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## Professors give Pick-a-Prof mixed reviews

By Ian Warren  
Daily Texan Staff

As Friday's deadline for dropping classes without financial penalty approaches, students are scrambling to perfect their schedules, many using the academic Web site Pick-a-Prof to identify the best classes and professors.

Whether they are using the site for the right reasons is uncertain.

Carter Cole, an undeclared liberal arts freshman, said she used the site before signing up

for fall classes. "It is a great resource, especially for freshmen who need to know if a class has an overwhelming workload or unapproachable professor, because they have to balance school with a developing college social life," she said.

The site, which serves more than half a million students across the U.S., was co-founded by the son of William Cunningham, a UT marketing professor. Texas A&M University graduate John Cunningham founded Pick-a-Prof in April of 2000 along with TAMU graduate Chris Chilek

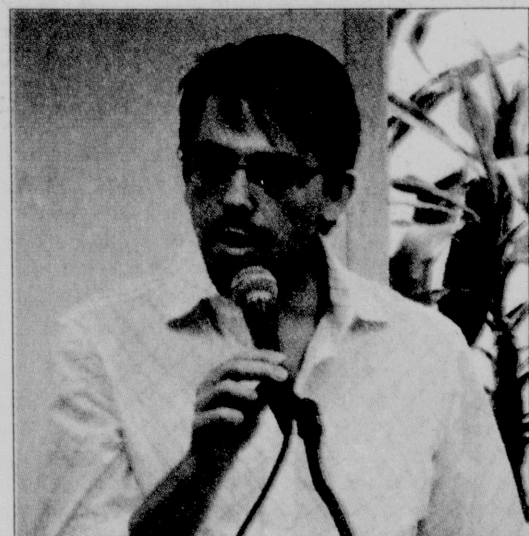
and UT graduate Karen Bragg.

"The company started out posting grade distributions and teacher reviews for Texas A&M only, and it quickly expanded to UT," Bragg said.

Within a few years, nearly 80 percent of the students at UT were using the site, she said.

Since then, the company has expanded to more than 170 campuses, according to the Web site. The company's next goal is to get professors

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Srujana Pattabathula | Daily Texan Staff

Mark Westmoreland, a doctoral candidate, speaks for the resolution that passed at last night's Student Government meeting.

## 125 YEARS AND COUNTING



Jeremy Balkin | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Independent School District Superintendent Pascal D. Forgione Jr. hands out apples to students at Pease Elementary School Tuesday morning to celebrate AISD's 125th anniversary. Pease is the longest operating elementary school in Austin and is nearly five years older than the district.

## Pease Elementary commemorates anniversary at Austin's oldest grade school in operation

By Cassandra Kirsch  
Daily Texan Staff

From kindergartners donning celebratory headbands with paper apples on them to grey-haired alumni, community members gathered at Pease Elementary School Tuesday to celebrate the Austin Independent School District's 125th anniversary.

Established on Sept. 12, 1881, the school district

has seen boundaries grow and its students, faculty and policies change dramatically over the past century.

"We've had four generations go to school in Austin," said May Schmidt, a former AISD employee. "Everyone in my family thinks we've gotten the best education possible in Austin, and Pease is the best start you can get."

Pease Elementary School opened on Oct. 2, 1876, and is the oldest operating elementary school in

Austin as well as one of the oldest in the state. School population has remained roughly the same since the original enrollment of 250 students, said principal Beth Ellis.

"Anyone is welcome to attend and transfer," Ellis said, referring to Pease Elementary's status as a charter school.

Unlike the diverse classrooms seen today at

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## SG to look at access to sports facilities

*Requests to expand pool hours for children led to contentious proposal*

By Michelle West  
Daily Texan Staff

The Division of Recreational Sports and members of Student Government agreed Tuesday night to begin gathering data on how to better accommodate faculty, staff and student parents and their children in RecSports facilities.

The resolution passed Tuesday, despite argument surrounding SG's influence over RecSports policies. It includes support for equal access to RecSports facilities.

Debate over expanding the hours when children are allowed in the Gregory Gym pool was the catalyst for the controversy. The pools are open to children for only 13 hours Friday through Sunday.

The contentious item in the proposal was the request of a timeline from RecSports as to when such data would be collected. In the final proposal, SG changed the wording to stress the timeline was a necessity for parents planning their long-term budgets, said SG representative Marina del Sol. She said many student parents do not buy RecSports passes for their

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## PLAY FOR PEACE



Jeremy Balkin | Daily Texan Staff

Rudy Cortinas, an anthropology senior, acts in a play that was part of a protest against the government's mistreatment of citizens in Oaxaca, a state in Mexico.

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## UT Press gaining notoriety across nation, globe

By Ruby Madren-Britton  
Daily Texan Staff

Students are familiar with big-name university presses such as Harvard, Yale and Oxford, a few of the publishing powerhouses that fill the shelves in campus libraries and bookshops. UT, however, has its own university press that is rapidly becoming a bigger name nationally and across the world.

"It's Austin's all-too-well-kept secret," said Joanna Hitchcock, director of the University of Texas Press.

Located close to campus on Comal Street, the UT Press is a nonprofit publisher, parented by the University and is one of the largest book publishers in the state. Its mission is "to serve the people of Texas and the state's higher education program" by generating and disseminating

knowledge, according to its Web site.

Like other recognized university presses, the UT Press does not publish college newspapers, magazines, course packets or yearbooks, only works of scholarly or intellectual merit. The books are aimed at academics and others interested in specialized areas of study.

The UT Press is one of a few American university presses with a journals division. The University annually publishes 11 journals, which are edited by UT scholars and sponsored by colleges on campus. Most of the publishing programs associated with UT Press are in humanities, social and natural sciences.

"The strength of our programs in around 25 areas of study is

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## 'Idol' in Austin

Thousands come to the Erwin Center for concert »LIFE & ARTS 8B





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# AISD: Superintendent touts global school

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Pease, schools in Austin were segregated well into the early 1970s, despite desegregation rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, said Cathy Anthony, an AISD spokeswoman.

"Integration didn't happen all at once. It was a gradual process here in the South," she said.

Ada Anderson said her experience in the Austin school system encouraged her to work for increased civil rights. A former AISD educator and previous regional director of civic group Jack and Jill of America, Anderson graduated from Anderson High School in 1937 and since then has worked to bring integration

to schools and the workplace in Austin.

Prior to the late 1960s, there were no job openings in city or state government for blacks and black students had to attend out-of-state schools for advanced degrees, Anderson said.

"I worked with decision-makers in attempts to convince them to open their doors and loosen their policies to people who qualified," Anderson said. "It took a long time, but we were very successful."

Austin ISD is now a majority-minority district — 70 percent of students are black or Hispanic, said Superintendent Pascal D. Forgione Jr., AISD superintendent.

New problems have appeared alongside the tremendous enrollment growth since inte-

gration, including drugs and discipline problems, Anderson said.

"I think teachers face many more problems than when I was in high school," she said.

Forgione said 60 percent of students in the district live in poverty.

The district has created programs and task forces to address these concerns, including the recent Character Education Program, he said.

AISD launched the Character Education Program three years ago after a safety task force of 25 citizens agreed safety isn't physical protection but the values that are instilled in our children at an early age, Forgione said.

"If children were raised to truly respect and care for one another,

we could have avoided the Holocaust altogether," he said.

The program teaches 10 character values over the course of two years, with a new value introduced to elementary school students every two months, Forgione said.

He said AISD will continue to diversify its district with plans to work in conjunction with international education group Asia Society to build a global high school where students from around the world would be invited to study, Forgione said.

"Our children are our natural resource, and they will make us great," he said.

AISD's 125th anniversary parade will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. on Congress Avenue.



## IN HIS BIRTH DAY SUIT

David White relaxes in Barton Springs after using the cold water to wash his clothes. Originally from Pensacola, Fla. David just celebrated his 53rd birthday a few days ago.

Jeremy Balkin  
Daily Texan Staff

# PICK: Web site's creators want to involve professors

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involved with features such as online lecture recordings, Bragg said.

That may not be easy at UT, where faculty reviews of the Web site are mixed.

"I am skeptical of Pick-a-Prof primarily, because I don't know that the criteria that students value are the same ones professors value," said James Warren, rhetoric and writing assistant instructor.

Students give high ratings for being a nice guy, seeming cool, having a light workload and being an easy grader but

an instructor does not want to be recommended for those reasons, he said.

Kristin Cole, rhetoric and writing assistant instructor from 2001 to 2006, said she often advises students to use Pick-a-Prof. Cole said she used it when she decided to take some undergraduate courses and said she found it invaluable.

"However, I tell students to read the ratings critically and make sure that the criteria the rater used match what they are looking for in that class," she said.

Brian Bremen, an English associate professor, said the type of feedback found in Pick-a-Prof reviews can be important for faculty.

"A professor can certainly learn a lot about themselves

on Pick-a-Prof, and in some cases, the criticism I have found online has made me a slightly better teacher," Bremen said.

William Cunningham said in an e-mail he believes the site answers a college student's two biggest questions: how a professor grades and how a professor conducts class.

Business honors freshman Oren Marouni said Pick-a-Prof can be a good thing, but too many people use it just to see grade histories.

"They should really look at the class as a whole through what students have said about it," Marouni said.

# GYM: Pool hours set by committee, says RecSports spokesman

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children because of the limited pool hours.

Representative Grant Stanis expressed concern that the request of a timeline would sour relations with RecSports, leading to a change in the final

proposal's language.

"RecSports has never really done anything wrong to us," said Stanis.

RecSports said SG helped to create the pool hours, although SG denies direct involvement.

"The pool hours were set by the RecSports advisory com-

mittee after consulting SG and reviewing policies of other institutions throughout the country," RecSports assistant director Jennifer Speer told the Texan in June.

Amelia Winger-Bearskin, a studio art graduate student, said she was told this information

by Speer after she was asked to remove her son from the pool after designated hours.

SG investigated any past role it may have had in creating children's hours. It found no evidence and has no documents about how to form these policies, del Sol said.

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NATION BRIEFLY

Bush's 9/11 speech too political, Democrats say

WASHINGTON — The White House quarreled with Democrats Tuesday over whether President Bush was trying to win political points by using a Sept. 11 anniversary speech to defend the war in Iraq and his war on terror.

Democrats, in a campaign to win control of Congress from the president's Republican Party, charged that Bush was using a national day of mourning for partisan gain. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said Tuesday that Bush was "more consumed by staying the course in Iraq and playing election-year politics."

Bush spokesman Tony Snow said although there were "three or four sentences" in the president's 17-minute address Monday night that could be considered controversial, Bush took pains not to be partisan. He said Bush had to discuss the dominant issue of Iraq, but he wasn't "picking fights" or making any demands of Congress.

Bolt and spring could hinder space station construction

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Spacewalking astronauts worried they may have gummed up a successful job connecting an addition to the international space station Tuesday when a bolt, spring and washer floated free.

Astronaut Joe Tanner was working with the bolt when it sprang loose, floated over the head of Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper and skittered across the 17 1/2-ton box-like truss that they were hooking up.

While the washer went out into space safely, Tanner worried the bolt and spring could get into the truss's wiring and tubing and cause problems.

NASA managers were examining whether the lost bolt would be a problem. Space debris can be dangerous if it punctures space station walls or spacesuits and can jam crucial mechanisms. However, spacewalkers have a long history of losing material in space. In July, Discovery spacewalkers lost a 14-inch-long spatula that floated away.

WORLD BRIEFLY

Hamas OKs Palestinian negotiations with Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas officials gave Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas the go-ahead Tuesday for negotiations with Israel, a major shift in the militant Islamic group's position as it works to end its international isolation.

An Israeli military court, meanwhile, ordered the release of 19 Hamas officials — including Cabinet ministers and lawmakers — from an Israeli prison. The men, arrested by Israel after the June 25 capture of Israeli Cpl. Gilad Shalit by Hamas-linked militants, will remain behind bars for several more days pending an appeal by prosecutors.

Hamas, whose ideology calls for Israel's destruction, reached agreement Monday with Abbas' Fatah Party to form a unity government in an effort to end the financial crisis crippling the Palestinian economy.

Iraqi PM visits Iran, asks Tehran to impede al-Qaida attacks

TEHRAN, Iran — Iraq's prime minister made his first official visit to Iran on Tuesday, asking Tehran to prevent al-Qaida militants from slipping across the border to carry out attacks, an Iraqi official said. Iran's president promised to help Iraq establish security.

The visit by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki reflected the complex relationship between mostly Shiite Iran and Iraq's government, dominated by Shiite allies of Tehran. Ties have grown stronger between the two, including new oil cooperation.

But at the same time, the United States — the Iraqi government's other top ally — has repeatedly accused Iran of interfering in Iraqi politics and allowing insurgents to cross the porous 1,000-mile border, claims Iran denies.

Tehran says it has no interest in fomenting instability across the border. Iran says that some al-Qaida operatives may have illegally passed through Iran from Afghanistan months before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but it says it has arrested an unknown number of them.

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Militants storm U.S. Embassy in Syria

By Sam F. Ghattas  
The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Islamic militants tried to storm the U.S. Embassy on Tuesday using automatic rifles, hand grenades and a van rigged with explosives, the Syrian government said. Four people were killed in the brazen attack, including three of the assailants, but no Americans were hurt.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. An al-Qaida offshoot group called Jund al-Sham was suspected, said Syria's ambassador to the U.S., Imad Moustapha, in comments to CNN. The radical fundamentalist group has been blamed for several attacks in Syria in recent years, he said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice praised Syrian security agents for repelling the attack, but added it was too early to know who may have been behind it.

The attackers apparently did not breach the high walls surrounding the embassy's white compound in the city's diplomatic neighborhood.

One of Syria's anti-terrorism forces was killed and 11 other people were wounded, the official news agency reported. The wounded including a police officer, two Iraqis and seven people employed at a nearby technical workshop.



Hussein Malla | Associated Press

A Syrian policeman stands in front the VIP visitors' entrance to the U.S. Embassy, which is marked by bullets, in Damascus, Syria, on Tuesday. Armed Islamic militants attempted to storm the U.S. Embassy using automatic rifles, hand grenades and at least one van rigged with explosives, the government said.

A Chinese diplomat also was hit in the face by shrapnel and slightly injured while standing on top of a garage at the Chinese Embassy, China's Foreign Ministry said. The diplomat, political counselor Li Hongyu, was in stable condition at a hospital, the ministry said.

A witness said a Syrian guard outside the U.S. Embassy also was killed, but the government did not immediately confirm that. As at most American embassies worldwide, a local guard force patrols outside the compound's walls while U.S. Marines are mostly responsible for guarding

classified documents and fighting off attackers inside the compound.

Witnesses said gunmen tried to throw grenades into the embassy compound, shouting "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great!" It was not clear if any of the grenades made it over the walls.

The attack came at a time of high tension between the United States and Syria over the recent Israeli-Hezbollah war in neighboring Lebanon. In Damascus, the sentiment has become increasingly anti-American.

Syria has seen previous attacks by Islamic militants. In June, Syrian anti-terrorism police fought Islamic militants near the Defense Ministry in a gunbattle that killed five people and wounded four. In 2004, four people were killed in a clash between police and a team of suspected bombers targeting the Canadian Embassy.

The Bush administration has been critical of the tight control that the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad has over its people. Rice, meeting with her Canadian counterpart in Nova Scotia, would not speculate on whether Tuesday's attack may be an indication that the regime's control is slipping.

White House press secretary Tony Snow also expressed gratitude to Syria.

"Syrian officials came to aid of the Americans," Snow said. "The U.S. government is grateful for the assistance the Syrians provided in going after the attackers, and once again, that illustrates the importance of Syria being an important ally in the war on terror."

Moderate GOP senator wins in R.I., as 9 states, D.C. vote

By Robert Tanner  
The Associated Press

Moderate Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, who bucked President Bush on tax cuts and the war in Iraq, defeated a conservative challenger Tuesday in a contest crucial to the larger fight for control of Congress.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Chafee had 34,042 votes, or 54 percent, to Cranston Mayor Steve Laffey's 29,431 votes, or 46 percent.

Chafee, whose challenge was the latest test of anti-incumbent sentiment and the polarization of politics, told supporters: "Our goal has always been to find the common ground for the common good. ... Partisan politics must not prevail."

Tuesday marked the last big day of primaries before the November elections, with races

also in Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

In New York, frontrunning Democrats swept aside primary challengers — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton trounced an anti-war candidate in her re-election bid, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer crushed his opposition for the Democratic nod for governor, and Andrew Cuomo easily won the party nomination for attorney general.

In Minnesota, state Rep. Keith Ellison won the Democratic nomination for an open House seat that could make him the first Muslim in Congress. In a reliably Democratic district that's voted close to 70 percent for the Democrat for nearly 30 years, he's likely the fall winner, too.

In Rhode Island, the importance

of holding onto a GOP Senate seat brought Laura Bush and the GOP establishment to campaign for Chafee — even though he was the only Republican to vote against the resolution to use force against Iraq and he opposed the president's tax cuts. Chafee did not even vote for Bush in 2004 — instead writing in the name of Bush's father, former President

George H.W. Bush.

Polls show Chafee will still face a tough contest against Democratic nominee Sheldon Whitehouse, a former attorney general. But if Chafee had lost, polls showed Whitehouse was almost assured a victory. Democrats hope to build on national dismay with Bush to capture majorities in Congress, and they need six Senate seats.

Chafee, 53, was appointed to the Senate in 1999 after his father, Sen. John Chafee, died in office. He won election the following year. Like his father, Chafee is an economic conservative and social moderate — a classic New England Republican whose more liberal views have drawn support from unaffiliated voters and some Democrats.


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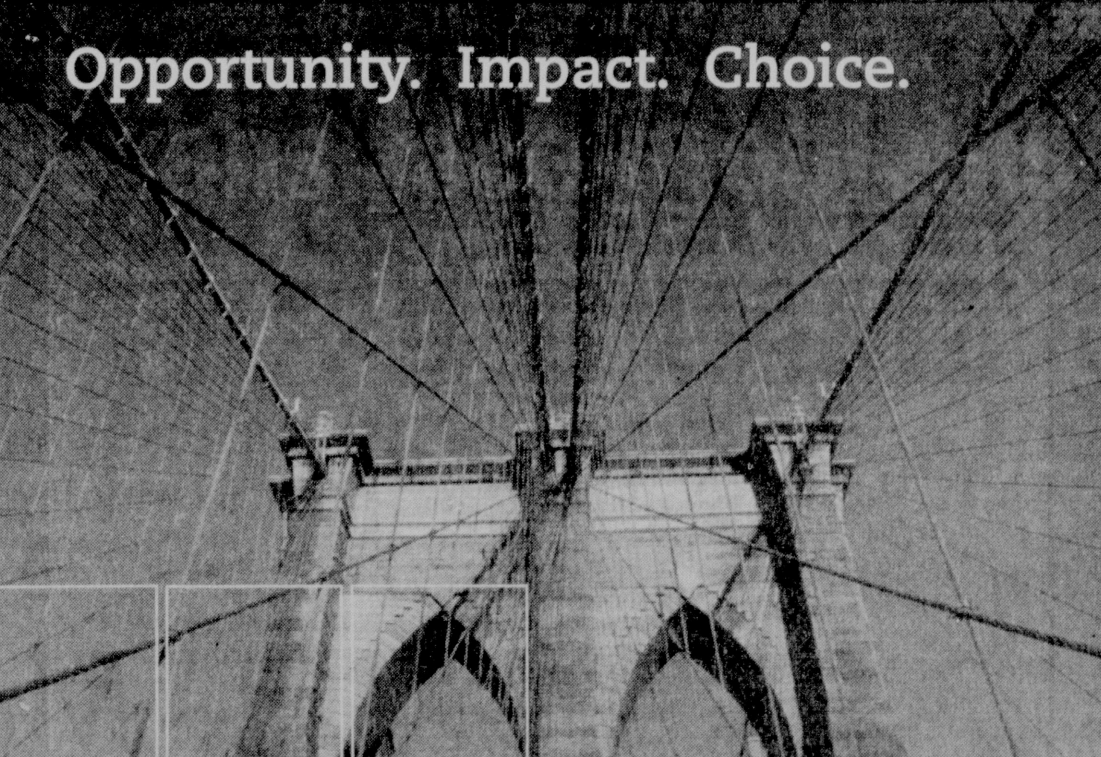
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# The decline of Simpsons, civilization

By Abhinav Kumar

Daily Texan Guest Columnist

With the occupation in Iraq, the war on terrorism, illegal immigration, gay marriage, flag burning, abortion, assisted suicide, video game violence and other topics of importance that are clearly and irrefutably worthy of tying up the already tangled and corrupt shoelaces of our government, it seems as though America's troubles simply will not go away. In the midst of all this chaos, there is one troublesome topic that has given all of America a reason to change our underpants: the downfall of "The Simpsons."

It happened during Season 11 (1999-2000). This was when "The Simpsons" writers started to compromise the show's 10-season-long spree of integrity for cheap laughs and terrible plot lines littered with moronic pop culture icon guest stars.

One of the many hallmarks of "The Simpsons" slippery slope to inappreciable idiocy was when some idiot writer/producer/director/intern/janitor decided it would be a good idea to make Barney Gumble sober (ironically, the person who came up with this brilliant idea was undoubtedly drunk at the time). Whoever committed this crime was most likely the same person who gradually transformed Homer Simpson from a semi-adorable, ignorant buffoon to a sly and un-funny jerk with the attitude and language reflecting someone who has — get this — an average IQ!

"The Simpsons" was a show that had everything: the untapped potential to catch the American public unawares, strong ties with the SNL cast and Conan O'Brien, and the network support of Fox.

Why did this show go down the toilet? Why is this show continuing to go down the toilet?

Well, there are many reasons, but it is important to look at this degradation in terms of history.

The most obvious and clear reason is that when the year 1999 came to an end, people began to realize that Bill Clinton would no longer be president. As a result, the economy began to slow down (as evidenced by the emergence of crappy scripts by "The Simpsons" writers — less productivity). The Democrats continued to

lose power, which, as we all know, has a direct influence on the amount of humor that is allowed by television studios.

As political events continued to shake the TV world, by the time Nov. 5 rolled around, Fox was airing terrible episodes of "The Simpsons" consisting of vomit-inducing plot lines such as a Springfield with two ZIP codes. President Bush and a newly powerful Republican Congress decided to enclose Americans into a state of humorless, brainless incapacitation by executive and legislatively ordering Fox to "become stupid."

Hopes began to rise when John Kerry emerged as the up-and-coming senator to defeat President Bush. After Election Day, Fox accidentally released some humor in "Treehouse of Horror XV," providing America with a much-needed glimmer of comedy. This hope was not long-lasting. Just before President Bush's re-inauguration, Fox prepared to achieve its goal of losing viewers by airing a show in which Marge and Moe Syzlak, owner of Moe's Tavern, have a chance of getting together.

What does the future have in store for us? Is there is hope for The Simpsons (and America)? Despot, tyrant and possible communist Matt Groening told The Associated Press he "sees no end in sight" for the show.

Hope is possible, but it is equally impossible. The Democrats have a good chance of reclaiming Congress, which would increase humor in our lives, but this increase may or may not occur, because no one gives a damn about midterm elections.

Perhaps it is like the never-ending increase in gas prices, number of people living below the poverty line, deficit spending, angry people, apathy for government affairs and corruption. It seems that "The Simpsons" we grew up with is gone. It is sad to see the coming generations tune into this mindless junk and find it entertaining. They will never know of "The Simpsons" that is no more.

Let us throw off the shackles of unfiltered, terribly written scripture and the culture that accompanies it. Let us find a new show to revere. Let us live.

Kumar is a business honors sophomore.

## VIEWPOINT

## Outlasting longhand

It's hard to fathom that kindergartners now use computers regularly and will most likely grow up to hardly touch a pen and paper. Likewise, in just the past few years, silent college classrooms have been filled with the din of loudly typing note-takers. It's inevitable that technology is advancing, but we shouldn't forget the importance of actually writing.

Most college students have the ability. To embrace this tool, as we spent years perfecting cursive and then cursive in our younger years, repeating pencil strokes from the bottom line to the top line and then erasing the dotted line between. It was tedious in our young minds, but it is now something we have the ability to use.

Nowadays, kids are hitting the keyboards earlier, and state standards don't specifically require that kids learn cursive. As a result, schools are increasingly taking it out of elementary curriculum. Dixie Huckabee, the Austin Independent School District supervisor for elementary language arts, said it was between five and 10 years ago that Austin started cutting cursive from regular curriculum, focusing more on computer-oriented instruction. She said teachers give "10-minute mini-lessons" on cursive in the last months of second grade, but kids usually practice it at home or use manuscript instead.

"Now the focus is on legibility, and most kids don't choose to use cursive," said Huckabee. "We just don't see cursive documents anymore."

It's great that subjects like keyboarding and foreign languages are being introduced at younger ages, but cursive shouldn't be replaced. Bottom line — people use it! It's not only faster than printing, but it defines our personal characters. Signatures, widely used forms of cursive, not only protect us, but add sincerity to letters.

There's a sense of meaning in a hand-written letter that can never be achieved in an e-mail or text message.

Depriving children of a traditional, more original way of communication, as opposed to perfecting their WPM score, is only helplessly throwing them into a state of standard, mundane laziness. We dread the day we use fingerprints in place of signatures on documents, or 14-point Typolight BT instead of signing our name on a birthday card. Even more, we dread the day a child skips over reading an old cursive-written document because it's too foreign and hard to read. To forget this dying tradition could mean forfeiting an understanding of our history. Plus, sometimes things break, or there just isn't a machine around that can write for us. Our technological advancements are great, but we must not lose touch of our most important gift — our hands.

— Claire Harlin

## VIEWPOINT

## Meet your regents



### Regent Brian Haley

Official term: February 2006 — February 2007

**Editor's Note:** This is the eighth of a 10-part series on each member of the UT System Board of Regents, the board of operating directors for all 15 UT campuses across Texas. All have been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry. Previous parts are online at [www.dailytexanonline.com](http://www.dailytexanonline.com).

For more than 30 years, students at the University have been haggling with the Legislature to get a student on the board of regents. This February, Brian Haley became the first-born of those efforts, appointed as the first student regent in UT System history.

Just like the other nine regents (who, incidentally, have a privilege that the student regent does not — a vote), Haley was appointed to the position by Gov. Rick Perry. The student regent review process must also pass through component student governments of the UT System and the desk of Chancellor Mark Yudof (who is also appointed by the governor).

Haley should be familiar to the aged Daily Texan reader — his name has appeared in this publication in nearly 200 pieces, primarily the result of his term as president of Student Government from 2003 to 2004. He has also taken out several guest columns in the Texan, including those suggesting a cap

of the Top 10 percent law and defending the UT System's bid on Los Alamos. He is currently a law student at the University and is vice-chair of the Texas Union board of directors.

But the student regent has some experience in politics beyond the self-squabbling over publicizing attendance records that goes on in Student Government. Haley is the treasurer of a conservative political action committee, NexGen, a group he co-founded with former UT student Gerardo Interiano. To date, NexGen PAC has raised more than \$10,000 in donations, and has endorsed the incumbent who represents the University, U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio.

According to the Texas Ethics Commission, Haley has only made two statewide political donations before this June. One was \$100 to the PAC he treasures, and another \$50 went to the incumbent Republican Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett earlier this year. Haley currently serves on Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's Leadership 20/20 Committee.

To cap it off, the student regent even has some experience in the corporate world: After completing an undergraduate degree in government in 2004, Haley spent time overseas in China working for Dell.

## GALLERY



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# Poker tourney's jackpot offers a year's tuition

More than 10,000 students expected to participate in online gaming Hold 'em contest

By Jared Mason  
Daily Texan Staff

Paying for college tuition can be a difficult undertaking for students and their families. Some may work part-time jobs, take out loans or apply for scholarships to help subsidize the costs. But one gaming Web site is offering a new alternative: poker.

Student winners of gaming Web site *AbsolutePoker.com*'s Texas Hold 'em tournaments will be reimbursed the cost of their tuition bill for one year. The tournaments run online for 12 weeks, from Aug. 22 through Nov. 14, and college students can register for the tournament during that period, said *AbsolutePoker* spokesman Jason Reindorp. The runner-up will receive one semester's tuition.

The University of Texas has historically been one of the most well-represented schools in the online tournament, according to the Web site's data, Reindorp said. He was unable to release specific numbers but noted that UT students' participation increased by 30 percent between the last two tournaments. *AbsolutePoker* anticipates the trend will continue this year, with the University maintaining a strong presence in the event, he said.

More than 10,000 students are expected to register, Reindorp said.

The tournament is split into three groups with four qualifying rounds in each. The top 50 play-

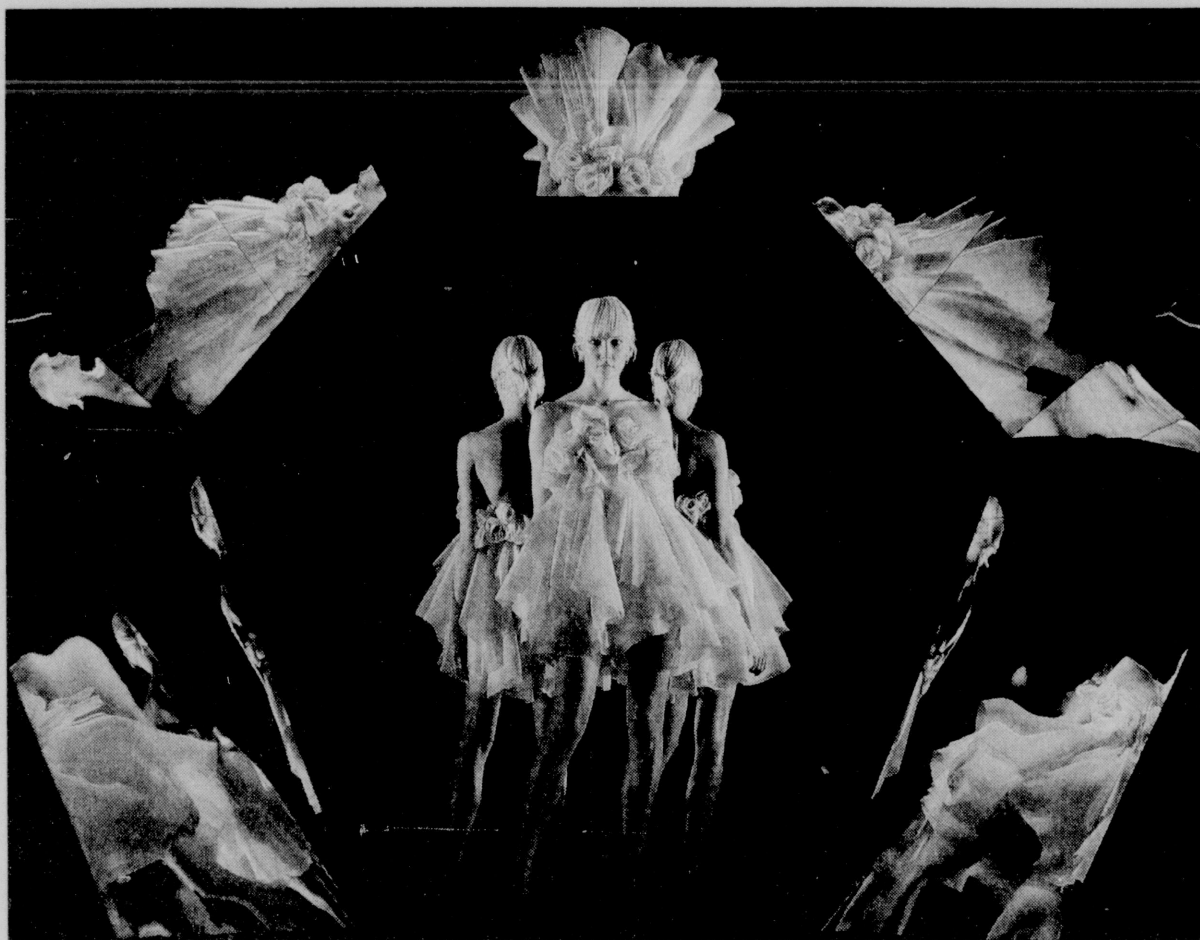
ers in the three groups will earn a spot in the final round on Nov. 15. Then the top six will be provided with an all-expenses paid trip to New York for a weekend and a chance to compete at the final table, Reindorp said.

The tournament is held biannually, once for the fall semester and once for the spring. Since its introduction in spring 2005, the popularity of the online event has grown substantially and has spread to more than 300 universities and 17 countries, according to *www.winyourtuition.com*.

"I think it's cool that they're offering another way to win scholarships outside of academics and athletics," said Alex Tan, a Plan II freshman and occasional poker player. "People would be playing poker anyway, but at least with this, they can't lose any money and might win a year's tuition, too."

Although one of the three preliminary rounds has already begun, interested students still have until Nov. 14 to log onto *www.winyourtuition.com* and register. To compete you must be at least 21 and currently enrolled in a college or university.

"The college crowd has always been very important to us," Reindorp said. "So it was a natural step for us to provide college students with an outlet to blow off some steam, have fun and be rewarded with some economic benefits."



## FASHION REFLECTS ON ITS WEARER

A model is reflected by mirrors as she walks the runway during the Marchesa spring 2007 collection fashion show, Tuesday in New York.

Stephen Chernin  
Associated Press

# Trend in public disclosure laws misses UT

By Edy Jones  
Daily Texan Staff

Increased litigation over the past 15 years will force universities to disclose more private information in the future, a Stetson University law professor said. A UT official said the trend has not been mirrored here.

Colleges will face more lawsuits for failing to prevent student suicide by not disclosing certain private information, not monitoring students' Web sites and insufficiently curbing prescription drug abuse, said Peter Lake, co-director at Stetson's Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, at a Monday conference for university risk managers.

"The upward trend in litigation in the past 15 years reveals how universities are getting treated like other businesses are," Lake said.

Universities can be sued for failing to inform parents or others about students' suicidal thoughts expressed in admissions essays or other University documents. However, this information is protected from public disclosure under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, also known as FERPA. One of the act's exceptions allows public information to be reported to police if it contains information threatening someone, said Jeff Graves, UT vice president for institutional relations and legal affairs.

UT has not been involved in litigation on this issue, and Lake's predictions will have little effect on Texas public schools, Graves said.

Lake suggests universities should check students' profiles on social networking sites, such as MySpace and Facebook, to help protect themselves from civil lawsuits regarding student substance abuse and suicide.

"If we don't do any interaction with the Internet world, you will miss a whole culture that's taking place," Lake said.

Anything students post on Facebook and MySpace is public information and not protected by privacy laws, Graves said. UT has not engaged in wide-scale monitoring of stu-

dent profiles on the Internet, he said.

"I think privacy protection laws are going up for students and the public at large," Graves said. "We need more privacy laws, not less."

Monitoring student activity to decrease litigation against universities does not entail constant Internet oversight, Lake said.

Undeclared liberal arts freshman Melissa Lee said universities should not have to tell families about a student's suicidal behavior.

"There should be other warning signs that your family and friends would notice of suicide attempts," she said.

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## UNIVERSITY BRIEFLY

### Footballers' Taserung withheld to get 'back in the ball game'

The Taserung of UT starting cornerback Tarell Brown and backup wide receiver Tyrell Gatewood was not initially revealed by their defense attorney Jamie Balagia, because he was "trying to get the guys back in the ball game" against Ohio State, Balagia said Tuesday.

The Taserung was also omitted from the arrest affidavit. The Sheriff's Department threatened to file charges of resisting arrest, a threat that has been rescinded, Balagia said.

Sheriff's deputies Tasered the football players during their arrest early Monday morning near the Interstate 35 and Highway 183 interchange. Brown and Gatewood were arrested in the car of former UT linebacker Aaron Harris and originally charged with possessing less than two ounces of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. The charges against Brown and Gatewood were dropped by the County Attorney's office last Friday.

Brown was also charged with possession of an unlicensed handgun, a Class A misdemeanor which carries a maximum punishment of up to

one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. The charge is undergoing review by the County Attorney and he expects the charge to be dropped, Balagia said.

UT head coach Mack Brown announced Monday both football players were allowed to return to the football team, provided they complied with conditions set down by the team including community service and abiding by a curfew. Tarell Brown and Gatewood are expected to play in this weekend's game against Rice University.

—Nolan Hicks

# Web site provides students with peaceful ticket trades

Facetix.com processed 1,021 football tickets in past two weeks

By Uren Dhanani  
Daily Texan Staff

Two Virginia Institute of Technology graduates have designed a Web site allowing University students to sell, buy and upgrade sporting event tickets.

David Gentzel and Nathan Jones built the site *FaceTix.com*

as an extension of Facebook, a popular social networking Web site. Gentzel said the main reason for using Facebook was to utilize its security features.

College students log in using their Facebook credentials and can immediately begin posting to buy, sell or swap tickets.

High school Facebook members cannot use the service.

"Tickets to football games are highly popular at present, but others such as baseball and basketball are catching up," Gentzel said.

Since its launch two weeks ago, *FaceTix* has processed 1,021 football ticket transactions around the

nation, he said. More than 200 of those were for Saturday's game between Ohio State and UT.

Posts can only be made to the friends in a student's Facebook network. Students can see the posts that others have made to their friends, but cannot comment on them.

The buyers and sellers have the option of viewing the Facebook profile of the person whom they are dealing with.

"As far as possible, we keep out of the money part of the deal," said Jones. "And we encourage the students to either give their tickets free or sell them for the regular price. We certainly do not encourage scalping and want to reduce it through our site's new strategy."

Gentzel said by keeping the transactions between friends, the site has a more personal feel and separates itself from the eBay stereotype. Neither a bidding mechanism nor a feature to list desired ticket prices are present in the system.

"You would normally feel awkward to randomly call up a friend and ask for a ticket," Gentzel said. "But I think people can pose the same question in text at a greater comfort level."

Justin Bustamante, an economics sophomore, said he used the program to try to get tickets for the Ohio State-Texas game. Though he was unsuccessful, he said the Web site was a good concept and he would definitely use the program in the future.

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## STATE BRIEFLY

### Abbott proclaims a triumph over cyber criminals

Tuesday morning, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced a milestone in his fight against sexual predators: the 500th arrest since the fugitive and cyber crimes units' creation in May 2003.

Abbott announced Tuesday that the Fugitive Unit arrested Timothy Christopher Sankey on Aug. 31 for violating his parole by allegedly attempting to engage in sexual acts with a minor in the dressing room of a Seguin department store. He was originally imprisoned for the aggravated sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl in 2000, according to a press release from the attorney general's office.

"This arrest shows that these child sex predators, and sexual predators in general, are frequently repeat offenders," Abbott said.

The Cyber Crimes Unit's mission statement is to "provide a safe electronic environment for the communication of information and ideas, and for the transaction of commerce," according to the unit's Web site.

Abbott said he has also been working with social networking Web sites, such as *MySpace.com*, to enact security measures to protect children from sexual predators. The Texas Attorney General's Web site offers tips for both parents and children about safely browsing the Internet, as well as a section intended to teach children proper Internet conduct to keep them safe.

"Texans across the state can be assured that we will continue our efforts to help protect their children from dangers posed by child predators, child pornographers and pedophiles," Abbott said.

— Blake Krametbauer

### Austin Housing Finance Corp. leader heads land trust network

In response to America's increasing need for lower-income housing, the National Community Land Trust Network has elected its first-ever board of directors. Kelly Weiss of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation was among those chosen at July's meeting in Boulder, Colo.

Essentially, Community Land Trust ensures affordability for low-income families by creating 99-year leases of property and restricting unit resale to overly-qualified home-buyers.

In her current role as community development administrator for the corporation, Weiss oversees all of the city's housing corporations and aids specifically in emergency home repair, down payment assistance and ownership assistance.

Weiss describes the National CLT Board's role as "establishing the best practices for Community Land Trusts nationwide." Weiss will attend the initial CLT board meeting during the first week of October.

Due to the increasing involvement of city governments, the CLT anticipates that affordable housing nationwide will double in the next three years, reaching 20,000 units.

— Jenna Williamson

# Austinites protest Mexican governor

*Solidarity group accuses leader of social injustices, requests his resignation*

By Evan Furman  
Daily Texan Staff

At least 15 demonstrators from the Austin-based Mexican solidarity group, La Otra de Austin, gathered in front of the Mexican Embassy at the corner of Eighth and Brazos streets at noon Tuesday to protest the social injustices in Oaxaca, Mexico, and to request the Oaxacan governor's resignation.

The demonstration followed a June 14 attack by the Oaxaca State Police, when uniformed police officers beat a group of unarmed teachers.

Group members accused Oaxaca Gov. Ulises Ruiz Ortiz of ordering unmerited police brutality and committing human rights violations. One of the rally's organizers, Geoff Valdes, a Latin American studies graduate student, stressed the urgency of the situation.

"I feel a direct connection to the violence that is taking place in Oaxaca, because several of my friends and family members have received death threats from groups in Mexico," Valdes said.

Another of the rally's organizers and a Oaxaca native, Omar Angel, knows firsthand of the violence in Oaxaca, because he emigrated from there eight months ago, he said.

"Many of my family members are part of the [Popular Assembly of the Oaxacan Peoples] in Oaxaca and have almost been arrested on several occasions for repeatedly protesting the injustices," Angel said. The Popular Assembly of the Oaxacan Peoples is an organization vying for greater social rights in the city.

He said Oaxaca's problems spawn from the extreme "poverty and marginalization"



Jeremy Balkin | Daily Texan Staff

Theater teacher Leo Guevara, left, and anthropology senior Rudy Cortinas, right, act in a play that was part of a protest against the government, mistreatment of citizens in Oaxaca, Mexico. The play, titled "Tortillas Quemadas" ("Burnt Tortillas"), used burnt tortillas to symbolize the lies that the government of Oaxaca issues to its citizens.

of the people.

The violence is accelerating daily in frequency and brutality, and at least five people have been killed since Ruiz took power in August 2004, according to a La Otra de Austin press release. Community organizations, including La Otra de Austin, have banded together to support the Popular Assembly of the Oaxacan Peoples.

La Otra de Austin said the Mexican

federal government continues to ignore the injustices, because Ruiz, along with other federal officials, is a member of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which desires to protect its own interests. Group members said Mexican federal officials are well aware of the violence.

"The embassy is open to receiving communication from the members of the La Otra de Austin group, but they never asked

to speak with anyone, therefore we do not recognize the protest," said Angeles Gomez, spokesman for the Mexican consulate in Austin.

La Otra de Austin recognizes that removing Ruiz from office would not solve all of the problems for the Oaxaca community, but they hope it might start an initiative to rebuild the political base in the city, Angel said.

## LOCAL BRIEFLY

### MTV, UT economics program team up to help environment

The Campus Ecology Program, a subsidiary of the National Wildlife Foundation, which works with ecology projects at UT, is pairing with MTV's "Break the Addiction Challenge" to educate viewers about global warming. The campaign intends to appeal to America's youth and provide a means for students to learn to reduce consumption, conserve natural resources and reverse the affects of global warming.

The collaboration is intended to get students to realize the impact of global warming and to incorporate environmentally sensitive practices into their lives.

"It will be a means to give them the opportunity to learn something," said Kristin Kranendonk, national campus ecology coordinator for the program.

To learn more, visit [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) or [www.mtv.com/thinkmtv](http://www.mtv.com/thinkmtv).

— Priya Hora

## Nonprofit calls for better housing for homeless veterans

By Stephanie Finger  
Daily Texan Staff

The nonprofit organization Circle of Friends for American Veterans rallied in front of city hall Tuesday night on a national tour to lobby state and local politicians to provide homeless veterans with better housing. There are an estimated 14,000 homeless veterans in Texas, 12,000 of whom are in Austin, said John Marshal, campaign manager for COFAV.

"Our message for all of America, and those who wish to lead it is: Put veterans first," said Maj. Brian Hampton, president of COFAV.

About 50 people — including Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marines veterans — attended Tuesday's rally to support COFAV's agenda.

Texas Homeless Network executive director Ken Martin, Mayor Will Wynn, U.S. Senate candidate Barbara Ann Radnofsky and congressional candidate John

Courage were among the featured speakers.

Marshal said he hopes the national tour will convince congressional candidates to allocate more money toward homeless veterans. Only a small percentage of Congress' budget goes toward the homeless, he said.

"This is a travesty," said Frank Fernandez, a representative for the Community Partnership for

the Homeless, referring to the overall situation of the homeless in Austin.

Wynn said he believes getting veterans off the street and working with housing facilities to accommodate them is important.

The tour coincides with upcoming November elections. Marshal said he believes the number of homeless veterans is steadily increasing, and he hopes it will

become a campaign issue.

"Because of the Iraqi war, more soldiers are coming home injured. If they're disabled, they're more apt to be unemployed and probably homeless," he said.

The COFAV rally will tour 17 cities, including Dallas, Los Angeles and Denver. Marshal said the rally locations were chosen because of their concentration of homeless veterans.

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what makes this university press unique," said Hitchcock.

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She added that UT Press strives to be one of the best public university presses in the nation, making it a desirable publisher for authors worldwide.

"We draw on the world of learning," Hitchcock said.

Of the 100 books the UT Press publishes annually, many of the authors are also UT professors and faculty. Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, a journalism associate professor, had her book "Mexican Americans and World War II" published by UT Press last year. The book is composed of 500 interviews Rivas-Rodriguez conducted from an oral history project she began in 1999.

"For me, it was a good experience working with the UT Press," Rivas-Rodriguez said.

She said the UT Press approached her with the idea of turning her manuscripts into a book, an unusual twist in the process of publication. Normally, an author sends UT Press a manuscript proposal and within four to six weeks receives a notice of interest or rejection. Manuscripts ready for copying take about 12 to 18 months, with an additional three to six months for vetting — the process by which a manuscript is appraised or corrected. During this period, each manuscript goes through

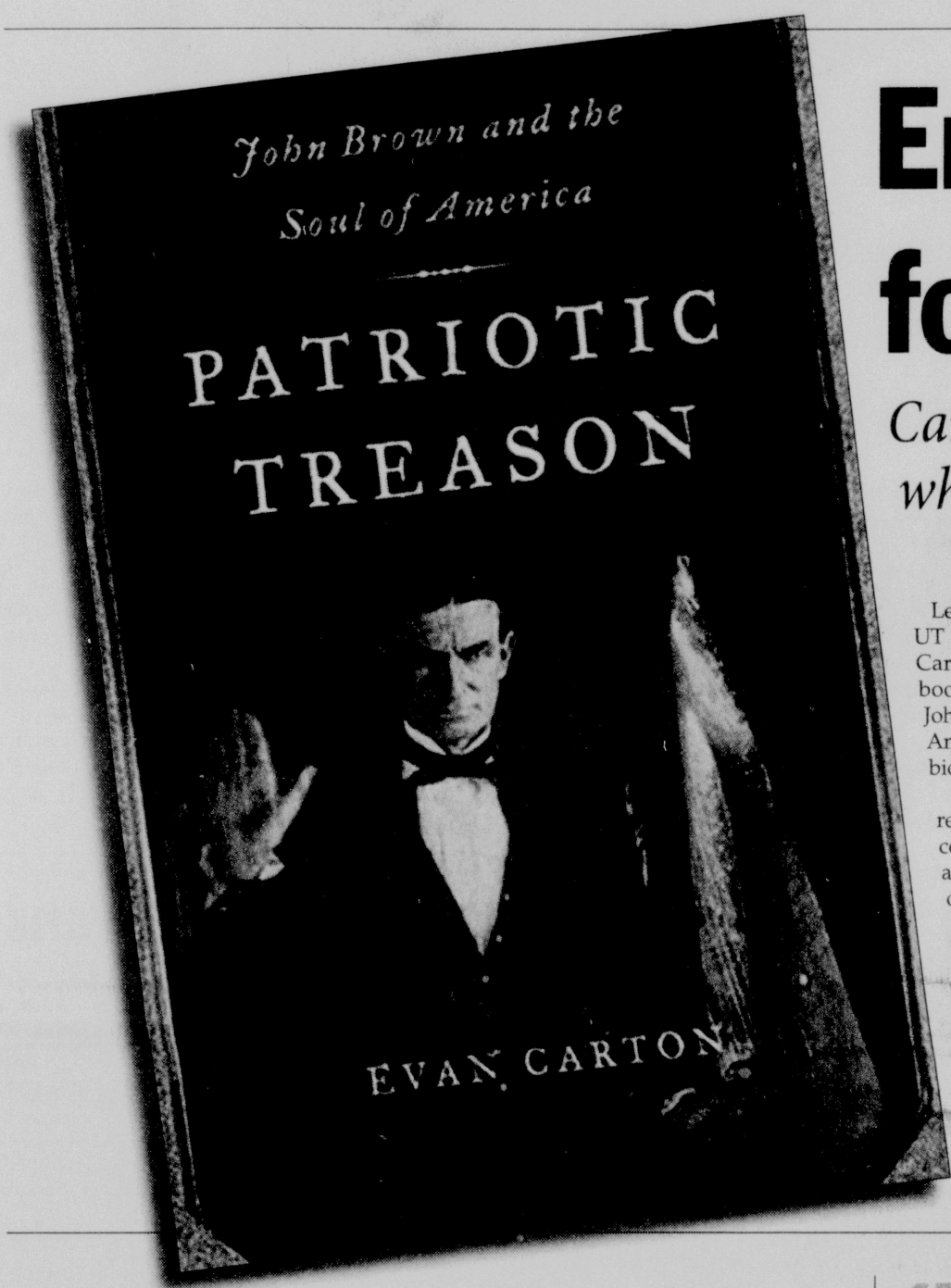
a review process, when a faculty advisory committee reviews, reports and gives its final approval. The committee comprises 10 faculty members, eight appointed by the University president and two chosen by the Faculty Council. The remainder of the publication process is spent on editing and production, Hitchcock said.

Rivas-Rodriguez spoke highly of her experience publishing with the UT Press and said she was thoroughly involved in the editing process, remarking that as a result she has developed a good relationship with the UT Press. Rivas-Rodriguez chose UT Press to distrib-

ute her self-published second book, "A Legacy Greater Than Words," which was released in April. Rivas-Rodriguez is working on a third volume with another professor and said she hopes to publish again with UT Press.

"It is everybody's goal at the press to make each book as good as it can possibly be," Rivas-Rodriguez said.

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## English professor aims for 'human' John Brown

*Carton says book shows soul of controversial figure who sought to abolish slavery through violent means*

By Jamie Mayes  
Daily Texan Staff

Leaning back in his chair, UT English professor Evan Carton explains his new book, "Patriotic Treason: John Brown and the Soul of America," is not just another biography.

Carton says his book reaches beyond popular conceptions of Brown and attempts to reach the soul of who Brown truly was.

"I wanted to write a human story, not just a stereotype," said Carton, who was interested in Brown's abilities as a writer, critic and activist.

John Brown's image in America is divided, Carton said. While

some people believe Brown to be a revolutionary madman with an uncompromising approach to ending slavery in America, others see him as a misunderstood white American willing to sacrifice his life to end the enslavement of black people, Carton says.

Born and raised in Newton, Mass., Carton developed a passion at a young age for writing, reading and creative thinking — a passion that led him to become an educator.

"I thought about becoming a journalist and a lawyer, but I chose to become a professor, because I wanted a career that combined my passions," says Carton. "Students can learn more from who they see you are than who you say you are."

Carton began teaching at UT in 1978, after completing undergraduate and graduate English degrees from Columbia and Johns Hopkins universities. Carton founded the Texas Humanities Institute in 2001 and serves as the institute's director, according

to the UT English department's Web site.

After 28 years of teaching at UT, Carton began to appreciate and value life and the irrepressible turns it throws your way.

Carton's colleagues describe him as thoughtful and intelligent.

"Sometimes, I haven't realized until much later the influence professor Carton has made on my research, writing and teaching," says graduate student Jill Anderson, who is also a teaching assistant for Carton. Anderson says Carton's teaching methods have also been influential in her thinking.

UT English professor Wayne Lesser, who also played alongside Carton in an Austin city league softball team, calls Carton "a brilliant scholar." The book, Lesser says, illustrates a "richer and new understanding of not only John Brown but how religion and politics come together."

"Patriotic Treason: John Brown and the Soul of America," from Free Press, was released Sept. 6.

## Harvard University takes risk by dropping 'early action' option

By Justin Pope

The Associated Press

BOSTON — With a \$26 billion endowment and 370 years of history, Harvard University says it can afford a gamble that could shake up the world of elite college admissions.

Harvard announced plans Tuesday to drop its "early action" admissions round — and urged rivals to follow. Under early action, applicants get word by late fall if they've been accepted to a college, but can still apply elsewhere in the spring. Some other schools have "early decision," meaning accepted applicants cannot apply elsewhere.

Harvard said such early admissions programs have two harmful effects: they may hurt schools' diversity because poor and minority students are less likely to use them, and they create anxiety for the typically more affluent applicants who take advantage of them.

Nearly 23,000 people applied to Harvard last year — including about 4,000 in the early round — but the move's broader significance is that it could persuade other elite universities to change their admissions policies. Many other prestigious colleges have acknowledged early admissions has become a strategy tool for the well-connected, and have tweaked their programs. But none has dropped them.

If others follow Harvard's lead, it could noticeably change the college application experience of high-achieving students. Applicants would face less pressure to identify a first choice early in their senior year of high school — but would also lose the chance to put the process behind them.

If other colleges don't follow Harvard, the school's dean of admissions William Fitzsimmons acknowledged it may soon abandon the experiment.

There is no suggestion that Harvard, which admits one in 10 applicants, would lose all its appeal with top students. It

announced separately Tuesday that it raised \$595 million in fiscal 2006. But there is some risk Harvard could discourage exceptional students who might be drawn to schools where they can lock in a spot.

"There's no question [losing good students] is a risk," Fitzsimmons said. "We just felt it was much more important to do the right thing."

Counselors welcomed the announcement.

"I threw up my hands in glee," said Joanna Schultz, director of college counseling at the Ellis School in Pittsburgh, where about 60 percent of students apply to college early. Early admissions rounds are "pushing everything into the first two or three months of senior year," she said. "It doesn't let kids have a senior year."

Harvard's change will not affect high school seniors applying to the university this fall.

"If anybody can afford to take these kinds of risks, it would be Harvard," said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. "When you turn away nine out of 10 applicants ... so what if you don't get your No. 1 choice? Your No. 6 choice is still exemplary."

There were mixed signs from some peer universities about how they would respond.

"We have said previously it would be a challenge for an institution to make a policy change in isolation," said Cass Cliatt said, a spokeswoman at Princeton, which has early decision. "If we see our peers moving towards a policy of a single admissions date, we could be comfortable making a change."

But Yale, an early action school, issued a statement saying such a change would not necessarily boost low-income applicants. That, the university said, requires better recruiting. Penn also said it had no plans to change.

## SEARCHING FOR A HOME



Arturo Rodriguez | Associated Press

A would-be immigrant peers out of a hospital tent in the port of Los Cristianos on the Canary island of Tenerife, Spain, Tuesday after 94 immigrants were intercepted at sea in their small boat. Spain on Tuesday renewed its appeal for the European Union to do more to halt a flood of illegal migration from Africa, saying the problem is one of the bloc's main challenges of the new century, and Spain cannot handle it alone. More than 23,000 migrants have made dangerous ocean crossings from northwest Africa to Spain's Canary Islands so far this year, leading to the drowning of many and a near collapse of holding facilities on the islands.



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## Newsworthy



## Texas volleyball moves up in poll

After knocking off No. 4 Santa Clara and taking No. 2 Penn State to five games at the Time Warner Invitational last week, Texas volleyball moved up once again in the national rankings from No. 7 to No. 5 in the latest CSTV/AVCA Coaches poll.

Texas has defeated three out of the four top-10 teams they have faced and has beaten four of the five ranked teams. Last week the Longhorns moved from No. 8 to No. 7 in the same poll. Nebraska tops the poll at No. 1, followed by Penn State, UCLA, and Washington.

— Anup Shah

## Cowher not sure who he will start

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher may not decide until this weekend if quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will start Monday night in Jacksonville, even if Roethlisberger already seems to have decided he is playing.

Roethlisberger missed the Steelers' opening 28-17 victory over Miami on Thursday after having an appendectomy on Sept. 3. He is listed as questionable, meaning there is a 50-50 chance he will play against the Jaguars.

The quarterback is convinced he will be ready for the only Monday night game this season for the Super Bowl champions. He threw to some receivers Tuesday, a day the team otherwise did not work out, and has told Cowher he wants to play.

— Associated Press

## ESPN draws biggest audience

NEW YORK — ESPN's first regular-season Monday night NFL game under the new contract drew the cable network's biggest audience ever.

The game between the Minnesota Vikings and Washington Redskins, won 19-16 by Minnesota, drew a 9.9 rating, representing an average of between nearly 9.2 million and 12.57 million households, the network said. The previous record was 8.9 million households on Christmas Day 2004 for a game between Detroit and Miami.

ESPN's second Monday night game, San Diego's 27-0 win over Oakland, received a rating of 8.5 and was seen in an average of 7.87 million households.

— AP

## Rankings

### Associated Press Top Ten

1. Ohio State (56)
2. Notre Dame (3)
3. Auburn (2)
4. USC (2)
5. West Virginia (2)
6. LSU
7. Florida
8. Texas
9. Florida State
10. Georgia

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# Longhorns want redemption

By Dennis Killian  
 Daily Texan Staff

Texas Soccer Coach Chris Petrucelli rated his team's performance against Rice on Sunday as "below average."

The Longhorns lost that game 1-0 on the road but have a chance to redeem themselves tonight when they play at Louisiana State University.

"Our attitude is just to come out and absolutely demolish the other team," Texas co-captain Stephanie Logterman said. "It's frustrating to lose, and it shows your character when you can come out and really get a good win after a loss."

Texas holds a 3-2 record overall this season, while the Tigers' season mark stands at 3-3. LSU is coming off a loss to Villanova in double overtime on Sunday night.

Tigers fans are expected to come out in

full force when the No. 14 ranked Texas squad takes the field in Baton Rouge. The game marks just the second time that LSU has hosted a ranked non-conference in the program's 11-year history.

Although its confidence may be shaken a bit, Texas should have a strong outing, both offensively and defensively against unranked LSU.

"I definitely think the loss opened our eyes," senior forward Amy Burlingham said. "We just need to refocus on some things. We need to finish off more of our scoring opportunities and shut out teams that we know we can."

Consistent offensive production may not be the Longhorns only focus tonight. Petrucelli said his team must also improve

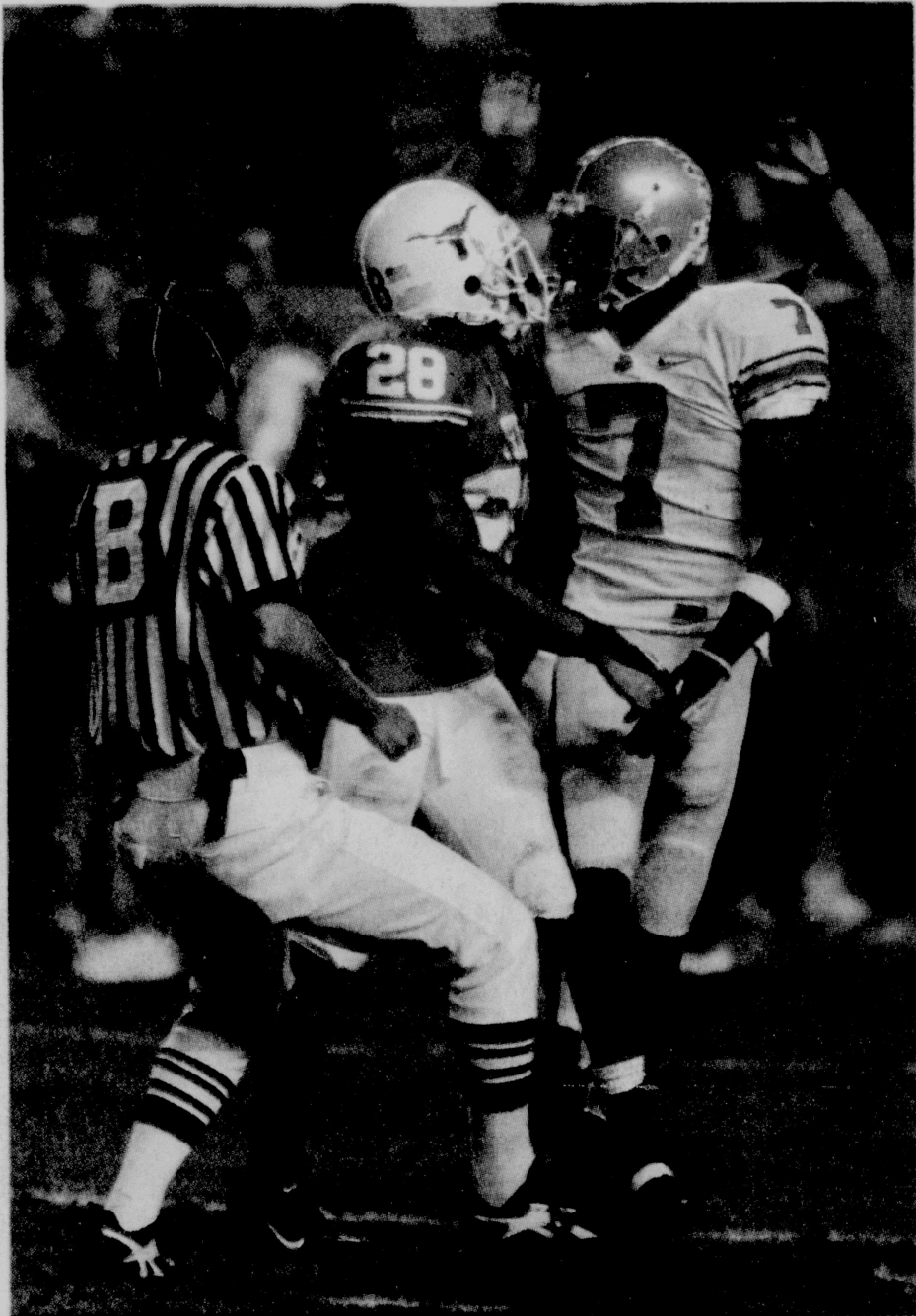
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Sophomore goalkeeper Dianna Pfenninger defends against Illinois in Texas' 1-0 victory in overtime on Sept. 3. After losing to Rice, the Longhorns look to come out against LSU with a different attitude.

Celsio Gonzalez  
 Daily Texan Staff

# No time to play the blame game



Joe Buglewicz | Daily Texan Staff

Junior cornerback Brandon Foster, left, and flanker/returner Ted Ginn Jr. get into each other's faces during the Texas-Ohio St. game on Saturday. Ginn caught five passes for 97 yards.

## Texas defense doesn't point fingers, looks forward to Rice Owls

By William Wilkerson  
 Daily Texan Staff

Gene Chizik has never been one to point fingers.

As a defensive coordinator with a recent personal 29-game win streak, he really hasn't had too many opportunities to do so.

Texas' loss to the Buckeyes lent him the perfect opportunity to place the blame on someone else.

That thought, however, never crossed his mind.

"There was a lot of bad things at critical times, and ultimately that falls on me," Texas' co-defensive coordinator said. "The negatives popped up at bad times."

The Longhorns did a good job of shutting down Ohio State's ground game. The Buckeyes' highly touted duo of Antonio Pittman and Chris Wells combined for 91 yards rushing. In total, the team only rushed for 79 yards on 29 carries.

The Longhorns did as good of a job as a team could hope to do against a talent like Ted Ginn Jr. — five catches for 97 yards and one touchdown. But a few glaring question marks still remain as the team continues its preparation for Rice on Saturday.

Before the season, Texas coach Mack Brown stressed the importance of the defense and its ability to force more turnovers than last year, where the Longhorns forced 27 fumbles. But that hasn't happened yet and Brown isn't too happy about it.

"[I'm] disappointed, not surprised," Brown said. "I don't get surprised anymore."

Texas forced two turnovers — both fumbles — against North Texas in its

opening game. But it failed to make Ohio State cough up the ball and defensive end Brian Robison credits that point of concern to too many mistakes.

"You get down to the bottom line, it comes down to mistakes and how you do on the field," Robison said. "Right now, we have just made too many mistakes."

Safety Michael Griffin doesn't think it's a matter of proving that the team can make the necessary adjustments and translate them to the field. They just need to minimize errors.

"I don't think we have something to prove. I think we need to go out there and capitalize on our mistakes," Griffin said.

Because of the suspension to starting cornerback Tarell Brown, inexperienced cornerbacks Brandon Foster, Robert Joseph and Ryan Palmer quickly became battle tested against Ginn, Anthony Gonzalez and the rest of the Buckeyes' potent passing game.

Griffin said the younger cornerbacks played well, but the atmosphere may have gotten to them early.

"There were some blown coverages here and there," Griffin said. "The younger guys tried to step up and did the best that they could. They had never been in an atmosphere like that. Coming out of high school, you may have seen at the most 20,000 people, but coming out here and seeing 90,000 people, a big jumbotron and a great team, a No. 1 ranked opponent that you are used to seeing on TV and that you dream about playing as a kid, and you are actually seeing them play."

The Longhorns did indeed get to see Ohio State play, got beat by them and are anxious to move on.

"There are no excuses," Griffin said. "We lost, and we have to keep going. The season is not over. We still have games to play."

# Non-conference schedule prepares volleyball for Big 12

## Texas went 5-2 against ranked teams, ready for Big 12

By Anup Shah  
 Daily Texan Staff

Playing five of its first seven games against ranked opponents before beginning conference play would take the juice out of any team.

For Texas volleyball, those first seven games should only serve as preparation, as they head into what could be the toughest part of their season — Big 12 Conference play.

"The reason we schedule these tough matches is to prepare ourselves for future matches," head coach Jerritt Elliott said.

Texas fared brilliantly against those teams, finishing with a 4-1 record against ranked opponents and 5-2 overall.

The Longhorns defeated No. 9 Wisconsin, No. 3 Washington, No. 19 Pepperdine and No. 4 Santa Clara, and they took No. 2 Penn State to five games — giving them

one of the toughest starting schedules in the nation.

But the games aren't going to get any easier.

Tonight Texas faces Texas Tech — a 7-2 team which is riding a five-game winning streak going into its conference opener.

Also present in the Big 12 Conference is the top team in the country and the 2005 runner-up to the national championship, the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

The Longhorns plan on taking the momentum and leadership from the first seven games and using it to make a statement in the Big 12 and, hopefully, all over the nation.

Senior outside hitter Dariam Acevedo is the only Longhorn to log double-digit kills in each of the first seven matches, while junior setter Michelle Moriarty has notched 382 assists.

Freshmen Ashley Engle and Destinee Hooker have also made tremendous impacts on the squad as they sit second and third respectively on the team in kills thus far.

Yet the Longhorns know that in

order to win in the Big 12, there are a lot of things to work on.

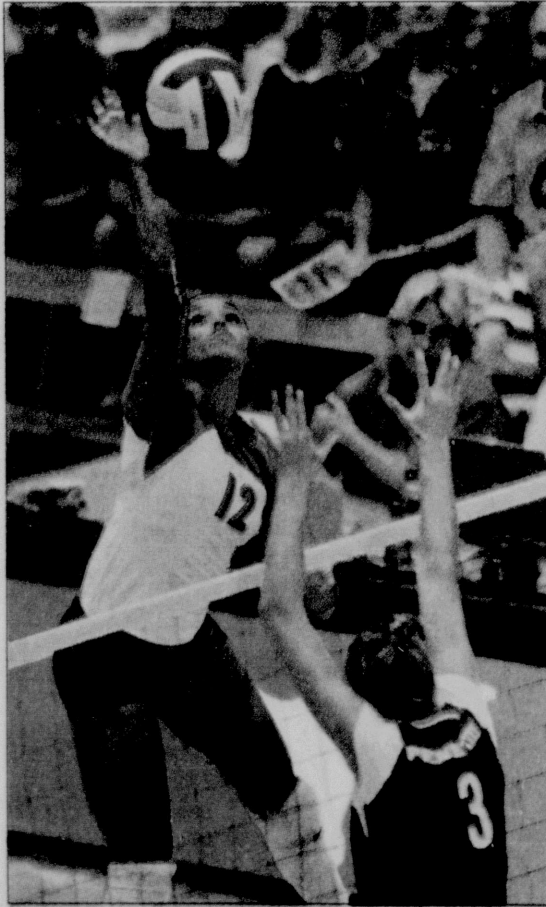
"Playing these teams told me I need to work more on my passing and my hitting," Hooker said. "I need to work more on my lines, cause the line is open all day."

One thing that Texas has really struggled with this season is blocking. As a team, the Longhorns are only averaging 2.36 blocks per game — putting them ninth in the conference in that category. They have also fallen to dead last in the conference in the opponents hitting percentage (.207).

"We can't go five games and only get six blocks," Elliott said after the game against Penn State. "But other than that, I think we're OK."

If Texas can clean up some defensive mistakes, there should be nothing stopping them from hanging around in the nation's top five for the rest of the season.

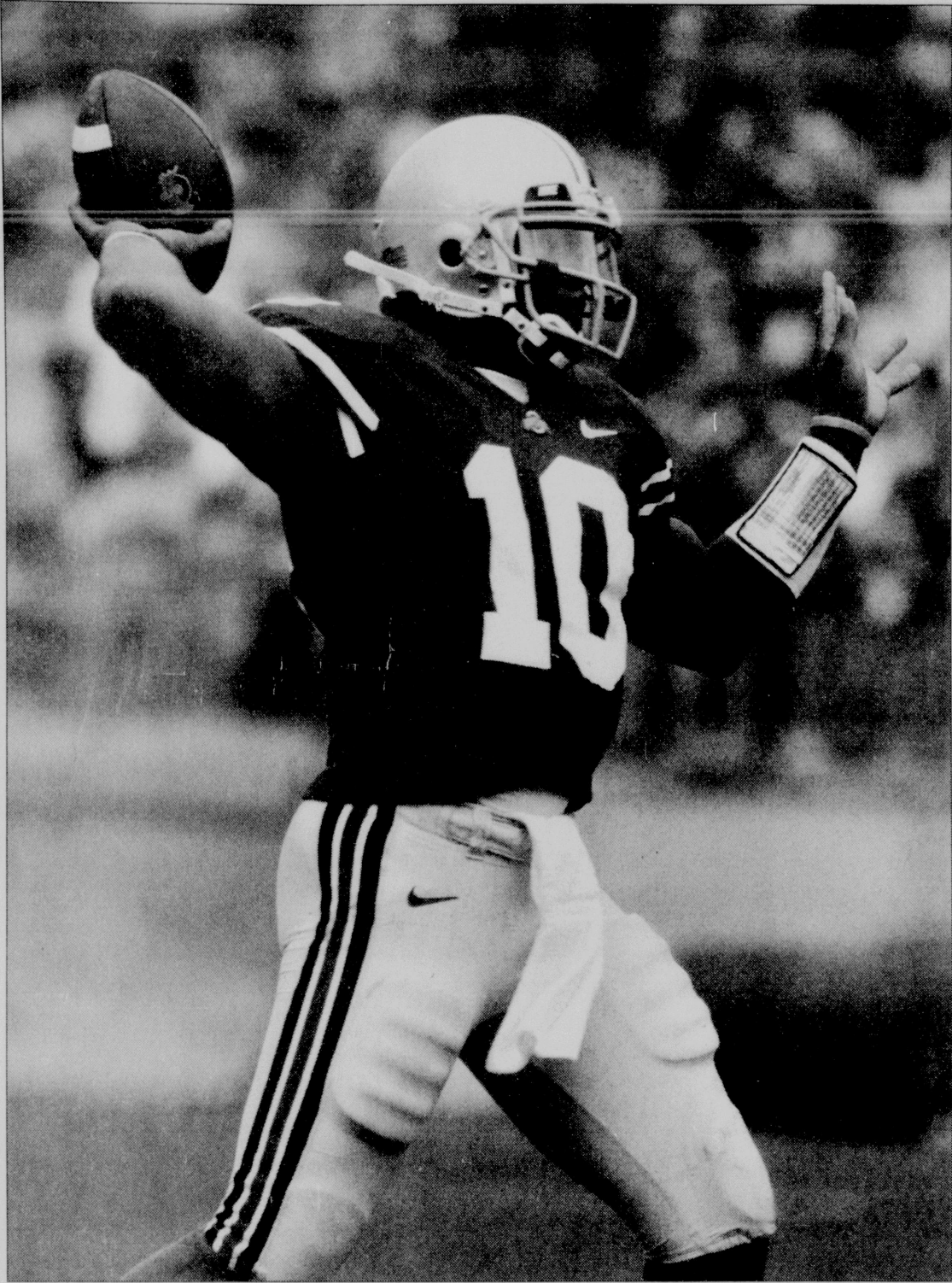
"The Big 12 should be hard," Hooker said. "I know it's going to be hard but we're willing to make the sacrifices to win."



Senior outside hitter Dariam Acevedo earns a kill against sophomore middle hitter Christa Harmotto. The Longhorns lost to Penn State in five sets. Texas enters Big 12 play Wednesday.

Joe Buglewicz  
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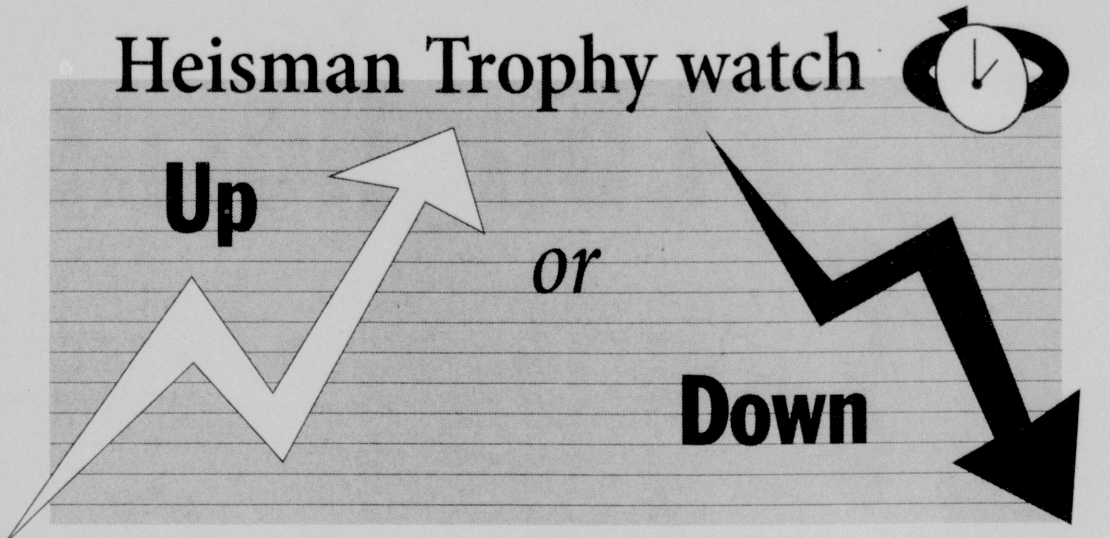




Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith passes against Northern Illinois' defense during the Buckeyes game Sept. 2. Smith moved above Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn as a Heisman Trophy front-runner.

Jay Laprete | Associated Press

# Quarterbacks abound as Heisman hopefuls



## 1. Troy Smith, QB, Ohio State — Up

After completing 17 of 26 passes for 269 yards and two touchdowns against Texas, Smith has jumped above Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn in the Heisman race. While Quinn fared well against Penn State, Smith's ability to dominate one of the best defenses in the country, regardless of the loss of Tarell Brown, has pushed him to the front of the pack. Many critics have favored Quinn even before the start of the season, but Smith proved on Saturday how deserving he really is.

## 2. Brady Quinn, QB, Notre Dame — Up

In Week 2, Quinn and company returned to form with a 41-17 victory over No. 19 Penn State.

Quinn, who was 12 of 16 passing for 150 yards and one touchdown in the second quarter alone, finished the game with 287 passing yards and three touchdowns. Despite his performance, Smith gets the nod this week for stepping into a tough environment and beating a better defense while Quinn roughed up on a weak secondary and overrated Nittany Lions squad.

## 3. Chris Leak, QB, Florida — Up

Leak proved in Saturday's game against Central Florida that he is ready for this weekend's Southeastern conference match up against No. 11 Tennessee. Leak threw for a career-high 352 yards and four touchdowns proving to the country that he is adapting well to Urban Meyer's offensive scheme in his second year under Meyer. Leak is finally showcasing the talent that earned him the starting job four years ago.

## 4. Adrian Peterson, RB, Oklahoma — Even

The No. 15 Sooners won their second game of the season in an ugly fashion, but Adrian Peterson still looked as smooth as ever.

Peterson paced the Sooners past the Huskies, rushing for 165 yards and two touchdowns in his team's 37-20 win over Washington. Peterson, who is likely headed to the NFL after this season, is the main reason why the Sooners are still ranked in the top 20. Without him, Oklahoma could be sitting with an 0-2 record heading into this weekend's game against No. 18 Oregon.

## 5. Steven Slaton, RB, W. Virginia — Even

Slaton racked 105 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries — in the first quarter in West Virginia's 52-3 win over Eastern Washington on Saturday. Slaton then called it a day, allowing other younger running backs to get reps against the Division I-AA team. The Mountaineers have the easiest road to the national championship than the other teams in the Top 10, but that doesn't hurt Slaton's chance of claiming the Heisman Trophy this season. Remember Alex Smith? His Utah team didn't play anyone either and he was still invited to the 2004 Heisman Trophy ceremony.

On the bubble: Ohio State wide receiver/kick returner Ted Ginn Jr. and LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

— Cody Hale

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New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush plays against the Tennessee Titans in the first quarter of their pre-season game in Nashville on Aug. 12. Bush debuted in New Orleans this weekend against Cleveland. Bush finished the game with 141 total yards.



John Russell  
Associated Press

# Texans face problems

**By Kristie Rieken**  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Is it possible to miss someone who was never there?

The question — and Reggie Bush — came to mind while watching the Houston Texans' ineffective running game in the opener.

Although Bush was never in Houston, the possibility of what the Heisman Trophy winner could bring came up often during last year's 2-14 debacle.

Now he's helping the Saints win, and the Texans are without a running game and likely in for another long season.

Houston's decision to draft defensive end Mario Williams ahead of Bush was almost universally panned in April. Of course a good argument not to take Bush then was that Houston had Domanick Davis, the franchise leading rusher.

Now Davis is on the injured reserve with a bum knee and the Texans are forced to rely on a duo of inexperienced running backs — rookie sixth-round pick Wali Lundy and second-year pro Vernand Morency.

Problems at the position were evident from the outset of Houston's 24-10 loss to the Eagles, a game where Lundy and Morency combined for just 45 yards on 16 carries. There were four runs for negative yardage and only two

for more than four yards between them.

"Our young backs can both run better," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "Wali missed some things, and he can be a better player and will be a better player every time that he goes out there."

Bush had 61 yards rushing, 58 yards receiving and 22 punt return yards for the Saints.

The Texans also have 1999 Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, signed last week after being released by the Broncos. But if Dayne wasn't even good enough to make the team in Denver does anyone really expect him to do much in Houston?

While they've had problems in almost every other area, struggling with the run is something new for the Texans. When Davis was healthy he usually guaranteed a decent running game at the very least.

On Sunday, David Carr looked better than ever despite being taking down five times, but Houston was foiled by its failure to establish a running game.

He had the sixth best passer rating in the NFL and threw for 208 yards and a touchdown. He didn't throw for more than 200 yards until Week 8 last year.

If the Texans regret their draft decision, they aren't acknowledging it.

"It wasn't just up front or the backs, it was a combination of

things," he said. "When you don't run the ball well in this league, you get third and long in this league you're going to get beat. I guess this team is no exception."

It would be easier to deal with the problems at running back if Williams had improved the defense.

Williams had three tackles but failed to get anywhere near Donovan McNabb, who had all day to throw, and wound up with 314 yards passing. He's not only having to adjust to the NFL, he's also dealing with being shuffled around the line.

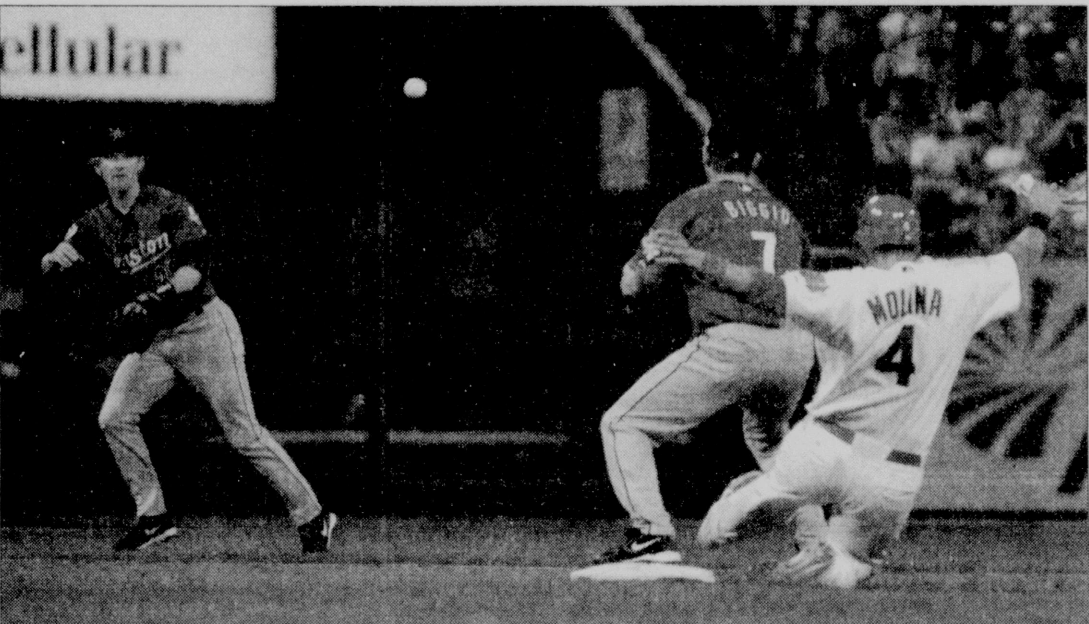
Houston's defense gave up 441 yards to the Eagles on Sunday and are the worst-ranked defense in the league.

When he was drafted and signed to a \$54 million contract coaches said they had "no doubt" about Williams' ability to be a difference-maker on defense. But at just 21, he likely needs time to develop.

Linebacker DeMeco Ryans, chosen first in the second round, is already emerging as a leader of Houston's young defense.

Ryans had a team-leading 13 tackles against the Eagles and Kubiak calls him "special" every time his name is mentioned. Absent from the list was Williams.

Hopefully for the Texans he'll show up sometime this season.



Kyle Ericson | Associated Press

Houston Astros shortstop Adam Everett, left, throws to second baseman Craig Biggio as St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina slides safe into second base during the second inning of their game on Monday.

## Second baseman Craig Biggio to sit, Chris Burke to fill spot

**By R.B. Fallstrom**  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Houston second baseman Craig Biggio, mired in an 0-for-20 slump that has dropped his average to .248, is getting a couple of games off even though the Astros are fighting for a playoff spot.

Manager Phil Garner started Chris Burke at second base on Tuesday night in the second game of a three-game series against the St. Louis Cardinals, and said Biggio would not start on Wednesday, either.

The plan is for the 40-year-old Biggio to get a three-day break, counting an off day for the Astros on Thursday, before returning to the lineup on Friday at home against the Phillies. He has played in 129 games, fourth-most on the team, and has 18 homers and 50 RBIs.

However, his last hit was a double on Sept. 2 against the Mets.

"I think right now he's grinding," Garner said. "One thing about Craig we've known over the years is he's not afraid of the grind or afraid to work, that's been a great trait of his."

"But right now this might help him."

One of the reasons Biggio is hitting the bench is a big disparity in his average at home and on the road. He's hitting .309 at home, including .323 in his last 25 games since July 3, but is .174 on the road.

He was 0-for-3 with a walk on Monday, one of several players shut down by Chris Carpenter's six-hitter in a St. Louis' 7-0 victory, to drop to 3-for-29 with one RBI in September.

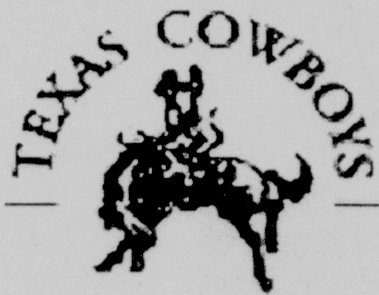
"I don't know to explain the road-home difference," Garner

said. "You would think if he was tired on the road he'd be tired at home, but he certainly has been hitting better at home."

Garner didn't think Biggio's slump was injury-related "other than all the normal stuff that happens to you when you get to this time of the year."

"I'm sure he's beat-up a little bit," Garner added.

Burke was batting .283, and entered the game with five RBIs and nine runs scored in his last 15 games.



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## SOCCER: Texas ready for LSU Tigers

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its road mentality and compete at a high level for an entire game.

"We just have to have a better effort especially early in the game," Petrucelli said. "We can't decide to start playing once we go down a goal."

Sluggish starts aside, Texas should hold the edge in big game experience. LSU's leading goal scorer, freshman forward Michelle Makasini, also leads the SEC with

an impressive four goals.

With that in mind, LSU head coach Brian Lee faces a difficult task of trying to contain the explosive Longhorns. For the Tigers, tonight's game has much the same feel as the Penn-State-Texas clash at the beginning of September. Both games have a highly ranked non-conference opponent playing on the road against an underdog.

"Texas' record is deceiving, because they've played one of the

toughest schedules in the country to this point," Lee told LSUsports.net. "They lost to Auburn, who is in everyone's Top 25, to open the season and got some big results against Penn State and Illinois. This is a great opportunity for our team to build an NCAA Tournament resume with a win against a team like Texas."

Texas built up its resume with crucial home wins. But Longhorn soccer fans only hope tonight's underdog won't come out on top.

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## NEWS BRIEFLY

**Strayhorn says campaign focus will be on children's health care**

DALLAS — Independent gubernatorial candidate and State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said Tuesday that one of the key components of her health-care plan would be the full restoration of the Children Health Insurance Program.

More than 30,000 children have left the state's low-cost insurance program since Dec. 1, and total enrollment has dipped below 300,000 for the first time since 2001, when the program was in its infancy.

In April, the state granted a reprieve to another 28,000 children after learning families reapplying for CHIP were given too little time to respond to letters requesting enrollment fees or missing information.

Advocates blame the CHIP enrollment declines on the contractor, saying parents have complained that applications were lost, payments were not credited to the proper accounts and families have been improperly denied benefits.

— The Associated Press

# MySpace pulls parody profile

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By Lewis Fallis  
Daily Texan Staff

MySpace.com is for hipsters, not jokesters.

The popular social networking Web site recently deleted a parody profile of Sharon Keller, a pro-death penalty Texas Court of Criminal Appeals judge.

Hooman Hedayati, a government sophomore and president of Texas Students Against the Death Penalty, said he created the parody profile about three weeks ago with friend Scott Cobb, a UT alumnus. They said they formed the false profile to criticize what they called Keller's "scary and extremist" judgments.

Keller's office declined to comment Monday.

The profile features parody blogs about Keller getting free football tickets, in line

with recent reports of judges receiving free or discounted tickets to UT football games.

MySpace deleted the profile four times before creating a mostly blank profile themselves to prevent the URL from being used again, Hedayati said.

MySpace representatives were unavailable for comment on Monday.

According to the MySpace terms and conditions page, the Web site reserves the right to reject or remove any posting, or terminate any or all parts of an account "at any time, for any or no reason, with or without prior notice and without liability."

Hedayati and Cobb said they were unwilling to give up and made a new address for the profile. They said they could think of no reason for MySpace to

delete the profile, unless Keller or someone from her office had complained.

Hedayati and Cobb are involved in anti-death penalty organizations but said they made the profile just for fun as a "personal hobby."

Hedayati said the two sent MySpace at least four e-mails asking about the deletion, but never received a response.

"It's a parody," Hedayati said. "If anybody looks at it, they know it. George Bush has like 15 profiles. We are not pretending to be Sharon Keller. If you look at the name, it's Sharon Killer, not Keller. It's clearly just a parody to spread the word about her actions."

Though the MySpace URL for the new profile does have her listed as Sharon Killer, the actual profile refers to her as Keller several times.

## Friedman under fire for Katrina evacuee comments

*'Kinky's not afraid of the truth,' campaign spokeswoman says*

The Associated Press

A Houston-area lawmaker said Tuesday that she is "vehemently insulted" by independent gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman's derogatory comments about Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Friedman last week attributed a spike in Houston's crime rate to the "crackheads and thugs" who evacuated New Orleans.

"He has demonstrated a total lack of human sensitivity," said state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston. "The people of Katrina have lost everything and are suffering not only from the loss of loved ones but the trauma of the event itself. What has precipitated from this tragedy is behavior that results from a disastrous event."

Friedman campaign spokeswoman Laura Stromberg said Friedman is "one of the most compassionate people I've ever met."

"The fact of the matter is Houston has seen a tremendous surge in crime ... we're talking about homicide jumping 20 percent and many of those are being linked to Katrina evacuees," Stromberg said. "Was he politically incorrect? Sure. But Kinky's not afraid of the truth. He will be honest at the risk of losing some popularity."

Houston police have reported that 59 of the 262 Houston murders between Jan. 1 and Aug. 26 involved Katrina evacuees, either as victims or suspects.

"Kinky Friedman has called himself a 'compassionate redneck,'" said Thompson, chairwoman of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. "He would do well henceforth to highlight his compassion while deemphasizing his redneck tendencies."

Friedman, a humorist running as an independent in the four-way governor race, later said there were "some good people among the evacuees."

Friedman earlier this week also said that we would not pander to different ethnic groups while campaigning for governor.

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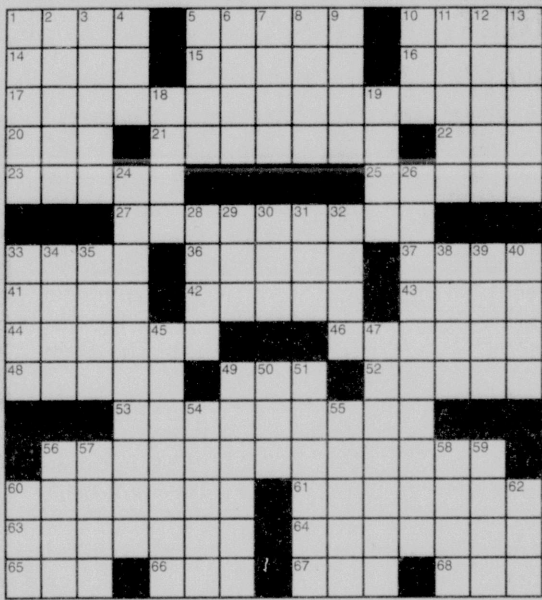
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- ACROSS
- 1 Comment made with a sigh
- 5 Dental care brand
- 10 Wiener schnitzel meat
- 14 Blueprint feature
- 15 Mrs. Arnold Schwarzenegger
- 16 Beginning drawing class
- 17 "Stop griping!"
- 20 Mo. for an apple festival
- 21 All fouled up
- 22 Ending with transit
- 23 Butler on a plantation
- 25 Turkey neighbor
- 27 Heed
- 33 Marquis de
- 36 See 34-Down
- 37 Language written with Persian-Arabic letters
- 41 Have no doubts
- 42 Time and again
- 43 Narrow inlets
- 44 Owing money
- 46 Horseshoe-shaped fasteners
- 48 Small treasure
- 49 "The Waste Land" monogram
- 52 Annually
- 53 Not get worked up over something
- 56 Sunburned and then some
- 60 Money of Venezuela
- 61 "Things aren't that bad"
- 63 Mosaic tile
- 64 Dangers on the highway

DOWN

- 1 Intense devotion
- 2 Likker
- 3 Leone, highest of the Lepontine Alps
- 4 Ambulance figure: Abbr.
- 5 Black cat or eclipse, maybe
- 6 Tabula
- 7 Calla lily, e.g.
- 8 Woe for Fido
- 9 Outbursts from Scrooge
- 10 Hoover, informally
- 11 What thsi clue has
- 12 Video game pioneer
- 13 Saharan land
- 18 Fisherman's hope
- 19 D.A.
- 24 & 26 Words to a young person showing great promise
- 28 Frenziedly
- 29 Call the shots?
- 30 "Krazy"
- 31 Browning's "before"
- 32 When doubled, an old sitcom goodbye
- 33 Pass over



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- 34 With 36-Across, popular comedic actress
- 35 Qatar's capital
- 38 Rub the wrong way
- 39 Spreadsheet figures
- 40 "Red" letters
- 45 Splits in two
- 47 Droopy-eared dogs
- 49 Vatican treasures
- 50 Letters on a Cardinal's hat
- 51 They last a long time
- 54 Winter Palace residents
- 55 Can't stomach
- 56 Some deer
- 57 Alternatively
- 58 One who might take a bow
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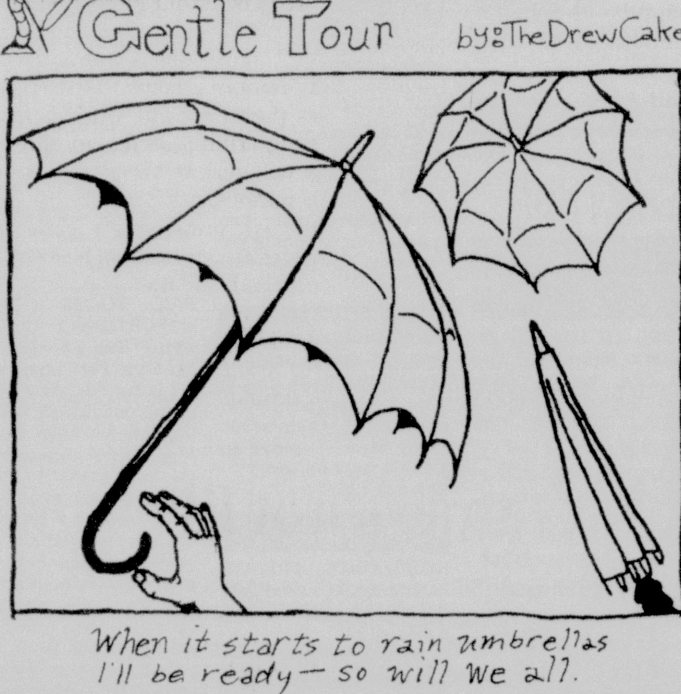
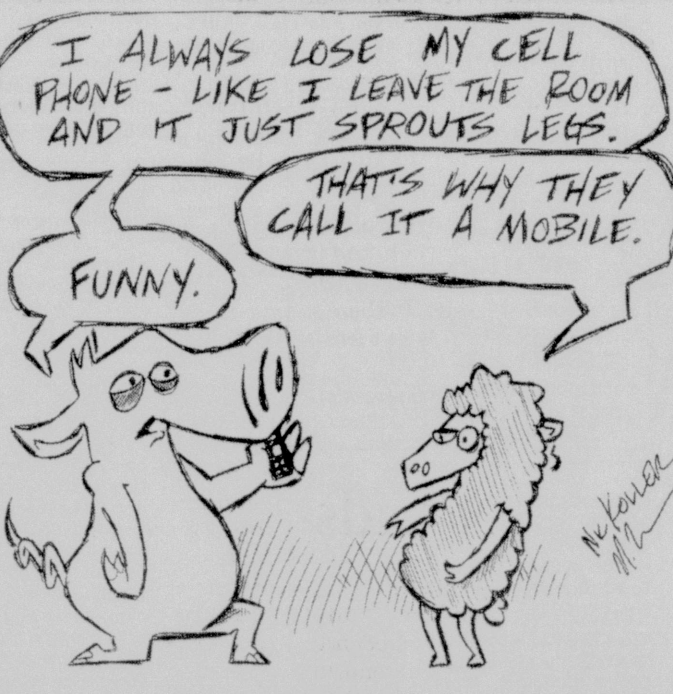
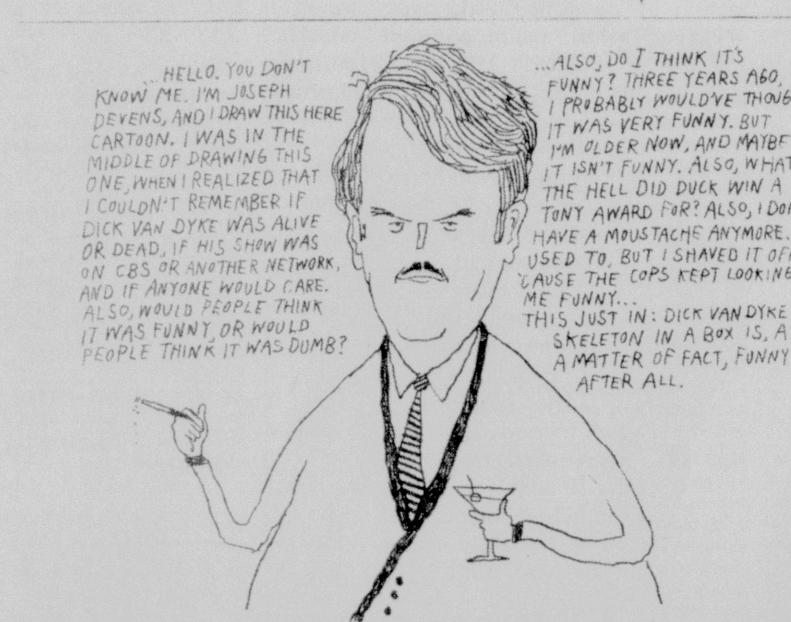
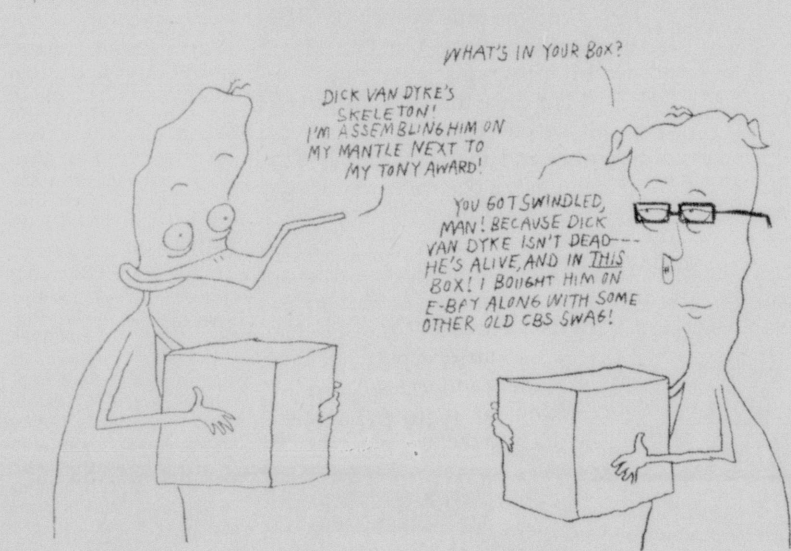
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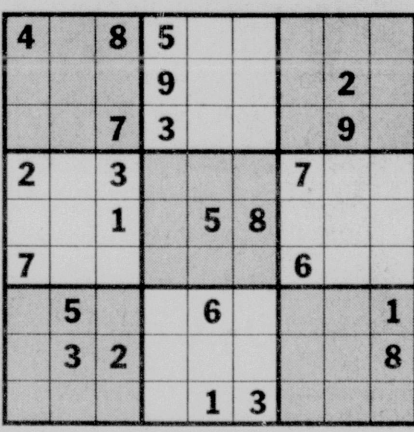


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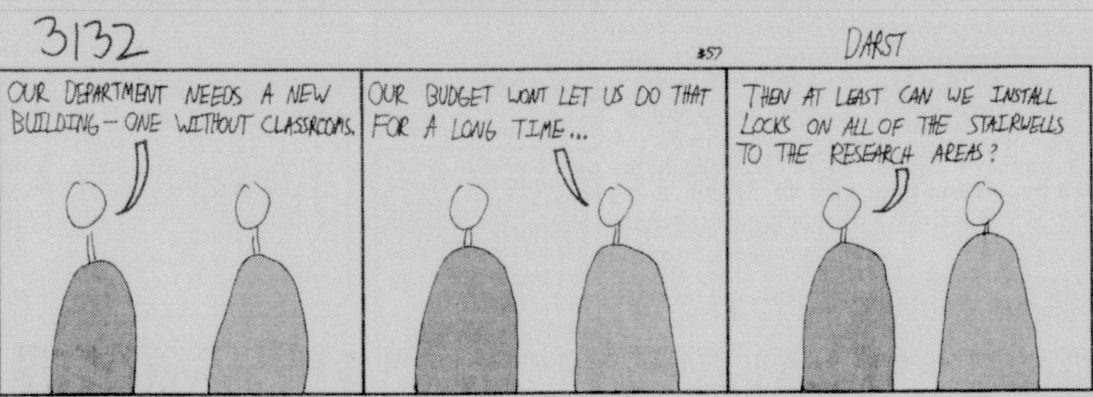
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Stephanie Vella

Still of Stephanie Vella, as Janie, and her teacher, Cristian Panaite, from the video series "Blood and Guts in High School."

## VIDEO: Artist's film will open Saturday

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ited by many to have made it a serious medium. She has screened at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Impakt Festival in the Netherlands. This is not Parnes' first time to show with Cinematexas, which brought her to Austin in 2003.

Part of the artist's aim is to blur conventional cinema and art while erasing the lines

between reality and what we don't want to see. The video installation consists of chapters presented simultaneously and clustered together, creating an unsettling viewing experience. Parnes is in London promoting the video and was not available for comment.

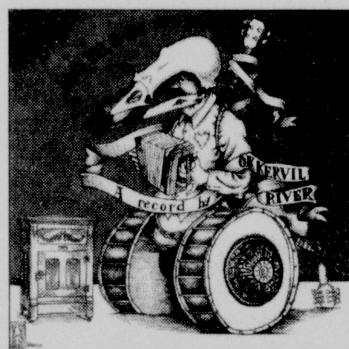
There are similarities between the political flavor of the novel and this work. Things that were going on in

the Reagan Era are brought up in the installation. Lozano's advice to potential viewers is to remember there is more than one interpretation.

"The gallery is committed to showing new and interesting visual art," said Puleo. "Parnes' video is a really well-done project."

"Blood and Guts in High School" will open Sept. 16, 6-8 p.m. at The Donkey Show, 1706 Poquito Ave.

## OKKERVIL RIVER ALBUM REVIEWS



### Don't Fall in Love with Everyone You See

The band's first release on Jagjaguwar, the album sets the tone for Okkervil River's sound with Scheff's vocals often resounded in their most desperate yelps. "Lady Liberty" and "Red" are brutal in their passionate portrayal of disillusionment while "Westfall" and "Okkervil River Song" reflect the eerie roots of folk ballads in their twisted narratives of callous murder. With touches of horns and banjos, the songs have a reckless and raw feel that matches the unsettling and harsh tone of the lyrics.



### Down the River of Golden Dreams

With more coherent and ambitious arrangements, the 2003 release is usually considered Okkervil River's first major release. While "It Ends With a Fall" recalls the faltering intensity bubbling beneath the surface of their previous work, Scheff's songwriting seems to flow in a wandering, almost stream-of-consciousness style that nonetheless unravels in beautiful, heartbroken tales. "The Velocity of Saul at the Time of His Conversion" (originally released on their out-of-print debut *Stars too Small to Use*) and "The War Criminal Rises and Speaks"



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build epic and elaborate lyrical and musical structures, infused with a constant yearning and wrenched moral ambivalence.

### Black Sheep Boy Appendix

The 7-track EP released about 6 months after *Black Sheep Boy* presents songs the didn't make the cut for the full-length but that are every bit as engrossing. The rollicking, energetic "No Key, No Plan" is the standout track, abandoning itself to the moment in the spirit of the lyrics: "You float up high, and it isn't a sin / And there isn't a hell where we'll be sent / There's only now, and there isn't then / So just breathe it in."

— Doug Freeman

## EA: Gamers not likely to remember ads

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does affect traditional advertising channels," UT advertising professor Isabella Cunningham said. "Advertising in online games is a new trend, and as far as data on this subject goes... the more involved people are in playing a game, the less likely they are to remember advertising they see in the game."

She also noted that user profiles have a marked effect on ad retention.

"Basically, what it comes down to is if you see an ad for tequila, and you already drink tequila, the chances of you noticing the ad are higher than if you don't already drink tequila," said Cunningham. "The profile of the game player is important if they are a real target market for the

products being advertised."

She referenced a recent study by Harsha Gangadharbatla, now an assistant professor at Texas Tech University. According to Gangadharbatla's study, individuals who watched a game being played recalled four times the number of brands when compared to those playing it.

As of press time, EA had yet to return phone calls from The Daily Texan; however, gamers at UT were more than happy to share their opinions about in-game advertisements and the companies that use them.

"At first glance, it's the companies exploiting their captive audience for profit," said freshman Thomas Knight. He believes that while the company has the right to sell advertising space in games, "It shows a lack

of caring about the gamer."

Business freshman Andy Hawkins seems to give credence to the idea that gamers tend to miss in-game ads while playing.

"I never pay particular attention to the advertising going on behind my character. I'm more focused on keeping my guy alive than keeping up-to-date on the latest products," said Hawkins.

"Technically, it's more realistic to have advertisements in sports games like you would in real life, but it's a touch I could do without. Advertising in general seems to cheapen anything it touches," said Hawkins. "If there's a blatant product placement in a movie it ruins the illusion. It seems to me like the same consequences would apply in a game if it was overdone."

## REVIEW

# MacDonald is 'Ridiculous'

Comedian's debut album looks great, but falls short of expectations

By Jocelyn Ehnstrom  
Daily Texan Staff

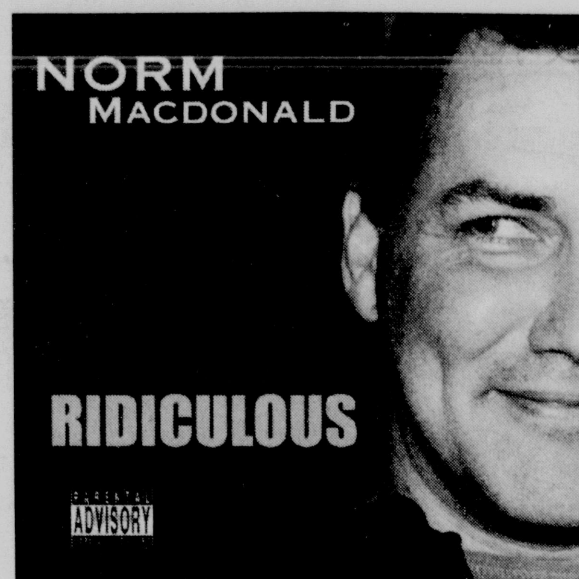
If the absence of Norm MacDonald has plagued your existence since the dead-pan comedian was asked to leave Saturday Night Live in 1997, rest easy. His new and first comedy album *Ridiculous* hits stores this week. Taking nearly nine years to complete, MacDonald does nothing to justify the large lag time and instead says in an interview with The Daily Texan, "It should have been a lot better."

At first, it's hard to tell whether the comedian is acting in the self-deprecating manner comedians sometimes use when defending their work, but if the compact disc is any indication, it seems he's being honest rather than modest.

When read about on paper, the album looks like it could have been great, which makes it all the more disappointing. Some of the more promising things are guest appearances from very funny and recognizable comedians like Will Ferrell, Molly Shannon, Tim Meadows and Jon Lovitz. It was produced by Brooks Arthur, who is the man responsible for the popular Adam Sandler comedic sketch CDs. MacDonald said working with these people was nothing more than hanging out with his buddies who happen to be famous.

"The other guys are much funnier than I am," MacDonald said.

The sketches themselves, however, are tired and leave the listener with a distinct feeling that the jokes have been made millions of times. There is little creativity in the humor which seems stale and dated. For example, in the opening sketch — which MacDonald claims is his favorite — the Fantastic Four argue about Mr. Fantastic's name and how the rest of the group believes it should reflect his stretching ability rather



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Norm MacDonald's CD cover of his latest release, "Ridiculous."

than him simply being fantastic. This idea is slightly humorous and maybe if it was fleshed out more, could become something far more clever, but that's where the skit ends. It doesn't evolve, it's one-dimensional — the best way to describe the CD's entirety.

To help his case, he does spend the whole interview proclaiming his affinity for performing stand-up comedy over all other forms. Hopes might be raised when eyes notice on the back album cover that included as a hidden track is a stand-up routine performed years ago. Enlisting all critical objectivity here on the hidden track when he has one more chance to redeem himself, it just isn't very impressive.

## Apple Computer sells movies

By May Wong

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Seeking to further push digital media into homes, Apple Computer launched its long-awaited online movie service Tuesday and showed off a device that will make it easier for consumers to watch the videos on television.

The iTunes Music Store, however, will initially carry movies only from the studios of The Walt Disney Co., where Apple CEO Steve Jobs is a board member. By contrast, Amazon.com Inc.'s movie service launched last week with distribution deals with seven studios — but not Disney.

Jobs said more than 75 films will be available on iTunes from Walt Disney Pictures, Pixar, Touchstone Pictures and Miramax. New releases will be priced at \$12.99, when pre-ordered and during the first week of sale, or \$14.99 afterward. Library titles will be sold for \$9.99 each.

Other online movie services already exist but haven't attracted many customers. Apple, however, is already being cast as a leading competitor with its entry.

Several sources at Hollywood studios said disagreements over pricing and other issues remain unresolved, but some analysts expect it'll only be a matter of time before more distribution deals are inked.

Part of the reason is the credibility that Apple has gained already with its online music and TV show offerings: more than 45 million TV programs have been downloaded since they first became available on iTunes less than a year ago, and more than 1.5 billion songs have been purchased from the online store.

Another reason is Apple's strategy of bringing digital content stored on a computer and playing it back on a television — a challenge that has so far dogged online video providers and other companies looking to expand digital multimedia into the mainstream market.

As many expected, Apple is tackling that problem.

At a media event Tuesday, Jobs also showed off a slim, compact set-top box, dubbed iTV, that will allow consumers to wirelessly send movies purchased online — as well as other digital content stored on a computer — to a television set. It will sell for \$299 and be available early next year.

With iTV, digital content stored on computers could more easily be played on TVs, Jobs said.

"We think it completes the picture here. Now I could download content from iTunes. I could enjoy it on my computer, my iPod and my big-screen television in the living room," he said.

The device, which looks like a much flatter but slightly wider version of the Mac mini com-

puter, will work with Windows-based or Mac computers that use the iTunes software to manage multimedia files. Apple's senior vice president of worldwide marketing Phil Schiller said the product is designed to work best with flat-panel televisions formatted for widescreen viewing.

He refused to elaborate on other product details, such as what strain of wireless technology will be used to address potential video delivery-hiccup problems.

Similar media appliances that are designed to link a PC to a television already exist, but none have gained much traction, analysts say.

As a result, relatively few PCs these days are hooked up to television sets. And though others, such as cable providers and startups like Akimbo Systems Inc., have introduced set-top-boxes and services to deliver on-demand videos and TV shows through a broadband Internet connection, full-length feature films from major Hollywood studios either aren't on their libraries, or are only available on a rental basis.

So-called media center computers, such as ones from Dell Inc. or Hewlett-Packard Co., are designed to play and record TV shows. But many still look like they belong under a desk in an office instead of on an entertainment rack in the living room.

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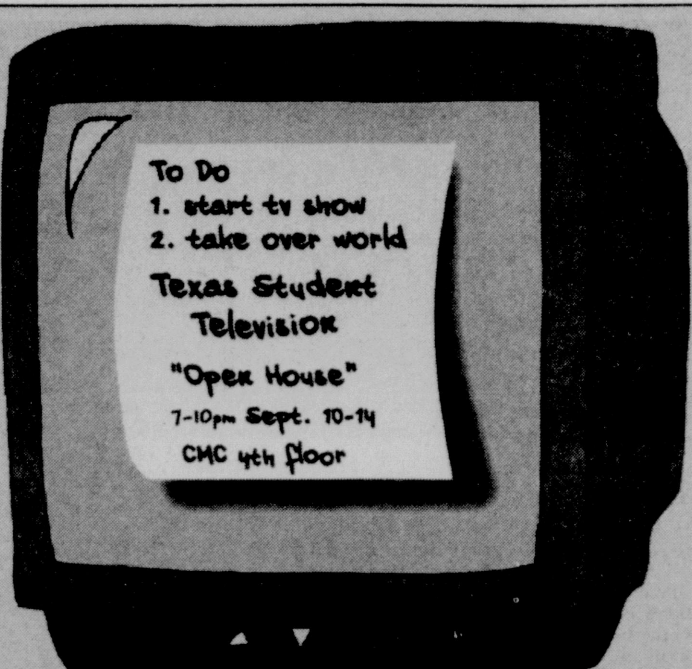
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Stephanie Vella

Still of Janie as the Rev. Jim Jones from the video series 'Blood and Guts in High School'.

## 'Blood and Guts' video based on novel

By Susannah Talaat  
 Daily Texan Staff

On Saturday The Donkey Show, a self-described "project space," will open a gallery video series by acclaimed New York artist Laura Parnes. This is done in collaboration with Cinematexas, an organization that was once for UT student showings. "Blood and Guts in High School," is inspired by Kathy Acker's 1978 novel of the same name. The video installation, like the novel, follows troubled teen Janey, who wants to rebel from a repressive social order and does so by partaking in demeaning social taboos. However, she finds there is no escape.

"The film tried to update some of the issues in the book," said Ivan Lozano, programming director at Cinematexas. "It might change some things to become more of a tribute."

As an author, Acker explored themes such as post-modern feminism in relation to social politics and how they affect women. She was known as a "punk novelist" for affirming the punk credo that life must be lived to the extreme

in order to avoid repressive, boring social homogeny.

"It's more an adaptation of Kathy Acker's style than the plot," said Risa Puleo, managing editor of The Donkey Show.

The novel, published during the rise of Reaganism, was immediately termed controversial not only for subject matter but for style. Acker rebelled against traditional form and wrote using such techniques as irregular shifts in narrative, random inserts of other authors' novels and even crude drawings.

"Parnes makes parallels with Acker and what's going on now," said Lozano.

Events such as the shocking Jonestown Mass Suicide in 1978 and the frightening Three Mile Island accident in 1979, which occurred during the story's time frame, are compared to events today.

"It definitely reflects my own [political] interests," said Puleo.

Parnes has been exhibiting her video art since 1993 and is cred-

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## Company finds places for ads in future games

By Hudson Lockett  
 Daily Texan Staff

Electronic Arts, producer of such games as The Sims and the Madden football series, recently announced that it would be working with Massive Inc. to integrate Massive's dynamic advertising in up to four of its various game franchises for the Xbox 360 and PC. The first game to receive the Massive treatment is the latest entry in EA's "Need for Speed" series, "Need for Speed Carbon." While the series has played host to static, unchanging advertisements in the past, this installation marks the first time in-game ads will be updatable in real time.

"In places like a basketball court, football stadium or roadside in a racing game, advertising is not only nice to have, but it's an essential component to create the fiction of being there," said Chip Lange, EA's vice president of online commerce.

Product placements in popular media are common, with current examples ranging from relatively subtle to painfully obvious. One episode of the NBC comedy "The Office" features Steve Carell giving an iPod as a Christmas present that overshadows the other employees' white elephant gifts. In this summer's action thriller "Snakes on a Plane," the terrified passengers slake their seemingly unquenchable collective thirst with Red Bulls and various Pepsi

products and a Sony Playstation Portable serves as the only comfort to a young boy whose younger brother is suffering from a near-fatal snakebite.

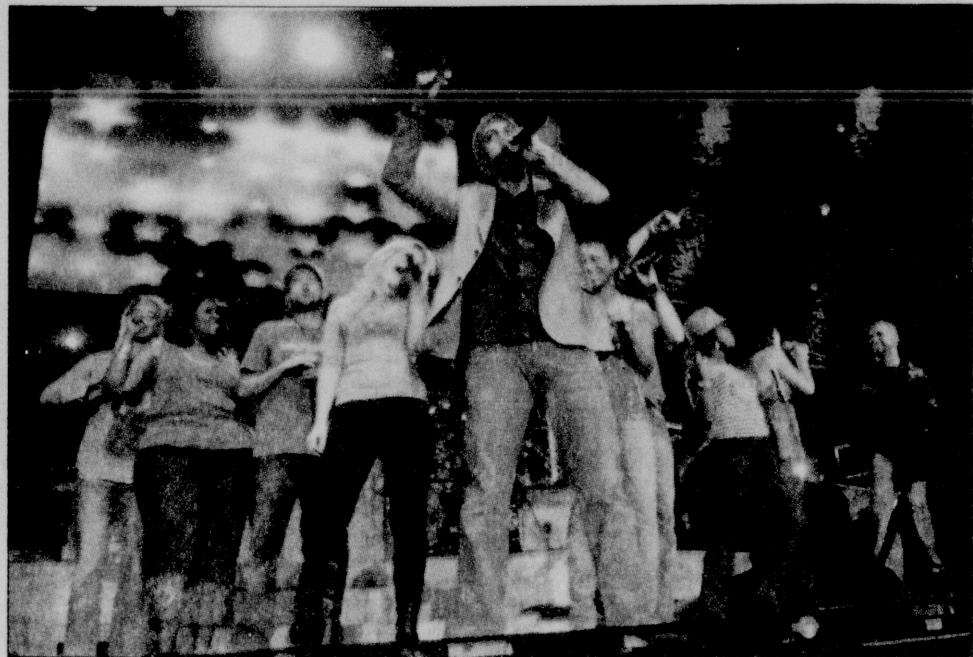
Advertising and games are not a new combination by any means, with movies about games (Fred Savage's "The Wizard"), games about movies ("ET" for the Atari 2600), and games about snack food mascots (Chester Cheetah had two, believe it or not) appearing throughout the late '80s and early '90s. More recent examples of in-game advertisements include officially licensed cars in Sony's popular "Gran Turismo" driving simulator series — which are unable to receive realistic damage due in part to licensing problems with car companies — and posters for upcoming movie releases in Ubisoft's "Splinter Cell: Chaos Theory." The placement and update of these posters was in fact handled by Massive, which sometimes put them in locations that made no contextual sense, such as ads for North American movies appearing in a North Korean military base. Massive also handled the in-game advertisements for the semi-successful massively multi-player online game, The Matrix Online.

"There is plenty of evidence that any kind of Web based advertising does affect traditional advertising

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### REVIEW

## "American Idol" is better on TV



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan Staff

Left, "American Idol" fifth-season winner, Taylor Hicks performs in Austin Sunday. Right, From left to right, "American Idol" contestants Bucky Covington, Mandisa, Elliott Yamin, Kellie Pickler, Taylor Hicks, Lisa Tucker, Paris Bennett and Chris Daughtry perform at the Erwin Center Sunday.

By Alex Navissi  
 Daily Texan Staff

Those ear-piercing shrieks coming from the Erwin Center Sunday night weren't the latest weapon combating global terrorism. Several thousand pre-teen girls and their parents stormed the venue to watch the Austin leg of the "American Idol" tour.

The "American Idol" tour is the culmination of the fifth season of the hit Fox program. With no signs of slowing down, "American Idol" is the most popular show on television, where tens of millions of viewers vote for their favorite unsigned singers who compete for fame, glory and a lucrative, albeit restrictive, record contract. The show is entertaining escapism at its finest. Unfortunately, the concert doesn't carry that same level of enjoyment.

It can be difficult to watch a group of performers with the knowledge that most of them have no future. Some reeked of mediocrity, namely Ace Young, who spent more time flexing his biceps than his vocal chops. Bucky Covington also fit in this category; nice a guy as he is, his dull routine was not appropriate for a major concert tour.

Then there was Miss Calamari, Kellie

Pickler. It was hard to make her out over the screams of the kiddos, but every once in a while a second-rate Melissa Etheridge impersonation could be heard.

Not to say that all of it was awful. A more slender Mandisa opened the evening with her powerhouse vocals. Paris Bennett donned a "Kinky Friedman for Governor" T-shirt, and performed her little heart out. As long as she remembers she isn't Beyonce, this young artist may have a chance. Of course, she sang a Beyonce song, had Beyonce hair, and did some Beyonce booty shaking. Maybe she should take a page from Lisa Tucker's book.

As the lowest ranked performer at the concert, Tucker had the most to prove to the audience. Sitting behind a keyboard, Tucker belted out two Elton John classics, earning her thunderous ovation.

After a giant dancing Pop-Tart roamed the arena during intermission, the top four performed, starting with rocker Chris Daughtry. The audience was rioting before a single note was heard. His version of "Dead or Alive" was the night's high point. Daughtry has the best chance of life after Idol. Then came the humble Elliott Yamin.

Despite a great jazz and blues set, Yamin still doubted his incredible potential.

Finally Katharine McPhee and winner Taylor Hicks sang. Their reactions may have been tepid compared to Daughtry, but the winner and runner-up gave solid performances.

Despite some strong moments, the "American Idol" tour is not worth it. The biggest show around can't spend some more money on better sets? Giant reams of tin foil and Windows 95 screens avers are not fitting for a ratings behemoth.

The singers are prisoners of "Idol." Every song, every wardrobe choice, every breath they take feels like it is afforded to them by the "Idol" machine. Talent doesn't matter when there is no creative freedom allowed whatsoever. The tour will end, most will fade into obscurity and a new group of 10 will bid their time until yet another group replaces them.

Some advice: watch them on TV, wait until they're free from 19 Entertainment's clutches, and then go see them when they're performing on their own terms. Until then, it's just the most expensive episode of "American Idol" you'll ever watch.

## Band balances local and national acclaim



Jagjaguwar Records

The band Okkervil River will play at Austin City Limits festival at Zilker Park this weekend.

By Doug Freeman  
 Daily Texan Staff

On last year's *Black Sheep Boy*, Okkervil River began with an abridged version of the Tim Hardin song that lends the album its title. With a delicate, almost forlorn croon, Will Scheff intones, "Here I am back home again / I'm here to rest / All they ask is where I've been / Knowing I've been west."

Hardin's lines, filtered through Scheff's edgy, uneasy voice on the opening track, also mark an appropriate point of transition for the group and are perhaps a prophetic intonation of the success that would follow. The album elevated

Okkervil River from a devoted indie following into broader national act, and since its release, their returns to Austin have become celebrated, sold-out homecomings. Like their previous albums, *Black Sheep Boy* seethes with a restlessness and frustration. The searching and isolated central figure operates as a both a socio-political and deeply personal metaphor with the songs turning at times into fantastical dark visions. It is difficult not to hear in the album the halting resistance of the outsider reckoning with an attention that is both sought after and doubted, looking for a grounded refuge within a

burgeoning success.

The group has likewise seemed to temper its success by maintaining the strong connection to those fans that have followed their ascent through Austin's clubs. Although they will be playing to a packed Zilker Park this weekend, last month the full group took the stage at the tiny Carousel Lounge for a special show that was taped for a future DVD release. The contrast between those venues reflects Okkervil's balance between the group's ambitions and its dedication to the roots of that popularity.

There is little rest for the group in returning to Austin, when that

opportunity even presents itself. Shearwater, Okkervil River's sister group that Jonathan Meiburg and Scheff founded in 2001, has been gaining force in the wake of this summer's Palo Santo, and Scheff rarely joins the band anymore. Meiburg will also miss this week's shows with Okkervil River as Shearwater tours the Northeast.

Okkervil River seems to be at an impasse as the group prepares their next album for release in 2007. As the demands of their success come to bear on Scheff and Meiburg, Shearwater and Okkervil River may find that their routes will have to part.