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Travis County DA election to face runoff

Candidates work to earn student support on UT's West Mall

By Katy Justice
Daily Texan Staff

Supporters of Rosemary Lehmborg and Mindy Montford watched anxiously by big-screen televisions at the watching parties for Tuesday's Travis County district attorney election, only to find out the two candidates will be in a runoff election in April.

None of the four Democratic district attorney candidates received the majority vote in Travis County. Lehmborg won 36 percent of the votes and Montford won about 31 percent in Tuesday's ballot, which means the two candidates will have a runoff election on April 8. Other candidates Gary Cobb won 21 percent and Rick Reed won about 12 percent of the vote.

Lehmborg and Montford hugged, shook hands and talked to the people who went to support them at their watching parties.

"I am excited and totally optimistic. It's been a great turnout," Lehmborg said at her watching party at Joe's Bar and Grill. "I have spent the day going to precincts all over town talking to voters. They are interested in my issues and interested in the fact I want to keep Austin a safe city."

Lehmborg, who won 38 percent of the early votes, said when she gets up Wednesday morning she will continue her campaign and solicit votes in the runoff.

The Lehmborg campaign has tabled on UT's West Mall to tell students about the district attorney race and encourage them to vote, said Katie Naranjo, a government and public relations senior and Lehmborg's campus organizer.

"In terms of the youth turnout, it's exciting we have so many young people that are voting right now," Naranjo said.

Montford also has had a large student response, with West Mall campaigning and an endorsement from University Democrats.

"It's been tremendous. I love

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Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg, left, and Prosecutor Mindy Montford speak with supporters at their respective watch parties Tuesday night. The district attorney hopefuls will compete in a runoff on April 8.



Nancy Rosenthal | Daily Texan Staff

HILLARY STANDS IN TEXAS



Larissa Mueller | Daily Texan Staff

Front row left, Jeanne Nielson, Jehmu Greene and Marlo Mrak celebrate Hillary Clinton's Democratic primary victory in Texas at Hill Cafe in south Austin early Wednesday morning. Greene exulted, "This is the moment in history that Texas made its stand. It's not about 'Yes we can,' but 'Yes we will.'"

Clinton victorious in 3 states

New York senator looks to future, ends Obama's win streak

By Teresa Mioli
Daily Texan Staff

The second Super Tuesday has come and gone, but Americans are waking up with a hazy picture as to who might spend the next four years in the White House.

Voters in Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island kept Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in the fight for the Democratic party nomination, while Sen. John McCain won the Republican nomination after sweeping primaries in Texas, Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Clinton's triumphs broke her 11-state losing streak to Sen. Barack Obama, who took the Vermont primary Tuesday night.

More than 300 Clinton supporters went to rally for her at Hill's Cafe on South Congress Avenue.

Former President Bill Clinton arrived moments after CNN projected his wife as the winner in Texas.

"Hillary came here to the dusty roads of Texas for her first political job," Bill Clinton said.

Bill Clinton said the supporters of the campaign will look to the future and that his wife will continue to "brave the caucuses" and fight for victory.

Kamyl Bazbaz, spokesman



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for Clinton's Austin campaign, said the goal is to make sure everyone who wants to aid in the campaign goes out to help.

"Tonight there was an incredible amount of energy. The supporters are so excited," Bazbaz said. "Winning in Texas is the proof in the pudding. And for President Bill Clinton to show up on his own accord says a lot. We look forward to a big future ahead of the campaign."

Obama's supporters said the race is not over.

Nick Kimball, a spokesman for Obama's Austin campaign, said though CNN projected Clinton won Texas, votes still needing to be counted in Houston could sway the state in Obama's favor.

"We always knew Sen. Clinton had a very distinct advantage in Texas with long-held ties to the Democrats established in the state," Kimball said. "But one thing I would caution you on is there's still quite a bit of votes still out there."

The campaign's objective was to keep things close and pick up as many delegates as possible, he said.

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Texas senator faces fresh foe in fall election

By Sean Beherec
Daily Texan Staff

Outside of the Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama limelight, Democratic voters selected a nominee to duel with Republican Sen. John Cornyn in November.

Houston Democratic Rep. Rick Noriega will run against incumbent Cornyn for his Senate seat. Noriega defeated Gene Kelly, a retired Air Force colonel from Universal City; Ray McMurrey, a social studies teacher from Corpus Christi; and Rhett Smith, by winning nearly half the votes.

"This is very exciting," said Holly Shulman, a spokeswoman for Noriega's campaign.

McMurrey said though he lost the election, he will give his full support to Noriega's campaign. He said public financing of campaigns would have helped relay his own message to voters, but believes Noriega is a competitive candidate for the Senate.

Kelly could not be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

Shulman said the campaign had traveled through San Antonio, Lufkin, Tyler, Beaumont and several other cities in the past week, leading up to the election Tuesday.

"This is a 254-county campaign," Shulman said. "We've seen turn-outs soar through the roof, and we're going to keep doing what we're doing."

Cornyn was elected to the Senate in 2002, succeeding Sen. William Gramm, R-TX. Cornyn's campaign had no comment on the results of the Democratic primary.



Left to right, Joel Moore, Geir Helleloid, Kelli Rankin and Thomas Douglass meet every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. to play bridge. They sometimes play for up to eight or nine hours, with a Starbucks run to keep them going.

Michelle Connolly
Daily Texan Staff

Bridge: Not just for your grandma

Card game leaves comics section, joins University ranks

By Sabrina Vera
Daily Texan Staff

UT students and an instructor pass card-game lingo and conversation around the table at a Bridge Club meeting on Tuesday.

"This is really difficult."

"You can always rebid."

"You know, I brought up bridge once at a job interview and didn't get the job. I decided to never mention bridge again."

The UT Bridge Club is not run like most student groups and is not considered an organization by its members, said Kelli Rankin, a petroleum engineering senior and Bridge Club member. There is no official hierarchy and, besides a weekly meeting, there are no strings attached, she said.

"We are essentially a social group," Rankin said. "Other bridge matches are completely silent. We keep conversations going, game-related or not."

Table-top conversations can range from sports to the debate over Angelina Jolie versus Jennifer Aniston, said member Joel

Moore, a government junior.

"Kids these days are playing games like Hold 'Em," Moore said. "It's a money game. It's a raucous and rowdy game. The difference here is that you don't have people shouting 'hell yeah' and 'I got a seven' and 'I got my one club.'"

The card game has been closely associated with housewives and sexism in years passed, said math instructor Geir Helleloid. About 200 years ago, bridge was a parlor game called Whist. Bridge evolved at the turn of the

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Memorial service planned for former fraternity member

By Andrew Garver
Daily Texan Staff

Jared Blue, a UT freshman who died in a car accident early Sunday morning, will be honored by his Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brothers tonight.

The accident occurred on U.S. 290 in Manor as four students were heading back to Austin from the Houston Rodeo. Andres Carrera, 41, was driving eastbound in the westbound lane when his Dodge collided head-on with the Ford Mustang that Blue was driving, said Tom Vinger, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

Carrera and Blue died, and three other UT students were sent to the hospital. Undeclared freshman Jenna Doyle, petroleum engineering freshman Seth Teigen and undeclared freshman Timothy Hultgren are recovering at University Medical Center at Brackenridge. Hultgren, who broke his hand, was set to be released Tuesday. The other students will undergo surgery for multiple injuries.

Blue's friends describe him as well-liked and say that though he could be quiet, it's hard to find people who have met Blue who didn't find him a great person to be around.

"You could always count on him to be in the back of every picture. It helped that he was like 6'4" though," said Bryan Ott, president of the ATO fraternity. Blue pledged for the fraternity last semester.

A memorial for Blue will be held at the ATO fraternity house at 2317 Shoal Creek Blvd., tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The service will be open to anyone. There will be a collection of photos of Blue and a guest book to sign at the house.

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POETRY ON THE PLAZA, 12 p.m., Harry Ransom Center. Jeffrey Meikle and two students from his class "The Beats and American Culture," Meg Halpin and Tom Bevilacqua, will read poetry from the Beat Generation. They will be joined by Dr. Molly Schwartzburg, Curator of British and American Literature, who will read selections featured in the HRC's current exhibition, "On the Road with the Beats."

Find more listings at www.dailytexanonline.com. To submit your event to this calendar, send your information to aroundcampus@dailytexanonline.com or call 471-4591.

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's story "The eleventh hour," Sen. Clinton's quote in the last paragraph should have read, "We won't make progress until the oil men are out of the White House." On page 7 in Tuesday's paper, the story "Record caucus turnout expected," should have clarified in the third to last paragraph that the 15 percent threshold in Texas is used at party conventions later this year, not at the precinct level. A quote from assistant instructor of rhetoric and writing Eric Dieter in Tuesday's story "UT professors discuss new media in election," should have read, "The candidates combined have spent almost \$1 billion." The Texan regrets the errors.

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Peter Franklin | Daily Texan Staff

Christina Mechler, a recent UT graduate, watches Barack Obama on a TV during an election night watch party at Scholz Garten Tuesday night.

PRIMARY: Democratic race draws voters

From page 1A

Candy Owens has missed every Texas primary since she moved to Ohio 20 years ago, but made it back to her home state for one of the most important primaries in Texas history.

Owens was at Scholz Garten Tuesday for the official Barack Obama supporters rally, and said young people inspired her to vote and caucus.

"This was the most important election I have ever been involved in, and what made it so exciting for me was seeing the youth involved," Owens said.

The Republican race was not as heated as the Democratic one

and McCain's competitor has called it quits. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee conceded his bid and pledged to help McCain unify the party after losing in all four states. McCain will now look to the Republican National Convention starting Sept. 1 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

There were 228 Democratic delegates up for grabs in Texas. The primaries determined 126 delegates, the caucuses determined 67 and 12 votes are determined by super-delegates from the Texas Democratic party.

With 189 of 210 Travis County precincts reporting at press time, Obama took 62.48 percent

of the vote and Clinton took 36.86 percent, according to the Travis County Clerk. McCain won 52.18 percent of the Republican vote in Travis County, Huckabee took 26.66 percent and Texas congressman Ron Paul took 16.91 percent.

Between today and June 3, 10 more states will host primaries, conventions and caucuses. To win the Democratic nomination, a candidate needs 2,025 delegate votes. If a nominee is not decided by June 3, Obama and Clinton will compete for the party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado starting Aug. 25.

BRIDGE: Many players learned game from family members

From page 1A

century and the game changed from a parlor spectacle to a sophisticated craft.

There is no way to put bridge in simple terms, said member Thomas Douglass, a geography senior.

"It's a trick-taking game," Douglass said. "I guess you could say it's like Hearts — only complicated."

About four to eight people actively participate in the bridge

game each week, Rankin said. Helleloid said the game is often a family-taught tradition.

"When I was younger my parents and grandparents played with other couples on Sunday nights, so I'd end up at all these houses just sitting around," Rankin said. "I was getting bored so I finally just said, 'Show me how to play, too.'"

Douglass said he first played on the stereotype of bridge as a game for old ladies.

"You know, I feel that I'm an old lady," Douglass said. "In fact, around the time I was learning to play bridge, the movie 'Serendipity' came out. Jayne Cobb has this hat and we actually learned how to knit hats and play bridge at the same time."

The members pride themselves on the long games they play.

"My record is 12 or 13 hours," Douglass said. "Our record here at UT is eight hours straight."

He said bridge is not a game

people can pick up quickly, and one must dedicate time to learning it.

The game has led members to enlist in various bridge tournaments across the state.

"I've played about five times at Austin Bridge Club events," Douglass said. "I wanted to compete to build my master points, which are points that make up your international ranking. I am currently at the absolute bottom of the barrel."

CAMPUS WATCH

Racking up nothing

200 BLOCK JESTER CIRCLE DRIVE

A UT student observed an unknown subject standing next to the bike racks located on the north side of the Brazos Parking Garage. The student was unable to get a good view of the subject, but stated that his actions were odd. The officers searched the area with negative results. Occurred on March 3 at 2:12 a.m.

Crime Prevention Tip: This student did a great job in contacting the police to report the

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A UT student was discovered lying in the grassy area on the west side of the parking garage. The officers could detect a very strong odor of alcohol on the subject from several feet away. Dur-

ing the interview, the subject had a hard time answering the officers' questions and the officers had a hard time understanding the subject's mush-mouth dialect. The subject was taken into custody for Public Intoxication and was transported to Central Booking. Occurred on March 2 at 3:14 a.m.

'Tis but a flesh wound

FRANK ERWIN CENTER, 1701 Red River

A UT staff member saw a non-UT subject staggering and stumbling as he attempted to walk toward the entrance. As the subject presented his ticket to enter, the staff member observed that the subject was bleeding from a cut to his hand. The staff member also detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the subject's breath. During the investigation, the subject could not answer basic questions or explain how he

had gotten hurt. Austin EMS treated the subject at the scene and released him. The subject was taken into custody for Public Intoxication and was transported to Central Booking. Occurred on March 1 at 7:15 p.m.

Vodka as the passenger

2200 BLOCK SAN JACINTO BLVD.

A tan Honda was observed committing several traffic violations. During the traffic investigation, the officer saw an open bottle of vodka next to the driver. The officer verified that the UT staff member was over the legal age of 21 to be in possession of the alcohol. The subject was issued a field release citation for Possession of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle. Occurred on March 1 at 5:15 a.m.

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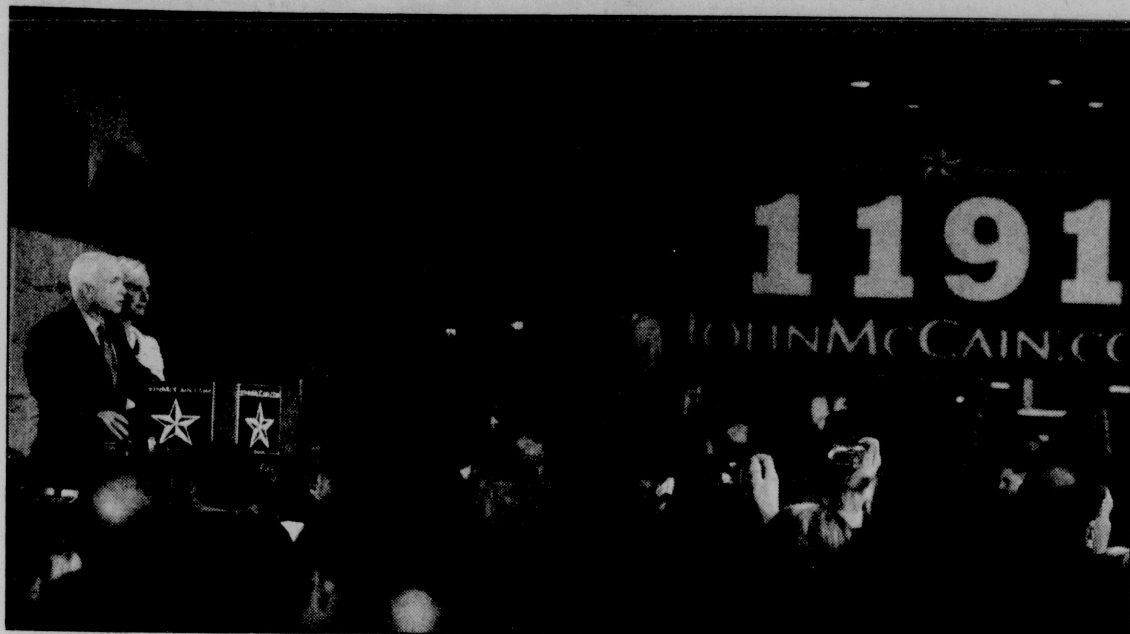
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McCain reaches magic number to clinch GOP nod



Ron Hefflin | Associated Press

With the number of delegates posted on a sign, Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and his wife, Cindy, speak to the crowd at his primary watch party in Dallas Tuesday. McCain surpassed the requisite 1,191 GOP delegates to clinch the Republican presidential nomination.

By Liz Sidoti

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John McCain clinched the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday, an extraordinary comeback for a candidate whose White House hopes were dashed eight years ago and whose second bid was left for dead eight months ago.

"The most important race begins," he said in an Associated Press interview.

According to the AP count, the four-term Arizona senator surpassed the requisite 1,191 GOP delegates as voters in Ohio, Vermont, Rhode Island and Texas put him over the threshold.

"It's a very humbling thing, and I say that with all sincerity," McCain said of finally clinching the nomination.

McCain was heading to the White House on Wednesday for lunch with President Bush — and

"The most important race begins."

Sen. John McCain,
Republican presidential
nominee

an endorsement. The two will make a joint statement afterward.

"The president has said he looks forward to vigorously campaigning for the GOP and tonight it has become clear that the GOP nominee will be Senator John McCain," said White House press secretary Dana Perino. "Of course the president is going to endorse the GOP nominee, which is going to be Senator John McCain."

Shortly after AP called the race, his chief remaining rival Mike Huckabee withdrew from the race.

In Irving, Texas, the former Arkansas governor praised McCain and said: "My commitment to him and the party is to do everything possible to unite our party but more important to unite our country so that we can be the best we can be."

The general election campaign for the Republican nominee-in-waiting starts now even though Democrats still haven't chosen a candidate. Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton continue a protracted battle for their party's nod, leaving McCain an opportunity to unify his party.

"The big battle's to come," he said of the general election. "I do not underestimate the significance nor the size of the challenge."

McCain added: "There are going to be stark choices between a liberal Democrat and a conservative Republican. I believe I can prevail in that contest of ideas and vision."

WORLD BRIEFLY

As tensions grow, Venezuelan troops move to Colombia border

BOGOTA, Colombia — Hundreds of Venezuelan troops moved Tuesday toward the border with Colombia, where trade was slowing amid heightening tension over Colombia's cross-border strike on a rebel base in Ecuador.

The Organization of American States scheduled an emergency afternoon meeting in Washington to try to calm one of the region's worst political showdowns in years, pitting U.S.-backed Colombia against Venezuela's leftist President Hugo Chavez and his allies. Colombian and Ecuadorean officials, meanwhile, traded accusations in the United Nations and the International Criminal Court.

The escalation of tensions was triggered over the weekend when Colombia troops crossed the border with Ecuador and killed Raul Reyes, a top commander of the Colombian FARC rebels who had set up a camp there.

Chavez, who sympathizes with the leftist rebels, condemned the killing and angrily ordered about 9,000 soldiers — 10 battalions — to Venezuela's border with Colombia. He warned Colombian President Alvaro Uribe that any strike on Venezuelan soil could provoke a South American war.

Uribe said he has provided Chavez with precise information on the location of rebel camps in Venezuela. He said one was home to Ivan Marquez, another top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Palestinian leader rebuffs Rice for quick revival of peace talks

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The U.S.-backed Palestinian president rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to quickly end a walkout of peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable under any circumstance.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution and defended Israel's, right to seek out militants who use the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel.

"I understand the difficulties of the current moment," Rice said following meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "We all must keep an eye on what is important."

She won no public promise that Palestinians would end their boycott soon. U.S. officials say they understand his political predicament and predict talks will resume after a brief lull. Abbas was not expected to relent before Rice leaves the Middle East on Wednesday.

"I call on the Israeli government to halt its aggression so the necessary environment can be created to make negotiations succeed, for us and for them, to reach the shores of peace in 2008," Abbas said. He was referring to the goal — stated at a U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference in November — of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty by the end of the year.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

NATION BRIEFLY

Harvard tests women-only gym hours to accommodate Muslims

BOSTON — Harvard University has banned men from one of its gyms for a few hours a week, a move to accommodate Muslim women who, for religious and cultural reasons, cannot exercise comfortably in their presence.

The policy is already unpopular with many on campus, including some women who consider it sexist.

"I think that it's incorrect in a college setting to institute a policy in which half of the campus gets wronged or denied a resource that's supposed to be for everyone," said student Lucy Caldwell, who wrote a column in The Harvard Crimson newspaper critical of the new hours.

Student Ola Aljawhary, who is Muslim and works out elsewhere on campus but is not one of the women who requested the change, rejected that argument.

"The majority should be willing to compromise," she said. "I think that's just basic courtesy. We must show tolerance and respect for all others."

— The Associated Press

Clinton scores comeback wins in Texas, Rhode Island, Ohio

By David Espo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton scored primary wins in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island Tuesday night, denting Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential race.

Clinton's three triumphs ended a month of defeats for the former first lady, and she told jubilant supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way."

Obama won the Vermont primary, and sought to counter Clinton's claims that the night had been a race-altering event.

"We have nearly the same delegate lead as we did this morning and we are on our way to winning this nomination," he told supporters in Texas.

Both Democrats called McCain — a Senate colleague — to con-



Kiichiro Sato | Associated Press

A voter casts her ballot in the primary election Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

gratulate him on his triumph in the Republican race.

In the four-state competition for delegates, Clinton picked up at least 100, to at least 77 for Obama. Nearly 200 more remained to be allocated for the

night, 163 of them in the Texas primary and caucuses.

Obama had a total of 1,466 delegates, according to the Associated Press count. Clinton had 1,376 delegates. It takes 2,025 to win the nomination.



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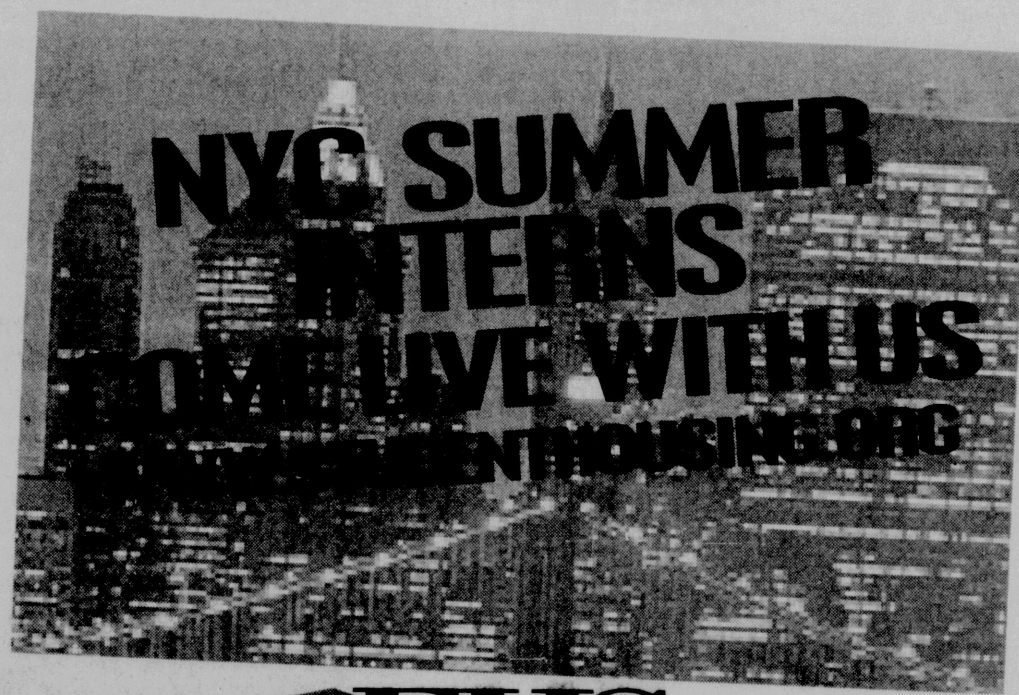
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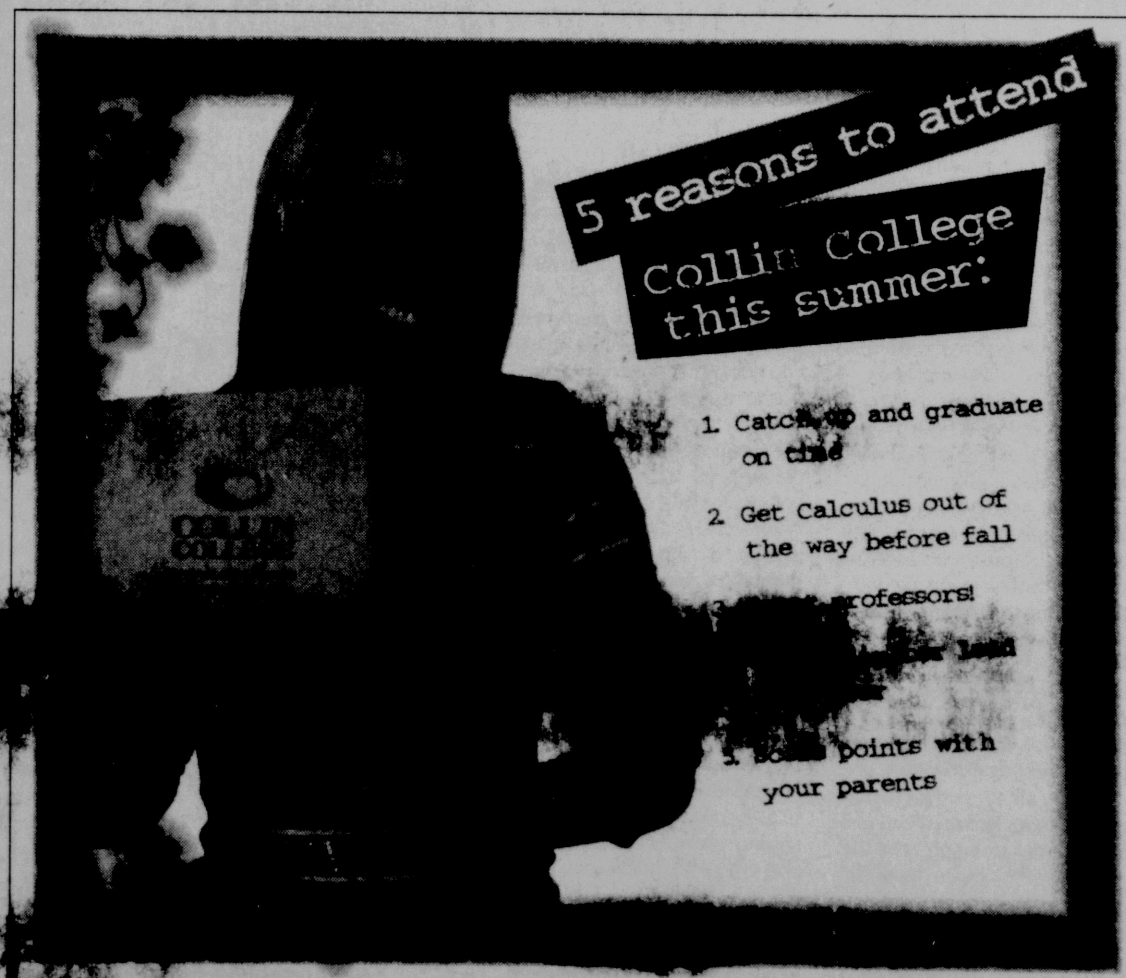
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VIEWPOINT

Taking off the Obama goggles

Although many of the participants in precinct 275's caucus were confused as to how Texas' caucus process works, they were happy to be voting regardless. Last night, 611 people went to the Baker Center School at 39th Street and Avenue B to do the caucus dance, and the Obamamentum was overwhelming. Hillary Clinton's supporters petered out early into the night while those in Obama's support line waited up to an hour to sign in. The temporary caucus chair's direction of traffic seemed symptomatic of the events to unfold: "Obama people to the left, Hillary people and Republicans to the right!" he said. Anticipating defeat, a lone woman wearing a Hillary T-shirt walked past the effervescent Obama throng and smiled sadly. It seemed like Clinton would be a goner.

But as Tuesday's returns trickled in, Clinton rose from the ashes and pulled off surprising victories in Ohio and Texas, leaving all those Austinites who had been seeing the world through Barack-tinted glasses wondering where the magic went. But Obama supporters shouldn't fear a Clinton-tinged future. Looking back at Clinton's speeches 15 years ago, the differences between her rhetoric then and Obama's now are miniscule. She espoused the same hope and change then that Obama employs today. On April 6, 1993, Hillary stood before a crowd in Austin and professed a need for "spiritual renewal," according to a 1993 article in The New York Times Magazine appraising the potential of her message. She told the Texans that America had come down with a "sleeping sickness of the soul" and that our country was afflicted with a "crisis of meaning" and "alienation and despair and hopelessness."

"Who will lead us out of this spiritual vacuum?" she asked the crowd. The answer: "All of us."

At the time, Clinton was derided by the press for spewing empty words, just as Obama is accused of being all rhetoric and no substance. And while many are loyal in their belief that hope, change and unity are concepts of only Obama in this race, Clinton has taken those words with her over the years, and they are woven into her current campaign. Instead of repeating them over and over, she knows them, and she knows that words alone cannot bring a revolution. In 15 years, Obama may know hope and change in the same way. Americans may start hearing less of those words, but they need not worry. Some things can go unsaid, and reality will come into focus.

THE FIRING LINE

Ignorance on Facebook

As a former sports beat reporter for the Texan, I often found myself struggling to maintain a balance between my personal life and my job as a reporter representing the University and fellow journalists. I remain a Longhorn and Cowboys fan always, but when I put on my Daily Texan cap, these things no longer matter. I owe it to myself and whatever media organization I represent to keep my personal opinions personal in order to keep my job (and my editor's sanity intact).

I say this to point out a Daily Texan staff member who crossed the line and caused quite a frenzy with his Facebook profile picture depicting Barack Obama in blackface with chicken and watermelon. While I understand the need to respect others' freedom of speech, as journalists, we have to respect the profession and realize that our right to express ourselves may infringe upon our ability to function as quality reporters and may affect the newspaper or TV station as a whole. One posted picture or racial statement reflects upon the organization as a whole, and may cause readers to doubt the journalist's ability to objectively report, especially when handling sensitive issues. I have no idea how to handle the situation, but The Daily Texan would do well to use this situation as an opportunity to teach budding journalists the importance of keeping their noses clean, even on social networks such as MySpace and Facebook. Because someone's always watching or reading, even after the newscast is over and the newspaper has been distributed.

Courtney Cox
Broadcast journalism senior

Ignorance on Facebook II

I couldn't help but be infuriated by what I saw on Facebook Monday morning. I was met with a very offensive caricature of Sen. Barack Obama, which is currently the profile picture of a person who writes for The Daily Texan. I don't know what kind of protocol you have your staff members follow, but I found it extremely inappropriate, insensitive and blatantly ignorant. I am a firm believer in freedom of speech and expression, but not when it infringes upon others. Within hours, several students felt the same way that I felt after seeing the picture(s) illustrating Sen. Obama as a sambo (an offensive and derogatory image of a black person), complete with watermelon, fried chicken and darkened skin. During the last few years, I have seen this type of thing on Facebook far too many times, and I think it has gotten ridiculous. When it comes to offensive pictures, words, dress, parties, etc., people should be cognizant of what they are presenting to others. If it is your aim to offend people or garner attention, have the courage to stop hiding behind your computer screen. I wasn't even the young man's friend on Facebook, and I was able to figure out that he works for the Texan. I

hope people realize that employers can point and click just as easily as I can. Also, is this the kind of representation that the Texan wants from its staff?

Andrew H. Lilly
Sport management senior

Ignorance on Facebook III

Statistics say that about 85 percent of the students at UT are on Facebook. This, of course, is a large amount of people, so we should not be surprised if a few rotten apples use Facebook as a medium to make an ass out of themselves in a desperate cry for attention. Usually, I am of the opinion that if you refuse to give these people attention, they will crawl back into their little corner of the Internet and disappear. However, when I was made aware that a contributor of this very newspaper had Facebook pictures depicting Barack Obama in blackface, complete with chicken and watermelon, a change in my policy seemed appropriate.

The image(s) I was met with when venturing to his corner of Facebook were the most offensive and disturbing images I have ever seen. To be fair, I will tell you that this man is reportedly a liberal, and even more ludicrous, an Obama supporter. If he thinks his vote makes it OK to mock Sen. Obama for being a black man, and thus degrade an entire population as a whole, he is sadly mistaken. Racism has many faces, and this happens to be one of its worst. The ignorance of one person really means nothing to me, but the fact that this person writes for the newspaper that I read every morning is absurd and ridiculous. The Daily Texan should take action immediately, or allow people to falsely make a connection between his twisted views and their publication.

TJ Finley
Government and sport management senior

Risky health care

As a future actuary, I feel the need to clarify some issues surrounding Sen. Clinton's health insurance policy ("Let's talk universally," Mar. 3). We should first discuss the fairness of premiums principle, namely, that it is unfair, and not a smart insurance practice, to make low-risk insureds carry any significant portion of the costs associated with high-risk insureds. More succinctly, you pay for your own risk and no one else's. This over-simplifies the associated math, but works as the basis of my argument. To those who view this as unfair, let us look at an example. Imagine that as you go to work every day you see this same person and that more often than not there is something medically wrong with them. Were that random unknown person to ask you to help pay their medical bills, even the most charitable among us would soon be at the end of your charitableness. Take this to a large scale and you have the fairness of premium principle. This principle is what often makes health insurance unafford-

able to most people. It is also the problem with Clinton's mandate for health care. Even if we unrealistically assume that the growth in a company's covered risks would not cause premiums to grow, it would still take massive subsidies to cover every man, woman and child. Add in that the increased risk would increase costs and thus premiums and even more subsidies are required to push premiums back into the affordable range.

Further low-risk insureds are also hurt because while they are, typically, middle-class or above they would bear the brunt of the necessary taxes to cover the new subsidies. Further as low-risk individuals they already have relatively lower premiums so they receive essentially no benefit from the subsidies. Lastly, as insurers would be carrying more high-risk individuals there will be more companies going bust when their luck runs out and they get the health insurance equivalent of a hurricane strike in Florida and thus at best causing the companies former low-risk insureds to have to find a new insurer.

Jason Michael
Actuarial science senior

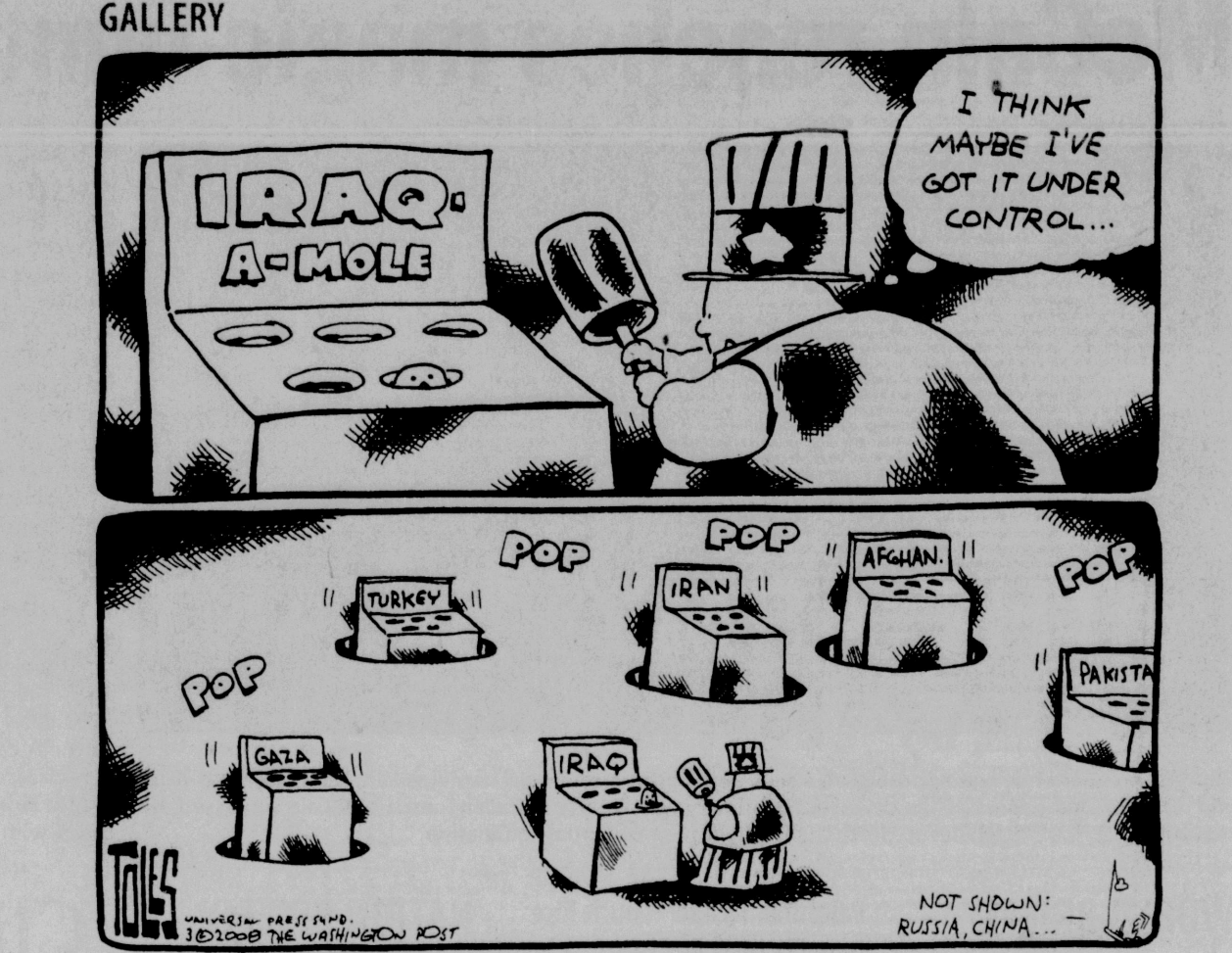
Get serious, UT

The Austin American-Statesman announced Monday the UT System Board of Regents will be conducting interviews on March 26 for development of the 345-acre Brackenridge Tract. It is hard to consider UT a high-quality university system when what the professors teach has no recognition at the higher level of their own institution. The concept of preservation/conservation is taught at all levels of University education but it is not a concept enacted or recognized by UT in its own community? Why does no one at the top recognize this disconnect? Harvard has a 265-acre preserve with 4,500 different plant species from around the world. Established in 1872, this is the oldest public arboretum in North America. One might think by 2008 other university systems would have jumped on the bandwagon. How can UT be taken seriously when they spend millions of dollars on a football stadium but no consideration is put into development along the city's only major river?

UT needs to think about the residents of Austin and their future students before selling a major piece of property for short-term economic gain. I would like to see the University look into how they can slow commercial and residential development throughout Barton Creek Greenbelt and along the Colorado River rather than encourage it.

I respect UT, but with every decision it seems the university regents are corporate, uneducated and disconnected (from both its students and the greater Austin community) developers prospecting for their next venture.

Jakob Grothe
Geography planning senior
Texas State University



The effects of a political paparazzi

By Jillian Sheridan
Daily Texan Columnist

Increased media coverage is changing the way our government works. It affects who gets elected, how they behave while in office and whether or not they get re-elected. The polls, opinions of broadcasters, columnists and the constant, paparazzi-like surveillance by the media contribute to the increasing internal conflict and outward uselessness of the federal government.

For example, when I was trying to decide who to vote for in the primaries, I went straight to the media. I read articles and opinion summaries. Most importantly, I looked at recent polls to see where my vote would matter most. I did not even consider the candidates that the polls predicted would lose by large margins. The polls do more than predict who will win. They change who will win.

This has been the most media-influenced election in history. The politics of our country have never been more closely monitored. There are countless Web sites, magazines and even TV channels devoted to politics.

Theoretically, this is a good thing. The government certainly exists only

with the consent of the governed. The media allows us to keep an eye on our representatives at all times, and that's the way it should be. After all, they are working for us.

The problem is that they aren't working for us, because they just aren't working. Our government has stalled. The priority of elected officials has changed from improving the nation to getting re-elected. Who can blame them?

The polls do more than predict who will win. They change who will win.

Getting re-elected has never been more difficult. Any mistake, any phrase not quite thought through by a public official will be replayed for weeks by the political paparazzi and analyzed by columnists like me.

Unfortunately, one thing many constituents view as a mistake is a compromise or a changed opinion. The intense media coverage requires candidates to stick with their views even after they realize they are wrong. If they change their mind or determine that the promise they ran on will really hurt the nation, they have only two options. Work on another solution, (possibly the other party's) and get

booted by their constituents as soon as possible, or "stick to their guns" and keep fighting for their original idea — even if it's a mistake — so they can get re-elected. On the other hand, a good way to keep constituents happy is to prove that they made the right choice, by putting down and undermining the opposing party. The internal conflict in our government produces a constant fight for votes.

This internal conflict keeps elected officials from being effective. Furthermore, as elected officials are constantly under surveillance, any action they take will be broadcast and criticized nationwide. Is it possible that we are micromanaging our government? Are we monitoring them so closely that we are keeping them from acting on our behalf? When the Constitution was written, it was done in complete secrecy. Members of Congress could speak their minds and make compromises without fear of consequences.

While I certainly don't believe that Congress should do its business in secret, maybe our elected officials need some more room to breathe, to think and to get their priorities straight. If the media gave voters and the people they vote for a little more autonomy, maybe things could return to normal and we could all do our part to keep the country running smoothly.

Sheridan is a Plan II and political communications sophomore.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The issue described in the firing lines titled "Ignorance on Facebook" was brought to our attention by way of readers' concerns, and we have taken the situation very seriously. The Texan has frequently covered issues relating to institutionalized racism and inequality in an effort to promote awareness and constructive change. Last year, we brought attention to a fraternity at UT that allegedly hosted a "chulo"-themed party, and we've also in recent years covered a "gin and juice" party (in which participants wore "blackface"). The editorial board has continually pushed for the University to offer equal benefits for same-sex couples, another crusade against institutionalized discrimination.

The Texan holds the same standards when such an issue arises in our own backyard, as it has in the past two days. We have discussed this matter thoroughly with Life & Arts senior writer Andy O'Connor, the person to whom those firing lines are directed, and the option of terminating this valuable Texan staff member was put on the table. But we believe O'Connor has learned a very crucial lesson as a consequence of his actions, and he will continue to be a part of the Texan team. This situation is a lesson for the staff of the Texan as a whole, and we hope it serves as constructive insight for readers as well. The following is a letter O'Connor has written in response to the situation.

To more than whom it may concern

I feel that it's my responsibility first and foremost to clear up the matter regarding certain pictures people noticed on my Facebook profile this week. I did not intend to offend anybody. The pictures are not representative of myself or my contributions to the Texan. I realize that I go too far sometimes, and I'd like to take a moment to apologize to those who were offended. I have learned that I should be more careful about what I put out to the public. What one person may have thought about my pictures may not have been what another person thought. I realize that this poses some serious consequences for me, something I did not realize when I put the pictures up.

The purpose of the Texan is to serve the UT student community, and we strive to put the readers first. In addition, I also want to apologize to the staff of the Texan. Everyone here works very hard to put out a quality product, and I don't want them to be derailed for the actions of one person.

And I voted for Obama.

Sincerely,
Andy O'Connor
Life & Arts senior writer
English senior

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Basketball game holds ticket raffle for football

By Lee Ann Holman
Daily Texan Staff

UT Athletics is giving 10 students the guaranteed option to get seats to the 2008 Red River Rivalry.

UT Athletics said the promotion is only open to students who have a Longhorn All-Sports Package and are enrolled during the fall semester. Students can enter the drawing by attending the women's basketball game tonight and signing up at the Texas Athletics table in section 44.

Winners will not receive a free ticket, but will be given a guarantee to buy a \$95 ticket to the UT vs. OU football game on Oct. 11.

The winners will be announced tonight during Coach Gail Goestenkor's post-game talk over the loudspeaker, and students must be present to win.

Daniel Walk, spokesman for the Texas Wranglers, said they often hold events to support attendance at women's basketball games. The group hosts pre-parties outside of the Frank Erwin Center with free food from Chick-fil-A and HEB, music and basketball games.

"I think the reason for low attendance at women's basketball games stems from the success of the men's basketball overshadowing the women's basketball team," he said.

UT women's basketball games average around 5,500 people per game, while the men's basketball games bring in close to 14,000 per game.

Problem machines cause voting delay

Technicians out all day Tuesday, but not all problems reported

By Lauren Winchester
Daily Texan Staff

When Laura Castro arrived at Lake Pointe Elementary School

to vote at 9 a.m. Tuesday, she encountered an anxious and frustrated crowd.

Castro, a technical writer for the UT School of Law, said the line of about 40 people was not moving because only one of about nine polling machines was working properly.

A school receptionist said no

one at the polling place would comment on the issue.

A technician discovered that the machine responsible for printing out access codes for voters was broken. Voting resumed about 10 a.m. after the machine was shut down and replaced with a new one, Castro said.

"Once it was working, things

started to go smoothly, and it was really quick," Castro said. "Between that time, it was starting to get crowded. It was a little chaotic."

Officials at the polling place said the machines had worked when they were tested the night before, Castro said.

County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir

said the Travis County clerk's office had received reports of one or two machines that were not working, but not from Lake Pointe Elementary. She said broken polling machines are not always reported.

Troubleshooters were in the field all day, DeBeauvoir said.

"It's all very normal out there," she said.

'Fight Night' raises cash for children's center

Oversized boxing gloves helped prevent any serious injuries

By Audrey Campbell
Daily Texan Staff

Hooks and jabs flew as UT students battled with each other Tuesday night during UT College Fight Night.

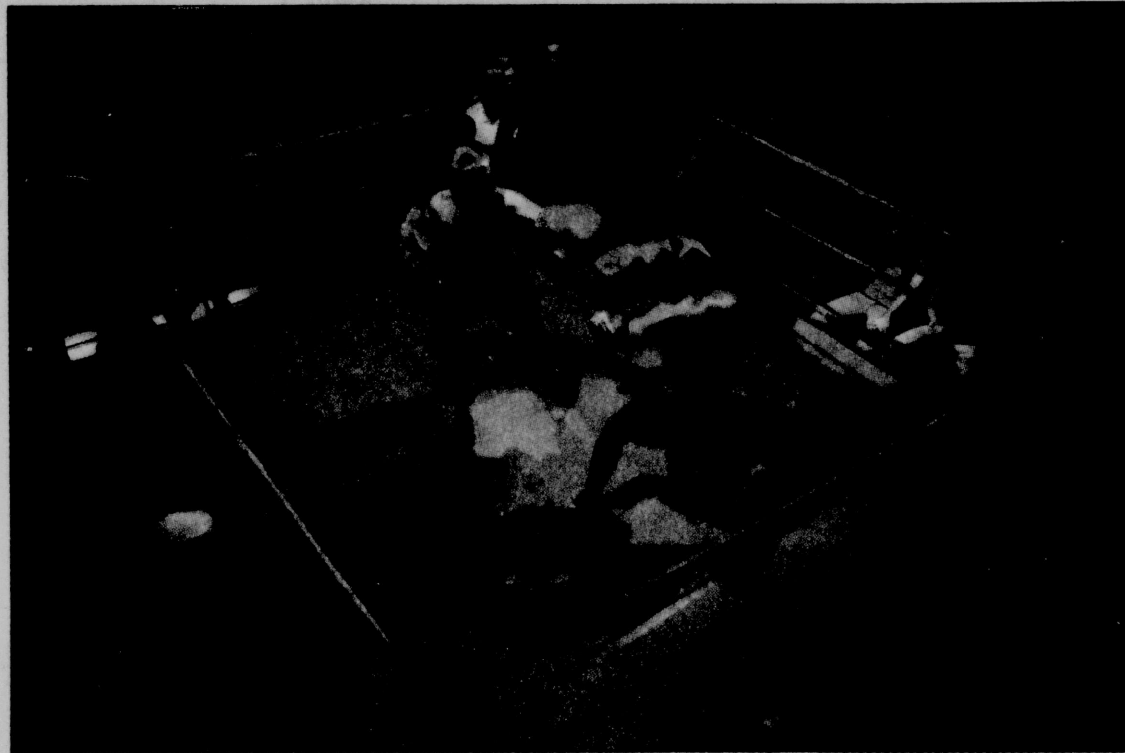
Trying their best to keep from being pinned against the ropes by their opponents, the boxers circled and danced around each other within the ring as cheers and jeers filled the room.

Hideous Liqueur hosted the inaugural event at downtown nightclub Vicci. Fight Night was created to raise money for the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas. Donations at the door afforded onlookers the chance to watch the 12 three-minute fights.

The fighters represented various UT fraternities and spirit clubs, including the Texas Wranglers and the Texas Iron Spikes.

Economics junior Jonathan Shih said that though he had never boxed professionally, he has a background in kickboxing.

"It's harder to fight this way because you have to go against your instincts," Shih said. "It becomes counter-intuitive when you are



Michelle Connolly | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Clifton King and Finance/Plan II Honors senior Mark Willey duke it out for Fight Night: College Edition, a boxing match hosted at Vicci to raise money for the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas.

trained one way but you have to fight in another."

Each player donned over-sized gloves to prevent serious injuries. Terrence Nolan, an electrical engineering senior, said that when he had agreed to participate in the fight night, he thought he

would be sporting traditional gloves.

"These gloves are really large and it's hard to keep them up because they weigh so much," Nolan said.

Despite the unwieldy gear, the matches became increasingly in-

tense as the night progressed. In a fight between biology junior Chris Marroquin and economics senior Mitchell Greene, the boxers were given an extra two minutes so that the judges could declare a winner.

Shih said that he was not nervous about the competition.

NEWS BRIEFLY

On-campus caucus overrun; more than 1,000 attend

Students and other community members who caucused Tuesday evening faced an unprecedented Democratic and Republican crowd at UT's Jester Center.

The 148th Precinct caucus was expected to receive no more than 25 people, said Michelle White, a history sophomore.

"A member of the Democratic Party of Texas gave us the expected number," she said. "But when 1,000 people showed up, the caucus became very unorganized."

Polls closed at 7 p.m., but caucus voters were not able to begin signing until 7:30 p.m.

People waited in line for more than 40 minutes, said Jennifer Arreola, a chemical engineering sophomore.

Procedures were compromised in the interest of time, which left some voters weary.

"I think it's sketchy, because they didn't check anyone on the list," White said. "They just passed the list down the line, not even checking to make sure people were who they were. I hope there is a lawyer who will be checking the list, making sure all the delegates are committed."

Supporters of Sens. Clinton and Barack Obama waited outside Jester Center, cheering for their respective candidate until 8:10 p.m., when the caucus closed.

— Sabrina Vera



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas survives scare from Huskers

Abrams' effort helps Texas tie record for most wins in season

By Clay Whittington
Daily Texan Staff
Texas let Nebraska erase a 13-point Longhorn lead before A.J. Abrams put the Longhorns in position to rewrite the school's record books.

"My teammates do a good job of always telling me to keep shooting," Abrams said of his 4-for-11 performance. "That's my role on the team — to score — so I'm not going to let them down."

Abrams finished with 15 points, including 11 in the second half, to complement D.J. Augustin's game-high 22 points and Damion James' near double-double (16 points, nine rebounds).

The win was No. 9 Texas' 25th of the season, tying the 2005-2006 "Elite Eight" team for most regular season victories in school history while also putting them into a tie with Kansas atop the Big 12 standings.

"We've put ourselves in a great position to come out on top," James

SCOREBOARD

Horns 70 Nebraska 66
• Win ties school record for most victories in a regular season

said. "We know we have a game against Oklahoma State [on Sunday], so we hope to come out, play hard and win."

Nebraska (17-11, 6-9) exploded in the second period, hitting four of its first six 3-point attempts en route to outscoring the Longhorns 41-32 in the half, but they could never take control of the game as the Longhorns converted six treys in the period.



Texas junior A.J. Abrams looks toward the sidelines in Texas' 70-66 win over Nebraska last night to tie a school record for most regular season wins.

Shelley Neuman
Daily Texan Staff

Longhorns shut out of paint, not able to penetrate

By Ryan Killian
Daily Texan Staff
D.J. Augustin bounced off the perimeter like a meteor skipping off the earth's atmosphere.

With the shot clock winding down he gave it one more try, found nothing yet again and jumped back to nail a short jumper in the paint to widen Texas' lead to 45-33.

Nebraska outscored the Longhorns 28-10 in the paint. Damion James threw down

two dunks, one off a fast break and one after missing a free throw. Augustin also scored a fast break — the only Texas layup of the game — and Gary Johnson hit a jumper in the paint.

"They were packing the lane," Augustin said. "It was hard to drive and get in the lane."

During the second half, every one of the Longhorns' 32 points came from the outside.

While Johnson scored four points, Alexis Wangmene, Dexter Pittman and Clint Chapman all failed to score

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Fulfilling their American dream

Rowers leave Croatia for chance to become student-athletes at UT

By Josh Foster
Daily Texan Staff
At universities throughout America, countless student-athletes are provided with free education in exchange for their gifted athletic talents. Take a trip across the Atlantic Ocean, and you will see that not all countries are familiar with the term "student-athlete."

Freshmen rowers Tajana Lovric and Jelena Zunic journeyed to Austin from Zagreb, Croatia in order to pursue both parts of the term.

"I've always wanted to row in the U.S.," Lovric said. "In Croatia, you can't be an athlete and go to class. Here you can do both."

Assistant rowing coach Melissa Perrone was the connection that brought head coach Carrie Graves and the two women together. Perrone knew Lovric's older brother, Petar, through their rowing days at Northeastern University. After asking Petar at a regatta if he knew anyone in Croatia interested in rowing, Petar recommended his younger sister. When Perrone was hired as an assistant coach at Texas, she advised the staff to look at Lovric. From Lovric, word finally got around to Zunic, who had been rowing competitively with her for the HAVK Mladost club team in Croatia the past three years.

"Recruiting is a lot about connections," Graves explained. "Hopefully, when [Lovric and Zunic] go back to Croatia over the summer, more people will hear about [Texas rowing]."

Graves went on a recruiting trip last summer in order to visit the girls' native country as well as look for more possible recruits, even though the girls had already committed to Texas. Graves believes the girls, as well as other foreign athletes, know what is at stake when coming to the U.S. to be a student-athlete.

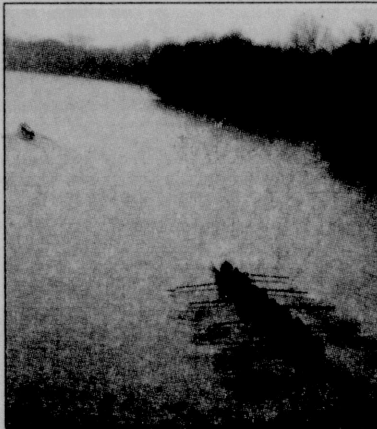
"If you come from a different country and you've come all this way, you're not going to fail," Graves said. "It's not just about rowing; it's about getting a good education."

The girls cite the significant in-



Emily Kinsolving | Daily Texan Staff

Above, Freshmen rowers Tajana Lovric and Jelena Zunic came to the University of Texas from Croatia so they could study and row, an opportunity they wouldn't have had in their home country. Below, The Texas rowing team rows at the Fighting Nutria on Lady Bird Lake on Feb. 16.



Karl McDonald | Daily Texan Staff

"If you come from a different country and you've come all this way, you're not going to fail. It's not just about rowing; it's about getting a good education."

Carrie Graves,
Texas rowing head coach

"Competition makes you [perform] better," Zunic said. "We have gotten so much stronger here. Now we have a good chance of going on the Croatian National Team."

Rowing for the Croatian National Team runs in the family for these two girls, as both their brothers row for the team. Petar Lovric rowed for Northeastern three years ago and Jelena Zunic's brother, Nikola, is currently rowing for

the University of California.

Petar Lovric is training with another man to become the first Croatians to row across the Indian Ocean — 3,100 nautical miles. He is also attempting to qualify for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Tajana Lovric would like to follow her brother in that regard, too. "I would like to go to the 2012 Olympics in London," Lovric said.

On Feb. 2, the two girls competed at the Erg Rodeo, an event in which rowers are timed using a rowing machine. Zunic and Lovric held two of the top four times for Texas behind two seniors. Their competitiveness was evident throughout the race as they fed off one another.

"I was like 'No, she won't beat me,'" Lovric exclaimed. "Whenever she was ahead of me, I would sneak up, and then she would go ahead again."

Zunic joked, "We went back and forth and I was thinking, 'Oh my god, she's crazy.'"

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Win over Tech will boost NCAA tournament shot

By David R. Henry
Daily Texan Staff

At this time last week the Longhorns appeared to be headed for the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

But after getting their first win on the road against Kansas and shocking No. 10 Oklahoma Sunday on the road, the Longhorns have a legitimate shot at making the NCAA tournament with a home win over Texas Tech tonight.

"I think we're in already, but I don't know for a fact, so that's why this game is so important," Texas coach Gail Goestenkors said. "We have some big Top 25 wins, and we have some wins over other teams that are on the bubble. I think we're in for sure with a win [tonight]."

The 7 p.m. game against Texas Tech is the last home game of the season, the last regular-season game and senior night.

Texas fans will only say goodbye to one senior: guard Ernieisha Bailey. Bailey averages 7.3 points per game, but Goestenkors believes her impact goes beyond the stat sheet.

"She brings a toughness to the team. She is our best defensive player," Goestenkors said. "She sets the tone for us on the defensive end. She also is the only one on the team who has played in the NCAA tournament before, and as our only senior she's become a leader down the stretch for us on and off the court."

Tech (16-13, 4-11 Big 12) defeated Texas (18-11, 6-9) earlier this season 70-58 in Lubbock. Texas had 13 first-half turnovers and played without team co-captain

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TONIGHT: Texas Tech (16-13, 4-11) vs. Texas (18-11, 6-9)

WHERE: Frank Erwin Center at 7 p.m.

ON AIR: FSN, AM 1300 The Zone

NEXT: Big 12 Tournament

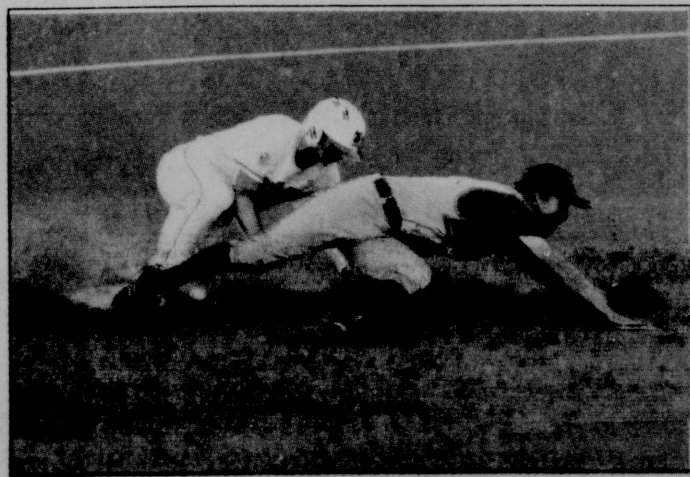


Sophomore guard Brittainey Raven defends Oklahoma State guard Andrea Riley in Texas' 70-63 win earlier this season. Raven is Texas' leading scorer.

Peter Franklin
Daily Texan Staff

BASEBALL

Freshman helps Texas crush A&M-Corpus Christi 16-7



Nancy Rosenthal | Daily Texan Staff

Texas shortstop Pat McCrory slides into third base safely in Texas' 16-7 win over Texas A&M Corpus-Christi on Tuesday afternoon.

By Nathan Riojas
Daily Texan Staff

If you're not a starter for the Longhorns, opportunities to get in the game can be hard to come by.

Tant Shepard got his chance Tuesday, and he took full advantage of it.

The freshman went 4-for-5 with two doubles and two singles in his college debut — good for three RBI and three runs in the Longhorns' (7-2) 16-7 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (2-6) on Tuesday at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

"It's a lot of weight off my shoulders," Shepard said. "It was awesome doing good in my first start, because it showed that I can play at a university like this that has so much talent and showed teammates, coaches and fans what I can do."

The freshman from Flower Mound impressed Texas' coaching staff in practice, so Texas coach Augie Garrido stuck him in the lineup as the

designated hitter to see what he could do.

Shepard responded by putting on a hitting clinic. Garrido said he would like to get Shepard in the lineup more often.

Another change Garrido made Tuesday worked out for the Longhorns. He moved up Cameron Rupp to clean up the batting order. The freshman catcher continued with his hot-streak at the plate with a 4-for-5 night, getting four RBIs and two runs scored.

"I'm seeing the ball real well," Rupp said. "And when I get my pitch, I'm hitting it."

The bad news for the Longhorns: Their defensive woes continued. They committed three more errors Tuesday, but players and coaches still aren't all that worried.

"It's the easiest thing to fix," Garrido said. "And [right now] it's the thing we practice the least. There isn't time, the way they do these practices, to work on everything. We've

put in a lot of time on hitting."

Riley Boening got his second start of the year Tuesday and continued to work his way back from injury. The junior threw four innings and gave up two earned runs.

Garrido was encouraged by the performance. Right-hander Casey Whitmer picked up the win. He allowed just one hit and struck out two in two innings of relief.

The Longhorns' right-hander recorded 11 strikeouts in his first start against UT-Pan American last week.

TODAY: Texas A&M-Corpus Christi vs. No. 14 Texas

WHERE: UFCU Disch-Falk Field at 3:15 p.m.

ON AIR: AM 1300 The Zone

NEXT: Stanford

MEN'S TENNIS

Team hosts Monarchs

Damico named
player of week,
Texas now fourth

By Andrew Martinez
Daily Texan Staff

After six convincing wins against top-25 opponents, the men's tennis team claimed the No. 4 spot in Tuesday's release of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association team rankings.

The 11-2 Longhorns, previously No. 5 in the polls, have beaten Southern California, Duke, Michigan, Alabama, Rice and Texas A&M on their way toward earning the program's highest ranking since May 26, 2006, when Texas ended the season ranked No. 3.

The Longhorns face Old Dominion (15-9) today. The match is set to start at 6 p.m. at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center and marks the first time the schools have faced one another in men's tennis.

Following this most recent poll, ITA team rankings will now be decided on a computer-based format, as opposed to the voting format used for the first half of the season.

Texas freshman Kellen Damico was named Big 12 Men's Tennis Player of the Week on Monday after defeating two top-5 singles and doubles opponents.

Damico edged out fifth-ranked singles player Dominic Inglot of Virginia by a 6-2, 7-5 count in Texas'

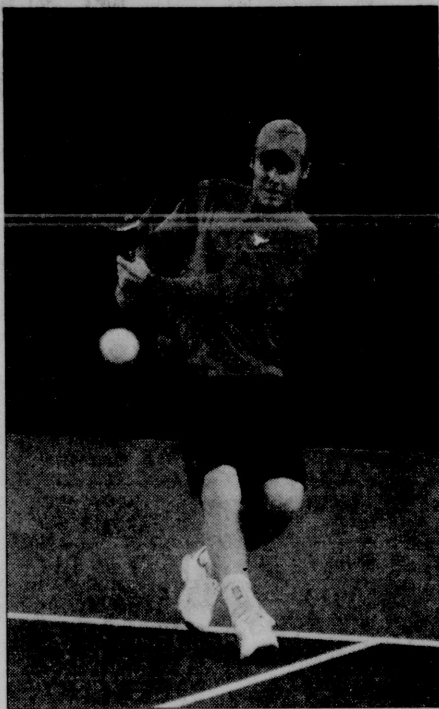
TONIGHT: No 4. Texas vs. Old Dominion

WHERE: Penick-Allison Tennis Center at 6 p.m.

NEXT: Florida State

disappointing loss to the No. 1 Cavaliers. Damico also took down the nation's top-ranked doubles pair of Somdev Devvarman and Treat Huey with help from fellow freshman Ed Corrie.

Damico is now No. 22 in the ITA men's singles rankings, while sophomore Dimitar Kutrovsky jumps from No. 54 to No. 33. Corrie sits in at No. 36 while senior Luis Diaz Barriga moves up to claim the No. 74 spot.



Michelle Connolly | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Kellen Damico competes in Texas' win over Michigan last Tuesday at home.

MB-BALL: Maric dominates

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Connor Atchley finished with five blocks and was crucial down the stretch, but he nearly gave the Cornhuskers an opportunity to tie or take the lead when he forced a pass down court with less than 10 seconds left and almost had it stolen.

"I used a few more expletives, but I told him not to throw the ball that deep in that situation," Abrams said.

Luckily for Texas, Justin Mason came up with the loose ball and hit a pair of free throws after being fouled.

"If I picked a player of the game,

it would be Justin [Mason]," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "That was a bad decision by Connor [Atchley] to throw it, but Justin made a great save right there."

Mason finished with seven points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Atchley's counterpart Aleks Maric tallied 17 points and 10 rebounds to pace Nebraska while Ryan Anderson hit four 3-pointers for 14 points.

Maric dominated on both ends early, clogging the lane on defense while scoring six of the Cornhuskers' first 14 points on offense.

"They do a great job of looking for [Maric] and playing through him," Barnes said.

WB-BALL: Raven catching fire

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Earnesia Williams.

Without Williams, Lady Raider post Dominic Seals scored 27 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

"I think we really missed Earnie and her physical play and rebounding," Goestenkers said.

Seals leads Texas Tech in scoring with 13.8 points per game. Senior Erin Myrick and sophomore Jordan Murphree both average 9.7 points apiece. Seals is also the leading rebounder with 8.5 boards per game and leads in blocks.

"Dominic is a very good player and really caused problems for us last time," Goestenkers said. "I wish I had her on my team."

Team co-captain Brittainey Raven has come on strong as of late. The sophomore scored 21 points in Texas' win over Kansas and 16 in the Oklahoma win. Raven, who has struggled from beyond the arc for most of the season, hit a big three toward the end of the game to help Texas go on to a 65-50 victory.

"I am so proud of Brittainey," Goestenkers said. "She's really blossoming right now."

PAINT: Team outscored 28-10 in paint

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during the limited action they saw.

And the Longhorns needed an inside presence.

The 'Husker defenders dominated the lane, though Sadler thought Texas' lack of penetration had more to do with the Longhorns' offense than his defense.

"I don't know that we shut [their

inside game] down. I don't know that they're an inside-oriented team," he said. "I don't know that it was much us."

But it was his decision to keep two players on Augustin at all times and the shifty point guard could never manage to split the defenders.

"He got 10 points from mid-range," Sadler said. "Usually it's either a layup or a three with him."

SOFTBALL

14th-ranked Houston provides challenge

By Michael Sherfield
Daily Texan Staff

A quick glance at the national polls will tell the story of last weekend's softball tournament.

Texas is relegated to a footnote in the weekly rankings after falling at home to Utah and Wichita State in the Texas Classic. The Longhorns took third in the tournament, posting a 3-2 record, but extracted revenge on the Utes with a 2-0 win in the consolation game.

Texas (11-6-1) turns from favorites to road underdogs

Wednesday as they travel to No. 14 Houston for a final tune-up before a Spring Break tournament in Hawaii.

The Cougars boast a 14-2 record on the season, with both losses coming on the road to No. 2 Texas A&M last week.

Meagan Denny recorded two wins and a loss over the weekend, pushing her record on the year to 9-2 and is expected to start against the Cougars.

"I think we took a step forward mentally this weekend," Denny said. "I think we

learned a lot about each other, and we're going to take that and move forward into Wednesday against Houston."

After carrying the team to nine of their 11 wins, Denny faltered for the first time this season in the Texas Classic semifinal against Wichita State, surrendering four runs in three-and-a-third innings. The Longhorns lost 6-2.

"[[It] was just one of those days," she said. "Every pitcher has them, and every player has them. It was just time for me to have one."

TONIGHT: No. 22 Texas (11-6-1) vs. No. 14 Houston (14-2)

WHERE: Cougar Softball Stadium (Houston) at 5 p.m.

NEXT: North Carolina

However, she recovered to pitch a shutout against Utah, paving the way for a morale-boosting win.

"It is always nice to end on a high note, especially on a long weekend," junior Desiree Williams said. "That last win really helps."

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WHAT ON EARTH...?

HE GOT A PAIR OF THOSE SHOES WITH THE WHEELS IN THE BOTTOM IN HIS SIZE.

WEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

THIS SEEMS LIKE A CATASTROPHE IN THE MAKING.

OH DEFINITELY.

SHOULDN'T WE BE TAPING THIS OR SOMETHING?

WEEEEEE-CRASH

BUS! OW, OW!!!

IT WAS REALLY ONLY FUNNY THE FIRST 7 TIMES HE SKATED INTO TRAFFIC. NOW IT'S JUST KIND OF SAD.

WEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

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THE UNDEAD ORIGINS PART 74

WE WORKED HARD FOR THIS PLACE. IT'S KINDA GROWN ON ME.

"JACKSONVILLE" I THINK I'LL CALL IT.

OH, I KNOW. BUT I'VE CARVED OUT A NICE LITTLE PLACE HERE. I THINK IT'S TIME A LITTLE "JACKSON" VACATION TOOK PLACE.

THAT'S... WISE.

THERE'S ALWAYS BE FIGHTING TO DO, AND YOU CAN DEAD BY FOR TEN ANYTIME WITH CRUMPLETS.

WELL, THE BIRDS NOT GONNA WAIT FOR YOU, SO.

I'LL BE SEEM' YA, MA!

CATCH UP + COMMENT AT WWW.THEUNDEADFILM.COM + "THE UNDEAD ORIGINS" FACEBOOK GROUP!

A REALLY CLEVER COMIC NAME

BY SHEA MCFARLAND

I SWEAR, IF YOU DON'T STOP MISBEHAVING, I WILL BEAT YOU HERE IN PUBLIC!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, MA'AM

USE MY BATON

MR. NAUSBAUM?

AND THEN THE BIRD WITH THE KNIFE FLEW BY AGAIN AND TOOK MY ARM CLEAN OFF. AND HE MUST HAVE HEATED IT UP BECAUSE IT CAUTERIZED THE WOUND.

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Memphis--by Ryan Hailey

...Let us pray...

...Dear Lord, our son has just informed me & my wife that he has grown his first pubic hair...

...Please help him & guide him, thru this very... difficult & confusing part of his life...

...& Please protect him, as you send the Evil Mosquito down on the flaming donut to pluck the hair from our son, & make a new Civilization from it. A-A-Amen

Amen

AMEN

GO AHEAD AND RUN YOU COWARD

UM... BEFORE YOU GO WOULD YOU SCRATCH MY NOSE... IT REALLY ITCHES.

ENJOY THE DUST STORM, IMBECILES

GO LONG DAVE

IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU CHARLES

STREET CRAWLER

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A REALLY CLEVER COMIC NAME

BY SHEA MCFARLAND

NO, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S A SEAL

AWESOMECHAD AND SUPERGREG

by Austin Hambrick

WOULD YOU BEGUS US FOR A MINUTE?

DON'T APOLOGIZE TO HIM! HE'S A SUPERVILLAIN!!

POH-LEEZ! AREN'T WE BEYOND THESE PRIMITIVE NOTIONS OF GOOD AND EVIL?!

CLEARLY ALL "VILLAINS" ARE JUST THE PRODUCT OF A POOR ENVIRONMENT!

OH MY GOD...

IF WE CAN JUST REACH OUT AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND HIS MOTIVATIONS THEN MAYBE WE CAN... CAN...

UP...

WE CAN...

...MAKE A LOT OF MONEY?

I WANT AN IPHONE, ALRIGHT! I'M ONLY HUMAN!!

Class Notes

DavidRSchulze

ahh finally some order.

Bill was thrown of the anarchist meeting for causing a stir.

MR

This marriage will never last.

TRAILERS: '08 promises to deliver comedies, action

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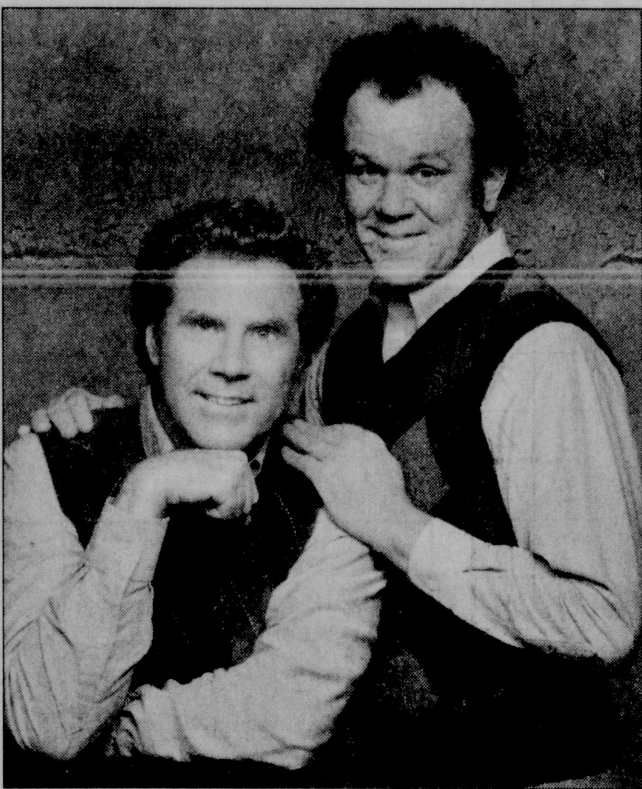
'Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull'

Aside from diehard "Rambo" fans, no fans have waited longer for a sequel than "Indiana Jones" fans. The good doctor makes his return 20 years later, looking cool despite nearing hip-replacement-surgery age. Joining Indy in his search for some kind of mysterious artifact are "It Guy" Shia LaBeouf, Indy's "Raiders of the Lost Ark" squeeze Karen Allen and Beowulf himself, Ray Winstone. The trailer features some of the coolest whip action seen in the film series and snippets of what look to be amazing action sequences, such as a chase through the warehouse from the end of

"Raiders." Fans don't have to wait too much longer before they can finally bust out their Short Round baseball caps and pretend to go along with the coolest archeologist ever.

'Step Brothers'

This trailer for Adam "Anchorman" McKay's latest film premiered last week at Yahoo! Movies and definitely tickles the funny bone. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly play new stepbrothers that go from hating to loving each other in the span of two and a half minutes. The trailer features some very funny moments, but surely most of the film's comedy is still hidden, thanks to its R-rating. With the duo of Ferrell and Reilly once again working the magic they did in "Talladega Nights," this should turn out to be one of the funnier movies of 2008.



Courtesy Apatow Productions

Former "Talladega Nights" co-stars Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly perform as two stepbrothers with a love-hate relationship in Adam McKay's upcoming "Step Brothers." The trailer premiered last week on Yahoo! Movies.

CALL: Project began with 6 boxes

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Halstead said call boxes are useful in non-crisis situations as well. UTPD encourages students to use the resource if they are lost, need an escort, see suspicious activity or need to report a crime. Unlike cell phones, the boxes immediately connect the student to an officer and let them know of their location.

Several students said they felt call boxes would be more accessible if more were installed.

"They are a positive resource, and I believe that they work, but there should be more in the line of sight throughout campus," said history senior Clay Cook.

The Orange Jackets, a women's service organization, was responsible for the call box installation project in 2005 in West Campus, called the "Push for Safety Call Box Initiative."

The six call boxes, run by the Austin Police Department and maintained by Capital Metro, were placed near bus stops to "increase awareness of safety, serve as a deterrent for crime and provide an easily accessible means for students to dial 911 for any emergency situation," according to the Orange Jackets' Web site.

"The idea of the call boxes are part of something bigger," said Megan Sudderth, president of the Orange Jackets and a Plan II senior. "They are a necessary tool and a symbol of UT's commitment to campus safety."

Sudderth was a freshman when the West Campus call boxes were installed and said that the Orange Jackets promoted the idea because they felt the boxes were important enough to expand beyond campus boundaries.

"They do provide a mechanism of safety if someone has trouble, is in danger or feels concerned," said Bob Harkins, UT's associate vice president for campus safety and security. "They can press them and have an open link to UTPD."

Harkins said the University does not rely on one aspect of security and acknowledged that the availability of cell phones decreases the need for more call boxes.

"The call boxes are another security means," he said. "We use cell phones, we use pagers, we use e-mails, we use the siren all in combination with each other to make certain we are getting word out in case of an emergency as fast as we can to as many people as we can."

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CONCERT REVIEW

Justice justification for Monday night dancing

By Alex Regnery
Daily Texan Staff

On Monday night, Justice kicked off the MySpace Concert Tour at Stubb's, and what ensued was nothing short of dance-tastic. DJ Mehdi opened, and his spinning and mixing got the audience pumped — especially when he busted out "Signature" and "I Am Somebody." After about an hour, Mehdi left the stage, and the crew quickly set up for the main act. This isn't the type of concert where you expect the artists to put on a good show since, for

the most part, they stayed behind their mixing boards. Fortunately, with a great light show, an epic wall of speakers and some truly awesome songs that get toes tapping and bodies moving, the show was an amazingly fun experience. The French duo performed for almost an hour and a half, providing more than enough tunes to dance to, including "Phantom," "D.A.N.C.E" and "We Are Your Friends." Classes the next morning be damned, this was the best excuse to party and dance hard on a Monday night.

French duo Justice performed for almost 90 minutes at Stubb's Monday night. DJ Mehdi opened.



Courtesy Marco Dos Santos

UTPD encourages call box use

Emergency boxes more reliable than calling 911 on cell phones, police say

By Kate Hull
Daily Texan Staff

Connecting to the University of Texas Police Department is as easy as pushing a button on one of the many campus Emergency Call Boxes. But as students overlook this safety resource, some debate whether call boxes have outlived their usefulness.

There are 135 Emergency Call Boxes on campus that immediately connect a person to the University Police Department and send an officer to the site. UTPD responded to 447 call box activations in the 2007 calendar year, 97 more than in 2001. Officers feel the call boxes should be utilized along with cell phones.

"Not every one has a cell phone, and not every one knows where the nearest telephone is," said Officer Darrell Halstead, crime prevention specialist at UTPD. "The accessibility to make an emergency call is not always there."

Halstead said that although the call boxes are very efficient, many UT students are not aware of the system and rely on the availability of cell phones to contact help.

Biology junior Mah-ta Rouhani relies on her cell phone but said she be-

lieves call boxes are necessary. She is rarely without her cell and thinks most students would initially think to call 911 instead of looking for a call box.

The first call boxes were implemented in the 1970s and funded by UT. Since then, more have been placed on campus depending on student needs and traffic congestion. The ultimate goal, Halstead said, is to have call boxes in the line of sight or at least one every block.

The call boxes are purchased by UT through the communication manufacturer Talk-A-Phone Co. at about \$750 to \$3,000 for the pole. The cost of the wireless call boxes increases depending on how far away they are from a building's phone system.

"We look for a need when installing the call boxes," Halstead said. "What we would like to see happen is more and more students getting involved with informing the police of suspicious activity."

He said UTPD has integrated placement of call boxes based on observation and student input on where they travel through campus and the shortcuts they take.

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An on-campus call box stands in the foreground, backed by the UT Tower. There are 135 call boxes on campus, each of which connects the user directly to the University Police Department.

Trailers offer sneak peeks of summer releases

By Alex Regnery
Daily Texan Staff

About 10 years ago, fans laid down cold hard cash to see films such as "The Siege," only to walk out two minutes into their movie-going experience. What those die-hard film geeks paid for was the chance to see the teaser trailer for "Star Wars Episode I: The Phan-

tom Menace." Thankfully, today there's no need to pay money in order to get high-quality movie trailers first. With the upcoming summer film season quickly approaching, studios are pushing out trailers for their big releases in order to whet the world's cinematic appetite. Here's a rundown of the best of the bunch out right now.

'Iron Man'

Director Jon Favreau is a geek at heart, and he knows what comic book fans want to see. A jokey Robert Downey Jr.? Check. An awesome rendition of Iron Man's armor? Check. Tons of explosions, bombs, flying and other special effects chicanery? Check. This is not only one of the most highly anticipated superhero films (next to July's "The Dark Knight") but also looks to be among the best. Favreau is the new king of making a movie for geeks by geeks, which is always the way it should be (unless you happen to be Mark Steven Johnson, director of "Ghost Rider").

'Pineapple Express'

Sony Pictures Studios released



Courtesy Apatow Productions

Judd Apatow's "Pineapple Express," starring Seth Rogen, is just one of the forthcoming flicks with a recently released trailer.

the red-band trailer for the latest film from producer Judd Apatow. This unrated look at the stoner action comedy, starring Seth Rogen and James Franco, pretty much assures that Apatow is still Hollywood's Golden Boy. When a trailer alone features a song by M.I.A., Rosie Perez kicking Franco's ass and tons of reefer, the makings for a good

movie are all on display. Director David Gordon Green, who made his mark with intimate dramas such as "George Washington" and "All the Real Girls," looks to be making a zany hybrid of "Cheech & Chong" and "Midnight Run" for the next generation.

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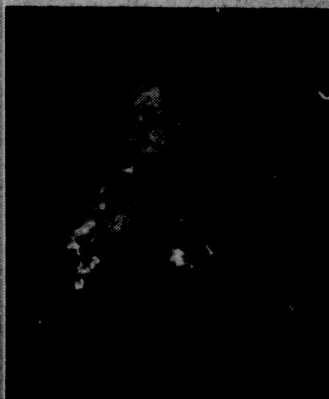
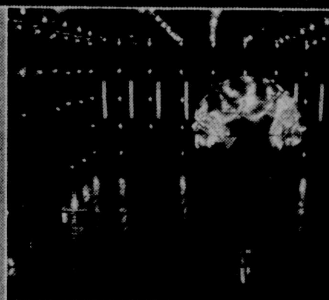
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