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Voters stomp Union plan

Krissah Williams
Daily Texan Staff

Students rejected 3-to-1 a new \$29 per semester fee Thursday to build and maintain a student union on the northeast side of campus.

In the referendum, 2,729 students voted against the union proposal; 982 voted for it. About 7 percent of the student body voted, less than the 10 percent turnout for last spring's Student Government elections.

Students voted Wednesday and

Thursday whether to impose the fee, which would have paid for half of the proposed union building's \$33 million construction cost and for its maintenance. Under the proposal, the fee would have been implemented after the union's completion.

UT officials have said they would have considered paying the other half of the \$33 million construction cost.

Supporters of the new union said they might call for another referendum to determine if students were

willing to pay only for the union building's operating and maintenance costs.

"The union could still be built, but only if students provide the University with proof that they will pay for the operating costs of the new union," said Prescott Caballero, chairman of the Texas Union Board of Directors.

Under such a proposal, Caballero said, students would only be required to pay about \$18 per semester in additional fees.

Caballero was also chairman of

the Build the Union Committee, which campaigned for the fee increase. The group spent \$3,110 on advertisements and a private Web site to encourage students support the referendum.

The union has been proposed for northeast campus near Waller Creek, immediately south of Ernest Cockrell, Jr. Hall. It would primarily serve students in the College of Engineering, the UT School of Law and the College of Fine Arts.

Supporters said a new union would ease overcrowding in the

Texas Union building and serve the growing student population.

Opponents of the union proposal rejoiced Thursday.

"I'm thankful that this preposterous proposition died such a miserable and humiliating death," said Sonia Mohammed, chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas. "We've shown the Texas Union Board of Directors that hell will freeze over before we allow them to subject us to their ridiculous tax-and-spend agenda."

Indeed, the vote against the

union was overwhelming, said SG Vice President Randy Cooke.

"In political terms, I think they'd call this a spanking," Cooke said.

Groups that rarely agree on political issues — the College Republicans, Students for Access and Opportunity, and the Young Conservatives of Texas among others — rallied together against the union proposal.

"I couldn't be happier," said Cameron Hall, vice chairman for

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Damn we're BIG

UT becomes most populous campus

Both Wawerna
Daily Texan Staff

Although the University is now officially the biggest single campus in the nation, many UT officials said Thursday bigger isn't always better.

With preliminary student enrollment at 48,866 this fall, the University finally surpassed Ohio State University, whose fall enrollment figures show a 48,278-member student body. The University has been gaining on Ohio State since 1995.

"Bad news," said UT Interim President Peter T. Flawn.

Flawn said when the University reaches such a large size, complications arise for students and administrators.

"This institution works very well at 48,000 students," he said. "Something bad happens at 48,001 — everything gets saturated."

For the past four years, the University has been working under an enrollment management plan to keep enrollment at about 48,000 students.

"It is very much in our interest to hold enrollment at 48,000," Flawn said. "We'll earn a little bit more money through the formula, but that will be offset by the overcrowding."

UT enrollment has been fluctuating slightly over the past few years, but jumped from 48,008 in fall 1996 to 48,866 this year.

Both the University and Ohio State have been trying to trim enrollment since 1991. The University decided to reduce the size of the student popula-

tion after the student body reached almost 51,000 in 1990.

Scott Haley, director of admissions at Ohio State, agreed that having a sizable university often creates problems accommodating students' educational needs.

"Not being number one in that area doesn't hurt my feelings," Haley said. "We just want our students to know that a big place can be small."

Haley said by downsizing, Ohio State officials have increased the academic quality of the incoming freshman class, which has helped the university achieve many of its goals.

Ohio State has dropped from 50,623 students in 1993 to 48,278 this fall.

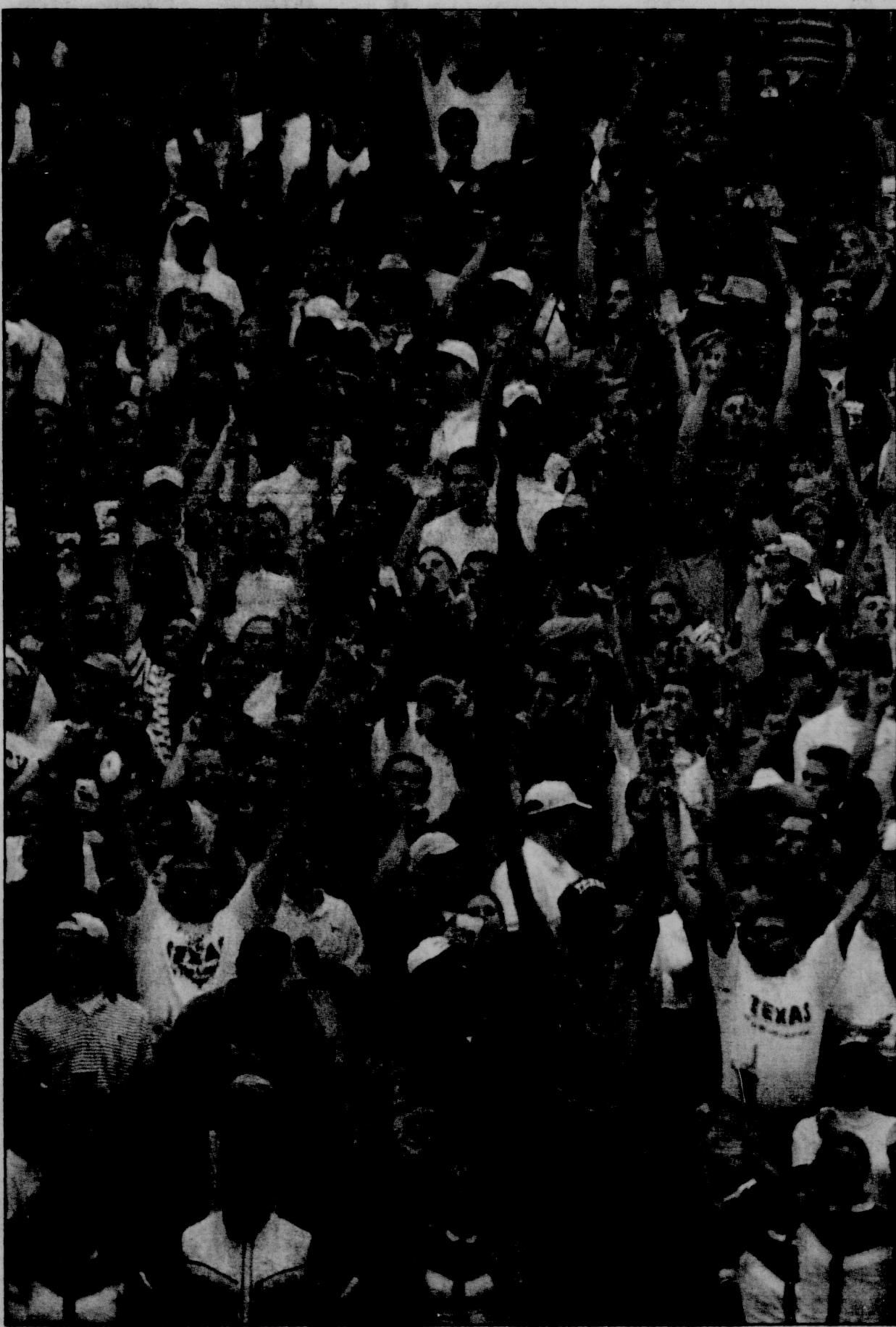
"The reason we have downsized is because we were unable to provide a quality education to our students," Haley said. "You just can't accommodate them with all of the support services that they need."

Many UT officials say they attribute the recent rise in enrollment to the University's experimentation with a new admissions system and criteria.

When the University altered its undergraduate admissions application for the 1997-98 school year to include three essay questions, more higher caliber students applied, said Augustine Garza, UT deputy director of admissions.

"As we changed our admissions process, we may have attracted more serious appli-

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The University of Texas, with its large student body, attracts many people to student activities, such as this football game.

Students pick favorite statue

Derek Rowan
Daily Texan Staff

A poll of more than 2,000 UT students, faculty and staff shows they prefer the proposed statue of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. sculpted by Jeffrey Hanson Varilla and Ana-Koh Varilla over four other statue proposals.

Comments about the statue proposals were received by the UT Office of Public Affairs from Sept. 23 to Oct. 21. Maquettes, or mini-statues of each proposal, were first displayed in the Peter T. Flawn Academic Center Sept. 23.

"While this was in no way a scientific polling of the campus community, we are extremely pleased that so many students, faculty, staff and administrators and Austin area residents commented on the sculptures," said Terry Wilson, MLK Sculpture Project Committee chairman and associate director of the Office of Public Affairs.

When the MLK Sculpture Project Committee makes its decision next week, the statue will be built on the East Mall.

The Varilla proposal features King in doctoral robes set on a pedestal composed of four brass reliefs showing the Lincoln Memorial where King made his famous. Included are, the "I Have a Dream" speech, one showing King in the Birmingham Alabama jail and another depicting peaceful demonstrators enduring racism and abuse.

About 48 percent of the overall student comments supported the proposal by Jeffrey Hanson Varilla and Ana-Koh Varilla. Support for the other statue ideas were divided with 37 percent going to the proposal by Ed Dwight, 8 percent to Ralph Helmick's statue proposal, 5 percent to Wendy Ross' proposal and 2 percent to Tina Allen's.

The comments will be forwarded to the MLK sculpture committee for consideration in the selection process for the real statue, Wilson said.

Once the committee makes the selection, it will be forwarded to UT Interim President Peter Flawn who will request final approval from the UT System Board of Regents meeting in November.

The five sculptors were each paid \$5,000 to construct the maquettes. The sculptor chosen to create the statue will be paid \$500,000 to complete the project. The sculpture is funded by a four-year, \$1-per-semester student fee.

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Campus Index

■ Daylight Savings Time ends. Be sure and set your clock back one hour Saturday night.

Parents Weekend

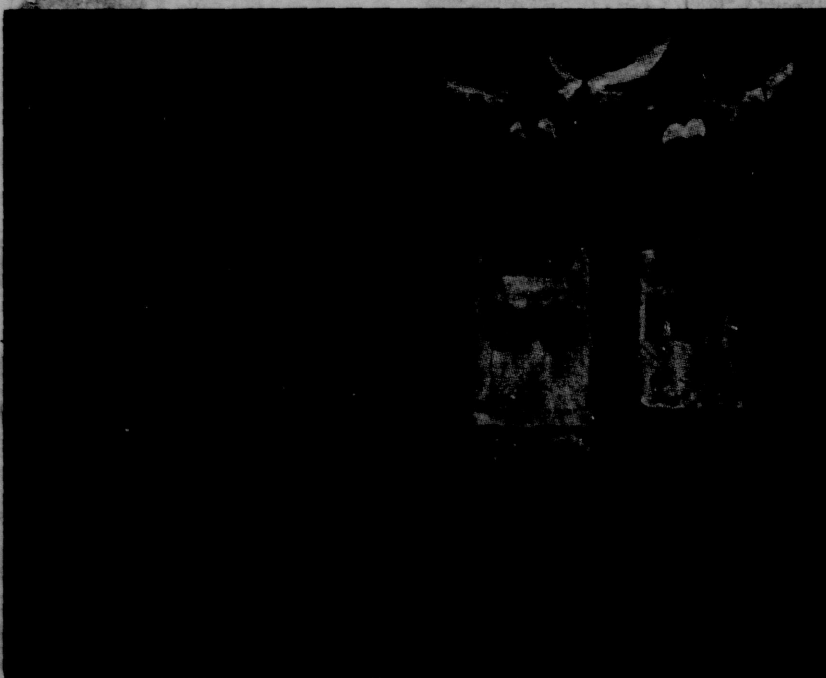
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OK, quick, clean up the 85 empty beer bottles off the bookshelf and take the 60 nude posters off the wall. Maybe I can get some free meals out of this.

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Activities abound for Parents' Weekend



The Texas Spirit painted the windows of the Co-op in preparation for Parents' Weekend.

Brian Gaar
Daily Texan Staff

Some UT students will stow their beer-bottle collections and return forgotten underwear to their rightful owners Friday in preparation for Parents' Weekend Oct. 25 and 26.

"It's a great opportunity to have families come to the campus and see the University through the students' eyes," said Meda Barnes, assistant director of the University Development Office.

But students fearful the Longhorns game Saturday might put a damper on Mom and Dad's spirits will have plenty of activities to keep them entertained.

The UT Parents' Association will host a breakfast in the Texas Union Ballroom Saturday, which will include a question-and-answer session with Senior Vice President William Livingston.

Parents can also take campus tours, learn about campus services

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University Development Office

and enjoy a catered lunch at the Parents Information Tailgate Party at noon Saturday. The program is sponsored by the Parents' Association and the UT Division of Housing and Food Service.

The Student Involvement Committee, a division of the Ex-Students' Association, is co-sponsoring the tailgate party.

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October 23, 1997

Mr. Prescott Caballero
Chair, The Texas Union Board of Directors
UNB 4.124

Dear Mr. Caballero:

This letter is notification of the official results of the Texas Union referendum held on October 22 and 23, 1997 (ballot wording attached).

982

Approve

2729

Do Not Approve

The referendum proposal was not approved.

Sincerely,

Bill Olick

The decision on the new union was announced shortly after 4 p.m.

MLK

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The Office of Public Affairs released some of the comments about the proposed sculptures.

The Varilla proposal is "very appropriate for a university environment, the most in sync with the UT Master Plan. [King] shows a spirit of compassion, the emphasis on unity and brotherhood in his outstretched hand. The message is forgiving, uncomplicated and simple, as was MLK's message," one person wrote.

Dwight's maquette features King standing placed on top of figures of Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks and Mahatma Gandhi. The site plan includes a summary of King's accomplishments and a history of King's civil rights struggle.

"I felt that Mr. Dwight's piece was most successful in being an all-encompassing view of King's life, and I also value its recognition that King did not work alone. I feel that his inclusion of the four other persons in this piece is very meaningful," wrote one Dwight supporter.

Helmick's proposal is a large bronze recreation of King's head with excerpts of King's speeches and writings engraved in the texture of the civil rights leader's hair.

"As an image (in and of itself) it is the most striking of the entries and would be most memorable.

Also, the most approachable, accessible, the most innovative and unusual," one poll stated supporting the Hemlick statue.

The Ross proposal depicts King, with arm outstretched before a granite boulder and a book by Gandhi in the other arm. In addition, the base features plaques with significant King quotes.

One supporter of the Ross statue said the art "represents MLK as a friend to all and reaching out to our Maker."

Allen's maquette features King in doctoral robes, holding a globe. King's head is slightly facing upward in reference to his faith as a component of his greatness.

An Allen supporter wrote, "Dr. King preaching on the world has a more universal appeal than preaching from a scripture. Also, I don't think he was about being put on a pedestal."

These comments and others will be made available to each MLK sculpture committee member at a meeting on Tuesday. At that time, all of the artists, the committee, the expert panel of jurors and the facilitators from the Texas Commission on the Arts will convene to interview each finalist to decide which artist will be awarded the commission for the project, Wilson said.

Union

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membership of the College Republicans. "They said the purpose was to build community and unity, and in a perverse way, it has. It brought together all students to oppose the new union."

Students for Access and Opportunity agreed that students don't need another union building.

"I don't think it's justified," said Jemima Pierre, an SAO representative.

"Students need many other things, such as lab equipment and other educational tools."

Supporters of the new union, who said the building would help promote campus community, said the vote hurt the implementation of the UT Campus Master Plan, the long-term plan for building construction at the University.

The Master Plan calls for two new union buildings on campus.

"I was very disappointed. We wanted to make a place where people would want to come and want to be, and now it looks like we're going to have to wait to do that," said Austin Gleason, chairman of

the UT Master Plan Committee.

But Hall of the College Republicans, who is an engineering sophomore, said another union is an amenity, not a necessity.

"Necessities are things like new academic buildings, more professors and expanded buildings in the area," he said.

Peter Johnston, a first-year geology graduate student, said walking from east campus to the current union is inconvenient.

"I have to come all the way over here for coffee everyday," Johnston said.

"I don't mind the exercise, but sometimes the weather is bad."

Caballero has said the union would have included meeting spaces, food outlets and possibly a nice restaurant and hotel.

Paul Weber contributed to this report.

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Parents: Weekend an opportunity to see kids in action

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Annie Holand, co-chairwoman of the committee, said the events are "a great opportunity for parents to come in and learn about what students go through day after day."

Holand said the weekend will provide parents with the chance to experience the daily lives of students, including eating in the dorms and walking around campus.

"They can see that it really does

take 15 minutes to get from one building on campus to another," she added.

Optimistic Longhorn fans and their parents can also attend Saturday's football game versus the University of Colorado Buffaloes.

The Ex-Students' Association is also sponsoring a pregame reception for parents, which will include free food and festivities for all. The

reception will be held in the Lila B. Etter Alumni Center and will begin two and a half hours before kickoff.

"The Ex-Students' Association is pleased to welcome all UT parents to the Alumni Center," said Nancy Kocurek, executive council coordinator for the group. "We love students, and we love parents, and we work really hard to make programs

Big: UT now has the biggest student body in the United States

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cants," Garza said.

UT admissions officials admitted about 500 more freshman for the 1996-97 school year, he said. But the University also experienced a higher yield that year, which resulted in about 600 more students in the freshman class, Garza added.

Having such high enrollment at the freshman and sophomore levels requires the various departments at the University to manage their resources differently, he said.

"Getting too big will force us to rethink how we teach our entry-level students," Garza said. "In that

sense, it does challenge the University."

UT admissions officials announced Monday a new application for the upcoming school year to comply with the state's new top 10 percent law and maintain diversity in the absence of affirmative action.

Garza said the application consists of two essays and a number of more detailed questions about applicants' backgrounds, adding that UT admissions officials are now looking at more than just standardized test scores and high

school class rank.

But some administrators said the University's immense size creates an unfavorable image of the University in the minds of prospective students.

"Part of my concern is that it conveys the message that the University is a big, impersonal place," said Jim Vick, UT vice president for Student Affairs. "But a lot of real, positive and close interactions occur here."

With the use of the new application for the 1997-98 school year, UT officials saw a substantial increase

Commission approves Indian whaling

Associated Press

MONACO — Surprise — and then joy — graced the features of a small band of Makah Indians on Thursday when the International

Whaling Commission opened the way for the American tribe to resume traditional whale hunts for the first time in 70 years.

"Fifteen hundred years of energy from our ancestors has come out. We can't even express in words how we feel," said Greg Arnold, a councilman from the tribe of 2,000 members in Washington state. He and the other Makah attending this week's IWC meeting in Monaco embraced — some cried — when the decision was made.

The resolution, adopted by consensus, gives a shared quota of whales to the Inuits of Alaska and the Chukchi of Russia's eastern Siberia out of a stock that roams waters between the two countries. Then, in a deal between the United States and Russia, the Makah would get rights to four gray whales a year from the Chukchi.

But even as the Makah prepared

for a celebration dance, animal rights and other groups threatened to block any hunt through lawsuits in the United States. Even the tribe is split, with some saying there is no need to resume whaling.

"If the Makah do go out and whale, there will be a lawsuit," said Patricia Forkan of Humane Society International. One lawsuit had already been filed, challenging the tribe's proposed hunt on environmental grounds.

And some delegations said adoption of the U.S.-Russian backed resolution is not an IWC endorsement of a Makah hunt, since the document does not specifically mention the tribe. The United States and others say it is.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Nanny testifies in child murder trial

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A 19-year-old English nanny charged with murdering a baby by shaking and slamming his head testified Thursday that her job could be frustrating but that she never hurt the child.

"I love kids," Louise Woodward said. Woodward said 8-month-old Matthew Eappen frequently toppled over and might have hit his head when he fell near the steps of his playroom the day before he was hospitalized last February.

Woodward said the only time she ever shook the infant was the day last year when she found him in his crib, gasping for breath and turning blue. He died five days later of head injuries, his brain oozing through a crack in his skull.

Congo leader returns to capital

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo — The Republic of Congo's new military leader swept into its devastated capital Thursday in a looted Mercedes, promising to seek international aid and imploring citizens to help "restore brotherhood" to the country.

It was Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso's first appearance in Brazzaville since his Cobra militia seized the central African capital and the country's second-largest city, Pointe Noire, from President Pascal Lissouba last week.

In brief comments to thousands who gathered outside his Brazzaville home, Sassou-Nguesso, riding in a car seized from his predecessor's government, promised to end the looting that has continued to traumatize the city. He also appealed to civilians who fled the fighting to return home.

"We fought the enemy and we have won, the criminals fled. Now we have to get Brazzaville back on its feet," Sassou-Nguesso said. "We must restore brotherhood, we must work together and listen to each other. Congo must become what it used to be."

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Dow drops 186 in worldwide fall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A panicky stock sell-off in Hong Kong reverberated Thursday throughout Europe and the United States, where the Dow plunged almost 230 points before rebounding slightly.

It was the fifth-worst point drop in the Dow's history, though not even close to the largest percentage drop.

"Nobody knows which way to go," said Tatsuya Enomoto, chief foreign exchange dealer at Sumitomo Bank Ltd. in New York.

In Hong Kong, which analysts had believed was immune from the financial turmoil affecting the rest of Southeast Asia, the Hang Seng index of blue chip stocks dropped 10 percent for the day, falling 1,211.47 points to 10,426.30.

It now is down 23 percent for the week, following major meltdowns across Asian stock and currency markets that began this summer.

In the fallout of the assault on stocks in Hong Kong — a bastion of capitalism in Asia despite China's takeover in July — major stock indexes fell more than 3 percent in Japan, Britain, France and Germany. Shares were off more than 5 percent in Mexico and down more than 8 percent in Brazil.

In the United States, the Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 229 points, or 2.9 percent, at one point. But Wall Street's best-known indicator recovered some lost ground, still closing down 186.88, or 2.3 percent, at 7,847.77.

The shock came just days after the 10th anniversary of the Oct. 19, 1987, crash that sent the Dow plummeting 508 points, or nearly 23 percent. But even with Thursday's loss, the average is still up almost 22 percent this year.

Gerald Gorman, 64, a retired editor watching the ticker at a Fidelity Investments office in New York on Thursday afternoon, was hoping for a larger sell-off so he could buy some of his favorite stocks more cheaply.

"Even 1987 didn't unnerve me," he said. "In fact, I did some buying then. It would have to be an extreme drop of several hundred points, accompanied by social disaster. It would have to be really apocalyptic."

If there was a winner Thursday, it was the U.S. bond market, which soared on the turmoil.

U.S. Treasury bonds and bills, the most liquid and secure of investments, were snapped up by global investors looking for a haven for the money pulled out of stocks.

Yields on the 30-year U.S. Treasury bond, an important indicator of the cost of borrowing, plunged to 6.30 percent by late Thursday from 6.42 percent late Wednesday.

The rout in Hong Kong occurred after the government, in a move to support its currency, began aggressively selling U.S. dollars and buying Hong Kong dollars. It also cut off a cheap source of credit for banks.

Interest rates soared. The interest on overnight loans between banks shot up to 300 percent from 7 percent Wednesday, sparking fears that banks will raise their prime lending rates Friday, undermining Hong Kong businesses and the real estate market.

The defense of the Hong Kong dollar was a rude surprise to currency and stock traders, who had speculated that the government, under pressure from Hong Kong manufacturers to stay competitive, would instead devalue the currency by letting it freely trade as other Asian governments have recently done.

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Traders signal back into the Dow Jones futures pit at the Chicago Board of Trade. Stocks plunged when markets opened this morning after a panic-driven 10 percent drop in Hong Kong's stock market shook market confidence.

Molecule prevents HIV from infecting cells

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Researchers have identified a natural molecule that prevents HIV from infecting cells, a basic discovery they say could eventually lead to powerful new types of AIDS drugs or even a vaccine.

The molecule, discovered by a team led by AIDS researcher Robert Gallo, works against HIV by physically blocking the portal used by the virus to invade lymphocytes and

other types of blood cells.

Gallo's team at the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, earlier identified three similar molecules, all called chemokines. But the new molecule is much more effective because it protects all the cell types attacked by HIV, Gallo said.

Flooding the body with these chemokines could create a barrier between HIV and its target cells, and thus prevent the virus from spreading

its deadly infection, Gallo said.

"Its breadth of activity and its potency will make it more important than any of the other chemokines found so far," Gallo said.

But he emphasized that before chemokines can be tried against HIV in humans, the molecules must be extensively tested in monkeys against a related virus called SIV. Such testing could take several years.

Discovery of the new chemokine comes just as doctors report that an

AIDS virus is developing a resistance to the three-drug combination that has successfully suppressed HIV in thousands of patients. That combination of reverse transcriptase and protease inhibitors works against the virus inside the target cell.

Chemokines would work against HIV by preventing the virus from entering those cells. The virus is thought to be less able to develop a resistance against this blocking action.

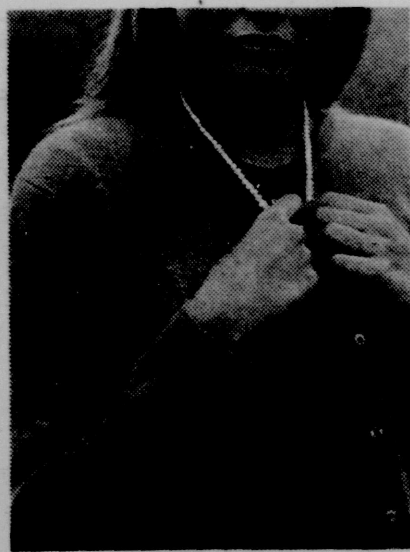
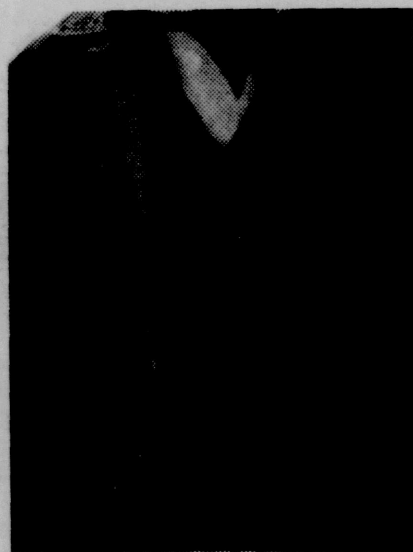
The discovery "sounds very promising" as a new type of treatment against the disease, said Patricia D'Souza, an AIDS researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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VIEWPOINT

Union dues

Perhaps it will all become a part of UT trivia. Aficionados of the University in the distant future might speak of a movement to build another Union. Building another Union might sound like such a foreign concept.

In what SG Vice President Randy Cooke called a "political spanking," the Union referendum failed by 1,747 votes, or a 47 percent margin of victory. No editorializing is needed. The numbers speak for themselves.

It was a landslide.

In this time calling for campaign finance reform, it is refreshing to know big money does not translate to an automatic win in campus elections. The Build the Union Committee spent over \$3,100, which translates to over \$3 for each vote their side received.

Consequently, the referendum was opposed by a unique coalition of students organizations. Student activists opposing the fee ran the gamut from conservatives to environmentalists, from organizations concerned about the Union film program to organizations concerned primarily about campus diversity. On this occasion, the grassroots movement won out over the big money.

In defense of Prescott Caballero and others who are pro-Union building, a margin of victory this large suggests it was not the packaging but the issue that failed. It was not that Caballero did not do all he could for the Union, but rather that students were not very keen on the idea in the first place.

Now is apparently not the best time to throw anything resembling a fee in front of this student body. With new fees within the College of Communication, for the new Student Services Building, Gregory Gym and a plethora of various other fees lurching towards ratification, students exercised their limited power of the purse strings.

On its own, the new Union movement might have succeeded. However, unfortunately for that movement, we live in a climate of ever-escalating fees.

Speaking of grassroots movements and big money, there is a petition on the Internet for those sick and tired of mediocrity in Texas football. The petition calls for the heads of both John Mackovic and DeLoss Dodds. Those interested should go to: <http://www.primechoice.com/texas>.

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Congressional pay raise reeks badly

Daina Harvey
TEXAN COLUMNIST

Implementing recently enacted legislation, members Congress stole thousands of dollars from their constituents; or did they?

The 23 percent cost-of-living adjustment Congress adopted boosted legislators' salaries from \$133,600 to slightly over \$136,000. Likewise, it prompted a good deal of public outrage. This outcry from the public is not surprising — only hypocritical. Anyone with the means to raise his own salary in our capitalistic society would act accordingly. What is surprising is the amount of arguing among legislators about this measure, and particularly the banality suggested by these arguments.

The major justification running within the Congress for the raise is that most people have experienced a significant increase in their real incomes, which is income adjusted for inflation. Legislators have been denied similar raises for over five years. Proponents of this faction promised the voters congressional salaries would not increase until the budget was balanced. While both argu-

ments are equally valid, the common theme is that the arguments depict who is working for the public good this year and who is taking the year off.

Of the House freshmen, 62 of the 74 voted against the raise. Why? The answer is simple — the echo of campaign promises still rings in their ears. Unlike their colleagues, they possess a bond with the general electorate. Of the 30 senators up for re-election in 1998, 19 voted against the raise. Further research reveals that of these 19 senators, the 14 incumbents expect highly contested elections. Of the 11 senators up for re-election in 1998 who voted in favor of the raise, eight experienced relatively easy victories in their last election. They obviously thought such stigmatization from raising their own salaries will have a benign effect on them in regards to the voters. From these numbers, it can be

inferred the representatives most closely associated with their constituents fear the vengeance of these citizens in the next election. They do not represent the general electorate on good faith, but do so out of fear and uncertainty.

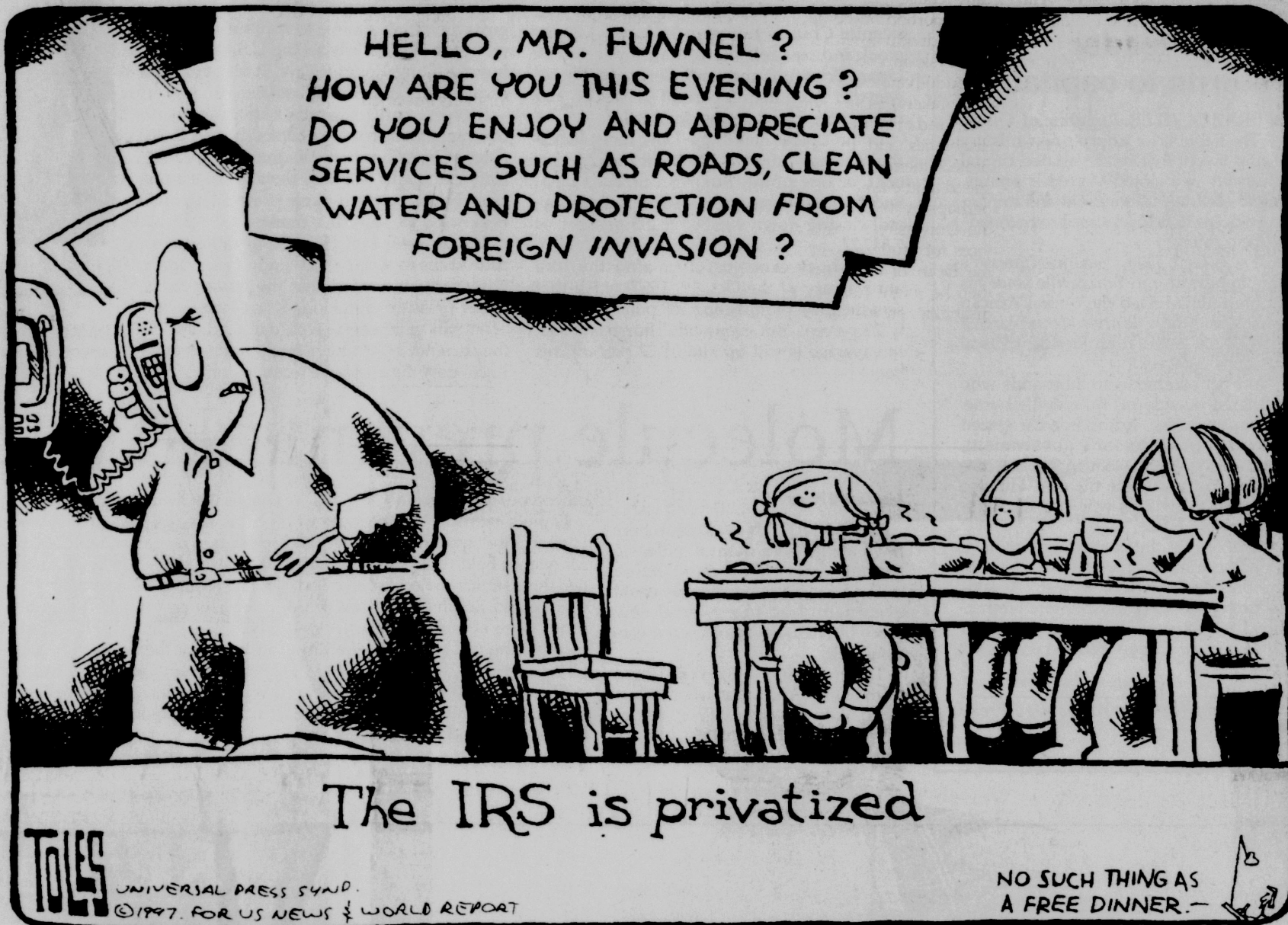
A number of solutions have been proposed concerning what to do with the money. These range from that of Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colorado, who advocates giving the increase in his salary to charity, to a Congressman from Texas claiming his family can barely manage on his meager salary and a larger raise should be demanded. Despite the absurdity of the implications of the latter, both concepts involve ineffectual solutions intended to hide the essence of the concern at hand. We pay these people too much for the job they do.

To ensure fair representation for their voters, congressmen should be paid in accordance to the salaries of the people whom they represent. A constituent-based wage would account for inflation and satisfy the public, and would acutely depress public outrage. But perhaps

the most beneficial effect would be the decrease in the disparity of the incomes between the public and the public servants. Of course, most senators and representatives would take about a \$100,000 pay cut. This cut would have a twofold effect. First, most legislators would not run for re-election because of the sharp decrease in their salaries. This would be an excellent means test to determine who really works on behalf of the public. The cut would also act as a limiting agent on campaign spending and on the stagnation of the turnover rate of many idle legislators.

No one should care what our political leaders do with their money or how much of a raise they give themselves from time to time. The public should be primarily concerned with the implications surrounding the actions of our leaders' hidden agendas. It is a shame Congress cannot vote on its salaries, every year.

Harvey is an economics senior.



New gun law for protecting children uses ridiculous approach

It sounds like a really good idea. And it is a good idea for a perfect world. In Utopia, everyone who buys a gun buys it legally and after extensive training. They would never consider entering a home with a loaded weapon or storing it near any place where a child could find it. But just in case the child were to walk the 10 miles to the gun range where the weapon is stored, borrow a ladder, climb to the top locker, figure out the combination and grab the gun, it would not matter because fixed over the trigger is a handy-dandy safety lock not even a grenade launcher could break through.

We don't live in Utopia. Clinton and most U.S. gun manufacturers have the wrong idea. While it is noble for these guys to agree to equip newly purchased guns with child safety locks (beginning Nov. 1), what is this really

Kari Holt
TEXAN COLUMNIST

going to achieve? Many of the guns out on the street are not legal, therefore they are not eligible for these child safety locks. Many of the families who own guns (legal or not) own them for "safety purposes" and want them close at hand all the time in case of an intruder. Do Clinton and these gun manufacturers really believe the guns that sleep under pillows at night are going to have locks over their triggers? If the only reason a family has a gun is to protect itself from bad guys, members of that family are going to want quick access to that gun. While dad is struggling to get the lock off, Mr. Bad Guy is not going to

stand there and wait for him. But wait! It has recently been proven that most of these safety locks can be removed in seconds — without the key! All it takes is a quick jiggle with a paper clip or a swipe with some scissors and the lock is off, so go dad! The time to be Rambo has arrived. What have these safety locks achieved then? Absolutely nothing. For one thing, most people won't use the locks. For another thing, if they do use a lock, a child can easily remove it with or without the key. You must remember, a child spends his entire day playing with plastic toys. He has developed keen skills in plastic manipulation and that little wimpy lock is coming off if he wants it to. So what are parents to do?

It's very simple: Do not own a gun. If mom and dad want to play Rambo, fine. They can go to the local gun range, rent a weapon and play

Rambo. If there is a gun in a home, the child will want to play Rambo, too, and we all know by watching the evening news that when a child plays Rambo, someone usually dies. Parents will not keep poisonous household cleaners within reach of their children, they will not let their kids play with toys small enough to choke on — but when it comes to guns, a small plastic safety lock is enough to keep the same child safe? It's ridiculous.

Clinton and the gun manufacturers have successfully implemented another Band-Aid approach. Our country is suffering with the gaping wound of children being killed by handguns everyday and our answer is to add worthless gizmos.

Perhaps this agreement signifies a move toward really concentrating on how to protect

children from the guns that surround them. Maybe we are slowly but surely moving in the right direction. There's no way to find out until the statistics come out for pre-safety locks and post-safety locks. Maybe Clinton and the gun manufacturers can sleep better knowing that beginning Nov. 1 at least most people who buy guns will have a safety lock in the house. But what about the parents whose children will find the gun on Nov. 2? How will they sleep, knowing the little plastic lock did not help them one bit?

We don't need Band-Aids, we need to abolish guns around children. Only this is the proper step toward eliminating the gaping wound.

Holt is an art history senior.

FIRING LINE

Herman very wrong

In response to Kyle Herman's article, "Church does little to truly help homosexuals," Those damn Catholics, they never do anything right. In a truly monumental advancement in the relations between Catholics and homosexuals, all you can do is find fault in it. So they didn't call for same-sex marriages. They did call for equal treatment and love for homosexuals. Parents can now openly express their true feelings with their sons and daughters without the added stigma of viewing homosexuality as strictly forbidden and inexcusable by the church. As for Kyle's statement that homosexuals will not feel welcome as full members of the church, here is a novel idea: switch. I do not participate in organizations where I feel uncomfortable or have deep-rooted differences in beliefs and values.

Church is a voluntary organization; if you are uncomfortable with your current organization's ideology, it is time to move on.

Jamie Haynes
Marketing junior

Losing wrong

I have this Texas football proudly wearing Darrell Royal's signature that my father gave to me. Every time I look at it I think of all the great coaches out there now like Spurrier, Osborne, Bowden and Paterno. It makes me nauseous to hear my dad tell stories about the glory days when he so proudly attended football games as a student at our beloved University — when the words "Texas Longhorns" were, synonymous

with great football and the four-year record during dad's attendance was 32-3-1, one of those wins being a national championship. In the last 11 years I have watched our University's football program dwindle into a foul pile of stench not worthy of being stepped in. A disease has infected this athletic program, but unlike some diseases, there is a cure for this one. And the cure has to start at the top. Perhaps my least favorite, and the original cause of all that is wrong, DeLoss Dodds needs to voluntarily resign. Any decent man would have resigned years ago. For those of you who question my criticism of Dodds, here is a quote from the *Houston Chronicle* taken Aug. 9, 1996 — "We're in good shape. Every year we are getting better in football, and we feel we are solid as a rock. We believe we can win a National Championship soon." If Dodds really wanted to win a national title he would have never hired McWilliams or Mackovic. John Mackovic should have never been a consideration for head coach of the Horns. The PR department has wasted many valuable dollars trying to convince the public that John is the right man for the job, getting media reporters to claim what an "offensive genius" he is. If Mackovic were such a great coach he would not have an all-time record of less than 54 percent wins. John always comes up with the most pitiful excuses for our poor performance during games. My favorite was the reason for our terrible exhibition at this year's Rice game. He told reporters in his Monday press

conference that UT has had recruiting problems over the last few years and we have been unable to get the players we need and want. What a crock! Whenever we win, he praises the coaching staff and attributes the win to them and himself. When we lose, he complains that it is the players that lost the game. Doesn't he realize that when he says the players are no good he is really bashing himself? He recruited them all, and he is supposed to coach and train them to be prepared for the game. Also, I am sick of hearing how Mackovic motivates you by stimulating your mind; it obviously does not work. Let's buy out John's contract before it is too late. I know the University has the money, and if they don't, start the "Buy Out John Mackovic Contract Fund." I'm sure there are a great deal of alumni that would contribute to such a worthy cause. John Mackovic was never good, he is not good now and he will never be good, ever. Every college student at one time or another wonders what they will do when they graduate, how they will make enough money to support themselves. I have an idea: bet against John Mackovic. Hey, if you had, you'd be 6-0 for the season. Not bad.

Clint Goforth
Microbiology senior

Herman wrong

In response to Kyle Herman's commentary "Church does little to truly help homosexuals," Oct 23, I would like to thank U.S. Catholic bishops for finally changing their attitude toward

our fellow hard-working, tax-paying, loving, gay Americans of all ages by acknowledging that sexual orientation is independent of one's will to choose.

I would like to caution, however, my fellow gay Americans, many of us who are fortunate enough to be engaged in healthy, committed, monogamous relationships, to be wary of U.S. Catholic bishops that accept who we are, but not accept what we do in terms of expressing our love to our significant other — whether sexual or otherwise. This new acceptance of our sexual orientation by U.S. Catholic bishops is commendable; however, appreciation of our ability to love is far more important than accepting the fact that sexual orientation is independent of choice — a fact known since the dawn of time. It is appreciation of who we are that will slow, if not stop, those of us who are troubled (many times by issues set forth by the church) from taking our own lives. The question is: How long and how many more deaths will occur until these bishops, as well as many of our fellow heterosexual Americans, will appreciate us? Hopefully less than 2,000 years. Hopefully.

Bryan Snook
Aerospace engineering senior

Mackenzie wrong

The misconceptions about learning disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act in Mark McKenzie's column "ADA abuse rampant" do learning-disabled students a disservice.

McKenzie implies that learning-disabled students who seek protection under the ADA are abusing it, claiming that "the

act was intended to help physically challenged people, not the pseudo-handicapped." The ADA and similar legislation, however, were intended to protect learning-disabled people and have long been so interpreted. Although McKenzie characterizes dyscalculia (sic) and dysgraphia (sic) as "nonsense," these terms have long been recognized by professionals in medicine, psychology and education. I was diagnosed with dyscalculia myself over 20 years ago as a sophomore at Harvard.

Many learning-disabled people develop alternative strategies to learn, for example using hearing and touch when visual information is confusing. Far from being "lazy fakers," some of us work extra hard in areas that cause us problems. But alternative approaches are often time-consuming, and untimed exams are hardly a "gratuitous benefit" if someone needs twice as long as others to read a test question.

Attitudes like McKenzie's should not discourage learning-disabled students from seeking accommodations that allow them to learn to the best of their ability. I was fortunate to have encountered excellent teachers who were willing to work with me instead of the bigotry and ignorance expressed in McKenzie's column and the *New Republic* article (8/25/97) from which he derives much of his information. I hope UT students experience similar good fortune.

Sara E. Kimball
Associate Professor
Division of Rhetoric and Composition

FIRING LINE

Herman really wrong

How dare Kyle Herman write such a thoughtless attack on a move by the Catholic Church to be more open and progressive to gays and lesbians? The pastoral letter presented by U.S. Catholic bishops represents a move forward by altering very distinct and traditional views. It is a risky endeavor in particular because it could alienate current members of the church while trying to be more open to others. That is why I don't understand how Herman can applaud it one moment and then mock its significance the next.

Perhaps because his is an adolescent and petty view. For instance, to broadly state that everyone is a "sexual" being with the exception of a few girls he has dated is a stupid and humorless jab at women for the sake of a cheap laugh. How do his sexual failings fit in with a church statement on being more supportive of gays and lesbians?

What is your message, Herman? I suspect the reason you wrote your column is due to wanting a juicy news item that would include sex and religion. Well, think harder next time. Think about how the church cannot even apologize for past wrongs without being attacked. For you to say that the church would better spend its time praying for football is an insult to all Catholics and religious leaders. With criticisms and uninformed diatribes like yours out there waiting to happen, why should the Catholic Church, or any church for that matter, bother at all?

Juliet Dervin
RTF freshman

Mackenzie very wrong

Mark Mackenzie's column in the 10/23/97 issue of *The Daily Texan* is long on hysteria, and short on logic and common sense. It addresses the Americans with Disabilities Act and the protection from discrimination it ensures for individuals with disabilities with a sense of distrust and doesn't recognize

the benefits it holds for all Americans.

First, it only recognizes a minuscule proportion of the disabled community as truly possessing disabilities. Mackenzie only sees people with disabilities as consisting of those he can see with his own eyes. He fails to consider (and even makes fun of) the millions of Americans who aren't "wheel-chair users," "deaf" or "blind," yet still face challenges posed by a disability. For him, anyone who doesn't fall into one of these three categories is abusing the ADA.

Mackenzie commits the fallacy of ad absurdum by attempting to reduce real problems people face to phony jokes in an attempt to argue the validity of what he calls "pseudo-disabilities." Instead, he should research the hard facts about the issue, such as figures concerning success rates of disabled individuals before and after accommodations. Furthermore, he should examine the money spent on these accommodations in relation to the enormous positive impact productive disabled individuals have not only on the economy, but society as well, [rather than] drawing myopic conclusions.

Mackenzie's tunnel vision is exemplified by his last statement, "The act was intended to help physically challenged people, not the pseudo-handicapped." The disabled to him, "physically challenged people," are but a small portion of the disabled community. Individuals with learning disabilities, dyslexia, and diabetes are far from "pseudo-handicapped" — they are not "lazy-fakers" as he asserts.

Instead of attacking individuals with disabilities and the institutions that protect them, Mr. Mackenzie should spend a little time working with them, perhaps by volunteering right here at the University in places such as Services for Students with Disabilities in the Dean of Students Office. Maybe then he might learn that people with disabilities are just as human as he is.

Eric Opiela
Government sophomore

Viewpoint wrong

In the Oct. 23 *Texan*, something extremely disturbing caught my attention. I personally do not support the building of a new student union, but the "Viewpoint" that was anti-union fee was shoddy, mean-spirited and displayed the sloppiest journalism I have ever seen.

The Texan, as an institution, cannot "[urge] all students to vote against the new union." Even if the entire *Texan* staff did oppose the new union (which I seriously doubt), that statement would have no place in the newspaper. Admittedly, the pages on which the column appeared are the editorial pages, but a column as sloppy as the "Viewpoint" in question has no place in the paper, unless it is accompanied by a byline.

I'm beginning to think that the writing staff of *The Texan* should take their "talent" elsewhere. Perhaps their skills would be better utilized in the pages of an underground conspiracy-theorist magazine, or the "social" column of a junior high-school newspaper. In either case, they could whine, spread rumors and spew all the literary trash they wanted to.

I wish I could call for a full boycott of *The Texan*, but that's already been done. So instead, I am urging all journalism instructors at UT to use *The Texan* as a shining example of one thing: what future journalists should *not* strive to be.

Claire Jones
Undeclared Liberal Arts freshman

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TREE HEAD



Kris Simmons, a studio arts senior, puts the finishing touches on her beginning ceramics class project which she calls "Tree Head." Simons created "Tree Head" to serve as a Halloween candleholder.

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New garage, stadium construction to clear east campus parking lots

Lisa Falkenberg
Daily Texan Staff

Six parking lots on East Campus Drive must be emptied by midnight Friday to make room for the construction of a new parking garage and soccer/track stadium.

Half of the students and staff who parked in the 1,000 spaces can find new parking east of Interstate 35 near Disch-Falk Field, said Dave Kapalko, director of parking and traffic. Hourly and daily parking is also available in sections of the Jester parking garage, he added.

There should be enough parking for everyone, he said.

"We've got the spaces to compensate for that loss of parking," he said.

Two of the closing parking lots will be replaced with a 1,200-vehicle parking garage to be completed by the end of August 1998, Kapalko said. The construction for the new garage, located near East Campus Drive, starts Monday.

UT staff members have put up signs and posted fliers on cars parked in the

affected lots to alert students that the lots will be closed.

Kapalko said the University delayed the closure one week to make the move easier for students.

"Students are accustomed to having to move from those lots by the stadium the midnight before the game," he said.

The parking lot by Disch-Falk is already being used by staff and construction workers, said UT Police Chief Don Cannon.

"It will be first come, first serve," Cannon said. "We expect it to fill up pretty fast."

More use of Lots 113, 114 and 115, near Disch-Falk field east of Comal Street, will require additional patrols, Cannon said.

A total of two officers will look out for theft and other crime in those lots from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. There will be one officer during other hours, he said.

The East Campus Drive parking lots that are closing have one of the highest theft rates on campus, Cannon said. UTPD officers are taking precautions to prevent merchandise being stolen from cars in the lots where students must

now park.

Students should not walk in the parking lots by Disch-Falk alone, Cannon said. He also encourages those students not to leave valuable items in their cars in plain view.

He said there hasn't been a high crime rate at those parking lots, but students have never left their cars there overnight, either.

"We think we'll have an increase in attempted burglaries," Cannon said. "Hopefully we can put a stop to it before it starts by adding an officer."

He said an escort van will also start patrolling the area Monday. The service starts at sundown and goes until 2 a.m.

The University tried to make the parking lots as safe as possible for cars and their owners, Cannon said. The lots are equipped with better lighting and more emergency phones than the East Campus Drive parking lots.

"There are three to four times the number of phones we've got over here on this side of 35 because of the remote location of the parking lot," Cannon said.

Researchers reap \$13 million in grants

Jennifer Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has awarded the University \$13.69 million in research grants.

"This level of funding is not only vital to the research enterprise of the University, but it also sustains and nurtures a learning environment that our undergraduate and graduate students deserve," said Juan Sanchez, associate vice president for research, in a prepared statement Wednesday.

The funds were provided through the state's Advanced Research Program and the Advanced Technology Program.

In 1978, the state Legislature created the statewide research programs to help fund projects dealing with technological and economical issues.

The Advanced Research Program, which focuses on economic research,

66 I see several trends in the 1997 awards that speak clearly to the success of the program."

— Juan Sanchez, associate vice president for research

had approximately \$20 million in grants available. The Advanced Technology Program, which awards grants for technology development, offered about \$40 million.

Sanchez said he has witnessed an increase in awards given to the University during the past few years.

In relation to the 1995 grant competition, he said, the University received a 20 percent increase in the number of awards, which is equal to a 23 percent

increase in technology and research funding.

"I see several trends in the 1997 awards that speak clearly to the success of the program, and to the importance it has to our faculty and students," Sanchez said.

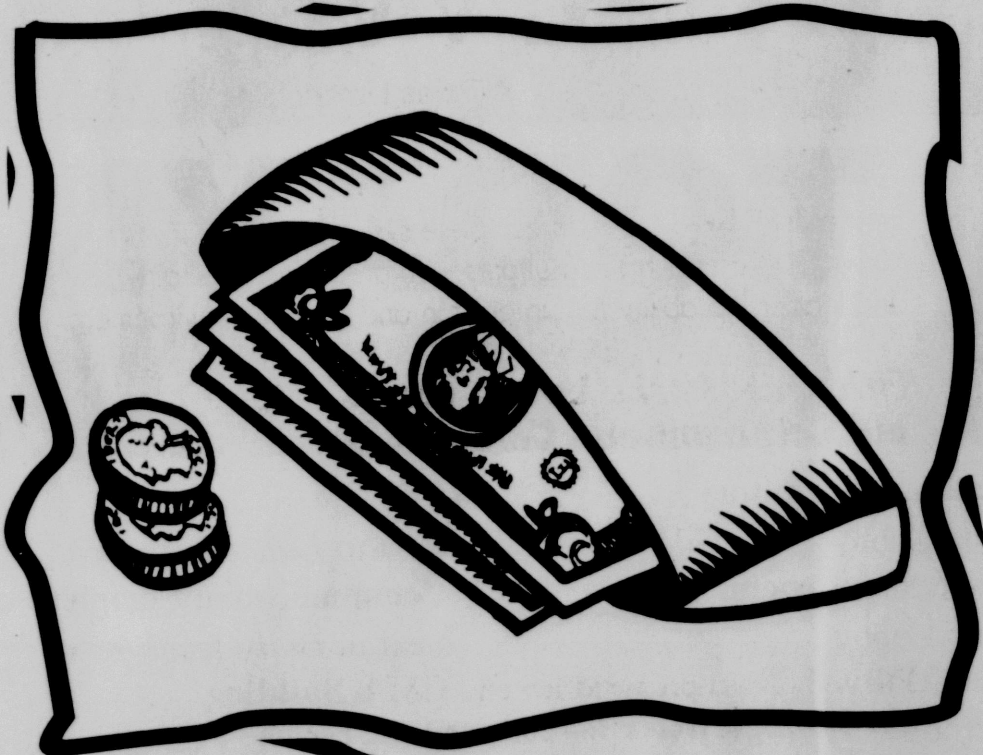
More than 100 grants were awarded, ranging from \$31,392 to \$485,214.

The \$485,214 research grant was awarded to Jay Raney, researcher in economic geology, for research titled "Capacity Building for Resource Assessment and Responsible Development, Texas-Mexico Border Region."

Jacob Abraham, director of the Computer Engineering Research Center, and Baxter Womack, professor of electrical and computer engineering, were allotted \$296,901 for their research on "Software Tool for On-Chip Native-Mode Built-in Tests and Test Structures."

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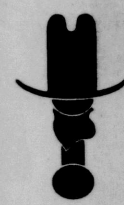


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STATE BRIEFS

Plainview feels EPA orders unfair

■ **LUBBOCK** — The Environmental Protection Agency has ordered Plainview to overhaul its wastewater system, the latest move in an increasingly heated dispute between the government and the West Texas city.

The 16-page order, received Wednesday, lists 25 violations of the Clean Water Act by which Plainview must abide because it discharges effluent into what the government considers the "waters of the United States."

But, Plainview officials believe they're being unfairly targeted.

Beau Smith, an EPA water enforcement official in Dallas, said the order is not part of any vendetta against Plainview, which helped create the now-defunct West Texas Environmental Alliance.

Lt. Governor orders study of state auto insurance law

■ Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock on Thursday ordered a study of lawsuit reforms and insurance costs, as well as a look at problems with the state's mandatory auto insurance law.

He appointed a committee to evaluate civil justice reforms and their cost savings to consumers, then make recommendations to the 1999 Legislature.

Sweeping changes in the state's civil justice system have been approved by lawmakers since 1993.

The state this week announced that 1998 insurance rates would be cut \$610 million because of the changes.

— Compiled from Associated Press

Houston may be first city to ban affirmative action

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The clock is ticking for Houston's affirmative action program.

The city's voters will decide Nov. 4 whether to wipe out their program, something Californians did last year.

If the measure passes, Houston will be the first U.S. city to eliminate affirmative action, and the debate could shift from California to another state with a large minority population: Texas.

"Everybody's eyes are on Houston," said Lenoria Walker, who runs the city's program. "If Houston is overtaken, then that will be a trend for the rest of the state to do the same thing."

Houston's program, which began in 1984, requires businesses that win city contracts to try to give 20 percent of their work to women and minorities.

The measure to end preferences has received a cooler reception than the one in California, which passed 55 percent to 45 percent.

A poll released Oct. 2 by the

Houston Chronicle and KHOU-TV said 29 percent of voters want to abolish the program and 56 percent want to keep it or expand it. The rest were undecided.

Four of the five leading candidates in this fall's mayoral race said they would vote against the measure. Those four include the two front-runners, Republican activist Rob Mosbacher Jr. and Lee Brown, who was President Clinton's drug czar and would be Houston's first black mayor.

The measure was put on the ballot by Houston businessman and GOP activist Ed Blum, who last year successfully challenged the creation of several congressional districts redrawn to favor minorities.

"The foundation of this program is the presumption that people who are African-American, who are Hispanic, or who are women are disadvantaged and need a special program in which they can compete," he said. "It is our belief that many of the people who are getting contracts from the city are highly successful people who should be com-

peting on their own."

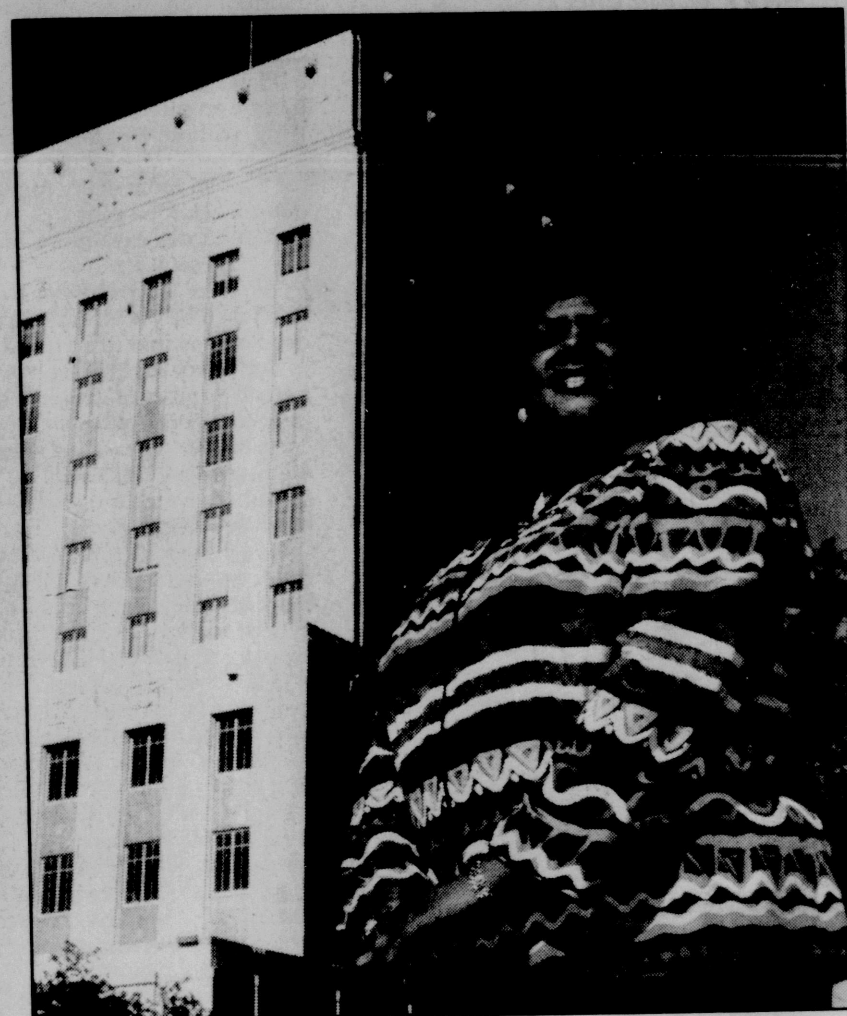
Legislators in about 20 states have tried in vain to pass similar measures, said Carl E. Anderson of the American Contract Compliance Association, a trade organization for affirmative action officers.

Nearly 21 percent of the almost \$1 billion in contracts Houston given out in fiscal 1997 were to businesses owned by non-whites and women, up from 16.4 percent during the previous decade. The city is 58 percent white, 18 percent black and 21 percent Hispanic.

Opponents of the city's program say it discriminates against white men.

David Bearden, who is white, said he decided to vote for the measure after he tried to subcontract city work to four black truckers he knew. City officials told him no because the truckers hadn't registered with the program.

Bearden went with one of the businesses certified by the city, but when they wouldn't come down on their price — higher than if he had gone with own team of truckers — he went to arbitration and won.



Lenoria Walker, who oversees Houston's affirmative action program, poses outside City Hall in Houston. A measure on this fall's ballot would eliminate the program and make Houston the first city in the nation to ban affirmative action.

Dorn says annexation will prevent segregation

Kevin Loy
Daily Texan Staff

Annexation will help prevent Austin from becoming increasingly segregated, Ed Dorn, dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, told residents and the City Council in a public hearing Thursday.

Wealthy whites may flee to the suburbs if the city does not expand, Dorn said.

"Regions that thrive are those that work together to reduce social, economic and racial segregation," he said, adding that the exodus of residents to the suburbs could "kill long-term economic development."

The comments were some of the first the Austin City Council has heard in a month supporting its annexation plan.

The plan, which was announced in September, will add 9,800 acres and 30,400 new residents to the city by the end of the year.

In a series of tense meetings over the past month, councilmembers met with residents in each of the 14 areas scheduled to be annexed who said they do not want to be a part of the city.

But Thursday, Councilmember Daryl Slusher said it was time to let citizens in Austin voice their opinion. "There have been a lot of nasty

things said about the city of Austin and the city government," he said. "It's hard for me to sit here night after night and hear this abuse on Austin."

Many of the areas annexed will probably be faced with higher taxes in the short run, Frank Sturzl, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, acknowledged during the public hearing.

But Sturzl said the long-term benefits for the city and the region will outweigh the short-term costs.

"When a city cannot grow ... it ultimately begins to die," Sturzl said. "Cities must annex to remain vital."

Many of the Austin residents who

spoke also agreed with Mayor Kirk Watson, who said annexation will enable the city to expand its tax base.

Betty Edgemond, a South Austin resident, said by annexing, the city will be able to better control its own growth.

The reaction from Austin residents was a stark contrast to the reaction earlier in the meeting from residents in the soon-to-be annexed Davenport Ranch.

Davenport resident Linda Shaunessey said she felt the city had already made its decision and was not taking the concerns of the annexed residents into mind.

"They speak like annexation is

almost a done deal," she said. "It makes me feel like I don't have a say."

Watson assured her that there have been changes made in other annexation plans based on citizen input.

David Nelson of Davenport said he had no idea his area would be annexed, and that the city should have come to the areas sooner with its plan before committing to annexation.

"Many of these actions have been hastily taken on, and should have been done in a better manner," he said.

But Slusher said the city helped many of these areas get started by paying for certain services if they agreed to be annexed at some future date.

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UP CLOSE

Story by Chip Cheek
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The meaning of life is no mystery to Gerry Van King.

The answer lies somewhere in the movement of a star over the 200 block of Sixth Street and in the funky sound of a 1965 Fender Jazz bass guitar tuned to A 440.

And like all those who have discovered the meaning of life, King — a.k.a. the King of Sixth Street — has learned just how to live it. Simplify and maintain, and maintain with incredible perseverance.

Almost every night for 10 years, King has played his funky bass guitar on the sidewalks of Sixth Street between San Jacinto Boulevard and Brazos Street, singing "ow!" and "oh yea!" like super-fly James Brown and showing off his bright white teeth through a sunshine smile. He always wears a plastic gold crown and shades with bat-shaped lenses.

In the middle of a song, in the middle of a lyric, he'll greet someone who drifts by. "Shoobidi-doo-bidi-doo — Hello — di-doo-bidi-doo." And they'll answer back "King!" and maybe drop a dollar in his opened brief case.

"You got to say hello to the King," said Frank Prebinski, a golf-shirt-and-khaki marketing vice president for an armored truck company and devoted fan of the King. "Just watch. Thousands of people walk by here every night, and every other one knows the King."

That's a sign of perseverance, of knowing precisely what it is he wants to do and of doing it every single day. He has trimmed everything else from his life except the music, and the only thing he tracks is a star moving from the left to the right, until at one moment each night it lines up with him — star, King, Sixth Street — and everything falls into place.

The King wakes up late in a room at the San Jose Motel, where he has lived for two years. He eats. He watches television. And then it's time to get funky. He puts on a black-striped suit, a piece of black cloth over his head he calls a "do-rag," the legendary crown and enough Jovan Musk to scent a 10-foot radius around him. He gets to Sixth Street at eight, begins playing at 8:30 and plays until 11:30 — 1:30 on week-ends. He goes back to his room, watches more television and falls asleep at five in the morning.

But his life could probably be described in simpler terms. He plays funk on a sidewalk every night except Sunday, and will play there until he wins the Grammy he predicts will one day be his.

"For ever how long it takes, I'll keep doing it, yes I will, yes I will," he sings night after night like a super-funky Energizer Bunny.

"No matter what happens to him in his life, he keeps playing," said Zach Davis, a friend of King.

King keeps playing even after receiving a number of tickets from the police.

"He's not allowed to play his guitar through that amp," said Harold Piatt, an Austin walking beat police officer, citing a city ordinance forbidding amplified music. But King is always plugged in to his little

Harmony amplifier, an ancient machine held together with tape and hidden in a backpack. And he'll keep doing it.

Piatt said King is also not allowed to pan-handle on public premises. But even though King, without any other work besides playing the funk, has enough money to pay \$29 for a motel room every night, he says he doesn't ask for a cent.

"I don't make money. Those are 'blessings,'" he said.

The King leaves his briefcase open next to him when he plays, and some passers-by drop money into it. So he'll keep doing it.

And every night King has to put up with a small number of drunk and inconsiderate fight-mongers in his otherwise happy audience. But for them, King simply starts playing his song "Funkafied" — "I've just been funkafied; watch me now!" — and the mean people go away.

"They think they're all that is when they're walking down the street," he said. But then "they leave because they're scared they're going to like [the funk]." So he'll keep doing it, because nothing else matters.

"I don't do petty things," he said. "What I realized, this is where I can maintain. I can work, make my ends meet and play my music all at once ... And then I trim the fat. That means I don't be bullshittin'."

King has always trimmed the fat or anything that isn't funky.

When he talks about his family and childhood, he said, "We're just talking about the guitars" and "we leave the women out of it." After all, the women never encouraged him to play the guitar.

So his life story, represented in the guitars he has owned, begins with the toy guitar his daddy, Willy B. King, gave him. King, though born in Austin, was living in Lincoln, Neb., at the time, when the elder King was stationed in the Air Force. King moved back to Austin when he was about 15, and then Curtis Washington, his stepfather, gave him his first electric guitar. In 1969, Marcellus McWilliams, King's biological father — but not his daddy, because "there's a difference between a father and a daddy," he said, — bought King his first bass guitar.

In 1974, King enlisted in the Army.

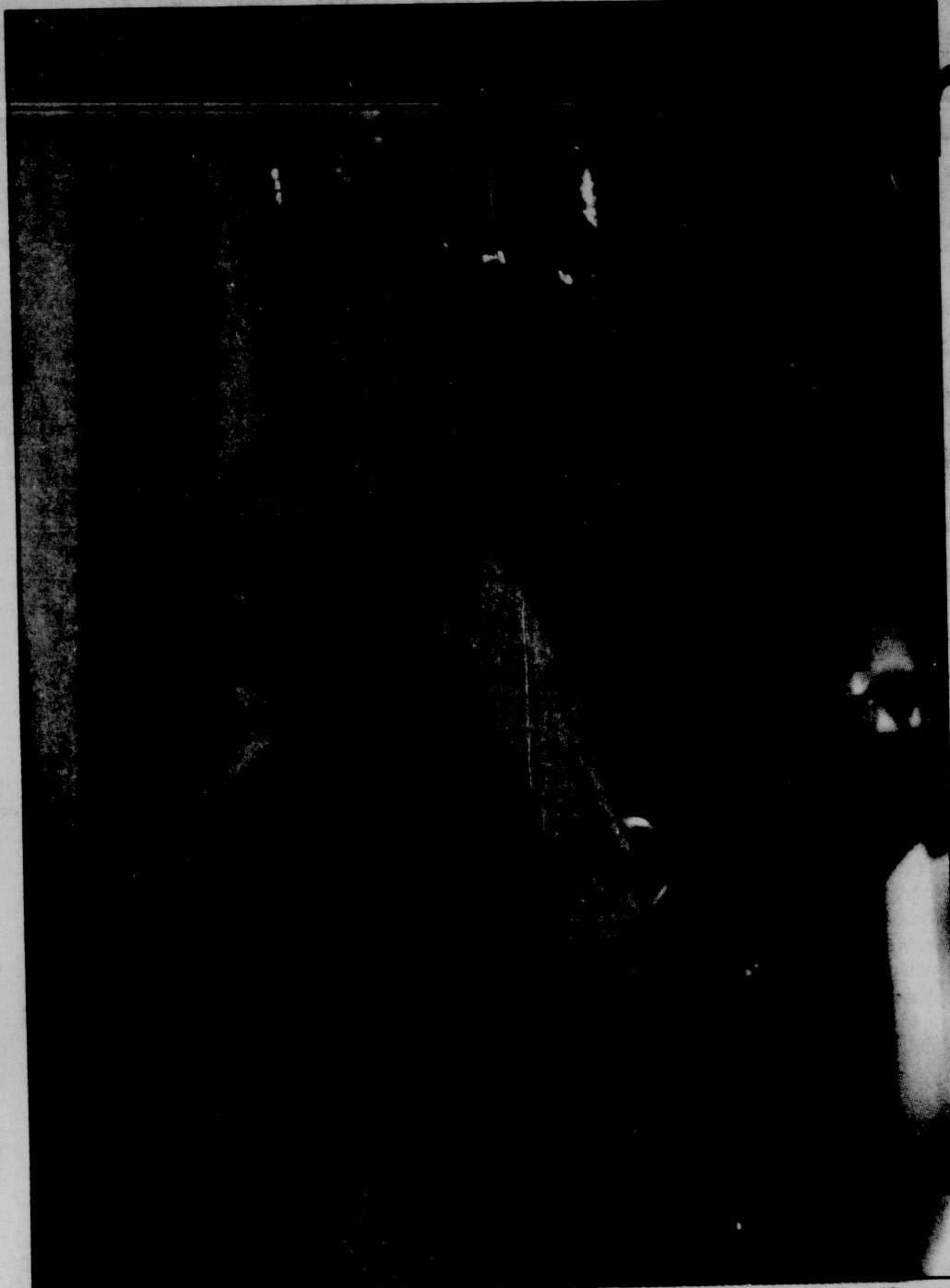
"At the time, I was an angry young man and there was a war going on, so I joined," he said. He was in the Army and away from his guitar, for "two years, seven months and eight days," through the end of the Vietnam War. But "the killer was going to come out," he said. "All the peace that was left in me was about to be gone."

So in 1976, King trimmed the service fat from his life and became a "conscientious objector," citing spiritual reasons for not wishing to own or operate a gun.

That same year King enrolled at Austin Community College to study music. He transferred to Huston-Tillotson College, but the curriculum there would have taken five to six years to complete, he said.

"I couldn't see myself sitting up there six years when I needed to get busy," he said. So he got busy and left school in 1982.

During the '80s King had a girlfriend and a child, Marcellus McWilliams, who now, at



Gerry Van King, the King of Sixth Street, has been playing his guitar on Sixth Street for the last 10 years.

15, lives with his mother.

Beside that, King said that during the '80s, when "that electronic music came along," he spent too much time driving around and getting drunk, and even resorted to selling some of his musical equipment to do it.

But in 1985, a friend gave him his Fender Jazz bass.

"This groove that started 10 years ago is all about blessings," King said. His amplifier came from his brother-in-law, and just about everything else he owns came from the blessings of others, he said. So in 1988, King trimmed the rest of the fat and devoted his entire life to being funky on the sidewalks of Sixth Street.

He became the King in 1989, when the Austin American-Statesman shot a photograph of him. In the picture, he says, a light

hit him from above and appeared to crown him, though there wasn't a light anywhere near him at the time the photographer made the shot. King and a friend went to Lucy in Disguise With Diamonds, a shop on South Congress Avenue, to look for a crown.

"We tried a bunch of different crowns on," he said, until they found the perfect one, and Gerry Van King became the King of Sixth Street.

Now the funk is the thing and nothing else. Though he's submitted tapes and videos for Grammy consideration, and though he has played the Austin Music Awards along with the Asylum Street Spankers, Ian Moore and Sixteen Deluxe, there isn't much more King wants to do beside playing in his spot on Sixth Street. "He feels like he does better when he's not playing in a club," his friend Davis said.

he funk go on

The King of
Sixth Street
keeps playing
the music that
defines his life

And nothing, absolutely nothing, gets in the way of his music. He lives in a motel every day and pays a higher rent than many college students do for their apartments — just to be closer to his gig.

"He's our only resident who pays with sacks of coins," said Liz Lambert, owner of the San Jose Motel.

He won't even let the ants interfere with the funk. Before he plays every night, King places two honey-lemon throat lozenges on either side of him and sprinkles pepper in a circle around him, because "everything that breathes sneezes," and when the ants sneeze, they'll stay away from the King.

"See that star?" King asked, pointing to a bright planet lined up with him and his spot on Sixth Street. "Every now and then my stars line up."

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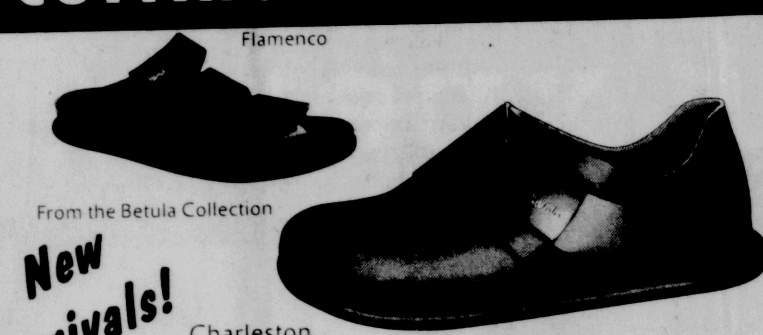
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BRIEFS

UT pair eliminated
at championship

■ LOS ANGELES — The No. 3 Texas women's tennis team continued play at the Riviera All-American Championships Wednesday with the Longhorns' doubles pair of No. 20-ranked sophomore Michelle Faucher and junior Laura Berendt advancing to the third round of the qualifying tournament before being eliminated.

Faucher and Berendt, the qualifying tournament's third-seeded duo, defeated No. 44-ranked Jeanette Bhagandas and Sarah Donovan of San Diego State in a tight match (7-6, 3-6, 7-5) during the first round before beating Sora Moon and Erryn Weggenman of Michigan (6-3, 3-6, 6-4) in the second round.

In the third round of the qualifying tournament, Faucher and Berendt were eliminated by UNLV's No. 40-ranked Gee Gee Garvin and Susie Kosic (6-2, 6-2).

Thursday, Texas' No. 4 senior Cristina Moros and No. 16 junior Sandy Surephong will compete in the Riviera All-American Championships singles main draw. Moros and Surephong, the No. 9 doubles pair in the nation, also will compete in the doubles main draw.

Rodman decides
to sign with Bulls

■ DEERFIELD, Ill. — Never the retiring type, the Worm is sticking around for one more season.

Dennis Rodman on Thursday signed a one-year contract to stay with the Chicago Bulls, ending two weeks of intrigue over the future of the tattooed, cross-dressing, rainbow-headed rebounder.

After contemplating retirement, the 36-year-old forward decided to try to help the Bulls go for their third straight NBA title and sixth in eight years.

"The players and the people of Chicago, they gave me a lot, so I figured I might as well come back and give them one more year," said Rodman, who has led the league in rebounding — and suspensions — the last six seasons.

He agreed to the contract two weeks ago but delayed signing until Thursday. Why?

"Just to make sure in my mind that my interest was still there," he said. "You've been in this league so long and you've done so much, you've got to find some motivation to keep you going."

"I've just got to go out there, get on the court, get around the guys, get around the atmosphere, get my feel for the game again. Once I get on the floor, I'm not going to give less than 100 percent."

Though Rodman will accompany the team to Chapel Hill, N.C., for Friday night's exhibition game against Philadelphia, he said he probably won't play. He might play Saturday in the preseason finale at home against Sacramento or wait until the regular-season opener Oct. 31 at Boston.

— Compiled from staff and Associated Press reports

CALENDAR

FRIDAY

■ **WOMEN'S SOCCER** The Longhorns host Colorado at the Frank Denius Athletic Field at 7 p.m.
■ **BASEBALL** Game 2 of the Fall World Series will be played by the Orange and White squads at Disch-Falk Field at 3:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

■ **FOOTBALL** The Horns host Colorado at Royal-Memorial Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

■ **WOMEN'S SOCCER** The Horns host Wisconsin at the Frank Denius Athletic Field at 1 p.m.
■ **BASEBALL** Game 3 of the Fall World Series between the Orange and White squads will be at Disch-Falk Field at 12:15 p.m.



Texas faces must-win situation

Longhorn victory
may be last hope
to salvage season

Brian Davis
Daily Texan Staff

When the Longhorns walked out of Folsom Field last season, they were kicking themselves and playing a serious game of "What if?"

Just what if Buffaloes starting quarterback Koy Detmer hadn't been KO'ed by defensive end Gray Mosier?

Just what if UT halfback Ricky Williams hadn't fumbled inside the 10-yard line while looking to drive a stake into Colorado's heart and take a commanding 30-21 lead?

And just what if UT linebacker Matt Jones hadn't been called for a critical pass-interference penalty that kept the Buffs' fourth-quarter, 90-yard drive alive and ended with a vital CU touchdown to take the 28-24 lead?

It's just a wonder how Texas even managed to walk out of the locker room itself after blowing its feet into Swiss cheese and falling to an unfathomable 3-4 on the season.

But the truth of the matter was that the Longhorns flew back to Austin with more confidence than they had all season.

Facing a daunting task, Texas reeled off five straight wins — which included Nebraska — to clinch the program's third consecutive conference championship.

Even though they came up on the short end of the stick, the Longhorns realized they had the potential — it just had to be put to good use.

"I think we were kind of lucky," said Ryan Nunez, who played for CU last season before transferring to UT.

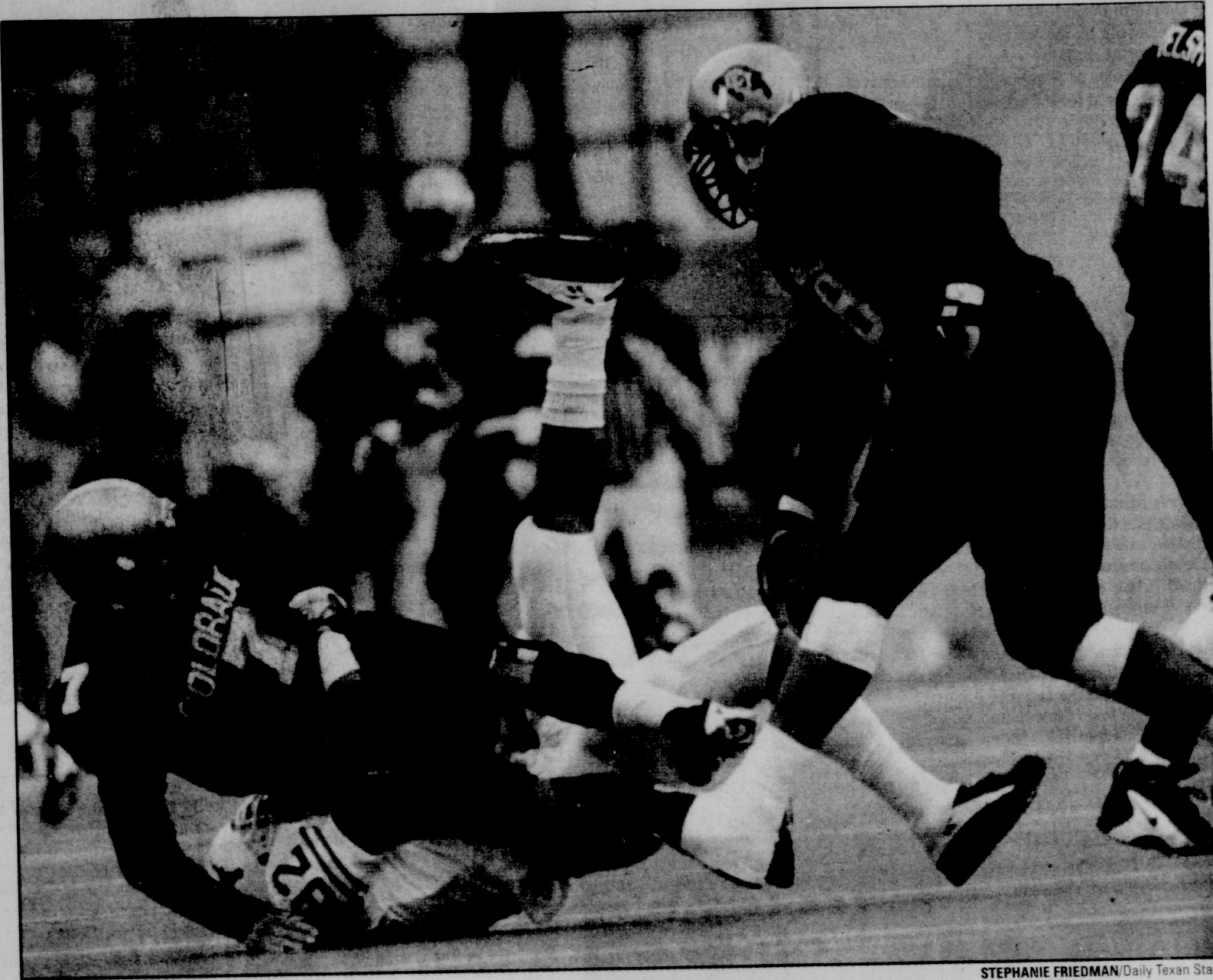
"For a while, it looked like Texas should have won it there, but we might have been kind of lucky to come out with a victory. But that's football. I think anybody can beat anybody on any given day."

And that's been proven a lot throughout the country this year.

Nunez won't get the chance to play against his former mates on Saturday when the two teams square off in the rematch scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Royal-Memorial Stadium.

The former Westlake Chaparral is sitting out this season per Big 12 rules, but that doesn't mean he hasn't given the UT coaches and players any tips on Colorado's speedy wide receiving corps or hints on facing quarterback John Hessler.

"Their overall team speed is outstanding, in



STEPHANIE FRIEDMAN/Daily Texan Staff

Texas defensive end Damon Luckett tackles Colorado QB John Hessler. CU starting QB Koy Detmer had already been knocked out of the game by Gray Mosier.

my opinion," Nunez said. "They've got the best receivers, no doubt, in the Big 12 and arguably in the country. They're a physical defense, and we're going to have to be ready to play if we want to win."

Both Texas (3-3 overall, 1-2 Big 12) and Colorado (3-3, 1-2) find themselves in a must-win situation on Saturday.

Both have had disappointing seasons thus far, and now both are just hoping to salvage 1997 by clinching a bowl invitation.

But instead of worrying about the Buffaloes, the Longhorns can only worry about themselves as the passing game's woes and the

defense's welcome-mat stompability are in desperate need of overhaul.

"We really need this one," Texas linebacker Dusty Renfro said of the time-is-now mentality. "It's an important step to get some momentum. We've got to have this one."

The Texas coaching staff may not exactly know how to approach a team that has shown a history of wide-open passing attacks.

Colorado head coach Rick Neuheisel brings an aerial attack like no other, but last week against Kansas, he unleashed running back Marlon Barnes, who finished with a career-best 129 yards and two touchdowns.

Against Missouri, UT expected the Tigers to utilize an option attack and test the defensive ends. Instead, Mizzou ran the ball right up the middle, and quarterback

Corby Jones took to the air as the team racked up 518 yards of total offense on UT's defense that ranks 94th in the nation overall.

"Anytime you can run the ball, it takes pressure off the quarterback," said Neuheisel, who is known for tutoring Dallas' Troy Aikman. "I want to emphasize the improvement that has been exhibited by not only the offensive line

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Marlins 1 win away from making history

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Just one more win and the Florida Marlins won't be an expansion team, they'll be an extraordinary team.

The Marlins moved within one victory of becoming the youngest franchise to win the World Series, beating the Cleveland Indians 8-7 Thursday night behind Moises Alou's bat and rookie Livan Hernandez's arm for a 3-2 edge.

"When it happens, it's going to be unbelievable," Alou said.

The 22-year-old Hernandez, boosted by some Cuban food sent earlier in the day from Miami by singer Gloria

Well, I still don't think we there's any advantages."

— Jim Leyland,
Marlins manager

Estefan, settled down to outpitch 39-year-old Orel Hershiser for the second time.

Hernandez, who watched the Indians' three-run rally in the ninth inning fall short, improved to 4-0 in the post-season and became the first rookie starter to win twice in a Series since Spec Shea for the Yankees in 1947.

Alou drove in four runs with three hits, including a three-run homer in

they had the best home record in the majors this year.

Game 6 is set for Saturday night. Chad Ogea will pitch against Florida's Kevin Brown in a rematch of Game 2, won by the Indians.

"Well, I still don't think there's any advantage," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said.

Hernandez allowed seven hits and left in the ninth with the Marlins ahead 8-4. The never-say-quit Indians tried to rally as Bip Roberts reached when first base umpire Ken Kaiser did not see Hernandez tagging the bag while covering on a grounder and Omar Vizquel singled.

That knocked out Hernandez after 142 pitches. Robb Nen, who struggled in a 14-11 victory in Game 3, gave up a

two-run single to David Justice and an RBI single to Jim Thome.

But Sandy Alomar, who had homered and driven in four runs, flied out short of the warning track in right to end it.

A sellout crowd of 44,888 appeared ready to cheer the Indians within one victory of their first championship since 1948. That was until Alou struck for a two-out shot in the sixth that silenced Jacobs Field.

"There was no reason to believe he was going to hit the wall and lose his stuff," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said of Hershiser. "He gave no indication."

Alou, who got a \$25 million, five-year contract as one of several high-

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Orange squad
takes Game 1

Stephen Becker
Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Rodney Guerrero took the bull by the horns Thursday by driving in fellow freshman Tim Meadows with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, giving the Orange team a 4-3 victory over the White squad in Game 1 of the annual Fall World Series.

The Orange team entered the inning down by a run, but Mark Cridland, one of the few remaining lettermen from last year's team, started the rally with a single to left and was bunted over to second.

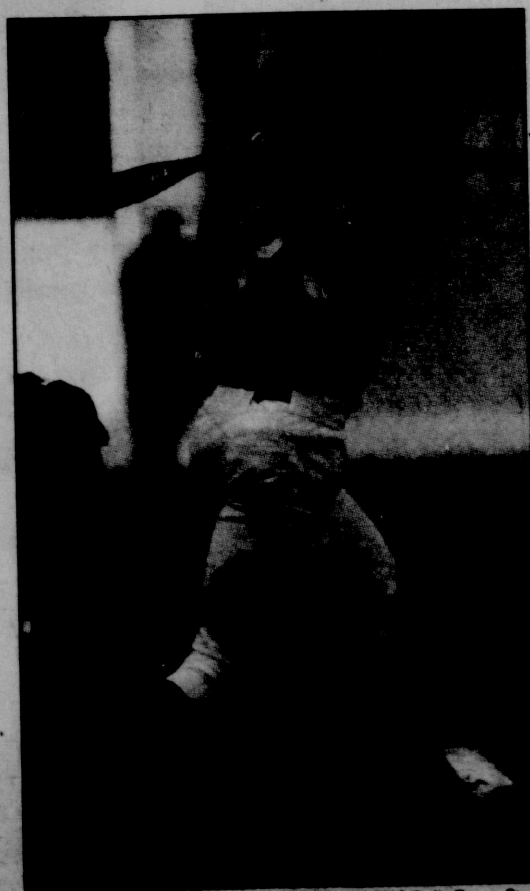
Tim Meadows followed by doubling off the wall to score Cridland and moved to second on a dropped third strike, setting the stage for Guerrero's game-winning RBI.

"That was a clutch base hit, it was real clutch," said Texas head coach Augie Garrido. "Two strikes, one ball ... it was really nice to see that happen for him."

Junior transfer Frank Halter got the win for the Orange squad after relieving starter Beau Hale in the sixth, while freshman Mike Kolbach took the loss after replacing starter Phillip Seibel for the White.

Each team had only one error on the day, a sign

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Orange team outfielder Artie Johnson fouls off a pitch in Game 1 of the Fall World Series.

Horns head to Kansas
for 2 Big 12 matches

Mike Wilson
Daily Texan Staff

This weekend appears to be something of an enigma for Texas volleyball head coach Jim Moore.

Currently in the middle of his first campaign at the helm of the No. 9 Longhorns, some would think Moore might not have established a new identity quite yet.

At this time just one short year ago, Moore was himself on the sidelines in Manhattan, Kan., leading conference rival Kansas State to a 26-9 record and its first NCAA tournament appearance in the school's 23-year volleyball history.

But times have changed, and when Texas and Kansas State meet Saturday night on Moore's old home floor, he won't be pacing the Wildcat sideline.

With Moore's first visit to Ahearn Field House since leaving Kansas State for the greener pastures down south in Austin, he knows that his loyalty lies with the orange and white.

"I really don't know what to say about it," Moore said. "My home is here now, but it will definitely be

TEXAS VOLLEYBALL

interesting. I don't know how I will feel until I get there. I have missed them all as people a whole lot, but I really like being in first place."

Texas embarks on a two-match road swing this weekend as it closes out the first half of Big 12 conference play against Kansas and Kansas State.


And while the majority of the second half will be played on Texas' home turf, the Longhorns still have to face the four teams directly below them in the conference standings on the road.

"This is the first of a number of big road matches for us," Moore said. "We play mostly at home for the rest of the season, but we have to play the four teams right below us in conference all on the road. We have to win to keep our lead."

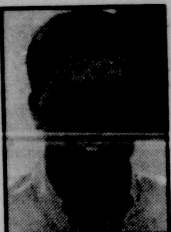
After coming off a three-match homestand, Texas extended its winning streak to nine matches, taking control of the Big 12 conference.

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College

Colorado at Texas	Colorado Texas A&M	Colorado Texas A&M	Texas Texas A&M	Colorado Texas A&M	Texas Texas A&M
Texas A&M at Texas Tech	Kansas St. at Oklahoma	Michigan at Michigan St.	Baylor at Iowa St.		
Dallas at Philadelphia	Minnesota at Tampa Bay	Denver at Buffalo	Jacksonville at Pittsburgh	Green Bay at New England	
Last week	4-6	7-3	5-5	6-4	4-6
Season record	43-37	39-41	46-34	48-32	41-39*

All picks are made straight up.
Jim Vick is the UT vice president for student affairs.
 * These numbers indicate the collective record of this year's guests.
 Last week's picks were incorrect. Dr. Vick did not pick against Texas. We appreciate him participating again and *The Texan* regrets the error.

NFL

Dallas at Philadelphia	Dallas Tampa Bay	Dallas Minnesota	Philadelphia Tampa Bay	Philadelphia Tampa Bay	Dallas Tampa Bay
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	Denver at Buffalo	Denver at Buffalo	Jacksonville at Pittsburgh	Green Bay at New England	
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THIS WEEK'S GUEST...

Jim Vick

Volleyball: Horns head back to the road

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And due to the two-week break from the road, the team is looking forward to reestablishing itself on the road.

"We don't have too many road matches left, but we need to win the ones we do," two-time All-American Demetria Sance said. "Since we've been home for a while, it feels like we're almost starting all over again."

First up for the Horns is a match with conference cellar dweller Kansas. Despite Kansas' lowly 1-7 record in Big 12 play and the fact that a recent 3-2 edging of Iowa State halted an eight-match losing streak, Moore doesn't want to overlook the Jayhawks.

"We need to go up there and get a

“We need to go up there and get a pair of wins this weekend.”

— Jim Moore, head coach

pair of wins this weekend," Moore said. "Kansas is struggling right now, but physically they are still a good team, so we need to be careful. We just need to do the best we can and then adjust for Kansas State."

Despite the fact that the Horns will

meet the Jayhawks first this weekend, Moore said he feels that the team needs to concentrate on the Kansas State match, as he feels the Wildcats pose a more dangerous threat.

"Logic says that we have to concentrate on Kansas State more because they are 5-3 while Kansas is 1-7," Moore said. "But we still have to take care of business on both days."

This has been one of the longest weeks of the season for Texas, as Saturday's contest with Kansas State will be the team's fifth in nine days.

Texas is coming off a 3-1 victory over the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, a rare mid-week non-conference match.

"Almost feel like the Notre Dame match never existed," Moore said. "It is a little tough to play that quickly after the weekend. But right now we need to take care of the tasks at hand — conference matches."

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Colorado

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and the tight ends, but also the running backs."

Colorado's running success only highlights the potential success the Longhorns could have on the ground if UT head coach John Mackovic would allow halfback Ricky Williams to carry more than his current 23-per-game average.

Williams toted the note 40 times against Oklahoma for 223 yards. The next week against Missouri, Williams got the call only 23 times. He scampered for 235 — the entire game.

Mackovic simply said, "Don't question the play-caller. Play-callers call plays."

Whoever quarterback James Brown gives or passes the football to, the Longhorns must protect him from the likes of CU defensive end Nick Ziegler (4 1/2 sacks in '97) and linebacker Hannibal Navies (11.3 tackles per game).

Out for this game is Colorado's Ron Merkerson (ankle ligament injury), but Mackovic still sees a swarming, maniacal defense when he fires up the VCR.

"I think anyone who has a player of that caliber and loses him would feel the effects, but you wouldn't notice it," Mackovic said. "You can just look at their defense and tell that there is not much difference. They're playing well."

"Because they swarm to the ball and move around so much, it helps cover up for a particular player missing in the lineup," he said.

Speed is the No. 1 word associated with every aspect of the Buffaloes. They have it, Texas doesn't. But the Longhorns can take solace knowing that a sold-out home crowd will be looking for any kind of improvement as UT returns from its four-game road trip.

"I've been there and I know how much intensity they play with," Nunez said, "and I think we're definitely going to have to step it up a notch if we're going to beat these guys."

KEY MATCHUPS

POSITIONS

■ QUARTERBACK: Colorado's John Hessler hasn't been playing like Koy Detmer thus far this season, but Texas' quarterback hasn't even been playing like James Brown. Brown has yet to reach the 200-yard plateau in 1997, and his confidence is at an all-time low after missing on 25 of 40 attempts last week at Missouri. Hessler, meanwhile, has overcome a slow start to pace the Big 12's second-best passing attack, and he's become dangerous on the option as well.

■ RUNNING BACKS: They don't come any easier than this. Ricky Williams is coming off back-to-back 200-yard rushing days and is the only legitimate weapon Texas has. CU's Marlon Barnes did rush for 126 yards last week, but has not shown any inkling of consistency.

■ WIDE RECEIVERS: Screw Aesop's fables — slow and steady doesn't win jack squat in football. And comparing Texas' thin corps of receivers to CU's thoroughbreds is exactly like comparing tortoises to hares. The Buffs have three verifiable deep threats in Phil Savoy, Darrin Chiavenni, and Marcus Stiggers, while the Horns can only hope that the Colorado defense focuses so much on Williams that they leave their receivers all alone.

■ OFFENSIVE LINE: Texas' Phat Boys did a decent job blocking vs. Missouri, and have shown the potential to dominate a game. Colorado allows almost five sacks per game, so the edge here will lean towards UT. Of course, the way both teams have played of late, it could easily go the other way. Who knows?

■ DEFENSIVE LINE: Colorado ranks 67th in the nation in rushing defense, and they're still 40 spots ahead of Texas. Shaun Rogers and Cedric Woodard have stepped in admirably for the Horns' injured tackles, but UT has yet to show any signs of stopping the run. CU's defensive ends have combined for 7 1/2 sacks this year, led by Nick Ziegler's 4 1/2.


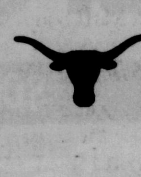
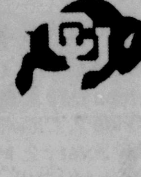


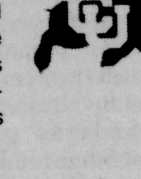
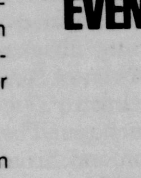
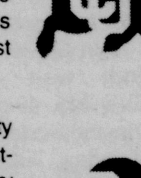
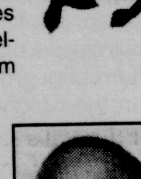
■ LINEBACKERS: The UT LBs have undergone more facelifts than Liz Taylor this season. Of the three who will start vs. CU (Brandon Nava, Dusty Renfro, and Anthony Hicks) not one is in a position where he began the year. Renfro started '97 outside; Nava and Hicks were on the bench. Such is the state of the linebacking corps. Colorado meanwhile, boasts some of the meanest characters this side of Elm Street. Hannibal Navies is a nimble, 6-3, 240-pound nightmare who has made 42 tackles (seven for losses) on the year.





■ SECONDARY: Texas' young defensive backs have shown steady improvement, but last week's 220-yard passing effort by Missouri's Corby Jones may have set them back a few weeks. Colorado has allowed opposing quarterbacks to complete almost 60 percent of their passes for nearly 150 yards per contest.

■ SPECIAL TEAMS: The sky fell on UT kicker Phil Dawson last week when he missed two FGs, an extra point, and had another PAT blocked. Isn't that one of the seven signs of the apocalypse? Colorado sports one of the best return games in the country, and freshman Ben Kelly is averaging almost 40 yards per KO return, including a 99-yarder for a TD.

■ COACHING: John Mackovic isn't winning many popularity contests in Austin these days, mainly because he's been out-coached by the likes of Bob Toledo, Bob Simmons, and Larry Smith this year. With Williams averaging 10 yards a carry last week at Mizzou, Mackovic handed him the ball only 10 times in the second half. Rick Neuheisel hasn't exactly had a stellar season either, but at least he recognizes his team strengths and sticks with them.

THE EDGE

Brown Rogers Savoy Kelly

— Compiled by Mike Finger and Jeff McDonald, Daily Texan Staff

COLORADO-TEXAS

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Swimming and diving team hopes to make up for '96 season

Kelli Lambert
Daily Texan Staff

After last week's loss to Southern Methodist, the women's swimming and diving team hopes to bounce back this weekend at the Big 12 Relays and Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

"I feel real good about our chances at the Big 12 Invitational," diving coach Matt Scoggin said. "It is early in the year, so not everyone is in their top form. That is the case for most universities right now."

The Longhorns did not have as much success as they would have liked in last year's inaugural Big 12 relays in St. Louis. Two Longhorn relays were disqualified, dropping Texas to second behind Nebraska, 51-50.

"This meet is so weird because they all are relays," swimming coach Jill Sterkel said. "The

"We lost the first Big 12, now we want it back real bad."

— Senior Darby Chang

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

depth really shows up. It will be a tough contest for us and we have to be ready to be tough back."

Even though it's still early in the year, the Longhorns have set high expectations on team and individual levels.

Senior Darby Chang, an eight-time all-American, said she hopes the team can revive last year's wounded season and win the Big 12 championship.

"We lost the first Big 12, now we want it back really bad," Chang said. "We have really come together this year as a team."

The swimming team also hopes to do better than its 10th-place finish last year in the NCAA championship.

Between fourth and eighth place would be a good goal, Sterkel said.

"I think we are fully capable of that, and as a team we would like to have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better," he said.

If the diving team can stay healthy, it will be in great shape for the rest of the season, Scoggin said.

What can we expect from the team for the rest of the 1997-98 season?

"We do not have a lot of depth this year and that is a little hard," Sterkel said. "I would have to say our biggest strength is probably the freestyle event, especially the 50' through the 200."

The Longhorns returned three veterans in the sprint freestyle events: senior Tammie Spatz, junior Erin Maher and sophomore Courtney Allen.

Spatz and Maher are expected to be main contenders in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Spatz, a three-time qualifier for the NCAA's, is also expected to be one of the Longhorns' top scorers. Allen's strong performance last year is also expected to continue into this season.

Among the Longhorns' top returnees are 1997 NCAA Diver of the Year Vera Ilyina and 1997 NCAA platform champion Laura Wilkinson. Ilyina won the one-meter and three-meter springboard titles. Sophomore Kerrie Presgrove, an honorable mention all-American, is also expected to be a strong competitor.

"I think that it's going to be a good year," Presgrove said. "I know the diving team is going to come out number one."

Although the Longhorns have a competitive

class returning, the depth of talent in women's swimming and diving is greater than it was last year.

"There was a large number of [diving recruits] that were at [an] elite level that came out of high school last year," Scoggin said.

With the team coming off a disappointing end to last season, the seniors' leadership skills have prevailed, bringing the team together for the start of a new season.

"We have five seniors this year and we all made a pact at the end of last year that we were going to get the team together and make it the best we could," Chang said.

The team will have the opportunity to see how competitive its season will be as it enters the Big 12 showdown on Friday night.

"This weekend will be a great measuring stick to find out how we stack up against the Big 12 schools," Sterkel said.

Last home game stirs emotions in UT seniors

Sam Gordon
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas women's soccer team will be playing for more than just a notch in the win column when they roll out the welcome mats for Colorado and Wisconsin this weekend at the Denius Athletic Field.

Not only will the Horns be playing for a leg up in the Big 12 tournament with the conclusion of conference play in front of the herds of Longhorn parents expected to turn out for parents weekend, but for the eight Longhorn seniors who will be playing on UT soil for the last time.

Friday's 7 p.m. match against Colorado and Sunday's 1 p.m. showdown with Wisconsin will mark the Horns' final regular season home games. The matches are held with special significance because for the first time, the young Texas women's soccer program will have a graduating senior class.

"I feel proud to have been the first team to ever be at UT and gone through all four years," senior midfielder Candace Watkins said.

At the close of possibly the Horns' best season, the team will lose eight girls who helped build the foundation of UT's women's soccer program.

"I feel happy and sad, so I'm kind of torn," Watkins said. "I'll probably cry, but that's OK."

"Hopefully we'll win so it won't be that bad."

One departing Horn, senior goalkeeper Jaime Strong, spent four years knocking down shots in front of a Longhorn net setting records for future Horns to shoot for. Leading up to this weekend's play, Strong set a 16 career shutout mark, racked up 473 saves, had 5,504 minutes of playing time and a 1.52 career goals-against average, all UT records.

"I think it's sad because it just seems like it started yesterday," Strong said. "It seems like we were just freshmen here."

All-time scorer Carol Finch is another senior asset the Horns will miss. She leads the team with 24 career goals and 17 assists, all earned in only three years at UT after transferring from Maryland after her freshman year.

"I'm sad. It's hard to talk about," Finch said. "It's going to be weird

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being separated from it."

Defender Sarah Trombley, forward Crystal Oswalt and midfielders Katie Cole, Kim Cameron and Aimee DePaulo are the remaining seniors that have helped build the Texas women's soccer program up from square one. The seniors will be recognized along with their parents prior to the Wisconsin match Sunday.

Although sights have been set on the seniors this weekend, not all focus has been diverted from improving the Horns, 7-7-0 overall record (6-3-0 Big 12).

"We're coming off a three game losing streak and we want to get back on the winning side," Texas head coach Dang Pibulvech said.

After dropping two games to No. 3 Portland and No. 7 Santa Clara in a trip to the West Coast last week, the Horns want to set a good tone for the upcoming Big 12 tournament, Pibulvech said.

Texas is currently ranked fourth in the Big 12 behind A&M, Baylor and Nebraska. With Colorado in fifth, Friday's game will determine who sits in fourth among the six competing schools at the tournament.

Placement in the brackets, however, is not a big concern to Pibulvech.

"I have a funny feeling that no matter who wins this match," Pibulvech said, "it's going to be a rematch in the first round of the conference tournament."

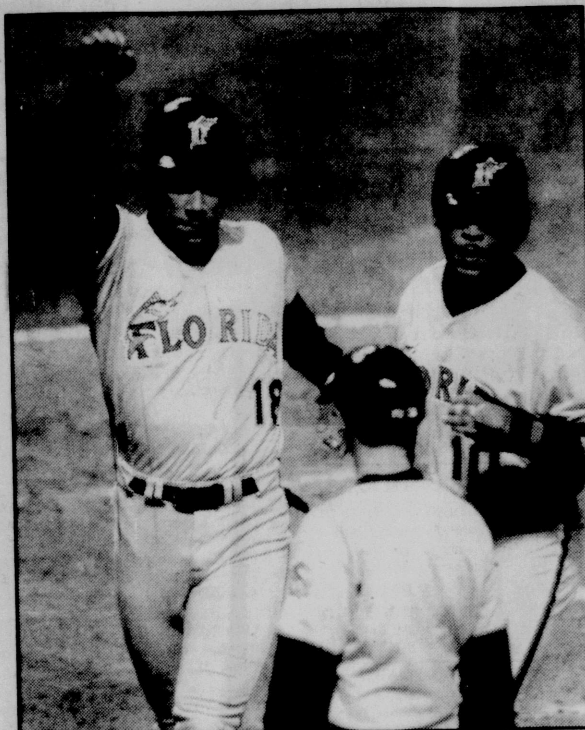
The Buffaloes are not going to leave Austin without a fight, however.

The Horns had trouble tackling them in Colorado last year, pulling out a 1-0 victory in overtime.

"I think it's a pretty big rivalry," Finch said. "I really think they want to beat us pretty bad."

And riding the wave of their best season ever, the Horns are confident.

"I think we can come out with two wins definitely," Strong said. "If we just play like we know how to play."



Marlin Moises Alou, left, gestures as he approaches the dugout after his sixth-inning home run.

Marlins

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priced free agents signed by the Marlins, was not done after his third homer of the Series. He singled and scored in the eighth and got his fourth RBI of the night and ninth in five games with another single in the ninth.

"They kept throwing me a lot of sliders and I kept chasing them," Alou said. "I missed the first pitch, he hung me a slider. Then I got to 2-1, he hung me another slider and I took advantage."

Hernandez looked lost early, pawing at the mound and seemingly distracted by the Indians' tactics of stepping in and out of the batter's box. Alomar's four RBIs gave him 10 in five games and put Cleveland ahead 4-2 after three innings.

But bolstered by repeated encouragement from his teammates, Hernandez calmed down. The MVP of the NL championship series allowed only three hits after

the third inning.

"I had [pitching coach] Larry Rothschild and every Spanish-speaking guy on the team talk to him to make sure — 'Don't lose your cool, settle down, we're going to score some runs, just keep it right there,'" Leyland said.

"I don't know which one it was, but one of them hit home," he said.

Hernandez overcame eight walks. The Cuban defector had a whole country following him as U.S. Government-run Radio and TV Marti broadcast the game to the communist island.

Friends of his mother, Miriam Carreras, said she was not feeling well but had listened to the game on the radio.

"When I get out there, I can't really think about her," Hernandez said through a translator. "I think about her before and after the game. I take her out there with me."

Orange-White: Texas stressing defense in Series

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that defense has been a high priority for Garrido during fall practice.

Though the '97 Horns were a suspect defensive team, the new faces and extra work have already begun to show in the field.

"We've spent more time on defense than we have on offense so far, and I think it showed up in the game. We were pretty consistent defensively," Garrido said.

Highlighting the Horns' emphasis on solid defense was an outstanding diving catch by freshman right fielder Matt Rosenberg to rob Brian Ivy of a base hit in the fourth inning.

"That was terrific. I was looking for the center fielder to see if he was going to catch it. When I realized he wasn't going to, I thought it was going to fall in for sure, but he [Rosenberg] came out of nowhere. It was a great play," Garrido said.

The White team jumped out early in

the top of the first inning when Jason Moore scored from third while Matt Simpson was caught in a rundown between second and third.

After the Orange went quietly in the bottom of the first, the White team struck again when Jason Cox scored from third on a Carlos Sepulveda single up the middle to make the score 2-0.

The Orange made its first dent in the bottom half of the second on the virtues of well-executed hitting.

Cridland led off the inning with a walk and was able to advance to third with the hit-and-run on. Ivy then came to the plate and knocked in Cridland from third on a grounder to the second baseman.

But with a man on third and one out, Seibel was able to settle down and get out of the inning by bookending a walk with a ground out and a fly out to right.

Both teams went quietly in the third, but each team put a run on the board in the fourth to make the score 3-2, which is where the score would remain until the seventh.

Garrido's assessment of his team was positive after the group's first 18 days of fall practice, and the emphasis will be placed firmly on fundamentals for the remainder of the Fall Series.

"What I am pleased with so far is what they have had a chance to work on, they've retained, and they've learned, and they've improved," Garrido said. "And if that holds true, that'll give us a chance to be competitive."

The White squad will look to get back at their Orange counterparts Friday when the squads meet again for Game 2 of the Fall World Series, which is free to the public and begins at 3:15 p.m. at Disch-Falk Field.

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Apples turning on Electric Lounge

John St. Denis
Daily Texan Staff

Third time's a charm, it's said. Let's hope that holds true for the Apples in Stereo. They've had some problems making their scheduled Austin tour dates in the past.

"We canceled the last two shows we were scheduled to play in Austin," John Hill, guitarist for the band, regrettably states. "One by chance and one by mechanical problems. Our van was screwing up and that [last] show was going to add like 1800 miles of driving. We had just finished recording our album and we were just touring back across."

That record, *Tone Soul Evolution*, is out now and garnering praise, like their past releases, for its accomplished pop craftsmanship. Unlike their previous releases, Hill, Robert Schneider (guitar/vocals), Hilarie Sidney (drums/vocals) and Eric Allen (bass guitar) omitted the sound effects and analog synths that textured those releases in favor of pianos, horns and a concentration on songwriting.

Hill elaborates, "We wanted to strip it down a little bit, make it rock a little more. Maybe not add

live music

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as much of the weird things like synthesizers. We also wanted to make as hi fi record as we could without it sounding slick."

To that end, the band laid down the basic tracks for the record in a professional 24-track studio before tinkering with them at Schneider's home studio. The result is a clean-sounding recording without sickly studio sheen. Bopping along, the band is fairly clear about its love for '60s pop, from the fuzzy guitar to the full band harmonies to the happy organ sprinkled throughout.

"It's really just rock," Hill explains. "We're just trying to take a little bit from all our favorite bands and with 30 percent of our favorite things, add 70 percent of ourselves. We're not trying to be retro in any way. But it's coming through and even to the average mainstream listener, we sound like the Beatles or

something. That's fine with us. People seem to like that."

The Apples in Stereo have been touring since September and the rigors of the road can get to a band, but this crew keeps their heads up even in the face of boredom.

"Ninety percent of being in a band is driving or just waiting," Hill relates unglamorously. "While we're in the van, just sleep or read. We like to, once when we get to a city, to run around a bit. It's a lot of fun. We always try to have a lot of fun. We see a lot of bands who don't have much fun."

To stay sane, the band prefers to keep the intrusion of music at a minimum.

Hill swears, "We don't listen to much music on the road. We hear bands every night, so it's nice to just go down the road in silence. Just stare at the road and plow down the highway."

Unfortunately, when they come to Austin there may not be any of the keyboard and organ playing featured on *Tone Soul Evolution* that bubbles under the songs on the record.

"We did just add a keyboard player to play keyboards, synthesizer, percussion and any kind of

extra stuff live, but he won't be with us in Austin because he's in graduate school. We should pick up a couple of those guys [from Olivia Tremor Control, one of the opening bands]; they've got like seven or eight guys on the road with them."

John Hill has a warning for Austin about a trend he witnessed when the Apples in Stereo opened for Son Volt for two weeks of dates at the beginning of the tour.

"With Son Volt ... it's kind of funny when you play bigger shows like that. In general they're early in fairly big clubs," Hill explains. "So we'd get there at say five and we'd end up playing between seven and eight. Then Son Volt plays for about two hours. Then six or seven of the nights we played with them, they had disco night immediately following the show. The second Son Volt would stop, these laser lights would go on and people would pour into the place. Immediately the place would go from country-rock heaven to high BPM. It is something that's sweeping the nation."

Fortunately, that won't be the case tonight at the Electric Lounge.



Apples in Stereo finally make it back to Austin tonight at the Electric Lounge.

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OTC bring 4-track magic

John St. Denis
Daily Texan Staff

There are just not enough seven-member bands coming through town who aren't ska bands. That will be rectified tonight by the presence of the Olivia Tremor Control. In an age where four-track recording is considered primitive — a tool for rough, bedroom demos — OTC work magic with it, creating lush pop music symphonies that give even Sgt. Pepper's a run for its money. When they played in Austin earlier this year, they wowed the crowd with the full sound of songs from their *Songs for an Unrealized Film "Dusk at Cubist Castle."* This time around they'll be airing out new songs from an album in progress.

The most compelling thing about OTC, after the music (of course), is the dynamics on stage. During a song, a member might grab a different instrument from the one he started with and play it for a while, then switch back. The songs can sound quite a bit different from the album versions, and from night to night.

Will Hart, sometime guitarist and singer, explains, "We kind of have to [alter them] in sections. A lot of times we have to pin it down because somebody should be doing the organ live. And so we'll pick somebody. Oh this one probably doesn't need two guitars so I'm gonna play shaker. I like to be the one who does that. It's a mundane role that I like to do personally. Eric [Harris] the drummer plays the theremin, so I switch to drums sometimes. But Bill [Doss] can play

live music

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the guitar mostly. You know we take turns."

In such a large band, variety would seem to be guaranteed, but they weren't always such a crowd.

"At first it wasn't seven people, it was just a couple and then it expanded to three, then four. Now it's five officially and seven unofficially. We got a guy that plays horn and then the Music Tapes — the band that will be playing with us as well — we share members. I'm in that band too."

With such a grand crew, one that's familiar with improvisations when playing live, you might think the rich songs come from marathon jam sessions.

"Oh we write songs," Hart assures. "Some songs are really prewritten and each line and each melodic thing that comes in and out of it, every time the shaker comes in and out of it, it's really planned. And then sometimes, we just have a good pop song that we like and we're like, 'Man, let everybody do something on it and see what happens.' And then you take away, add in, strip away [elements]."

You've got to wonder whether OTC pores over their influences as a blueprint for the future, but that isn't the case.

"I've got the records, I just never put the Beatles on," he explains. "But I love them. It's not conscious thing. I don't put on 'Cry Baby Cry' and rock out to it everyday. In fact lately I've been listening to a lot of jazz."

Has that influenced the new material?

"I wonder. I think so. I think the next record will be ... not jazz. It's a lot of pop songs but they're pieced together differently than the last record. A little more integrated in sound effects, rhythm, and random ... you'll hear it."

While most bands are plagued by trouble with old, unreliable transportation on tour, OTC have gotten off without a hitch, except once.

"I ran out of gas," Hart admits. "Just wasn't paying attention. That was in Wyoming. There was nobody around and we had to walk a mile."

A mile? Figuring in Wyoming's population density, they still got off pretty easy.

As a special treat for fans that come out for the show, OTC will be selling a tour-only record.

"It's a complete collaboration with the people who sent us dreams that we asked for in the [liner notes for the] *Dusk at Cubist Castle* record. People send us dreams on cassette and we used those as the basis for the record. Like rock songs but with the dreamer's words."

In addition, the band is busy on a remix of the band Bugskull's material for a volume in Trance Syndicate's *Kahanek Incident* vinyl series.

SUBARACHNOID SPACE

By: Almost Invisible
Label: Relapse
Rating: ★★½ (out of five)

Prepare to find yourself set adrift in a warm pool of lacquer, as the fluid that is Subarachnoid Space both titillates your capillaries and soothes your insides.

Almost Invisible neatly fits into a genre that is just that — the genre of ambient-experimental. Only, this album is much more substantial than the majority of offerings under that header.

The element which propels this album ahead of Lab Report, Muslingauze, and any number of mind-numbing bands one may find on the airwaves of KVRX after midnight is the skillful percussion that pervades this 50-minute plus foray into dark waters.

The tom-heavy percussive offerings, laid down by one Michelle (as identified in the liner notes), help give definition and form to the delay-riddled

mass of floating guitars that remain in the mix from beginning to end.

Also helping to give definition to Subarachnoid Space as a band, rather than a machine, which is what projects such as Stars of the Lid and Main have come to sound like, is the tempo, which changes from track to track. At times, Subarachnoid Space all but breaks out into a full tribal jam, while still maintaining the soothing vertical flow of the guitars.

The tones which emanate from the guitars are very captivating even left alone, if ultimately a bit

bland. But add the mixed percussion, and you suddenly have a surprisingly simple, yet wonderful treat.

If this band were a bowl of spicy black beans, the guitars would be the beans and the drums the spice. Of course, I see this album more along the lines of a cup of fruity yogurt, or something equally relaxing.

Actually, it may also take a few spoonfuls of Ny-Quil to get the full effect. But for that much trouble, you may as well buy the album.

—Michael Chamy

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'Gattaca' stars with Hawke, Uma

Peter Debruge
Daily Texan Staff

Each generation believes that its time is the worst. However, as a legacy of non-utopian novels and films suggests, what we truly have to fear is where our society and technology are leading us. *Gattaca*, a stylish film from first-time director Andrew Niccol, forecasts an upsetting future based on scientific advances in genetics.

But *Gattaca* is not just a new techno-thriller in the vein of Michael Crichton. Like Orwell's 1984 and Huxley's *Brave New World*, *Gattaca* is the story of an individual trying to find his place in society. Combining a beautifully written narrative with arresting visuals, *Gattaca* succeeds as a captivating portrayal of the struggle of an ordinary man against forces beyond his control.

In a world in which most children are constructed in petri dishes from genetic traits selected by their parents, Vincent (Ethan Hawke) has a distinct disadvantage. He is damned by his own genes; he had the bad fortune of being conceived the natural way (that is, in the back seat of his parents' car).

A blood analysis given at birth reveals a 99 percent chance that Vincent will die of heart disease by the age of 30. His weakened heart condition and genetic inferiority to his engineered peers places Vincent among an underclass of "invalids," who must fulfill society's grunt work. Vincent dreams of exploring the stars, an honor reserved for the genetically superior, and he refuses to give up hope.

Though we see signs of new technology, Niccol's portrayal of our future is firmly rooted in our past. Uniforms resemble suits from the 1940s, cars look like refinished classics and buildings reflect the great movements in 20th century architecture. As a centerpiece, the Marin County Civic Center, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, serves as the *Gattaca* Corporation building in the film.

Niccol resisted creating a future remarkably foreign from the present because the film hinges on similarities. The futuristic setting serves mainly to present a unique situation essential to the film: the possible implications of genetic engineering. The film refuses to pass judgment on the issue, letting the audience decide while enter-



In *Gattaca* Uma Thurman and Ethan Hawke deal with not being "perfect" genetic humans.

film

GATTACA

Starring: Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman, Alan Arkin, Jude Law, Blair Underwood

Director: Andrew Niccol

Playing at: Barton Creek, Gateway, Highland, Lake Creek, Movies 12, Northcross, Riverside

Rating: ★★★★★ (out of five)

taining us with a possible outcome. Similar to the vision of the future François Truffaut presents in the film *Fahrenheit 451*, the future depicted in *Gattaca* is sleek, efficient and heavily stylized. The illusion is completed by the stunning camera work of Slawomir Idziak, whose use of filters and lighting gives the film a distinctive look that matches Vincent's optimism.

Idziak's award-winning cinematography, which brilliantly revealed the depths of inner turmoil in Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Blue*, craftily manipulates the audience. While man clearly dominates science in the script, images of clear oceans, blue skies and the unconquerable vastness of space remind us of nature's superiority.

As Vincent sees it, if he is cursed with a short life, he will make the most of it by fulfilling his dreams. To achieve what the genetically advantaged can do naturally, Vincent must work 10 times as hard.

Enter Jerome Eugene Morrow (Jude Law), a genetically superior specimen whose potential is ruined after suffering a paralyzing accident. Brought together by a mysterious man who deals in identity swapping, Eugene and Vincent agree to begin an elaborate deception technique that should allow Vincent to gain access to the *Gattaca* space program.

British actor Law delivers a powerful performance as a character constantly plagued by simultaneous feelings of camaraderie and jealousy. Eugene can be pathetic at times, though he possesses a surprising strength that seems to have grown from his handicap.

Posing as Jerome Morrow, Vincent quickly demonstrates his high level of potential and is selected as one of the crew members on the next space mission. Just when everything seems to be going right, the director of the space mission is murdered days before the scheduled launch. The only piece of evi-

dence can be genetically traced to Vincent.

Assigned to the case, Irene (Uma Thurman) finds herself drawn to "Jerome" in the course of the investigation. In a relationship characterized by the coldness of their environment, Vincent and Irene seem distant even as companions. Their love springs from a need for human contact in a world where it is virtually impossible.

Though the elements of mystery and romance draw the audience further into the story, their presence sometimes provides jarring interruptions in the film's flow. The movie could easily have found more appropriate material in the unlikely partnership of Vincent and Eugene. Instead, it shied away from a deeper look at the psychological issues for the quick thrill of a murder mystery.

All things considered, *Gattaca* is a refreshingly unique film that eventually resorts to predictable elements that water down the story's effectiveness. Though the film is well-crafted and extremely entertaining, it is easy to see that Niccol is capable of delivering much more.

What the beebble?

The Gourds and Stubb's present the first annual Beeblefest Saturday

Heath Shelby
Daily Texan Staff

A riddle: beebles wobble but they don't do what?

The answer: they don't fall down. Because if they do, they might pass out and sleep right through this weekend's Beeblefest at Stubb's Bar-B-Q.

The first annual Beeblefest, headlined by the Gourds, takes place from 3 p.m. until midnight Saturday on the Stubb's outdoor stage. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Services Invested In Musician Support Foundation, named after the late Sims Ellison of Pariah. Through support services and counseling, S.I.M.S. promotes the emotional well-being of members of the Austin music community.

Beeble-goers will hear not only the hick stylings of the headliners, but also the soulfully gritty voice and dusty, laid-back delivery of Jon Dee Graham, the loud 'n' twangy noise of The Damnnations, and The Diaz Brothers. And if the local talent isn't

Beeble Fest

THE GOURDS

When: Saturday, Oct. 25

Playing at: Stubb's

Opening: Old 97s, Tiny Town, The Skeletons, Jon Dee Graham, The Damnnations, The Diaz Bros.

enough, there's also plenty more going on to justify a foray from the La-Z-Boy.

Dallas alterna-cowboys The Old 97s, still busy touring the United States in support of their summer major-label debut *Too Far To Care*, will also take the Stubb's stage, bringing along lots of lightning-speed, bull-whip percussion, trail-dust guitar licks and wise-ass witticisms. Throw in the swampy flavor of Tiny Town and the simple-skinned rock of The Skeletons, and you've got yourself a gourd fulla fun. Dem's good beebble, straight up.

All together, that's nine hours of



The Gourds headline the Saturday event which benefits the S.I.M.S. foundation.

music, not counting the big jam that's supposed to happen indoors when the clock strikes a dozen.

And oh yeah, I suspect there will also be barbecue involved. I can already feel that good kinda hurt in the ol' belly.

So don't give yourself an easy excuse for the Piss & Moan Blues. Strap on the barbecue gut, dust off the shit-kickers and get ready to twang 'til your heart's content.

If for no other reason, do it for the beer.

people briefs

To help winners, VH1 trophies lose weight

■ **NEW YORK** — The VH1 Fashion Awards won't be much of a workout for waif winners and celebrity presenters now that hefty, solid-brass trophies have been replaced with a bogus, lighter version.

The last thing the music channel wants to do is give Mariah Carey, Donna Karan or Linda Evangelista back trouble when they hand out awards Friday night, so organizers decided to truck the real, 11.4-pound prizes to recipients the next day, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Thursday.

"It's heavier than a fashion model," complained Gabe Doppelt, creative director for the show. "We were afraid the first thing out of everyone's mouth would be how heavy the award was, rather than something witty."

The 1-foot-tall, sleek, skyscraper-looking trophy was designed by Tom Ford of Gucci. A 3-pound aluminum replica will be substituted.

A different designer creates the awards each year. Doppelt said Ford's drawings seemed reasonable enough. Last summer, Ford deliv-

ered a prototype and VH1 officials were stunned: They needed two hands to lift it.

Friend says JFK Jr. injury caused by doing dishes

■ **NEW YORK** — How did the hunk hurt his hand? NOT fighting with his wife, a friend of John F. Kennedy Jr. told the *New York Post*.

Contrary to tabloid reports, Kennedy cut his right hand doing the dishes, said the friend, who wasn't identified in Wednesday's newspaper.

"He's telling family and friends what really happened because the whole thing — you should excuse the phrase — has gotten out of hand," the friend said.

Kennedy and wife Carolyn Bessette were sharing a quiet dinner at home before he left on a week-long trip to India earlier this month. He cut his hand while cleaning the dishes after dinner.



Kennedy

Weed keeps Estes from performing in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa — Simon Estes isn't allergic to Iowa. It's the ragweed that keeps forcing him to cancel concerts.

The bass-baritone said Wednesday night that severe allergies to ragweed first encountered during a Sept. 16 concert in Iowa City seemed to clear up when he left his native state and sang in Europe. He returned this week for performances around Iowa, but his voice gave him problems again.

He checked with four doctors and the culprit was the same each time: ragweed. Estes said doctors assured him there's nothing wrong with his voice. They told him he needs to take a rest and get out of Iowa until frost takes care of the ragweed pollen.

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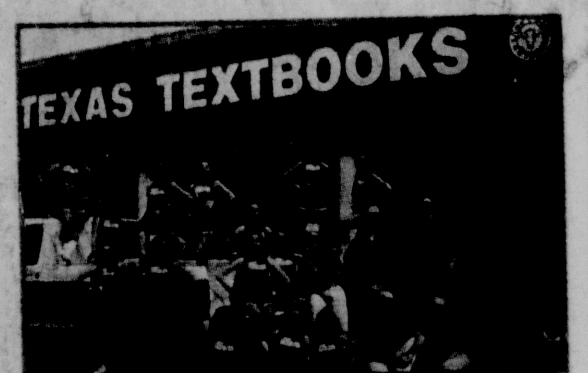
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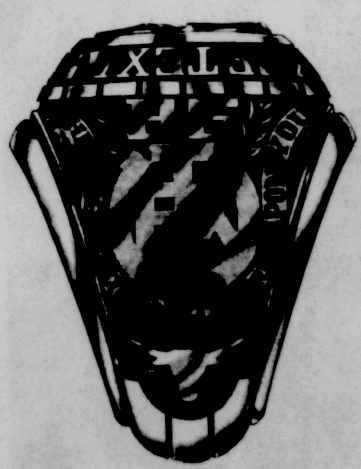
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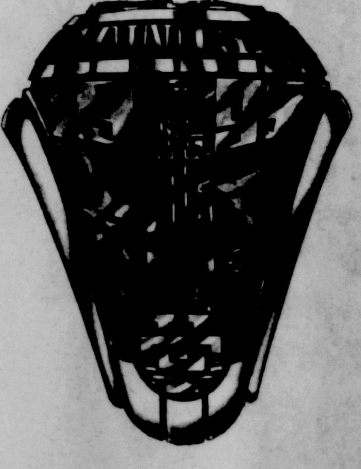
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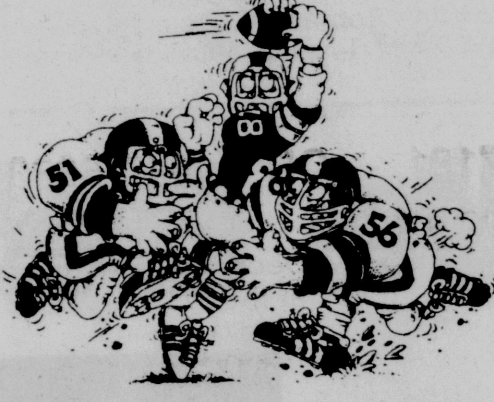
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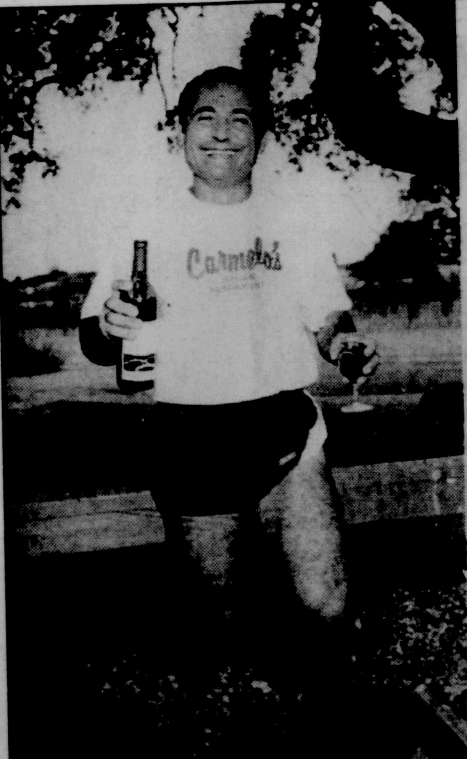
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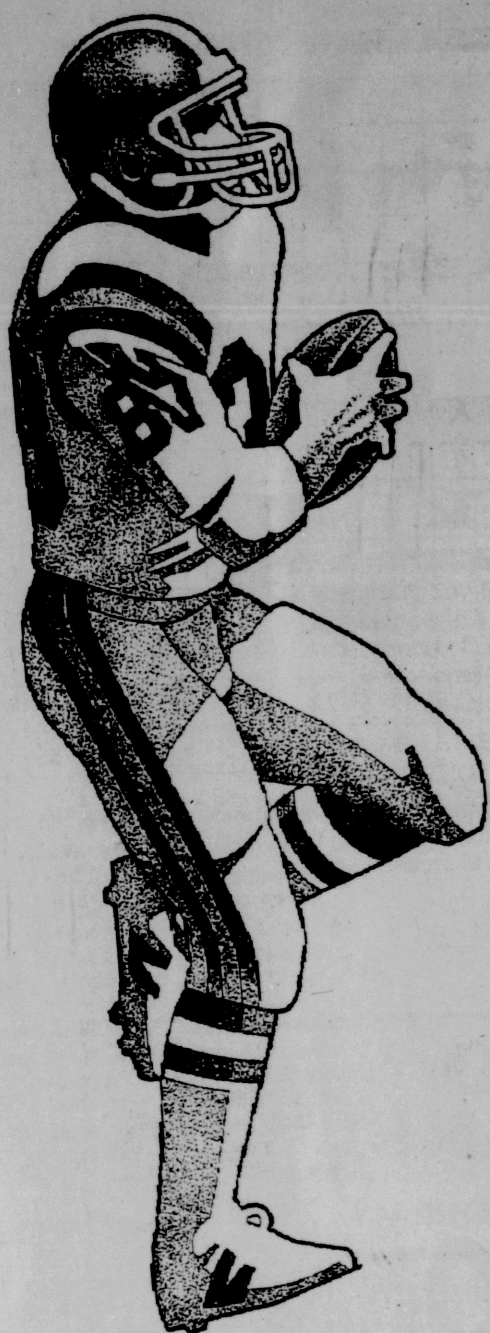
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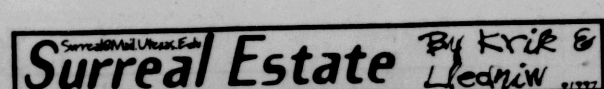
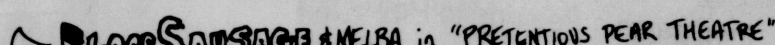
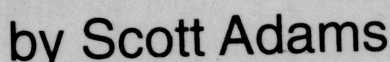
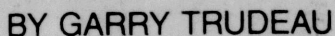
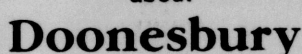
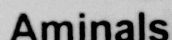
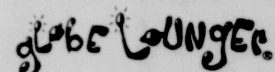
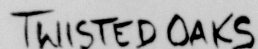
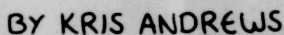
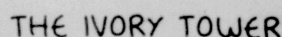
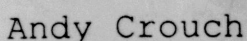
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