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## Texas Revue competition to showcase student talent

**14 acts to perform tonight in first show on Main Mall**

By Emma Graves Fitzsimmons  
Daily Texan Staff

Ram Vela began beat boxing when he was in the fifth-grade. He spent hours trying to imitate his favorite character in "Police Academy," who could make strange sounds with his mouth. Even though his parents thought it was annoying, he kept practicing and performing for his friends.

Vela, a radio-television-film senior, will take his act to the Main Mall tonight for the Texas

Revue talent show. His four-minute performance will include the Super Mario Brothers theme song and Outkast's "Hey Ya."

"I'm shaking right now, because I'm really excited, but I'm also nervous," Vela said. "As long as I see one smiling face or someone getting down, I think I'll be all right."

The Texas Revue's two shows, which drew more than 6,000 people last year, will feature 14 acts vying for four top awards: best technical performance, best artistic performance, the ovation award and best overall.

Tonight's performance at 8 p.m. on the Main Mall is free to the public. Students will be able to vote online for the best act

before the second show on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Bass Concert Hall. Tickets are sold out, but the show's organizers said people who show up should be able to find a vacant seat or standing room.

The UT Dance Team will perform a routine set to music by Madonna, Aretha Franklin and Britney Spears. The 24-member group has been practicing seven hours a week just for Texas Revue, said director Olivia Gardner, a marketing senior.

"We love entertaining the students and being a part of the UT community," Gardner said. "It's a lot of fun just trying out, and it makes us work harder when we see the competition."

The committee selected a talented and diverse group of finalists out of more than 70 acts that auditioned, said Jesus Castillon, the event's co-chair and a journalism senior.

"Texas Revue serves to unify the campus and showcase student talent," Castillon said. "It's a fun atmosphere, because the acts feed off the audience's energy."

Other acts include Hum Acapella, UT Men's Chorus, Savanna Russell, Keion, Communication Council, Rooftop Ramblers, Steel Dance Co., Filipino Students' Association, Chris Burnett, Old Kids on the Block, Cherie and Pamela, and Bhangra Dance.



Practicing on the Jester sports court, the Filipino Students Association fine-tunes their dance routine for tonight's Texas Revue performance on the Main Mall.

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## Girl hit by car in accident on Guadalupe

*Victim reportedly was a runaway fleeing from guardian, listed in critical condition*

By Daniel K. Lai  
Daily Texan Staff

A 15-year-old girl, who was reported as a runaway in Williamson County, was hit by an oncoming car Wednesday afternoon near 21st and Guadalupe Streets, said Austin Police Department spokesman Kevin Buckman.

The girl's custodial guardian, who is not related to her, was attempting to return her to the home of her legal guardian, Buckman said. She refused to go. She was struck by the car after she fled from the man's truck.

"He had information that she was in the area, and when he found her and tried to place her in his truck, she fled and was hit by an oncoming vehicle," Buckman said.

Several witnesses on the Drag watched in horror as the accident

took place.

James Anthony, who spends much of his time playing guitar to passersby on the Drag, said he witnessed the entire incident. He said a man in a black Chevrolet truck chased the girl around the Renaissance Market area, pursuing her down alleys most of the morning. Anthony said the driver of the truck caught the girl twice, but she managed to get away until he caught up with her on the Drag around 1:30 p.m.

"He forced her in into the truck and locked it, but she managed to get out on the passenger side and run across the street," Anthony said. "She was too busy trying to get away. She didn't see the oncoming traffic and was hit by another car."

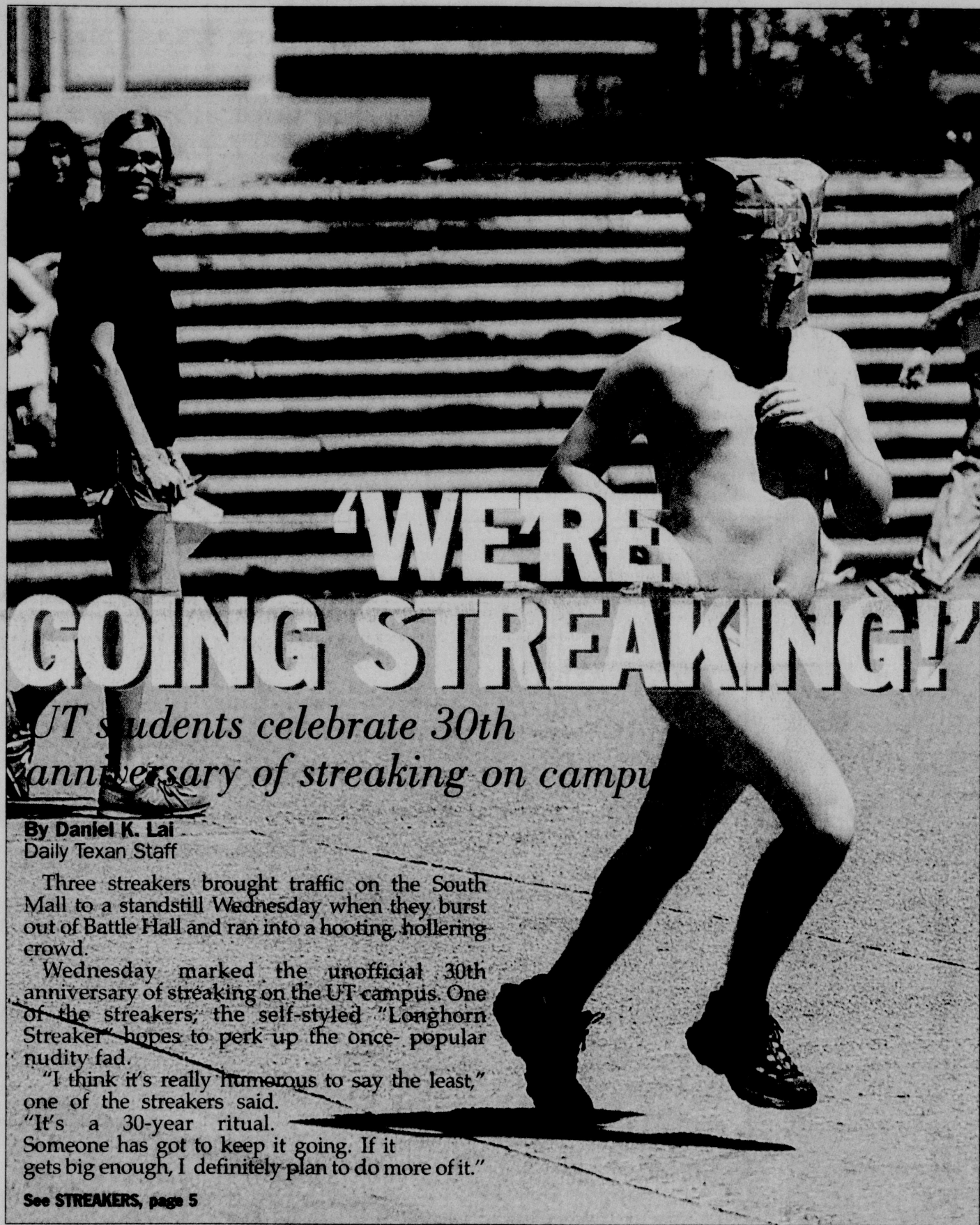
At least two other witnesses, Thomas Padgett and Jason

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Police mark the pavement in front of the Guadalupe Renaissance Market where a Volkswagen struck a 15-year-old girl as she attempted to run across the street.



Ben Sklar/Daily Texan Staff

**'WERE GOING STREAKING!'**  
*UT students celebrate 30th anniversary of streaking on campus*

By Daniel K. Lai  
Daily Texan Staff

Three streakers brought traffic on the South Mall to a standstill Wednesday when they burst out of Battle Hall and ran into a hooting, hollering crowd.

Wednesday marked the unofficial 30th anniversary of streaking on the UT campus. One of the streakers, the self-styled "Longhorn Streaker," hopes to perk up the once-popular nudity fad.

"I think it's really humorous to say the least," one of the streakers said. "It's a 30-year ritual. Someone has got to keep it going. If it gets big enough, I definitely plan to do more of it."

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The Longhorn Streaker, as he likes to be called to protect his anonymity, makes his way past the Tower wearing a Burger King sack on his commemorative route, which started at Battle Hall and ended on 27th streets. A total of three streakers visited the 40-Acres yesterday just before noon classes began in celebration of the 30th anniversary of streaking on campus.

## Environmental groups file motion against Lowe's

*Report says that store would contaminate water*

By Angela Grant  
Daily Texan Staff

Building a new Lowe's Home Improvement Inc. store in South Austin using current development plans will contaminate Sunset Valley citizens' water supply and the Edwards Aquifer, according to an environmental report.

The report forms part of a motion for summary judgment filed by plaintiffs Save Our Springs Alliance, Save Barton Creek Association and the city of Sunset Valley. The motion asks the judge to rule, without a trial, that a settlement between the city of Austin and Lowe's that allowed the company to develop the new store is invalid, because the City Council improperly waived the Save Our Springs Ordinance. The ordinance, which is meant to pro-

tect water quality in Austin, would prohibit such development.

A Travis County district judge will hear arguments from the plaintiffs, and defendants city of Austin and Lowe's on April 22.

Under the proposed development, about 12.5 acres of land would be covered by the Lowe's building, parking lot and roadways.

The SOS Ordinance, would allow only about five acres of land to be covered, according to the report by Lauren Ross, environmental engineer with Glenrose Engineering.

"I've seen too many situations where everything looks good on paper," Ross said. "Then you come back two months later ... you've got water quality control system that's not functioning as it was designed, and the pollutants are getting into the creek. Until we can demonstrate that the water quality controls will

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## Fire erupts in West Campus complex

*Residents displaced as workers fight five-alarm blaze*

By Wes Ferguson  
Daily Texan Staff

Fire gutted a West Campus apartment complex Wednesday night, displacing more than 100 tenants but apparently injuring no one.

Firefighters worked into the morning to contain the five-alarm blaze at Buckingham Square Apartments, at 32nd Street and West Avenue.

The fire started in a second-floor apartment a little after 10 p.m. Wednesday, fire officials said. By midnight, as a ring of flames licked the rooftops and smoke poured into the sky, firefighters said they believed they would soon have the blaze under control.

A spokesman for the Austin Fire Department said efforts to combat the fire were initially



Austin firefighters combat a blaze this morning at Buckingham Square Apartments in West Campus. No injuries were reported, but all the residents were evacuated.

Michael Broadbent/  
Daily Texan  
Staff

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## POOCH POO GETS A THRONE

AMSTERDAM — Dutch dog owners can soon throw away their pooper-scoopers and plastic bags and instead walk their furry creatures to their very own toilet. The developer of a new “doggy toilet,” a small fenced-in patch of artificial grass, hopes the self-cleaning device will help rid towns of the mess left behind by man’s best friend.



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## UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

### Missing Wisconsin student found alive and healthy

MADISON, Wis. — A missing University of Wisconsin student was found alive and healthy Wednesday in a marsh near campus, four days after she vanished from her nearby apartment with no coat or purse. Police gave few details on what happened to Audrey Seiler and would not say whether she had been abducted. But police were looking for a man they believed had a gun and a knife in the area where she was found.

The disappearance capped an intense search in which dozens of volunteers from Seiler’s hometown slogged through marshes and woods around campus, and investigators scoured phone records and apartments for any clues. Police also used dogs, planes and boats in the search.

Officer Larry Kamholz said Seiler was found after an employee at a nearby office building called police to report what she thought was a body in the marsh less than two miles from Seiler’s off-campus apartment.

Seiler was last seen on a surveillance tape from her apartment building early Saturday morning. She apparently left without her car or any personal belongings, and her door was left open.

— Associated Press

### Accused murderer returns to Texas Tech campus

LUBBOCK — A Texas Tech student who stands accused of the murder of a Baytown man during spring break has returned to his on-campus residence and has been reinstated at the university, authorities confirmed Tuesday.

Troy Vincent Andrews, a freshman arts and sciences major from Baytown, faces murder charges in connection with the shooting death of Jaime Salazar, 21, also from Baytown. Maj. Richard Foster of the Tech Police Department said student affairs officials are reviewing the reinstatement of Andrews.

According to the Harris County District Attorney’s Office, Andrews posted a \$30,000 bond on March 24.

— U-Wire

# UT fights campus music piracy

*ITS uses policies, awareness to deter students’ file sharing*

By Taylor Magenheimer  
Daily Texan Staff

Universities nationwide are implementing policies to reduce illegal file sharing on campus networks.

For more than two years now, the University has been using its own set of policies to combat music piracy on the UT dorm and campus network.

Many of the University’s policies are similar to those recommended by a report sent to universities Wednesday by the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Communities. The committee, comprised of representatives of

the entertainment industry and select universities, was formed in 2002 to allow the entertainment industry to collaborate with major universities to eliminate peer-to-peer file sharing.

The University’s fight against illegal file sharing was launched in response to a 1998 piece of federal legislation, called the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The act was created to protect copyright holders from online file sharing.

The University has a three-pronged approach to deter students from illegally sharing files, said Angel Cruz, director of Information Technology Services’ information security.

ITS’s first method of decreasing piracy is the creation of a routine policy — known as an Acceptable Use Policy — that most colleges use. It includes a

basic description of which types of files are legal to share and which are not.

A second approach is promoting awareness about piracy, including putting up posters around campus to inform students about the impact of Internet piracy.

When students are discovered downloading music, complaints are directed to Cruz, who is also the University’s designated enforcement agent of the copyright act.

“When we receive complaints, the copyright holders of music and movies actually have people that are on networks, like KaZaA, looking for people who are trading different kinds of music,” Cruz said.

Cruz said that while there are no laws requiring the school to monitor file sharing, they are

obligated by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act to take action on any complaints through a process of identifying and adjudicating the student.

ITS informs the student of the complaint and hands the case over to Student Judicial Services. If the user is a faculty member, he or she is reported to the department head or Employee Relations in Human Resources.

SJS receives two to three complaints a week, said John Dalton, director of SJS.

“Major companies like Sony may make a complaint regarding movies or music, asking us to contact the individual to stop,” Dalton said. “We normally don’t take action if it’s a first time violation,” Dalton said. “If it’s a chronic violation, we will file suit with SJS.”

## WORKING HARD

Promoting and attracting donations for Habitat for Humanity, Stephanie Cenal and Emily Conway chuckle at their humorous outfits. Habitat for Humanity has been raising funds to purchase a house to work on and eventually donate to a family.



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Daily Texan Staff

## Response to race report expected in next week

By Lilly Rockwell  
Daily Texan Staff

UT President Larry Faulkner said he will release by the end of next week a much-anticipated written response to recommendations by a task force on race relations.

Some of the Task Force on Racial Respect and Fairness’ more controversial recommendations included establishing a vice president for diversity, creating a student honor code and requiring students to take a class to fulfill a multicultural course requirement.

Their report was released Jan. 20, almost a year after Faulkner created the task force, in response to several racially charged incidents on or near campus. After a 45-day feedback period that ended March 5, Faulkner was expected to release his response to the report around April 1.

“My hope is to get [the report] done while I am out over the next six days,” Faulkner said. He would not comment on the contents of the report until it is released.

Faulkner is having surgery today and said he will use his “recovery time” to work on the report.

In addition to his response on the racial respect and fairness recommendations, Faulkner is also preparing to respond to two other task force recommendations released earlier this year.

One report, to be officially released today, will respond to the suggestion of making UT’s geosciences programs its own school, overseen by a dean.

The other task force examined ways to reduce UT undergraduate and graduate enrollment to 48,000. Faulkner said he will deliver a response to their suggestions after he finishes work on the response to the diversity report.

## Fire department looking for cause of blaze

### FIRE, FROM 1

hampered by low water pressure. “It’s true that the firefighters were a little frustrated,” said David Belknap, the AFD spokesman.

Firefighters were still searching for the fire’s cause, and they have not set an estimate for the total damage.

Capital Metro and the Red Cross worked to find shelter for the displaced tenants. Belknap said 77 firefighters, 26 trucks and

eight paramedics responded to the scene, where they were assisted by the Austin and UT police departments.

Tony Rose, an advertising sophomore, said he thinks he lost his cat, Willie, in the fire.

Rose was watching Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” when men began pounding on his door and yelling for him to get out. When he opened the door, he said, smoke

was everywhere.

He managed to grab his two other cats while fleeing the apartment, but Willie couldn’t be found.

“Firefighters were smashing all the doors and windows, so hopefully he ran out,” said Rose, who said he planned to spend the night with his brother.

Rose said he thinks the fire originated in the apartment across from his. He didn’t have insurance, and all of his belongings were destroyed.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

### Standoff ends in explosion after days of militant fighting

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A lone militant who was holed up in a house blew himself up early Thursday, ending a standoff in the Uzbek capital.

The Interfax news agency had reported the standoff began with an unknown number of casualties in the grenade explosion in the Sabir-Rakhimovskiy district of Tashkent, a half-mile from the Chorsu bazaar where suicide bombers struck Monday.

Police searched the capital Wednesday in pursuit of fugitive militants and reportedly arrested at least 30. A police official said those in custody so far were adherents of the strict Wahhabi Islamic sect, which was believed to have inspired Osama bin Laden.

### Turks, Greeks to vote on reunification of island

FUERIGEN, Switzerland — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan presented his blueprint for the reunification of Cyprus on Wednesday and set an April 24 date for islanders to vote on the plan.

Turkey's government quickly endorsed the proposal, but the Greek side was more cautious.

Annan's plan is a last-ditch attempt to reunify the Mediterranean island before it joins the European Union on May 1. Turkey, which wants to join the European Union itself, had hoped an agreement on Cyprus would help its cause.

Cyprus has been split into the Greek Cypriot-controlled south and the occupied north since Turkey invaded in 1974.

A proportion of the Greek Cypriot refugees who fled or were forced from their homes in the north will have the right to go back, while Turkey must drastically reduce the number of troops it maintains on the island.

Annan will have to wait to see whether that will be enough to sway the referendum.

### Alleged plot to oust president halted with group's arrest

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan has detained 10 military officers and seven opposition party members who planned to stage a coup, the defense minister said Wednesday.

Bakri Hassan Salih said state security discovered the group was planning "acts of subversion on a number of strategic and service establishments."

Earlier Wednesday, opposition leader and Islamic fundamentalist Hassan Turabi was detained. His wife said at the time it was in connection with the alleged coup plot.

On Monday, Turabi's party said in a statement that Sudanese police had arrested several party leaders and army officers in connection with an alleged plot by soldiers, police and security officials from Sudan's restive Western Darfur province to oust President Omar el-Bashir.

Turabi's Popular Congress party denies involvement in such a plot or in the rebellion in Darfur, where armed rebels have been fighting government troops since May.

### French government undergoes shuffling of key positions

PARIS — Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, a relentless critic of the U.S. war in Iraq, becomes Interior Ministry under a major French government shake-up announced Wednesday.

De Villepin will be replaced by European Commissioner Michel Barnier, the presidential Elysee Palace announced.

The current interior minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, becomes head of the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry and keeps his ranking as the top minister just under Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin.

The changes followed the governing right's defeat in Sunday regional elections in which the Socialist-led opposition marched to victory in all but one region of mainland France.

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Associated Press reports

# American contractors mutilated

By Sameer N. Yacoub  
Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of four American contractors through the streets of a town west of Baghdad on Wednesday and strung two of them up from a bridge after rebels ambushed their SUVs.

The four contract workers were killed in Fallujah, a Sunni Triangle city about 35 miles west of Baghdad.

Five U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division also were killed when a bomb exploded under their M-113 armored personnel carrier north of Fallujah, making it the bloodiest day for Americans in Iraq since Jan. 8.

Chanting "Fallujah is the graveyard of Americans," residents cheered after the grisly assault on two four-wheel-drive civilian vehicles left both SUVs in flames.

Residents in Fallujah said insurgents attacked the contractors with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. After the attack, a jubilant crowd of civilians, none of whom appeared to be armed, gathered to celebrate, dragging the bodies through the street and hanging two of them from the bridge.

Associated Press Television News pictures showed one man beating a charred corpse with a metal pole. Others tied a yellow rope to a body, hooked it to a car and dragged it down the main street of town. Two blackened and mangled corpses were hung from the green iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River.

The White House blamed terrorists and remnants of Saddam Hussein's former regime for the "horrific attacks" on the American contractors.

"It is offensive, it is despicable the way these individuals have been treated," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Referring to the planned June 30 transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis, McClellan said "the best way to honor those that lost their lives" is



Iraqis chant anti-American slogans as charred bodies hang from a bridge over the Euphrates River in Fallujah, west of Baghdad on Wednesday. Enraged Iraqis in this hotbed of anti-Americanism killed four foreigners Wednesday, including at least one U.S. national, took the charred bodies from a burning SUV, dragged them through the streets and hung them from the bridge.

to continue with efforts to bring democracy to Iraq.

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the contractors, all men, "were trying to make a difference and to help others."

U.S. officials did not identify the dead or the nature of their work, because the next of kin had not yet been notified.

However, early evidence indicated they worked for Blackwater Security Consulting, a company based in Moyock, N.C., the company said in a statement. In Iraq, the company was hired by the Pentagon to provide security for convoys that delivered food in the Fallujah area, the company statement said.

The abuse and mutilation of the contractors' corpses was similar to the scene more than a decade ago in Somalia, when a mob dragged corpses of U.S. soldiers through

the streets of Mogadishu, eventually leading to the American withdrawal from the African nation.

On Wednesday, a man held a printed sign with a skull and crossbones and the phrase "Fallujah is the cemetery for Americans" beneath the blackened corpses after they were pulled from the vehicles.

One body was tied to a car that had a poster in its window of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of the Palestinian militant group Hamas who was assassinated by the Israeli military in Gaza City.

One resident displayed what appeared to be dog tags taken from one body. Residents also said there were weapons in the targeted cars. APTN showed an American passport near a body and a U.S. Department of Defense identification card, belonging to another man.

In Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said the coalition would not be deterred from its mission to rebuild Iraq, and that numerous reconstruction projects were moving forward nationwide even though attention was focused on the attacks.

The deaths of the five American soldiers killed in the roadside bomb raised the number of U.S. troops killed in March to at least 48.

In all, at least 597 U.S. troops have died in Iraq since the war began March 20, 2003. Of the total, 459 have died since May 1 when Bush declared the end of major combat.

The Marines have said they will aggressively pursue guerrillas in Fallujah. However, no U.S. troops or Iraqi police were seen in the area after the attacks Wednesday, and the city was quiet.

## NATION BRIEFS

### Rice to be interrogated about Bush administration

WASHINGTON — When she testifies publicly before the Sept. 11 commission, Condoleezza Rice will be making an election-year defense of the Bush administration's anti-terrorism policy prior to the 2001 attacks.

"We want to hear about the transition," Commission Chairman Thomas Kean said Wednesday on "The Early Show." "What did she learn from the Clinton people about terrorism? What they knew. Then what kind of policy did the Bush people have that was different from the Clinton administration? What did they know about al-Qaida and [Osama] bin-Laden?"

Presented with differing accounts of how the government approached terrorism pre-Sept. 11, the commission will be exploring who is more believable, the Bush administration or its critics.

The commission also plans to schedule a joint private interview with President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

### AG: Kool cigarettes violates agreement by targeting teens

WASHINGTON — Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.'s marketing campaign featuring hip-hop characters appears to be aimed at black youths in violation of a settlement between the industry and 46 states, the state attorney general in charge of enforcing the agreement said Wednesday.

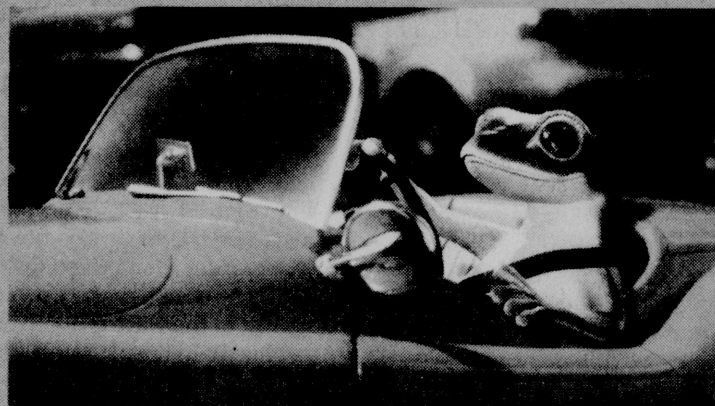
Under terms of the settlement, tobacco companies are barred from targeting teens through advertising or marketing.

Brown & Williamson was among the companies that agreed in 1998 on a prohibition on giveaways of non-tobacco branded merchandise.

The company is giving away interactive CD-ROMs as magazine inserts as part of its Kool campaign.

Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe sent the company a letter last week asking for a meeting to talk about the campaign. He also asked the company to stop placing the cigarettes and the ad displays in convenience stores and to stop distributing the CD-ROMs.

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## VIEWPOINT

# More smog, please

On Wednesday the Texan reported that the University will voluntarily move to significantly reduce power plant emissions. The move comes as part of a broad effort by several counties to keep Central Texas from exceeding federal standards for ozone levels.

The changes to the University power plant and plant vehicles would reduce toxic emissions by 75 percent by 2007, Juan Ontiveros, director of Utilities and Energy Management, told the Texan.

"It's the right thing to do," Ontiveros said.

We disagree.

The changes are being enacted in an effort to curb ozone emissions. But last time we checked, ozone was our friend — protecting us from harmful UV rays and making the earth look radical from outer space. So now all of a sudden ozone is a bad thing? What's up with that? Sounds like typical politician double-speak. It's no surprise that this is an election year.

We did some extensive research and discovered that Austin currently ranks No. 19 in the country in worst air pollution.

That's not good enough.

If the city wants to be known as part of the Third Coast, we'll need to emulate more than Los Angeles' film industry.

But since University administrators are undeterred in their pursuit of clean air, we'll have to do the emitting ourselves. Here's our suggestions for a grass-roots pollution campaign.

Drive your car everywhere — to school, to work, even to other apartment buildings in your complex. Big brother might tell you to carpool, but to us, this smacks largely of the nefarious Patriot Act. Your car is your sanctuary — why should you be brow-beaten into sharing it with others?

Besides, the whole idea of a carpool — which runs contrary to America's legacy of rugged individualism — is based on the tenets of socialism. What's next, universal health care?

The folks who linger around the Tower might also tell you to ride your bike instead of driving. This is a trick. Everyone knows that once you turn 16, bikes are, and forever will be, for sissies.

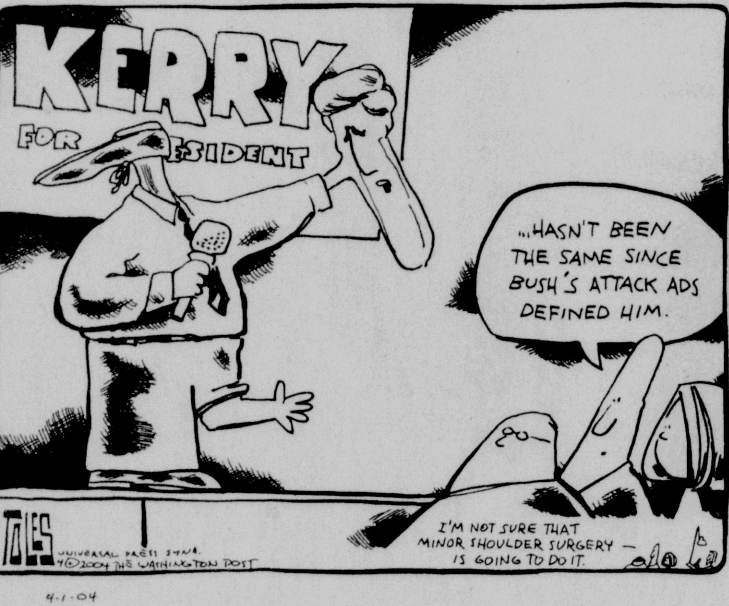
The "upgrades" call for the installation of new hydrogen-powered turbines in the power plant. But, if we recall correctly, hydrogen research can be used for other things. Like bombs.

Hell, why not just set up a nuclear laboratory while we're at it?

It's time we looked at everything pollution's done for us — from beautiful sunsets to allowing us to rationalize smoking cigarettes. So give a little back. Fire up that old gas mower. Take the SUV for a spin in the Hill Country. And for Pete's sake, rip a good one out there. But don't do it for us, do it for your city.

Let's make April 1 a day to remember.

## GALLERY



## THE FIRING LINE

### Believe in beliefs, not origin

In response to Becky Perry's March 30 commentary, "Pledge Controversy Continues":

The defining aspect of any American citizen is belief in the values of life, liberty, happiness, free speech, equality under the law and all the rest of what you could say is the "morality" of the Constitution. If Ms. Perry wishes to contend that these beliefs are derived from the divine, that is her prerogative, but the important thing insofar as citizenship is concerned is clearly the beliefs themselves, not whether they are of secular or divine origin. We do not, after all, ask immigrants where they believe the American system of rights and liberty comes from. We merely ask that they believe in the system itself.

Being free to practice whatever religion one sees fit logically entails not adhering to any religion at all, so Mr. Newdow is not demanding that we view atheism as its own religion. He merely demands that we honor our own commitment and provide the country with a pledge that simply acknowledges the American system and doesn't tack on a "wink, wink, nudge, nudge" shout-out to this or that creed. No one who does not believe in the Judeo-Christian God should have to tacitly acknowledge Him (or Her) while pledging allegiance to a Constitution they very much do believe in.

Jeff Spross  
RTF senior

### Liberal bias

Having read The Daily Texan for almost three years now, I thought that I could no longer be surprised by the biased liberal trend the publication seems to take.

While I, undoubtedly like all those

readers who like to traipse through the undergrowth of Waller Creek, find the front page alert against the rampant growth of poison ivy invaluable. I cannot fathom what could have prompted the editors of the paper to hide the March 30 article:

"Massachusetts starts process to ban gay marriage," on page 13 of the paper. While it is the paper's custom to devote the front page to important topics like the rehiring of ACC (a totally different college than UT) police officers and poison ivy, it is simply asinine to believe that the university community, whether liberal or conservative, would not be interested in a story involving the actual goings on of the nation around us. Certain things may be customary to be featured on the front page and in different sections, but who could have guessed that important news issues actually belong in between the Classifieds in an unmarked section and unlisted in the index. Surely there are more valuable stories than reports on actions of the nation (ahem, Esther Wang and her unsurprising words structured to outrage and offend). But considering the University is undergoing investigations on diversity issues, it might have proven more valuable to give an actual news story involving diversity issues more precedence than poison ivy.

Timothy Boughal  
Government junior

### SG episode redux

Esther Wang's column calling for classes emphasizing other cultures as a requirement for college study is reminiscent of last semester's ludicrous effort by SG to mandate so-called 'diversity classes.'

The Eurocaucasian history Wang denounces is indisputably a major part of the history of this country. And, the specific dark windows of

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# Spain's capitulation to terror

By James Burnham  
Daily Texan Columnist

In Austin, days are peaceful. We walk to our classes, busy with the petty pursuits and disagreements of college life. (School is our primary concern, rivaled only perhaps by the perplexing actions of a significant other or close friend.) It is easy to lose ourselves in the simple pleasures of a sunny day or a cold Shiner Bock and forget there exists a world outside Austin, a world that is at one of the most dangerous and important points in modern history — a world embroiled in a war that can end only in the destruction of an ideology. This is a war between the fortitude of free people and the fanatical hatred of an evil few.

On March 11, Spain was rocked by a terror attack worse than any in their history. Nearly 200 of its citizens were murdered and scores more seriously injured. With this wave of violence and suffering coming only days before a national election, Spain's response was critical in the message it would send to the peddlers of violence who orchestrated the killing spree. Woefully, Spain embraced appeasement and elected their country's socialist party, dedicated to appeasing terrorists and preventing future violence not by attacking its source but by hoping to avoid its destructive path.

This choice by the Spanish people, to cow to the desires of Islamic terrorists, demonstrates the single greatest threat to Western democracy and freedom as we know it today — weakness in the face of evil. By giving al-Qaida what its attack sought, Spain has justified future acts of

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bloodshed and terror. What lunacy to think that al-Qaida will simply stop its violence with a change in ruling parties. By appeasing and giving in to the horror of 3/11, Spain only encouraged and furthered the terrorists' cause of dominance and oppression.

In our tiny world of tests, papers, parties and sporting events, this danger seems unreal, improbable and not worth worry. This tendency, this forgetfulness of the Republic, is the greatest danger. So many of our nation's educated elite have spent countless hours and words equivocating, dissecting and pondering in some sort of intellectual endeavor to "understand" why these people hate the West. They twist themselves into rhetorical knots as they attempt to explain how there is no moral inequity and morals are really a subjective concept. This self-indulgent theorizing by our nation's idealistic college students and their more idealistic professors takes an issue that is, at its core, quite simple and twists it into a complex and incomprehensible moral mess in which America has little recourse other than to hope the terrorists cease killing or negotiate.

Whether we understand it, whether past actions of America's government lend justification and whether we are

willing to accept it, there exists a large and pervasive network whose desire to murder every single person within our borders is surpassed only by the lunacy of the lengths to which they will go in achieving this goal. These killers have little patience or concern for our attempts to "understand" them or their motivations; they seek only an end to our way of life. In this time of war, we must be resolute in our determination to defeat the ideology of hatred that al-Qaida and its allies espouse. We must support other nations, such as Israel, our closest friends in this war as they too understand the true nature of terror.

Most importantly for the future of America and the free world, we must not, can not, will not, go the way of Spain and indulge in the utopian fantasy of appeasement. America is all that holds back the tide of terror and evil in the world, and we cannot afford to doubt our moral superiority in this conflict of ideals. The stakes are too high and our enemy too determined for America to waver and wonder whether we are justified in the defense of liberty. We must not allow the War on Terror — and it is a war — to become a mere "police action" under a government or president who doesn't have the courage or ability to see this conflict for what it truly is. Our nation must resolutely stand in defense of its founding notions and preserve not just the liberty of Americans, but of all the world.

Burnham is a government sophomore.

# Sharing the costs for better health care

By James Scott

Daily Texan Columnist

This is the first of two columns about a vital question facing Travis County voters this May: whether to create a county-wide hospital district funded by a small increase in property taxes. This week, I will argue in favor of the hospital district. Next week, I will address the divisive issue of state-provided health care for illegal immigrants.

But first, some background. Right now, property owners in the city of Austin pay 7.1 cents per \$100 of property value to support health care: 1.8 cents to the county and 5.3 cents to the city. Travis County property owners who don't live inside Austin pay only the 1.8-cent rate. This money funds two legal guarantees: that you'll get first-class emergency care at the publicly owned Brackenridge Hospital in case you're badly hurt, and that you'll have access to health care even if you're too poor to pay for it yourself. These guarantees apply to all area residents, regardless of whether they live inside the city

limits of Austin.

The proposal up for a vote on May 15 would raise the tax rate for residents of unincorporated areas of Travis County to 7.1 cents per \$100, making it equal to what Austin residents pay. It would also create a Hospital District Board to both levy the tax (which would be forever capped at 25 cents) and to dole out the money to health-care providers.

So why should you vote for a tax increase? Because emergency and indigent health care are, ultimately, social costs that ought to be borne by everyone. I think all but the most hard-core libertarians could agree with this principle. The alternative, I can say without being at all guilty of hyperbole, is to believe that sick or injured people who can't afford health care should suffer and die without society's help.

Assuming you don't believe that, then we both agree that if there's anything tax dollars ought to be used for, it should be to stop preventable death and suffering. That means if you get into a car accident on I-35 but don't have

health insurance, doctors aren't going to leave you bleeding to death on a hospital gurney. They will save your life, and the rest of us will worry about paying the bill. The same is true if you get sick, but don't have a job and can't afford treatment: the taxpayers will chip in to help.

Fiscal conservatives may grumble about using tax dollars to pay for other people's problems. But these complaints ignore the social dimension of health costs. We all benefit from living in a society with freeways, for example, so the costs should be shared equally, too. And the cost of freeways is accidents — or, ultimately, hospital bills. This is just one example, but the principle is the same for all health care. We all benefit from living in a society with public spaces where people gather — and catch diseases from each other. We all benefit from living in a capitalist system that creates wealth and innovation — but also lays people off, because the business cycle bottomed out.

Thus the hospital district is ultimately about fairness. Residents of

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because I would rather take humanities than calculus? That's as ludicrous as the claim that I'm racist, because there are subjects I find more interesting than "19th Century Mexican-American Immigration." I'm not racist; I'm a student who dislikes history. I'm sorry if Ms. Wang's high school American history revolved solely around DWM and WASPs, but that problem calls for a curriculum overhaul, not a mandatory college course.

According to our mission statement, UT aims "to transform lives for the benefit of society through the core values of learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity and responsibility." What kind of society will we have if those values are suppressed simply so we can feign rather than achieve an environment of true, SINCERE, open-mindedness and acceptance?

Sophia Kwong  
LAH undeclared freshman

### Dining Dollars and Bevo Bucks

As many of you know, Dining Dollars can be spent only at URHA's cafeterias and cafes (Cypress Bend/Kin's Korner) unlike Bevo Bucks, which may be spent at a number of places, such as the Union, University-owned laundry rooms, the new Alpine Bagel Cafe and some select places in Jester. Recently, I was viewing my balance for my Dining Dollar and Bevo bucks accounts on UTDIRECT. I looked at my balance, which states my Dining Dollars are approximately \$600 higher than where they are targeted to be at the current time. On the other hand, my Bevo Bucks account is at a whimpering five bucks, (and I might mention that I have on many occasions added money to this account). I think that we, as students, need to stand up for where our money, or even our parent's money, is being

put! As dorm residents, why should we be forced to have our money put in a Dining Dollars account if we would rather have it in the Bevo Bucks account? If URHA is not getting the desired profit that it wants from its cafeterias, don't you think they should make better food, or provide more options, instead of forcing us to spend our money at their cafeterias? Instead of drawing us to spend our money at their tasteful restaurants, they force us to choose from items such as "Beef Tips & Broccoli," "Sea Nuggets" and "White Tuscan Beans" (just to list a few from this week's menus).

Jessica Martens  
Accounting sophomore

### Give a pint — of blood

Could we all please muster up the courage to endure the prick of a needle and donate a pint of blood? After Sept. 11 there was an incredible outpouring of emotion and sentiment that revealed the true patriotism of our nation. Those were fantastic days for blood banks and the Red Cross, but it seems that in recent months we have lost the urge to help out our fellow man. If that nagging sense of patriotic duty does not push you to donate a pint, then hopefully school pride will. According to the organizers of the three blood drives currently going on across campus, the University is competing against Texas A&M to see which can collect the most donations. The pain is practically non-existent, and the impact on the lives of others is priceless. Go ahead and donate some blood either in Jester, in front of the Tower or in the lobby of the UGL.

Ryan Egger  
English senior



# Groups claim city exemption ‘improper’

**DEVELOPMENT, FROM 1**  
work, let's keep impervious cover limits."

The proposed levels of impervious cover would cause a decrease in water levels in local streams and would increase pollutants, erosion and the chance of flooding, Ross said.

David Frederick, an environmental lawyer representing the city of Sunset Valley in the case, said the SOS Ordinance mandates that 75 percent of City Council members must vote to approve any waiver of the ordinance's requirements, and too few councilmembers voted in this case.

Lowe's spokeswoman Jennifer Smith said it is Lowe's policy not to comment on pending litigation.

Austin City Attorney David Smith said his office currently is preparing a response to the motion.

Smith said Lowe's may argue that a law enacted by the 78th Texas Legislature is in effect in this case. The state law exempts the Lowe's site from the city's jurisdiction and makes it subject to Travis County regulations, which are less strict.

The law says if an application for development is filed in one city at the time the city transfers the proposed development site to the jurisdiction of another city, then the proposed development site will be subject to the county's regulations.

Lowe's attempted to file such an application on Nov. 4, 2002, with the city of Sunset Valley, the same day the Sunset Valley City Council approved transferring the Lowe's site to the city of Austin.

Jayne Foley, Sunset Valley deputy city administrator, wrote in the motion that the Nov. 4 application was incomplete, and she rejected it, because it "did not satisfy the requirements of the City Code."

Because the Nov. 4 application was rejected, the plaintiffs believe the state law does not apply in this case and the city of Austin should have enforced the SOS Ordinance, said SOS Alliance deputy director Brad Rockwell.

"This is a straight-ahead case where the SOS Ordinance applies," Rockwell said. "It was improper for the [city of Austin] to waive SOS and approve the settlement agreement."

Smith said because Lowe's and the plaintiffs are disputing the claim that an application was actually filed, the case will probably go to trial instead of being settled at the hearing.

But Frederick said he hopes the case will be settled within a week after the hearing.

"There's some time pressure, because Lowe's wants to get started on the property," he said. "And we don't want the land being scraped up and roads put in, so I don't think the judge will wait very long."

# Alumnus says 'streak-ins' popular in past on campus

**STREAKERS, FROM 1**

The Longhorn Streaker, who draws attention by wearing nothing but a bag over his head, has been spotted in recent months streaking at various campus locations. The two unidentified subjects who ran out before him were not associated with his plan, he said.

"I got kind of pissed about the other two guys who ran out before me. They were trying to steal my thunder," the Longhorn Streaker said.

The two subjects ran across the South Mall, while the Longhorn Streaker, determined not to be "upstaged," ran down the South Mall, through the Littlefield Fountain and down Guadalupe Street before being picked up by a friend on 27th Street.

"It seems to be a pastime of his, and when he found out streaking has been a tradition at the campus, he was frustrated nobody kept it alive," said Max Stubbs, a friend of the streaker and an English senior. "The look on people's faces was hilarious. You could just see the shock in their expressions."

Streaking became a tradition on campus in 1974, said Dick Levan, a UT Information Technology Services systems analyst who was

a graduate student and teaching assistant at that time.

"It only went on for about a month. ... There were only about five or six incidents," he said.

Levan said the highlight of streaking then was making authorities run around in pursuit of the streakers.

"At times, hundreds of spectators lined 21st Street, chanting 'Streak! Streak!' as daring exhibitionists obliged."

**Jim Nicar,  
UT alumnus**

"People thought it was funny. Back then, there was more hostility between the police and the students, so when students saw the older officers trying to chase down a streaker, we all thought it was hilarious," Levan said. "Clearly the students had the advantage."

Jim Nicar, a University alumnus who researched the streaking craze and leads Midnight Prowls on campus, said it was not uncommon to see streakers every night, as popularity for the incidents grew across campus.

"For several months 'streak-

ins' became an almost nightly event on the campus, especially between Moore-Hill dorm and Jester Center," Nicar said. "At times, hundreds of spectators lined 21st Street, chanting 'Streak! Streak!' as daring exhibitionists obliged."

Nicar said streakers appeared in small groups of two or three. Some would ride bicycles and motorcycles and carry bags of candy to toss to their appreciative audiences.

The University Police Department warns that if a student is "picked up" for streaking, the dean of students can implement several disciplinary actions, including academic suspension.

"Under the Student Discipline and Conduct rules, the dean may initiate disciplinary action if students engage in activities of abusive behavior, which include indecent exposure," said UT Police Officer Paul Maslyk.

"If a person exposes his anus or genitals with the intent to arouse or offend people in an open area, they can be arrested for indecent exposure and disorderly conduct," he said.

Maslyk said indecent exposure carries a fine of \$2,000 and up to 180 days in jail, and disorderly conduct carries a \$500 fine. Both are misdemeanor charges.

# A SECOND CHANCE



Pat Sullivan/Associated Press

Dr. Alan Yasko, left, measures the Repiphys expandable implant as he installs it in the leg of 6-year-old Mohammed Alali, while physician assistant Lisa DiSandro looks on Wednesday in Houston. Mohammed is the first patient in Texas to receive a new prosthetic device for children with bone cancer.

band: \$ (undisclosed amount)

make-up & wardrobe: \$7000

soy cappuccinos: \$250

camera crew: \$1200 a day

you are here: priceless

# Witnesses say girl fled after being forced into truck

**ACCIDENT, FROM 1**

Villarreal, also reported the girl was forced into the man's truck before she jumped out into oncoming traffic.

Anthony said after the accident, the driver of the truck tried to force the unconscious girl off the road and had to be physically restrained from touching her.

"He didn't shed one tear after the accident happened," Anthony said.

Buckman said the man was not taken into custody. The female driver of the vehicle was not arrested or charged, he said.

The girl was listed in critical condition at Brackenridge Hospital at press time.

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# Grad group sponsors picnic for GLBT students

*Event planned to up visibility of UT's gay community*

By Kan Yan  
Daily Texan Staff

A graduate organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students hosted a picnic Wednesday to increase the visibility of the gay community on campus and motivate people against Texas' 2003 Defense of Marriage Act. The legislation restricts the rights and privileges of same-sex couples who undertake marriages, civil unions or domestic partnerships in other states.

GLBT grad, a graduate organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students, sponsored the picnic. The group along with several other groups

of students, faculty and staff, met amid rainbow umbrellas and pinwheels Wednesday to have lunch at the Turtle Pond for the second GLBT Visibility Picnic.

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"The energy brewing within the country in the fight for civil liberties can bring a distorted perspective to many who are disconnected and unexposed to people affiliated with different sexu-

al orientations," said Brandon Chicotsky, an undeclared freshman. "This event is a prime example of how one can be better acquainted with how beautiful people can be regardless of any difference."

People came for a number of reasons, varying from those who wished to make political statements to those who wanted to meet fellow gay UT community members. Lindsey Schell, PCL librarian, came to meet students she worked with as the gender studies librarian. She brought along a fellow librarian as well.

"It's spring, a new semester — a new picnic is in order," said Adam Robbins, a public policy graduate student, GLBT grad administrative officer, and chair of Rainbow Summit, a UT organization composed of GLBT- and ally student groups. "The point behind the picnic is greater visi-

bility. Coming Out Day is not enough."

The picnic allowed gay campus community members to meet one another and discuss issues such as reclaiming the word "queer." The UT group QueerUT promotes the use of the word "queer," calling it a reclaimed word that is more inclusive than the word "gay," which tends not to include transgendered people. In David Meischen's experience, queer was "the playground insult," so he still struggles with the word.

The event attracted a variety of students, staff and faculty. "I think it's always good to see how multifaceted the gay community is — not just one set of stereotypes," said Scott Stebleton, picnic attendee and computer programmer for UT's digital library services.



Janice Trinidad, a physics graduate student, enjoys her lunch near the Turtle Pond during the campuswide GLBT visibility picnic on Wednesday. The event was sponsored by GLBTgrad.

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## Local copy shops settle lawsuit

*Publishers claimed course packets violated copyright*

By Graham Schmidt  
Daily Texan Staff

A copyright infringement lawsuit involving campus-area copy shops and Austin-based BISI Inc. was settled out of court Tuesday.

The University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, Elsevier Inc., Pearson Education Inc., John Wiley and Sons Inc., and Sage Publications cited 57 illegally reproduced selections in course packets offered by Speedway Copy and Printing, Abel's Copies and Netpaks, a Web site owned by BISI.

BISI agreed to pay an undisclosed amount to the publishers and promised to comply with copyright laws, according to a press release from the Copyright Clearance Center, a non profit organization that manages the publishers' copyrights.

Copy centers and online course-packet sites may reproduce copyrighted material from textbooks or

journals if they obtain permission from the publisher or a copyright licensing agency and pay an appropriate fee.

The Texan previously reported BISI claimed it obtained permission to publish the material on Netpaks and thought the permission extended to the hard copies printed at Abel's and Speedway. The plaintiffs, though, name 17 copyright infringements on the Web site.

"Things we would have considered fair-use before, we no longer do. Now we track everything down."

Robert Pyeatt, president of Paradigm Books and Lecture Notes

Robert Pyeatt, president of Paradigm Books and Lecture Notes, which produces course packets for UT students, settled a copyright infringement case last year.

"The suit affected us quite a bit," Pyeatt said. "Things we would

have considered fair-use before, we no longer do. Now we track everything down."

Copy centers could face fines of thousands of dollars for each copyright violation.

While the threat of stiff fines encourages many to obey the law, that, too, carries a price.

Complying with copyright law has raised operating costs and driven business to his competitors, Pyeatt said. Fees associated with obtaining permission from copyright holders add to the price of course-packets, he said.

Copyright licensing agencies like the Copyright Clearance Center, formed in the early 1990s, crack down on course packet copyright infringements. The CCC's Web site lists five course-packet cases settled in 2003.

The CCC manages copyrights of more than 1.75 million works and keeps tabs on reproductions.

"We are constantly receiving information from a variety of sources in the academic market," said Colleen Shea, a CCC spokeswoman. Shea said competitors and disgruntled employees often flag offending course-packet providers.

## Gay marriage amendment: Valid?

*Panel questions whether it violates human, states' rights*

By Cyndee-Nga Trinh  
Daily Texan Staff

Gay marriage proponents questioned the validity of anti-gay-marriage legislation at a panel discussion Tuesday night.

"In the U.S., the states determine who has the power to marry," said Leslie Green, a visiting professor in the UT School of Law. The recent proposed federal amendment banning gay and lesbian marriage wants to limit state power to define marriage, she said.

Green said she believes the federal amendment will not pass, but it "polarizes the debate" on the issue of marriage.

The UT departments of government and women's and gender studies and the Gender and Politics Group sponsored the panel discussion on the politics of gay/lesbian marriage.

Gretchen Ritter, a government professor, defines marriage as a

"contract between two people that creates a status — a status of husband and wife — with certain rights and obligations to each other."

Ritter, a self-described feminist and Democrat, is critical of the institution of marriage in general, because it is a form of social and moral regulation, fails to recognize public obligations to people and reinforces thinking about politics in terms of individuals or nuclear families instead of communities.

However, she admits the denial of marriage is a denial of a basic right, and she applauds the gay and lesbian community in their mobilization effort.

Assistant government professor Stephen Marshall explained how the concept of the civil rights movement was broadened and incorporated as the language of the gay rights movement.

Sean Theriault, a government professor, compared proponents of the amendment to those who wanted slaves kept in the slave-quarters and women in the kitchen.

"The anti-gay marriage amendment is gay bashing.

Period," he said.

Theriault listed the infidelities, divorces and remarriages of several congressmen as examples of how the sanctity of marriage has been defiled by straight marriages.

"Many gay couples stood in line at the courthouse in San Francisco longer than Britney Spears' marriage," he said.

Green said there is no legal validity to prevent gay and lesbian couples from marrying.

"Homosexuals can marry, provided that they marry heterosexuals or homosexuals of the opposite sex," he said. "There is no valid conditional for marriage. It is not to make babies. Married couples don't even have to have sex."

But Green ended the discussion on an optimistic note for gay marriage proponents, saying that in recent legislative rulings, such as Lawrence v. Texas, students might see the legalization of gay marriage within their lifetime.

Student groups support right for same-sex couples to marry.

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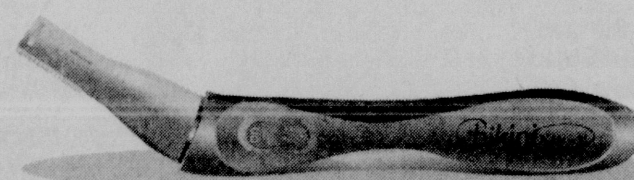
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# Caucus seeks equity, school finance changes

*Suggestions include capping sales tax, restoring benefits*

By James Hale  
Daily Texan Staff

Texas needs to increase equity among Texas' school districts and reinstate teachers' benefits, Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said Wednesday in response to what he called one of the "worst legislative sessions for teachers" in his memory.

"We fixed it so the average teacher is taking home less than they were last year," Gallego said. Gallego outlined his school finance recommendations to the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus on Wednesday. He said the MALC has spent the past several months hearing testimony from citizens across the state. The MALC will release a report of its findings within the next 10 days, Gallego said. MALC spokeswoman Adriana Bernal said Gallego has spent time visiting members of the MALC

and covered many of the upcoming report's points in his speech. Gallego said a cap on the current sales tax, closing tax loopholes, increasing state contributions to education, enhancing equity across the state and restoring teaching staffs' benefits are necessary for any new school finance system. Gallego asked Gov. Rick Perry to call a special session during the summer, in order to give employees of public school systems a chance to speak before the Legislature. "When the teachers come up

here, and the bus drivers come up here and hold the Legislature accountable for what we've done to them, it changes the dynamic," Gallego said. The governor's office has not released any information on the likelihood or timing of a special session. Gallego's recommendations came after a Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance released a report advising that the state drop its current Robin Hood school finance system. The report supported increasing the state sales tax and

possibly instituting a statewide property tax to fund schools. "The last thing we need in Texas is to expand the sales tax," Gallego said. There could be problems with Gallego's recommendations, said Bob Richter, a spokesman for House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland. Richter said that parts of Gallego's plan were not addressed at the press conference. Richter said he was unsure that closing tax loopholes would provide the funding that Gallego's plan would require.

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# Jessica Lynch deals with fame one year after rescue in Iraq

*Soldier ponders why she survived, what to do next in life*

By Gavin McCormick  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Jessica Lynch is trying to work it all out. A year after the Army supply clerk's wounding and rescue made her the Iraq war's most famous soldier, she grapples with questions both personal (When should I go to college? When should I get married?) and philosophical (Why did I survive when others didn't?). "I mean, obviously, there has to be a reason," the 20-year-old told The Associated Press. "I don't know what it is yet. So I have to explore all these things to figure it out." Lynch's search is in many ways typical for an American woman still a few weeks shy of the drinking age. It is the fame that is unusual — the crowds of well-wishers drawn to her everywhere she goes, whether at the diner near her Palestine home or at the Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills. "I'm just a country girl. It's something I'm not used to, and I probably never will be," she said. "I do want my life back to normal, because it's hard — it's so hard. But at the same time I'm like — wow, I get to go to New York, I get to go to Hollywood. I get to hang out with people like Britney and Leonardo."

Lynch has made a few appearances since last year's book tour for Rick Bragg's biography, "I Am a Soldier, Too." The former POW won an award from Glamour magazine (where she met Spears); rode in the Gator Bowl parade; starred at Gov. Bob Wise's State of the State speech; hung out at parties after the Golden Globes (where she met DiCaprio); and took a three-day

jaunt to the Bahamas after christening a cruise ship. This month, Lynch will do the first of four events for Get Motivated, a company that hires figures such as Rudolph Giuliani and Mikhail Gorbachev to speak at business seminars. Her message will be: "If I can do it, you can."

"I was put in one of the worst situations there is out there. So if you're having problems with your boyfriend or whatever, you can get through it," she said. She added with a laugh: "I get nervous when I'm in a large group of people. I don't know how that'll work out."

Lynch's whirlwind started on March 23, 2003, when her 507th Maintenance Company got lost in the Iraqi desert and was ambushed in Nasiriyah. With her vehicle stalled and her rifle jammed, Pfc. Lynch hopped into a Humvee driven by her best friend, Pfc. Lori Piastewa. The vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed. The 11 American soldiers killed in the ambush included Piastewa and three others in the Humvee: 1st Sgt. Robert Dowdy, Sgt. George Buggs and Spc. Edward Anguiano. Lynch suffered two spinal fractures, nerve damage and a shattered right arm, right foot and left leg. According to medical records cited in her biography, she was also sodomized, apparently during a three-hour gap she cannot recall. Still hobbled and using a cane, Lynch spends several hours a day in rehabilitation therapy. Nerve damage has left her unable to feel her left foot, though doctors hope she will regain its full use. The Army awarded her a medical retirement and an 80 percent disability pension. "They say a millimeter a day the nerves grow" from where her back was damaged, she said. "They're giving me another year. After that, it might not be looking so good. But there's still hope."

# 'Viva Cesar Chavez!' cry Hispanic groups



Members of 11 campus Chicano and Latino organizations shouted "Viva Cesar Chavez" on the East, South and West malls Wednesday as they marched to raise awareness about the leader's fight for equal rights for Mexican-Americans. The Cesar Chavez Day march was followed by a performance by UT Ballet Folklorico, a Chicano poetry reading and keynote address by Leticia Hinojosa, a Chicano activist and former Hidalgo County district judge. Chavez created the United Farm Workers, a group that led successful strikes throughout the 1960s and 1970s on behalf of grape farmers in California who were protesting for better wages and working conditions.

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The question of how many Americans are homosexual is a contentious issue. Gay rights activists point to a 1948 report by sex researcher Dr. Alfred Kinsey that found that about 10 percent of the population was gay, while conservative institutions such as the Family Research Institute insist the number is actually between 1 percent and 2 percent.

## COMING UP:

UT professor San Bolkan launches a T-shirt design business startup.

# Supporting GAY marriage

Some Texas student groups promoting rights for same-sex couples

By Les McLain • Daily Texan Staff

Will Martin is almost 16 years old, and his disheveled brown hair and baby-like face make him look even younger. He can't drink or drive yet, but he has united his peers around gay marriage, the issue plaguing courtrooms nationwide.

Martin's high school's group, Huntington-Surrey for Peace and Justice, formed at the private Austin high school shortly after the United States launched into war with Iraq last March. A handful of Huntington-Surrey High School students between the ages of 14 and 18 decided they wanted to educate the public about current issues. Their latest objective has been to support the right of gays to marry.

Although Texas defines marriage as a union between a man and woman, court decisions like *Lawrence v. Texas*, which overturned Texas laws against sodomy, have given hope to many youth who see marriage as an issue of human rights. The battle over the legalization of gay marriage has begun to attract new recruits, and the tools of reform may lie in the hands of the young.

The push for action on the gay marriage issue began when the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court last November called anti-

gay marriage laws unconstitutional. In February, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom demanded that his county clerk's office hand out marriage licenses to same-sex couples, despite laws that make that action illegal. On Feb. 27, President George W. Bush announced his intention to support a constitutional amendment to prevent gay marriage.

Recent months have spawned a surge of gay marriage activism among students in Texas. At Baylor University, heralded as the largest Baptist university in the world, student journalists gained national attention and their school's disapproval with a Feb. 27 editorial in their school newspaper, the *Baylor Lariat*, supporting gay marriage. Baylor University President Robert B. Sloan Jr. expressed his dissatisfaction with the article in a March 2 press release, saying that Baylor respects divergent viewpoints but that using a university publication to express them will not be tolerated.

The incident at Baylor did nothing to squelch support for the movement among students. On March 26, Huntington-Surrey for Peace and Justice sponsored its first rally in favor of gay marriage at the Capitol. "Don't Outlaw

Love" drew about 150 people brandishing homemade picket signs. Some students draped themselves in American flags to remind people that gays are patriots too.

"[This rally is] about overcoming ignorance. If you're in love, you're in love, and you get married," Martin said.

Austin Coalition for Marriage Equality co-sponsored the rally. With about 100 members, most of whom are UT students, the coalition formed on March 8 after a forum on gay marriage presented by the International Socialist Organization.

"Students came and said, 'Let's not make this about ISO or UT, let's make this about the community coming together,'" said Brandon Chicotsky, a first year anthropology student who helped found the group.

"People all around the country are organizing, and students of UT can be vital in this movement," Chicotsky said.

Another student-led political advocacy group in favor of gay marriage formed on campus last week. Stand Out is a sister organization to Hang Out, a social club for gay students. Founded by Jake Holbrook, a radio-television-film freshman, Stand Out incor-



Chris Nguyen/Daily Texan Staff

Tricia Mihal and Terra Byrne sit on the steps of the Capitol last Friday. Mihal and Byrne joined 150 other proponents of gay marriage in a rally that included guest speakers and a march.

porates members of Hang Out who want to support gay rights.

Although many student groups have organized around gay marriage, not all support it. The Young Conservatives of Texas campus chapter disagrees with granting marriage licenses to homosexual couples but said they are more concerned with gay marriage as a states rights issue.

"If we keep [gay marriage] as a states rights issue, there's going to have to be an amendment to protect that...," said executive director Alan Gibson, a pharmacy senior.

Baylor was back in the spotlight when United for Change, a

political advocacy group comprised primarily of Baylor students and alumni, scored national media attention by asking for protection against discrimination at the school. Darrin Adams and Matt Bass formed the organization after Bass, a former Baylor student, lost his scholarships after admitting he supported gay marriage. The organization's goal is to protect other students in similar situations.

United for Change held a protest last Saturday in downtown Waco, drawing a crowd of roughly 200 people, according to Adams. "I knew students who didn't

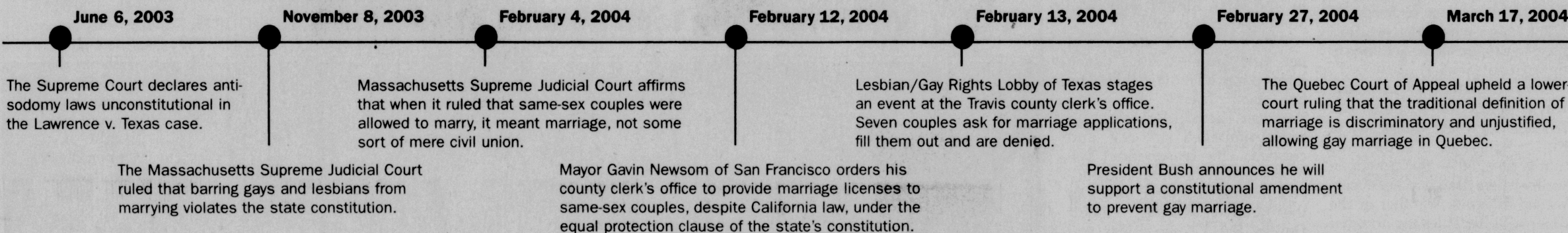
want to come because the media was there, and they were afraid of what actions might be taken against them," Adams said.

"The event was about raising public awareness and trying to get people on board to the issue," he said.

Adams said the Baylor story was carried by more than 200 media outlets worldwide. This successful exposure and his own belief that Baylor students support gay rights gives him hope for the future.

"You may be in power right now, Adams said, "but I'm the face of the future generation."

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## DEFENSE RESTS IN JAYSON WILLIAMS TRIAL

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## COMING TOMORROW

We get you caught up on what's going on this weekend with Texas sports, including baseball and softball game previews.



Javier Perez Jr.  
Daily Texan Staff

## Huskies, Cowboys will win Saturday

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back to reality. The Cinderellas are gone, and only the big boys remain. We are back to a college basketball world where Texas' lack of a point guard ended their goal of getting back to the Final Four, where anyone lower than a No. 4 seed is gone from the tournament and Duke is back.

You might be asking yourself, what qualifies someone like Javi to predict the tournament outcome? Well, being in the 98th percentile of brackets on ESPN's tournament challenge is a pretty good start. I correctly predicted every game in the East Rutherford Region, and three of my Final Four teams are still in it, including both of the teams I have in the championship games. Although it may seem I came close to perfection, my fourth team lost in the second round (stupid Gonzaga).

That's two years in a row that I have had three out of four. Last year I told myself that I would never let a team like Gonzaga suck me into picking them, but I can't help but think that even one surprise team would make it to San Antonio. No matter what, I'm going to keep taking risks.

Anyway, I'm rambling. Let's go to the picks ...

### Oklahoma State vs. Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech has been pulling out close games since round one against Northern Iowa. Their biggest victory of the tournament came against Kansas: a whopping eight points. Oklahoma State didn't have trouble putting teams away in the first three rounds and showed that they could kick it in the clutch when they need it, like when John Lucas III took out St. Joseph's with a gutsy three when all he needed was a two.

My money is on Oklahoma State. The Cowboys play Big 12 Conference basketball, meaning that they clamp down on defense and play guard ball. I'm doubting that Jarrett Jack is going to be able to get it done against the team that just shut down arguably the best backcourt in the country in St. Joseph's Jameer Nelson and Delonte West.

Georgia Tech will make it a game, but with B.J. Elder missing due to injury and Oklahoma State playing a tougher kind of basketball, I think the Cowboys have it. John Lucas is playing his best basketball of the year and the Cowboys also have player-of-the-year Tony Allen. There has to be a reason Texas lost to this team three times this season, right? Georgia Tech may have beaten Duke and UConn during the regular season, but right now, they play Oklahoma State.

### UConn vs. Duke

People keep saying that UConn hasn't played anybody, but consider this: The Huskies may not have played anyone higher than a No. 6 seed, but they are certainly beating them like the lower seeds that they are.

UConn has beaten their four opponents by an average of about 18 points. They've won the Big East tournament without Emeka Okafor, and he's going to come back against Duke rested and ready to play 40 minutes if he has to. Don't read too much into that stinger he suffered against Alabama. Duke's Sheldon Williams doesn't have the experience or the talent to keep up with Okafor.

And Duke's backcourt

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# Longhorns win a pair Wednesday evening

## Boutelle's grand lifts Texas over Oklahoma Christian

By Kyu-Heong Kim  
Daily Texan Staff

Days before making their way to Norman for a pair of games with Oklahoma, Texas (18-12) took batting practice against some pitchers from the Sooner State.

Of course, the Oklahoma Christian (6-18) pitching staff is not indicative of that of No. 13 Oklahoma, but Texas will nonetheless ride a pair of victories into Norman.

While the Longhorns teed off on the Lady Eagles, the pitching staff threw a couple of gems on the night, allowing no runs in both

shutout victories.

Although Lizi Sowers started and finished the second game for the Longhorns, it was junior Amy Bradford who received the most attention in the circle.

Bradford, who had not pitched since Feb. 18 due to injury, entered the game to a standing ovation in the third inning. Although Bradford pitched only one inning, she looked impressive, allowing only one hit and striking out two. Bradford showed she could play defense as well, cleanly fielding a ball and delivering it to first for the final out of her outing.

"We weren't really sure until right up at the last minute that we were going to actually get her an inning of work tonight," head coach Connie Clark said.

The Texas offense showed it could play small-ball by scoring

the first run of the nightcap on a squeeze play. Senior Sarah Wieszcak laid down a perfect bunt while shortstop Amber Hall sprinted home from third. Second baseman Chez Sievers slapped a single into left, loading the bases and extending her hit streak to eight.

Catcher Jacqueline Williams had her first two pitches go by as strikes, but the third would bean her elbow. Williams would be stung in the elbow, but the Lady Eagles would feel the sting on the scoreboard as outfielder Melanie Jarrett crossed the plate for a 2-0 Texas lead.

The only other runs of the game came in the bottom of the sixth inning, with first baseman Alexis Garcia leading off with a double.

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Dean Sagun/Daily Texan Staff  
Texas Longhorn players celebrate after Tina Boutelle's grand slam Wednesday night in a victory over the Oklahoma Christian Lady Eagles.

# Texas Relays out of the blocks

## First day sees Jones take top honors

By Eric Ransom  
Daily Texan Staff

The running events of the 77th Texas Relays kicked off Wednesday evening, starting with the longest distance event. The crowd was sparse, but their shouts of excitement foreshadowed the capacity crowds that descend on Mike A. Myers Stadium every year.

Senior Jodi Jones, in the first 10,000-meter race of her career, methodically fended off the leader's pack to win in 37:20.46.

"Overall, going into the race, I wanted to keep the first [5,000 meters] slow and wanted to go out conservatively without pushing it," Jones said. "After the first 5K, depending on how I felt, I was going to start picking girls off."

At the 5,000-meter mark, Jones began closing the gap between the pack and a rogue pair from TCU and Harding University. Jones led the six runners after 23 minutes and exchanged leads with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Leeann Jimenez as the pack dwindled to four.

Jones regained the lead for good with two kilometers remaining.

"When I took the lead, I noticed the pace was slowing down," Jones said. "I didn't feel comfortable, but I thought I could keep the pace, and it turns out I did."

As the bell for the final lap sounded, Jones broke from the pack with Texas Tech's Abby Schubert lying in her shadow. But in the final turn, Jones broke open and held on to win the 10K.

Though it was Jones' first race, she became the third Longhorn woman in four years to win the event.

Freshman Carlos Mendoza lined up in the 10,000-meter for the men's team. In the final lap, Stephen F. Austin's Marc Farris shot out of the last turn with Mendoza and another pair trailing. Mendoza finished fourth in 31:49.34.

In the men's 1,500 section B, LSU's Andrew Huston created a gap from the remaining 20 runners after the first two laps. But Texas freshman Matt Munoz closed on the Tiger in the turn, only to be eclipsed by the pack with one lap remaining. The freshman finished strong, however, earning second in a time of 3:53.72, with teammate Tommy Rushing taking fifth in 3:57.44.

Today's events begin at 11 a.m., continuing with the decathlon and heptathlon before relay, hurdle and spring prelims. As the events progress into the weekend, the crowd and competition are only going to grow.



## Relays host to several past Gold medalists

By Jeff Zell  
Daily Texan Staff

When Clyde Littlefield pursued a dream to create the Texas Relays as the premiere track meet in the South, he likely could not feasibly imagine more than 20,000 enthusiasts piled into one stadium. He also probably found it hard to believe that former Olympic Gold medalists would voyage here to compete year in and year out.

That's right, my 40-Acre friends, former Olympic Gold medalist and former world-record holder Maurice Greene will be making an appearance at the Mike A. Myers Stadium once again this year. This is Greene's ninth Texas Relays appearance, but no one can forget his most memorable.

It was the spring of 1995, and Greene, just 20 years old at the time, competed against and upset track legend Carl Lewis in the 100-meter with a time of 9.88s. Beating Lewis at such a young age, Greene made a name for himself as one of the most promising young track stars in the modern era.

And Greene's resume is in no way meager. His accolades include winning the 100-meter World Championships in 1997 and 1999, as well as a pair of gold medals in the 2000 Olympic Games in the 100-meter and 4x100-meter relay.

Athletes that will be joining Greene this weekend at the Texas Relays are those that competed with him at the Olympic Games in the 4x100-meter relay. Jon Drummond and Bernard Williams both had legs in the gold-medal

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Photos by Jennifer Soliz/Daily Texan Staff

Top, Texas Longhorn senior Jodi Jones took first place honors in the 10,000-meter run. Above, Matt Munoz was the winner in the men's 1,500 meter run. The Texas Relays continue today through Saturday afternoon.





# Sox's Garciaparra out for opener

By The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will start the season on the disabled list with an injured right Achilles' tendon and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

The All-Star slugger said Wednesday that doctors told him to rest. Pokey Reese will be at shortstop when Boston opens the regular season Sunday in Baltimore, and Mark Bellhorn will fill in for Reese at second base.

"I don't like missing more time than I anticipated, but the good thing is we know we have a structured program to be able to talk to all the doctors and get everyone on the same page," Garciaparra said after the team placed him on the disabled list.

"My body will tell me when I'm ready. Once that happens, it shouldn't take me long to get back in the lineup," he said.

Garciaparra was examined Wednesday in Florida by Mark Slovenkai, an ankle and foot specialist from New England Baptist Hospital.

No structural damage was found in the tendon, but the injury was diagnosed as a bruise in the cartilage that covers the tendon. The only treatment is rest.

Garciaparra was injured March 5 when he was hit by a ball during batting practice. He has been limited to just eight at-bats in spring training. He is the second Red Sox starter to go down this spring. Right fielder Trot Nixon is expected to be out until early May with a lower back problem.

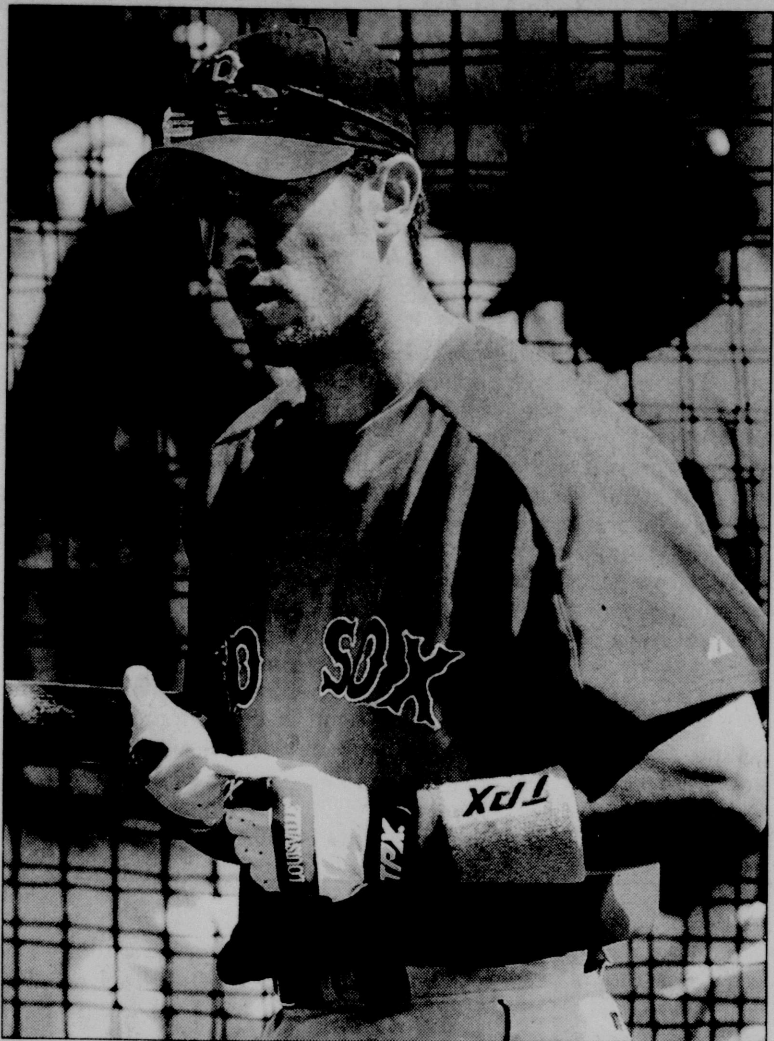
General manager Theo Epstein doesn't plan to trade for temporary replacements. "It's never a good time to have guys hurt," Epstein said. "We're going to have to wait until they're 100 percent, but we're going to be OK."

With Garciaparra out, David Ortiz will bat cleanup in Boston's lineup.

Garciaparra hit .301 last season, with 28 home runs and 105 RBIs.

The two-time American League batting champion was the subject of trade rumors during the offseason, when the Red Sox tried to acquire AL MVP Alex Rodriguez from Texas and considered sending Garciaparra to the Chicago White Sox to make room in their infield. But trade talks with Texas broke down, and Rodriguez went to Boston's biggest rival, the New York Yankees.

Garciaparra said he will fly to Boston on Thursday.



Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will miss the beginning of the season with an injury to his achilles tendon.

# Sowers Queen of the Hill for Longhorns

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Garcia came home off of a triple by right fielder Lacy Robinson. A regular pinch runner, the junior transfer recorded her first hit of her Texas career, and with it an RBI.

"I just felt like I saw the ball really well and got ahold of it," Robinson said. "[Oklahoma Christian starter Courtney Quine] just hung it over the middle a little, and I took advantage of it."

Robinson would score three batters later when Wieszczak lined a double into left field.

Sowers was able to close out the game with a strikeout, ending a stellar outing of six innings, two hits and six strikeouts.

"Today I just came out thinking about how I usually go out there and throw or how I have been throwing lately, and I stayed confident," Sowers said. "I just went out there and had fun."

The top half of the doubleheader saw Texas breaking out of a recent offensive drought, hammering out eight runs on 10 hits.

Sophomore center fielder Tina Boutelle had a successful day at the plate, going three-for-four and a double short of hitting for the cycle.

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Lizi Sowers, Texas pitcher

Boutelle's home run, her third of the season, came in the bottom of the sixth with the bases loaded.

The grand slam pushed the lead to eight, evoking the eight-run mercy rule.

While Gault was having difficulties with Texas batters, Texas starter Christina Gwyn had no problems handling the Lady Eagles. The freshman threw her first complete game shutout, allowing only four hits. The shutout is the first the Longhorns have thrown since Bradford threw a 1-0 victory over Houston in the opening weekend.

With Bradford a possibility to pitch in Norman this weekend, the Longhorns will look to improve on their 0-2 conference record against the Sooners.

# Kilmartin places fifth in 100-meter run Wednesday

TRACK, FROM 9

winning team, along with Jerome Young, who was an alternate. These three accredited athletes, as well as Charles Austin, a gold-medal winner in 1996 for the high jump with a clearance of 7-feet-10-inches, will all be in and around Mike A. Myers Stadium this weekend.

From the professional ranks to the high school ranks, the Texas Relays offer the most intense competition for all athletes. Among the 5,000 competitors competing in 125 events, there are high-school record holders, up-and-coming university track stars and professionals in their prime.

With one day of the relays underway, the 40 Acres' very own Donovan Kilmartin competed in the decathlon and sits pretty at third place. Kilmartin is in a position to make a push toward

the lead.

Kilmartin jumpstarted this year's Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays by taking a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter dash, posting a time of 11.07s. Kilmartin followed up with a seventh-place finish in the long jump before excelling in the high jump. Kilmartin took first-place honors, clearing a height of 2.07 meters, nearly a full tenth of a meter higher than any other competitor.

In the shot put, Kilmartin performed admirably, finishing second, and after five events sits in third place overall, with 3,951 points. With five events remaining, Kilmartin needs to produce a point total of 7,500 in order to automatically qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Action resumes in the 77th annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at noon at Mike A. Myers Stadium.

# NFL makes rule changes at meetings

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners adopted a 15-yard penalty for excessive celebrations Wednesday after being embarrassed by Joe Horn's hidden cell phone trick and Terrell Owens' end-zone autograph.

The penalty will be in addition to fines previously in place for choreographed and multiplayer celebrations.

The infractions are considered unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. The yardage will be marched off from the spot at the end of the previous play or, after a score, on the ensuing kickoff. If the infraction is flagrant, the player will be ejected.

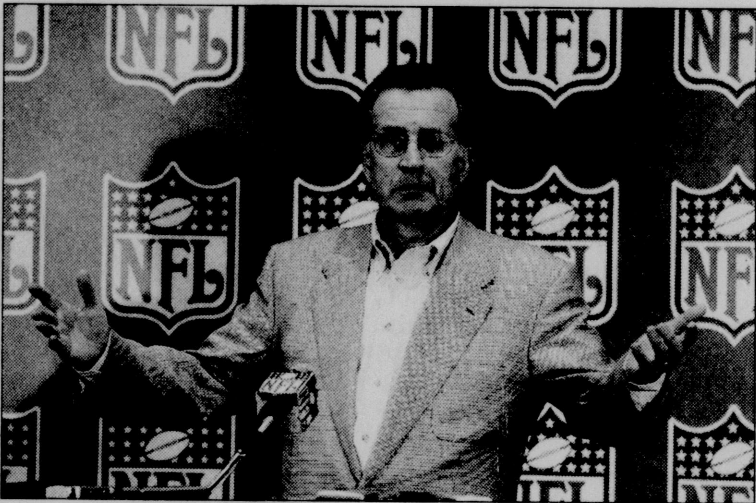
"The players know they will be hurting their team," Jets coach Herman Edwards said.

The vote was 31-1, with the Raiders the lone dissenter.

In December, Horn made an end-zone call after a teammate handed him a phone that had been stashed under the goalpost padding. The season before, Owens pulled a pen from his sock to sign the football after a touchdown catch.

The owners on Wednesday also:

- increased the size of practice squads from five to eight players;
- allowed head coaches or any player to call a timeout;
- extended the five-day period immediately after the season ends for interviewing assistant coaches to seven days, or the con-



National Football League commissioner Paul Tagliabue takes questions at a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

clusion of the wild-card round. The policy also now will cover high-level front office positions;

- made a punt or missed field goal untouched by the receiving team a dead ball once it touches the end zone or touches a kicking team player in the end zone;
- modified free kick, fair catch and personal foul rules;
- allowed wide receivers to wear Nos. 10 through 19 even when numbers in the 80s are available.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue also said it was possible the new NFL Network could carry games live in the next television package. The current \$17.6 billion contract with ABC/ESPN, ABC and CBS expires after the 2005 season.

"I don't think it's likely, but anything in life is possible," he said. "The NFL Network is in the long term."

NFL Network is carried by satellite and by two of the major cable carriers.

On Tuesday, hours after league owners approved a five-year extension of instant replay, adding a third coaches' challenge if the first two are successful, the NFL succeeded in a federal appeals court in New York.

The court agreed to hear arguments days before the draft to

overturn the ruling allowing Ohio State sophomore Maurice Clarett and other underclassman and high schoolers into the draft.

NFL chief counsel Jeff Pash thinks there's a strong chance the court will grant a stay of the lower court ruling before the April 24-25 draft. That means Clarett, Southern California sophomore Mike Williams and seven others would not be included in the draft.

"I think there is a very substantial chance he will not be in the draft," Pash said.

Should that happen, and the NFL subsequently loses the appeal, a supplemental draft for those players would be held within 10 days of the court decision.

Alan Milstein, Clarett's agent, said that would harm his client. Milstein said Clarett would lose leverage to negotiate a contract, as well as practice time and time to learn his new team's playbook, if he were not drafted in April.

"They did not issue a stay," Milstein told The Associated Press. "They set forth an expedited briefing schedule. Nothing happened today that was unexpected. The court is just doing what it needs to do to work hard and get Maurice in the draft — and with plenty of time to do it."

Pash said the hearing will be April 19 or 20.

The vote on replay was 29-3, with Kansas City, Indianapolis and Cincinnati voting against. Arizona — for the first time, according to Tagliabue — voted for the five-year extension with the additional challenge.

Twenty-four votes were needed from the 32 teams to keep replay. Tagliabue said some teams were reluctant to put it in permanently in fear it would be too difficult to remove.

In a key financial move, owners renewed for 15 years the NFL Trust, which provides \$4 million per team in licensing revenue for merchandise with team logos. But there was enough sentiment from teams such as the Cowboys, Redskins and Dolphins to investigate modifying it, and Tagliabue will appoint a nine-member committee to look at all aspects of revenue sharing.

No one questions the concept of apportioning income, particularly from the eight-year, \$17.6 billion television contract.

But owners such as Dallas' Jerry Jones and Washington's Dan Snyder want wider marketing rights for their teams' products. Owners in smaller markets, including Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, Indianapolis' Jim Irsay and Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, are concerned about what they consider an increasing disparity in cash flow between teams.

Tagliabue, 63, indicated there will be no problem in negotiating an extension of his contract, which expires in May 2005. The owners voted unanimously Monday to give him as many as three more years beyond that date.

The owners heard more on the proposal to build a new stadium for the New York Jets on the West Side of Manhattan. Tagliabue said there would be further discussion but emphasized no commitment was made by the league for a future Super Bowl there.

# Connecticut has too much firepower for Blue Devils

PEREZ, FROM 9

won't be able to keep up either. Xavier exposed how to beat them on the defensive side of the ball. Chris Duhon, Daniel Ewing and J.J. Redick will most likely be held to a low shooting percentage. UConn's backcourt of Taliek Brown, Ben Gordon and Rashad

Anderson, along with Gordon, have held teams to 36 percent shooting from the field.

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WOW!

ALL I EVER GOT WAS POGS...

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Match Heads

by: ANDREA HORACE usually by: Chris Cusack

I think I've found the ultimate college-guys girl, right here man.

How so?

Watch this...

Hey Jenny, what are your hopes for the future?

A Miller Light, on draft...

in chink i love

And you, completely covered in chocolate...

Why is an alarm going off?

Say it ain't so!

4:01

Only in dreams. Her OTHER future plans involve you, a ball, and a chain.

LIVIN ON LUCK

It's April Fools Day, so the girls will probably say they will go out with us. They won't go out with us, but they'll say they will.

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So, you wanna go out with me tonight?

No. No.

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Yeah, I'm ready. Go for it.

BAZOOKA JOE EXPANDO!

Cool trick, but how do we get down now?

I'm not really sure. I've never had to deal with one of these fourth panels before...

CAUSE FOR DELAY

by: Joseph Devens

20 BUCKS FOR A CD? LIKE HELL! IMPARTING THAT! DOWN WITH TOWER!!

THAT'S WHY GOD INVENTED BIRCHES... OR WAS IT EDISON?

MR. PRESIDENT! WE'D JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THE ARMY OF WARS THAT THE EARTH WILL BE INVADED IN 3 YEARS! LUCKILY, WE HAVE TIME TO PREPARE FOR...

NOT NOW, CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DOWNLOADING THE NEW OUTCAST RECORD?

3 YEARS LATER...

BLAME THIS ON IRAQ!

FRANK

This week with Barry

By the comic baron

HI FOLKS BARRY THE WHEELBARROW HERE.

APPARENTLY, I TURNED INTO A NICE, EASY TO DRAW EARTHWORK, SO THE REST OF THE SEASON IS CANCELLED.

APRIL FOOLS!

TOTHEMONS

By Al Sweigart asweigart@mail.utexas.edu

"Toby did not understand what was and was not an appropriate April Fool's Day joke."

PROVERBS

By Zach Freeman

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"A FOOL FINDS NO PLEASURE IN UNDERSTANDING BUT DELIGHTS IN AIRING HIS OWN OPINIONS"

Helping Squirrelz

by Chris Copeland

What's wrong?

I can't find my nuts!

Belch!

The same thing once happened to me

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The Magdalene Sisters

Shocking true story of "naughty" teenagers in nunnery servitude

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Edited by Will Shortz No. 0219

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21 Have the lead

23 Outdated

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37 Goya's "Duchess of \_\_\_"

38 Porter classic

40 Close cousins

42 "Come here often?," e.g.

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DOWN

1 Computer bit

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3 Birchbark

4 Hood's gun

5 Wrinkles, say

6 Harem keeper

7 Chitchat

8 Checked, as a box

9 Bygone deliverer

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11 Hosp. testing techniques

12 Announcements from the cockpit, briefly

13 Hard to hold

18 Can't stand

22 Plant root

25 "Did You Ever Dream Walking?" (1933 hit)

27 Themes

29 Off the mark

30 Lodge group

31 Rose's love, on Broadway

32 Carry on

33 Mandrel

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48 Person with binoculars

49 Chinese weight unit

51 Unpaid servant

52 Refugees

53 Yorkshire city

54 Tunisian port once a stronghold for Barbary pirates

55 Spiders' nests

56 Soon

58 Corrida beast

61 Lith., once

63 "Alley \_\_\_"

Puzzle by Alfio Micci (1918-2004)

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## FILM REVIEW FRIDAY

Look in tomorrow's Entertainment page for a review of "Hellboy," the latest in a long line of comic book-inspired movies. "Hellboy" is from director Guillermo Del Toro ("Blade 2") and stars Ron Perlman as the Dark Horse Comics hero.



# THRICE

O.C. band shows how to keep integrity while working with major labels

By James Taylor  
Daily Texan Staff

They weren't the first, but Thrice has arguably been one of the most successful indie-to-major-label transfers.

About three years ago, right around the time they realized their ship was sinking, the major labels began swallowing up modestly successful indie hardcore bands — Poison the Well, Thrice, Thursday and A.E.I. are but a few.

"For the distribution that [Sub City Records] had and the amount of publicity they could do, we did pretty good," Thrice drummer Riley Breckenridge said regarding his band's relationship with its former label. "They were doing everything they could for us."

"We went out on tour after 'Illusion of Safety' [Thrice's Sub City sophomore release] came out, and major labels started coming out to every show and meeting with us. We were kind of taken aback by it because we didn't expect that at all ... it was really intimidating."

"We never felt like we had to sign with a major label. ... It came down to one of those situations where you never know if you're ever going to get that opportunity again. You don't want to be kicking yourself in three years because you didn't take that risk and see what you could do with it. We've made so many sacrifices as a band

— quitting school, quitting jobs and leaving the security of friends and family. We figured that it was a risk worth taking."

Needless to say, neither the band nor their label, Island/Def Jam, could have expected the success that "The Artist in the Ambulance" has experienced. Produced once again with friend Brian McTernan, the album took off with the unveiling of the flashy "All That's Left" last year, debuting at No. 16 on the Billboard Top 200 chart.

Thrice is currently in the midst of a two-week tour with distinctly metal bands Darkest Hour and Poison the Well. Once completed, Thrice will begin a sure-to-sell-out tour with everyone's favorite emo kids, Dashboard Confessional.

Damn, there are those words ... sell out. Thrice has heard it before. They fully expected it. But it's bullshit — says the band and me.

"We wrote [The Artist in the Ambulance] with the idea that it was going to come out on Sub City," Breckenridge said. With no idea that they would ever be signed to a major label, it's hard to say Thrice wrote a "sell out" record at all, since the songs were mostly written before the big boys even came knocking.

"I know we feel good about the record that we made. We didn't compromise anything and made the record we wanted to make."

The success of Thrice, however,



Thrice has experienced phenomenal success following the release of their major-label debut, "The Artist in the Ambulance." In doing so, they've basically set the standard for how punk rock bands can keep their integrity as they move on to major label deals.

Photo courtesy of Island/Def Jam

## DOWN FOR THE CAUSE

A portion of retail sales from "The Artist in the Ambulance" is donated to the Syrentha J. Savio Endowment. To date, Thrice has raised more than \$50,000 for the charity, which helps provide free breast cancer screenings in low-income neighborhoods in the D.C. area, as well as chemotherapy and other necessary medication for women who can't afford the growing expense of fighting cancer. On this current headlining tour, Island Records and Thrice will be auctioning off a pair of tickets and signed merchandise in each city through [www.charityticketauctions.org](http://www.charityticketauctions.org). One hundred percent of the proceeds will be going to SSE.

did tours in a van and slept at truck stops in the middle of Wyoming and stuff like that. That's the stuff that builds character. I think you have to come from that. It scares me because, just like any other genre of music that becomes popular, over-saturation happens. There are few bands that are the trendsetters, and then everyone else just follows them."

has made many major-label mouths water, a disheartening prospect that Breckenridge clearly doesn't want any part of.

"I'm kind of worried about what's going on right now, to be honest. Thursday got signed, we got signed, Poison the Well got signed, and I thought 'Oh, this is cool that major labels are giving this music an opportunity to be heard by more people,'" Breckenridge said. "And then it seemed like the labels that missed out on us started grabbing at straws and picking up anything that was singy-screamy. I don't want to name any names, but there are bands out there that have been a band for about a year signed on a major label. It's kind of backwards."

"I'm glad that we were a band for five years before we signed to a major label, and I'm glad that we



Photo courtesy of Victory Records

Taking cues from West Coast trash and European metal, Darkest Hour occupies the opening slot on tonight's Thrice show at Emo's.

## Darkest Hour brings back the 'real' metal

By James Taylor  
Daily Texan Staff

"It's hard to know whether hardcore kids are going to buy tickets or if they are going to be what you'd call 'MTV kids' [at the show]. Darkest Hour is definitely more abrasive and extreme than Thrice, but there are definitely similarities."

This is the conundrum that

plagues guitarist Mike Schleibaum. Influenced by West Coast trash and the Gothenburg style of metal, Victory Records' Darkest Hour will hold down the opening slot for Thrice tonight at Emo's. But will the kids who aren't card-carrying members of "the scene," and only got into Thrice based on the success of their hit music video "All That's Left," understand the connection between that band and Darkest Hour's hardcore metal tunes?

"Everybody in the world is trying to get on tour with Thrice or Thursday. It's definitely really good

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## Air

Fresh off the cosmic brilliance of their new album, "Talkie Walkie," Air has a way of displaying complex, rich emotion with a minimalist sound. Their electro-pop is at times very upbeat and mellow, but always transports the listener into another realm. Their shows are accompanied by stunning visuals, but it's that eerie feeling of lost love we'll be there to catch.

Austin Music Hall, Friday, April 2



## LIVE BRIEFS

### Apostrophe and Gnappy

Alt-jazz, neo-funk and all that's in between fills the air at Flamingo Cantina tonight. Headlining is the guitar-led Apostrophe. Settling down somewhere between the seven-string sounds of Charlie Hunter and Miles Davis-alum John Scofield, Apostrophe is one of the more exciting jam-oriented bands around Austin. Taking more inspiration from composition-driven jazz than pure jamming, the Gnappy Quartet, led by guitarist Buck McKinney, similarly draw comparisons to the aforementioned Hunter and Scofield. Drop Trio rounds out this excellent, dance-able, smoked-out bill. And all for only \$3!

Flamingo Cantina, tonight

### Fall Out Boy

It's safe to say that great pop-punk bands are a dying breed. By being one of a few bands that are able to come across as invigorating and exciting, all the while remaining true to a youthful, pop-punk formula, Fall Out Boy's music makes for some intense fist-pumping and pogo-stomping. Basing their music around finely crafted melodies, ever-so-pleasing breakdowns and songs composed of more than three chords, the Chicago quartet have been generating quite a buzz with their recently released Fueled By Ramen full-length, "Take This To Your Grave."

Backroom, Friday, April 2

Location	Thursday, April 01	Friday, April 02	Saturday, April 03	Sunday, April 04
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EMO'S	Black Before Red, Experimental Aircraft, Sound Team	DJ Sun, Grupo Fantasma (CD release)	Hanger 18, C-Razy Walz, The Perceptionists, Murs (see below)	
FLAMINGO CANTINA	Drop Trio, Apostrophe, Gnappy (see sidebar)	The Boxcutters, Kut U Up, Coexist, Fire Kills	Kubrick, The Caskets, Captain Ugly, Peter Elliot, Yuppie Pricks and more	
MOMO'S	Drink, Huff Rally, Michelle Mayfield	Southern Fried, South Austin Jug Band	George Devore, Michelle Mayfield, Jade Day	Orange Magazine Benefit
THE PARISH	Brownout	Shane Bartell, Matt the Electrician	Scott H. Biram, The Gourds	
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## Victory metal band play Emo's

### DARK, FROM 14

for us," Schleibaum said. "[But] it's rare that we go on tour and a particular fan base isn't into us. We're chameleons of metal."

Darkest Hour is currently supporting their latest Victory release, "Hidden Hands of a Sadist Nation," a personal-political confessional that includes one raucous retelling of an otherwise forgettable night in Oklahoma.

"We were arrested in Oklahoma and put in jail for allegedly having marijuana — even though we didn't. We had marijuana residue in the van," Schleibaum said. "It cost us about \$6,000 to all get out of jail."

Six grand for a band that needs every penny it has on tour to pay for gas and a small meal (if lucky) is a downer for sure. In addition to being financially depressing, the guitarist said the whole ordeal reinforced the band's consensus opinion that "we don't trust cops, and we don't trust the American

system to give us the justice [it's] supposed to."

Five years ago, a band like Darkest Hour would have been an obscure, underground band that couldn't dream of getting a video played on MTV. Now, with said station reviving its once dead "Headbangers Ball" show and sister-station Fuse playing similar music on its late-night "Uranium" program, Darkest Hour can potentially reach a much larger audience than touring alone could create.

"It's good that 'real' metal bands are getting attention on MTV," Schleibaum said. "But it's just like anything — there's a bright flash and a short burn and it's over. Hopefully that style of metal will make its mark enough that people will become actual fans and not get caught up in the fashion of it all."

"I like the idea of reaching kids that you can't necessarily reach on tour. But no matter what you create for TV, the real beauty of a band is going to be in playing live."

## Murs, Def Jukies roll through Austin

By Tito Bells  
Daily Texan Staff

Now that Definitive Jux is living the life at its apex as the finest imprint in independent hip-hop, it would almost be a crime to think El Producto could release anything lackluster. Among the pack of artisans in this eclectic mixing bowl of superstar emcees and producers, longtime L.A. legend Murs stands the certainty of being regarded as the only Jukie in the camp who's undergone the most inconsistency.

MURS  
ALBUM: "Murs 3:16"  
LABEL: Definitive Jux

With Murs' sophomore release for Def Jux, he has enlisted 9th Wonder, the rising star better known as the production wizard behind Native Tongue throwback crew Little Brother, to help him achieve his vision. After landing

the beat for the hype track "Threat" on last year's most celebrated rap album, Jay-Z's "Black Album," 9th Wonder has been hard at work, building the set for this Living Legends' brand of self-coined "sitcom rap."

"I like to take elements from everyday life and make it entertaining," an introspective Murs said about the realness he hopes to convey through his verses. Much like "The End of the Beginning," Murs' debut Def Jux platter, the macho steez he spits over 9th's ever-improving beat work heard on "3:16" brings to light his never-ending search for an identifiable personality. By describing himself as "more Coldplay than Ice-T," and a man who is "tired of getting shot

down, put down and dissed," the West Coast storyteller uninhibitedly allows his skeletons to run free for most of the cuts on this record. In a sense, these pensive moments are where Murs demonstrates his lyrical ductility best, thus noting his possession of the emcee character trait that has helped keep him in the game for so long.

Even though the limited number of tracks will be suggesting thoughts of the second-coming of "Illmatic" for months to come, "Murs 3:16" presents itself as concisely and tightly as an album of this length can possibly be. Of course, the assumption that Murs could vacuum-seal 10 incredible joints in the same way Nas did 10 years ago is certainly laughable.

Simply put, in hip-hop, if you decide only to serve up 10 tracks and call it a full-length, you better make sure they contain a great deal of substance to justify your decision of committing such a wrongdoing.

Nevertheless, Murs has created an ambitious body of work that accomplishes what he set out to do in the first place — utilizing the skill and technique of one of today's hottest producers as a mechanism for his own lyrical showcase.

Murs will play Emo's as part of the Definitive Jux Tour with The Perceptionists (Mr. Lif, DJ Fats One, Akrobatik), C-Rayz Walz and special guests on Sunday, April 4.

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