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Report details biological agents UT studies

Anthrax, Ebola virus among highly secure laboratory strains

By Jonathan York
Daily Texan Staff

A report to the federal government that the University fought to keep secret shows that students may be attending class in close proximity to components of such potential biological weapons as anthrax, Ebola and botulinum toxin.

But whether the University's samples of these and eight other

agents are dangerous is a matter for debate.

The four-page report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obtained by *The Daily Texan* through an open records request, listed laboratory amounts of Ebola viruses, conotoxins, ricin, tetrodotoxin, *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax), *Brucella melitensis* (brucellosis), aflatoxins, botulinum toxins (botulism), Shiga toxin, staphylococcal enterotoxin and vesicular stomatitis virus.

Only one of those agents — vesicular stomatitis virus — is "viable" for reproduction, according to the report. Erle Janssen, UT director for environmental health

and safety, said that amount is a harmless laboratory strain.

The samples listed are checked as "recombinant organism, nucleic acid or genetic elements from agent." In other words, they use only pieces of a dangerous agent's DNA or RNA strand. All the University's samples exist in these non-infectious forms.

"You can take very small amounts which have no infectious, no vaccine-producing property, but it can be used to make a probe, if you're building a sensor to detect this," said Steven Kornuth, who oversees the University's Biological and Chemical Counter measures program.

Some of the Ebola research was

conducted by Jon Huibregtse, a UT microbiology associate professor.

"We only have one cloned gene from the virus," Huibregtse said. "Ebola virus has its own DNA genome. ... We have only a single gene from that, which is cloned into a vector and maintained completely in bacteria."

Some of the toxins can be fatal if injected. But, according to Brent Iverson, a UT chemistry professor, "gasoline is much worse."

"You're dealing with things that the big picture is not understood," Iverson said, noting that anthrax toxin, which he has studied, is

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BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AT UT

The following hazards are associated with some of the highly secure biological agents the University studies:

•Ricin

Agent: Ricin toxin
Poison made from castor beans. If injected, 500 micrograms could kill an adult.

•Anthrax

Agent: *Bacillus anthracis*
Often fatal disease with cold-like symptoms.

•Ebola

Agent: Ebola virus
Often fatal hemorrhagic fever. Causes internal and external bleedings.

•Botulism

Agent: Botulinum toxin
Can occur through food poisoning. Resultant paralysis of breathing muscles can be fatal.

•Brucellosis

Agent: *Brucella melitensis*
Disease with flu-like symptoms. Can cause such chronic problems as joint pain, recurrent fevers and fatigue.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

Army troops seize airfield in Iraq

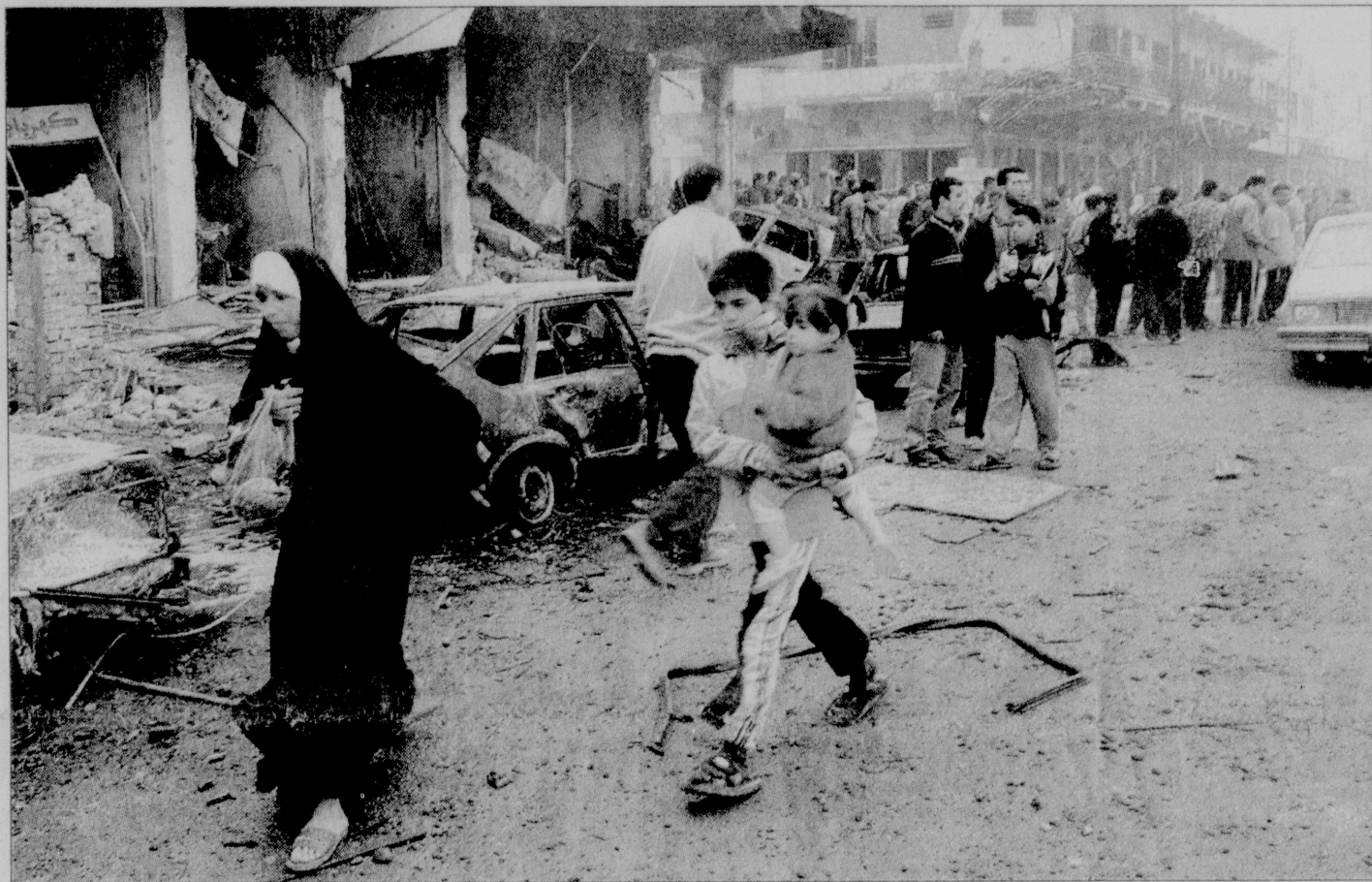
WAR DEVELOPMENTS

• Vicious sandstorms began to abate early Thursday as U.S. forces headed north toward Baghdad, warned of a possible confrontation with a convoy of Iraqi Republican Guard troops. Vast columns of U.S. military vehicles rolled along a six-lane highway under skies clearing of the thick dust and sand that for days had made flying and often driving nearly impossible.

• About 1,000 U.S. Army troops parachuted into Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq just before midnight Wednesday, putting the first large coalition ground force into place for opening another front against Saddam Hussein's regime.

• Warplanes attacked a convoy of Iraqi armored vehicles on Wednesday leaving Basra under cover of sandstorms, raising hopes that British troops could soon enter a city feared on the verge of a humanitarian crisis.

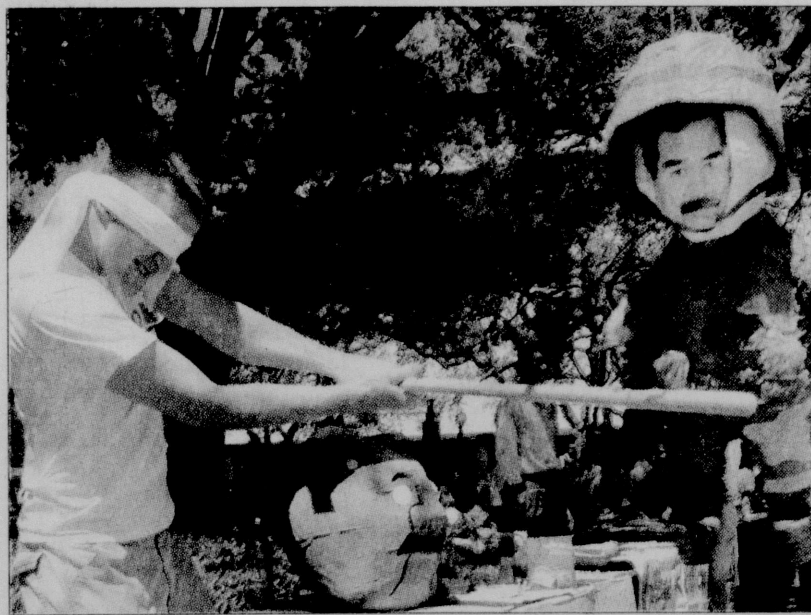
• The U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division drew to within 50 miles of Baghdad, west of where the Republican Guard was advancing. Other American forces were expected to soon join in squeezing the



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An Iraqi and her children walk past the wreckage of two cars on a busy Baghdad street Wednesday after the residential area was reportedly hit by two cruise missiles, killing at least 15. As Saddam's Republican Guard forces moved toward American troops, U.S. forces seized an airfield, and British warplanes bombed an enemy convoy Wednesday.

'SWING AT SADDAM'



Charles Gankse, a Plan II senior, hits a Saddam Hussein pinata during a "Swing at Saddam" event on the West Mall Wednesday. Participants made a small donation for the opportunity to hit the pinata, and the \$136 raised will go to the families of soldiers lost in Iraq.

Laura Sponaugle/
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Supplies delivered to southern Iraq as American military developments unfold

By David Espo
Associated Press

Army airborne forces parachuted into northern Iraq Wednesday, seizing an airfield as a prelude to opening a northern front against Saddam Hussein. British warplanes bombed an enemy convoy fleeing the besieged city of Basra in the south.

One week into the war, the possibility of a major battle loomed within 100 miles of the capital as a larger convoy — this one made up of elite Republican Guard forces — moved in the direction of American troops aiming for Saddam's seat of power.

Jumping from low-flying jets into the Iraqi night, an estimated 1,000 paratroopers landed near

an airstrip in Kurdish-controlled territory less than 30 miles from the Turkish border.

Hundreds of miles to the south, the unchallenged bombing of Iraqi forces leaving Basra raised hopes that ground troops could soon enter the city, feared at risk for a humanitarian crisis.

Military developments unfolded as the first humanitarian delivery of supplies rolled into southern Iraq, greeted at the border by hungry children.

With American and British forces massing to the south, west and now the north of Baghdad, the Iraqi regime kept much of the news from its own people. Instead, it emphasized a claim that two American cruise missiles

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Business school debates addition of ethics course

Advisory committee to discuss proposal possibility Friday

By Rasha Madkour
Daily Texan Staff

While the attention directed at corporate scandals has waned since last summer, its impact on the University's McCombs School of Business lingers.

Members of the school's advisory committee will discuss Friday the possibility of adding an ethics course requirement for undergraduate and graduate students.

"In light of recent business debates such as WorldCom and Enron, the business community at large is looking into reinforcing ethics in academia," said Elliot Kruppa, a finance senior and the undergraduate representative on the advisory committee.

Ethics is currently being discussed within undergraduate courses in response to recent "corporate failings," said Urton Anderson, assistant dean for undergraduate programs.

"Obviously people didn't do their jobs in these cases. It's clearly an ethical failing," Anderson said.

The Texas Plus Program for masters of business administration students currently has an elective course on social and ethical responsibility of business, which will be mandatory as of this fall.

"The goal of the class isn't to instill any particular values in students, but to give them a chance to develop their own ethical thinking," said Steve Salbu, associate dean for graduate programs and instructor of the course.

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Forum addresses affirmative action

Law school professors discuss merits, drawbacks of practice

By Wes Ferguson
Daily Texan Staff

Advocates from all sides of the argument debated affirmative action Tuesday during a forum sponsored by the pre-law fraternity Beta Alpha Rho.

Racial preference — whether in favor of blacks or against them — is still racism, said David Rogers, one of four UT law school applicants who successfully sued the University for using race as a factor in determining admission to the law school in the Hopwood case.

But Douglas Schock, associate dean of the School of Law, said comparing affirmative action to racism of segregation was not valid.

"It's the difference between exclusion and inclusion," Laycock



Melvin Williams, director of the American Association for Affirmative Action, speaks to the crowd at the Affirmative Action Forum Wednesday while David Rogers, a plaintiff in Hopwood v. Texas, listens.

Sunil Lavani/
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said. He said it was important for the University to be representative of the state's population.

Laycock said affirmative action allowed the University to maintain a higher standard for admissions than the rule in place now, which automatically accepts applicants who graduated in the top 10 percent of their class.

"Affirmative action done right

does minimum damage and achieves substantial racial diversity," Laycock said.

Next Tuesday, the Supreme Court will hear opening arguments about the practice of using race as a determining factor in college admissions.

UT law professor Lino Graglia said he remembers rallies of

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HIV services lacking funds

Health department awards Austin less than requested

By Katherine Sayre
Daily Texan Staff

Kurt Becker, coordinator for Austin's HIV Planning Council, echoes the worries of many in the HIV and AIDS services community when he says funds are not meeting the demands.

"People are dying, and everyone is trying to help," Becker said. "Everyone is clamoring for resources because they are trying to provide services for the community. But when there aren't enough resources to go around, there will be some conflict."

He works for the city to help organize the 32-member volunteer council that allocates federal grant funds to different types of services for people living with HIV and AIDS in Austin.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the city nearly \$4 million — about \$600,000 less than the amount for which the planning council had applied. The grants are awarded as part of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act.

"The shortfall simply means we won't realize all of the outreach initiatives we could have," Becker said.

Today, the Austin City Council will vote on a two-month contract extension for services with three HIV-related contractors: AIDS Services of Austin, Austin-Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation CARE and The Wright House Wellness Center.

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INSIDE



Calm before the storm

The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center will host the NCAA championships this weekend.

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WORLD BRIEFS

N. Korea calls meeting with U.S. military 'meaningless'

PANMUNJOM, Korea — North Korea on Wednesday cut off the sole regular military contact with the U.S.-led U.N. Command that monitors the Korean War armistice, saying it was "meaningless" to sit with the Americans.

The move will further isolate the North amid heightened tension over its suspected nuclear weapons programs.

The North has accused the United States of using the nuclear issue as an excuse to attack the communist state, and Pyongyang has said it would boost its defenses amid such fears.

Meanwhile, U.N. envoy Maurice Strong said that North Korean officials told him in meetings in Pyongyang last week that they "reserved the right" to reprocess spent fuel rods that experts say could yield enough plutonium for several atomic bombs within months.

Seven European nations sign treaties to join NATO

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Seven central and east European nations signed treaties Wednesday to become members of NATO, an expansion hailed as a historic reunification of the continent after decades of Cold War division.

Foreign ministers from Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Estonia and Latvia signed the papers at a formal ceremony at NATO headquarters before delegates from the 19 current NATO members.

NATO invited the seven to join at a November summit in the Czech capital, Prague. The countries will become members in May 2004 if their parliaments ratify the treaties. They will be covered by the alliance's core security guarantee that states an attack on one member is an attack on all.

Kenya hands over al-Qaida suspect to U.S. officials

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya handed over a suspected member of the al-Qaida terrorist network to American officials Wednesday, saying he participated in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa that killed 231 people, including 12 Americans.

The suspect was identified by authorities as Suleiman Abdalla Salim Hemed. National Security Minister Chris Murungaru said Hemed, whose alleged involvement in the bombings was not detailed, already was on his way to the United States but would not elaborate.

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First humanitarian aid arrives in Iraq

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had killed 14 civilians in Baghdad and wounded dozens more.

"This war is far from over," President Bush said in a quick trip to the Florida headquarters of U.S. Central Command, which is overseeing the war. Still, he said victory was only a matter of time, adding, "There will be a day of reckoning for the Iraqi regime, and that day is drawing near."

For the second straight day, swirling sandstorms hampered American units. The bombing campaign was crimped, as well, but Baghdad television was knocked off the air for several hours. Explosions were also heard near the oil-rich city of Kirkuk in the north.

Lt. Col. Thomas Collins, spokesman for the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, confirmed that paratroopers were on the ground, many of them elite Rangers.

American commanders had hoped to move a large force into northern Iraq from Turkey. But the parliament refused to allow that

The parachute drop was the beginning of an alternative plan.

Harriers and Tornado jets flying out of Kuwait attacked the Iraqi convoy leaving Basra, a city of more than 1 million people in southern Iraq, according to a British military source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Irregular Iraqi troops have prevented British troops from entering Basra, Iraq's second-largest city and site of a reported uprising by local civilians against Saddam's defenders. International aid officials have repeatedly expressed fears of an outbreak of disease, given the interruption of power and water supplies.

The Pentagon's No. 2 general, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, said Iraq has executed prisoners of war in the week since the war began. Pace, apparently referring to some of the U.S. Army troops captured Sunday by Iraqi forces in the city of An Nasiriyah, said Iraqis had engaged in many atrocities in the six days since the war began.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said a "few vehicles" were moving south toward Karbala, site of a major land battle on Tuesday. "They're being engaged as we find them," he said.

U.S. officials blame the Fedayeen units for much of the resistance that has hampered the American-led advance through Iraq, accusing them of faking surrender only to shoot Americans and enforcing discipline among regular Iraqi army troops who may be less willing to fight.

One Defense Department official said commanders were surprised by the Fedayeen's capability and that military commanders were changing their tactics.

"We're going into a hunting mode right now," said Marine Lt. Col. B.T. McCoy in Iraq.

Iraqi officials said 30 civilians were injured, some badly, when two American missiles landed in a residential Baghdad neighborhood.

American military officials issued a statement saying civilian damage was "possible" after an



Gustavo Ferrari/Associated Press

Young Iraqi men struggle to get boxes with food from a trailer brought to Safwan, Iraq, by the Kuwait Red Crescent on Wednesday. The humanitarian aid in three trailers was escorted by Royal Marines.

aerial attack aimed at nine Iraqi surface-to-surface missiles.

The first sizable relief convoy rolled across the border toward

the southern port city of Umm Qasr, laden with water, boxes of tuna, crackers, sweets and other food.

Pakistan, India trade angry accusations



Elizabeth Daltziel/Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Indian missile Prithvi is being displayed during the Republican Day parade in New Delhi, India. India test-fired the country's most sophisticated surface-to-surface Prithvi with nuclear capability Wednesday from its testing ranges in Eastern India, officials said. Pakistan and India conducted tit-for-tat nuclear-capable missile tests Wednesday, pushing their decades-old conflict to the fore with a whoosh of steel and a payload of charged invective. The United States may be focused on the war in Iraq, but the dual missile tests served as a reminder that the world's other conflicts continue. India also accused Pakistan of having a hand in this week's murder of 24 Hindus in disputed Kashmir, and the two countries exchanged heavy artillery across the cease-fire line dividing the Himalayan province between them.

NATION BRIEFS

Former Sen. Moynihan dies after surgery complications

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a New York City shoeshine boy who became an iconoclastic scholar-politician and served four terms in the Senate, died Wednesday. He was 76.

Moynihan's death was announced on the Senate floor by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who two years ago was elected to the Senate seat Moynihan had held for 24 years.

"We have lost a great American, an extraordinary senator, an intellectual and a man of passion and understanding for what really makes the country work," she said.

The New York Democrat died from complications stemming from a ruptured appendix at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Washington Hospital Center, hospital officials said. He had undergone surgery on March 11 to remove his appendix, and was moved into intensive care later that week, suffering from infection and pneumonia.

Famed anti-war protesters arrested near White House

WASHINGTON — Two Nobel Peace Prize winners, two bishops and Vietnam War activist Daniel Ellsberg were among those arrested near the White House in anti-war protests Wednesday. More than 100 demonstrators in Florida denounced President Bush during his trip to the state.

Protesters in Washington climbed over police barricades closing off Lafayette Park, across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, and sang and prayed until they were arrested. Police said 65 people were taken into custody.

Those arrested included Nobel laureates Mairead Corrigan Maguire of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement and Jody Williams of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, as well as Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Detroit archdiocese; Bishop C. Joseph Sprague of the United Methodist Church in the Chicago area; Dave Robinson, national

coordinator of Pax Christi USA, the Catholic peace movement, and Ellsberg.

Late term abortion ban proceeds toward House floor

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, encouraged by a Senate vote to ban what critics call partial-birth abortion, cleared the way for their own bill to head to the House floor.

The House Judiciary Committee approved the measure in a party-line 19-11 vote Wednesday. The Senate passed its version nearly two weeks ago in a 64-33 vote.

President Bush has said he will sign the measure, a revised version of bills that former President Clinton twice vetoed as unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court has already addressed the issue, striking down a Nebraska law banning the procedure in June 2000. The court said the law imposed an "undue burden" on women who decide to end their pregnancies.

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VIEWPOINT

Textbooks: Just the facts

Conservatives are notorious for ludicrously invoking Christianity, the Bible and God to legitimize often far-flung political stances on myriad issues. One need not look further than President Bush praying on national television — even as he publicly strategizes unjustified bloody war in Iraq — to discover proof of such Christian right hypocrisy.

Unbeknownst to most Texans mired in the ruckus of an ongoing war, the Texas Christian extreme right is striving to virtually turn public school textbooks into platforms for neoconservative doctrine and convert 3 million Texans in elementary and secondary schools into gullible audiences for radical, history-rebuffing and irrational doctrines.

This rightist movement is spearheaded by Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, who has filed HB 1447. If successful, the bill would give the largely Republican State Board of Education, rather than the educator-packed Texas Education Agency, the authority to select and edit textbooks for Texas' 1,043 school districts.

In 1995, the Texas Legislature transferred the power to edit textbooks from the 15-member SBE to the Texas Education Agency.

Backers of Howard's bill have publicly admitted that board control will rectify decades of liberalism in K-12 textbooks. So clearly the board is more interested in editing textbook content based on political ideology rather than factual errors.

"Following 40 years of veering off to the left ditch, the pendulum has swung the other way," board member David Bradley told the *Galveston County Daily News*.

The prospect of returning textbook control to the board is electrifying to many organizations who have long sought to manipulate Texas education to fit their religious interpretations of history. The Citizens for a Sound Economy has vociferously criticized textbooks' positive references to Islam, Native American religions and al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in Texas textbooks. If CSE gets its way, references to slavery would be markedly reduced and America will be overtly painted as a nation founded on biblical values.

Controversy surrounding the editing of Texas textbooks along political and ideological lines has been rampant for decades. Texas is the largest purchaser of textbooks in the nation after California, so publishers have historically succumbed to Texas' popular conservative demands, which often leads to grossly inaccurate information for students.

For example, the following sentence appeared in an environmental science textbook that was eventually edited: "Destruction of the tropical rainforest could affect weather over the entire planet." The sentence was changed to: "Tropical rainforest ecosystems impact weather over the entire planet." God forbid that we say destructive, even as global warming increasingly decimates our world, melting the poles and destroying hundreds of animal species and their habitats. So, hooray for industry — let's build more ruinous smokestacks, right?

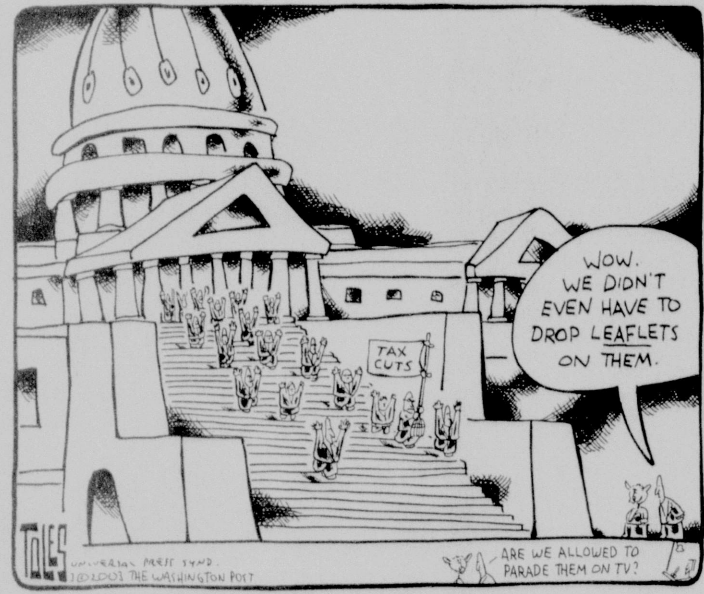
Apart from debunking global warming, conservatives would also like to target fossil fuels, which imply that the world is millions of years old, and thus contradict biblical timelines. Being a Christian does not mean one has to be ignorant about scientific truisms.

One need not look further than the extreme complexity of the human body to surmise that some supernatural being created life, be it God or Allah. To reason that fossil fuels and the evolution of life from one form to another is contradictory to Christianity is laughable and archaic. That life forms can evolve to survive ecological and societal changes is stronger proof that some supernatural being exists.

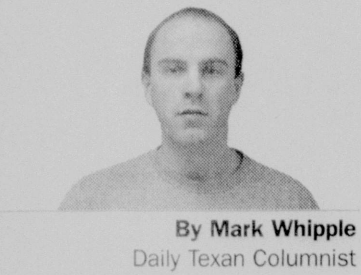
Recent studies show the United States lagging the entire civilized world, particularly in math and sciences. Handing textbook editing power to political and religious ideologues will only trivialize scientific study and further deepen the academic hole that Texas high schoolers are trapped in.

The White House has often decried the curricula of many Middle Eastern nations, like Saudi Arabia, for promoting vitriolic and ignorant anti-Americanism, which it believes encourages terrorism against U.S. interests. If our textbooks teach our kids that Islam is a religion of violence and that creationism rules above even conspicuous scientific reasoning, are we not also breeding an ignorant bunch of youth?

GALLERY



Call me anti-American, but I don't support this war



I am just one United States citizen, but I feel the need to say that I support our troops no more than I support the lives of innocent Iraqi citizens. Which is to say that I desperately support both, but I reject the unnatural distinction between humans based on some arbitrary line drawn between countries.

To *Daily Texan* columnist Christian Hurt and many others, however, I am "anti-American." It is a charge I'm willing to live with, for I am not willing to engage in the kind of activity that would make me properly and fully "pro-American." In this time of misguided hyper-patriotism, that would mean accepting that a war pushed by right-wing corporate and military men with the ultimate goal of securing a more

advantageous geopolitical position in the Middle East is somehow morally right simply because it is done in the name of the country in which I reside.

In his column Monday, Hurt wrote, "As sorrowing as the thought of dead Iraqi civilians is, more so is the possibility of our brothers and sisters dying in the desert or drowning in the Gulf." This statement cannot be refuted with logic. Hurt is simply stating the way he personally feels: In no remotely objective sense is it true that American deaths are more "sorrowing" than Iraqi deaths. To many, they are equally sorrowful. Then again, for many Iraqi citizens, Iraqi deaths are more sorrowful.

But Hurt and others put forth this type of thinking as almost unquestionable and self-evidently true. Coming not even 60 years on the heels of discredited Nazi Germany, why is this American form of nationalism legitimated, even celebrated?

Clearly one reason is the media propaganda campaign that is currently taking place right before our eyes. While the "Shock and Awe" bombing campaign against

Coming not even 60 years on the heels of discredited Nazi Germany, why is this American form of nationalism legitimated, even celebrated?

Iraq has been in full force about a week now, this does not mean that America is "united" behind this war. Quite the contrary: Efforts by protesters have led to a still-expanding number of U.S. citizens who emphatically oppose this war.

Immediately, the U.S. news media have responded by unleashing a campaign intended to manufacture "unity" — that is, stigmatize protesters by presenting them as "unpatriotic" and somehow hostile to the troops invading Baghdad. This stigmatization can only work if there is some sort of assumption that "true" patriotism puts American lives above Iraqi lives.

While this media campaign no doubt plays a role, I suspect something even greater is at work.

Hurt's column, and similar rhetorical strategies put forth by others, smacks of a disturbed, I'm-stronger-than-you worldview in which the most powerful are the most deserved. They do not celebrate human life, but domination. This indifferent view of human life and utter worship of power comes from the top — powerful elites looking to impress this worldview upon folks vulnerable to manipulation from above.

According to a *Washington Post* report, current U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld traveled to Baghdad in 1983 to visit Saddam Hussein. At the time of their meeting, Saddam had already used chemical weapons against Iran "on an 'almost daily' basis in defiance of international conventions." That's right, the

same type of chemical weapons the Bush Team uses to justify this war. Funny, the weapons weren't such a problem in 1983. That's because, until the 1991 Gulf War, the United States had a working relationship with Saddam Hussein — despite his repeated gassing of Kurds in 1988 and massacre of Shites in early 1991. Before 1991, the United States looked the other way while Saddam Hussein carried out his brutal dictatorship.

That they supported Saddam in the past only means the U.S. has a moral responsibility to act now, right? Not quite. Rumsfeld's meeting with Iraq in 1983 — while Iraq posed the same threat as they do now — reveals factors motivating the Bush Team to depose Saddam.

This war is not about weapons of mass destruction. This war is not about liberating Iraqi citizens, protecting peace, or promoting democracy. The motivations are strongly anti-democratic: the U.S. goal is to militarily implement a puppet-regime in Baghdad in order to have both a stronger presence in the Middle East and access to cheap oil — "disarmament" and democracy are merely pre-

tenses for their imperial visions.

Excuse me Mr. Hurt and others, for not "unifying" behind this war. No amount of media propaganda or attempts to demonize the protesters by making them appear in opposition to the American troops can mask what history will one day reveal:

The global protest movement is truly righteous — it opposes both Saddam Hussein and the global power struggle currently dominated by the United States. The Campaign for Peace and Democracy has written a broad statement summed up by the following: "We Oppose Both Saddam Hussein and the U.S. War on Iraq." Its Web site, www.cpdweb.org, contains the rest of the statement and shows how you can reject brutal dictatorships, imperial superpowers, and the new global fascists who have manipulated people like Christian Hurt into thinking American lives are more important than all others.

Fuck unity — come join the side of peace, love, and justice.

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I believe we're finally seeing the real reason why the Bush administration decided to go to war in Iraq. According to a recent CNN article, "the first contracts for rebuilding post-war Iraq have been awarded, and Vice President Dick Cheney's old employer, Halliburton Co., is one of the early winners."

Barely a week of conflict and the spoils of war are going to the administration's intimate friends. It's no coincidence that the company that rebuilt Kuwait during the last Bush administration (awarding Dick Cheney millions of dollars for his trouble) will again benefit from the destruction of Iraq. I think Americans should keep an eye on Halliburton's corporate officers for the next decade to see which Bush alumni benefit from this war of liberation.

John Halaburt
UT alum

War against Moore

While filtering through my junk mail, one particular flyer caught my attention: "Michael Moore to speak on campus April 14." I then recalled his explosive statement at the recent Academy Awards. "We're nonfiction filmmakers, but we're living in fictitious times," Moore said. "We live in times when we have fictitious election results that elect fictitious presidents. We live in a time when we have a fictitious man waging war for fictitious reasons. ... We are against this war, Mr. Bush. Shame on you. Shame on you."

I understand that war is an emotional event and is not supported by everyone. However, I feel in light of today's troubles I view my freedom and citizenship in this amazing country as a privilege. Those soldiers are fighting in the desert of Iraq for you. Why do we bring a man to speak at our university who insults our country's leaders?

Clay Bradley
Psychology senior

Bush war unconstitutional

I just heard Bush refer to the current conflict as "this war" or the nation being in a "time of war" at least half a dozen times in a short speech. The authority of the president to wage "war" is as follows: Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Constitution grants to Congress

"the power to declare war [and] grant letters of marque and reprisal." Congress is given the ultimate decision as to whether to use force; the president's power is limited to decisions on how to use the military after Congress has authorized the president to act. This applies to all situations in which the United States uses its military forces against another country, except in situations involving attacks on U.S. territory, U.S. forces, or U.S. persons, where the president may act without prior congressional authorization.

Congress itself interpreted the Constitution in precisely this fashion when it passed the War Powers Resolution of 1973, codified at 50 U.S.C. Section 1541 et seq. Section 1541(c) unequivocally states that the president has constitutional authority to "introduce United States Armed Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent hostilities are clearly indicated by the circumstances, ... only pursuant to (1) a declaration of war, (2) specific statutory authorization, or (3) a national emergency created by an attack upon the United States ... This provision serves as a statutory definition of the constitutional war powers."

It doesn't sound like Mr. Bush is operating constitutionally.

Adam Cooper
History senior

POW double standards

Though what the Iraqis are doing with American POWs is deplorable, many in the international media (not American media, since it is now anti-American to be objective) feel Americans are getting a taste of their own medicine vis-a-vis Guantanamo Bay.

The American POWs are treated in violation of the Geneva Convention, but the POWs' state is not half as bad as the Taliban soldiers' state in Cuba. The U.S. government claims that the Taliban soldiers are unlawful combatants and not POWs, therefore the Geneva Convention does not apply to them. The double standard here is more than evident.

Shivender Singh
Computer science senior

APD incorrect

People quick to believe police accounts of riotous protesters on the Congress Avenue bridge

Thursday need to visit there and see just how many rocks they can find. If there are any at all, none are bigger than pebbles. Even if someone wanted to hurt an officer, which was definitely not the case, throwing gravel at one dressed in full riot gear is going to have the exact opposite effect.

The APD told a bold-faced lie to the media in order to make the peaceful protesters look hypocritical and to justify their use of extreme force. Contrary to their claims, no one even came close to them with a sign because APD officers threatened to pepper-spray the crowd. The people sprayed were standing on the sidewalk, which is what they had been ordered to do. The APD officers were told throughout the protest that it was a peaceful demonstration. Their use of pepper spray was unwarranted and made the situation extremely dangerous.

Ryan Hart
German sophomore

Insensitive professors

Recently a dear friend of mine experienced the unfortunate death of her grandfather. As the plans for the funeral unfolded, she discovered that on Friday she would have to miss a test in one of her classes. She e-mailed the teacher believing that he would understand, but, to her surprise, the teacher was not understanding. In his reply e-mail message, the professor said, "There are no make-up exams for the midterms, and there is no exception to this rule (as stated in the first day handout)."

I love the University, but I think people could be more understanding. Now, in the midst of her grieving, my friend has to run between buildings filling out masses of paperwork just to attend her grandfather's funeral. Does this make sense? I don't comprehend why anyone has to be put through the torture of UT paperwork while grieving the death of a close family member. She now has to ask her grandmother to fax the death certificate to the University so that she can prove she flew to Wyoming to attend the funeral. I ask any professor and any administrator who reads this to be more sympathetic. Do not just say no. Consider some of the options, please. The

University claims it doesn't want to lose its personal touch with students, but when things like this are going on, how can we believe that?

Charles Ebbs
History freshman

What democracy looks like

On Wednesday, *The Daily Texan* published a sniping *Viewpoint* ("Civil Disobedience in Time of War") about the inconveniences war protesters caused in downtown Austin. Though the column arrived ill-reasoned and about a week late, its unpatriotic "logic" is worth deconstructing.

In reading the *Viewpoint*, one would almost assume the Editorial Board was trying to relive some *Daily Texan* glory days when student journalists like Willie Morris and Bill Moyers made coherent arguments and affected real change through the medium. But, unlike their editorial forefathers, the Board has attempted to stifle discourse rather than promote it, calling on protesters "to ensure that their actions interfere as little as possible with the day-to-day lives of those who have no direct involvement in war."

Perhaps the protesters, who are educated by advertisers, legislators and the president about a supposed global community have a hard time discerning who has no direct involvement in war. We do live in a republic. Every person has the chance to lobby to his or her legislator, even the "transit-dependent worker who makes \$6 an hour" who the *Texan* believes "is not in a position to influence the president." By calling out to often overlooked political actors, protesters are appealing to the only force that will likely make the president think twice about his actions: public opinion.

Brian Wellborn
Journalism senior

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Laycock, Graglia discuss race issues

AFFIRMATIVE, FROM 1

minority students outside the law school in which speakers urged, "Don't let anybody tell you that you don't have a right to be here."

Since the Hopwood ruling, Graglia said, there's no need to reassure themselves of their standing.

"Now, they have every right to be there," Graglia said.

Graglia said the practice of racial preference undermines the black community.

"A group that asks for racial preference can ask for sympathy, but it cannot ask for respect," Graglia said.

Graglia qualified gaps in the enrollment of various races and ethnic groups by pointing to other aspects of racial disparity, such as an abundance of Jewish law professors and Asian Americans completing doctorates in math and science. And, blacks fill the rosters of sports teams, he added.

"Should there be racial preferences in professional basketball? Perhaps make the baskets a little lower?" Graglia asked.

The banter between Laycock and Graglia played out just like previous debates between the two, with Laycock suggesting that Graglia was the only professor in the law school against affirmative action. Graglia responded that affirmative action is just a tool to "help white liberal professors feel good about themselves."

Melvin Williams, the Region VI director of the American Association for Affirmative Action and director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at the UT medical branch in Galveston, said that racial preference is needed in admissions because blacks aren't afforded the same opportunities as white and Asian Americans.

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BRIEFS

Michael Dell to speak at spring commencement

Though he never walked, Dell Computer chairman and CEO Michael Dell will admire the view from the graduation stage as he gives the commencement address at this spring's ceremony. The ceremonies mark the 120th spring commencement for the University. "The [University] is proud of its history and strong relationship with Michael Dell, and we're very pleased that he has agreed to be our commencement speaker this year," UT President Larry Faulkner said in a statement. Dell attended the University in the 1980s before leaving to begin the multi-billion dollar computer corporation Dell Computer Corp. in 1984.

— Elliott Blackburn

SG passes resolution about regents' accountability

Student Government passed a resolution Tuesday night "scoffing" at the assertion that the UT System Board of Regents is more accountable to students than the Texas Legislature. In the resolution, SG also "condemns Chairman [Charles] Miller's refusal to allow UT Watch member Austin Van Zant to speak at the Board of Regents meeting" in February. Further, SG "views the incident as emblematic of the regents' unwillingness to listen to student concerns." UT Chancellor Mark Yudof said at the time that Van Zant was not allowed to speak because it would have set a precedent allowing all students to come before the board. Yudof said he would rather hear from a student elected by the student body. Also on Tuesday, SG voted not to support a U.S. House resolution seeking to repeal the federal act denying financial aid to any student with a drug conviction.

— Wes Ferguson

UT mock trial team places 5th in national competition

The UT Undergraduate Mock Trial Association placed fifth at the National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament in St. Paul, Minn., this past weekend. The student-run organization competed with many of the nation's top schools, such as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Columbia. Kate Skagerberg, a government senior and the team's captain, won one of the mock trial's highest honors, an outstanding attorney award, as well as the title of All-American Attorney.

— Robin Larson

UT students from Mexico honored

Event at Capitol seeks to strengthen ties, link communities

By Mark C. Worth
Daily Texan Staff

UT students from Mexico were honored at the Capitol Wednesday as the Texas Senate hosted a reception and unanimously passed a resolution formally welcoming them to the University.

The event was the most recent of actions aimed at strengthening ties between Mexico and the UT community.

Led by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, the program emphasized the importance of fostering cooperative relations between Texas and its neighbor to the south.

Speaking to a group of about 50 Mexican students, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said, "It's important that you understand Texas and that we understand you so we can continue to work together in a way that is mutually beneficial."

A similar reception will take place next fall for UT students attending

Monterrey Tech University in Monterrey, Mexico. The effort is focused on cultivating educational and economic opportunities for students from both countries.

"We want all our Mexican students to meet more people and extend relationships," Zaffirini said. "What we're interested in is reciprocity. Our countries will increasingly be linked by international trade and globalization, and these students are building a bridge that future generations will cross."

Some Mexican students present at the reception acknowledged that introducing themselves to others was a good way of forming contacts.

"I know that I got here because of the people I knew and how I related to them," said Julio Olvera, a pre-pharmacy sophomore. "But I also thought it would just be good to see others like myself. Plus, it's a great networking opportunity."

The Senate's recognition of the University's Mexican students comes hot off the heels of an Education and Research Cooperation Agreement inaugurated Monday between the University and Mexico's foreign relations departments.



Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, speaks during the reception for the University's students from Mexico at the Capitol.

Jennifer Soliz/
Daily Texan Staff

The accord's promoters said the agreement would allow academics from both sides of the border to share information and work side by side. One of the agreement's guidelines establish-

es a visiting chair of Mexican studies at the University and creates 10 short-term, rotating fellowship positions for Mexican scholars.

"It's a difficult time for higher

education," said Charles Miller, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents. "But by reaching out and bringing resources together, we can offer a higher level of education and a greater value."

Official: Process would take until November

ETHICS, FROM 1

Salbu said he believes business students should be required to study business ethics, "and the only way that happens at most business schools is by requiring some kind of course."

Anderson added that the committee is exploring various options on how to implement this. One option would be a

requirement of a course from a list of ethics courses, from disciplines such as philosophy or sociology, Anderson said.

The proposal would have to be passed by the Undergraduate Programs Committee, business school faculty and the Faculty Council. Anderson said he estimates the process will take until next November to come to fruition. Ben Uy, a fourth-year student

in the Program of Professional Accounting, said although he has learned a lot from class discussions about the "gray areas" of certain situations, he does not know how useful a whole class on the topic of ethics would be.

However, Zain Yoonas, a business honors and Plan II junior, said an ethics course will be useful "if students are told effective ways in which to remove them-

selves from compromising situations without suffering consequences."

Another proposed means of promoting academic integrity is to get students to re-examine and re-affirm the school's honor code, which Anderson described as "a matter of demanding behavior" and looking at expectations.

Yoonas said he doesn't see "any practical purpose" to a moral

code "except to put a more moral face on the business school."

Kruppa said he agreed that while it is not the "cure-all" and should be done in conjunction with classes and programs, "I definitely think if we can build a community that fosters and promotes a code of conduct, we would better prepare students to act in an ethical way once they get into the real world."

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BRIEFS

Judge decides to delay Morales trial 1 more week

Arraignment in the federal government's case against former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales will be delayed another week, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks decided Wednesday.

The hearing is rescheduled for April 3. Sparks approved the request for more time to prepare the "complex" information required for Morales' defense.

Morales, along with friend and Houston attorney Marc Murr, were indicted for attempting to defraud the state of Texas of millions of dollars in attorney's fees stemming from a 1998 tobacco settlement.

Morales reiterated Wednesday his belief that the information prosecutors and the federal grand jury used to indict him was inaccurate and incomplete.

"That really is what a trial is for to have the opportunity to correct and complete the information," he said.

— Elliott Blackburn

Senate approves legislation for tougher curriculum

High school students would have to take a tougher curriculum to be eligible for a program that guarantees automatic admission to a Texas college under legislation that won final approval in the Senate Wednesday.

High schools now offer three levels of curriculum: minimum, recommended and advanced. Students can take any level to qualify for a program that requires Texas public universities to admit students who rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

The bill would require students who want to be eligible for the program to take at least the recommended curriculum level.

— Associated Press

El Paso Corp. to pay \$20M to settle allegations

HOUSTON — El Paso Corp.'s soon-to-be-scraped energy trading unit agreed Wednesday to pay \$20 million to settle allegations that its traders reported bogus transactions to natural gas industry publications.

The publications use the information to calculate gas-index prices to help determine prices for buying and selling natural gas.

The announcement came days after the company brokered a \$1.7 billion settlement with California agencies to settle lawsuits about its role in that state's 2000 and 2001 energy crisis.

— AP

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HIV infection rates increase

HIV, FROM 1

The extensions are necessary because funds were tied up due to a delay in federal government approval of the fiscal year 2003 budget, said Len Trevino, health resources administration manager in the city's Health and Human Services Department.

"For us not to create any gaps in services, we need these extensions," Trevino said.

The extensions would be funded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, which gave partial grants in anticipation of the delay, Trevino said.

While the planning council allocates funds to different types of services, the city's Health and Human Services Department makes contracts with the actual agencies to provide the services. The award was short of the original application, but was about a \$49,000 — or 1.47 percent — increase from the amount received last year.

"This is what actually is the biggest source of funding for HIV and AIDS services. It pays for a lot of health care — the very necessary, basic care," Trevino said.

Ryan White CARE grants are awarded to Eligible Metropolitan Areas, or EMAs. An area must have reported at least 2,000 AIDS cases in the area over a two-year period and have a population of at least 500,000, said Kevin Ropp, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. About 4,500 people in Austin are infected with HIV.

"Each EMA submits an application that identifies the severity of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in that area and explains why CARE Act supplemental funding for health services is needed to provide necessary services to people living with HIV, including traditionally under-served populations," Ropp said.

The five-county EMA, which has been receiving Ryan White grants since 1995, includes Travis, Bastrop, Williamson, Hays and Caldwell counties.

Becker said the HIV Planning Council is currently working to bring in the estimated 1,000 HIV-infected persons in the community who are aware of their status but do not receive services.

"The days of the mid- to late-90s had a huge impact," Becker said. "People began living longer with the help of new drugs. Rates for HIV infection continue to grow, but the mortality rate for those with AIDS has dropped off. So as the need for drugs increases, we're having trouble finding money to help people pay for their drugs."

He said President Bush was wrong when he stated in his State of the Union address that HIV and AIDS drugs cost about \$300 or \$400 per month. Average costs, Becker said, are around \$14,000 per year, while some persons pay up to \$21,000 per year.

AIDS Services of Austin, which receives a portion of the federal grants, provides case management, food pantry, legal services, dental care, and prevention and education programs.

Lee Manford, executive director of the nonprofit agency, said because funding is not increasing at a rate appropriate for the rate of increase of HIV-infections, all of the nonprofits are struggling. The agency's funding is 70 percent public and 30 percent private.

"As the economy has become more unstable, we still have very loyal donors," Manford said. "But in times of uncertainty, sometimes we have donors delay or cut back giving. We've definitely seen decreases in private funding."

The funding shortfall in both the private and public sectors will have an effect on the agency, Manford said.

"It definitely impacts the community," Manford said. "The agency is very stable. We're very conservative with spending. We really strive to be fair, equitable and responsible. What we believe will be the difficulty is continuing to serve the number of individuals we serve. We might have to reduce the level of services we provide."

Proposed mental health cuts met with protests

Ralliers cite costs, repercussions in deteriorating services

By Rachna Sheth
Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds rallied outside the Capitol Wednesday with slogans such as "Streets & Prisons: Not a substitute for Mental Health Services" and "Save our Sanity" to protest proposed budget cuts for mental health facilities.

The protesters emphasized the possibility of costly repercussions of deteriorating mental health services in Texas. They stressed that the mentally ill who remain untreated often end up on the streets or in prison, which would cost taxpayers more than actually treating their illnesses.

Sen. Ken Ambrister, D-Victoria, called this "the criminalization of mental illness," mentioning that one-third of Texas' 149,000 prisoners have a mental impairment, with each inmate costing \$28,000 per year.

"That's not conservative or liberal," said Ambrister. "That's wasting money."

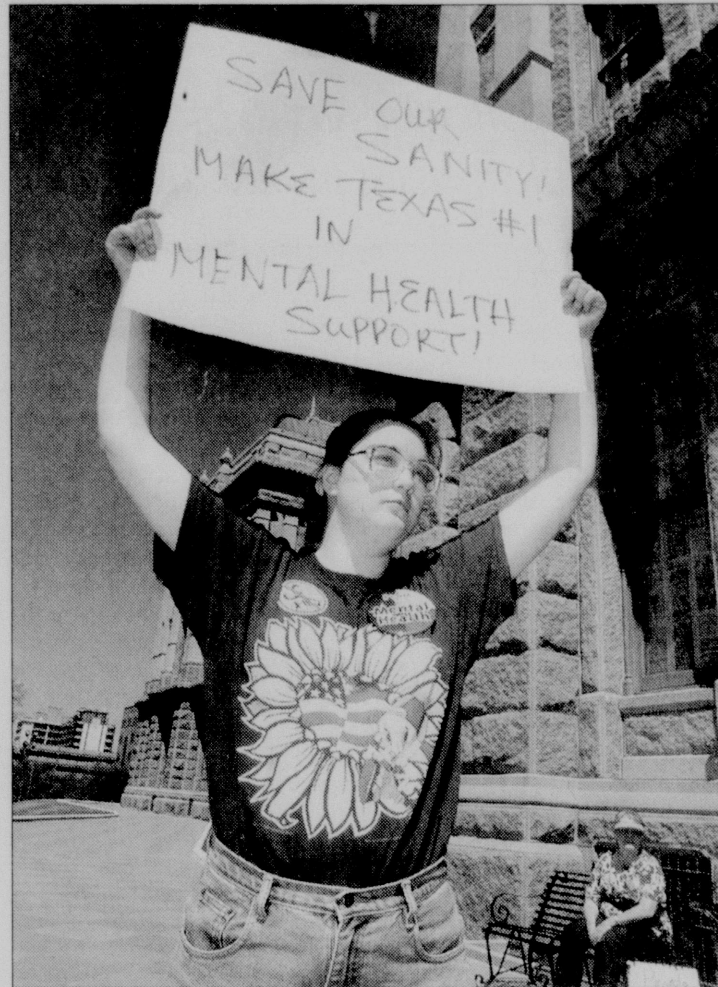
Denton County Sheriff Greg W. Leveling, who spent Sheriff's Day advocating at the Capitol for mental health issues, voiced strong support for the senator's statements.

"I was raised as a Republican, with compassionate conservatism," Leveling said. "But cutting [from] mental health is cost-shifting, not cost-saving. I've seen people go through the system time and time again to receive a not guilty [drug] verdict. Those court fees could have been used to help their mental illnesses."

Rep. Aaron Peña, D-Hidalgo,

CAN'T DRIVE 55?

A person caught driving 25 mph or more above the speed limit could be hit with a fine of up to \$500 under legislation approved by the Senate on Wednesday. Under the bill approved by the Senate and sent to the House, a driver could pay a fine of between \$200 and \$500.



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Laura Nutter from Wichita Falls protests proposed cuts to mental health services at the Capitol building Wednesday morning. Nutter, 29, said she lives with schizo-effective disorder, a form of schizophrenia.

alluded that current state funding issues stem from Gov. Rick Perry's "no new taxes" declaration.

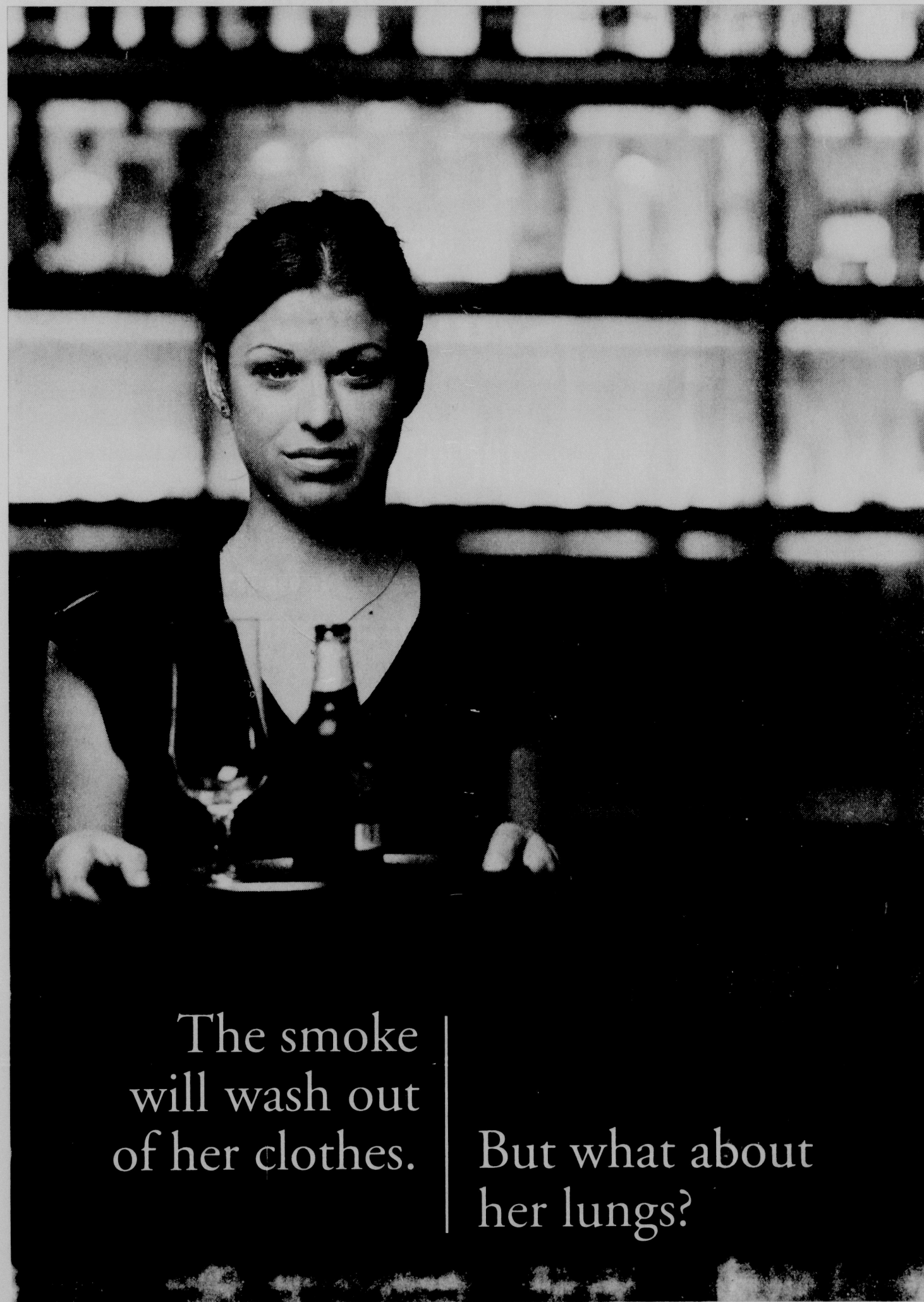
"If you don't take care of drug abuse and mental health, you have to build a prison," Peña said. "This is a very wealthy state, and basically, we have problems because a certain politician made a promise he shouldn't have."

Peña said he "learned the hard way" what happens without treatment when he lost his

son to drug abuse and a poorly treated mental illness.

Despite the push to avoid cuts, Lynn Lasky, president and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Texas, said that even without the cuts there is not enough funding.

"Since there are more suicides than homicides in Texas, cutting mental health funds is like issuing a death sentence for these people," Lasky said.



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UT students mentor Austin Independent School District high schoolers, assist in making higher education possible

By Christina Tran • Daily Texan Staff

The idea for Expanding Horizons in the beginning was simple — have college students show high school students the ropes of getting into college through a mentor relationship.

"It always takes maybe someone who's been there, done that to kind of lend a helping hand, tell [the high school students], 'Yeah, it's possible,'" said Japera Levine, an Expanding Horizons mentor and a biology senior.

This year, Expanding Horizons has 25 mentors and serves about 60 clients. Next year, Expanding Horizons will develop and grow with a new structure, more participants and a new name. The program will be called Project ARISE — Actively Reaching Individuals Striving for Education.

When they met last fall, Ty Cobb and Amir Boroujerdi, co-founders and co-directors of the program, found they both wanted to help students reach higher education.

With the help of the Student Volunteer Board, Cobb and Boroujerdi researched area high schools, gathered college and financial aid information for students and developed relationships with Austin Independent School District. Expanding Horizons is now one of seven education programs within the SVB.

Cobb, a business and American studies senior, said the goal of Expanding Horizons was to provide

resources for high school juniors, something lacking in his small hometown.

"I find that students are somewhat skeptical about their abilities," Cobb said. "When a high school student is not surrounded by people who have achieved a college education, they just don't put themselves in that picture."

Boroujerdi, a psychology sophomore, said his motivation for starting the organization was a trip to Mexico and the border towns in the Rio Grande Valley last summer. He said he was confronted with poverty and human suffering.

"I realized I had to do something to alleviate this general suffering that exists, and I thought to myself 'education is the best way to go about addressing this issue, this need for social reform,'" Boroujerdi said.

Expanding Horizons sent mentors to Reagan and Travis high schools, both in the AISD and both among the lowest performing Texas high schools in test scores and in placing students into higher education.

Mentors are required to meet with their students at least once every two weeks at the high schools.

Mentor Jessica Rice, a Plan II and government junior, said she has not had a very productive experience. She said because she has had trouble communicating with her students, she has not

been able to meet with them consistently and has not developed a strong relationship with them.

Her students are also involved with other college preparatory programs, which Rice said might be redundant.

"I just know that there are tons of kids out there who probably don't know what college is like and don't know what a great experience it is and how it can help you do amazing things," Rice said. "People don't know sometimes how possible it is and how accessible college can be."

This year, counselors at the high schools picked the juniors for the program. Next year, Project ARISE will be working with the University Outreach Center, which helps coordinate programs within AISD. High school students will apply into the program through the Outreach Center, and Project ARISE will work with that list to target students who have not already received college preparation help, Boroujerdi said.

Project ARISE will also target ninth-graders next school year and will try to provide mentoring throughout a student's high school career. Boroujerdi said there will also be more mentor training through AISD, the UT Dean of Students' Office and Project ARISE itself.

Levine said she has had a good relationship with her two students because she tried to devel-



Mike Kane/Daily Texan Staff

Albert Hicks, left, a finance sophomore, and Amir Boroujerdi, co-founder and co-director of Expanding Horizons, explains the program Expanding Horizons, which will be called ARISE next semester, to the women of Umoja. The program aims to help at-risk youth by providing them inspiration through mentors.

op a relationship on a personal level before discussing college preparation. Levine said she meets them at lunch every other week.

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Amir Boroujerdi, co-founder and co-director of Expanding Horizons

"When I go to lunch with them, it's a group of their friends sitting at the table, so I'm not just interacting with them, I'm interacting with their clique, and it's like wildfire. It just spreads," Levine said.

Levine said she focused on getting them into the college of their

choice before discussing financial issues.

"I've kind of taken them under my wing, and they have a lot of potential," Levine said. "They just need to get over that one hurdle — that's getting in and paying for it."

Boroujerdi, who will become director of Project ARISE next year, said the new structure will include mentors, tutors and chaperones for college tours to Austin schools, such as the University, Huston-Tillotson and community colleges.

"Being able to bring the kids to campus is going to mean 10 times more than 10 months of mentoring," Cobb said. "They see college as more reachable when they actually come and see it."

Additional goals of the program will be to get parents involved in their children's education process and to provide tutoring to students in school subjects and the SAT.

Cobb said Expanding Horizons has had a big impact on individual students.

"We look to expand quickly because I think we have all the power to, and it seems to be something the schools want and students want," Cobb said. "You see [students'] barriers go down really quickly."

Boroujerdi said that Project ARISE has already recruited 80 mentors for next year and expects many more before their recruitment efforts are finished. He said he has been told to place a limit on the number of mentors and tutors because Project ARISE might face new problems in the fall, but they still want to help as many students as possible.

"We're looking for people that are committed to helping children, that have a feeling of satisfaction when they're mentoring and tutoring and when they see a smile on a child's face because of the help that they've provided," Boroujerdi said. "We're looking for people that are genuinely interested in making progress and are concerned about our current educational system."

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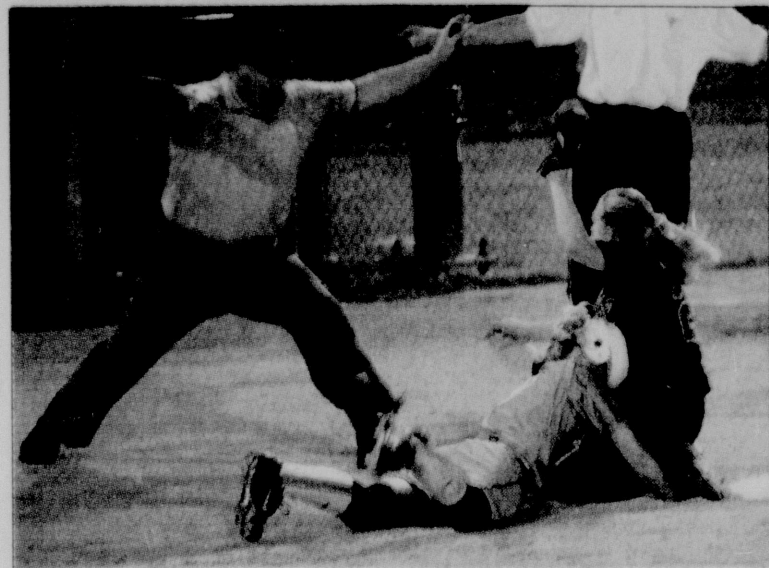


NATIONALS COME A CALLING

Texas pitcher Huston Street was invited for the second time in two years to compete for a spot on the USA National Team.

COMING TOMORROW

It's time for Texas football's annual Spring Jamboree. We'll take you inside the looming quarterback controversy.



Laura Sponaugle/Daily Texan Staff

Texas junior Sarah Wieszcak is called safe as she slides into third base. The Longhorns defeated the Baylor Bears 6-1 to remain perfect in Big 12 conference play.

Osterman wins her 50th Texas game

By Connor Higgins
Daily Texan Staff

The next time Baylor is scheduled to face Cat Osterman, they might as well leave the bats at home.

The All-American sophomore led the Longhorns to a 6-1 victory over their conference neighbors on Wednesday night at McCombs field. With 11 strikeouts, Osterman (14-3) delivered Texas' fourth consecutive victory, garnering her 50th career win and extending the team's home winning streak to seven games.

"I was very proud of how it went throughout the game," Osterman said. "I started out

really well, but in the middle innings I think I kind of got myself shook up a little bit. I rebounded back from that, and the last inning I came out and decided I have to go at it hard."

Osterman improved her lifetime record to 3-0 against the Lady Bears and has not allowed an earned run in all three appearances.

"It's an in-state rivalry thing," Osterman said with a smile. "I guess some of it could be the [Baylor pitcher] Cristin Vitek thing that goes back to high school when we played on the same summer ball team for a year. It just happens that I always hit a turning point when we play them."

Playing in her first game since a two-day layoff due to a fouled pitch off her face, sophomore Wynter Turner slapped a base hit to lead off a six-run second for the Longhorns. Right fielder Sarah Wieszcak brought home the game's first run with a triple to right-center, and after an Amber Hall walk, catcher Marlo Hanks blasted a hit off the wall for two RBIs, knocking Vitek (11-8) out of the game.

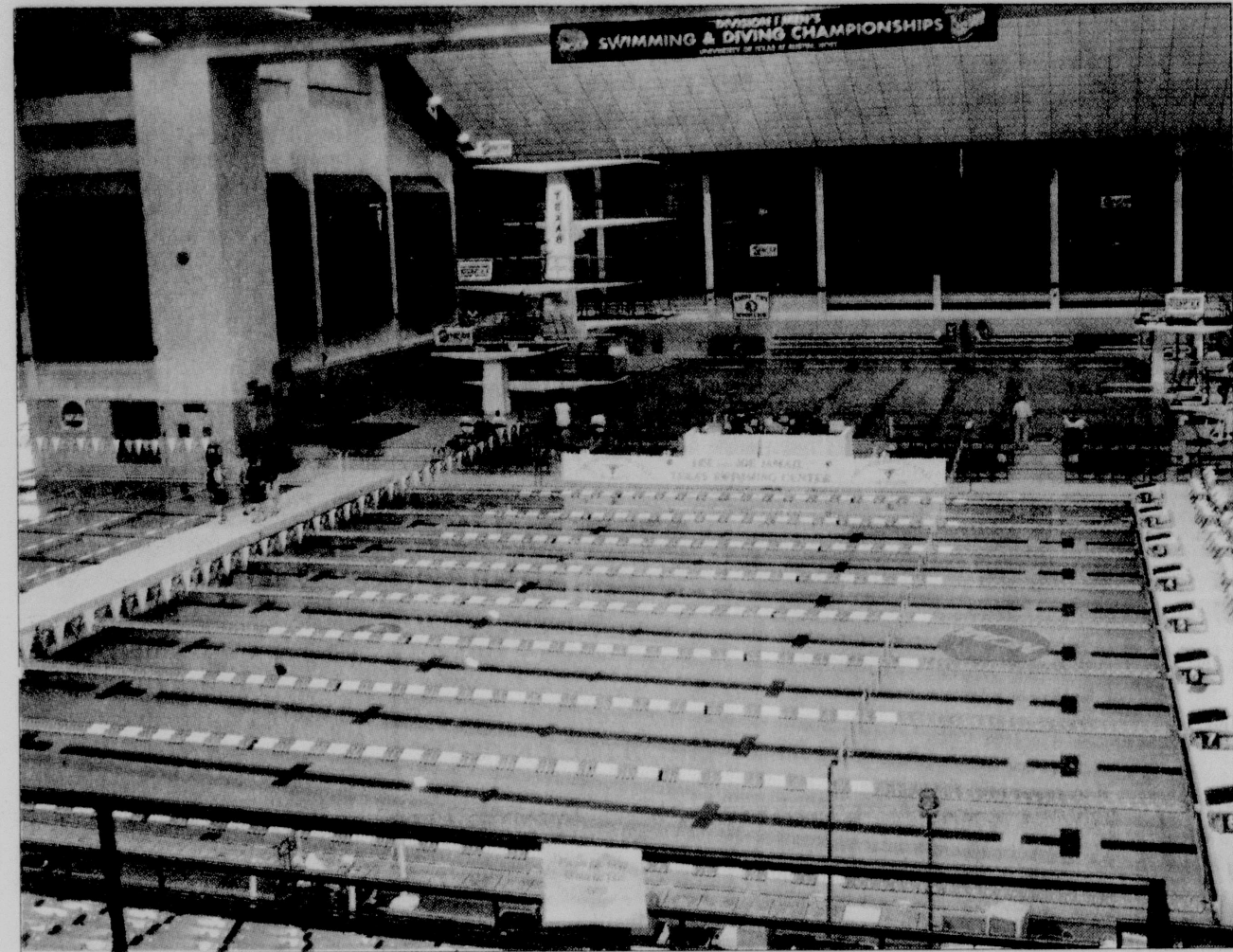
But Baylor's troubles were far from over.

Katie Decker came in for the Lady Bears and walked freshman left fielder Sarah Stelly, threw a wild pitch and walked center fielder Tina Boutelle to

load the bases. All-American Lindsay Gardner made the Lady Bears pay with a two-RBI, bases-loaded single, and to add insult to injury, Boutelle caught Baylor sleeping in the field and stole home to cap the Longhorns early outburst.

Baylor threatened in the top of the fifth but ran itself out of the inning when Hanks quickly recovered a wild pitch and tagged out Stacey Hundley at the plate to squander any chance of a Lady Bear two-out rally. The catcher also led the Longhorns' offensive charge, adding her second double of the evening in the sixth to go 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs.

The calm before the storm



On Wednesday afternoon the Longhorn pool at the Jamail Texas Swimming Center, the waters are calm and still. But at 11 a.m. today the pools will be filled with hopeful swimmers looking for NCAA titles.

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TEXAS-SIZED SENDOFF

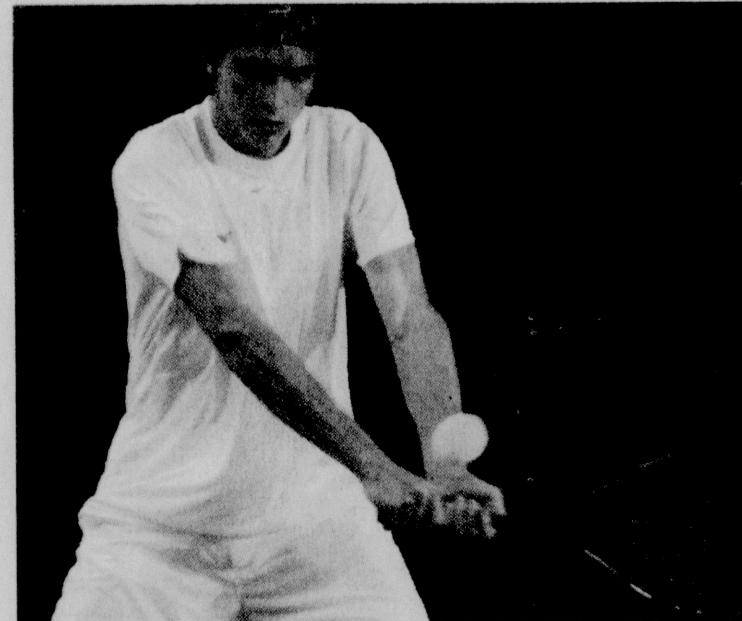


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Texas guard Royal Ivey waves to the crowd as he boards the bus on its way to San Antonio. The men's basketball team plays UConn Friday.

MEN'S TENNIS

UT looking to end problems on road



Caroling Lee/Daily Texan Staff

Texas freshman Antonio Ruiz takes a swing at a ball during a recent tennis match. The Longhorns travel to Oklahoma this weekend.

Texas travels across Red River for two key Big 12 matches

By Javier Perez Jr.
Daily Texan Staff

This year, the men's tennis team has suffered road woes on their journey to the NCAA Championships. The team is 3-4 when playing on the road or at a neutral site, including a dual match against Wichita State that had to be played in San Antonio due to rain.

Over the weekend, the team will look to end their problems by facing two conference opponents on the road in the form of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Texas almost had a chance to recover from a road loss at home as they were scheduled to host both UTSA and Texas A&M Corpus Christi last Tuesday, but both matches were canceled due to rain.

According to Coach Michael Center, the team has yet to string together a succession of matches where every singles player and doubles tandem plays complete tennis. Even though the team has had separate winning streaks of three and five matches, only two of those wins have come on the road — against San Diego State and defending national champions USC, back-to-back at the National Team Indoor Invitational. But those

two wins came after a crucial loss to Duke that knocked the team out of contention for the tournament title.

"We want to try and look at different doubles teams and singles lineups," said Center, who is having difficulty doing so because of three canceled matches at home due to weather. "It's really been a tough year because we need these matches and we need guys to go out there and play."

Because of the cancellations last Tuesday, Texas is now playing the second and third games of a three-match road trip against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. After this weekend, the team will return home and play six home matches before finishing the regular season on the road against rival A&M, who nearly beat them when the Texas Cup was played at the Pennick-Allison Center in early February.

However, it remains to be seen whether the weather will affect any of the six upcoming home matches.

In any case, this final road trip for Texas will most likely define whether the team is ready for the NCAA Championships and even the conference tournament.

Though the team will play at A&M before the Big 12 tournament, the pressure of a weekend at Oklahoma against two conference opponents will serve as a better gauge of how far the team has come in their ability to play multiple matches away from Austin.

NCAAs begin today in Austin

By J.J. McLaughlin
Daily Texan Staff

The waters are still, but there's a storm brewing deep in the heart of Texas, as this year's NCAA Swimming Championships are being held in Austin for the sixth time ever. The Longhorn swim team is set in the eye of that storm and will make a run for their fourth consecutive NCAA title starting today.

"This is going to be the fastest we've swam yet," said junior Olympic gold medalist and four-time NCAA champion Ian Crocker. "We have not even come close to our potential yet, and we're just really focused right now."

"It'll take everybody in the meet to have a great meet," said coach Eddie Reese. "If it's a slower meet, we will not fare as well, but we will swim well."

Texas will look for contributions from Crocker,

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NCAA SWIMMING SCHEDULE AND PARTICIPANTS

Swimming prelims will begin at 11 a.m. each day, with diving prelims starting at 1 p.m. All finals will start at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 27

200-Yard Freestyle Relay
500-Yard Freestyle
200-Yard Individual Medley
50-Yard Freestyle
1-Meter Diving
400-Yard Medley Relay

Friday, March 28

200-Yard Medley Relay
400-Yard Individual Medley
100-Yard Butterfly
200-Yard Freestyle

Friday, March 28 cont'd

100-Yard Breaststroke
100-Yard Backstroke
3-Meter Diving
800-Yard Freestyle Relay

Saturday, March 29

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Competitive childhood produces a Texas star

Key match wins moves UT's Baritot to No. 2 singles spot

By Elizabeth McGarr
Daily Texan Staff

She was just a kid on the tennis courts, but Kelly Baritot could hang with the boys. Her father and coach, Frank Baritot, knew that even at age 10, Kelly was a little bit different than the other kids he had coached.

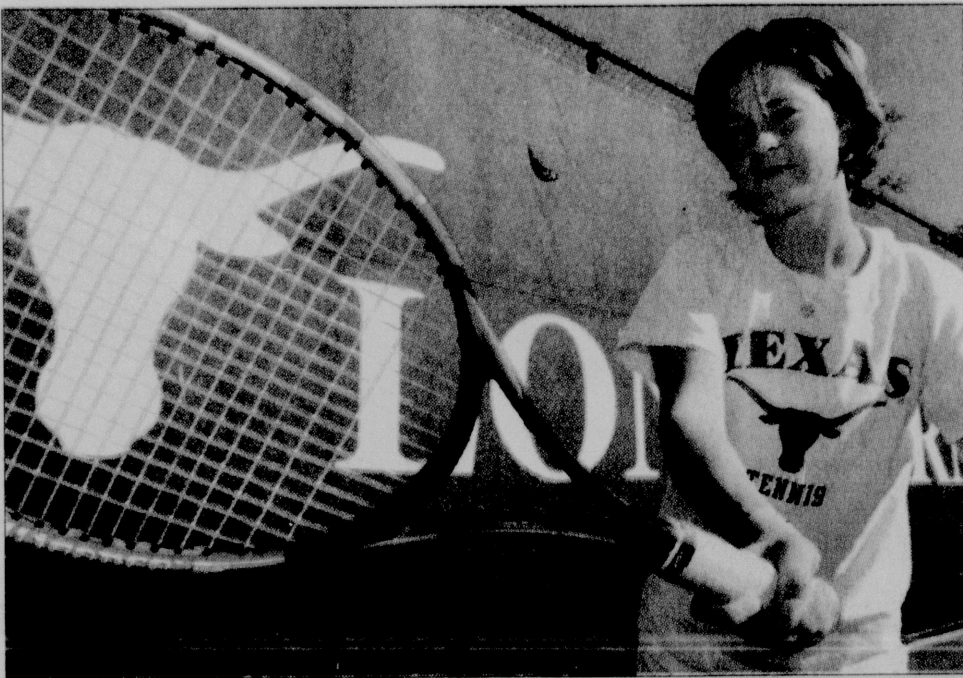
"I was standing next to the net post one day, and a 16-year-old boy hit a 100 mph serve at her," he said. "She ripped his forehead down the line at about 110."

The 18-year-old Texas freshman from Pittsburgh, Penn., admits that though she still finds it worthwhile to practice with boys — she did so when she was younger because of the challenge it provided — it's not the same nowadays.

"From when I was 16 on, they killed me," Kelly admitted with a laugh. "Their serve got way too good, and my serve didn't even faze them anymore."

But her serve and the rest of her game have begun to faze Longhorn opponents. Baritot started slow after a wrist injury sidelined her for much of the fall season. She opened the season 3-2 at the No. 5 position but began to play more consistently after the team traveled to South Bend, Ind., in early March to play then-No. 19 Notre Dame.

A singles win against the Fighting Irish, a three-set effort against a No. 1 Florida squad, and another singles win against



Alex Jones/Daily Texan Staff

Through consistency and hardwork, Texas freshman Kelly Baritot has become a staple at the top of the Longhorn line-up. Despite her nervousness, Baritot shines on the court.

then-No. 8 UCLA prompted coach Jeff Moore to move her up to the No. 4 spot. Three days later, she was playing in the No. 3 singles position.

"She just would not be denied every time she went out and therefore earned the promotion," Moore explained.

Then last weekend against Oklahoma

and Colorado, Baritot made a final jump up to the No. 2 spot.

"I was shocked. It made me nervous," Baritot said. "I had to still tell myself, 'OK, you're still playing No. 5,' but in the back of my mind, I was nervous."

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CREW

Longhorns look to prepare for future

By Jamey Ayers
Daily Texan Staff

With their success last weekend at the Longhorn Invitational at Town Lake, the Longhorn women's rowing crew is expecting similar results this weekend in a lone race against one of only two other conference rowing crews, the Kansas Jayhawks. This race is sure to be only a preview of the Big 12 Invitational held in early May.

The meet will be Kansas' first race of the spring season after its spring training, giving Texas the advantage of having more competitive races under their belt. Texas has competed in a total of three tournaments this spring including the Fighting Nutria Races, the Heart of Texas races and the Longhorn Invitational most recently.

Although the upcoming duel will be good practice for the Big 12 races, coach Carrie Graves is focused on the big picture, including the San Diego Crew Classic, an enormous and prestigious rowing tournament held annually.

Last year the varsity eight boat finished third in the Jessop-Whittier Cup Petite Finals in San Diego. This year both Texas and Kansas State, the other Big 12 rowing squad, will participate in the San Diego Classic in April.

For now, though, the upcoming contest with Kansas is on the minds of the rowers and coaches. "Texas was a faster boat last year than KU, but crews are different every year," Graves said. "You never know how fast an opponent will be, so you never hold anything back."

MEN'S TRACK

Texas opens outdoor season in Houston

By Carrie Crossman
Daily Texan Staff

Two weeks after finishing in 11th place at the NCAA Indoor Championships, the Longhorn men open their outdoor season this weekend in Houston.

The team, which is looking to be in the top five at the end of the season, had last week off in order to recover from the indoor season and prepare for the upcoming outdoor season.

The burnt-orange will take a partial squad to the Tom Tellez Invitational in preparation for the Texas Relays, where the coaches will be looking at whether positions in the short relay, the 100-meter dash and the 200 are set or not. Some runners will use the meet as an opportunity to run.

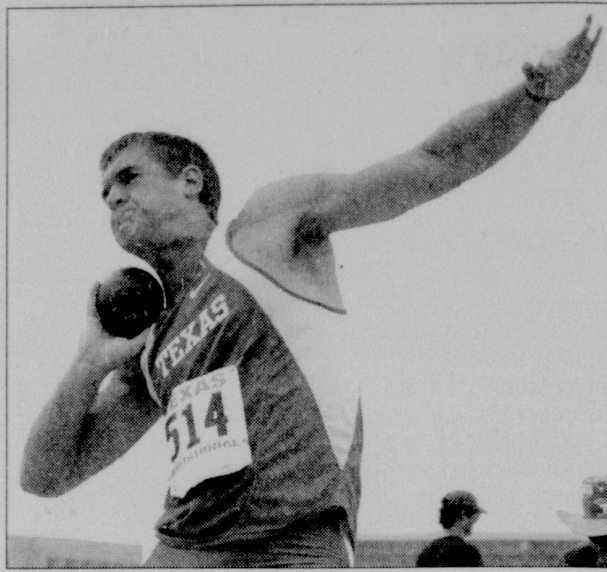
"We're always looking for some spectacular performances, but really for this time of year, going outdoors for the first time, we're looking more at technique and how they handle the event because we know the better performances are going to be at a big competition," head coach Bubba Thornton said.

"The first thing that I am looking forward to is to see [in the outdoor season] which individual or individuals are going to step up and take the responsibility that people like Ben Dawson demonstrated indoors," Thornton said.

"To understand the opportunity that they have and the responsibility that goes with that opportunity and understand that the expectation is high to see which guys really step up to that level."

Finishing a half-point out of first place in the conference meet and not finishing in the top five in the NCAA in the indoor season is something that the Longhorns are hoping to improve on in their outdoor events.

On Saturday, the men will get their first chance of moving toward their hopes of a top five finish.

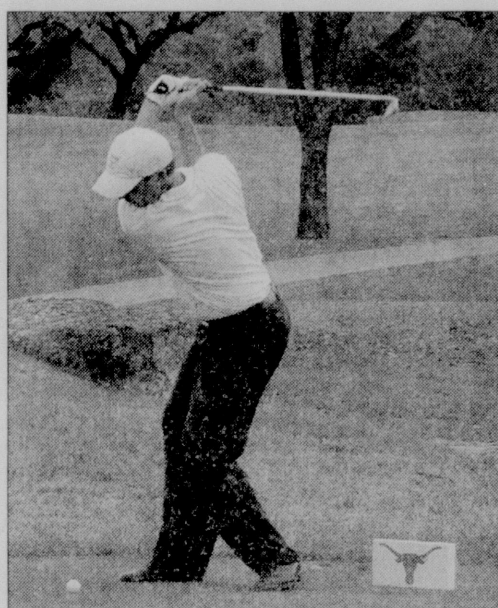


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Sophomore Gregg Schmedes prepares to put a shot in a meet. Texas is looking to better its indoor finish.

MEN'S GOLF

A Texas golfer takes a swing at a ball during the Morris Williams Intercollegiate, hosted March 17-18 by the Longhorns. Texas is led by junior Jason Hartwick and senior J.J. Wall.



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Texas looking for good finish at end of season

By Jordan Aleskin
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas men's golf team looks to capitalize on a stellar spring campaign by winning its first tournament of the 2002-2003 season next week. The Longhorns travel to Tucson to begin play Sunday in the National Invitation Tournament.

Eighth-ranked Texas has been one of the most consistent squads in the nation during the spring season, finishing in the top three in all four tournaments in which they have participated. The Longhorns have had victory in their sights in recent weeks,

taking final round leads into the Toyota Championship and Morris Williams Intercollegiate, only to see Oklahoma State rally in consecutive tournaments to keep Texas out of the winner's circle.

Due to those events, Texas is running out of time to medal in the 2002-2003 season as the National Invitational Tournament is the second to last regular tourney of the season. The par-72, 7138-yard Tucson National Golf Course will play host to a very strong 14-team field, including eight clubs ranked in the top 25.

If Texas is going to come out on top in Arizona, they will most likely be led by junior Jason Hartwick. Hartwick has finished in the top six in individual competition in his last three tourneys, including a first place tie in the Puerto Rico Shootout.

In addition to Hartwick, senior J.J. Wall will look to follow an impressive second place finish last week at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate with another strong showing in one of his last tournaments.

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Women's tennis hosts Wildcats

BARITOT, FROM 9

Tennis prowess seems to run in the freshman's blood as her sister Dena, 24, played collegiate tennis at the University of Wisconsin, and the elder Baritot never hesitates to offer a helpful hint or two, because she knows what Kelly is going through.

"She called me this [past] weekend to say that she was nervous," Dena said. "And I just told her that it doesn't matter if you're playing No. 1, No. 2 or No. 6. It's still a match, and you've still got to win. I'm really just proud of her that she's adjusted really well. It's more important that you're happy, getting along with the team, enjoying school — and I think she is."

Though she may be nervous before a match, Kelly exudes confidence on the court. She attributes her competitive nature in part to her dad, who coached her until her sophomore year in high school.

"I knew what he wanted out of me, and now I know what I'm capable of," Baritot said. "It means a lot to have him believe in me that much. He was an awesome coach. I would send anyone to him, and that's not just because he's my dad."

Frank Baritot knew when he saw Kelly return that 16-year-old boy's serve with ease that his daughter had something special.

"She wants to win, and she's willing to do anything it takes to prepare to win. Desire puts her in position to win every match."

Jeff Moore,
Texas head coach

"She's a competitor," he said. "She loves to compete — she'll show up. She didn't like to drill a lot, but the minute she said, 'Let's keep score,' okay, it's time to play."

Kelly's mother DeeAnna wasn't able to be as involved in Kelly's tennis life but knows that her daughter anticipates a fight each time she steps on the court.

"She plays with a lot of heart," DeeAnna said. "She may not be the best player out there, but she tries so hard."

That's one of the reasons why Moore wanted Baritot on his team.

"She wants to win, and she's willing to do anything it takes to prepare to win," Moore said. "Desire puts her in position to win every match."

Georgia also expressed interest in Baritot, but the spirited freshman knew Texas was the school for her the moment she set foot on campus.

"Texas had a lot of pride," Kelly said. "Jeff is so gung ho about Texas and about the team, and he likes to know how you are doing personally. At other schools, that's not there."

Despite the fact that she has won six of her last 10 singles matches — two of those losses came against top 5 opponents in three sets — Kelly knows that in college tennis, individual performances are not as important as the team itself.

"After this season, I don't want to think about how we did in terms of wins and losses, because we've overcome a lot of obstacles," she said. "I want to walk away from this season knowing that next year is going to be another positive experience."

Though the team is currently at .500 (7-7, 7-1), Baritot and the Longhorns haven't had an easy schedule this season. All of Texas' non-conference opponents have been ranked in the Top 25 and foes Florida, USC, and California have all been ranked in the top 5.

Texas takes on No. 26 Northwestern at 5:30 p.m. today at the Pennick-Allison Tennis Center, and Baritot will likely play junior Jessica Rush, who is currently No. 80 in the nation. Rush returns to Texas after holding the No. 1 ranking in the state her senior year at the Hockaday School in Dallas.

Longhorns look to take advantage of swimming at home pool

SWIMMING, FROM 9

who is a point scorer at the national level in sprint freestyles.

Senior five-time All-American and Big 12 swimmer of the month Chris Kemp will enter his third NCAA Championship and is a favorite to bring home the title in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events.

"It's extremely exciting because

it's my senior year, in our home pool, and in front of our home fans," said Kemp. "This is the time of the year where we get to swim our fastest."

Junior Brendan Hansen, a four time NCAA champion and eight-time NCAA All-American, is the reigning king of the breaststroke holds the fastest times in the 100-

and 200-yard backstroke with times of 53.24 and 1:55.74.

Freshman Aaron Peirsol, an Olympic silver medalist and Big 12 Freshman of the Year, is a world record holder in the 200-meter backstroke and has become a major contributor to the team. He is also undefeated in the 200-yard backstroke at 6-0. With the champi-

onships being held in Texas' pool, Crocker hopes that the season's success will carry over into the championships at home.

"I think that home field is important because it's one of the fastest pools in the world, and it should be really exciting," said Crocker. "This is what we've been training for all season long, and it's

nice that it's home."

The burnt-orange are ranked No. 5 coming into the final showdown and recently cruised through the Big 12 Championships by winning 16 of the 21 events en route to their seventh conference crown. Competition will begin today at 11 a.m. at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas swim center.



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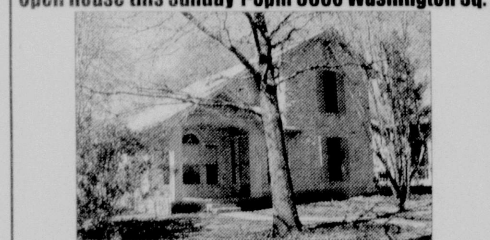
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Colburn was competent despite illness, say court's psychologists

By Rotimi Agbabiaka
Daily Texan Staff

Convicted mentally ill murderer James Colburn was executed at 6 p.m. Wednesday, despite last-minute attempts by his lawyers to delay the execution, bringing an end to a protracted legal battle over the Texas policy on execution of the mentally ill.

A petition for writ of certiorari

was filed with the Supreme Court early Wednesday as well as pleadings in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seeking to delay the execution, on the grounds that Colburn, who had been diagnosed with chronic schizophrenia, was incompetent to face execution, said principal attorney James Rytting.

These efforts were the latest in a string of appeals and arguments on whether or not Colburn fully understood his crime and the reason for his punishment. His lawyers contend that his schizophrenia, which caused him to experience delusions and hallucinations as well as display

psychotic behavior, prevented him from understanding the reason for his punishment. Prosecutors, however, insist that Colburn was fully competent to face execution.

"I know it was a mistake," Colburn said in a final statement. "I have no one to blame but myself."

Last October, a pair of court-appointed psychologists interviewed Colburn and declared that despite his mental illness, he understood that he was about to be executed and the reason behind his execution. Under Texas law, this is proof of a convict's mental competence.

In February this year, Diane Mosnik, a professor at the Baylor College of Medicine, was hired by Colburn's lawyers to examine him. She declared that Colburn

"The issues are just as strong. We were able to show that [Colburn was] not competent to face execution."

James Rytting,
principal attorney

did not fully understand that he was responsible for the 1994 murder of Peggy Murphy.

A stay granted by the U.S. Supreme Court prevented his execution in November last year, although the court eventually declined to hear his position and allowed the Texas trial court to schedule the execution. Rytting hoped that this time, the outcome would be different.

"The issues are just as strong," he said. "We were able to show that [Colburn was] not competent to face execution."

This case has added more fuel to the fires of Texans who advocate a moratorium on the death

penalty in Texas due to what they perceive as its inadequacies and fatal shortcomings.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has introduced a bill, which made it out of the committee this week, that would allow Texans to vote on whether to allow the governor to grant reprieves and extensions to people on death row.

"This will be in order to give more time to do whatever tests are needed," said Mike Lavigne, a spokesman for the senator. "It's a controversial issue, but it looks like [the bill] may have a future," he said.

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16 A man's "better half"

18 Ivy League school, familiarly

19 LOER-PRICED BOOK

21 Better

22 Bring action against

23 Intraoffice linkup: Abbr.

25 Walker, for short

26 Gilbert & Sullivan princess

29 It may come in buckets

32 Where water is poured on the rocks

34 1985 Literature Nobel

35 SAIN LOUIS BASEBALL SQUAD

38 Fish preparer's task

39 Booze

40 Worked in a judge's office

42 Due before five?

43 Where, to Caesar

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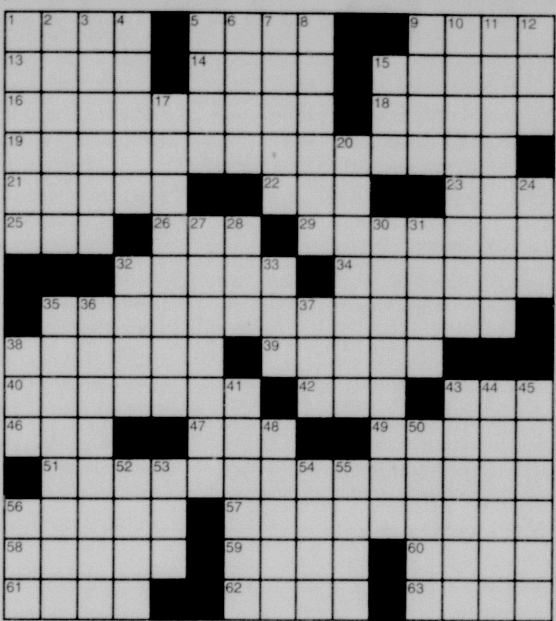
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- 6 Peak in Thessaly
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- 8 Relax
- 9 Hemingway sobriquet
- 10 Cirrus, say
- 11 Ala holders
- 12 "Silent Night" adjective
- 15 62-Across, e.g.
- 17 Lettering liquid
- 20 Come again?
- 24 Storm heading: Abbr.
- 27 Castle section
- 28 Symbol of industry
- 30 Money put on a horse to finish second



- Puzzle by Joe DiPietro
- 31 Meticulousness

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33 Sighed sounds

35 Opposite of "from now on"

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WHALE by: Joseph Devens.

NO THANKS, PIG. I HAVE AN AUDITION TODAY DOWNTOWN FOR THE PART OF JEAN VALJEAN AND I NEED TO STUDY MY LINES.

OH, HET MONOLITH. WANT TO COME OVER AND PLAY AND RISK?

YEAH, THEY WANTED SOMEONE OLDER WITH MORE BROADWAY EXPERIENCE. AND ARMS.

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Why are you wearing a shirt with a dollar sign on it? I just gotta ta let the fly honeys know I'm money, playa.

Plus, it's way cooler looking than the sign for yen.

I think you're just trying to get my goat.*

Well, I've been wanting tha + goat for years!

*It's an expression dammit.

A Luther/Joe Conversation, sort of

Moby Dick sounds really dirty.

DRUNK ANIMALS

I JUST WISH THE EARTH WOULD SHAKE IT ONE TIME FOR ME.

SHAKE WHAT?

WOO HOO! THAT'S MY PLANET RIGHT THERE! MOVE THAT THANG, YOU BLUE SEXY BEAST! AIN'T NO SHAME IN THAT GAME! WORK THE HEMISPHERES!

(they are standing on the moon)

Gobble This Obelisk

By Geoff Cook
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and on...

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Oh God no! I'm not ready to die!

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There's a war going on in the Middle East

yeah! know!

Let's go shopping!

OK!

bliss.

Chris Rock becomes president in new comedy 'Head of State'



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks

Old friends Chris Rock and Bernie Mac play running mates in Rock's directorial debut *Head of State*.

STATE, FROM 16

"We come up with an idea, we sit down, work out a treatment," Rock said about his working relationship with LeRoi. "I pace around while Ali writes down my ramblings, and puts sense to it a lot of the time. It's a good working relationship. I don't believe you can do comedy with strangers, because your friends know what's funny about you. I think this is the best movie I've done because I've worked with my friends."

The addition of another

friend of Rock's, Bernie Mac — who plays his brother and running mate in the film — made for a more laid-back and entertaining atmosphere on the set of *Head of State*. The idea of Mac in the supporting role came naturally to Rock even before casting the picture.

"It was just the idea I had from two or three years ago. I was just like, 'Ooh, big brother and Bernie Mac' and that was before he had a show [*The Bernie Mac Show* on FOX]," Rock said. "I've probably known Bernie for 15 or 16 years. I'm just a big Bernie Mac fan. It works perfect because he's a lit-

tle older than me; he's a little bigger than me. It works: We're probably going to do something else together."

Along with LeRoi and Mac, Rock got some advice from several of the directors he has worked with, such as Neil LaBute (*Nurse Betty*) and Joel Schumacher (*Bad Company*). But Kevin Smith, who directed Rock in *Jay and Silent Bob Strike*

Back, was the most encouraging. That confidence gave him the boost he needed to tackle this first film project.

"I was real lucky with this because they actually gave me a lot of money, so it wasn't like I had to do a lot of kamikaze things," Rock said. "I did a lot of movies before I directed, so nothing really shocked me. The challenges were technical things — lights and sound, and organizing the crew and stuff like that. It was just great to get more jokes in a movie that I've had before."

Rock cited a few more directors he tries to emulate — like Woody Allen and Charlie Chaplin ("He used to write his movies, produce them, direct them and do the score for the movie — not that I'm planning on doing that," Rock said). The material sometimes dictates what form the comedy will be

in, whether it is stand-up or film, he said.

"Stand-up is hard, and it's limiting in a sense. All your ideas don't just fit into stand-up, some of your ideas are just bigger," Rock said. "The idea of *Head of State* is bigger than stand-up."

But Rock went on to talk about the difficulties that come with directing.

"Directing myself was probably the most difficult challenge ... just taking enough time with me. I have six younger brothers. It's very easy to not take care of my own needs and move on to help other people out. In doing this movie, a lot

of the times I had to make myself do an extra take or whatever. It's important that you take care of you."

In wanting to knock down taboo boundaries and explore new comedic terrain, his over-the-top persona is still ever-present in his films, but the comedian is always trying to do new things with it, constantly keeping his material fresh with new outlooks on life.

"It's a new day, and I think I have a new career in a sense," Rock said. "I don't know if I'm trying to emulate anybody. I'm trying to create a bar for some kid to follow."

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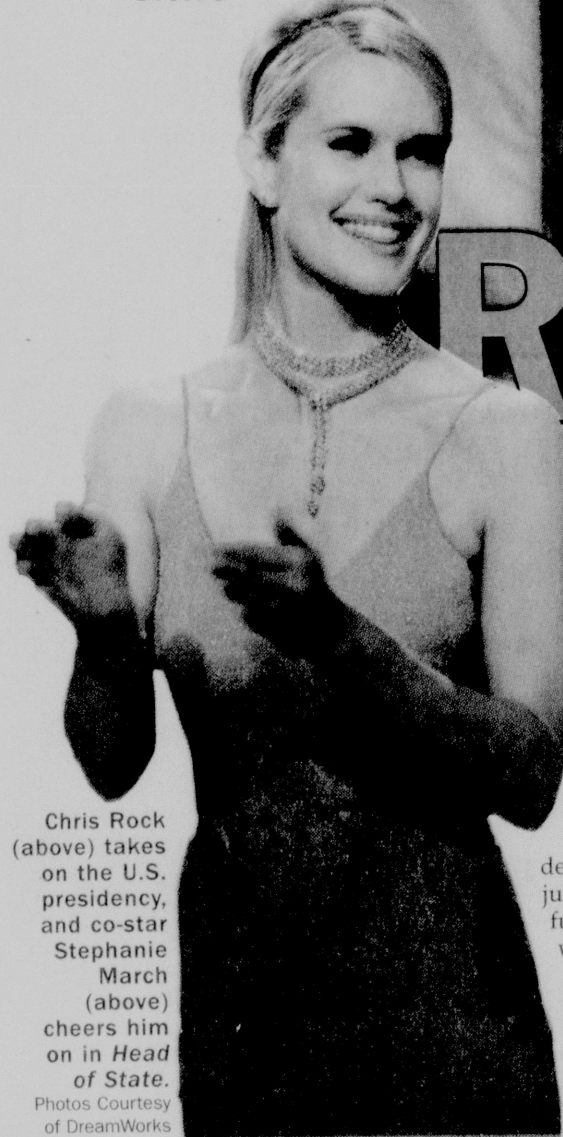
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Multi-talented funnyman Chris Rock calls the shots (to a warm reception) in his directorial debut 'Head of State'



Chris Rock (above) takes on the U.S. presidency, and co-star Stephanie March (above) cheers him on in *Head of State*. Photos Courtesy of DreamWorks

By Kevin Taylor
Daily Texan Staff

Talking with Chris Rock is an unusual experience. Anyone who has seen even a glimpse of his stand-up comedy persona — which is boisterous, rambling and very funny — might be surprised that he's not always like that.

In person, he gives short and direct answers, detached from the whole press junket process. He's still funny, just in a more low-key way.

Yet it's humbling to discover that he considers himself a regular guy who needs to get paid for doing something, somehow. For Rock, it just happens to be

comedy — and can we imagine him in any other position?

The 37-year-old comic has now taken on an entirely new role by directing his first film. In his directorial debut, *Head of State* (which opens in theaters Friday), the current Democratic presidential candidate unexpectedly dies, leaving party members in need of a last-minute replacement. Mays Gilliam (Rock), a Washington, D.C., neighborhood alderman, is in the right place at the right time: He ends up sweeping the election, becoming the new president of the United States.

Rock, who believes there will be a black president someday, said he could never picture himself running for office.

"Me and politics?" Rock said. "I hope not. I'd do Hollywood Squares before that."

But Rock said *Head of State* is not his way of voicing disdain for the government.

"I wouldn't go that far. I'd say it's a form to make fun of politics in general. Just have fun with it — more jokes. I'm just a come-

CELEBRITY QUOTE O' THE DAY
"That's what my first boyfriend said."
— **Queen Latifah**, after a photographer told her the flashbulb wouldn't hurt if she stayed "perfectly still."

Rock'n' Role

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFLY

Rolling Stones forge ahead with Singapore concert

SINGAPORE — The Rolling Stones went ahead with a concert in Singapore Wednesday despite an outbreak of deadly flu in the city state that has claimed one life and pushed more than 700 people into quarantine.

"It's not canceled," said Ben Munroe, head of Cazbaa, the promoter of the Stones' Licks World Tour in Singapore.

"Everyone knew there was flu before they arrived, and despite that the Stones still came."

Earlier Wednesday, Singapore's Health Ministry reported the first death here as a result of the mystery illness known as severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

The outbreak has sickened another 68 people in Singapore, and officials have ordered more than 700 people quarantined.

According to the band's Web site, the Stones also will perform Friday and Saturday in Hong Kong, where many have been wearing surgical masks in public hoping to avoid the disease.

Crowe cheers Kidman's Oscar win for 'The Hours'

Russell Crowe cheered fellow Australian Nicole Kidman's Oscar win for *The Hours*, saying her "dedication, brilliance, resilience and generosity has been lauded, applauded and finally handsomely rewarded."

Kidman, 35, became the first Australian to win the best-actress Oscar. She won the award, which was presented Sunday at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif., for her performance as Virginia Woolf.

"I couldn't be happier for her, her family, her pets, everyone," said Crowe, who won the best-actor Oscar in 2001 for his role in *Gladiator*.

Kidman said she was shocked when Denzel Washington announced her name.

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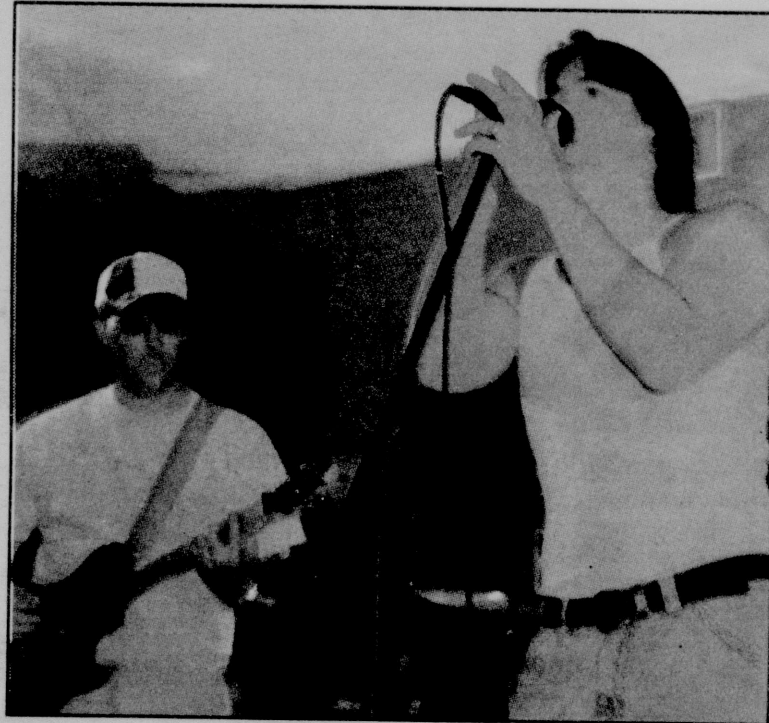
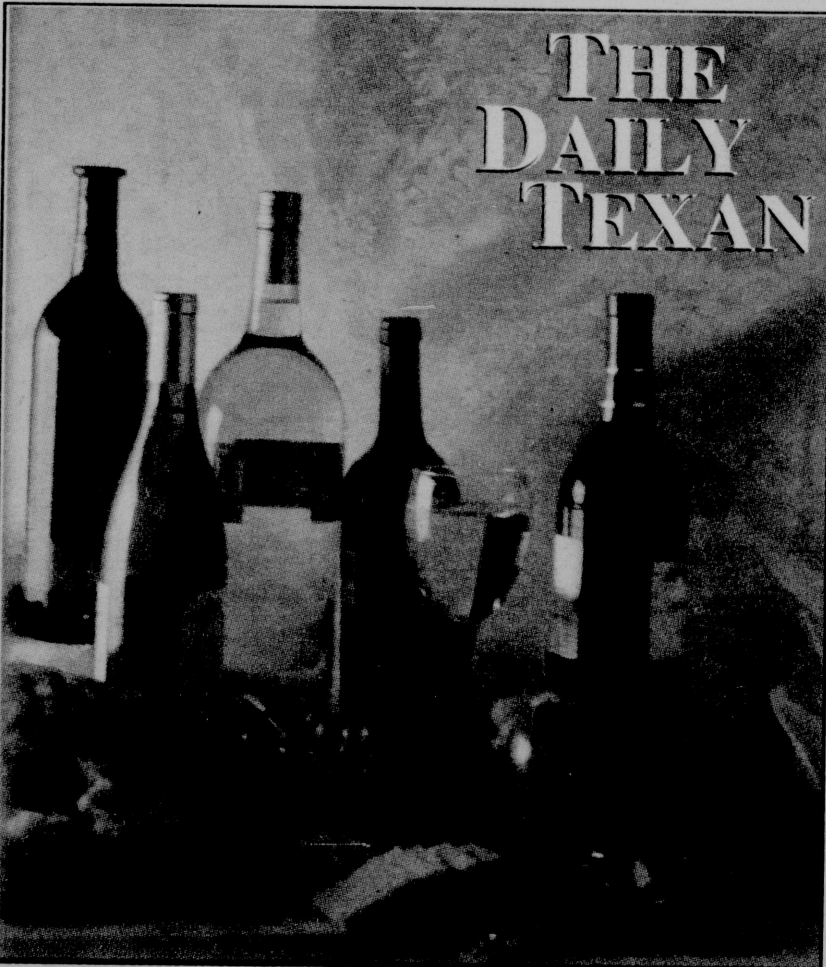
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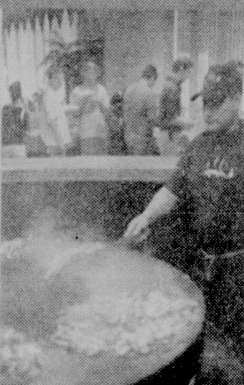
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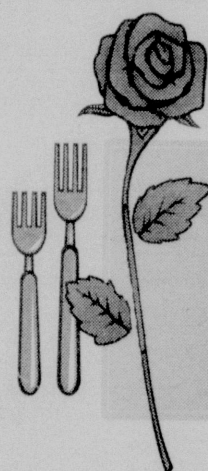
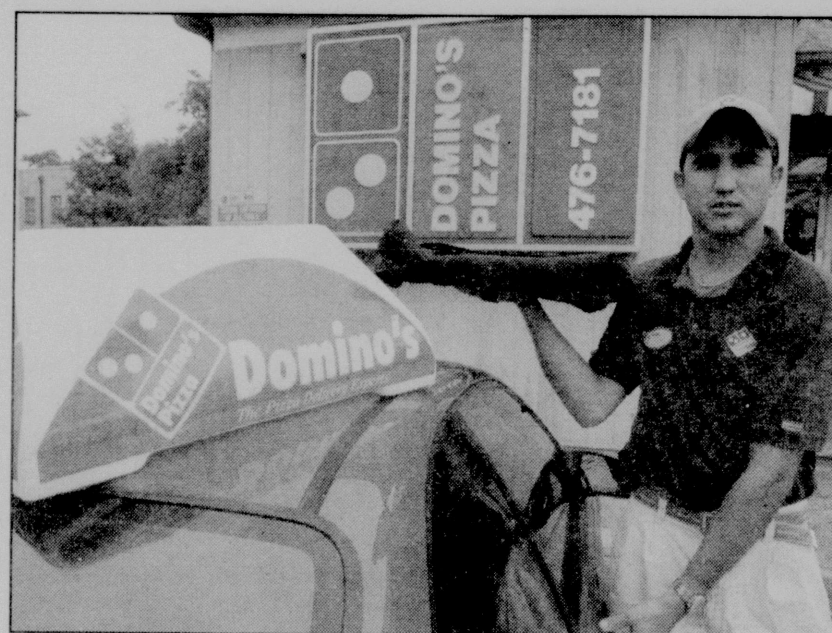


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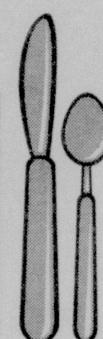
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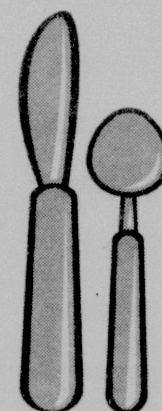
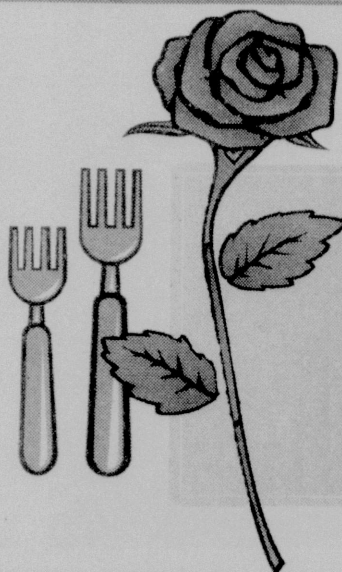
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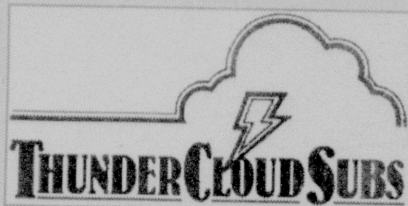
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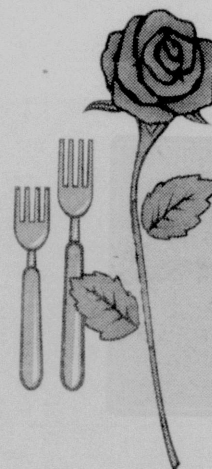
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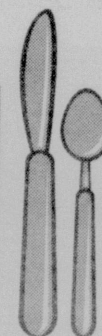
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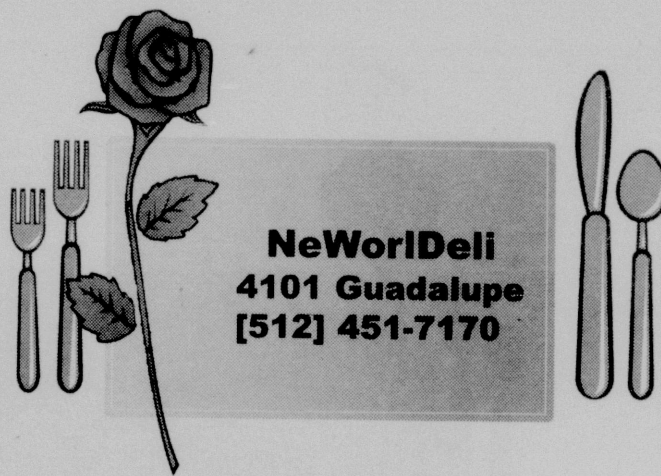


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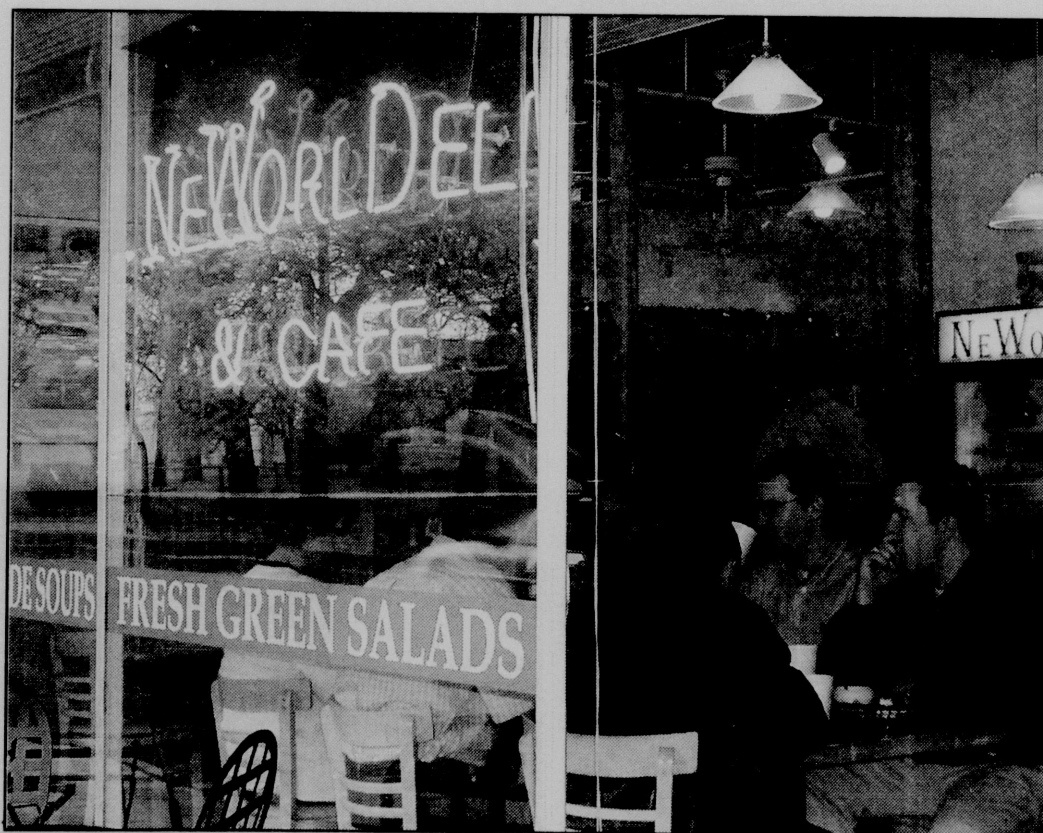
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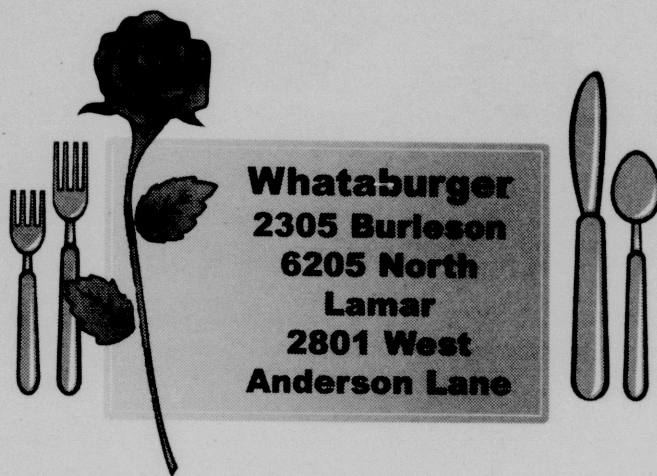


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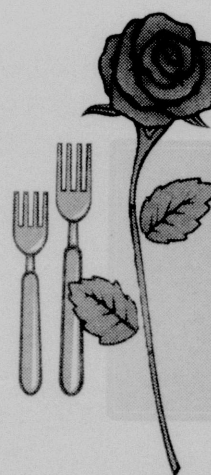
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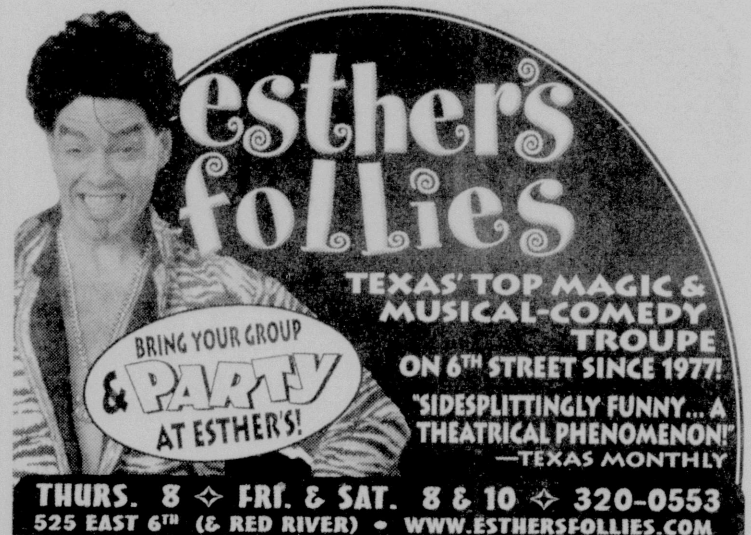
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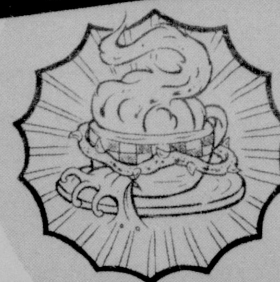
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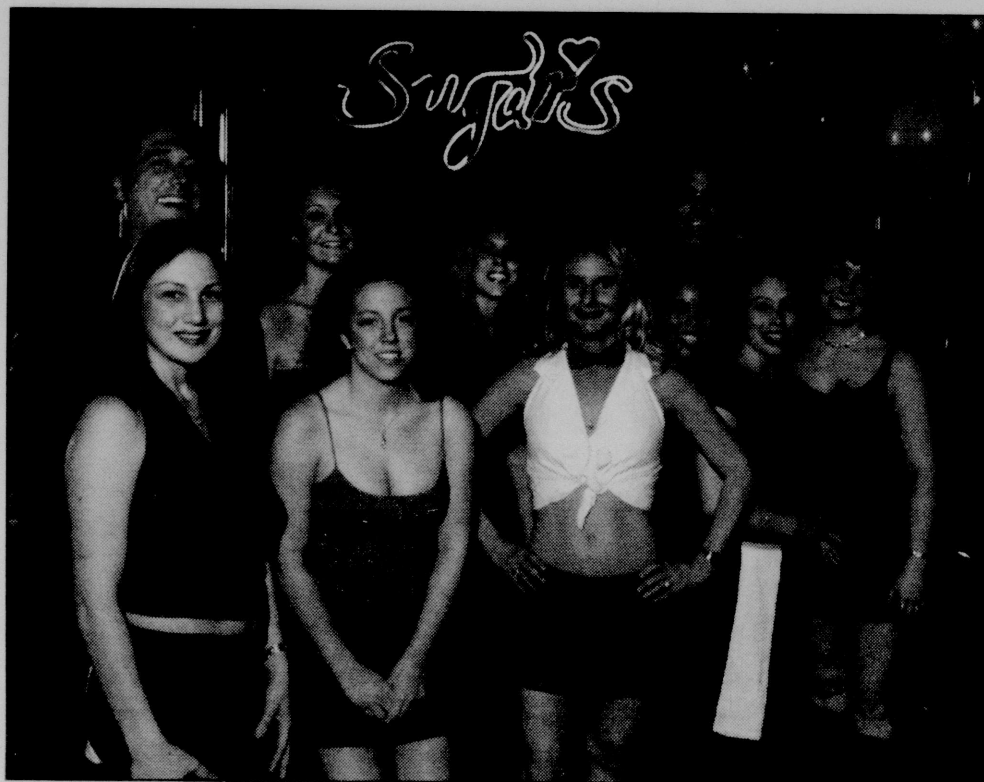
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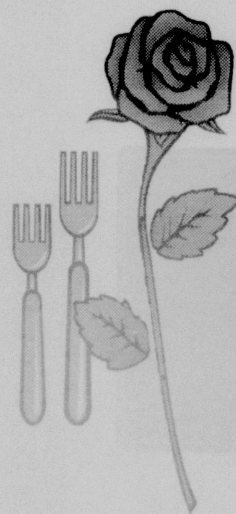


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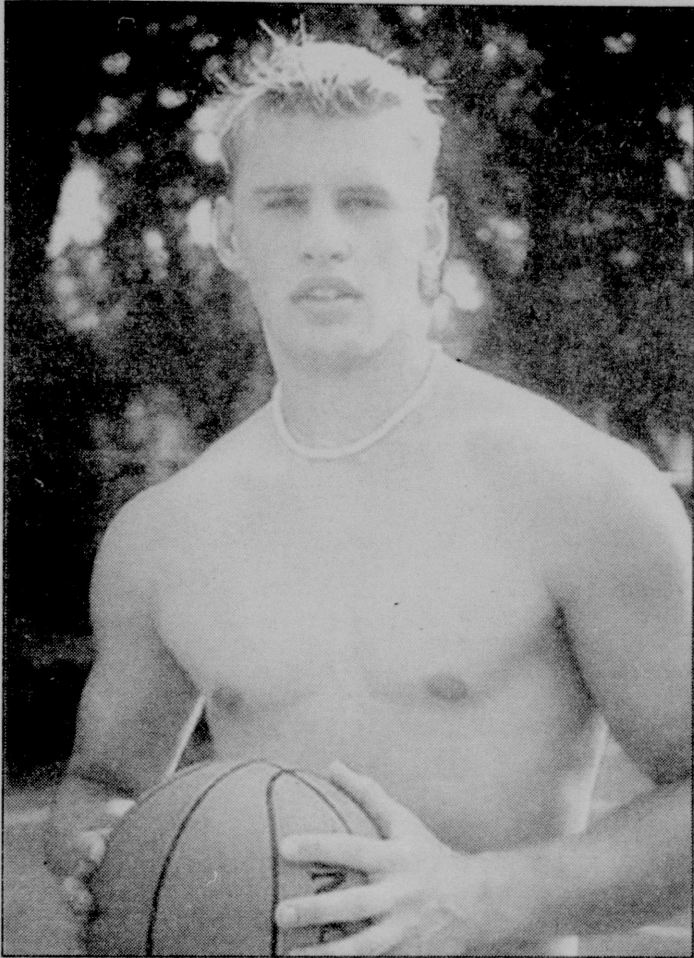
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