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From Evidence to Argument Come to this class with your own project and learn to identify your claims and assumptions; then find and interpret evidence to support those claims. This undergraduate program will be held in the Flawn Academic Center (FAC) 211 from 3-4 p.m.

Save Texas Schools March down Congress Avenue this Saturday for improved public education in Texas. The march begins Saturday morning at 10:45 a.m. on the Congress Avenue Bridge.

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Letters reveal Kearney's rift with coach

By Daily Texan Staff

A pair of letters obtained by The Daily Texan highlight an enduring friction between Bev Kearney, the former women's track and field coach who resigned in January, and Bubba Thornton, men's track and field coach.

The letters, from Kearney to DeLoss Dodds, men's

athletics director, in 2004 were obtained by the Texan through the Texas Public Information Act.

In a May 4, 2004, letter to Dodds, Kearney filed several complaints against Thornton: that he had spread negative comments about her to her players and peers, that he publicly disrespected her at the Texas Relays and that he was angling to be the

director of both the men's and women's programs.

"Recently I feel my character, my professionalism and my integrity has been defamed and slandered by Coach Bubba Thornton," Kearney said in the letter. "Bubba has not only brought into question my coaching capabilities but more importantly his actions against me have begun to effect [sic]

my reputation."

A week later, Kearney sent a follow-up memo to Dodds and Chris Plonsky, women's athletics director. Kearney again addressed Thornton's desire to be the track director, claiming that Thornton had offered Kearney's job to an unnamed track coach at another major university. The coach

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Bev Kearney
Former women's track and field coach

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Gabriella Belzer | Daily Texan Staff

UT President William Powers Jr.'s official speechwriter Avrel Seal has been researching and crafting speeches for Powers for two years. Seale was previously editor-in-chief of The Alcalde for 17 years.

Speechwriter talks

Man behind president's comments comes from humble beginnings

By Jordan Rudner

As a college student in the late '80s, he worked in the Jester Center cafeteria. A few years later, he fronted a classic-rock band called The

Plan. In 1990, he was a file clerk at a freeze-dried food plant. Today, he is UT President William Powers Jr.'s official speechwriter.

From his office on the second floor of the Main Building, Avrel Seale helps

craft many of Powers' longer addresses, but he's quick to point out that speechwriting is only about half of his job. When Seale isn't writing speeches, he's researching facts, gathering relevant statistics and even finding out whether or not Powers will be speaking from behind a podium.

"Often my job means

doing research and serving as a sounding board," Seale said. "I'm the caddy and he's Tiger Woods."

Each year, Seale helps Powers prepare for roughly 200 speeches, including his annual State of the University address and the presentations Powers gives to the

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SYSTEM

Perry names three to join regents upon Senate vote

By Jordan Rudner

Following several days of comments from state legislators about the proper role of the UT System Board of Regents, Gov. Rick Perry appointed three members to the board Thursday.

Perry appointed Ernest Aliseda of McAllen and Jeff Hildebrand, a UT alumnus from Houston, and reappointed Paul Foster, who currently serves as vice chairman of the board. The appointments are for six-year terms.

The appointments come just one day after State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo and Senate Higher Education Committee chairman, filed a bill that would clarify the role of the Board of Regents and reserve all responsibilities not specifically stated in law as the duties of university systems or governing boards for the institutions themselves.

Nine senators co-authored the bill, including four who sit on the higher education committee.

Before replacing the current regents, the appointees will need to be confirmed by the Senate. Robert Haley, clerk of the Senate Committee on Nominations,

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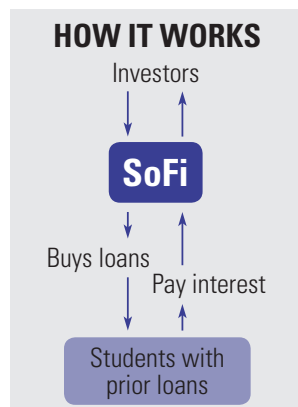
Loan company offers new way to borrow

By Megan Strickland

A new private loan company is set to lend more to UT students and alumni than the total amount of private loans the University's financial aid office certified last academic year if the company is successful in obtaining alumni investment.

SoFi Student Loans claims it brings an innovative solution to financing education, but a national financial aid expert is critical of the company's sustainability. At the end of last month, the company filed paperwork with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to create a UT-specific fund.

Since April 2012, the company has expanded and lent more than \$90 million to students at 79 universities with zero defaults. The company is currently focusing on re-financing student loans of business students at a 5.99 percent interest rate



but also extends credit to undergraduate alumni who have secured high-paying jobs, company spokeswoman Arden Grady said. The company cannot make new loans because it has run out of money, Grady said.

"All loans are on waitlist status," Grady said. "We expected there to be a high demand, but we've had to turn those loans off temporarily while we raise more capital to fund those loans."

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Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

UT Senate of College Councils elected next year's executive leaders Thursday, including Vice President Kiefer Shenk, President Ryan Hirsch and Financial Director Phillip Wiseman.

Student Senate officials elected

By Christine Ayala

The Senate of College Councils elected next year's president, vice president and financial director Thursday.

Senate elected Ryan Hirsch president, Kiefer Shenk vice president and

Phillip Wiseman financial director. The Senate is a legislative student organization that represents students through the 20 college councils of the University. Each college council was allotted one vote to select its leaders.

Current Senate president

Michael Morton said the executive positions require certain qualities to help interact with all the councils and committees in the organization.

"They really need to be good listeners,"

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A man stands on his porch during a yard sale at his East Austin residence.

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Morton said. “They need to be compassionate and just never stop.”

Hirsch, a neuroscience and pre-med junior, said as president she plans to increase student involvement for new project ideas on campus and to improve academic policies. Hirsch said she would also work to better inform the student body of Senate initiatives and projects.

“Students deserve a seat at the table,” Hirsch said. “We must continue to grow and develop to better address student concerns and create policy to better the academic lives of students.”

Shenk, a marketing and physical culture and sports senior, said he would like to focus more on easing the transition to the University for transfer students. Shenk said he would implement team-building workshops to

“We must continue to grow and develop to better address student concerns and create policy to better the academic lives of students.”

— Ryan Hirsch, President-elect of Senate of College Councils

pinpoint priorities, find ways to better allocate current resources on campus and interact with students about difficult issues.

“Contentious issues should be dealt with in a town hall meeting setting, where students can really voice their opinion to impact change on this campus,” Shenk said.

Wiseman, a government senior, said he plans to create an online lender database for the councils and committees to have access to reliable and secure vendors for activities and events. He said he would also like to help financially support council initiatives through corporate sponsorship in a related field.

“I want to take my experience to secure funding from local businesses, national corporations and even University departments to pool with the resources Senate currently holds so that Senate’s treasures grow just as our initiatives and programs do as well,” Wiseman said.

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Yamel Thompson | Daily Texan Staff
Staff Council chairwoman Erika Frahm leads a discussion about UT staff interests at the UT Staff Council General Assembly on Thursday afternoon.

Staff Council to hear budget worries

By Andrew Messamore

To prepare questions for UT administrators, the Staff Council asked University employees to share concerns about coming employment changes affecting the 40 Acres at the council’s monthly meeting Thursday.

The council’s officers will meet with President William Powers Jr. on Friday to ask administrators about how last month’s report from the Committee on Business Productivity will affect various departments across campus, and how staff will be involved in that discussion.

The 13-member committee, formed by Powers last spring, recommended a number of proposals to cut costs for the University, including centralizing administrative functions and raising rates or outsourcing parts of UT food, housing and parking services.

“What we are hearing now from the president’s office is that this is going to be a very slow process, not an immediate mandate,” said Staff Council chairwoman Erika Frahm.

“We understand nerves are frayed and tensions are running high, but that’s what we’re hearing right now.”

Vicki Grier, a research coordinator in the College of Natural Sciences, said she is concerned about the quality of work done if services like custodial work are outsourced in the future.

“We’ve already had custodial outsourced at [The Dell Pediatric Institute] and the people we’ve brought in have been absolutely horrible and [there have] been constant complaints,” Grier said. “The savings cannot be worth whatever the quality loss is.”

Stuart Tendler, a graduate admissions coordinator in the College of Liberal Arts and liaison for Parking Transportation Services, said PTS would have to completely reconfigure its business model to adjust to the new proposals. The Committee advised UT to raise parking rates by 7.5 percent every year for the next 15 years to reach market value.

“The bottom line is that PTS is changing and being told that it has to contribute money to the University,”

Tendler said. “Until this year they’ve only funded their own operations and now they’ve been identified as a unit that can contribute a return to the University’s budget. And that has implications for everyone on campus.”

Lizbell Bevington, an administrative associate in Facilities Services, said she was already worried about the possibility of losing her job because of restructuring.

“In this harsh economy, people are wondering where they are going to go if something happens,” Bevington said. “In my office alone, I’ve had two managers and one assistant go. I fear that it’s going to happen, although it may not happen soon. And if it happens, how much time will I have [to find a job]?”

Powers will be present at the next Staff Council meeting in March to meet with any staff wanting to share their concerns. In the meantime, the Staff Council is also trying to organize an open forum meeting to engage UT community and administration in a discussion about the proposals, Frahm said.

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Board of Regents. Preparing the State of the University is a roughly six-week process and Seale said the first draft — which he writes — usually has little in common with the finished product, 13 drafts later.

“We go back and forth a lot on that speech,” Seale said. “I try not to get too attached.”

Seale worked as editor-in-chief of The Alcalde, the Texas Exes’ alumni magazine, for 17 years. Tim Taliaferro, the current editor, said Seale’s background at the magazine helps make him an effective speechwriter.

“Avrel comes from a

background that prizes anecdotes, evidence, clear expositions,” Taliaferro said. “President Powers, God love him, is an academic. He can go sprawling off in any direction, which is a blessing and a curse. Avrel keeps him pointed.”

Seale said when it comes time to craft speeches for the president, Seale’s personal voice takes a backseat to the voice of the institution.

“There is an institutionally appropriate voice you have to find,” Seale said. “It’s conversational, but not chatty. Formal, but not stilted. Active, but not passive — and graceful but not flowery.”

Seale also cited clarity as a key goal in any speech because Powers often delivers presentations on broad

or conceptual topics. Kim Gunderson, associate director of the Texas Exes, said making the abstract picture relatable is one of the things Seale does best.

“A speech is memorable when it resonates with the individual, when there’s something about it that goes beyond the brain and into the heart,” Gunderson said. “To do that, you have to understand your audience, and Avrel does.”

Seale said Powers adds an individual touch to every speech. Powers is a particular fan of “Moneyball,” a book by Michael Lewis that focuses on the importance of correct resource allocation in baseball. Seale said Powers’ arsenal of references is still deep enough to surprise him.

Earlier this month, Powers addressed a group in the Cockrell School of Engineering using an extended metaphor from “The Hobbit.”

Seale also gets to work references into Powers’ remarks every so often. In a recent speech about the Committee on Business Productivity, Powers used a metaphor involving an obelisk that stood in the middle of Saint Peter’s Basilica in 1586.

“Sometimes I’ll get a particular idea I want to introduce,” Seale said. “I was particularly glad he liked the obelisk.”

When asked if he ever suggests those frequent Moneyball references, Seale shook his head and laughed.

“Oh, no,” Seale said. “Those are always him.”

“Those are always him.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

N.C. illegal residents to get special licenses

RALEIGH, N.C. — A new North Carolina driver's license set to be issued to some illegal immigrants has a bright pink stripe and the bold words "NO LAWFUL STATUS," raising concerns about whether the design will brand those who show it.

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles announced last week they would begin issuing the licenses March 25 following a lengthy legal review. The Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program grants valid federal work permits to qualified applicants.

Some Republican lawmakers in the state have balked at the idea, filing a bill Thursday to bar the DMV from granting the licenses until at least June.

Chavez yet to be seen at Caracas hospital

CARACAS, Venezuela — At Caracas' military hospital, the only outward signs that President Hugo Chavez is a patient inside are the motorcades that come and go and the soldiers standing guard, some of them wearing red berets.

Some of the president's supporters shout "Viva Chavez!" outside the hospital, which this week has become the new center of attention in Chavez's cancer struggle.

The government hasn't released a single photo of Chavez since his arrival in Caracas was announced Monday, and that has some Venezuelans doubting whether he's in the hospital. Others insist he is there, just out of sight.

Egyptian president may win trip to space

CAIRO — An Egyptian opposition group is using a novel way to protest against President Mohammed Morsi: Sign him up for a chance to win a trip to space.

The April 6 Youth Movement said on its official Facebook page on Thursday that it had entered the Islamist leader's name in the online contest because it wanted to be rid of him. It called on supporters to vote for the president to win.

There was no immediate response from the president's press office to an email seeking comment.

"For sure, no one in the universe can put up with blatant lies, reneging on promises except for the brotherly people of the moon," the group wrote on its post.

Stranded penguin dies in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A royal penguin that became stranded on a beach more than 1,000 miles from its sub-Antarctic home has died at a New Zealand zoo.

The penguin was emaciated and suffering kidney failure when it arrived at the Wellington Zoo after being found Sunday by hikers.

The zoo did the best it could, Lisa Argilla, the facility's veterinary science manager, said Friday. They suspect the penguin suffered multiple organ failure. It was severely underweight, she said, and had no reserves.

The penguin was about a year old, 20 inches long and weighed about 6 pounds when it arrived, Argilla said. Royal penguins can grow to about 30 inches and 12 pounds.

They generally live around Macquarie Island, about halfway between New Zealand and Antarctica.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports



Photo by Associated Press

Syrian security agents carry a body following a huge explosion that shook central Damascus, Syria on Thursday. A car bomb exploded near the headquarters of the ruling Baath party and the Russian Embassy, eyewitnesses and opposition activists said.

Car bomb kills 53

By Albert Aji & Ryan Lucas

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — A car bomb exploded Thursday near Syria's ruling party headquarters in Damascus, killing at least 53 people and scattering mangled bodies among the blazing wreckage in one of the bloodiest days in the capital since the uprising began almost two years ago.

Elsewhere in the city, two other bombs struck intelligence offices, killing 22, and mortar rounds hit the army's central command, activists said.

Recent rebel advances

in the Damascus suburbs, combined with the bombings and three straight days of mortar attacks, mark the most sustained challenge of the civil war for control of the seat of President Bashar Assad's power.

Syrian state media said the car bombing near the Baath Party headquarters and the Russian Embassy was a suicide attack that killed 53 civilians and wounded more than 200, with children among the casualties. Anti-regime activists put the death toll at 61, which would make it the deadliest Damascus bombing of the revolt.

The violence has shattered the sense of normalcy

that the Syrian regime has desperately tried to maintain in Damascus, a city that has largely been insulated from the bloodshed and destruction that has left other urban centers in ruins.

The rebels launched an offensive on Damascus in July following a stunning bombing on a high-level government crisis meeting that killed four top regime officials, including Assad's brother-in-law and the defense minister. Following that attack, rebel groups that had established footholds in the suburbs pushed in, battling government forces for more than a week before being routed and swept out.

Since then, government warplanes have pounded opposition strongholds on the outskirts, and rebels have managed only small incursions on the city's southern and eastern sides.

But the recent bombings and mortar attacks suggest that instead of trying a major assault, rebel fighters are resorting to guerrilla tactics to loosen Assad's grip on the heavily fortified capital.

The fighting in Damascus also follows a string of tactical victories in recent weeks for the rebels - capturing the nation's largest hydroelectric dam and overtaking airbases in the northeast.

Peterson has outburst, gets 38 years for murder

By Michael Tarm
Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Drew Peterson — the swaggering Chicago-area policeman who gained notoriety after his fourth wife vanished — lost his characteristic cool in court Thursday, screaming out his innocence before a judge sentenced him to 38 years in prison for the murder of a previous wife.

"I did not kill Kathleen!" Peterson shouted, leaning into a courtroom microphone and emphasizing each of the five words.

Without missing a beat, his dead wife's sister, Susan Doman, shouted back, "Yes, you did! You liar!" before the judge ordered sheriff's deputies to remove her from the courtroom.

For years, Peterson had casually dismissed and even joked about suggestions he killed his third wife, Kathleen Savio, or that he was behind the disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson.

His sudden explosion of fury Thursday as he stepped up to address the judge who would sentence him for Savio's 2004 death left spectators gasping. Lead state prosecutor James Glasgow said it exposed the real Drew Peterson — the one more than capable of murder.

"We all got an opportunity to see a psychopath reveal himself in open court," Glasgow told reporters shortly after Thursday's hearing.



Ramon Espinosa | Associated Press

On Jan. 21, 2011, former dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier waves to supporters in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

'Baby Doc' ordered to appear in court

By Trenton Daniel
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A Haitian judge on Thursday summoned Jean-Claude Duvalier to appear in court after the former dictator defied an order to attend a hearing to determine whether he should again face charges for human rights abuses committed during the nearly 15 years of his brutal regime.

In an airless courtroom filled with human rights activists, journalists and other observers, magistrate Jean Joseph Lebrun also dismissed an appeal filed by the defense team that sought to take the case to the Supreme Court.

A prosecutor said the judge's order requires Duvalier to appear in court next Thursday.

The rulings in Haiti's Court of Appeal provided some hope to a group of plaintiffs who are seeking to have the former dictator, better known as "Baby Doc," prosecuted for alleged rights abuses.

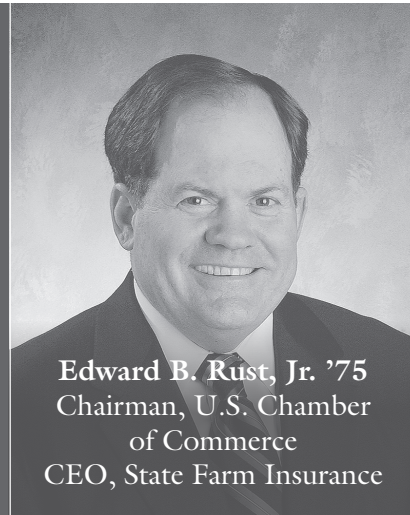
"Today's decision is an important victory for Duvalier's victims who

never gave up hope of seeing him in court, and for the Haitian people who have the right to know what happened during the dark years of the Duvalier dictatorship," said Reed Brody, counsel and a spokesman for Human Rights Watch. "It's now up to the authorities to make sure that this summons is swiftly executed."

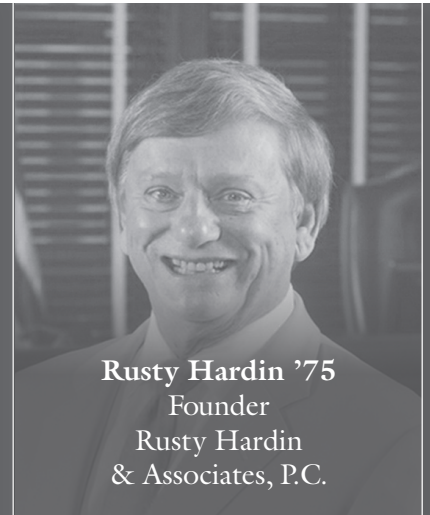
The Duvalier case appeared dormant until it went before Haiti's Court of Appeal in January. It had marked time since a lower court judge ruled in January 2012 that Duvalier should face charges only on alleged financial crimes rather than human rights abuses associated with his regime. That decision came in a formal investigation of Duvalier after he suddenly returned to Haiti in early 2011 from 25 years in exile.

Thousands were imprisoned, tortured or killed during Duvalier's 1971-1986 regime for opposing the government. He was ousted in a popular revolt.

Haitians who claim to have suffered from abuses by the dictatorship appealed seeking to reinstate the rights abuse charges.



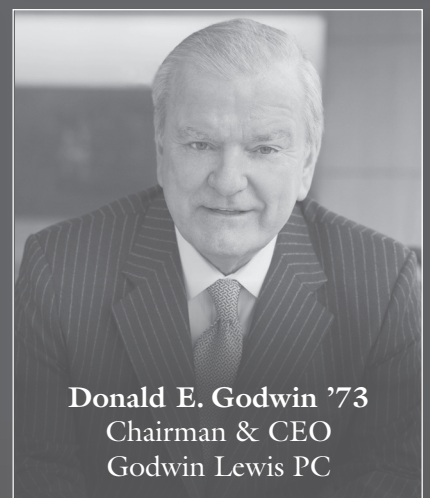
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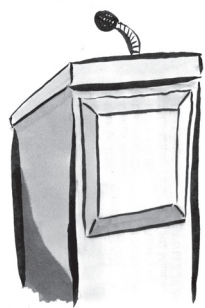
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The Daily Texan is not a newspaper by Bobby Blanchard

I will be honest — that feels strange to say. But it is true. Newspapers do not exist anymore in the traditional sense. Instead, The Daily Texan is a media organization that publishes on multiple platforms. We publish in print and we publish online. We write articles and we shoot video. We record podcasts and we review movies. We investigate corruption and we blog about Ryan Gosling.

If we are to stay relevant to students and if we are to continue expressing the voices of the entire student body, then we must treat our digital and print enterprises with equal dedication. We must remember that we are living in the year 2013, a time when the best media organizations have newspapers and websites that tango together and not alone.

It would be foolish to treat our website as a supplement to the print product. We must treat the two as equals. At the same time, it would be equally foolish to reduce our respect and regard for the print product. The paper represents our image, our credibility and our history.

If we are to remain relevant to students then we have to keep our print product a priority. Some would argue that our print production is a diseased appendage that we need to sever off before it destroys the rest of our enterprise. But reductions in print may be detrimental to our image, credibility and advertising revenue. The print product is crucial to our future.

At the same time, we must also adapt to new technologies. These are tools students use and tools older generations are rapidly picking up as well. We cannot treat the website as a simple dumping site for the content we run in print. Reporters need to tweet first and then write. Articles need to have multiple components and mediums of storytelling. Written words are not enough by themselves.

We cannot dawdle our thumbs and hope readers will come flocking to us. We have to bring The Daily Texan to students. This means increasing our on-line presence, which translates to invading Twitter feeds. This means becoming more digital-savvy and reconsidering how we write our website's headlines in order to take full advantage of search engine optimization (SEO). This means doing more with the multimedia tools that are available to us. This means more collaboration with our sisters and brothers in Texas Student Media.

We also have to remember that The Daily Texan is for students. We must stay as student-focused and student-oriented as possible. This is something we cannot achieve alone. With a staff that is composed of less than 200 people, The Daily Texan is trying the impossible task of representing and covering a student body of more than 50,000. The Daily Texan and its editor must focus on outreach and reaching more student groups and student leaders. We cannot remain in our basement-office forever. Not only is the lack of sunlight detrimental to our health, but a lack of correspondence to students outside The Daily Texan is harmful to our mission to maintain a medium for student voices.

The Daily Texan is a 113-year-old media organization that reports on student issues and concerns at this University unlike any other enterprise. We are a media organization that takes students seriously. This is student news and student opinion produced by students for students.

But The Daily Texan is not a newspaper. We are something much better. And if we are going to remain relevant to the student body, then we will have to remember this going forward.

Blanchard is a journalism sophomore from Pearland, Texas.

This is not a test by Laura Wright

A few days ago, I told a friend's mother that I hoped to pursue a career in journalism. The woman, a journalist herself, smiled at me as she replied, "Now, I'm just going to let you know, it's a dying industry."

The financial situation at the Texan makes it clear that if journalism is not dying, it is very, very sick. There are counterexamples to this claim, such as The Texas Tribune, a digital-only media organization that focuses on Texas politics and has seen great success. Even BuzzFeed, the brightly-colored website known primarily for pictures of cute cats, has begun reporting politics and in January announced \$20 million in new funds. The Daily Texan, however, has seen revenue drop dramatically, and the forecast isn't rosy.

Last Tuesday, the current editorial board devoted an entire page to rebutting the clearest solution to the Texan's financial woes, cutting print, on the basis that print advertising constitutes 95% of the Texan's revenue. At the bottom of the page, a list of ideas collected from Daily Texan staff and readers to "boost the Texan's relevance and revenue" included options such as hawking papers at central locations on campus and rethinking how we distribute papers.

The opinion page made a compelling case, but I was reminded of what they left out when I revisited the article online. There, the talents of the Daily Texan design team had devolved into a bullet-pointed block of text. In the world of new media, the phrase "straddling the print-digital line" gets thrown around quite a bit, but the reality is that it's not "straddling" if you're tilting strongly to one side. The Texan needs to find its balance before it falls off the fence.

However, investing in our digital product will require either dipping into the reserves of our parent company, Texas Student Media, or making

significant cuts to the budget. Neither are pleasant options, nor is investment in the website a complete solution to the Texan's troubles. Online ad revenue is nowhere near substantial enough to fill the fiscal hole, and even if it were, a better website is not a field of dreams: there's no guarantee that if you build it, clicks will come.

So if neither cutting print nor improving the website are the correct answer to the troubles of the Texan, what is? Unfortunately, this isn't a test, and there's no TA waiting at the front of the lecture hall to tell us if we've bubbled correctly. Keeping the paper solvent will take both readjustments to our budget and reconstructions with our readership. But most importantly, it will take action. I admire the editorial board for putting forth ideas to improve the profits of the paper, but printing the suggestion that we hawk papers is not the same as actually hawking them, which staff at the Texan could do tomorrow. Reaching out to alumni for donations could also be done tomorrow. Promoting our content more frequently on social media could be done tomorrow. And cutting some of the traditional perks of the editor-in-chief position, such as tuition stipends, must be on the table, along with more comprehensive revisions to the budget, which won't happen tomorrow, but the foundations of which could be laid in the coming year.

In 1951, then-editor-in-chief of the Texan Ronnie Dugger wrote an editorial startlingly similar to the one that ran Tuesday. "Problems, some of them serious, face the Texan. There is a constant battle for advertising," wrote Dugger. The Texan survived that disaster, and it can survive this one, but to do so, it needs to make compromises, take chances, and embrace change. I'm confident that I'm up to that challenge.

Wright is a Plan II junior from San Antonio.

WE ASKED: POWER IN THE TOWER

THE QUESTION: WHO SHOULD HAVE THE MOST POWER OVER WHAT HAPPENS AT UT-AUSTIN — THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE LEGISLATURE, OR THE UNIVERSITY'S ADMINISTRATION?

Marysabel Guillen, undeclared freshman from Houston

I think the University administrators should have more power, because they are more in contact with the students.

Cage Johnson, science and technology management sophomore from Marble Falls

What I'm learning in one of my classes is that a governing body needs to respond to the people. So what you have to do is decide which people. So if the University of Texas really should be for the people of Texas, then I would say the elected representatives in the Capitol. But what I'm learning now is that UT isn't really for Texas anymore, it's for the whole world. We have one of the most diverse campuses, and so I think it should be the president of the University. I'm a diehard Texan, but to keep the regents ... They can have the power to appoint the president, and other than that, I think it should be up to the president. UT needs to respond to the whole world. And I like that because it's an internal governing structure, rather than one with other people that aren't really in the University. If you're going to sail a ship, you've got to be on the ship.

Samantha Killian, marine biology junior from Round Rock

Personally, I feel like a checks-and-balances system is probably the best. Obviously you'd like to see our campus have the most power, but I feel overall, for a working system, equal power with checks and balances would make sense. Because it's a public institution, and it's not just us, but other institutions through the University, and the government as well.

Catilyn Harned, pre-pharmacy freshman from Borger

I would say the administration in the Tower, because not only is it not just one person like [UT President William Powers, Jr.], it's a group of people who are in the campus, they know what's going on, and it's a lot of minds put together at once who have had experience on the campus. Rather than a group of students who may not have experience in the real world, or like Bill Powers, who's just one person.

Anish Saikumar, government junior from San Antonio

I believe Bill Powers should have the authority to make these types of decisions because of the fact that he's here on a daily basis and understands exactly what's going on on the campus, rather than people who are not directly involved. I would feel more comfortable if Bill Powers were the one making the decisions.

Arti Patel, public health junior from Arlington

I think everyone should, I guess. Like they could share it. I guess Bill Powers shouldn't be the only one who is in charge of everything that goes on at UT.

Moh Ganchi, computer science freshman from Arlington

I think people at UT-Austin would know better, because they do know better. They focus more on our own campus. The people up there are really divided, [and] might not know much about specifics at UT. I don't think giving the most power to the regents is a good idea.

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CAMPUS

Cheating and plagiarism may be on the rise at UT

By **Jeremy Thomas**

Cheating and plagiarism rates on the 40 Acres may actually be on the rise despite reports that plagiarism violations are declining.

Student Judicial Services releases reports for disciplinary cases each academic year. From the 2007-08 report up to the last released report in 2010-11 the number of plagiarism violations decreased from 164 to 85.

However, the decrease in the number of plagiarism violations at UT contradicts many reports, including a Pew Institute study in which a survey of college presidents said that plagiarism in students' papers increased to high levels over the past 10 years.

Jason Thibodeaux, assistant director and coordinator of student outreach, said contrary to the reported rates for UT, he is unsure if there has been an actual decrease in plagiarism violations on campus.

"I think it's just more of a matter that we've changed how we classify things a little bit," Thibodeaux said. "I think a lot of them have been shifted to the cheating category because we do see a lot more of the copying of other students work or other students' prior work as opposed to just copying from published resources."

In the four-year time span from 2007 to 2011, the number of cheating violations reported by Student Judicial Services rose from 87 to 191, while the number of reported plagiarism violations decreased.

"There is some overlap with those two things. That might be why the numbers might look a little misleading," Thibodeaux said. "Basically it is a reflection of the kind of cases that we're

seeing, but it also, I think, can be misleading because it gets caught up in the nuance of how things are classified."

Management senior Reggie Walker said students who violate academic integrity regulations affect professors, administrators and others in the classroom.

"Plagiarism is immoral and unethical overall," Walker said. "It not only [keeps] an individual from earning a valuable education, but can become a bad habit. It affects the learning process and inconveniences the professor by requiring time from their schedule to file documents and reports on the student who is plagiarizing."

In an attempt to decrease cheating and plagiarism violations, some professors, including history lecturer Penne Restad, create assignments for their students that have not previously been assigned.

"There wouldn't be an assignment of a 10-page paper on the Battle of Bunker Hill because someone else has already written 10 pages on the Battle of Bunker Hill," Restad said. "I'm increasingly more interested in how students analyze things. I'm looking for certain qualities that we've been talking about in class that have to do with analysis."

Even with the assignments Restad produces, she has still encountered students under pressure who cheated or plagiarized.

"From the students I talked to and the reports I read, it seems like there is so much pressure to succeed and that there is competition coming from every angle," Restad said. "So I think probably students sometimes have greater moments of panic. What I am trying to do is find assignments where the temptation is not there to cheat or plagiarize, or the temptation is certainly lowered."

CAMPUS



Gabriella Belzer | Daily Texan Staff

Rafat Yazdani and Fariha Hossain, members of the Bengali Students Association, display the flag of Bangladesh on the steps of the West Mall while celebrating International Mother Language Day.

Bengali students celebrate language

By **Mark Carrion**

Members of the UT Bengali Students Association distributed pamphlets to students Thursday explaining the significance and history of International Mother Language Day, which raises awareness of the various languages throughout the world.

"It's important everybody realizes that Bangladeshis fought for their language and everybody deserves the same," electrical engineering junior Pulok Khan said.

Behind the students stood a model of a monument known as the Shahid Minar, which features five pillars with a red circle hanging on the middle pillar. Khan, a member of the association, said the monument represents the five students killed

at Dhaka University on Feb. 21, 1952, at a time when Bangladesh was under the control of Pakistan and was known as East Pakistan.

Khan said the students were killed by police while protesting for the right to speak their native Bengali language instead of being forced to speak Urdu. The civil unrest that followed their deaths forced the Pakistani government to recognize the Bengali language as an official language in 1956.

In November 1999, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization proclaimed Feb. 21 as International Mother Language Day in honor of the students' deaths. Since then the day has been recognized every year as a time to increase awareness for the preservation and protection of

languages and to celebrate the global diversity of languages.

"[Languages are] important to any individual because it provides a background for them," Khan said. "It's a good way for people to express themselves. I think that's important."

Linguistics junior Brittany Weinstein said knowing languages provides vast advantages for students such as better cognitive thinking.

"I think language is definitely a big thing to celebrate," Weinstein said. "It's part of someone's identity."

Economics and mathematics senior Orthi Rabbane said she joined the Bengali Students Association her sophomore year because she thought it was a great way to show her Bengali identity to a diverse student body.

"I liked the idea of helping

put on events and explaining to the UT body about our culture," Rabbane said. "It's one aspect of culture that defines everyone — the way we communicate."

Rabbane said the association organizes one cultural event on campus each semester. The event for this spring semester is the International Mother Language Day Memorial Event, which will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Activity Center.

Rabbane said the event will feature poetry and singing in Bengali as well as a screening of the movie "Amar Bondhu Rashed," or "My Friend Rashed," which is based on the liberation war which transformed East Pakistan into modern-day Bangladesh. The memorial event is free and open to the public.

CAMPUS



Gabriella Belzer | Daily Texan Staff

Wei Ren explains his energy saver experiment to Travis Wilson at the UT Energy Saver Forum at the Texas Union. The forum brought together scientists who have been developing ways to save energy.

Forum talks key energy issues

By **Amanda O'Donnell**

The two-day UT Energy Forum, a conference addressing energy issues and discussing improvement of the energy market, began Thursday morning in the Texas Union.

This is the UT Energy Forum's third year. The mission of the conference is to provide a platform for experts from industry, academia and government to discuss the future of the energy industry. Through workshops and panels focusing on energy policy and energy technology research, the Energy Forum aims to develop environmentally sustainable solutions to global warming and its effects.

The Energy Forum is hosted by McCombs CleanTech Group, an organization that works to promote a future economy that is energy efficient and sustainable.

Arpit Desai, CleanTech member and business administration graduate student, said he appreciates the mix of attendees attracted by the forum.

"You have people who are in all different aspects of energy,"

Desai said. "This forum is a good way of keeping discussion going between those groups. The experts that attend bring their knowledge, and the students bring innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit."

Thursday's schedule included six workshops covering subjects like the promotion of economic development in Central Texas through clean energy practice and the legal and technical obstacles expected in the energy industry in 2013.

A workshop titled "Influencing and Measuring an Individual's Impact on Energy Use" discussed ways faculty and students can help meet goals set by the President's Sustainability Steering Committee to reduce energy and water consumption. The workshop was led by the UT Energy Stewardship Program, an organization that works to promote conservation on campus.

"There are a lot of energy initiatives just here at UT," business administration graduate student Jacob Lohman said. "This gives us an opportunity to showcase what's already going on and

recruit individuals who can get something new started."

Thursday's keynote speaker David G. Victor, an international relations and pacific studies professor at the University of California San Diego, discussed the energy industry's current concerns and ways government and policy can make change possible.

"Past treaties have yielded 0 percent impact," Victor said. "These are faux treaties, treaties designed to produce a high level of compliance that accordingly have little to no effect. We need to offset climate change, and the current policy won't do that."

Victor works with the Laboratory on International Law and Regulation, exploring which international laws work and why. He founded a research program at Stanford University which focuses on the energy markets of emerging countries.

"What everyone wants to know is how long," Victor said. "How long will it take to make this transformation in our energy system? If we work, and really work, we can make a major impact within 50 years."

Bangkok, Thailand: 9,197 miles



Thai Curry Soup

CAMPUS



Yamel Thompson | Daily Texan Staff

Docent Sara Harvey explains the restoration process of various paintings during the Restoration and Revelation art walk at the Blanton Museum on Thursday afternoon.

Blanton tour gives insight to art

By **Tatiana Marceleno**

The Blanton Museum of Art gave a sneak peek into how paintings and drawings are restored during a tour Thursday afternoon.

The tour, titled "Restoration and Revelation: Conserving the Suida-Manning Collection," was led by docent Sarah Harvey. Throughout the tour, Harvey gave visitors an in-depth look at how museums restore and care for aged and damaged works of art.

"It's a sight that you don't ordinarily see when you come to the museum," Harvey said. "It's a behind-the-scenes tour and we've never done that before."

Harvey led visitors through pieces in the Suida-Manning Collection, which contains European Renaissance and Baroque art. She also described how the different paintings had been previously painted over, folded and damaged by

caustic paint.

Museum visitor Weston Norton listened to Harvey tell the story of how conservators intricately restored and cleaned a painting called "The Death of Rachel" by Antonio Carneo for more than 500 hours. Harvey explained to tour members including Norton that restorative efforts are often quickly reversible. She said when conservators paint over cracks or alter the state of a piece, all changes could be washed off in less than an hour.

"I didn't know that you could clean a painting in 25 minutes of all of the restorative work after spending 500 hours restoring it, and I think it's pretty amazing," Norton said. "It's a pretty phenomenal labor of trust to spend all that time doing that."

Harvey also talked about a painting called "Saint Agatha" by Pacecco De Rosa and explained how an improper environment caused the wood panel that it was

painted on to develop cracks and knots, weakening the painting's structure.

Amy Greenspan, a visitor and student employment coordinator for UT Human Resource Services, looked up close to see a type of stabilizer used to keep the wood from damaging the painting.

"Without the restoration you really can't appreciate what it looked like and what the artist had in mind," Greenspan said. "The restoration helps modern viewers see what the artist intended."

After the tour, Greenspan said it was an interesting experience and her appreciation grew for the work put into conserving the art in the collection.

"You look at the paintings in the gallery and have no idea what kind of work went into making them presentable and bringing them to their best for people's viewing pleasures," Greenspan said. "It gives you more appreciation for what you're seeing."

CITY

Potential Drag renovations debated

By **Amanda Voeller**

When students think of the Drag, they don't think of a pristine shopping area, but Student Voice is a new organization planning to change that.

Architecture junior Barron Peper is a member of Student Voice, a new organization awaiting approval from the University, which is focusing on the Drag renovations as its first project.

"We want to kind of build it up quickly and get a lot of momentum and make it happen as opposed to stretching this out over a long period of time," Peper said.

Peper said the people and culture are already working to make this happen. He said the pedestrian environment already exists, but the infrastructure does not support it.

About 15 years ago, a committee of people who live and work around the Drag

collaborated with architect Sinclair Black and made plans to renovate the street, but insufficient funding prevented the improvements, architecture professor Lawrence Speck said. The committee's plans included widening sidewalks and adding trees and shade, Speck said.

"Of course, some things have changed by now — the West Campus is way more dense — a lot more students and a lot more pedestrian traffic coming this way, and it's all the more crucial that these improvements get done," Speck said. "It's not safe, and it certainly is not comfortable. ... It's not a good pedestrian environment. It's not a good retail environment."

The Drag renovation project has recently seen a renewed interest. Speck said the University has been talking to people in the city, and some of the city's new staff members are interested in addressing the problem.

Speck said there is experience throughout the country that street and sidewalk improvements cause people to feel like they are in a quality environment.

"It's weird that besides such a prestigious university there's [the Drag]," architecture and marketing senior Catalina Padilla said.

Some merchants support this project while others are apprehensive.

"If we put in more trees and make it look nicer, I think it will invite more people to come onto the Drag. ... I'm all for it, this idea," Tyler's employee Laura Boyce said.

C. Jane owner Julie Copp said she is against these renovations because widening sidewalks would decrease parking availability and the construction would prevent customers from seeing her shop window. She said she would rather see the sidewalks power-washed and potted plants added.

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begin the process might not begin for several weeks.

"It won't be this Monday, I can tell you that," Haley said. "We'll also try to find a date when all three nominees can be here."

Haley said in the 10 years he has held his position, he does not recall any occasions in which the nominee for a regent position was not confirmed.

"I don't think there's ever been a regent rejected by the committee or the full Senate," Haley said. "I just couldn't say when these nominees will appear."

If confirmed, the appointees will replace regents James Dannenbaum and Printice Gary, whose terms expired earlier this month. Dannenbaum and Gary will

continue serving until the new regents are confirmed.

Aliseda is a municipal judge for the city of McAllen and was nominated by Perry for his previous positions as state district judge for the 139th and 398th State District courts. He said at this point he is not ready to definitively say what the role of regent entails.

"Obviously it's a position I'm going into that I'll need to learn about if confirmed," Aliseda said. "I will look for guidance from the current board members, from the administration and the presidents, and I look forward to working with all of them. I would think the primary purpose of a regent is to set policy for the UT System, but there's going to be a learning curve on my end."

Aliseda said he does not have specific goals in mind for the University if his nomination is confirmed but that

he would value the chance to work on the merger of the UT-Pan American and UT-Brownsville campuses.

"My goal is to do the best job possible, and if you ask me six months down the road, after I've had the opportunity to evaluate the direction the University's going, I might have a clearer idea," Aliseda said. "But an obvious goal is to see the merger happen. There are some great changes occurring in my area of the state and some very positive opportunities to increase access for quality higher education."

Hildebrand, the other new nominee, is chairman and CEO of Hilcorp Energy Company. He is a member of the UT System's Task Force on Engineering Education for Texas and sits on the UT Engineering Advisory Board. Of the three nominees, he is the only UT alumnus.

LOANS

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Grady said the company hopes to start lending again in March, after a fundraising campaign. SoFi has lent \$1.3 million to 14 UT students and alumni so far, Grady said. Another 96 students were on a list to borrow more than \$7.2 million as of Feb. 19, she said.

If SoFi were to loan to everyone on the waitlist, the amount borrowed from the company by those affiliated with UT would surpass the amount of private loans the University certified last year. From summer 2011 to spring 2012, the UT financial aid office certified \$7.8 million in private loans to 623 students, said Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services. Of those borrowing, 80 students were graduate students, who borrowed more than \$1.6 million.

SoFi Loans was founded in 2011 by graduates of the Stanford Graduate School of Business. The company's goal was to make loans to 100 graduate business students at Stanford with an interest rate lower than federal loans. In addition to seed capital, the company raised funds by offering long-term investment opportunities to alumni.

"The founders saw that students around them were burdened with a lot of debt, and not a lot of great options to pay them off," Grady said. "Typically with business school debt you're looking at \$100,000 and in most cases the federal government is going to charge you 7.9 percent interest on most of that."

UT MBA student Michael Sciortino said he would welcome an alternative to the federal loan program.

"Right now the federal interest rates aren't great," Sciortino said. "I'd be totally open to something that had lower rates."

UT alumnus Zac Zeitlin is now a venture capitalist and decided to invest in SoFi more than a year ago, and in the UT-specific SoFi fund in the past two months.

"I think it's a great way to support students at any school, but in this case where I went to school," Zeitlin said. "I think it's a very creative form of impact investing allowing those who want to help others get an education and give back. This way of doing it makes good sense from an investor's perspective by investing in great students with a great credit profile."

Grady said investors can expect a return comparable to those seen from other long-term investments.

Mark Kantrowitz, financial aid expert and founder of *fastweb.com*, isn't convinced the company is sustainable for a long period of time because interest rates will rise higher than federal rates.

"I would expect that their loan terms on new loans will evolve each year as the interest rate changes," Kantrowitz said. "So you might take advantage of them this year, but next year the loan won't be so good. In a few years from now the deal will clearly be worse than

BY THE NUMBERS

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UT Private Loans

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SoFi is on track to lend more money in 2013 than all private lenders lent to UT students from summer 2011 through spring 2012.

the federal loans."

Kantrowitz also questions SoFi's marketing strategy for alumni investors.

When SoFi announced it had raised \$77 million in September 2012, it stated in a press release that Chinese social network company Renren, capital firm Baseline Ventures and venture capital firm DCM were lead investors. Grady said SoFi cannot release details of how many alumni investors the company has or how much venture capital the company has raised.

"My concerns are more for the sustainability of the organization than for the students," Kantrowitz said. "The reality is not the same as the marketing. I mean, they do have some alumni investors, but it looks like the bulk of their funding is coming from outside capital. Having some sort of social network involved probably has some sort of minimal benefit for decreasing default rates."

Kantrowitz said his concerns about the company should not keep students from taking a loan with a better interest rate.

"I don't see any reason a student who qualifies for their loans shouldn't take advantage of it if it means they can get a lower interest rate," Kantrowitz said. "The main reason for caution is if a student is going into public service and expect to qualify for public service loan forgiveness then they should stick with the federal loans."

UT spokeswoman Tara Doolittle said in a statement that the University is unfamiliar with SoFi, but does not anticipate that the company's fundraising will interfere with UT's fundraising.

"We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our donors and alumni as they support this institution and our students," Doolittle said. "Business opportunities and charitable giving often work hand in hand, so at first glance we don't see any reason why a private business enterprise such as this would conflict with our charitable fundraising efforts."

Grady said the program shouldn't take away from money that would go to scholarships or endowments.

"It's a different way of giving back to the school," Grady said. "This is something beyond if you were to donate to an endowment. You can still do that. This is a way to invest money you were already planning on investing while having a direct, positive impact on students at the University."

Naples, Italy: 5,883 miles



Penne Rosa

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FUSSELL FINDS FIRE

Longhorns look to stay hot against top-ranked Baylor

By **Garrett Callahan**

It might have been gone, but Chassidy Fussell's shooting touch is back on track.

Fussell found her streak once again Wednesday night as the Longhorns took down conference foe Kansas in a 93-83 victory. The 5-foot-10 guard had been slow for her team leading up to this past weekend when they faced Texas Tech.

Fussell hit 10 of her 12 attempts with four of those coming from behind the arc in the game against Kansas. Her 26 points was a game-high and proved the Tennessee native was back to her normal self. Against the Red Raiders, Fussell added a game-high 27 points.

"I was just feeling it tonight," Fussell said after the Kansas game. "My teammates were setting great screens, and I was coming off them and hitting shots."

The Longhorns are a different team without Fussell. When she is on, her team is on. The last time Texas faced Kansas this season Fussell, along with Nneka Enemkpali, was suspended after a violation of team rules. In that game, the Longhorns lost 76-38, their worst of the season.

Fussell has the ability to move around and get open,



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

Junior Chassidy Fussell takes the ball to the basket in Texas' thrilling 93-83 win against Kansas on Wednesday night. Although Fussell has had her ups and downs this season, she is averaging 26.5 points per game in her last two leading to Saturday's tilt with Baylor.

creating shot opportunities for her team. And when she gets those opportunities she doesn't let them pass.

"She's a tremendous one-on-one player," Kansas head coach Bonnie Hendrickson said. "She reads screens really well. She can get her shot off in a small space, and we didn't get into her to force penetration enough. She would lean back and get off her left foot and knock it down."

Texas head coach Karen

Aston also recognizes the hard work that her oldest player puts out on and off the court to get better.

"She was getting herself back into a groove after all of the adversity that she went through in the stretch of a month," Aston said. "She has been in the gym with Travis Mays a lot."

Fussell now looks to take her momentum into the weekend when the Longhorns face top-ranked Baylor

(25-1, 14-0). The Bears are led by former AP Player of the Year Brittney Griner who is averaging 22.1 points per game. Odyssey Sims also comes in as a threat as she collects an average of 12.3 points per game and leads her team with 126 assists.

In their last meeting Feb. 9, Baylor outran and out-shot the Longhorns behind Sims' 18 points, en route to a 27-point victory.

Fussell and Texas will face

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the same grim task when they head to Waco this weekend, as Baylor has won all of its conference games this season, already capturing the regular season Big 12 title.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Dexter Pittman traded to Grizzlies

Former Texas center Dexter Pittman was traded to the Memphis Grizzlies on Thursday afternoon, giving the Miami Heat the rights to Argentinian big-man Ricky Sanchez.

The Heat made the trade to clear a roster spot with hopes of adding another player through free agency.

Pittman was drafted in the second round by the Heat in 2010, but has played in just four games this season, averaging 1.5 points and 1.8 rebounds. He's appeared in 41 games in his career, averaging 2.8 points per game.

- Matt Warden

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Texas guard Ioannis Papapetrou is averaging 11.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in the month of February.

Lawrence Peart
Daily Texan Staff

Papapetrou sorry for struggles, ready for KSU after solid month

By **Christian Corona**

It wasn't his fault two weeks ago when Texas was dominated by Oklahoma State and lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

Ioannis Papapetrou scored 15 points, grabbed seven rebounds, dished out four assists, recorded four steals and blocked two shots — all team highs — in the 72-59 loss to the Cowboys on Feb. 9. But he was the one expressing remorse for his team's effort in the defeat.

"I want to apologize for the effort we showed today. ... We

are embarrassed," Papapetrou said after the game. "Guys aren't buying in to what we want to do — offensively and defensively. I don't think we know how to play as a team."

Papapetrou promised a better performance in Texas' next game against Iowa State and the Longhorns delivered. Myck Kabongo made his season debut and Jonathan Holmes returned to the lineup, but it was Papapetrou who stole the show when he drained a deep three-point-er to tie the game against the Cyclones and send it to overtime. Behind Sheldon McClellan's 10 points in

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the second overtime period, Texas took down Iowa State, 89-86.

"I felt it," Papapetrou said. "It was just another shot. I was open and I shot it."

His shot helped propel the Longhorns to a thrilling win over a solid Iowa State team,

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FOOTBALL

Longhorns host second Junior Day

By **Michael Marks**

The scene has played out hundreds of times: Junior Day in Austin. A 16-year-old football player and his parents shuffle into the head coach's office. Their feet carry them to a trio of chairs in front of his desk, even as their eyes flit from the trophy-size longhorn

head on the wall, to the signed Earl Campbell jersey, to the replica National Championship trophies.

Small talk ensues. What do you want to study? How's track season? How do you like Austin? That's a nice shade of orange, right, Mom? They laugh and nod and anxiously tap their feet. They're waiting to hear the word they've been waiting

on, the word they came here for: scholarship.

This is how Jacorey Warrick remembers it, at least. Warrick, a wide receiver who received his scholarship offer during last year's second Junior Day, is a member of Texas' 2013 recruiting class.

"[Junior Day] is definitely the most important day,"

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BASEBALL

Garrido searches for win No. 700

By Sara Beth Purdy

Head coach Augie Garrido will be looking for his 700th career win in 17 years at Texas as the Longhorns get ready to host former Big 12 rival Nebraska this weekend. Garrido, whose 1,850 career wins are the most by a Division I coach in NCAA history, notched win No. 699 when the Longhorns (3-1) defeated the UT-Arlington Huskies 2-1 in a mid-week single game contest Tuesday evening.

The series will begin Friday night with first pitch slated for 7 p.m. Game 2 is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. with the final contest on Sunday at noon. However, recent snow storms in

and around Nebraska may delay the Friday night game and a weekend doubleheader may be scheduled.

When the Cornhuskers (0-4) left the conference in 2011 for the Big Ten, they left the series with the Longhorns tied at 28-28. However, the Longhorns won eight of the last 10 meetings between the two teams and took the final series, two games to one, back in 2011.

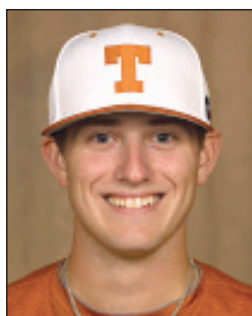
To open the season, the Longhorns defeated Sacramento State at home, 6-5, Feb. 15, marking their sixth straight season-opening victory. The Longhorns took two of three games from the Hornets. Sophomore Parker French, who was credited with the win in

Nebraska @ Texas



Friday's opener, will be back on the mound Friday night in Game 1 against Nebraska. Sophomore Dillon Peters is expected to start for Texas on Saturday with junior Nathan Thornhill coming out Sunday.

Junior Matt Moynihan, who has been leading off for the Longhorns as the designated hitter, will be working for his fifth straight game with a hit. Junior Mark



Mark Payton
Junior

Payton leads the offense with a .583 batting average while freshman C.J. Hinojosa is close behind at .545.

Nebraska is coming to Texas following a 4-3 loss to USC Sunday. The Cornhuskers have been struggling on defense through their first four games and have been outscored, 32-12.

SOFTBALL

Undefeated Longhorns host Texas Invitational

By Jori Epstein

When Lamar, Tulsa and Utah State step onto Red and Charline McCombs Field this weekend, they'll have a tough time beating the tournament's host.

In the undefeated Texas softball team, currently ranked No. 6, the visiting teams meet a powerhouse of Big 12 leaders. The dominating pitching staff lead the conference in ERA, runs and hits allowed to complement a .977 fielding percentage.

But opponents won't get a break on defense, either, as the Longhorns currently decorate the plate with conference records including 103 hits, 83 RBIs and 95 runs.

"We're not going to change our game plan and go into conservative mode," head coach Connie Clark said. "We're going to stay in and keep our foot on the pedal. That's something we do well and need to take advantage of."

Continuing to push forward, the Longhorns kick off the Texas Invitational against Lamar (3-4) Friday for the teams' first-ever meeting. They then swing straight into a tilt with No. 24 Tulsa (7-3) at 6:30 for their first ranked opponent of the season. The competition will likely be a step up, but the Longhorns are driven.

"We have a lot of momentum, our defense has been spectacular and our hitting has been on," freshman

pitcher/first baseman Holly Kern (3-0) said. "We want to aim high, win games and as long as we win games, we have a chance to get [to the World Series]."

With two runs in Texas' 5-0 victory over Houston Baptist on Wednesday, senior Taylor Hoagland tied Lexy Bennett's school record with 166 runs. She looks to break the record this weekend and add to her Texas home run record (47).

"I'm working through some things right now and can definitely be better," Hoagland said. "There is always room for improvement so I have been working a lot this week on getting through the zone."

Texas faces Utah State for its final round-robin

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game Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Semifinal games are set for 4 and 6 p.m. on the same day, followed by the third-place/championship match Sunday at 10 a.m.

MEN'S TENNIS RECAP | NITYA DURAN

The Longhorns finally regained their poise as they bounced back from a three-match losing streak on Thursday by collecting a pair of wins in their first contests at home this season.

Texas looked like the 15th-ranked team that it is against UT Arlington, sweeping the Mavericks 7-0. Nick Naumann and Joey Swaysland buoyed the charge for Texas, each winning their singles matches in straight sets before clinching doubles matches with their respective partners.

No. 17 doubles team David Holiner and Chris Camillone took the court together for just the second time this season in the team's 6-1 victory against Washington in Tulsa. The duo narrowly won against Nagy/Barta, 9-7.

The rest of the match went something like clockwork as No. 39 Hess-Olesen swept the Islander's Nagy in straight sets, showing why he was the ITA player to watch last year.

Ben Chen was the only Longhorn to lose, being narrowly defeated in straight sets.

"We really enjoyed playing in front of our fans again and competing for the first time after a short break in our schedule," head coach Michael Center said. "We showed signs of improvement today in a number of areas, but there is still some room to get better."

The Longhorns will travel to Florida next weekend to face Florida State and the University of Southern Florida before a three-week home stand.

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a piece of silver lining in what has been an overall dismal season. Texas is 12-14 with just four wins in Big 12 play and only five regular season contests left, all of which the Longhorns could lose.

The first of those five comes against Kansas State, a team that handed Texas an 83-56 shellacking in Manhattan on Jan. 30, the program's worst road loss against a Big 12 squad. Papapetrou struggled in that game, scoring nine points and committing a game-high five turnovers while battling foul trouble all night.

"Good teams will make you get the ball," head coach Rick Barnes said after the loss last month. "You look at the turnovers, Papapetrou had five. When we drive the ball in with two people close we do not deliver the ball where

it needs to be delivered."

Papapetrou has come a long way since that crushing loss to Kansas State. The 6-foot-8 swingman from Greece is averaging 11.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in six games this month.

It only took them three months, but when the Longhorns finally picked up their first road win in a 68-59 win in Fort Worth over TCU, Papapetrou once again led the way. He scored a team-high 15 points while hitting four of eight attempts from beyond the arc and helping Texas sweep its season series with the Horned Frogs.

The Longhorns will need another strong performance from Papapetrou to have any chance of taking down a 21-5 Kansas State team that has won six of its last seven games.

"Every time I shoot the ball, it's going to be a good shot," Papapetrou said. "Every time you shoot it, you have to think it's going to go in. That's what I did."

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Warrick said. "I finally got the offer I was waiting for, and I committed the next day."

Texas will hold its second Junior Day of 2013 this weekend. While other schools might use Junior Day as a kickoff to the new recruiting cycle, Texas' cycle starts much earlier.

From 2009 to 2013, 58.2 percent of the 110 players who signed a letter of intent to play for Texas verbally committed during the month of February. To compare, February commitments accounted for 6.7 percent of Alabama's signees during the same period, along with 8 percent of Oklahoma's and 10 percent of Texas A&M's.

The numbers add up to a critical weekend for Longhorn recruiting. Dallas Carter outside linebacker Cameron Hampton was the first Junior Day's sole

commitment. Even though Texas already had seven verbal commitments for 2014 going into the day, history says picking up a few more this weekend (or shortly thereafter) should be expected.

Abilene Cooper wide receiver Lorenzo Joe thinks that once more players are offered scholarships, the commitments won't be far behind.

"Texas is sort of a nation in itself, so once you get that offer, it feels like a dream come true," Joe said.

Joe committed to play for Texas on Aug. 2 of last year. He attended the first Junior Day along with the six other players who had already verbally committed to Texas.

"It felt like we'd known each other for a while," Joe said of his future teammates, who spent the day talking up the program to non-committed attendees

like Mansfield safety Edward Paris, Ozen cornerback Tony Brown and Houston Lamar safety John Bonney.

This weekend will feature a different group of recruits, who will spend the day talking to coaches, breaking down film and observing spring practice. Expected attendees include New Orleans St. Augustine running back Leonard Fournette, Cypress Falls outside linebacker Otar Alaka and Jasper center Terrell Cuney.

Although it's difficult to predict which recruits will commit to Texas this weekend, Warrick's experience tells him that it wouldn't be a surprise.

"If you grow up in Texas, and you grow up watching the Longhorns, and then once you visit and you have a chance to be a part of it, you kind of just don't want to turn that down," Warrick said.

KEARNEY

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then informed Kearney.

"I was informed from the [coach] that Bubba has indeed offered my job to the current head track coach of this other university as he is anticipating taking over both of our programs," Kearney said in the May 11 memo.

"As I am sure you can understand, I also feel that I have been put in a very awkward and overwhelmingly precarious position," Kearney continued in the memo. "In addition, I do not want to jeopardize my relationship with you. I am sure you would agree that being forthcoming about what I have learned is the only thing I can do."

Kearney declined to comment for this story through her attorney. Thornton did not return multiple requests for comment.

In an interview Thursday, Dodds said the relationship

between Kearney and Thornton was "fine." When shown the letters, Dodds said he could not remember them.

"Overall, I would say their relationship was OK," Dodds said. "[Those letters] must have been before last week. I can't remember that long ago."

Nick Voinis, senior associate athletics director, who was present for the interview in Dodds' office, said he was aware of correspondence from Kearney regarding Thornton.

"I heard there may have been a memo or two there," Voinis said.

After she was told the University was prepared to fire her for having a relationship with a former student-athlete in her program in 2002, Kearney, the head coach since 1993, resigned in January. She led the Longhorns to six national championships — three indoor and three outdoor — during her 20-year tenure.

Thornton became the head of the men's program in 1996

after a 13-year stint as head coach of his alma mater, Texas Christian University. He served as the head coach of the men's track and field team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Rose Brimmer, an assistant coach under Kearney, is the interim head coach of the women's track and field program. Dodds said they are still in the process of deciding what to do about the position for the future.

Asked if the athletics department is considering combining the men's and women's programs with Thornton in charge, Dodds — a former track coach himself — said they are a few weeks from making that decision.

"It seems the world has pretty much gone to one head coach and assistant coaches," Dodds said. "We've stayed with a two-coach system, but [putting Thornton in charge of both programs is] part of the discussion about what we need to do."

— Reporting by Christian Corona, Trey Scott and Shabab Siddiqui



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WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
SEBASTIAN HERRERA

Heavy competition awaits the No. 13 Longhorns Saturday and Sunday in Ames, Iowa, for the Big 12 Indoor Championships.

Texas will send a group of 24 to compete against a field that includes three other teams in the conference ranked in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association: No. 5 Kansas, No. 12 Iowa State and No. 22 Oklahoma State.

Since the league was established in 1996, Texas has won a conference-best five Big 12 indoor team titles on the women's side.

"This group is in such an excellent place both mentally and physically," interim coach Rose Brimmer said. "If we put every race on the track at the level that we know we are capable of competing, I think it's going to be an exciting weekend."

The Longhorn's 4x400-meter relay team of junior Danielle Dowie, junior Briana Nelson, senior Kendra Chambers and freshman Courtney Okolo enters the weekend with the best time nationally (3:30.95) among the collegiate ranks in 2013. The squad also heads to Iowa with a conference-best high jump mark (6-2/1.88m) from junior Shanay Briscoe and a No. 2 mark from Junior Christy Udoh in the 200-meter dash (23.87).

The Longhorns will look to improve on last year's second-place team finish.



Shanay Briscoe
 Junior

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Stewart hurdling the competition

By Louis San Miguel

More than 1,500 miles and the Gulf of Mexico separate senior hurdler Keiron Stewart's hometown of Kingston, Jamaica, from Mike A. Myers Stadium, where he now plies his trade. But seeing how comfortably he glides over the track and leaps over hurdles, you wouldn't know it.

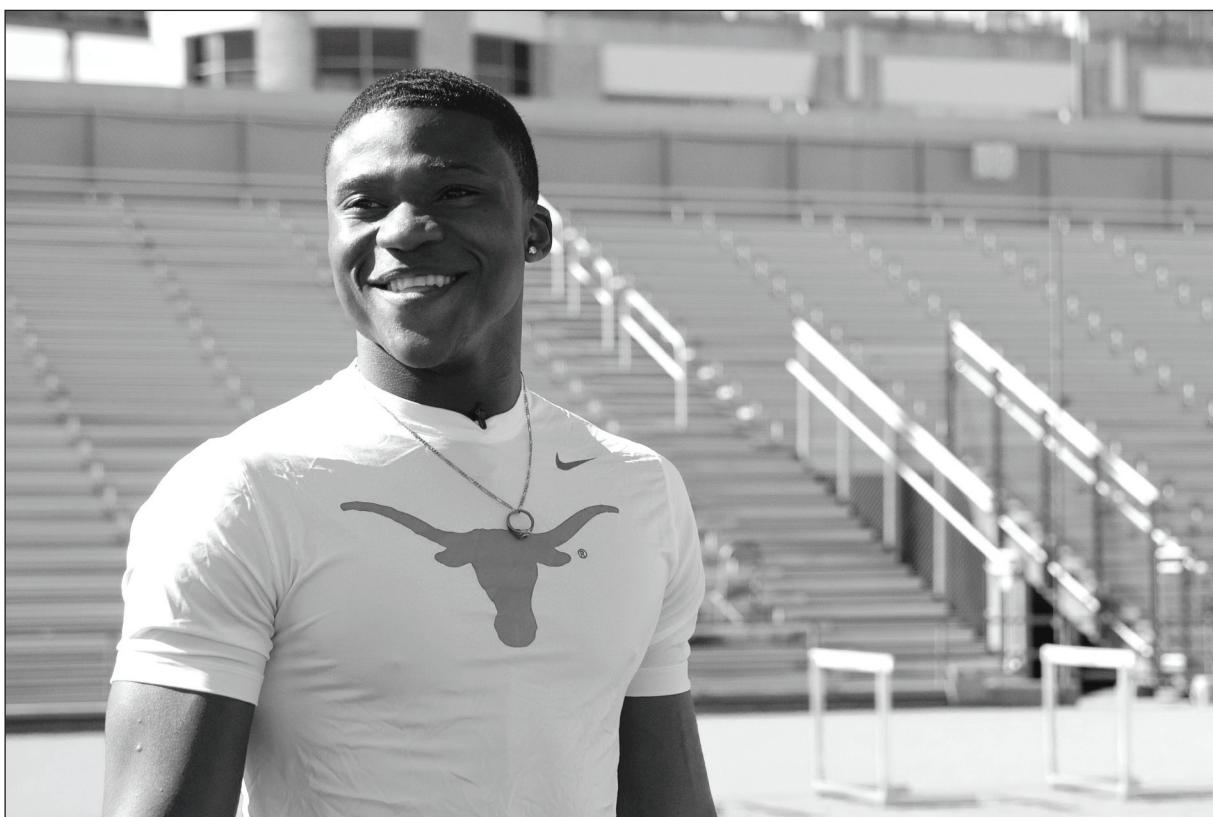
The native Jamaican might be far away from home, but has settled in and become an integral part of the men's track and field team over the last four years.

Far from his hometown, Stewart still keeps connections with his original home. He wears a necklace given to him by his mother and on it is a ring that was given to him by a close friend. Both are reminders of home that he keeps with him as he speeds around the track.

Among his heroes is Maurice Wignall, the outstanding hurdler who set the standard for all other Jamaican jumpers in Athens in 2004. Andre Wellington and Leford Green, members of the Jamaican Olympic team in 2008 and 2012, respectively, are like big brothers to him, pushing him to succeed on the track.

"I really admire them," Stewart said. "They push me. Just seeing them run at my high school and go through the rungs and show poise and experience every time they touch the track. They're my inspiration."

Stewart barely missed out on a trip to the Olympics in 2012 himself, coming in .03 seconds short of a third-place finish at the Jamaican



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Keiron Stewart has blossomed into an instrumental asset for the Longhorns track and field squad, holding two Texas records heading into the Big 12 Indoor Championships this weekend.

trials, a finish that would have guaranteed him a seat on the plane to London, but he hasn't let it bother him much.

"It's life. There are always going to be setbacks," Stewart explained. "We just have to learn from them. We have to move on and learn not to make the same mistake twice."

Now in his senior season, Stewart has had time to learn from his mistakes and now guides and supports the younger Texas athletes. He and the rest of the seniors have been instrumental in leading the way for the Longhorns in 2013 and have helped the youth understand the expectations that come with a burnt orange uniform.

Stewart and the rest of the Longhorns track and field team will head to

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—Keiron Stewart, senior hurdler

Ames, Iowa, to compete in the 2013 Big 12 Indoor Championships on Saturday and Sunday. The field will be tough as the Big 12 is one of the fiercest leagues in track competition, but Stewart feels confident his best performances are yet to come.

"You have to go out with a bang. You can't leave no t's uncrossed and no i's undotted," Stewart said. "This is our main goal right now — fine tuning everything and getting sharper for the competition."

Stewart will compete in the 60-meter hurdles Friday at 4 p.m., and is hoping to lead Texas to a win after a three-year drought at the Big 12 meet. He previously won the 60-meter hurdles in 2011, setting the Texas record with a time of 7.66 seconds, and is in a good position to do it again after matching the time at the Tyson Invitational in Arkansas.

"Keiron has been there. He's done it before," head coach Bubba Thornton said. "He's been four years

BIG 12 INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



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All-American and has the potential to do more."

He already has his name firmly etched in the UT record books, holding the top marks in the 60- and 100-meter hurdles, but it doesn't look like he wants to let go of them for a long time.

"I'm in a better position and better fitness level," Stewart said. "I'm looking forward to breaking the record again."

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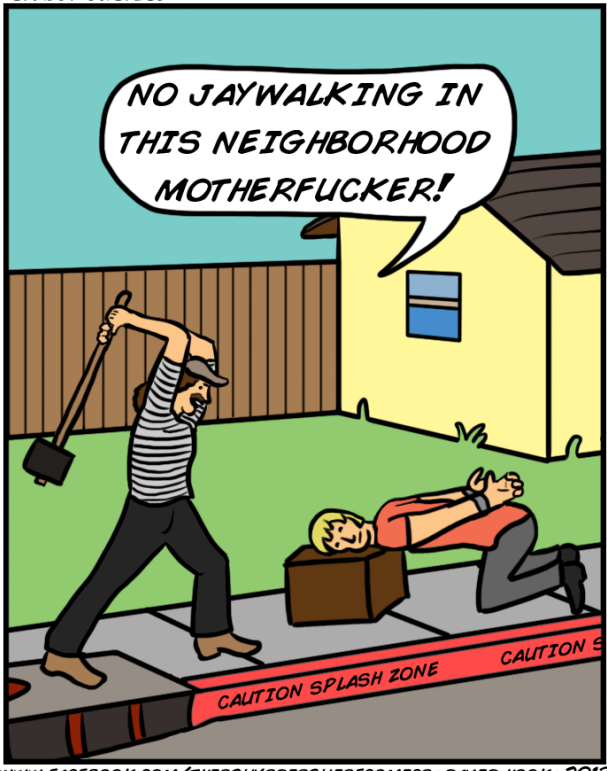
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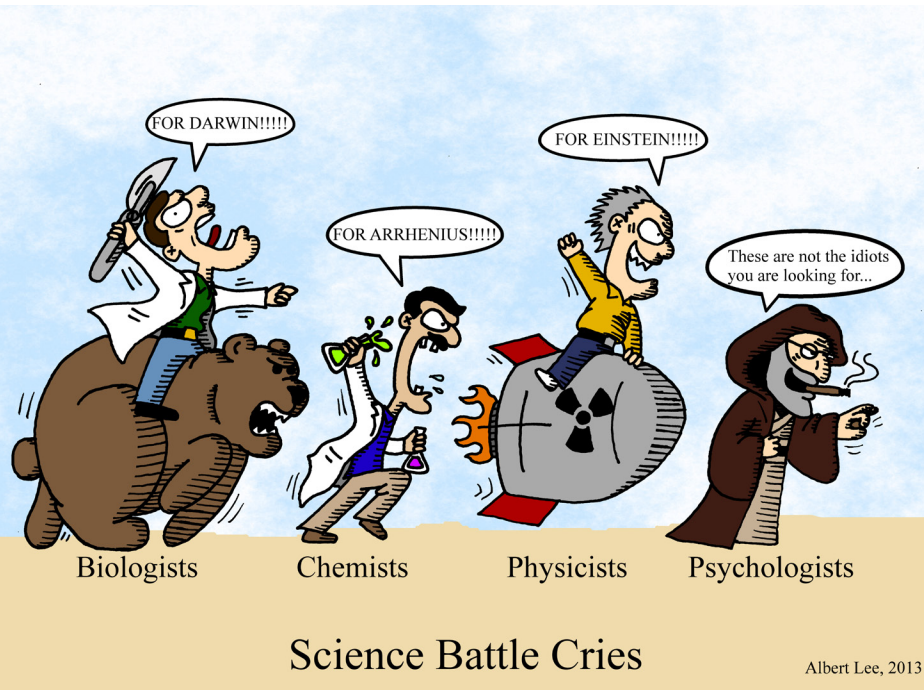
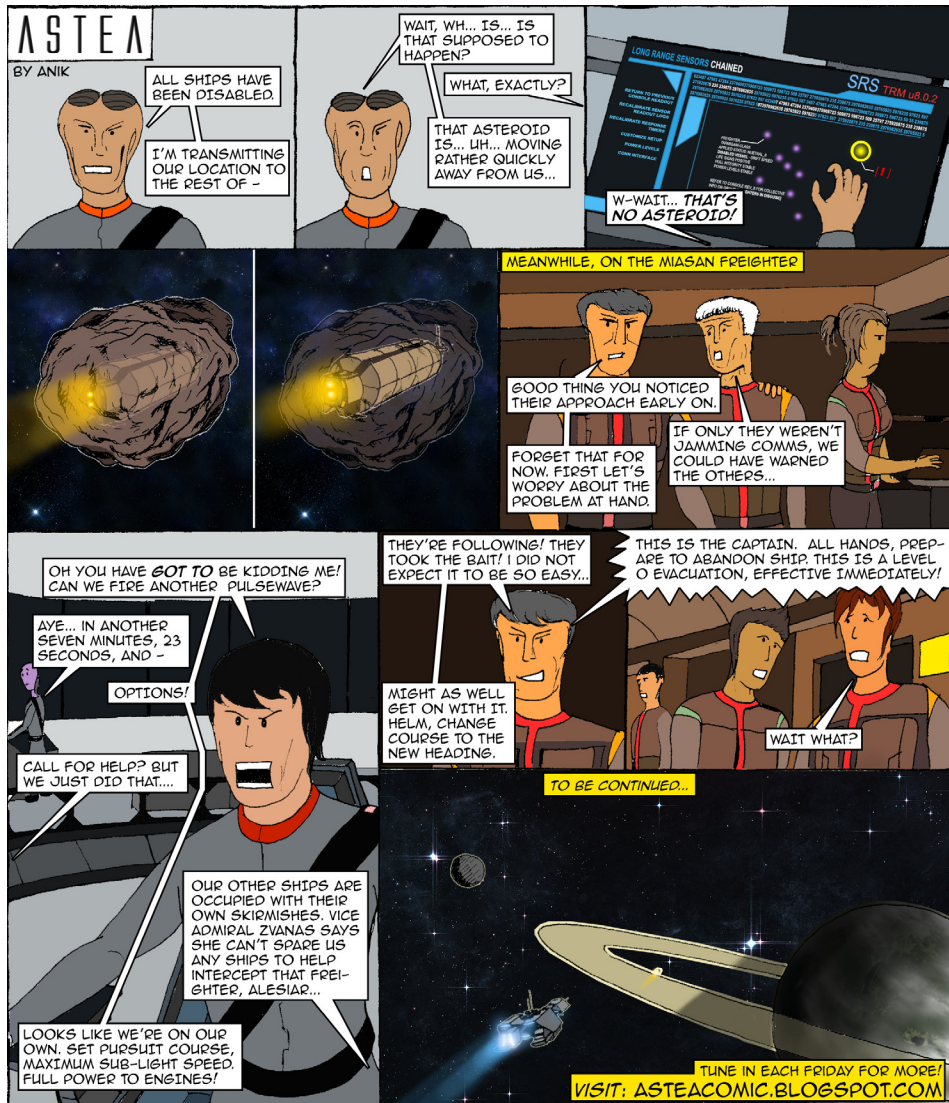
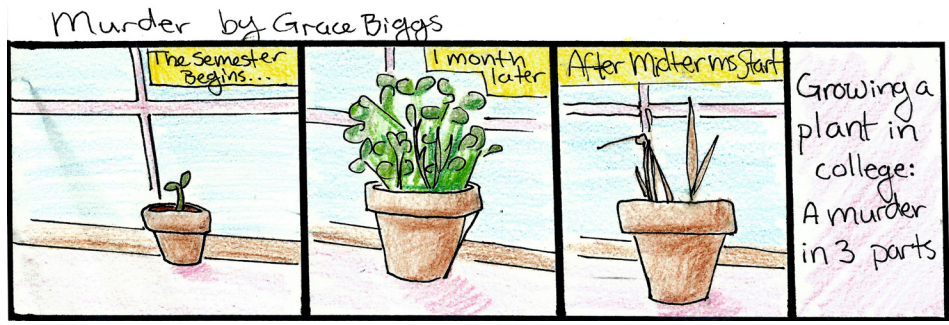
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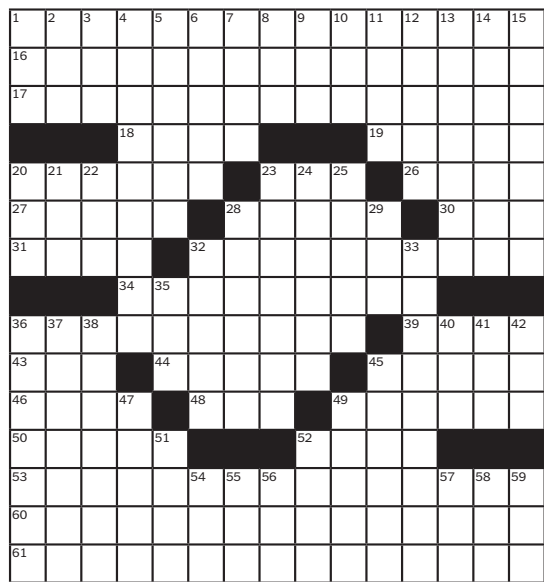


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OUR SELECTION IS Ahh-some.



BUSKERS

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Fun Fun Fun Fest and South By Southwest.

Companies like C3 and Transmission are helping Austin keep its reputation as a mecca for live music by booking shows on a regular basis, but at the same time, the city could be kicking live music right off of its streets.

Karren Sager, 29, is originally from Nashville and has been busking since she was 15 years old. She said in her hometown, busking is a rite of passage for children as young as 8 years old, and the sidewalks of downtown are so full of buskers that it is sometimes hard to find a place to set her guitar case.

According to Sager, the so-called Live Music Capital of the World has a bad reputation among the ring of buskers that makes a living travelling and busking around Nashville, New Orleans and Asheville, North Carolina.

"They won't come here though. They're scared of Austin," Sager said. "Too many horror stories about getting harassed by someone."

Sager said that in Nashville, the police officers and the buskers get along and help each other out. The buskers help keep the bums and the panhandlers off the downtown sidewalks, and police allow the buskers to play as they please.

In Austin, it's an entirely different scene.

"It's a really strange, sad thing here, coming from a town that's so pro-music and so pro-busking," Sager said. "I couldn't believe I was making literally nothing after coming from making, on weekdays, \$100 nights."

Unlike Wentworth, Sager does not rely on the money that is thrown into her open guitar case to survive. She owns her own business teaching gymnastics to children at daycares and private schools. But when she does find herself in a financial bind, she sets her case out on the sidewalk and plays.

"I don't think people really understand what we're doing or what we're about," Sager said. "It's art. It's music. Why would you want to remove that from the city and make it all commercial crap?"



The commercial music sector in Austin continues to expand in 2013. For the first time ever, ACL will expand to two full weekends this fall, similar to California's Coachella Music Festival. The showcase list for this year's upcoming SXSW boasts legendary headliners that will bring hoards of music lovers to the city for an entire week. The Tower Amphitheater is set to open in April and is located on a 1,300-acre lot on the outskirts of the city — enough space for up to 14,000 guests. The city's newest venue claims that it will help to build Austin's already established title as a capital for live music by bringing "incredible entertainment events to the Central Texas region."

From the outside looking in, Austin really does appear to be the Live Music Capital of the World. But for local musicians like Woody and Karren, their music does not live in this capital.

On a warm Sunday afternoon, I was walking down South Congress and noticed an eerie silence beneath the usual noise of the street. It did not take long to realize the silence came from a complete lack of music. Officer Visi was working at Allen's Boots, and there was not a busker to be seen anywhere on the street.

There were no cases on the sidewalk, but there were also no voices weaving their way through the noise of the city. The bluesy twang of Woody's now five-stringed guitar was completely absent. Karren's purple sneakers weren't tapping a steady rhythm against the pavement.

The musicians stayed inside that day, despite the pleasant weather, and the street resided in silence. Not a note of music could be heard as I walked down a sidewalk in the Live Music Capital of the World.

FILM

What to expect from the Oscars

By Alex Williams

With the Oscars coming up this weekend, the only thing more important than seeing all the nominated films is proving to your friends that you know more than they do. Oscar pools are usually half-informed guesses mixed with eeny-meeny-miny-mo decisions on the more obscure categories, and we've put together a few tips to help you get ahead in this year's Oscar season.

YOUR OPINION DOES NOT MATTER

Oscar is a fickle beast, and no matter what you think should win a specific category, the odds of the Academy matching your line of thinking are slim to none. Sure, "Beasts of the Southern Wild" was a great, borderline-magical film, but it hasn't got a prayer for Best Picture. And we'd all love to see Wes Anderson win his first Oscar for "Moonrise Kingdom," but the competition is too stiff for him to stand a chance.

HATHAWAY AND DAY-LEWIS WILL NOT LOSE

Both of these actors have had their respective awards staked out for months now. Daniel Day-Lewis has massive momentum behind him, and he's steamrolled the competition. Despite an incredibly competitive year in the Best Actor category, Day-Lewis' portrayal of Lincoln was transformative in a way that the Academy membership is sure to recognize. Meanwhile, Anne Hathaway's performance in "Les Miserables" — a title which shockingly doesn't refer to the people sitting through it — practically has Oscar carved into it. Her showstopping



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Actress Anne Hathaway portrays Fantine, a struggling, sickly mother forced into prostitution in 1800s Paris, in a scene from the screen adaptation of "Les Miserables." Hathaway is nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for "Les Miserables."

rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream" was a rare moment of emotional devastation in a film that sputtered more often than not, and Hathaway's first Oscar, for Best Supporting Actress, will be well earned.

A BIG PLAYER IS GOING HOME EMPTY-HANDED

"Silver Linings Playbook," "Argo," "Lincoln," "Zero Dark Thirty," "Life of Pi," "Amour" and "Django Unchained" are the films to beat at this year's ceremony, and surely one of them will go unrecognized. Will it be the sterile and painful "Amour"? Not likely, since the film is getting a big push in Best Actress and seems to have Best Foreign Film locked down. "Silver Linings Playbook" is too well liked to not win something, and "Life of Pi" has too many nominations. "Lincoln" and "Argo" are basically unstoppable thanks to the momentum of Oscar season, even if one of them is destined to underperform. My money

is on "Zero Dark Thirty." After the political backlash resulting from its depiction of torture, the journalistic thriller has been struggling, and a combination of Kathryn Bigelow's Best Director snub, Jessica Chastain's faltering Best Actress campaign and the crowded Best Original Screenplay category, the film is likely to end up this season's sacrificial lamb.

IF THEY DESERVE IT, THEY PROBABLY ALREADY LOST

It's rare that the best film nominated in any given category actually wins, and there are sure to be few exceptions to that rule this year. Roger Deakins made, bar none, the year's most beautifully photographed film with "Skyfall," but the Bond thriller is almost sure to lose in the Best Cinematography category. Joaquin Phoenix gave a performance for the ages in Paul Thomas Anderson's "The Master," but in a Best Actor category where each contender could win in a

lesser year, his nomination is the victory.

DO NOT SPLIT ON SOUND AWARDS

The Academy usually awards Best Sound Mixing and Editing to the same films, and the last time they varied was in 2008, when "The Dark Knight" and "Slumdog Millionaire" split the vote. In an Oscar pool, victory can come down to one or two awards, and it sure would be a shame to be the guy who thought the Academy would break with tradition

While I can't claim to be an Oscar expert, especially in a year as unpredictable as this one, these picks should help you at least get a leg up in your Oscar pool, if not claim total victory. And if I'm totally wrong on all counts, at least that means we'll be watching one of the most gonzo insane Oscar telecasts ever, and the entertainment value alone will make the loss go down easier.



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STREET MUSICIAN WOODROW "WOODY" WENTWORTH | PHOTO BY GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ-MARTINEZ

BATTLEGROUND

By Hannah Smothers

"Welcome to the battleground," Woodrow "Woody" Wentworth said as he led me right up to the brink of chaos.

Just ahead of us was Woody's personal war zone: Sixth Street on a Saturday night.

Woody's weapon is a black guitar he keeps slung over his shoulder in a tattered case with a broken zipper. His ammunition is a repertoire of blues tunes he has been teaching himself since he was 14.

Tonight, Woody would be fighting the same battle he has been fighting for the past 22 years, ever since the night his stepdad left a then-14-year-old Woody on this very same battleground with a guitar in his hand and instructions to learn to make money on his own.

The opposition's troops were out in full force this Saturday evening: Women in sequined blouses and men who smelled of aftershave and liquor crowded the streets, floating in and out of the bars and clubs. Security guards and police officers stood in quiet corners, waiting and watching for a skirmish to break out. Bouncers stood guard outside their respective domains, protecting the sidewalks outside their territories.

Woody's goal was to make enough money for some bus fare, some food, a few beers and a pack of cigarettes. His tactics involved finding a location as safe from harm's way as possible: a quiet patch of sidewalk that people might pass by long enough for him to grab their attention with a song, but hidden enough to avoid the mindful eyes of security guards, police officers and bouncers.

He does not always enjoy coming to battle, but he has no other choice. He was expelled from Austin High School and never obtained a diploma or GED. Tickets and arrest warrants prevent him from seeking work anywhere

other than the streets that lie before him.

Already, his forces were compromised. Just minutes before arriving at the battleground, Woody broke a guitar string. His weapon would still fire, but tonight's battle would be more difficult for the lone soldier.

"I'm hoping for a financial miracle tonight," Woody said as the crosswalk signal turned to walk.

He shifted his black cowboy hat down lower over his eyes and readjusted the guitar case and backpack as he walked with reluctant determination into the madness and uncertainty.

Wentworth, 36, was born in Dallas but has been calling Austin home for the past 25 years. For the past 22 years, he has been a part of a centuries-old tradition known as busking, the act of playing music or performing on the street for voluntary donations.

Busking is currently Wentworth's sole occupation.

"It's what comes natural," Wentworth said. "And because of legality issues, there's not a whole lot of other options available, so why not just go with what you've always had?"

Busking has been around since antiquity, and before the invention of recording and personal electronics, it was the primary occupation for musicians and entertainers. It was introduced to America through side acts that were presented alongside the traveling medicine shows of the 1800s.

Prolific buskers include Bob Dylan, David Byrne and Neil Young. It removes live music



STREET MUSICIAN KAREN SAGER | PHOTO BY GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ-MARTINEZ

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from the confines of bars, clubs and paid venues and places it out on the streets where listeners can enjoy it for whatever price they choose.

The job comes with no perks or benefits. The hours are long and odd, the wages are less than minimum and in Austin, there is no guarantee that buskers like Wentworth won't be ticketed while working.

"I'm the only one that I know of that has stuck it out on the streets for all these years," Wentworth said. "I'm happy to wake up with like 40 bucks. That's a considerably good night."

Busking itself is not specifically illegal in Austin, but there are ordinances in place that make it difficult for people like Wentworth to make a meager living playing music on the streets.

A city ordinance states that "a person may not: place a container on the sidewalk adjoining a business, residence, or other premises within the person's control." This applies to the open guitar case Wentworth sets beside his feet to collect his wages while playing for passersby.

Some store and lot owners allow buskers to play on their private property, which is legal as long as the sound is not amplified. But the buskers have a code of unspoken rules that prevents them from all crowding together in one place — it is simply not polite to crowd another person's territory. They use the sidewalks to spread out down the entire stretch of streets like Sixth Street and South Congress.

Joshua Visi, a senior officer for the Austin Police Department, has been working occasional weekends at Allen's Boots for almost two years. His primary job is to deter shoplifting from the high-end boot retailer, but his domain does not end at the door to the store.

Visi's name is notorious among the buskers that play up and down South Congress. He said he warns musicians before immediately issuing them a ticket, but he is not afraid to enforce the ordinance.

"The only people I write a ticket to are the people who have already received that warning and they're coming back," Visi said. "Most people, if they're legitimate artists, then they're going to go about finding a location to legitimately sell their goods."

Visi said in the time he has been working for Allen's Boots, he has only had to write three tickets to buskers. Wentworth recently received one of those three tickets.

"Those three tickets are people who are homeless or very stubborn," Visi said. "If you say yes to one, and a hundred people show up, then no one can walk down the sidewalk."

Despite the risk Wentworth runs of receiving a ticket from Visi or another police officer every time he goes to work, he does not quit. He has no other choice. He has played indoors at a few bars in the area, but he said he makes even less money doing that than he does out on Sixth Street.

So far, the sidewalks are his only home.

Austin earned its reputation as the Live Music Capital of the World when it was discovered to have more live music venues per capita than any other American city in 1991. On any given night, there are about 100 shows happening within the city limits. From softly strummed acoustic sets played in dimly lit bars to headlining acts at Stubb's and the Frank Erwin Center, locals are able to see a show whenever they please — if they are willing to pay a price.

C3 Presents and Transmission Events collectively own almost all of the venues around the city. They book the acts, they fill the crowds and they even put life in Austin on pause a few times a year in order to throw music festivals including Austin City Limits,

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