams on Sunday against Miami.

"There's some communication issues that we've got to get corrected with him, with what we're expecting him to do in certain situations," Kubiak said. "And we'll get those corrected. I'm expecting him to bounce back this coming week and become the type of player we want him to become."

NFL MVP to sit out with fractured foot

By Gregg Bell
The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — League MVP Shaun Alexander has a broken left foot and will be lost to the Seattle Seahawks for at least a couple of weeks.

Coach Mike Holmgren said Monday that a bone scan revealed Alexander sustained a "small crack" and "displaced fracture" on a non-weight-bearing bone in his foot sometime during the Seahawks' 42-30 win over the New York Giants on Sunday. Alexander ran for 47 yards on 20 carries before sitting out the fourth quarter, which began with Seattle leading 42-3.

The coach said last season's NFL rushing leader was on crutches inside team headquarters Monday.

"You lose the MVP for a while, it's a hit," Holmgren said. "Let's face it, he's the MVP. We're not going to sugarcoat it."

Alexander missed practices last Wednesday and Thursday because of soreness from a bone bruise he sustained while rushing for 51 yards on 19 carries in the Sept. 10 season opener at Detroit. Holmgren said that bone bruise led to the small crack.

Alexander will miss at least Sunday night's showdown at Chicago, which is also 3-0. Seattle has its bye the following week before playing at division rival St. Louis on Oct. 15.

"I don't think it will be lengthy," Holmgren said. "He just has to stay off of it and let it heal."

Holmgren said he could not yet specify how long last season's league rushing champion would be out.

"We're looking at a few weeks, let's put it that way," Holmgren said. "The good thing is, it's just a small, little crack — if you want to talk about a good thing."

Alexander has started 69 of the last 70 games for the Seahawks. His only absence in that span was a 2002 start that he missed to help with the birth of his first daughter. He entered that game in the second quarter.

Last season, Alexander rushed for 1,880 yards and 27 touchdowns. He has just 187 yards and an average of 2.9 yards per carry through three games. His career average is 4.5 yards per rush. He has gained fewer than 100 yards in each of Seattle's three games this season, his first such streak in two years.

Sunday, the Seahawks welcomed former Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch by featuring four-wide receiver formations, and Matt Hasselbeck threw a franchise record-tying five touchdown passes.

Maurice Morris will make his fourth career start for Alexander against the Bears. Morris rushed 15 times for 18 yards against the Giants on Sunday.

"You have only one way to go," Holmgren said. "Just plug someone in and go."



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Seattle Seahawks' Shaun Alexander looks for an opening with New York Giants safety Will Dumps defending during the second quarter of a football game in Seattle, Sunday.

Tennessee Titans not satisfied with improvement in third loss

Offense hampered on Sunday with three turnovers, face challenges in upcoming games

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth put it best: Close only counts in the loss column.

So what if Tennessee showed improvement in a 13-10 loss Sunday at Miami? The Titans are 0-3 for the first time since 2001 and only the second time under coach Jeff Fisher. The skid now is six straight going back to last season, and they are 9-26 since their last playoff appearance.

"I'm just kind of sick of losing," Haynesworth said.

"People say, 'You're only 0-3.' No. You look at the last time we won a game last year. I don't honestly remember. Is it seven or eight? Something crazy. It's just too long. We just need to get back on track."

That may be difficult because Dallas comes next. One more loss turns this into Tennessee's longest winless start to a season since going 0-10 in 1984 as the then-Houston Oilers.

This is only the third time the franchise has started 0-3. After the then-Oilers opened 0-3 in 1994, they won their next game against Cincinnati, then lost the next 11 in a stretch that resulted in Fisher being named interim head coach for the final six games of that season.

During Fisher's tenure, he rebounded from 0-3 in 2001 by winning the next two games and finishing 7-9. That team was coming off a 13-3 record that was the NFL's best in 2000.

The Titans are a young, rebuilding team, and Fisher's trying to stay patient, nurse them through the growing pains while correcting mistakes. He said Monday he liked how they bounced back from a 40-7 loss at San Diego and that he sees reason for hope and optimism despite the Miami loss.

"You have to compliment them on their work ethic last week and their effort, yet still scrutinize them on their missed opportunities, but put it behind you and move on. It's the only chance you have to pull out. This is a group that understands that," Fisher said.

The positives?

Bo Scaife's amazing one-handed grab of a 27-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter gave the Titans a 7-3 lead — their first since being up 3-0 at Miami on Dec. 24. They outgained Miami 316 yards to 289 yards despite having possession nearly 11 fewer minutes than the Dolphins.

Kerry Collins, whose 1.3 passer rating a week ago prompted talk of starting rookie Vince Young, started with three incompletions and an interception. He rebounded by completing 19 of his final 29 for 269 yards and a 68.9 passer rating that Fisher said will keep him the starter against Dallas.

The Titans also came up with five sacks and one turnover.

The negatives?

Three turnovers, including Collins' pass to Drew Bennett that was tipped twice before being intercepted by Travis Daniels with 1:54 left. That was after Tennessee went three-and-out on its first two possessions in the fourth quarter.

Fisher, who traded disgruntled quarterback Billy Volek last week, threatened more changes. He said safety Lamont Thompson, who allowed Marty Booker to slip by him for a 25-yard gain, and others are on notice.

"You get a guy in a situation to make a play, he's got to make the play.

If it happens again, then you've got to find someone else to make that play. It's pretty simple," Fisher said.

The challenge now is the schedule.

The Cowboys (1-1) come in Sunday after their bye and may have Terrell Owens playing despite a broken finger. Then the Titans visit Indianapolis (3-0) and Washington (1-2) before their bye on Oct. 22.

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Bias may cause low number of women in certain fields

By Gabrielle Muñoz
Daily Texan Staff

Institutional biases may be the cause for low numbers of women in science and engineering fields and faculties, according to a report released by the National Academies Press this month.

The study, released Sept. 18, "Beyond Bias and Barriers: Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering," reports that the number of women in the science and engineering fields has been subdued by inherent institutional biases as well as "unintentional" discrimination. The report also states the number of women in these fields decreases with "each step up the academic ladder" from high school to professorship.

The report states 15.4 percent of professors in social and behavioral sciences and 14.8 percent in life sciences are female, and these are the only two fields where the percentages reach double digits. The report attributes this to institutional biases for faculty members in these fields, which require a "male life course" with the faculty member having "an unlimited commitment to his or her academic career."

According to the report, women are unable to meet these requirements because they experience a high degree of conflict between their professional and personal lives, especially if they have children. Women are expected to carry the burden of family and community matters and also do not receive the same amount of support from their spouses as men do, the report said. The report recommends that universities fix the situation by immediately taking action to recruit, retain and promote women into faculty and leadership positions.

Women accounted for 21.5 percent of the University's fall 2005 undergraduate enrollment in the College of Engineering, compared to 78.5 percent male enrollment, according to the college's Web site.

"I didn't think being female would make a difference," said Josephine Tran, an electrical engineering freshman. "Then I actually got here, and I was the only girl in one of my classes. It was a little intimidating."

Tricia Berry, director of the Women in Engineering Program at UT, said she sees the lower enrollment numbers for women in math, science and engineering as a result of an unclear image of the fields.

"What is an engineer, and what does an engineer's daily work life look like?" Berry said. "The message that engineering saves lives, enhances our daily interactions and makes the world a better place is lost on the general public as well as young women who have the math and science skills to succeed in engineering."

The Women in Engineering Program was created in 1992 in order to recruit and retain female students, increase the percentage of female graduates and provide a supportive structure for women in engineering, according to the program's Web site. Since the program's inception, overall enrollment of women in engineering has increased from 18 percent in 1992 to just over 21 percent in 2006, Berry said.

"Women are also now retained at a slightly higher rate than men," she said. "That claim that could not have been made in 1992."

The program also offers initiatives such as hands-on pre-college programs, industry mentoring and an "Options Conference" for current engi-

neering students, Berry said. Tracy Hooten, a petroleum engineering junior, said participating in the program helped her as a freshman.

"They had little get-together groups that helped me meet some of the other girls in my class, which can be difficult when there's only three to four in each class under normal conditions," Hooten said.

In addition to working with University students, the program recently received national acclaim for its participation in this year's "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day," Berry said. On Feb. 26, the program invited 794 first through eighth-graders to the University for an afternoon of engineering activities, up from 95 participants in 2002, according to the program's Web site.

"I think the most important aspect of [the program] is the connection piece," Berry said. "Everything [the program] does is aimed at helping students make some sort of connection, whether it be to a resource on campus, an engineering major, a peer or industry mentor or a future job."

Hooten said she appreciates the support that the program has offered her, and while she'd still like to see an increased number of women's restrooms in the engineering building, she doesn't see a problem with being one of the few females in her classes.

"Most of the time it's no big deal that I'm a girl in a guy's world," she said. "Most of the guys are really nice to all the girls, since there aren't many of us. But every now and then, they forget there is a girl around, and I get to hear some interesting conversations. All in all, it makes for a fun, interesting major, and I haven't found a better one for me yet."

INTO THE SUNRISE



Michael Hicks, a pre-computer sciences junior, walks between the Hogg Memorial Auditorium and the Flawn Academic Center on his way to class Monday morning.

Student group opens chapter of Texas Freedom Network

By Jared Mason
Daily Texan Staff

A new student organization created this fall, Texas Freedom Network, became the first student chapter of the statewide nonprofit organization founded by Ann Richards' daughter, Cecile, 11 years ago.

Texas Freedom Network is a nonpartisan, grass-root organization with more than 24,000 supporters statewide, said Dan Quinn, the organization's spokesman.

Cecile started the group in opposition to the religious rights movement in 1995, he said.

The Texas Freedom Network takes on a variety of issues such as voucher bills used to fund private and religious institutions, censorship of text books and limitations on what can be taught in public schools.

"[The religious right's move-

ment] is essentially a network of organizations who would like to see society structured based on a particularly conservative view of the Bible," Quinn said.

Jonathan Weldon, the founder of the UT chapter and a graduate student at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, said the organization focuses on equality.

"Regardless of your political views, we're able to find some common ground," he said.

In order to find that common ground, the group will sponsor open debates and work with other student organizations, such as the Texas Roosevelt Institute and Progressive Collective, who are concerned with similar issues, he said. In addition, the new student group will have access to speakers and resources at

the Texas Freedom Network, which is headquartered in West Campus.

The decision to expand the organization to the University was a mutual decision between interested students and the organization, Weldon and Quinn said.

"The strength of our efforts comes from the individuals who find the issues important," Quinn said. "We wanted to take advantage of the energy and enthusiasm [at UT] in support of our issues."

The student chapter of Texas Freedom Network is still in the preliminary stages of its development, but there has already been a strong response, Weldon said. The organization is focused on trying to raise awareness and bring audiences together to discuss the topics, he said.

Grocery store chain donates funds to local drug treatment center

By David Cabanero
The Daily Texan Staff

In celebration of National Family Day, Randalls and Tom Thumb food stores donated \$10,000 to the Phoenix Academy of Austin, a drug prevention treatment center and high school for Austin teens.

The donation, presented by Texas' first lady Anita Perry, promotes prevention of juvenile substance abuse through family meals and functions, said Steve Frisby, the president of Randalls-Tom Thumb.

Last year, President George Bush declared Sept. 26 as National Family Day to emphasize the value of parent-child relationships. In his announcement, Bush said parental involvement was important in their children's lives and the choices they make.

Laurie Delong, director of the Phoenix Academy, said parents need to be aware of their children's activities and

take part in them to utilize the opportunity to give a clear message on the family rules regarding alcohol, drugs and dating.

During the ceremony on Monday, several students of the academy gathered to witness the donation presented by Perry and Frisby.

Marisa Loreda, a Phoenix Academy sophomore, gave a speech about her struggles with drug abuse and the improvements in her life made possible by the school. Loreda said that students are excited about the donation because it will provide additional educational opportunities.

"We really needed it in a lot of areas in the organization, and it's going to help us out with things that are going to benefit everybody on campus," Loreda said.

Delong says the academy will use the money to support student activities and to inform

families with prevention messages.

For nearly a decade, the Phoenix Academy has opened its doors to troubled teens reaching out for drug and alcohol abuse treatment, according to the school's Web site. The fully accredited public high school has about 50 students who live in campus dormitories and attend the school until their needs are met, according to the site.

Frisby said the company was proud to be sponsoring the school, because it helps families and adolescents who are at risk. Family Day is an annual event that should get a lot of attention because most people are part of a family, he said.

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55 Sounds of relief

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NGUYEN: Vietnam trip inspired student to help cause

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said. "The opportunity and experiences it gave me were unforgettable."

Nguyen received the honor because of her efforts to help the victims of the sex-trafficking trade in Southeast Asia through education and mentoring. She raised nearly \$30,000 through grants and corporate contributions and used the money to found The Southeast Asian Children's Coalition. The organization provided scholarships for younger children, vocational training for adults, and helped build a library to promote literacy. Nguyen also created a computer lab for kids to gain skills, strengthen their English and develop mentorships with the victims and the privileged children in Southeast Asia. Nguyen's philanthropy initially started in Ho-Chi Minh City, Vietnam, but quickly diffused to Nha Trang City and Bangkok, Thailand.

A native of Houston, Nguyen was born into an upper middle-class, suburban household. After graduating third in her high school class, Nguyen was accepted to Harvard University, but she declined her acceptance and chose to attend UT-Austin.

"I don't think I would have been the same had I not gone to UT. With such a diverse student body from all backgrounds, it is impossible not to develop

an open mind from the different ideas and opinions," Nguyen said.

Nguyen's involvement with the Southeast Asian trade of sex trafficking — the illegal practice of selling and imprisoning children, sometimes as young as 5 or 6 years old, for sex — began, strangely enough, with something her mother frequently told her: "You are so lucky." Nguyen's Vietnamese mother, Vicki, did not want her daughter to grow up taking what she had for granted.

"Growing up in Vietnam, I saw such poverty and unfortunate conditions that I was determined to teach my children the importance of giving back to communities that are less fortunate than your own," Vicki Nguyen said.

Nguyen volunteered to work with orphaned children in Vietnam in the summer of 2004 at age 19. While there, Nguyen served as a mentor to young girls who had been victims of sex trafficking. The trade is highly prevalent in areas such as Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, and is widely ignored by government officials due to the profit it generates from American and British tourists. Many of the children who are involved in sex trafficking are born into poverty and are tricked by hustlers who con them into thinking they can make an honest living. Many

others are sold early on to the trade by their own families for money.

When Nguyen describes her trip to Vietnam, her words become fierce and fluid; her eyes light up with zealous passion.

"I was shocked to see these girls, as young as my little sister, who had been through things I could not even imagine in my worst nightmare and who were still hopeful for the future, hopeful for change," she said.

She said she was inspired by the story of one victim in particular: a 12-year-old girl named Tau Le who was able to escape from the brothel where she had been imprisoned as a sex slave. Le's story was the subject for Nguyen's application essay to Glamour magazine.

Upon her return to Houston, Nguyen set out to acquire funding for her cause. She pitched her ideas to wealthy oil executives, and coupled with funding from a grant, raised nearly \$30,000 to help her cause. She teamed up with the Gifted and Talented High School in Vietnam and created the first volunteer program for that high school, a mentorship program that provides kids with positive role models as mentors. Her work at an orphanage that housed HIV-positive children inspired her to contact various doctors and raise \$20,000 in medical supplies.

After Nguyen learned of the

Glamour scholarship contest, she went through a lengthy application process that included an endorsement from the university, letters of recommendation, proof of leadership, and an essay describing how she has impacted society. Upon being notified that she had made the cut, Nguyen was flown to New York City for a photo shoot earlier this year and once more for the official awards ceremony. Attending New York Fashion Week, dining in five star restaurants and catching glimpses of A-list celebrities like 50 Cent and Shakira were just a few of the perks the winners enjoyed while in New York City on behalf of the magazine.

"The whole experience was surreal. I think the best part about it was being humbled and inspired by nine other amazing, driven girls who I can call my friends," Nguyen said. "Even though we were all selected for different reasons, we connected through our vision in that we recognize the value of helping people. When I met these girls I thought to myself, 'Imagine what all of us could do if we put our efforts together.'"

Though she rarely has free time these days, Nguyen takes pride in the fact she is no different from any other college student. She enjoys going downtown with friends, attending Longhorn football games and

shopping. She gushes with praise for one of her role models, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, describing her encounter with the secretary with the sort of awe one would expect from meeting a rock star or film celebrity.

"While working for Congressman McCaul in Washington, D.C., I got to meet her. She is so poised, articulate and polished. I think it is essential that our leaders today possess both an academic and political background, much like Dr. Rice," Nguyen said.

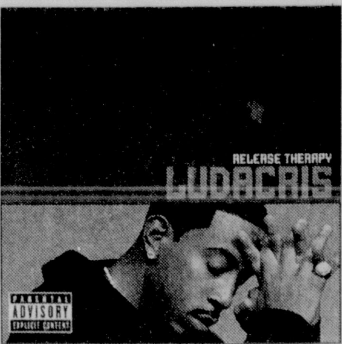
Another encounter turns the future policy maker's cheeks red with excitement. With fellow students in Washington, D.C., last spring, Nguyen stood across a rope that separated her and her peers from the president of the United States.

"No one was willing to just step over the rope, they figured they would get in trouble," Nguyen said, "But I didn't see it as a risk, just another amazing opportunity."

Almost as if paralleling her general attitude in life, Nguyen brazenly stepped over the rope into the midst of Secret Service guards and began chatting with the president. While posing for photos, Nguyen confessed to the president her lifelong dream.

"President Bush," she said, "I just want you to know I really want your job."

REVIEW



Def Jam Records

Music releases lacking quality

By Ramon Ramirez
Daily Texan Columnist

Come next Tuesday, the fall rush of newness officially begins with monster albums from bands like The Killers and The Decemberists. This week, it's slim pickings.

Perhaps the most interesting release today is Korn's *Chopped, Screwed, Live & Unglued*. DJ Michael "5000" Watts, Swisha House's pioneering genius, has slowed down and mashed up pretty much every relevant rap album in recent memory. For the first time, his signature Texas sound goes rock. Albeit terrible rap-rock that hasn't mattered since 1999.

Speaking of rock, both Wolf Eyes (one of many "wolf" bands breaking big, they're the ones on indie powerhouse, Sub Pop) and The Lemonheads drop a couple big ones ... if you work at an indie radio station.

Elsewhere, Ludacris will bring it with his first post-corn row release. The loss of his hair and addition of oddly-curved side burns has given the former Atlanta radio personality fresh legs. Leadoff single, "Money Maker," continues a proud tradition of hit tracks about fine behinds. The subject matter and lyricism is as generic as most ass anthems, but Pharrell's thump-tastic beat makes it a certified jam. However, the week's hottest hip-hop comes courtesy of Lloyd Banks and DJ Whoo Kid. *Money in the Bank*, Vol. 4 is an underground mix tape at its finest. It employs classic East Coast beats simple enough to allow one of rap's smoothest rhymers to wreck like a bulldozer.

For a rundown of the best releases from the past few weeks, including Justin Timberlake, The Rapture and The Mars Volta, check out the DT Weekend hitting the stands in Thursday's issue.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFLY

Lawsuit blames video game for teen shooting family

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Family members of three people slain by a teenage boy on Sam Donaldson's New Mexico ranch filed a lawsuit Monday claiming the video game "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City" contributed to the shootings.

The \$600 million suit names several companies and Cody Posey, the teen who was convicted in the July 2004 deaths. Posey, who shot his father, stepmother and stepsister, was sentenced earlier this year to state custody until he is 21.

During the trial, prosecutors described Posey as a ruthless killer. But defense lawyers claimed the teen was subject to years of abuse by his father, and that the killings were

committed in self-defense.

Posey had told police he shot his family after his father slapped him for not cleaning horse stalls fast enough.

The wrongful death suit blames "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City," claiming that Posey played it "obsessively" for several months before the killings. According to the suit, plaintiffs' lawyer Jack Thompson was told by a sheriff's deputy that the game and a Sony Playstation 2 were found at the ranch.

Comedienne brings tough love to 'Everybody Hates Chris'

LOS ANGELES — As the title of his show implies, Chris of "Everybody Hates Chris" is accustomed to every upside having a downside.

But in the season premiere of the

CW comedy, the downside comes with an added wallop: Whoopi!

Whoopi Goldberg guests stars as Louise, the overly protective grandmother of a cute girl who's just moved into Chris' Brooklyn neighborhood.

"Stay way from my granddaughter, you cock-eyed hooligan," her Louise yells at Chris (Tyler James Williams) the minute he works up the courage to talk to the girl.

"Everybody Hates Chris" is anything but short-lived, becoming an immediate hit its first year on the now defunct UPN. Its second season begins Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. EDT, kicking off the Sunday-night lineup on the CW, the new joint venture of Warner Bros. Entertainment and CBS Corp. targeted at the young adult demographic.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

ALBUM: Concert series promotes community

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on "Yer Blues," and Carolyn Wonderland's incredible, soulful rendition of "Revolution 1."

After the show, The Daily Texan stepped backstage for an exclusive interview with the "evil genius" himself.

"The project was brought to me by Tucker Livingston," explained Taylor, his face half-covered in shadows. "The fact that it had so many eclectic arrangements and it was all over the map stylistically, made it the perfect fit for Strings Attached ... and Austin."

"If The Beatles could do it in the '60s, it seemed like a natural extension for our band to cover that," said Taylor as fellow musicians patted him on the back.

For Taylor, a 27-year veteran of the local scene, it represents a long lost piece of American culture. "Popular music today is so centered on one style ... art shouldn't have those kind of boundaries."

Taylor's Promotions Director Mimi Alidor hopes that by fusing something familiar with something new, people's attention will be diverted onto local musicians. She explained that the reason behind the concert series

is to "build the music community ... providing a chance for local musicians to network."

"If someone does become successful, they get a chance to support the up-and-comers," said Alidor. "It gives Austin a chance to see what Austin has to offer."

Taylor is also a man of the community. According to Alidor, the proceeds from his latest CD, a live recording of the *White Album* from a few months ago, went to the local chapter of Court Appointed Special Advocates.

With the *White Album* under his belt, Taylor feels confident, setting his sights on another influential band. On Nov. 10 in a similar collaboration, he will present the music of Led Zeppelin. Now that Taylor's popularity has grown, mostly due to downloading services such as iTunes and frequent airplay on KGSR, tickets have begun to sell faster.

"The first and second rows are nearly sold out," said Alidor.

"It'll be rockin' ... really diggin' in."

Carol Burnett to perform tonight at Bass Hall

By Sara Scott
Daily Texan Staff

San Antonionative and legendary comedienne Carol Burnett takes the stage at Bass Concert Hall tonight in "Laughter and Reflection With Carol Burnett."

Long before she was Bree's mother on "Desperate Housewives" or even Miss Hannigan in "Annie," Burnett hosted and starred in "The Carol Burnett Show" for 11 years. The sketch-comedy style of the show was a hit, but equally popular

was the segment at the beginning of each show in which Burnett took an extra step to connect with her studio audience by "bumping up the lights" and allowing people to ask her questions. The questions would range from silly to touching to really personal. Quick on her feet, Burnett was able to turn them all into an interactive stand-up act that was hilarious and different every week.

Tonight's show will be a 90-minute version of that Q & A act from the multiple Emmy award-

winning show. In a written statement Burnett said, "I love the spontaneity of these evenings. I never know what anybody is going to say or do or ask."

Burnett added that she is donating her salary from this tour to the Pasadena Playhouse, which recently named a small theater in honor of her late daughter Carrie Hamilton.

To be the person who asks Burnett to do her famous Tarzan yell, visit www.utpac.org for ticket information.

DEAD: Cast performances make film successful

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of the best scenes of the movie, in fact, is a wonderful combination of all four of these elements when Rumley gives viewers one of the best on-screen flights of madness since

Pink Floyd's (Bob Geldof) terrifying destruction of his hotel room in "The Wall."

These scenes in the film succeed largely due to the great performances put forth by the small cast — Roger Lloyd-Pack as Donald Brocklebank, Leo Bill

as James Brocklebank and Kate Fahy as Nancy Brocklebank all portray the core madness of the film to a stunning tee.

"The Living and the Dead" had its U.S. premiere on Sept. 21 at Fantastic Fest at the Alamo Drafthouse.



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Local artists collaborate, cover 'White Album' live

By Stephen Keller
 Daily Texan Staff

Saturday night, thunder crashed overhead while lightning streaked across the sky, a problematic duo for many sports fans. Regardless, an eager crowd of about 1,200, discouraged by neither weather nor long drive, gathered round the outside stage of the Nutty Brown Café for a rather unique performance.

Here Will Taylor And Strings Attached would attempt a cover of magnanimous proportions; Rather than a few songs, a whole record, *The Beatles*, known as the *White Album*.

After dishing out \$28 at the door, show-

goers were intrigued to see how their investment would pay off. But when the clock struck 8:30 p.m., their hopes materialized into a figure dressed in black, followed closely by an army of musicians in similar attire.

As a special gesture, every song featured a surprise local guest vocalist, each brought their own style to the mix. Set highlights included Guy Forsyth's powerhouse vocals and show stopping blues harp solo on "Why Don't We Do It in the Road?" Seth Walker and Strings Attached guitarist Glenn Rexach's dueling solos

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Seth Walker encourages crowd participation Saturday night at the Nutty Brown Café, where Strings Attached, along with several local artists, performed *The Beatles White Album*.

UT senior earns place on Glamour's list

By Mary Tuma
 Daily Texan Staff

UT finance and Plan II senior Christine Nguyen laughed as she recalled what set her apart from the other nine winners of Glamour magazine's "Top 10 College Women of 2006:" college football. During the UT-Ohio State football game, while Nguyen was watching a Broadway play in New York City, she text-messaged a friend in Austin for frequent score updates. A sheepish smile appeared as she described the other winners' bewildered faces when they saw what she was doing.

"You don't understand," she told them. "I go to UT."

Nguyen was honored Sept. 8 at an awards ceremony in New York City as one of Glamour's "Top 10 College Women of 2006." Each year, the magazine chooses 10 college women in the U.S. who have highlighted leadership on campus, involvement in the community and excellence in their field of study, as well as their unique, inspiring goals. The winners receive a trip to New York, a cash prize of \$2,000, a spread in the magazine and a chance to meet with top professionals in a variety of fields.

Glamour magazine has an average circulation of 2.4 million copies and reaches more than 14 million readers per month, said Glamour spokeswoman Jaime Marsanico. Nguyen and the other winners are featured in the October issue, which hit newsstands Sept. 12.

"When I received the call from Glamour magazine in June, I was really shocked and very excited," Nguyen

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Christine Nguyen sits at a fountain at The Triangle on North Guadalupe, where she currently lives. Nguyen, a Plan II, Business Honors and Finance Major, was recently awarded Glamour magazine's "Top 10 College Women of 2006" for her extensive work helping victims of sex trafficking. Nguyen works mainly with victims in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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Statement Date: 08/11/06 - 09/10/06
 Payment Due Date: 10/10/06
 Minimum Payment Due: \$125.00

Account Number: 4417 XXXX XXXX 9112

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Available Credit	\$12,177.96
Cash Access Line	\$3,000.00
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Alamo Drafthouse

"The Living and the Dead" premiered at this week's haven for all things sci-fi, fantasy and horror film, Fantastic Fest at the Alamo Drafthouse Thursday.

'Living and the Dead' adds tragedy of illness to classic horror gore

By Emily Watson
 Daily Texan Staff

"The Living and the Dead" is everything that teen racing movies wish they could be — a fast, furious and enjoyable ride. Director Simon Rumley presents one of the most horrifying descents into madness in recent cinema.

The film takes place at the Longleigh House, an eerie mansion where Lord and Lady Brocklebank reside along with their son James. The family is rapidly going bankrupt, and Lord Brocklebank is forced to leave the deranged James alone with his sick mother.

Though he has good intentions, James protects his mother from the nurse sent to care for her. As James falls deeper into his delusions, life at the Longleigh House becomes more disturbing and all the more intriguing. Even if the gory and horrific moments of the film don't attract all audience members, the tragedies of mental and physical illness are just as powerful in "The Living and the Dead." One

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