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## FIELD OF DREAMS

Turn to today's Sports section, as the *Texan* previews Texas baseball's 2003 season, which begins today. The Longhorns are seeking a repeat of their 2002 National Championship.

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## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

# Council approves noise ordinance

*Councilmembers deny variance request for outside music venues*

By Katherine Sayre  
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin City Council passed 6-1 Thursday a noise ordinance requiring outdoor music venues to obtain licenses and cut back on the decibel level limits for residents and businesses.

The ordinance will require amplified sound in the Warehouse and Sixth Street districts to stay at or below 85 decibels with a 2 a.m. cutoff. In all resi-

dentally-zoned areas, the level must stay at or below 75 decibels with a 10 p.m. cutoff.

"What we've had for years, in practice, is an unenforceable noise ordinance," Will Wynn, a councilman, said. "I praise the task force for coming up with something I think is enforceable."

The ordinance was first proposed in December, and over the last month the noise ordinance task force — bringing together downtown residents, stakeholders and city officials — made a few changes to the draft, including an exemption for the SXSW Conference.

The change the council did not approve was a pro-

posed "variance process" in which venues outside the two downtown districts may have their hours extended by proving a legitimate business need. Downtown residents expressed concern that variance would be issued even with residential disapproval.

Laura Huffman, assistant city manager, said the new ordinance will not be damaging to the live music scene.

"I think [the task force] met the goal of providing quality of life and preserving the 'Live Music Capital of the World,'" Huffman said.

Austin police officers will be allowed to measure decibel levels around the perimeter, 6 feet from the

The City Council determines the future of Austin Music Network.

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## NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

*UT team prepares as Chinese New Year approaches*

By Jennifer Nalewicki  
Daily Texan Staff

Biting greedily into a head of lettuce, the dragon thrashes its gigantic head wildly from side to side. Opening and closing its red mouth, the dragon reveals rows of rigid teeth. After taking a gulp of fresh air, it darts about in search of its next victim.

A short, chubby man dressed in tattered, yellow rags grabs the dragon's attention as he cools himself with a straw fan. The Happy Buddha playfully taps his fan on the dragon's head, sending the dragon into a fury of anger as it chases the Buddha down the hallway.

Shrieks of excitement and fear permeate the air as dozens of bystanders pray they too won't become the beast's next meal.

Luckily, this is just an act.

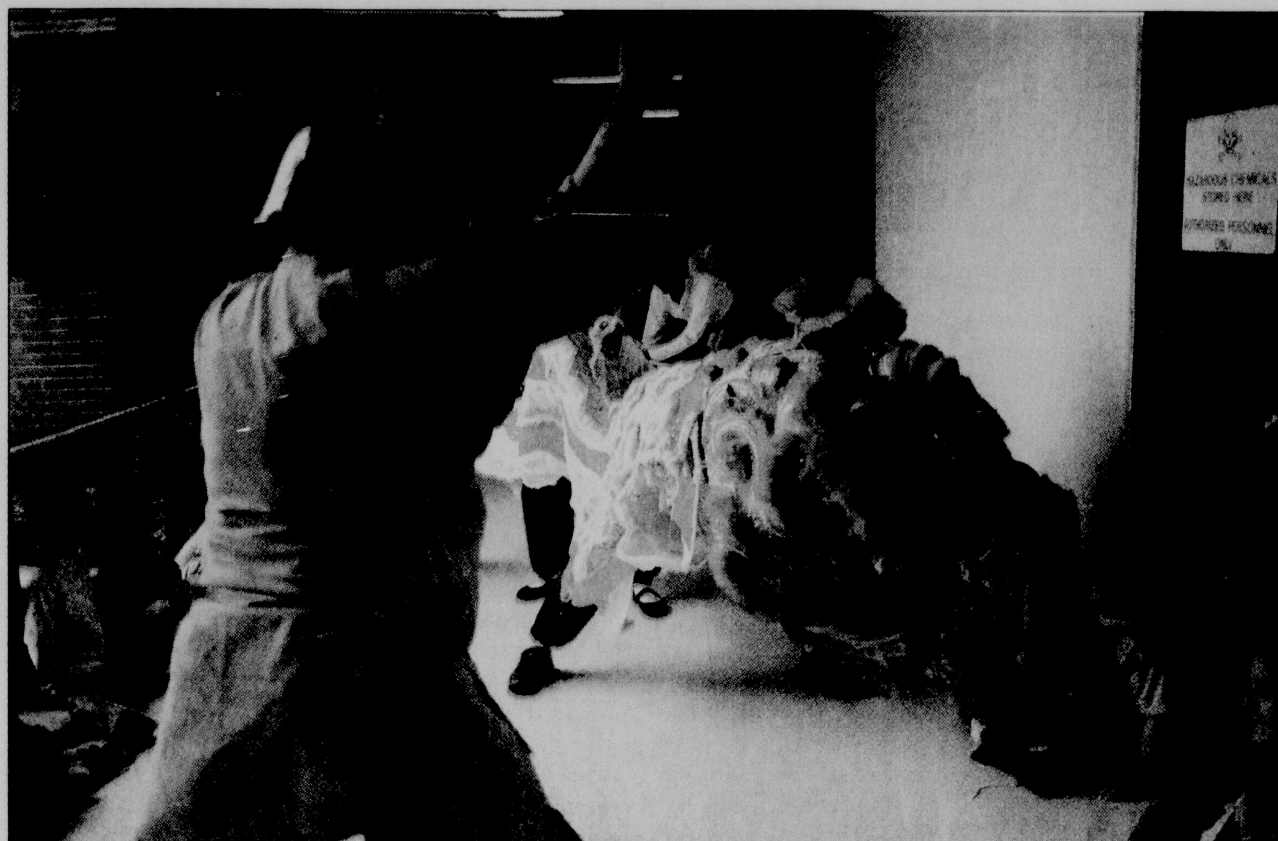
The Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team, a UT student organization, puts on performances like the one held Thursday at Wells Branch Elementary School in Round Rock many times throughout the year.

This is just a warm up for their performance Saturday, which is the day of the Chinese New Year.

The team's mission is to share with others one of the many traditions of the New Year holiday.

Nathan Fraser-Chanpong, a member of the organization, feels it is important for others to know about the traditions that surround Chinese culture.

"The Chinese New Year is a



Brooke Moreland/Daily Texan Staff

Members of the Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team perform a Chinese New Year's dance at Wells Branch Elementary School Thursday. This Saturday is the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

connection to my heritage," said Fraser-Chanpong, an electrical engineering senior who is part Chinese. "I enjoy it because the people around me are seeing this connection too."

The dragon dance, or lion dance as it is commonly known, is perhaps the most spectacular event of the Chinese New Year.

It tells the ancient Chinese tale of "Nian," which means "year" in Chinese and is also the dragon's moniker.

According to legend, the beast would terrorize Chinese villages. Using its cavernous mouth, Nian

could swallow hordes of people and animals in just one gulp.

After living in years of terror, an old man met Nian and explained that humans were not worthy opponents for such a powerful beast. The man told it to instead attack the other beasts in the forest.

Nian agreed.

As soon as the dragon left the village, the man told the people to put up red paper decorations in their windows and doors and to shoot off firecrackers at each year's end to prevent Nian from returning.

The tradition holds true to this day.

In addition to the dragon dance, families celebrate the holiday by feasting on sweet dumplings and fish, having lantern construction contests and giving decorated red envelopes called "lai si" or "hung bao" filled with money to the children.

"Many families have rituals to offer prayers and food to their ancestors to wish them a happy new year and to ask for a blessing for the coming year," said

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"The Chinese New Year is a connection to my heritage."

Nathan Fraser-Chanpong, Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team member

## 78TH LEGISLATURE

# Craddick appoints committees

*House speaker's assignments reflect diversity, not tradition*

By Stephanie Weintraub  
Daily Texan Staff

It was bid day at the Capitol Thursday.

The Texas House members have been awaiting committee assignments since the 78th Legislature convened Jan. 14.

As expected, Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, was picked to chair the Appropriations Committee, which constructs the budget bill in tandem with the Senate Finance Committee.

Writing the appropriations bill this session will be tough in light of the \$9.9 billion budget shortfall, Heflin said.

"We'll be looking at building from the ground up," he said. "It'll be a little bit more time consuming, but I think we'll have a team on the committee that will commit to do the work."

House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, chose Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, as speaker pro tempore, a House position that ranks just under speaker. Craddick assembled 42 committees total, and the two new committees this session will concentrate on health-care costs and political ethics.

The new speaker broke tradition by putting a number of freshmen in leadership positions — 11 are vice chairs of committees and two are on appropriations.

Craddick also put women and minorities in positions of power this session with chair positions in correlation with their House numbers.

"This marks a turning point in particular for minority members of the House," said Rep. Ron Wilson, a Houston Democrat who supported

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## 'Closing the Gaps' is main goal of board

*Plan offers universities ability to set tuition and fee rates*

By Jackie Caradonio  
Daily Texan Staff

Allowing state colleges and universities the flexibility to alter student tuition and fees could help realize the goals of "Closing the Gaps by 2015," members of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said Thursday.

Due to the program's mediocre success, the board seeks to increase funding for "Closing the Gaps by 2015," the state program whose goals include increasing enrollment in colleges and universities. To fund these changes, participating institutions must find additional sources of revenue.

Don Brown, the commissioner of higher education, said state appropriations are not a likely source for additional funding because of the \$9.9 billion state deficit for the biennium. Instead, the board suggested allowing the institutions the flexibility to alter student tuition and fees.

To determine if tuition increases would be feasible, the board will evaluate Texas' tuition rates

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

# Council votes to keep AMN under its wing, for now

*Plan could make network self-sufficient if money is approved*

By Erin Keck  
Daily Texan Staff

In a late session Thursday night, the Austin City Council voted 6-1 to keep the Austin Music Network's contract running until the end of the current fiscal year, with measures to eventually make the network self-sufficient.

The city's current budget funds the network through Aug. 31. The last \$56,000, needed to take the

network through the end of its contract in October, would come from next year's budget, which has not been approved. It is doubtful that the city could allocate the funds given the current budget shortfall.

In December 2002, the council approved \$168,000 to run the network for three months until further review.

Woody Roberts, general manager of the AMN, said he would like a few months to see the effects of implementing the Austin Music Commission's

Lead vocalist of local band weighs in on AMN.

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suggestions.

"The ideal situation for me would be to have all of these recommendations approved as performance measures or goals, not requirements, until we can see how these goals work out. I think we can meet most of them — if not all of them," Roberts said.

Councilmember Will Wynn, the only member to vote against the contract, argued the network should be cut loose from the city budget to save nearly \$500,000.

"If we're not going to fund it in eight months, good government tells me we're not going to fund it now," Wynn said.

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Sasha Haagensen/Daily Texan Staff

Local band The Rise performed for a large audience at Tower Records last Friday. Tower hosted the first ever "Superband Weekend" where 28 local bands performed in an appreciation concert for the Austin Music Network.

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### On the rebound

After falling to Kansas Monday, T.J. Ford leads the Longhorns into action this weekend against Oklahoma State.

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## System to aid development of database

### TOTAL INFORMATION AWARENESS

A database prototype to collect information nationwide from such categories as visas, drivers licenses, credit cards and airline tickets in order to recognize threats of domestic terrorism.

### UT SYSTEM'S INVOLVEMENT

Evidence Extraction and Link Discovery:

- Software to recognize patterns that could indicate planned terrorism.
- Being developed by UT-Austin, UT-Arlington, other institutions

Human Identification at a Distance:

- Technology to identify individuals electronically at great distances.
- Being developed by UT-Dallas, other institutions

source: Department of Defense

*Criticism calls program identifying terrorist threats into question*

By Jonathan York  
Daily Texan Staff

Editor's note: This is part of an occasional series exploring defense research in the UT System.

The UT System is developing components of the U.S. Department of Defense's Total Information Awareness project, a nationwide database for recognizing terrorist threats that has drawn criticism from Congress and the public.

Raymond Mooney, a computer sciences professor, has worked with three University of Wisconsin faculty members since fall of 2001

on one component — called "Evidence Extraction and Link Discovery." A separate team from UT-Arlington

studied the same topic.

Work on the Austin and Arlington projects has been unclassified and conducted on the schools' campuses. Funds came from the Defense Advanced

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Wall of secrecy is present between researchers, public

DEFENSE, FROM 1

Research Projects Agency, which helped develop the Internet.

UT-Dallas' focus is another component, called "Human Identification at a Distance." According to DARPA, the project would develop software to recognize individuals from 500 feet away. Few details were available about the UT-Dallas project, but Jan Walker, a DARPA spokeswoman, said the institution had received just under \$500,000 by April 2001.

Total Information Awareness is DARPA's name for a system that would supposedly divine terrorist threats from the mass of information the federal government can obtain about its citizens: Medical records. Drivers license registrations. Airline ticket purchases. Matching transactions with current events. The database could discern the setup for a possible attack.

The database itself will be born from the slow integration of several projects, including those in which the UT System is now involved, said Walker. For instance, UT researchers in Evidence Extraction and Link Discovery are working with mock data, attempting to teach software to recognize dangerous patterns.

"One of the things we're looking at is called a social network. You can think of it as a graph of interconnections," said Lawrence Holder, a UT-Arlington computer sciences professor and project researcher. "If one person knows one person, there's a link. You kind of build up those links over time."

DARPA gave UT-Arlington a two-year, \$375,000 grant, paid in three installments, Holder said. The \$100,000 final payment came this month.

Mooney, of Austin, and the Wisconsin team received slightly less than \$1 million for a three-year grant, said Jude Shavlik, a University of Wisconsin professor. Mooney, who knew Shavlik at the University of Illinois, would not comment on the research.

Both research teams say information about the project is open to the public. After all, they have published articles about their research to date. A UT-Arlington Web site, <http://ailab.uta.edu/subdue>, makes UT-Arlington's link discovery software available for

download.

But a wall of secrecy stands between university researchers and some specifics of Total Information Awareness. Documents posted on DARPA's Web site state the defense agency intends "to team with one or more U.S. intelligence agencies, and may desire that proposers selected for award would perform in collaboration with those agencies."

According to the documents, "Key performers of prospective awardees whose activities would involve collaboration with the intelligence community must hold a current top secret Department of Defense clearance and be approved for access to sensitive compartmentalized information."

Holder confronts governmental secrecy in the course of his duties. The analysis of his research takes place in a secure environment.

DARPA calls Total Information Awareness a "vision." Some in Congress, the press and the public have called it less benign names. Most notably, the U.S. Senate passed a bill with an amendment last week that would stall the project altogether unless the defense department presents a report assessing the potential loss of privacy rights.

"It is really one of the most ambitious and far-reaching surveillance programs ever proposed, and its concept would really transform a lot of the protections and the standards that we operate under," said Mihir Kshirsagar of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, which sued DARPA for detailed information about contracts for the project.

Academic researchers are using mock sets of data. But even they have misgivings.

"Sure, [the privacy concerns] give me reason for pause," Holder said. "Any person who works with the Total Information System, if not constrained in what they can access, can particularly abuse that power."

Steven Kornuth, a UT bio-defense researcher, said DARPA's information gathering project "is a great idea, to do the testing, to do the research to see if it's possible how we can merge this information."

"But I think you need to have oversight by Congress and by the public."

WOMAN SAYS MAGIC WAND ZAPPED HER DOUGH

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — A woman who says she bought three magic wands from a self-described psychic to erase negative thoughts now says \$5,400 of her money was all that disappeared. The woman said she contacted police Friday after she became suspicious about the effectiveness of the wands.

questions and answers

Local rock band singer Conrad Keely reflects on AMN, future

In keeping with the live music theme of the week, the *Texan* talked to Conrad Keely of Austin rock band ... And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead, who will be playing two shows at Emo's this weekend starting tonight.

**Daily Texan:** The Austin City Council discussed cutting funding for the Austin Music Network Thursday, but agreed to maintain it until September. That's a place where you guys and other local bands get a lot of play. What do you think about that?

**Conrad Keely:** There's all sorts of bands that get exposed on it. It would be a tragedy [if they cut it], and it really helps the sense of community we have as a town. Any less than that is going to jeopardize what all the musicians are trying to work towards really.

**DT:** What about the noise ordinance? Do you think this city is dedicated to keeping live music or is it an aside?

**CK:** Yeah, this seems to be an ongoing battle, and I don't think that this is anything new. It's pretty ridiculous. What do they expect us to do, like all join string bands or something? Now even things like raves have pretty much been stopped, so it's not just live music, but it's DJ music as well.

**DT:** The band is working on some new stuff, right?

**CK:** We just recorded an EP, and it'll be out in March, and we'll be playing some of the songs over the weekend.

**DT:** Is it the same kind of stuff?

**CK:** Yeah, some of the stuff has some string orchestra type music in it so we're going to see

on Friday if we can pull it off live. But Saturday night is going to be balls to the wall.

**DT:** Who's a band you would like to open for?

**CK:** Bands that would like to open for us?

**DT:** No, you for them.

**CK:** Well, we made a pact that we would never open for another band again. Put that down for the record.

**DT:** That's kind of arrogant don't you think?

**CK:** Yeah, if the Beatles get back together, we'd open for them.

**DT:** I have some people tell me that you guys are the ugliest band in rock. What do you think about that?

**CK:** That's pretty harsh.

—P. Ryan Petkoff

Assistant professor says U.S. 'tones down' holiday

CELEBRATION, FROM 1

Camilla Hsieh, an Asian studies lecturer from Taiwan. "Families would have a long string of firecrackers ready by their front door. Right at midnight, every family lit the firecrackers. It sounded like a war zone, and it would go on for a long time, but it always moved me."

In preparation of the holiday, families clean their homes from top to bottom to rid it of any bad karma left over from the previous year.

"It is believed that if someone sweeps the floors inside the home several days after, they should be careful not to sweep anything out the door, since it sweeps away luck," said Rich Simental, an Asian studies senior and member of the Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team.

Sharp objects such as scissors and knives are hidden to prevent accidentally "cutting the thread of good fortune."

The most popular event of the Chinese New Year is the dragon parade.

The dragon's papier-mache head and fabric body holds several people, who dance to the beat of drums and a gong, imitating Nian.

The dragon dances from business to business, drawing employees to come out and offer "hung bao," the dancer's payment for the performance. Heads of lettuce containing packets of money are a com-

mon gift.

It is considered good luck if the dragon bows down in front of a person's store.

"The dragon is considered good luck," Simental said. "People try to touch the fabric of the dragon for good luck."

Ten years ago Maggie Chiang, an assistant Asian studies professor, saw the dragon parade in Shanghai.

"Everyone from children to grandmothers from the countryside came to town, and together we moved like sardines down the main streets," she said. "There is a lot of wonder, amazement and energy everywhere. It's a crazy time, bright, loud, full of food, aromas and spectacles."

However, she feels the holiday is toned down in the United States.

"Texas, in general, is so spread out that it is difficult to get the concentration of people and energy that you see in the more congested East Coast and cities like Shanghai," Chiang said.

Hsieh agrees.

"When I was a child, New Years meant sweets, good food, money and firecrackers. Now I am away from my culture. I no longer celebrate Chinese New Years the way my parents did. Instead, it has become a reminder and a time for me to reaffirm my roots."

Council and public seem to agree on AMN worth

NETWORK, FROM 1

The commission concluded that the network should be reappraised for the remainder of the fiscal year.

This year the network recorded 165 performances, ranging from songs to entire concerts, at local venues. It received about the same number of locally made music videos that were played on the air, Roberts said.

The network's budget for this contract year from November 2002 to October 2003 is \$675,000 — \$100,000 less than the previous year.

"Our budget is not very elaborate considering what our mission is," Roberts said. "We're dealing with professional musicians who want to look and sound good."

Local bands credit the network with free exposure. John Constant, singer of Austin band God Drives a Galaxy, credits AMN with getting his band noticed by record labels, CD buyers and fans from as far away as San Antonio.

"It's one of the few things that sets Austin apart from other cities that claim to have music, that we have a music station," Constant said.

AROUND CAMPUS

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**Torchlight Society Women's Organization Happy Hour**, today, 5:30 p.m., at Players. Contact Jessica: [xjezgah-x@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:xjezgah-x@mail.utexas.edu)

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**UT v. Tulane Ice Hockey**, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. Travis County Expo Center. [www.TexasIceHockey.com](http://www.TexasIceHockey.com).

**"Sound in Silence" Concert**, Feb. 1, 7 p.m., Texas Union. Sponsored by the Art of Living Club. [www.utexas.edu/students/aol](http://www.utexas.edu/students/aol)

**American Red Cross Club Class**, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Bellmont Hall 328. 832-492-0607

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Owner says change will hurt business

ORDINANCE, FROM 1

property. Originally, officers were only allowed to measure the levels 6 feet from the front door.

Heath Macintosh, owner of the Red Eyed Fly on Red River, said the music venue will be hurt by the new ordinance.

"A lot of live music has moved over to the Red River area, and it should be carved out into a zone just like the Warehouse District and the Sixth Street District," Macintosh said. "We'll appeal [the decision] because it will just kill our business."

Chris Didear, member of the local band Deejay, attended the council meeting to express his own concerns about the direction live music is taking in Austin.

"I've lived here 30 years and played in clubs here for 16 years, and we're losing a lot of live music venues," Didear said. "It seems ludicrous to claim this city as the 'Live Music Capital of the World' when they are essentially shutting it down."

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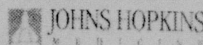
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## WORLD BRIEFS

**French flee Ivory Coast as peace deal flounders**

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — French nationals and other foreigners waited in long lines Thursday for flights out of Ivory Coast, as the former French colony braced for what many fear could be the violent collapse of a fragile peace deal.

Airlines laid on extra flights and one, Air Ivoire, said it was giving priority to women and children.

French in Abidjan have been the targets of days of attacks — blamed by loyalist mobs for compromises in a French-brokered peace accord the loyalists contend yields too much to the rebels behind Ivory Coast's 4-month-old insurgency. Thousands of the country's 20,000 French nationals have fled.

**Belgium follows neighbor, approves gay marriages**

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Belgium became the second nation in the world to officially recognize gay marriages Thursday, when parliament backed the move with a large majority.

The Netherlands approved same-sex marriages two years ago, but unlike its northern neighbor, Belgium did not allow such couples to adopt children.

The bill passed the House of Representatives in a 91-22 vote with nine abstentions. The Senate already had approved it.

Belgium already was one of several European nations, which have laws recognizing same-sex unions and granting legal, tax and property rights.

**Sept. 11 relatives face suspect at Germany trial**

HAMBURG, Germany — Five Americans on Thursday confronted the first suspect to stand trial for the Sept. 11 attacks and demanded harsh punishment for "the puppets of Osama bin Laden."

Mounir el Motassadeq, an alleged member of the al-Qaida cell that included lead hijacker Mohamed Atta, listened intently but showed no emotion as the men and women painfully relived their experiences in Hamburg state court.

More than 20 relatives have joined the proceedings, which began in October, under German laws allowing relatives of crime victims to review evidence, file motions and question witnesses.

El Motassadeq, a 28-year-old Moroccan, is accused of providing logistical support to the Hamburg cell. He faces a possible life sentence.

**Cambodia apologizes for anti-Thailand riots**

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Cambodia apologized and offered compensation Thursday for a riot that damaged the Thai Embassy and severely strained relations with its neighbor.

The embassy was partially burned and vandalized by mobs during riots Wednesday that also damaged several Thai-owned hotels, restaurants and other businesses, left one Thai dead and seven injured.

In retaliation, the Thai government closed its borders with Cambodia, downgraded diplomatic ties and suspended economic cooperation with its smaller neighbor.

The violence was sparked by Cambodian media reports that a Thai television actress had insulted national pride by suggesting that Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temple, a national symbol, is on land that should be part of Thailand.

**Brazil launches program to help feed poor families**

BRASILIA, Brazil — Brazil's new president launched his anti-hunger program Thursday with a move to provide \$14 a month to 1.5 million families, most from the country's poverty-stricken northeast region.

While the stipend may seem insignificant, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's hunger task force estimated 46 million of the country's 175 million citizens survive on less than \$1 a day.

Silva, who as a boy dropped out of grade school to help support his family, made hunger eradication his top priority during his Jan. 1 inauguration speech.

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**Bush says U.S. to give Iraq 'weeks'**

*President's position finds some support, much opposition*

By Ron Fournier  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush put allies on notice Thursday that diplomacy will give way to a decision on war in "weeks, not months." Wary world leaders and congressional critics urged patience and demanded proof of Iraq's transgressions.

Opening an 11th-hour campaign to sway a wide array of skeptics, the president said, "For the sake of peace, this issue must be resolved." His advisers said Bush will maintain consultations with allies through mid-February, when the next U.N. weapons inspectors' report is expected to force talks to closure.

In a flurry of diplomatic activity, Bush met with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, placed calls to leaders of Portugal and Sweden and dispatched top advisers throughout Washington to argue his case, and broached the possibility of allowing Iraqi President Saddam

Hussein to leave Iraq for a safe haven — all actions aimed at pressuring both Baghdad and balking U.S. allies.

Abroad, eight European leaders signed a letter in support of Bush's position and, in Jordan, the government agreed to base U.S. troops in the kingdom.

But the president's position met resistance from many corners, including Democratic and Republican lawmakers, former South African President Nelson Mandela, a delegation from Pakistan and the Canadian foreign minister, who said his nation opposed unilateral American action.

"If one state acts by itself, it risks consequences," Bill Graham said after meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Another ally wavered at the White House, when Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshed Kasuri told Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney his country preferred any military action be approved by the United Nations. He warned that war casualties could inflame his fellow citizens.

"There will be a reaction to the events in Iraq," Kasuri said.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said Bush's approach has made the United



President Bush and Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, left, talk to the press during a meeting at the White House on Thursday. Bush said the use of military troops is his last choice.

J. Scott Applewhite/  
Associated Press

States seem "like a bunch of cowboys" too eager to strike Saddam.

And Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island suggested the danger posed by Saddam appeared to be diminished because of international pressure.

The gears of war kept grinding.

The buildup of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region is now approaching 90,000 land, sea and air forces, and that number likely will double within two weeks, officials said Thursday. By mid-

February there are expected to be nearly 180,000 troops in the region, and the total could reach 250,000 later.

On the eve of Bush's Camp David meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair, the British government prepared to call up 6,000 military reservists for possible Iraq duty — four times the number previously announced.

Blair, Bush's staunchest supporter, said in Spain that he was convinced the United Nations

would back a military attack on Iraq if Saddam refuses to disarm.

In Baghdad, Iraq's ruling party dismissed Bush's State of the Union address as a "Hollywood farce" and said he had offered no evidence to support U.S. accusations that Saddam is hiding chemical and biological weapons.

Iraq also invited the chief U.N. inspectors to Baghdad for talks aimed at improving cooperation before their next report to the Security Council on Feb. 14.

**Airplane shoe bomber sentenced to life in prison**

By Denise LaVoie  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Richard Reid, the al-Qaida follower who tried to blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes, was sentenced to life in prison Thursday by a judge who warned him: "We are not afraid ... We are Americans. We have been through the fire before."

The 29-year-old British citizen cried, "You will be judged by

Allah!" before being dragged from the courtroom in handcuffs.

Reid received the maximum sentence after declaring himself a soldier of war and denouncing U.S. foreign policy toward Islamic countries.

"Your government has sponsored the rape and torture of Muslims in the prisons of Egypt and Turkey and Syria and Jordan with their money and with their weapons," said Reid, who converted to Islam eight years ago.

U.S. District Judge William Young would have none of it.

"We are not afraid of any of your terrorist co-conspirators, Mr. Reid," said the judge. "We are Americans. We have been through the fire before."

"You are not an enemy combatant — you are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war — you are a terrorist. To call you a soldier gives you far too much stature. You are a terrorist and we do not negotiate with terrorists."

We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice."

The judge then pointed to the American flag behind him and said: "You see that flag, Mr. Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag will fly there long after this is long forgotten."

"That flag will be brought down on the day of judgment," Reid replied.

Reid had faced 60 years to life for trying to blow up an American

Airlines flight bound from Paris to Miami just three months after the Sept. 11 attacks. Prosecutors said Reid had enough explosive in his shoes to blow a hole in the fuselage and kill all 197 people aboard.

Passengers and crew members overpowered Reid, using seat belts and their own belts to strap him to his seat. Two doctors aboard the flight injected him with sedatives, and the jet was diverted to Boston.

## NATION BRIEFS

**Senate confirms, strikes deal with new Treasury head**

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved President Bush's nomination of John Snow as treasury secretary Thursday night after the railroad executive gave assurances he would review a government rule on private pensions that opponents contend discriminates against older workers.

The nomination of the administration's top economic spokesman was approved by voice vote after many senators had already left the Capitol to begin a long three-day weekend.

Snow, the head of railroad giant CSX Corp. for the past 14 years, was picked by Bush last month to be his new treasury secretary after the ouster of Paul O'Neill in a shake-up of the administration's economic team.

The administration had pushed for a quick Senate vote, hoping to have Snow on the job by Monday, when Bush will send Congress his new budget.

**Deep Junior bests Kasparov in third match, ties series**

NEW YORK — A blunder cost chess legend Garry Kasparov the third in a series of championship matches with supercomputer Deep Junior on Thursday.

"I had a complete blackout," Kasparov said. "Despite Deep Junior having a great team and grandmaster trainers, I had great positions."

Kasparov sacrificed a pawn, one of his least powerful pieces, hoping to further strengthen his position. But the sacrifice actually left him vulnerable, and Deep Junior capitalized on the mistake. Seeing few options, Kasparov conceded.

The six-match series is now tied at 1 1/2 points each. The next match will be held Sunday.

**Two designs emerge as favorites for WTC site**

NEW YORK — Two proposals to replace the World Trade Center with skyscrapers even bigger than the ones destroyed on Sept. 11 have emerged as leading contenders in the ground zero design competition.

Officials with the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. and other agencies will meet on Monday and are expected to choose two finalists out of the nine designs unveiled Dec. 18. A final choice is expected in February.

A source familiar with the rebuilding effort said development corporation staff and board members favored the latticework twin towers proposed by the THINK team of architects, and a plan from Berlin-based Daniel Libeskind that would use the original towers' foundation.

Each plan features structures that would surpass Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers as the tallest in the world.

Some people who live and work around the area are fearful that erecting such giant skyscrapers would invite another attack.

**Search continues for mother of abandoned 3-year-old**

RENO, Nev. — Police intensified their search for a missing woman whose 3-year-old son was abandoned at a Utah store, and the boy's stepfather was charged Thursday with child abuse for allegedly leaving the boy.

A police affidavit said the boy's statements led them to believe his mother had been harmed. Jeannette Acord, 28, has been missing two weeks.

Her husband, Lyle Montgomery, 42, was charged Thursday in Salt Lake City with misdemeanor child abuse for allegedly leaving the boy Saturday at a ShopKo. The boy's identity was a mystery for days, until a woman from Reno recognized Jonathan Jacob Corpuz and called authorities.

Montgomery's lawyer said police have given no indication he is a suspect in the disappearance of Acord, whom he married in December.

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Associated Press reports

**Nine dead in Australia train wreck**

Dean Lewins/Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — A train packed with commuters derailed during rush hour this morning outside Sydney, killing at least nine people and trapping others in the wreckage. Rescue workers had to struggle on foot through more than a mile of rugged terrain before trying to extricate injured passengers from the double-decker cars in a ravine 20 miles south of downtown Sydney. Thirty-nine people were taken to the hospital, and police said 15 were seriously injured. Emergency workers, who likened the scene to a war movie with "bodies just strewn around," said the train was likely going about 50 mph when it jumped the rails near the village of Waterfall at about 7:30 a.m.

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## VIEWPOINT

# Noted in passing ...

... TEXAN TORTS: As many of you reading this may be aware, both the UT System and the City of Austin are suing Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott over his ruling that the *Texan* has a right to surveillance camera information that *Texan* reporters requested under the Texas Open Records Act last semester. While our requests reside somewhere in litigious limbo in Travis County district court, the University's supposedly less-enlightened brethren on the Brazos have no problem with open government.

According to an article in Thursday's *Battalion*, Texas A&M's student publication, there are cameras all over the sprawling College Station campus. The article states that "Texas A&M officials responded swiftly to inquiries about security cameras."

This from an institution whose president is Robert Gates, former head of the CIA — one of the most furtive federal entities. If Texas A&M can simply provide reporters information they request without wasting taxpayer money on lawyers from the high-profile firm Akins, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, then certainly the UT System could stop delaying the inevitable and just hand over the information. Is that too much to ask?

... MEDICINAL MORONS: A California eighth-grader made headlines recently because of her science fair project, which dealt with the effects of medicinal marijuana on patients' pain and nausea. The principal of Ralston Intermediate School in Belmont, Calif., originally removed 13-year-old Veronica Mouser's science fair project — called "Mary Jane for pain" — two weeks ago, but earlier this week school district officials allowed it back in after determining that the experiment met science fair guidelines.

This makes us wonder when pharmaceutical testing by students who haven't even taken high school biology became legitimate science fair projects. The question of whether marijuana has medicinal uses is one best left to medical professionals, not precocious middle-schoolers from the Granola State. Mouser's experiment would be just as alarming if she were testing the effects of any drug, be it a psychotropic one like Prozac or an over-the-counter decongestant like Benadryl.

Despite the red flag that her inexperience raises, we do have a hard time disagreeing with Mouser's conclusions: she told CNN's Connie Chung Wednesday that her subjects said they "felt better while using the medicinal marijuana."

... MORE LOCAL VIDEOS: The Austin City Council voted Thursday to prolong funding for the embattled Austin Music Network, treasured for showcasing local musical talent.

The ruling, which guaranteed AMN's \$507,000 2003 budget, concluded one of three controversial council proposals local musicians deem destructive of Austin's status as "Live music capital of the world." The council also voted for a noise ordinance and is contemplating a smoking ban at outdoor music venues and bars.

For decades, Austin has prided itself with its vibrant live-music scene. The council created AMN to boost city revenues by driving viewers to local clubs to see live music. But, like many other poorly-overseen Texas initiatives, the council watched while AMN wallowed in mismanagement. Heck, the AMN studios are still located in temporary facilities behind Threadgills, which charges exorbitant rent.

Accountability has been almost non-existent since the network's premiere in 1994. The council has never conducted a viewership survey to gauge Channel 15's popularity, which is undoubtedly shaky considering the station's diminishing production quality over the years. The council must now move swiftly to correct past failures — heads must roll and AMN needs tighter oversight to fulfill its sated potential.

Historically, the music industry is one of Austin's largest money makers. We applaud the council for not subjecting it to irrational budget cuts.

However, we request that the council rescind its decision on the noise ordinance and vote against the smoking ban, which could illogically reduce patronage at downtown bars. It certainly seems questionable to risk inhibiting a major source of revenue during a recession.

## GALLERY



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## THE FIRING LINE

### The supportive fiance

I am convinced some people just don't understand certain things about the war in Iraq, especially the people directly involved. My fiance is currently in active Army duty and has received orders for deployment, which will begin this February. I am not saying I am for or against the war, but I am very supportive of my fiance in every way that I can be.

It hurts to hear news coverage of the war and to see it continuously on campus even hurts more. I already have to deal with saying goodbye to my fiance for at least six months. Why can't you let me deal with that? I hear people approve of the U.S. military's involvement in the war as long as they don't get drafted. I mean, come on! Do you think the men and women of the military actually want to go to war? Half of those men and women out there in uniform, including my fiance, don't want to go to war. It is something they must partake in just so you can have your riots.

Some of those men and women don't seem to think they have many choices in life, so they choose the Army. Some join for the health benefits, college financial aid, travel, change of life, etc. Some of those involved in the military never actually think that they will be involved in war, but it happens. And so my fiance must go. I love him and I will support him. So when you speak about this war, please be considerate of those involved and around you.

Anna Patterson  
Theater and dance junior

### Uncool copycats

Dave Matthews is dead. Or at least so I was told by a girl in my dorm between bites of a chicken sandwich and comments about how uncool that would be because he is such a good musician. The source of the news of his untimely demise: a false chain e-mail forwarded to her from one of her friends. However, as much

humor as I could extract from the situation, my criticism here has nothing to do with this girl or pop music.

On Tuesday, President George W. Bush gave his State of the Union Address, full of the usual Bush propaganda and Iraqi rhetoric that we have become familiar with over the last few months. Less than 12 hours after watching the speech, I thumbed through *The Daily Texan* and found an Associated Press article on the speech — with contributions by *Texan* reporter Wes Ferguson — which offered a series of one-sided quotes from UT students criticizing the speech, some comparing Bush's rhetoric to that of Hitler or Stalin.

As much comedy as I get from witnessing fat-cat conservatives eat up Bush's propaganda with a spoon, getting fired up about the prospect of war, I get equally as much humor from listening to college Democrats systematically denouncing the president and protesting war because it simply gives them something to protest about and it's what other university students or fellow party members are doing.

I feel strongly that attacking Iraq within the next few months would be irresponsible and misdirected. However, responding to propaganda with propaganda of your own, i.e. comparing the president to Hitler, is not only stupid, it taints the cause of people that genuinely oppose war in Iraq. Instead of blindly following what we hear on television, read in a newspaper, hear from a friend, or read in an e-mail, let us always question. We have the freedom to do so.

J.J. Hermes  
Chemical engineering freshman

### What hiring freeze?

I feel compelled to dispute University CFO Kevin Hegarty's comments regarding a potential hiring freeze in Wednesday's *Daily Texan* article "UT System puts freeze on hiring." In the article, Hegarty said "... it's difficult to believe that all the fac-

ulty that need to be hired aren't already hired." Au contraire, sir. In my department, we have several ongoing, important job searches. One of these positions is for an Iranian history scholar. With all due respect to Hegarty, we need faculty affiliated with Middle Eastern Studies in our department. The vacancy created by a retirement a few years ago remains.

The job search has also begun for other vacancies in the history department, including spots for U.S. borderlands, African-American history and history of science, all of which are cross-disciplinary. I hope that these positions — and many others — will not be sacrificed. Surely, there are other departments with such ongoing job searches. Some of these positions need to be filled if the University is to maintain its academic reputation. That too is important to our solvency. The large research grants that these highly respected faculty bring in are as necessary to our fiscal health as balancing our budget. I sincerely hope that ongoing searches will be allowed to come to fruition.

Eleanor Hudson  
History graduate student

### How dare you?

Responding to Wednesday's *Daily Texan Firing Line* "What has SG done lately?" by Bryson Santaguida, I was extremely offended by his statement that "the bus routes suck" followed by his comments that "SG can't get people with real power to take them seriously enough to get anything done."

First of all, I'd like to mention that Capital Metro has the highest per capita ridership in Texas, which proves people are riding the shuttle buses and that the planners and committee members aren't just a bunch of monkeys and buffoons sitting around not knowing where riders need to go. I realize that students complain about buses being crowded but, with the given resources we have, we cannot expand to satisfy everyone's needs.

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In order to run efficiently, buses do need to be full. If we take away resources from one person (or route) to satisfy the needs of others, inevitably, someone's going to bitch. If the bus routes suck so much, then how come more than 1,700 people ride the E-Bus, which, if I may remind you, was originally started by SG. It runs every weekend, and Capital Metro is praising it as the success story of late night bus service.

Why does ridership increase by 20 percent every year, and 25,000 people get on a UT Shuttle bus every day? I don't think it's because the bus routes suck. And, if you think that SG members (including myself) are not serious about what we do, ask me why I volunteer to serve on three Capital Metro committees, research route problems and actively seek \$42,000 in funding for the E-Bus along with other projects? Feel free to e-mail me your bus complaints and I'll help you out. But don't dare slam a bunch of hard-working people by telling us what we have worked for "sucks."

Thomas Gunther  
Geography junior  
SG transportation director

### Damn Aggies

I'm not sure if I am the only one who has noticed this, but at the bottom of the new ramp being built by the fountain in the South Mall, someone has written "aTm" in the concrete on both sides.

Would it take very much to smooth that out?

Jack Patillo  
RTF junior

## SUBMIT A FIRING LINE

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# Hollywood deification of Kinsey unwarranted

By Max Goss  
Daily Texan columnist

Apparently, there is no behavior so repugnant that Hollywood won't defend it. Miramax begins production this spring on a film celebrating the "father of the sexual revolution," the controversial child molester Alfred Kinsey. Kinsey, who died in 1956, was a known wife-swapping sado-masochist who promoted sex with children. Hollywood has chosen this moral degenerate as its latest icon of liberation.

Predictably, Hollywood is closing ranks in the face of criticism. Last month, the entertainment industry magazine *Variety* refused to print a paid advertisement criticizing the film about the infamous sex researcher. According to the ad, coordinated by Kinsey critic Judith Reisman and sponsored by several family advocacy groups, "Kinsey's data are based on reports from co-workers who sexually abused more than 300 minors to prove that children 'enjoy' sex with pedophiles." After

initially agreeing to run it, the magazine's publisher changed his mind about the ad, calling it "inappropriate."

Reisman isn't spouting empty rhetoric. Kinsey's 1948 book *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* reports the results of extensive research conducted on adults and children — yes, children — through his Institute for Sex Research. For example, the book's notorious Table 31 charts the frequency of "pre-adolescent experience in orgasm" of children from two months to 15 years old. One column lists the number of children observed in each category; the next lists "cases not reaching climax," and the third lists "cases reaching climax." The bottom of the page notes: "Based on actual observation of 317 males." Don't believe it? Look it up.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Kinsey's report is loaded with information that would make Jerry Springer blush. There's a reason that Kinsey's "research" is enthusiastically endorsed by the North American Man-Boy

Love Association. (Yes, such a thing really exist.) Reisman, who sharply opposes the normalization of child sexuality, has written extensively on Kinsey's abuses and traced his pernicious influence on modern sex education. One might think that, given this country's preoccupation with children, Kinsey's legacy would have gone by the boards.

Yet Kinsey has his apologists. Indiana University has supported the Kinsey Institute for more than 50 years. Biographer James Jones, after reporting the researcher's bizarre forays into masochism and his pornographic films featuring Kinsey, his wife and several institute staff, still manages to pronounce a positive verdict on Kinsey's career. And Bill Condon, the writer and director of the Miramax film, plans to make Kinsey our moral teacher.

Condon told an interviewer "it's time to remind people of Kinsey's ideas, which I think are liberating. I hope there's an exhilarating feeling you get when you come out of the the-

atre." Larry Flynt might find Kinsey's story "exhilarating," but the rest of us — if the film tells the whole truth — will leave the theater nauseous.

But the whole truth won't be told; Kinsey is too much of a sacred cow. Why does Hollywood lionize this pervert rather than condemn him? One explanation is that the industry needs him. After all, Hollywood has hitched its wagon to the star of gay activism, and Kinsey is the one who told us that homosexuals make up 10 percent of the population. Nevermind that Kinsey's subjects consisted largely of inmates and male prostitutes, or that Kinsey himself admitted that only "4 percent of males [are] exclusively homosexual throughout their [adult] lives." Nevermind that later studies have shown that only 1.5 percent to 3 percent of the population is homosexual. Ten is such a round number, and it's awfully hard to build revisionary social policy on a number like 1.5.

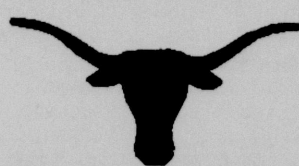
Moreover, the movie indus-

try makes boatloads of money indulging our sexual fantasies. We don't want Hollywood telling us to sleep with our own wives. We want to believe — at least while we are at the show — that sexual norms are socially constructed, and that we can do anything we want without hurting the people we care about. How liberating. Kinsey's life work was the rationalization of this fantasy.

In the end, it is *Variety's* prerogative not to run the ad, and it was silly for Reisman to call the decision "censorship." It's a shame that *Variety* couldn't bring itself to condemn a known child molester but what more can we expect from an entertainment magazine? Inevitably, some groups will be dumb enough to boycott the film, and its producers will get to play the part of persecuted idealists. The real antidote to such a shameless propaganda piece is not boycotts or hysterical protests; it's telling the truth about Kinsey.

Goss is a philosophy graduate student

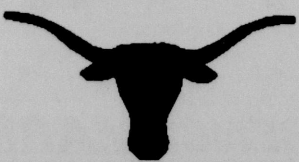
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Slinky (the metal one). We are all amazed at your resilience. After all these years, you still walk the stairs without any cares.



BRIEFS

A&M willingly reveals campus camera locations

Texas A&M officials revealed the locations of its security cameras to its student newspaper Thursday.

The *Battalion*, the A&M student newspaper, reported in Thursday's edition that university police granted access to its surveillance equipment without any formal records request.

The University has refused to disclose the same sort of information and has filed suit against the Texas attorney general.

"We were curious to see if we would find the same resistance and we didn't," said Brandie Lissick, editor of *The Battalion*.

The UT suit is still pending.

— P. Ryan Petkoff

Baylor has new president for College of Medicine

HOUSTON — Baylor College of Medicine's new president says the experience he gained in the pharmaceutical industry will help him settle into his new job.

"I learned how medicine is practiced globally. I learned how I can bring [pharmaceutical] industry into Baylor. The benefit is enormous," said Dr. Peter Traber, who was introduced as the medical school's new president at a news conference Thursday.

Traber, 47, who will officially begin his new job March 1, was senior vice president for clinical development and medical affairs at GlaxoSmithKline, the British drug maker best known for producing the anti-depressant Paxil and the heartburn drug Zantac.

— Associated Press

Commission votes against major changes to Title IX

WASHINGTON — A sharply divided Bush administration advisory commission voted Thursday to change a landmark gender-equity law that substantially increased the number of female athletes but stopped short of the major overhaul some women's advocates feared.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics considered 24 recommendations for Title IX during two days of sometimes contentious meetings. The most sweeping recommendations were defeated, and the panel deadlocked 7-7 on a proposal to make a major change.

That proposal called for altering the requirement that the ratio of male and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly equivalent to the overall student body.

— AP

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TACHE delegates discuss ways to improve enrollment

By Yvonne Lim  
Daily Texan Staff

"We are the world," hummed one attendee at the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education conference Thursday. This refrain summarized the statistics indicating that by 2040, Hispanics will make up about 59 percent — the majority — of the Texas population.

To prepare for this population boom, TACHE has been working to ensure that the Hispanic majority will be an educated one. TACHE's 28th-annual conference brought collegiate educators, administrators and students from across Texas to meet with legislators and explore methods to increase Hispanic faculty and student representation in higher education.

On Wednesday, TACHE presented a draft of its 2003 biennial report card that ranks all Texas colleges and universities by four factors. Out of 35 Texas public universities, UT-Austin ranked 17th in total Hispanic enrollment; 20th in Hispanic retention; 17th in percentage of degrees awarded to Hispanics and 28th in increased degrees awarded from 1997 to 2001. Data for the report was derived from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Carlos Ayala, coordinator of measurement and evaluation at Palo Alto College in San Antonio, produced the TACHE report card and said it was presented to legislators as an informational tool.

"UT-Austin is not one of the

top schools," Ayala said. "They are around the average, or maybe below average. It's not high."

Increased Hispanic enrollment in higher education is a concern for Texas. Since it has been proven that degree-holders earn higher income, the education level of the Texas population will determine the state's economy. Preliminary numbers show that Texas is not meeting its goal to enroll 300,000 Hispanic students by 2015 in a plan set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board known as "Closing the Gaps by 2015."

TACHE president-elect Ana Guzman said increasing financial aid availability and awareness is a key factor in the enrollment of more Hispanic students. She said a study showed lower income students were more likely to distort the cost of higher education.

"There are people who think poor kids don't want to go to school," Guzman said. "It has more to do with the money."

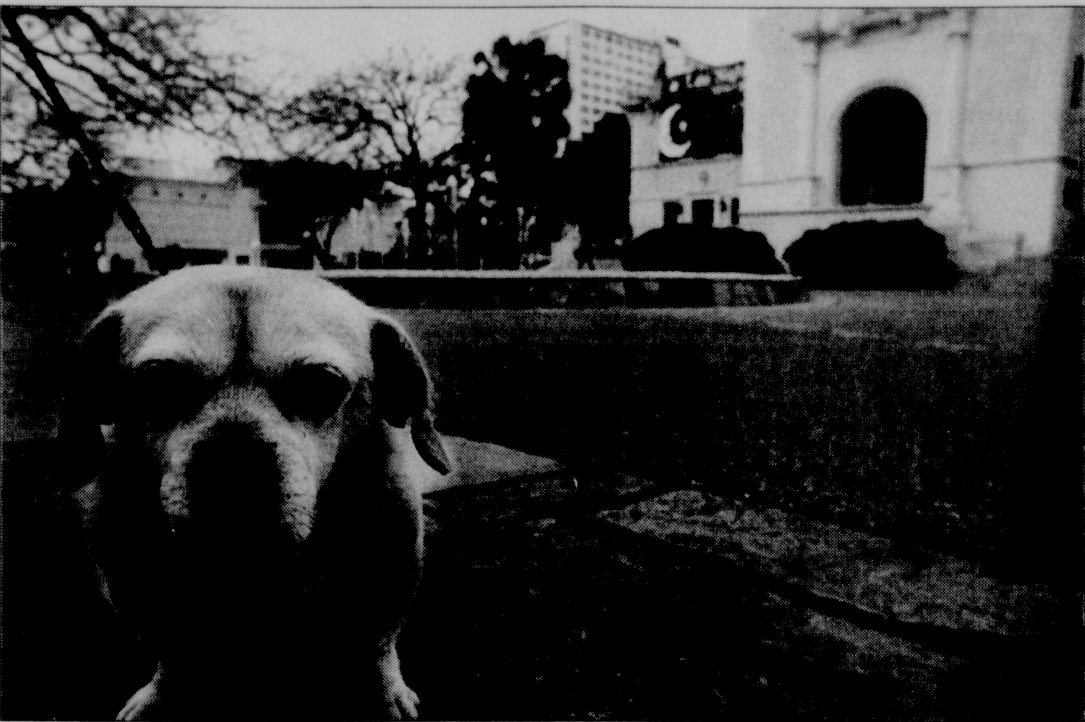
Jacob Fraire, assistant vice president of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, said financial aid not only encourages enrollment but helps increase retention and the likelihood of graduation.

"[Closing the Gaps] is a great goal, but at the end of the day, if there aren't enough funds, they may not even [complete their degree]," Fraire said.

Miguel Zuniga, a health policy and management assistant professor at Texas A&M, said the TACHE conference has affirmed his career in higher education.

"The struggle is worth it," Zuniga said. "Yes, there are many stumbling blocks, but it is worth it."

OUT FOR A WALK



Danielle Vincent/Daily Texan Staff

Sixteen-year-old Sporty strolls around the University led by his owner Terri Vincent. The duo is just visiting Austin and will soon return home to Florida.

Some feel tuition increase may affect lower-income students

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in comparison with those of other states, Brown said. If the tuition rates are deemed low, the board will recommend to the Legislature that colleges and universities be granted the ability to modify them.

With this increased revenue, these institutions could not only develop new and better programs, but 15 percent of each student's tuition fees would go toward the financial aid for low-income students, Brown said.

Some remained skeptical of even minute increases in tuition.

Martin Basaldua, vice chair of the THECB, said even a small increase in student tuition and fees could have the reverse effect

of the board's goals because it would deter students from lower socioeconomic groups from attending college.

"Just raising the tuition is going to impact participation," Basaldua said.

Brown agreed increased tuition could have negative effects on enrollment, but said the board will work with the educational institutions to develop an appropriate plan.

"Any raises [in tuition and fees] will make it significantly harder for families to send their kids to college," Brown said. "[But] we need to close the gap regardless of how we get the money."

"Closing the Gaps by 2015," originally implemented in Oct.

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**Don Brown,**  
higher education commissioner

2000, also aims to double the number of degrees and certificates awarded to students, and to increase the existence of nationally recognized programs at these institutions.

"These goals need to be reached, not just for minorities," Brown said. "We want to lift the level of education overall."

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Community  
FROM: Dean of Students  
RE: TEXAS HAZING STATUTE SUMMARY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN HAZING REGULATIONS

The 70th Texas Legislature enacted a law concerning hazing. Under the law, individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense.

According to the law, a person can commit a hazing offense not only by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding or attempting to aid another in hazing; by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly allowing hazing to occur; or by failing to report first hand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred in writing to the Dean of Students. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under this law.

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate official of the institution and immunizes that person from participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from that report. Additionally, a doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing may make a good faith report of the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report. The penalty for failure to report is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary according to the severity of the injury which results and include fines from \$500 to \$10,000 and/or confinement for up to two years.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY RULES

This law does not affect or in any way limit the right of The University to enforce its own rules against hazing.

Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, Part One, Chapter VI, Sections 3.6 and 3.7, provide that (a)Hazing with or without the consent of a student is prohibited by the System, and a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to discipline.

(b)Initiations and activities by organizations may include no feature which is dangerous, harmful, or degrading to the student, and a violation of this prohibition renders both the organization and participating individuals subject to discipline.

DAINGEROUS OR DEGRADING ACTIVITIES

Activities which under certain conditions constitute acts which are dangerous, harmful, or degrading, in violation of subsections 6-304(e) and 11-804(7) of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities include but are not limited to:

(a)Calisthenics, such as sit-ups, push-ups, or any other form of physical exercise;

(b)Total or partial nudity at any time;

(c)The eating or ingestion of any unwanted substance;

(d)The wearing or carrying of any obscene or physically burdensome article;

(e)Paddle swats, including the trading of swats;

(f)Pushing, shoving, tackling, or any other physical contact;

(g)Throwing oil, syrup, flour, or any harmful substance on a person;

(h)Rat Court, kangaroo court, or other individual interrogation;

(i)Forced consumption of alcoholic beverages either by threats or peer pressure;

(j)Lineups intended to demean or intimidate;

(k)Transportation and abandonment (road trips, kidnaps, walks, rides, drops);

(l)Confining individuals in an area which is uncomfortable or dangerous (hot box effect, high temperature, too small);

(m)Any type of personal servitude which is demeaning or of personal benefit to the individual members;

(n)Wearing of embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing;

(o)Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, harassing other organizations;

(p)Intentionally messing up the house or a room for clean up;

(q)Demeaning names;

(r)Yelling and screaming; and

(s)Requiring boxing matches or fights for entertainment.

HAZING

The law defines hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution. Hazing includes but is not limited to:

A.any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity;

B.any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;

C.any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student;

D.any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection;

E.any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code.

PENALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Registered Student Organizations that have been penalized for hazing within the past three years are:

Texas Cowboys – Penalty issued September 1995 (Registration as a campus group cancelled until September, 2000).

Pi Kappa Alpha – Penalty issued September 1997 (Registration as a campus group cancelled until December 31, 1999. Note: Chapter moved to probation September 2000 for one year).

Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity – Penalty issued May 1998 (Chapter revoked until June 2001).

Kappa Alpha – Penalty issued May 1998 (Registration as a campus group cancelled until December 31, 1999; Suspension from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000; Probation from January 1, 2001 to May 31, 2001. Note: Chapter moved to suspension September 2000; Chapter moved to probation January 2001 for one year).

Arnold Air Society – Penalty issued August 1998 (Suspension through December 1998; Probation through December 1999).

Phi Kappa Sigma – Penalty issued February 5, 1999 (Suspension through February 6, 2000).

Texas Wranglers – Penalty issued April 19, 1999 (Registration as a campus group cancelled until August 31, 2000; Suspension from September 2, 2000 to August 31, 2001; Probation from September 1, 2001 to May 4, 2002).

Delta Sigma Phi – Penalty issued March 10, 2000 (Probation until December 8, 2000).

Omega Phi Gamma – Penalty issued December 2000 (Probation from January 2, 2001 through May 15, 2001).

Phi Kappa Sigma – Penalty issued September 2000 (Cancelled through September 8, 2004).

Alpha Phi Alpha – Penalty issued April 2001 (Cancelled through December 31, 2003; Probation through December 31, 2004).

Sigma Alpha Mu – Penalty issued December 2001 (Suspension of organizational rights through February 15, 2002; Probation through 2003).

For further information or clarification of probationary member activities, contact the Campus and Community Involvement Area of the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Services Building 4.104, The University of Texas at Austin, 512-471-3065.



**PERRY WARNED: DON'T MESS WITH MISSISSIPPI**  
An offhand remark by Gov. Rick Perry riled Tim Ford, Mississippi's House speaker, who fired off a letter saying don't mess with the Magnolia state. Perry was quoted in *The Dallas Morning News* as saying, "I don't want to become Mississippi."

**BRIEFS**  
**Man executed for 1988 slaying and burglary**  
HUNTSVILLE — Delivering his final statement in French and English, a burglar who authorities said began his career while in elementary school, was executed Thursday for fatally bludgeoning an Amarillo man with a tire iron during a home burglary.  
"I love all of you," Granville Riddle said, speaking first in French and then in English. "I have no grudges against anyone, and I would like to say to the world I have always been a nice person."  
He was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m.  
Riddle's execution was the sixth in Texas this year and the third this week. Two more executions are scheduled for next week.

Panel: Texas may be terrorist target

After recent Internet 'slammer,' many are cautious

By Wes Ferguson  
Daily Texan Staff

Members of state and local governments should continue to work with other agencies to increase network interdependence and optimize efficiency, officials from the public and private sector said during a Homeland Security Summit panel discussion at the Austin Convention Center.

The discussion was part of the 14th annual Government Technology Conference, taking place Jan. 27 to 31.  
"Share the good things you know, the bad things you've learned," said Maj. Gen. Craig Bambrough, senior principal and strategic account manager for the Homeland Security efforts of American Management Systems, a business and information technology company.  
The panel's advice follows last weekend's "SQL Slammer" attack of Microsoft database software, which flooded computer networks — crashing ATM machines and slowing down the Internet worldwide.

"The border is a gateway for terrorists. It is vast and porous and it is easy to get across."  
Michael McCaul, deputy attorney general for criminal justice

Microsoft issued a patch to prevent the virus six months previous, but it was not widely implemented.  
Although the attack could have been a product of hackers with no

ties to terrorist cells, "it continues to expose the terrorist community to our vulnerabilities, and we need to deal with that," said Jim Jaeger, vice president of the San Antonio-based Cyber Assurance Group at Veridian, which provides information-based systems and other services to the U.S. government.  
Just as the different branches of the federal government have begun to work together to protect the United States from terrorists following the Sept. 11 attacks, so should government agencies on the state and local level, said Michael McCaul, deputy attorney general for criminal justice.  
McCaul, the keynote speaker,

warned that the state's nuclear and military facilities, ports and the border shared with Mexico are among reasons why al-Qaida could possibly strike Texas.  
"The border is a gateway for terrorists. It is vast and porous, and it is easy to get across," McCaul said. "Coupled with the fact that this is the president's home state, [it] gives me reason to be very concerned."  
McCaul said the intent of his speech was meant to "give a dose of reality" of the immediate threat posed by terrorists, not threaten.  
"Make no mistake," McCaul said. "They're on their way, and they're already here."

**Visa probe brings border consulate to a standstill**

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — The streets around the U.S. Consulate in this bustling border town usually teem on weekdays with Mexicans who want visas to cross the Rio Grande to visit the United States.  
But Thursday, the well-worn sidewalks around the consulate were empty except for the armed guards standing watch. The consulate's visa section, one of the busiest in the world, was closed Wednesday because of evidence that workers there were illegally selling entry permits.  
Thomas Armbruster, consul general in Nuevo Laredo, said the visa section would remain closed at least through next week.  
Armbruster said Mexican citizens who work at the consulate are on administrative leave until Monday.

**Senate committee passes first insurance reform bill**

AUSTIN — Legislators passed their first bill out of a committee Thursday. It would require insurance companies to release to the state their current and future homeowners rates.  
The bill also allows the Texas Department of Insurance to seek all data the companies use to determine the premiums.  
The legislation was necessary because some companies had not voluntarily filed the information, said Sen. Troy Fraser, the bill's sponsor and chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, which approved the bill. The measure next moves to the Senate floor.  
Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, said the bill will help as lawmakers discuss reforming the high-priced market.

Compiled from Associated Press Reports

TOUTING TAXES



Christina Tambakakis/Daily Texan Staff

Esther Estrada, dressed as Lady Liberty, and Matt Hisloe, dressed as Uncle Sam, wave to drivers on Lamar Boulevard Thursday afternoon. The patriotic pair encourage passers-by to get their taxes done early at Liberty Tax Service.

Kronberg: Bipartisan selections important

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Craddick for speaker. Wilson is the new chair of the Ways and Means Committee.  
Mixed review came in from Democrats in the House. Republicans — for the first time since Reconstruction — control the House, 88-62. Craddick was expected to dole leadership positions to Democrats in proportion to their House numbers. Democrats hold 34 percent of the leadership positions and 41 percent of House seats.  
"[Craddick] has brought different and new leadership into the chairs of committees and into the membership of committees," said Garnet Coleman, D-Houston. "We'll see if that serves the state of Texas well."  
Some representatives were not assigned to committees that match their expertise and ability, Coleman said.  
Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, was pleased with his placement as vice chair of

human services, a committee where he has served as chair, and as a member of the Public Health Committee.  
"To be reappointed vice chair, when I clearly supported [former Speaker] Pete Laney, is a pleasant surprise and indicates to me that Speaker Craddick respects me and knows that I can do a good job," he said.  
Harvey Kronberg, editor of the *Quorum Report*, said it is important for the speaker to hand out powerful positions across the aisle. Only about 15 percent of bills involve partisan issues, he said.  
"By making sure you have enough Democrats, you've invested them into the leadership of the House," he said.  
Kronberg said if the Democrats felt slighted, they could walk off the floor later in the session, preventing crucial votes. A minimum of two-thirds of the legislators must be on the floor to vote.

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## TEXAS LOOKS TO 'BOUNCE' BACK

After losing Monday on the road against Kansas, Texas hosts red-hot Oklahoma State Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center. **Page 8**

## CORRECTION

Admission to Saturday's softball alumni game is free to the public. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. at McCombs Field.

## 2003 LONGHORN BASEBALL

# FIELD OF DREAMS

*Longhorns' lineup looks to young faces to replace Ontiveros, other key players from 2002*

By Natalie England • Daily Texan Staff

J.D. Reininger never thought he'd be playing first base.

Recruited by the Longhorns as a pitcher, Reininger was third-string at the beginning of last season.

But the sophomore ended last season as the obvious choice to replace Longhorn home run king Jeff Ontiveros at first base.

"I got here and there were a lot of pitchers better than me," Reininger said. "So they turned me into a hitter."

And a good hitter at that. The Big 12 Conference named Reininger freshman of the year last season thanks to his .320 average.

Tallying 13 round-trippers last season, Reininger became the first freshman since Ontiveros to record more than 10 home runs in his first year.

"I don't know what the expectations are of me," Reininger said. "I can't replace a player like Jeff. He's a one of a kind. I just expect myself to come out every day and play hard. Hopefully, I can help the team like he did."

But Reininger isn't the only Longhorn who can knock in runs.

Texas hit .304 as a team last year, and one through nine are all tough outs.

"Hitting is contagious," said Dustin Majewski, who hit .401 with 10 homers last year. "Success breeds confidence, and we're all confident in ourselves and each other. One home run and we're off and running."

Last season, the Longhorns rallied around a pitching staff that couldn't lose. Now, with most of that pitching staff still in place, the Longhorns boast an offensive lineup that's both fast and powerful.

But comparing this team to last year's National Championship squad is unfair.

"You can't live up to a standard that doesn't exist," said seven-year head coach Augie Garrido. "You can compare things in hindsight, but every team is different."

It's that philosophical approach Garrido brings to the table that allows his players to flourish. He gives them the freedom to fail and the freedom to learn.

Just ask the first baseman.

"Now, I'm in a position to really help this team," Reininger said of his new position. "We have such

## LONGHORN LINEUP

**Outfield - Eric Sultemeier**  
2002 Stats: .244, 6 HR, 31 RBI

**Outfield - Joe Ferin**  
2002 Stats: .224, 8 HR, 15 RBI

**Outfield - Dustin Majewski**  
2002 Stats: .401, 10 HR, 50 RBI

**Shortstop - Omar Quintanilla**  
2002 Stats: .329, 3 HR, 32 RBI

**Second Base - Tim Moss**  
2002 Stats: .371, 1 HR, 39 RBI

**First Base - J.D. Reininger**  
2002 Stats: .313, 13 HR, 51 RBI

**Third Base - Michael Hollimon**  
2002 Stats: .262, 4 HR, 37 RBI

**Pitching - LHP Justin Simmons**  
2002 Stats: 16-1, 2.52 ERA

**Pitching Staff**  
RHP Huston Street  
LHP Eugene Espineli  
LHP Buck Cody  
RHP Danny Muegge  
RHP Jesen Merle  
LHP Brantley Jordan

**Catcher - Curtis Thigpen**  
2002 Stats: .256, 1 HR, 11 RBI

**Reserves**  
IF Andrew Casares  
IF J. Brent Cox  
C Taylor Teagarden  
C Pack Landfair  
C Ruben Gonzalez  
OF Seth Johnston  
OF Nic Crosta

*Simmons leads Texas in quest for second-straight national title*

By Clint Hale • Daily Texan Staff

It's time to warm up the arms, as the Texas baseball team begins its quest for a second-straight National Championship.

The Longhorns kick off the 2003 season tonight on the road against San Diego and will rely on their veteran pitchers to shut down the Toreros.

Texas' unquestioned ace is junior Justin Simmons, who compiled a record of 16-1 in 2002 with an earned run average of 2.52. Simmons, a 6-foot, 3-inch preseason All-American, posted two victories in last year's College World Series, including a 12-6 over South Carolina in the National Championship game.

The Longhorns lost starters Ray Clark and Alan Bomer — who combined for a 2002 record of 17-7 — in the offseason. But Simmons said Texas has several pitchers who are ready to replace last season's leaders.

"Our pitching staff will be as good this season as it was last season," Simmons said. "Obviously, we lost a couple of key starters last year, but we have plenty of guys who can fill the holes this year."

One area of certainty for the Longhorns is at the closer's spot, where sophomore Huston Street will be looking to follow up one of the



Members of the 2002 Texas baseball team hoist the National Championship trophy after defeating South Carolina, 12-6 in the College World Series last season. The Longhorns are ranked No. 1 in most pre-season polls.

David Fink/  
Daily Texan Staff

most impressive freshman campaigns in recent memory.

Last season, Street saved 14 games for the Longhorns, including one in Texas' win over South Carolina. The Austin native posted an ERA of 0.96 last season, the best on the Longhorns' staff.

It won't be easy for Street to live up to this season's hype, which includes being named preseason All-American, but the sophomore said he can't focus on last year's accomplishments if he hopes to move forward in 2003.

"I think you realize what gave you success last year and try to build on that success this year,"

Street said. "When you try to defend a national title, that's just putting more pressure on yourself. We don't have to worry about preseason honors and rankings because none of that really matters."

The Longhorns are ranked No. 1 in nearly every major preseason poll and boast several preseason All-Americans, including Simmons, Street, second baseman Tim Moss and outfielder Dustin Majewski.

Other pitchers that Texas will look to for leadership include seniors Danny Muegge, Jesen Merle and Brantley Jordan.

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Disch-Falk Field photo by Geoff Riddle/Daily Texan Staff





TEXAS BASKETBALL

# Texas looks to rebound from Kansas loss against Cowboys

By Patrick Daniel  
Daily Texan Staff

After losing a tough game against No. 12 Kansas, the Texas basketball team must regroup before they face the hottest team in the country. The Oklahoma State Cowboys roll into town for Saturday's Big 12 matchup with a 15-game winning streak.

The No. 9 Cowboys last loss came in November to the College of Charleston, and their defense has been a key factor during their 15-game run. The team has only allowed 58.8 points during the win streak. Wednesday night was no different as they scored 27 points off turnovers in a 68-55 victory over Iowa State.

Tony Allen, Victor Williams and Melvin Sanders provide the scoring punch for Oklahoma State, averaging a combined 42.2 points a game. Forward Ivan

McFarlin averages 7.9 rebounds a game, while Andre Williams blocks 2.4 shots per game.

"They were right there a year ago. I'm not surprised," coach Rick Barnes said. "Ivan McFarlin has been around a long time and Andre Williams, too. They have experience. They have always been quick since I've been here."

The surprise of the year for the Cowboys has been the play of junior college transfer Allen, who is averaging 16.1 points and 2.3 steals per game. Allen stepped into the role vacated by Maurice Baker who graduated last year.

"He's a little bit different [than Baker]. He's more of a slasher," Barnes said. "They would probably say he's been a big surprise for them in terms of what he's done. In games that I have watched him, he has been tough matchup."

The Longhorns have had four days to prepare for the Cowboys

after their tough loss to the Jayhawks Monday. In the loss, guard T.J. Ford amazed basketball fans with his ability to find the open man, dishing out 10 assists. Ford also scored 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the nationally televised contest.

The Longhorns held an 11-point lead in the first half but never put the Jayhawks away. Kansas chipped away at the lead, and with just over six minutes to go, senior All-American Nick Collison, who scored 24 points and pulled down 23 rebounds, gave the Jayhawks a 1-point lead when he made a long three-pointer.

"They made tough shots. They had the momentum. The crowd really got into it, and we let them get back into the game," Ford said. "They are a very good basketball team. We weren't able to stop them, and they made key shots at the end of the game."

# Longhorns face Texas A&M Saturday

By Lorne Chan  
Daily Texan Staff

The "backyard brawl" rivalry commences this weekend, as Texas and Texas A&M square off Sunday at the Frank Erwin Center.

No. 11 Texas (13-5, 6-1 Big 12) will put their 10-0 home record on the line against a Texas A&M squad looking to knock the Longhorns from atop the standings in the Big 12 Conference.

The Longhorns and Aggies (8-9, 1-5) have already faced each other once this season, with Texas prevailing, 74-47 in College Station. In that game, forward Stacy Stephens led the team with 18 points and nine rebounds.

The Aggies are in the midst of a five-game losing streak. Texas A&M has battled injuries in that stretch and has lost some key players, including Kim Moore

and honorable mention All-Big 12 forward Meg Banahan.

Banahan, the team's leading returning scorer from last year, retired after battling recurring injuries. Moore, the team's leading rebounder, retired for personal reasons, after averaging 12 points and nine rebounds per game this year.

The Aggies are now led by junior point guard Toccara Williams, who is averaging 13 points, 6.2 assists per contest. Her 4.9 steals per game lead the nation.

While Texas A&M has lost key players of late, Texas is finally getting healthy. Texas guard Jamie Carey is back in the starting lineup, after missing a month of action because of mononucleosis.

Since returning to the court, Carey's play has steadily improved. In conference play, she is averaging 10 points and three assists, with a 17-point and six-assist performance

against Oklahoma on Wednesday.

Also returning from injury is guard Alisha Sare. Sare injured her wrist in a Dec. 23 win over Texas Christian, a game in which she scored 17 points to lead the team.

Texas is tied for first in the Big 12 after seven conference games. The Longhorns topped No. 19 Oklahoma, 60-54 Wednesday, while Kansas State dropped its first conference game of the season, falling to Iowa State 74-69.

The Longhorns' game against Oklahoma was highlighted by Carey's first start of the year and her free throw shooting. Carey hit 12 of 14 from the foul line, including seven shots in the final minute to cement the win.

Stephens also made another huge contribution, scoring 19 points and adding 14 rebounds in the win.

Texas' tipoff against the Aggies is scheduled for Sunday at noon.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Sterkel named coach for World University Games

By Jake Veyhl  
Daily Texan Staff

Jill Sterkel has one more accolade to add to her already large collection.

On Jan. 30, the Texas women's swimming co-head coach was named as the head coach of the United States women's swimming team for the World University Games to take place in Daegu, Korea this August. Kim Brackin and Jean Freeman, out of Auburn and Minnesota respectively, were selected as assistant coaches for the team.

Sterkel and the Texas swimming team will take to the pool this weekend in a four-team meet against

Arizona, Arizona State and SMU.

The Arizona Wildcats, ranked 10th nationally, are coming off victories over both No. 4 Stanford and No. 9 California this past weekend. After a fourth-place finish during the Texas Invitational in December, the Wildcats will look to improve on this mark during their second trip to Texas this season. Arizona will be led by All-Americans Beth Botsford, Jessica Hayes and Emily Mason.

The 16th-ranked Arizona State Sun Devils enter Texas for the second time this season, after a fifth-place finish in the Texas Invitational in December.

# Reininger to start in infield

## LINEUP, FROM 7

good coaches, good teachers. It helps when you're learning from the best. I know that, no matter what happens, they'll back me up."

Frank Anderson, assistant coach, has been working with Reininger to improve his defensive fundamentals. Grounders. Line drives. Pop-ups. Anderson drills the sophomore with a variety of balls before practice, and Reininger's teammates have taken notice.

"I see J.D. working a lot, especially before and after practice," catcher Curtis Thigpen said. "He's working on picking balls out of the dirt. He's been fielding a lot of balls, and that will show up in his play."

Reininger steps into an infield that boasted a .951 fielding percentage last year and a trio of players with highlight-reel potential.

"I'd hate to be a second-string second baseman behind Tim Moss," Garrido said. "I'd pray for an injury because Tim has a great work ethic every day."

Junior Omar Quintanilla and sophomore Michael Hollimon solidify the left side of the infield. Quintanilla played third base last year, and Hollimon started 63 games at shortstop last season as a freshman.

Things may change this year. Through the fall preseason, Quintanilla played short — a position he knows a lot about.

"Shortstop has been my position since high school," Quintanilla said. "I got kind of used to third last year, but it doesn't matter where they put me."

With major league All-Stars like Alex Rodriguez and Nomar Garciaparra bringing fame to the position, the shortstop has become the king of the infield. But Quintanilla could be king of the plate if opponents aren't careful.

Known primarily as a contact hitter, the junior has some power in reserve.

"Teams can play me in if they want," Quintanilla said. "I think I got a little pop."

The Longhorns open their 50-plus game season against the University of San Diego Friday. In a schedule that ranges over six months, there will be a lot of questions. And not many answers can be found in January. But one thing is for certain as the Longhorns go head-to-head with Toreros — Quintanilla won't be the only player packing some pop.

"We have the ingredients for a National Championship this year," Garrido said. "The only problem is that there is no recipe."

BRIEFS

## Texas track travels to Houston for weekend meet

The Longhorns will be without seniors Tré Gardner and Tim Brown, junior Jason Ward, and freshmen Brendan Christian, Aaron Collins and Ashton Collins who will have the week off after standout performances at last week's LSU Purple Tiger Invitational.

Gardner's first-place finish in the 60-meter dash put him in a tie with Christian for third on the national collegiate list. Thornton was impressed with the consistency Ward showed in his second-place finish in the long jump.

The middle distance and distance runners will be back in action at the University of Houston/RunSport All-Corners Meet after having last weekend off. As year-round competitors, the meet will be a test to see where they are at this point in the season.

The distance runners will be lead by seniors Kevin Barra, Ben Dawson and sophomores Matt Catersano, Ryan Ponsonby and Zach Zeller.

— Carrie Crossman

## Women's track returns to Houston for indoor meet

For the women's track squad, the team goal of winning indoor nationals has not changed. But if that group is going to achieve its team goals, personal goals must be met first this weekend.

Although the Longhorns are returning to Houston for the third consecutive week and facing mostly the same competition they dominated last week, Texas will be squaring off primarily against the clock this weekend in an effort to qualify as many athletes as possible for the indoor national meet.

Through the first two weeks of the season, the Longhorns have achieved much team success, and received several surprising performances, including blazing qualifying times from senior sprinter Aleah Williams and freshman Sanya Richards. But many of last year's All-Americans have yet to qualify in their best events, as most have competed in secondary events in an effort to give others a chance to qualify.

This weekend, get ready to see some of the Longhorns' best.

"It's a big meet for the quarter-milers, as they are all fast and will all be trying to qualify," said Williams about the impressive group of All-Americans in that event.

— Phillip Orchard

## Swimming and diving team hosts Arizona, Arizona St.

The Texas men's swimming and diving team returns to action this weekend in Austin.

After traveling to Alabama and Georgia in their last two meets, the Longhorns will host Arizona and Arizona State Friday and Saturday.

The Jan. 11 meet against Georgia in Athens, Texas defeated the 13th-ranked Bulldogs, 123-120. The win improved the second-ranked Longhorns to 3-2 on the season, while Georgia dropped to 6-2.

— J.J. McLaughlin

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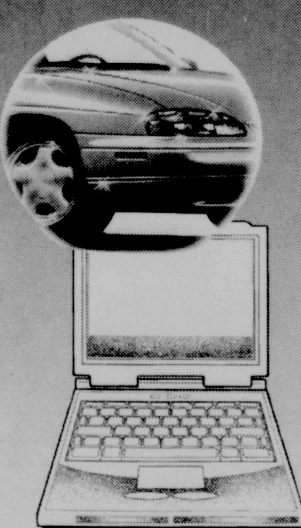


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By Justin Lefkowsky  
Daily Texan Staff

Attorneys representing Michael Scott, who was convicted of the yogurt shop murders, said the release of Maurice Pierce Wednesday indicates corruption in the Austin Police Department and the ineptitude of District Attorney Ronald Earle.

Scott was one of four suspects in the murder of four women in an Austin yogurt shop in 1991.

Robert Springsteen received the death penalty in June 2001, and Michael Scott was sentenced to life in prison in September 2002. Forrest Welborn, the fourth suspect, was never indicted.

Following the release of Pierce, Scott's lawyers argued that the Austin Police Department had coerced false confessions from the yogurt shop suspects.

Scott's attorneys claim that Earle did not take "an objective look at the contents of the confessions or the technique used to acquire them to judge whether they were true."

Carlos Garcia, Scott's trial attorney, said, "All they had to judge them on were the confessions."

The district attorney cited insufficient evidence as a reason for Pierce's release.

"The case against Maurice Pierce remains open, and the investigation continues. Murder has no statute of limitations," Earle said in a statement.

The most relevant evidence against Pierce is the testimony of Scott and Springsteen, who is currently on death row. Both have declined to testify under the Fifth Amendment.

Pierce's attorneys have a legal

right to cross-examine the witnesses testifying against him, but because the Fifth Amendment prevents self-incrimination, Springsteen and Scott's testimony could not be used.

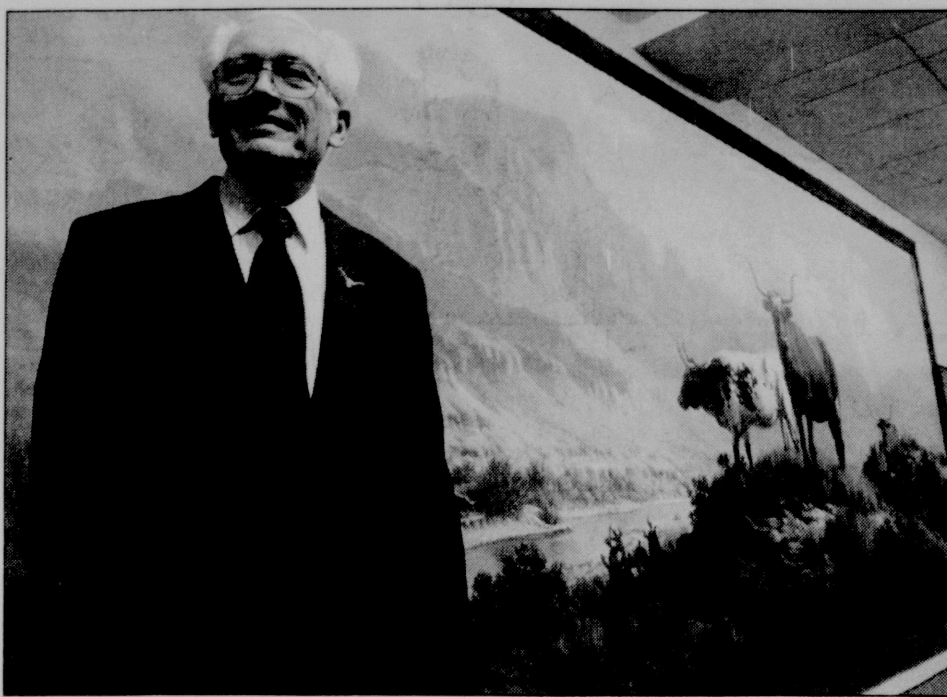
An assistant to the district attorney declined to comment on the statement from Scott's attorneys, saying that the district attorney's initial statement spoke for itself.

Speaking publicly for the first time since his release from custody, Pierce said Thursday, "My life will never be the same," after spending more than three years in jail awaiting trial.

"It is time for me to move on with my life," Pierce said. "I am innocent of any and all charges pertaining to the yogurt shop case."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

# 'ROYALTY' UNVEILED



Dalhart Windberg stands in front of a mural-sized digital reproduction of his painting "West Texas Royalty" at its unveiling in the San Jacinto residence hall Thursday afternoon. The state Legislature named Windberg "Artist of Texas" in 1979.

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Daily Texan Staff

# Barrientos, others urge all Texans to 'Stand up' and attend rally for rights

By Gil Song  
Daily Texan Staff

At the Capitol Thursday, Texas Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, encouraged denizens of Texas to become more politically active with the announcement of a political rally scheduled for Sunday.

The event, dubbed "Get Up ... Stand Up! Rally for Our Rights," will bring members of the community together to take a more pro-active role in the political process, Barrientos said.

"[The rally] addresses a gen-

uine public need," Barrientos said. "And that is to get people involved in the system of laws, government, politics that affects every aspect of our daily lives."

Liz Carpenter, former press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, and representatives from the Gray Panthers of Austin, a group committed to social issues, were also on hand at the Capitol to promote the event.

"[We want to] let people know they're not alone and to [get people] to join together to be much

louder and more effective," said Charlotte Flynn, a representative of the Gray Panthers.

"Get Up ... Stand up! Rally for Our Rights" will have more than 50 nonprofit organizations present to educate the public on how to make its voice heard in the political arena. Speakers at the event include: Barrientos, Carpenter, Kirk Watson, Mayor Gus Garcia and Robert Jensen, an associate journalism professor at the University.

Live music acts such as Guy Forsyth, Patrice Pike and South

Austin Jug Band will also play during the event.

"The state Legislature directly affects the experience of a college student in so many ways," said Barrientos when asked why students should get involved. "We set tuition ... we decide how much of the state's budget will be spent and where — [all] \$114 billion."

Carpenter encouraged students to take a greater interest in educational politics.

"If you aren't saying what you think, you're part of the prob-

lem," Carpenter said.

"The purpose of the rally is to organize, energize and help educate the public about the most effective ways to communicate the public's wishes and needs to our elected and appointed officials," said Clint Smith, another representative of the Gray Panthers.

The rally will be held at the Tony Burger Center starting at 2 p.m., 3200 Jones Road at Highway 290 West. General admission is \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors.

"The purpose of the rally is to organize, energize and help educate the public about the most effective ways to communicate ... to our elected and appointed officials."

Clint Smith  
Gray Panthers Representative

"It's something you do not want to miss," Carpenter said. "It's going to be the conversation [piece] for the rest of the year."

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— Robert Downey Jr., after spotting a stack of beers during the Sundance Film Festival

## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFLY



Photo courtesy of Movieweb.com

Colin Farrell makes a run for it as a CIA operative in *The Recruit*.

### Pacino and Farrell may 'Recruit' more followers

By Brian Clark  
Daily Texan Staff

*The Recruit* essentially throws a blanket over the viewers' eyes and then spins them around mercilessly for 105 minutes, hurling twist after twist at the audience until the credits finally roll. For those who can't get enough of this sort of thing, the film is directed and acted well enough to be satisfying. However, its hollow, recycled characters keep it from accomplishing anything more.

**THE RECRUIT** ★★★★★  
STARRING: Al Pacino, Colin Farrell  
DIRECTED BY: Roger Donaldson

Director Roger Donaldson weaves two sections that could have been separate movies together quite smoothly. The first half follows CIA recruit James Clayton (Colin Farrell) through a rigorous training camp where things aren't as they seem. Soon, his gruff mentor William Burke (Al Pacino) catapults him into real world espionage where even more things aren't as they seem. The pace is quick, and many of the scenes build a good amount of suspense before throwing another curveball.

What could have set *The Recruit* apart from every other slick, unpredictable spy movie is its pairing of film veteran Pacino with much-hyped newcomer Farrell. While both performances are solid, the script keeps either actor from really establishing himself. Very early in the film, when Pacino delivers, "The first thing I'm going to teach you is that you don't know shit," with his usual manic gusto, it's exciting and amusing. But by the end of the movie he's done little more than paraphrase the same line over and over.

Farrell plays a young hot-shot, making good on his many comparisons to a young Tom Cruise. He arches his eyebrows at the right time, delivers one-liners with a coolness that can't be learned and woos women in ways most only dream about. However, this character has been done before, and neither Farrell nor the script brings anything new to it.

Both actors are clearly talented, and watching them is always entertaining, but never riveting. The film isn't either, but everything is so slick and fast-paced, it succeeds as a modest, entertaining espionage thriller.

# Film proves that 'Talk' isn't cheap

By Justin Webb  
Daily Texan Staff

*Talk to Her* opens and ends with characters from the film watching performances. In the beginning, Marco (Dario Grandinetti) and Benigno (Javier Camara) sit together looking on at a stumbling ballerina. Marco stares with tears in his eyes as he sees the ballerina accompanied by a strange man moving obstacles out of her way so that she will not fall.

**TALK TO HER** ★★★★★  
STARRING: Javier Camara  
DIRECTED BY: Pedro Almodovar

In the end, the dancing is much more gentle and structured, involving a row of men and women gliding across the stage in unison. Ironically, the members of the two audiences looking at these performances have a far more interesting story to tell.

Pedro Almodovar, a Spanish filmmaker known for taking his audience into realms of strange confrontation, has followed in the footsteps of his previous work such as *All About My Mother* and done it again. Although *Talk to Her* is already firmly grasping a Golden Globe, it will be hard-pressed to match its accomplishment at the Academy Awards this year. Due to the fact that Spain already has a film submitted to the Academy to be considered for Best Foreign Film, *Talk to Her* would only be eligible in the other categories. While a nod followed up by a win for Best Picture is theoretically possible, it is extremely unlikely given past Oscar trends.

Marco's love interest, a female bullfighter named Lydia (Rosario Flores), has been recently skewered by a bull and sent into a coma. Marco then dedicates his days and nights to roaming through the clinic and waiting by her side for her to awake. During this process of vagrancy, as Marco gazes through open doorways at patients and medical personnel, Benigno sees and recognizes him as the man that cried next to him during the play they both attended.



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Aboriginal girls escape the Australian government and struggle to return to their families in *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

# 'Proof' of life

Resilient girls bring poignancy to 'Fence' story

By Stephen Saito  
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Running may be one of the easiest ways to build suspense in film. Whether in a big Jerry Bruckheimer production like *Enemy of the State* where Will Smith memorably sprints the length of Capitol Hill, or in a minuscule drama like *The Fast Runner*, the 2002 Inuit thriller in which a man runs nude across the Arctic tundra for nearly 30 minutes, running grips an audience in a way few other actions can.

**RABBIT-PROOF FENCE** ★★★★★  
STARRING: Kenneth Branagh  
DIRECTED BY: Phillip Noyce

Perhaps that's why *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, a film of small scale and even less of a story, winds up packing a wallop of immense proportions when its heroines finally stop running, when director Phillip

Noyce stops making every breath count. ★

The Australian director, who oversaw a haggard Harrison Ford trudge without expression through the big Hollywood Tom Clancy adaptations of listless Jack Ryan novels, turned his camera toward three aboriginal girls in his own country who escaped a kidnapping attempt by the Australian government in 1931 by running nearly 1,500 miles with just the country's rabbit-proof fence as their guide home. The only feat more amazing than those of the girls, led by Molly Craig, is the fact that millions of aboriginal children were abducted on a weekly basis for white families in Australia to adopt, and that this is the true story of the only children to escape and survive.

Noyce and frequent Wong Kar-Wai collaborator Chris Doyle (*In the Mood for Love*) make it easy for

the audience to forget they're watching *Rabbit-Proof Fence* unfold in a movie theater, capturing the outback in stunning colors and using the largely anonymous cast to raise the stakes of the girls' survival to a very real, very deeply felt level. The film only occasionally flinches to catch Kenneth Branagh as the frustrated Mr. Neville, the minister of adoption who is tracking the girls, in a small, but memorable performance.

For Noyce, if there were any justice in this world, his 2002 double bill of *The Quiet American* and *Rabbit-Proof Fence* would earn him the Oscar exposure he certainly deserves. Then again, if there were any justice, he might never have needed to direct *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

While running away speaks volumes for the director and the Aboriginal girls depicted in the film, *Rabbit-Proof Fence* is unremitting in its storytelling. And in a film where ultimately not a whole lot happens, the little known bit of history has more impact than it almost knows what to do with.

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