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An open house event celebrates the re-opening of the newly renovated and expanded climbing wall at Gregory Gym.

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TEXAN IN-DEPTH

Faculty letter addresses tenure disparities

This is the final installment of a three-part series on the changing nature of employment at the University of Texas.

By **Andrew Messamore**

As the University ponders cost-saving measures in its non-academic services, a number of faculty are concerned the University's priorities are omitting important areas of interdisciplinary studies and competitive salaries.

Thirty-two professors in the College of Liberal Arts expressed alarm regarding the large number of professors of color denied tenure across multiple departments this year. The group sent a letter to UT President William Powers Jr. and Steven Leslie, executive vice president and provost. "We deeply regret that a

large number of the cases that the College Tenure and Promotion Committee did not recommend for tenure involve scholars of color whose research is rooted and invested in interdisciplinary methodologies and areas of study," the letter states.

The letter urges Powers and Leslie to reverse a trend in the College Tenure and Promotion Committee that "undermines our multiple endeavors to build more diversity, innovation,

and interdisciplinary inquiry at UT."

The letter goes on to say the Promotion Committee, located in the provost's office, did not allow the various academic units and research institutes across campus to contribute to the decision-making process of the committee.

In response, the College of Liberal Arts conducted a review of its tenure and promotion recommendations. The review did not find that liberal

arts' tenure decisions disproportionately harm professors of color, UT spokeswoman Tara Doolittle said.

The tenure committee denied six of 14 assistant liberal arts professors who applied for tenure awards in 2012, said Gail A. Davis, the College of Liberal Arts' director of human resources. Because of privacy concerns, the racial background of assistant professors

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CITY

Bring your own bag

City passes ordinance to reduce plastic bag waste

By **Hannah Jane DeCutiis**

Students who forgetfully stash collections of reusable grocery bags in closets and car trunks will actually need to remember to bring their bags into stores starting Friday, when a city-wide ordinance banning single-use plastic bags in retail stores takes effect.

The ordinance, passed by City Council in March 2012, mandates retail stores in Austin to stop handing out single-use plastic bags to encourage the reuse of bags. Exemptions to the ordinance include such items as restaurant take-out bags and bags for bulk items, produce, alcohol and medicine.

Courtney Black, public information specialist for Austin Resource Recovery, said the city's goal is to reduce 90 percent of waste in landfills by the year 2040.

"We've been doing a significant amount of outreach over the last year in the hopes that when the March 1 date lands it'll be a smooth transition," Black said. "Basically, our biggest message to consumers is to remember their reusable bags, but not to worry if they forget."

Establishments can apply for certain types of exemptions based on their business practices. Black said grocery retailer H-E-B has been approved for an emergency access exemption, allowing them to sell single-use bags at \$1 per transaction to customers who forget to bring their bags.

Hunter Mangrum, environmental specialist for UT's Division of Housing and Food

Get a handle on the bag situation, check our vid: bit.ly/dt_bagban

Service, said DHFS has been sourcing biodegradable bags for on-campus convenience stores since at least 2006. Although DHFS is not required to abide by city ordinance, Mangrum said they are committed to promoting their eco-friendly practices to students.

"As far as DHFS goes, we're

technically in compliance with the bag ban no matter what, because there isn't a stipulation in any ordinance about biodegradable bags," Mangrum said. "We do also sell a reusable bag that we promote and you can get discounts for

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SYSTEM

UT Board considers fixed-rate tuition plan

By **Joshua Fechter**

Fixed-rate tuition has been implemented at UT System institutions with varying success, UT System officials told Texas lawmakers Wednesday.

The Texas House Higher Education Committee considered a bill, filed by committee chairman Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, that would require universities to offer students a fixed-rate tuition plan as one option among other payment plans. The UT System Board of Regents voted on Feb. 14 to direct all system institutions to offer a four year fixed-rate tuition plan to incoming freshmen beginning fall 2014.

Currently, a student's tuition at UT is subject to change year to year. Various lawmakers and administrators — including Gov. Rick Perry — trumpeted fixing tuition as a way of controlling costs for students and incentivizing them to graduate in four years. But, four-year fixed tuition also gives universities less flexibility when dealing with budgetary changes.

Speaking to the committee, UT-El Paso President Diana Natalicio said the

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STATE

Public education debate takes place at LBJ Library

By **Alexandra Dubinsky**

The issue of public education policy dominated the conversation Wednesday evening at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library where a panel of four members of the Texas Legislature addressed prominent issues facing Texas.

Rep. Mary Gonzalez, D-El Paso, was the first to spark the debate of public education when the moderator, Brian Sweany, senior executive editor at Texas Monthly, inquired about how she felt in her first session as a representative.

"I think what surprised me is that we haven't addressed public school finance," Gonzalez said. "We have asked the governor to make it an emergency item."

Both Gonzalez and Rep. Mark Strama, D-Austin,

addressed their concern about the dramatic cuts from public education during the previous session.

"I agree there needs to be a complete overhaul on education," Gonzalez said. "We need to bring technology into the classroom and a curriculum that engages students."

While Rep. Jason Villalba, R-Dallas, admitted that he was for restoring some of the cuts, he also said that money and government is not the answer, placing emphasis on a comprehensive reform.

"What I'm saying is we need to focus more on alternatives rather than solely looking into money."

After Gonzalez visited high schools in the El Paso district and informed them of the \$5.4 billion cut, she said she could see the look of awe in

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CAMPUS



Rebecca Lee, a member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, prepares batter for the Cupcake Showdown at held at J2 Wednesday evening.

Debby Garcia
Daily Texan Staff

Students beat batter for charity

By **Amanda O'Donnell**

After whipping, baking, and frosting their way through a sweet competition, one UT student organization took home the ultimate cupcake topper — a \$1,000 donation to the charity of their choice.

Division of Housing and

Food Services hosted the Cupcake Showdown in Jester's J2 dining hall Wednesday evening, challenging four student organizations to create the best Texas-themed cupcake.

The competitors included service organization Texas Spirits, sorority Texas Kappa Delta, comedy troupe Gigglepants Improv and UT

National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association. The organizations were chosen following a preliminary video submission describing a cupcake they created representing their group's ideals and mission.

"We do a lot of work with Girl Scouts of America,"

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The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) practice marching outside the LBJ capitol, making use of the open space available.

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who are denied tenure cannot be disclosed, Davis said.

Assistant professors, the entry-level tenure-track position at the University, are given six years after they are hired to prepare for tenure review. After the six years, assistant professors are first evaluated by their respective departments and then colleges. The final decision is made by the Tenure and Promotions Committee, which is housed in the provost's office. Assistant professors not granted tenure have their contracts ended.

The requirements for tenure are not elaborated in the faculty handbook and vary widely by department. Typically, assistant professors are evaluated based

on requirements including peer evaluations, volume and quality of research and classroom performance.

Some teaching faculty, including lecturers and senior lecturers, are hired on yearly or bi-yearly contracts without the chance for obtaining tenure.

Smita Ruzicka, assistant dean of students and staff co-chair of the Asian and Asian American Faculty and Staff Association, said faculty who shared the letter were concerned with the low number of tenure-track Asian professors represented at the University. Faculty members who signed the letter that were contacted did not wish to comment.

"We are looking at issues of underrepresentation among Asian faculty at this institution as well as administration," Ruzicka said.

In fall 2012, 17.7 percent

of the undergraduate student body identified themselves as Asian, and 8.7 percent of 1,539 tenured faculty and 16.9 percent of 419 tenure-track faculty identified themselves as Asian.

Madeline Hsu, director of the Center for Asian American Studies, said the Diversity Committee of liberal arts is now in discussion with Dean Randy Diehl about altering promotions and tenure policy to include perspectives from academic centers and research institutes in the tenuring process.

In the Center for Asian American Studies, 23 of 36 teaching faculty are not tenure-track. The average faculty salary in the center is \$53,250, roughly half the University average of \$103,564. In the mathematics department, which has about the same proportion of non-tenure

track faculty, the average faculty salary is \$96,092.

The center also absorbed a 25 percent cut in its budget in 2011 after cuts were mandated by the Texas Legislature that year, along with a number of other ethnic studies centers in the College of Liberal Arts.

Martha Hilley, a music professor who started at the University in 1982, said the requirements for gaining tenure at UT and other universities in the United States have become more stringent over time, but the changing standards have not harmed teaching or research.

"Many, many years ago if you lived long enough and didn't end up doing anything wrong, you would end up getting tenure, and that day is gone," Hilley said. "I think if I had to go through the process again, I'd be very nervous, truth be told."

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University's optional guaranteed tuition program has not gained significant traction since its adoption in 2006.

"Some of our freshmen, we thought, would be interested in this and, particularly, we thought some parents would be interested in it," Natalicio said. "What we discovered was that the response was lukewarm, at best."

Natalicio said many students at UT-El Paso are considered "at-risk," meaning that they have a low income and work part-time jobs, which may prevent them from making long-term financial plans in regard to their educational career and deter them from taking part in the program.

UT-Dallas President

David Daniel said the University implemented its guaranteed tuition program to act as one component of an effort to increase four-year graduation rates. Daniel said graduation rates at UT-Dallas increased from 32 percent in 2005 to 51 percent this year.

"I readily confess that I'm not sure how important the four-year tuition plan truly was in that, but my sense is that it has been a very important component in sending the message to everyone that this is what we expect," Daniel said.

UT-Dallas and UT-El

Paso are the only universities in the system that offer fixed-rate tuition over four years. UT-Dallas has the highest tuition among public universities in the state.

Branch said he does not believe implementing the plan would act as a "silver bullet" to high college costs, but said it would help students and their families plan financially for their college careers among other goals.

"This is designed to be a tool in the toolbox to improve certainty, to improve affordability and hopefully to motivate completion early," Branch said.

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using at our locations."

Mangrum said though he does not foresee the transition going over smoothly, changing routines is a key part of the process.

"It's going to affect behavior," Mangrum said. "That's what we're really trying to do in this field, is trying to get people to approach their daily tasks differently so we can affect the world we live in."

Cary Rabb, president of Wag-A-Bag Convenience Stores, said he is concerned about how the bag ban will affect business. The chain opened in Round Rock in 1964. They will be charging customers 18 cents more per transaction for reusable plastic bags. Rabb said if larger retailers receive exemptions, it disadvantages other businesses.

"We also hear that our largest grocery retailer in Austin is exempt for a year, which is very frustrating," Rabb said. "[It] seems like the ordinance should apply to all, because the customer will be confused when they shop with us versus another retailer who may be exempt. Other than that, we are prepared for Friday but concerned as well."

Melissa Broaddus, mechanical engineering freshman, said she doesn't see the ban having a large effect on the city's waste problem, but carrying reusable bags won't be an inconvenience.

"I don't think it's going to be that big of an effect," Broaddus said. "Plastic bags aren't a huge part of the waste, there's a lot of other things that are going to contribute to that, so if you're going to reduce it you're going to have to reduce other things, too."

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said Samantha Cade, a business sophomore and member of Texas Kappa Delta. "So in our video submission we created a Caramel deLite cupcake."

At the start of Wednesday's competition competitors were given a list of ingredients to be incorporated into their final submission.

"We had Texas pecans, peaches, grapefruit, Chipotle peppers, Round Rock honey, cornmeal and a prickly pear puree," said registered dietician Lindsay Gaydos. "They'll be judged on the taste of the cupcake, but also how well they incorporate all the ingredients."

Competitors were given an hour to create their cupcake. A live feed of the teams at work was broadcast on televisions throughout J2 so that attending students could watch the competition. Students were also encouraged to decorate pre-made cupcakes of their own, take pictures with the Pillsbury Doughboy in a photo booth and spin a prize wheel to win baking supplies.

Following deliberation the judges awarded Texas Kappa Delta's peach-pecan cupcake first prize and Texas Spirits' grapefruit curd-filled cornmeal and honey cupcake second prize.

Judge Alfredo Castillo, vice president of the finance and administration department of the University Residence Hall Association, said his judging criteria extended past the flavor.

"Of course I'm looking at how effective they are in incorporating the ingredients, but I want to see creativity in the presentation," he said. "I want to be surprised visually."

Winners Texas Kappa Delta arranged their cupcakes in the shape of the UT tower. The group chose to donate their winnings to Girl Scouts of America.

"This is fun," Christopher Akin, communication sophomore and the host of the event, said. "I think we've got something on Food Network."

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Pianist Van Cliburn dies of cancer at 78

FORT WORTH — For a time in Cold War America, Van Cliburn had all the trappings of a rock star: sold-out concerts, adoring, out-of-control fans and a name recognized worldwide.

And he did it all with only a piano and some Tchaikovsky concertos.

Cliburn, who died Wednesday at 78 after fighting bone cancer, was “a great humanitarian and a brilliant musician whose light will continue to shine through his extraordinary legacy,” said his publicist and longtime friend Mary Lou Falcone.

The young man from Kilgore was a baby-faced 23-year-old when he won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow just six months after the Soviets’ launch of Sputnik embarrassed the U.S. and inaugurated the space race.

Boozy Brits guess low on rates of drinking

LONDON — Truth and alcohol may not mix, particularly when people are asked how much they drink.

That’s the implication of a study released Wednesday that reveals a big gap between the booze Britons own up to drinking and the amount of alcohol sold nationwide. The study indicates that people routinely underestimate their alcohol consumption by around 40 percent.

Lead author Sadie Boniface said the unreported alcohol equates to nearly one bottle of wine per British adult per week — an amount she said wasn’t just disappearing.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports



Riccardo De Luca | Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry shakes hands with Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Terzi as he arrives at Villa Madama in Rome on Wednesday. Kerry will attend an international conference on Syria in Rome on Thursday.

U.S. mulls direct aid

By Bradley Klapper & Matthew Lee

Associated Press

ROME — The United States and some European allies are edging closer to direct involvement in Syria’s civil war with plans to deliver meals, medical kits and other forms of nonlethal assistance to the rebels battling President Bashar Assad.

The U.S., Britain, France and Italy aren’t planning to supply the Free Syrian Army with weapons or

ammunition. But moves are afoot to significantly boost the size and scope of their aid to the political and military opposition. Such decisions could be announced as early as Thursday at an international conference on Syria in Rome.

Britain and France are keen to give the rebels the means to protect themselves from attacks by Assad’s forces, officials say.

For now, the Obama administration is advancing more modestly. It is nearing a decision whether to

give ready-made meals and medical supplies to the opposition fighters, who have not received direct U.S. assistance.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was expected to announce the new contributions at the Rome conference, in addition to tens of millions of dollars intended for rule of law and governance programs.

The shifts in strategy are part of a step-by-step process that could lead to direct military aid to carefully screened members of the Free Syrian Army

if the nearly two-year conflict continues.

Kerry said Wednesday in Paris that both the U.S. and Europe want a negotiated solution to the crisis and would speak to the leaders of the Syrian National Coalition about that.

“We want their advice on how we can accelerate the prospects of a political solution because that is what we believe is the best path to peace, the best way to protect the interests of the Syrian people, the best way to end the killing and the violence,” he said.

First tweet sent out from North Korea on 3G service

By Jean H. Lee

Associated Press

“Hello world from comms center in (hash)Pyongyang.”

That Twitter missive, sent Monday from Koryolink’s main service center in downtown Pyongyang using my iPhone, marked a milestone for North Korea: It was believed to be the first tweet sent from a cellphone using the country’s new 3G mobile data service.

Later, as we were driving through Pyongyang, I used my iPhone to snap a photo of a new roadside banner referring to North Korea’s controversial Feb. 12 nuclear test while AP’s Chief Asia photographer David Guttenfelder shot an image of a commuter walking beneath a bridge at dusk. We uploaded these images to Instagram geotagged “Pyongyang.”

Pretty ordinary stuff in the world of social media, but revolutionary for North Korea, a country with an intricate set of rules designed to stage manage the flow of images and information both inside and beyond its borders.

Leader Kim Jong Un has pushed science and technology as major policy directives, and we’re starting to see more laptops in offices. But the World Wide Web remains strictly off limits for most North Koreans. North Korean universities have their own Intranet system, although the material is closely vetted by authorities.



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Take advantage of the Cactus Cafe

Eric Nikolaides

Daily Texan Columnist

Live music defines Austin. Ever since the late 1960s, music has flourished here, and anybody who has ever taken a walk down Sixth Street can see how important live music is to the city's cultural identity. In fact, I still remember the first time I came to Austin; the sights, sounds and smells of the music venues lining the streets downtown left an impression that I won't ever forget. I felt like Austin was a true music town, which was a huge part of why I decided to come to school here. And the fact that the Cactus Cafe — an especially historic venue that helped launch the careers of The Dixie Chicks, Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith and many other venerable music legends — was on UT's campus only furthered my conviction that I was choosing a school connected to Austin's vibrant music scene. But the true relationship between UT and the local music is tenuous at best, despite the Cactus Cafe's presence on campus. Every UT student has a lot to gain from taking advantage of the Cactus Cafe, and we can all do more to take part in Austin's unique music scene.

With the impending arrival of SXSW — the annual music, film and technology mega-festival that descends upon Austin for 10 days — it is a better time than ever to examine the relationship between UT and Austin's music scene. This relationship is definitely complicated, but it isn't what I expected it to be when I first decided to come to school here. When I visited UT five years ago as

a junior in high school, I was thrilled by the live music all around me, and especially by the fact that such an historic venue was in the Texas Union, right in the middle of UT's campus. But soon after settling in to my dorm room, I started to realize that the UT campus was a world away from the vibrant music community I saw when I visited, even though the Cactus Cafe was right outside my bedroom window.

In reality, the idea of Austin as a music town plays only a very minor role in our identity as a student body. How many students on this campus appreciate how important the Cactus Cafe is? How many don't even know that it exists? The University attempted to shutter the Cactus Cafe in 2010, in no small part because they simply didn't think it mattered to the UT community and wasn't worth the financial commitment, and this speaks volumes about how little appreciation we have for Austin's live music tradition.

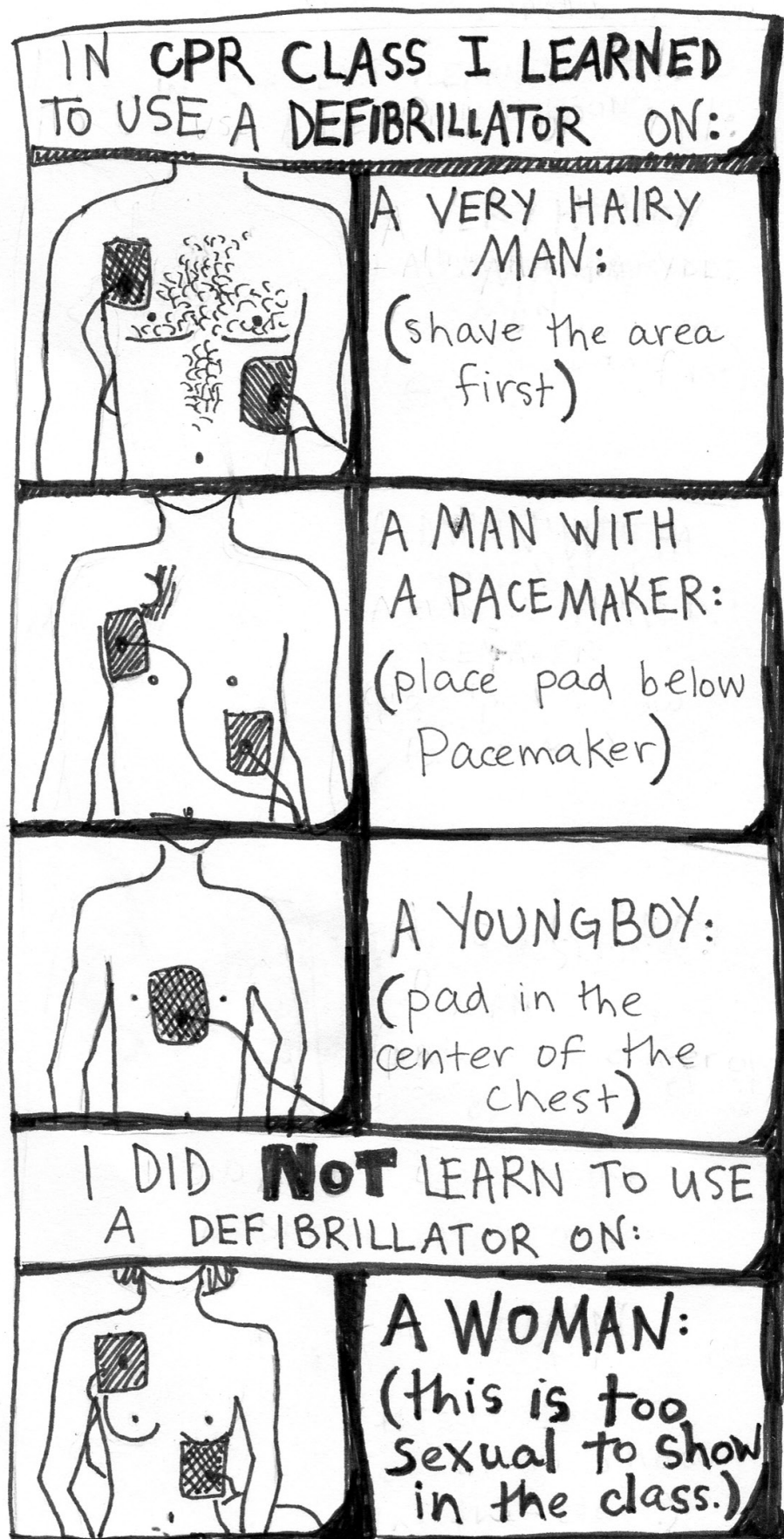
Granted, there are plenty of UT students who love live music and do everything they can to take advantage of what Austin has to offer, but this is likely nothing more than a product of the sheer size of UT's student body. In fact, my impression after my freshman year was that UT's only real engagement with the Austin music scene was during the Austin City Limits music festival each fall. We have such a deep, rich and varied music scene at our fingertips all year long, not just during that one weekend in September or October, and it is a shame that this isn't a bigger part of who we are as a student body.

The Cactus Cafe is an amazing resource and a true musical treasure that is literally sitting right in our backyard, and it's time that UT students start to appreciate its value. I recently spoke with Matt Munoz, the director of the Cactus Cafe, and he made it clear that attracting more UT students to shows is one of the venue's main goals for the future. He told me that after a good show, he often hears UT students saying, "Wow, I didn't even know this was here." This is part of our longtime goal on campus, to get these younger kids on campus engaged." According to Munoz, the Cactus Cafe is always looking to book younger, UT-based bands and hosts a monthly open mic night focused on UT students. But our campus community is still disappointingly disengaged with the Cactus Cafe and Austin's vibrant music scene in general.

In the upcoming months, the Cactus Cafe will host countless rising stars of the music world, as well as well-established acts from Austin and beyond. For instance, in the month of March alone you can see country and rock legends Tom Russell, Alejandro Escovedo and Joe Ely. These are musicians people cross the state to see live, and all you have to do is cross the street. But even if you can't make it to a show, you can always just stop by for a beer; the Cactus Cafe is open all week as a common space for UT students to meet and relax. The fact is that UT is in a unique position to benefit from Austin's one-of-a-kind music scene, and we are blessed to have a venue like the Cactus Cafe right on our campus. We should take advantage of it.

Nikolaides is a Spanish and government senior from Cincinnati, Ohio.

GALLERY



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FIRING LINE

Too soon to take drastic steps

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The Texan faces a short-term financial crisis that threatens to destroy its economic viability. Its plight is similar to that of all traditional print news organizations: a sharp decline in ad revenues caused by the digital media revolution. The Texan's staff and the Texas Student Media board of trustees that oversees its operations have struggled to come up with solutions, and students and alumni are now actively engaged in the process. Still, the trustees are considering cutting back on the number of days the newspaper is printed as a stopgap measure. It's too soon to take this drastic step without trying other strategies and without seeking more help from its far-flung and highly mobilized alumni and other interested parties.

The longer-term issue concerns the structure of Texas Student Media. The Texan is supposed to be an autonomous student-run organization, producing good journalism without fear or favor. In reality, the University administration

exercises practical control over budgets, personnel and access to technology. Many of us were surprised to hear from the students who are supposedly in charge of the news website that it is effectively under the control of the professional staff that reports to the administration (see "A student-run website for a student-run paper," Daily Texan 2/27/13). This is the opposite of the spirit of a student-run enterprise. The University administration has neither the expertise nor sensibility to operate a student-run news organization.

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FIRING LINE

Let the students speak

This Friday the Texas Student Media board will be making a fiscal decision that could alter the course of The Daily Texan as we know it. We love The Daily Texan because it's just that: daily. It's a newspaper that's by the students, and for not only the students, but alumni, the city of Austin and countless others who want their hands on one of the oldest and most prestigious college newspapers of all time. It's not only something that we support, but it's been a part of our every day experience here at UT for the past three and a half years. Look, we're aware it's 2013 and times are changing. News media is transforming more often and more rapidly than it ever has before. However, we can't prematurely dismiss alternative sources of funding that could prove to be so valuable.

It's quite apparent that there's an untapped resource, The Daily Texan alumni, who could feasibly save the five-day-a-week publication schedule and perhaps do much more. Some people appear to be politicizing this into an "us-versus-them" situation. But let us be clear: That should not be the perception. Working together, the Texas Student Media Board and The Daily Texan alumni should be able to make it over this speed bump, if you will,

and continue serving together in a successful and professional manner that is in the best interest of the students.

Therefore, today we present two challenges. To the Texas Student Media Board — give The Daily Texan another shot. Let them tap into their alumni base. This resourceful gold mine could prove to be beneficial to all sides. And to The Daily Texan alumni — make good on your pledge. Help save this valuable tradition that touches the lives of each and every student on this campus. As alumni, you owe it to the current and incoming Longhorns to pledge to preserve what's best for The Daily Texan, which in turn, we believe, is what's best for the students.

Point is, it's unfair to dismiss something with such a stronghold in the University's culture. The Daily Texan has been around for 113 years. We completely understand that adapting to change is needed, but let's make sure to carefully investigate each and every option before such a drastic final decision is made. This is a student-run newspaper. Let the students speak.

Thor Lund and Wills Brown
Student Government president and vice president

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CAMPUS



Emily Ng | Daily Texan Staff

Dr. Victor B. Saenz, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Administration at UT, moderates a panel discussion about immigration reform at Sid Richardson Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Panel talks immigration reform

By Zach Lozano

As the national debate on immigration reform heats up, the wide-ranging views on the topic were on display at a discussion Wednesday.

Victor Saenz, assistant professor in the Department of Educational Administration, moderated the discussion at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, which featured four panelists from varying backgrounds.

According to Bill Beardall, director of the Transnational Worker Rights Clinic, successful immigration reform would need to include several components such as fair temporary guest programs, tougher law enforcement and legislation.

“Temporary guest programs that are fair and help future flow of immigrants and a version of the DREAM Act need to be discussed,” Beardall said.

Drew DeBerry, deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, said it is unfair for law enforcement to judge if someone has good or bad intentions

“Until some hardcore action takes place, nothing is going to get done.”

— Madelynne Rodriguez, public relations Freshman

when crossing the border.

“We need to advise those in politics to find an issue that had derailed and fix it,” DeBerry said. “The big issue is the pathway to citizenship.”

Other panelists included anthropology professor Martha Menchaca and Joshua Trevino, vice president of communications for the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

The Public Affairs Alliance for Communities of Color, an organization which promotes diversity and enrichment in the LBJ School, hosted the talk.

Raul Sanchez, a public affairs graduate student who helped organize the discussion, said the goal of this discussion and others like it was to provide support for first generation students by bringing high profile guests in as speakers.

“In order for there to be an understanding of social

issues within our community, we have to inform ourselves on all sides of an issue,” Sanchez said. “The brown bag forum on immigration helped students understand a snapshot of the many perspectives of what to consider in working towards a comprehensive approach to immigration reform.”

Public relations freshman Madelynne Rodriguez attended the event because she has a personal connection to it.

“My boyfriend is from Japan,” Rodriguez said. “And because he wasn’t 18 when his mother was naturalized, he has to wait two more years [before he is naturalized].”

Rodriguez said her experiences make her feel the immigration system in America is flawed and needs to be fixed.

“Until some hardcore action takes place, nothing is going to get done,” Rodriguez said.

BUSINESS

‘Ninjas’ take jobs at the economy

By Alberto Long

As the job market becomes increasingly saturated and competitive, hands-on and professional experience before graduation has become essential to landing a job. A new online company hopes to facilitate students’ need for work experience by acting as the bridge between education and work.

Ninjathat, a student-led startup out of Philadelphia, has made its way to the UT campus and seeks to connect brands, companies, working professionals and their needs — listed on the Ninjathat website as “missions” — to the student workforce. Students “bid” for employment and companies hire based on student profiles.

Missions currently posted on the Ninjathat website call for a variety of skills ranging from web design

and market research to scarf knitting, designated driving and food delivery.

Siri Soth, a civil engineering freshman and brand ambassador, said the website will help students with limited time.

“It’s giving us chances to interact with people, make money and broaden our horizons while balancing school-work,” Soth said.

Mohit Patel, a business freshman and one of three brand ambassadors for the company, said Ninjathat is a great way for students to use skills learned inside the classroom and an efficient way to get things done for professionals.

“Ninjathat is an innovative idea in the sense that it gives students the ability to gain hands-on experience and enhance their resumes while still in school,” Patel said. “Whatever students learn in their classes or whatever they want

to do, they can accompany it with real-world experience through our company.”

Employers are encouraged to comment on student profiles upon completion of a task, where they can rate the student’s work and provide feedback. This provides other potential employers with access to the user’s online resume and recommendations.

Ninjathat guarantees employers money back if students fail to complete missions satisfactorily. Students can sign up for the service using their Facebook accounts.

Ninjathat will be seeking other companies and students to use their service during South By Southwest, Patel said. New missions will be posted throughout the week and Patel said all students looking to make money and network during the festival are encouraged to create a profile on the Ninjathat website.

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their faces.

“Why would they want to engage in a system that they feel has let them down?” Gonzalez asked.

Audience members were also part of the discussion. Joanne Richards, former assistant dean of the College of Pharmacy, said students have different interests, motivations and excitements.

“So the question becomes how do you provide excitement and curiosity and teach them things they don’t want to learn?” Richards said.

Rep. Cecil Bell, R-Magnolia, also sat on the panel. Texas Monthly and the Center for Politics and Governance



Emily Ng | Daily Texan Staff

Representatives of the State Legislature discuss the future of Texas at the LBJ Library on Wednesday evening.

at the LBJ School of Public Affairs hosted the event.

All four representatives said there was a change in tone from last Legislation when Sweany asked about partisanship. Strama and Villalba said legislators started a new tradition of wear-

ing purple on Thursdays, as a symbol of harmony.

“My good friend Ron Simmons came up with the idea,” Villalba said. “There was a desire to come together and we all want to make this state stronger and better.”

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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RED RIVER RIDICULOUS

Longhorns win as circus shot caps 22-point comeback

By Nick Cremona



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff
Top: Longhorns fans react to Myck Kabongo's bizarre buzzer-beater that sent the game into overtime. **Right:** Kabongo goes up for a shot against Oklahoma on Wednesday night. He had 31 points en route to Texas' 22-point come-from-behind victory.

Who were those guys? Just when Texas looked like it would fade once again late in a game, it didn't. Instead, the Longhorns played with the most intensity they have displayed the entire season while overcoming a 22-point second-half deficit to defeat Oklahoma in overtime, 92-86, the biggest comeback in head coach Rick Barnes' tenure.

"We got aggressive, starting making some shots and the momentum changed," Barnes said. "I'm sitting there thinking to myself, 'what just happened?'"

With the Longhorns (13-15, 5-10) down two points with less than seven seconds left in the game, Myck Kabongo drove the length of the court without calling a timeout and hit perhaps the biggest shot of his career. Kabongo's remarkable shot from the hip sent the game to overtime and awoke what was left of a sleepy Wednesday night crowd at the Frank Erwin Center.

"The play was for Sheldon

[McClellan] actually," said Kabongo, who spoke to the media for the first time this season after the game. "We needed to make a play and I just made it. It just happened to go in and it felt good when it left my hand."

Only a game removed from a career-high 24-point showing against Kansas State, Kabongo led Texas in scoring again with 31 points. The sophomore engineered a 13-0

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TOPTWEET

Kevin Durant
@KDTrey5
"Yea my longhorns came back from being down 22, all that showboating and coming back to Oklahoma with a L...#hookem."

Kabongo leads Horns past the Sooners

FIRST HALF

When Texas traveled to Norman last month, it only lost by six points. And for the better of the first half in Wednesday's game, the Longhorns kept the game close again. They took a 16-14 lead on the Sooners before OU's Steven Pledger knocked down three three-pointers during a 17-0 Oklahoma run. Pledger hit his first five attempts from beyond the arc and scored 15 points in the first half for the Sooners, who went into halftime with a 43-28 lead over Texas.

SECOND HALF

A 15-4 run gave Oklahoma a 67-45 lead with a little less than eight minutes to play. But Myck Kabongo scored 11 points during a 13-0 Texas run of its own, cutting the Sooners lead to nine points. The Longhorns continued to chip away as Sheldon McClellan's three-pointer with 1:11 to go and three free throws in the final minute made it a one-point game. With Texas trailing, 77-75, Kabongo went the length of the floor and threw up an off-balance prayer. It somehow went down and the Longhorns, once down by 22 points, were in the midst of their fifth overtime game this year.

OVERTIME

Texas won the tip and Kabongo hit a three-pointer on its first overtime possession. The Longhorns never trailed in the extra period. Amath M'Baye's try at the 1:19 mark made things interesting but Ioannis Papatrou answered with a three-pointer of his own on the ensuing possession as Texas cruised to a six-point victory.

STOCK UP

Myck Kabongo: In fifth game since returning from his suspension, the sophomore scored a career-high 31 points, 24 of them after the 7:38 mark in the second half. After scoring more than 20 points just once in his first 37 games, he's topped the 20-point mark in his last two games. As impressive as his acrobatic fadeaway was at the end of regulation, the way he played down the stretch was why he had a chance to send the game to overtime. Once he did that, he continued to dominate, scoring the Longhorns' first six points in the extra period.

Demarcus Holland: He scored 10 points on 4-for-8 shooting but his block of Steven Pledger with 1:33 remaining in regulation was a huge play. McClellan hit a three-pointer on the next possession before Kabongo went on to send the game to overtime and lead Texas to a thrilling victory. The 22-point margin the Longhorns overcame marked their biggest comeback win in the Rick Barnes era.

WHAT'S NEXT

Texas travels to Stillwater to face Oklahoma State on Saturday. The Longhorns fell to the Cowboys, 72-59 in their last meeting Feb. 9, which was the last time they played without Kabongo.

-Christian Corona

FOOTBALL

Quandre Diggs stands during the TCU game in December. The cornerback is one of several players on the Texas defense who could take over at safety with the loss of Kenny Vaccaro to the draft.



Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan file photo

Question: Who's in at safety?

By Rachel Thompson

Editor's note: This is the second of five burning questions we will ask as spring practice kicks off: Who will replace Kenny Vaccaro? The third question will be answered Tuesday.

As Kenny Vaccaro anxiously anticipates the NFL draft, Texas deals with the tough task of replacing him.

Kenny Vaccaros, after all, don't come along every day. The quickness, consistency in coverage and versatility

the senior safety yielded provided a major asset for the often sluggish Texas defense this past season. He could hit hard, move his feet and execute a physical game.

Beneath an array of tattoos on his arms was genuine tackling talent: In his 51 career games, Vaccaro had 264 tackles and led the team in tackles in his senior season.

As he departs for an NFL career, Texas must address a burning question: Who can replace Kenny Vaccaro?

It's a question both Mack

Brown and defensive backs coach Duane Akina have been addressing as spring practice commenced.

"We had a good discussion about that for about the last 10 days, and [Duane is] going to work them all," Brown said at his press conference last week. "We got Sheroid Evans starting out at corner. But Quandre [Diggs] can play safety. He can play corner. And Duane has got to find his best five because of nickel."

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FOOTBALL COLUMN

Mack: You need me; let me tell you why

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

Dear Mr. William Mack Brown,

Consider this the cover letter of my application for the recent opening in the Texas football program, which, as you know, is looking for a director of player personnel.

First, some background, for those reading. Recent NCAA deregulations allow for an unlimited number of administrative staff. If you have the money to pay them, you can hire them. And we all know how deep the Longhorns' pockets are.

Alabama, not surprisingly, was among the first to use the recent rule adjustments to its advantage. Crimson Tide head coach Nick Saban recently hired former Baylor head coach Kevin Steele to be its director of player personnel.

"Alabama is ahead of all of us with the number of personnel that they have hired,

and that's something that everybody is looking very closely at," head coach Mack Brown said. "And again, it's something that all of us have looked very carefully at and what's best for college football and what's best for Texas."

So, Mack, you need someone with social media savvy? My Twitter: 261 followers and counting. Want someone on your staff that knows recruiting, in and out? Look no further. I was born and raised in Austin and I've covered this team closely throughout my time here at UT.

I know this program like the back of my hand and have great ideas to improve it. Seems like this position deals a lot with recruiting. First suggestion: Try not to get too worked up about prospects considering other schools, even after they've committed to play for you.

Second suggestion: Great job going after juniors. Now let's take it one step further.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Cochran breaks leg, out for rest of spring

Rising junior offensive tackle Josh Cochran will miss the remainder of spring practice with a broken left leg, an injury he sustained at practice on Wednesday. Kenny Boyd, Head Athletic Trainer for Football, announced the injury Wednesday and stated that while it is not known when he will return, Cochran should be ready for action in August in time for pre-season practices. In 2012, Cochran started in all 13 games for the Longhorns, two at left tackle and 11 at right tackle.

- Sara Beth Purdy

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Kevin Durant
- 18 points
- 11 rebounds
- 10 assists

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Tristan Thompson
- 14 points
- 8 rebounds

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Dubbed “Munchie” for his hearty childhood appetite, Evans will likely be hungry for more playing time in his junior year. He played as a reserve defensive back and on special teams last season, missed four games with a leg injury and ended the season on a high note with a tackle in the Alamo Bowl.

Evans played 13 games as a freshman, notching eight tackles and a fumble in his first year on the team. His highlight performance came in the Holiday Bowl in 2011, as he helped the defense

pressure Cal, holding them to a mere seven rushing yards. If he can continue to assert his influence and stay healthy in 2013, Evans could be a viable option to fill Vaccaro's spot.

Other candidates include Adrian Phillips, who will enter his senior season with 15 career starts after playing in all 13 games last season, upping his consistency as the year progressed. Then there's Mykkel Thompson, whose resume boasts experience on special teams and as a safety. Another possibility is Josh Turner, who hasn't missed a game in the past two seasons and made his first start against Baylor in 2012.

But perhaps the most intriguing is Quandre Diggs, a cornerback with 24 career starts and eight interceptions who seems to have enough versatility to step into Vaccaro's shoes.

“Quandre can play safety, he can play corner,” Brown said. When Adrian was out some of the bowl practice, Quandre got a good week at safety in there.”

If Diggs can make the leap from cornerback to safety, as Brown believes he can, the gaping hole Vaccaro leaves won't be so wide. And while Vaccaro certainly won't be easy to replace, Texas has a string of players ready to step up and fill the slot he left.

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Texas run halfway through the second half, scoring 11 of those points and assisting on the only other bucket made by Jonathan Holmes. In each of the five games since his return from suspension, Kabongo has reached double figures in scoring, with the Longhorns winning three of those games. After scoring just three points in the first

half, Kabongo went on to hit 8-of-11 shots in the second half and overtime to lift Texas to victory.

“That was good for Myck,” McLellan said. “He deserved it.” Entering the game, the Sooners (18-9, 9-6) had lost their last seven games at the Frank Erwin Center, a streak dating back to 2005.

This time out the Sooners seemed determined to end their losing streak, wasting no time knocking down open shot after open shot in the first half. At the intermis-

sion the Sooners were shooting over 70 percent and were well on their way to another win over the Longhorns.

“Whenever you're down, you have to play like it's an emergency,” Kabongo said. “What really helped us was the fans. It was great to see the Erwin Center loud like that. We need this to be an intimidating place to place for us to win.”

Said Oklahoma head coach Lon Kruger: “[Kabongo's] really tough to guard, especially late in the game.”

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Start talking to sophomores. Don't be afraid to offer scholarships to freshmen. Heck, there are schools out there offering eighth graders.

One of Texas' most highly touted Class of 2014 targets, New Orleans St. Augustine running back Leonard Fournette, is a five-star prospect, according to Rivals.com.

The Longhorns offered him a scholarship earlier this month but LSU offered him when he was in ninth grade.

Southlake Christian (N.C.) running back Robert Washington and wide receiver Conner O'Donnell, freshmen on the same high school team, have each chosen Mississippi State.

There's a reason the SEC has won each of the last seven national championships. They're always ahead of the game. Texas, the last non-

SEC team to win a national title, has to catch up. I can help with that.

I don't have any playing or coaching experience at the collegiate level — though I have built many a dynasty on NCAA Football — but you will find plenty of sports-related experience on my beautiful, baseball stitch-decorated resume. After two years covering the Longhorns, I'm also well-versed in coach speak. I think I'd be a good fit.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | RACHEL WENZLAFF

As expected, top-ranked Texas claimed the first day of events in the Big 12 Championship meet with relative ease. TCU and West Virginia were forced to watch the Longhorns stand at the top of the podium after every event.

Texas championed both relays and the one-meter dive, each by a large margin. In the 200-yard medley relay, seniors Cole Cragin and Dax Hill along with

sophomore Tripp Cooper and junior Madison Wenzler took first with a time of 1:25.23.

In the 800-yard freestyle relay, Hill and sophomores Jake Ritter, Kip Darmody and Clay Youngquist took first again with a time more than 15 seconds faster than West Virginia's second-place swimmer.

“Our 800 free relay was really good with both our A team and our B team,”

swimming head coach Eddie Reese said. “Tonight was a good night for us.”

From the other side of the center, the diving team further contributed to Texas's dominance. Despite having final scores lower than their preliminary scores, freshmen Cory Bowersox secured first place with a score of 360.55, while junior Will McCraney scored 336 points to earn second place.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | BRITTANY LAMAS

The Longhorns dominated opening day of the 2013 Big 12 Championships Wednesday, sweeping the only two events and setting a new UT record for the 200 medley relay.

“I just want them to race hard, race against the clock, race against themselves,” head coach Carol Capitani said. “It makes me pretty proud that they started off the event with a school record.”

Seniors Laura Sogar and Kelsey Amundsen, along with juniors Sarah Denninghoff and Ellen Lobb, led the relay team to a new UT record at 1:36.69, but

came just over a half second shy of the Big 12 conference record 1:36.02.

West Virginia finished second, nearly three seconds behind at 1:39.50, followed by Iowa State at 1:40.84.

In the 800 freestyle relay, juniors Samantha Tucker and Alex Hooper, sophomore Kelsey LaNeave and Denninghoff secured an easy victory with 7:01.61. West Virginia followed with 7:12.98 and TCU in third at 7:15.12.

Starting the championship off perfect, the two wins gave the team the full 80 points possible for



Laura Sogar
Senior

the day.

After early preliminary rounds, Thursday's event finals will include the 200 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle and 400 medley relay.



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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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RAVI SHANKAR (1920-2012) **Solution: 10 letters**

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laude 2012 Harvard economics graduate who acts as the group's chief financial officer.

Breinin believes education is the most important commodity that foreign aid projects can provide and advocates a hands-on approach.

"We all teach in the classroom," Breinin said. "That's a big thing for us — we all feel that, to understand our goal, which is to empower children through education, we have to understand how the academic process works."

Hollis focuses on water accessibility, and her most important accomplishment to date has been securing funding for a freshwater well.

"The well project was one of our biggest fundraising initiatives — we ended up raising about \$60,000," Hollis said. "We contracted out a company to build it. That was entirely UT's project — I teamed up with Students for Clean Water right after I came back [from Kenya]. I could've tried to start a movement but I doubted that would've happened as a sophomore, so I just instead decided to mobilize already-created groups."

The group raised \$10,000 independently and worked with nonprofit Living Water International, which



Business honors and pre-med senior Sara Hollis is UT's representative on the Board of Directors for the Wema Children's Orphanage Centre in Kenya. Hollis' main goal is to recruit more UT members in order to secure the funding for a freshwater well.

Johnathan Garza
Daily Texan Staff

obtained corporate sponsorship and granted the other \$50,000.

"This January, I went back and got to see that the entire well was complete, which was insane," Hollis said. "I didn't think it was ever going to happen."

The well contractors described the well as being the best they have built in Kenya for the last ten years. The orphanage sits directly on top of a large water table, and plans are in motion to irrigate water to the surrounding village of Bukembe, with a population of around 1000.

Hollis is seeking to recruit more UT members to join

her cause. Last January, fellow business honors senior and Orange Jackets member Justine Taylor-Raymond accompanied her, being the first other UT student to make the journey.

"When I was there we spent a lot of time getting the school ready," Taylor-Raymond said. "We painted and cleaned the classrooms and brought over a bunch of books and computers to create a library system."

Volunteers of Wema Children Centre sleep in the directors' house and eat traditional foods, like goat, avocado and mango. Taylor-Raymond said the authentic nature of the trip makes it a unique experience.

"I'd recommend it to other students," Taylor-Raymond said. "It's very organized, even if it was run by college students. There's so much to be done when you're there you feel like you're really doing something and you have a large impact on these kids."

Despite the daunting task of eradicating poverty through education, this international, intercollegiate operation is holding its own. None of the orphans have tested HIV positive. They have successfully registered Wema Orphanage Centre as an African NGO and are working on obtaining the same status in America. The students consistently place

in the top five schools on the Kenyan national exam. Every graduate has gone on to a state university. A new ground well provides essential freshwater to hundreds and a medical clinic staffed by a government nurse ensures adequate health care.

"As UT students, when we have everything at our fingertips we're kind of blinded," Hollis said. "It's really easy to learn a lot of theoretical things on campus. Sometimes our education is so idealistic. It's just important to put things into practice, and what better way is there than to get on the ground and help people with real issues?"

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of acupuncture into even more ridiculous directions.

For instance, a practitioner can work sans needles. According to the Needleless Acupuncture unit's instructions — which feature full-color clip art images of a tiger and a dragon, like most manuals for medical equipment — the device

penetrates the skin using magnets rather than actual needles. Of particular interest are the two separate magnets sold with the unit: a north pole and a south pole. If this is true, then the manufacturers have discovered the mythic monopole, which has eluded physicists for well over 100 years, and deserve a Nobel Prize.

But they should probably stay out of medicine since studies have repeatedly shown that magnetic

therapy doesn't work, either.

Also, unlike most medicines, which are tested on animals for safety before moving on to human trials, acupuncture went the other way around. Pet acupuncture isn't nearly as uncommon as you might think (or hope). A Yelp search in Austin, for instance, finds no fewer than 12 results for veterinarians who offer acupuncture treatments for dogs.

A systematic review has

catalogued the current research looking at acupuncture's effect on not only dogs, but horses, pigs, cattle and sheep as well. The results are, unsurprisingly, as unremarkable as they have been for human studies.

Medical testing is a difficult, lengthy, risky and extremely expensive process, but it's necessary in order to find treatments that work beyond the illusion of one's own flawed perceptions. Magic talk about life

energies and mystical treatments that offer the possibility of curing what traditional medicine can't may sound reassuring, but ultimately, no reliable experiment has provided any evidence to back up those claims — and many have refuted them.

Real treatments come with real risks and real side effects, sometimes as bad or worse than the disease itself, but, unfortunately, as flawed as these cures may be, they're the best we have.

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society's perspective.

"People see us and think, 'Oh they're just juggling,'" Kovar said. "But when someone's dancing, people think, 'Oh that's beautiful!' People don't take juggling seriously. Some jugglers do dance, choreography and juggling all at the same time."

Maxwell joins in this attempt to educate society about the truth of juggling and about the Juggling Society and what they do.

"This group started in the late '70s," Maxwell said. "My goal is keep this group going, and to keep juggling relevant on campus. To make it so that students who are interested in it can seek it out and benefit from it. Our club is completely open. Anytime, anyone. No restrictions."

POET

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me lie on the floor in a fetal position, closed the door because it wasn't his business, and listened to my skin split between his knuckles, congratulations on your baby girl," pack a verbal punch that wakes the reader up.

Kevin Burke, another Austin slam poet, started Timber Mouse last year. "Love Letters To Balled Fists," out Thursday, is the publishing company's second book. To celebrate, Stewart and other poets will perform at a book release party at the 29th Street Ballroom Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The book is available online at Stewart's website and the Timber Mouse website.

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Today's Reason to Party

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They became the first commercial transport for people and freight in the States, allowing people to travel all over to party.

Party on, dudes.

Jeffrey

DOOH. **AHHH** **HEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHE**

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HOLD ME CHASER **WHAT THE HELL?!**

THAT IS SO RUDE - THIS IS THE QUIET FLOOR FOR A REASON

TINY DANCER & ♪ ♪ ♪
CAME TO THE HEADLIGHTS
ON THE HIGHWAY

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AARON RODRIGUEZ

LORD HROLF, WE ARE DOWN TO HALF OF OUR STORED FOOD SUPPLIES.

WE THINK THERE MAY BE AN INFESTATION OF RATS IN STORAGE.

WHAT!? IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK! HOW!?

IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE FOUND OUR RAT PROBLEM...

HI.

INVERSE CURVE

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ART HISTORY CLASS!

I grade on an inverse curve. Whoever has the lowest score gets a zero, & all others will have points deducted.

So... if everyone gets an A... Then everyone gets an F.

That'll teach you to make fun of my subject behind my back.

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SINGLESMEAT.COM *Sammy Vanich*

PROFILE

Name: Adrian Honeyheels **5 YEAR MEMBER** *Loyalty Club*

Age: 36

Enjoys: Applying lipstick, tending to cattle, developing soup recipes.

Adrian is currently employed at Subway, gladly giving polite customers extra cheese at no additional cost.

RETURN TO MAIN MESSAGE PROPOSE

TALES OF THE CITY **CODY BUBENIK**

THIS COULD NOT HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME!

HERE!

THESE ARE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE! DUE BY FRIDAY!

SIR THERE ARE HUNDREDS HERE!

DAMN IT! I TOOK A CHANCE ON YOU!

STARTING DAGGERS

OK OK! I'LL START YA OFF EASY!

LET ME SEE SHUFFLE

HOW BOUT THIS!

NATURE FACTS *Knock! Knock!*

Oh crumb. It's that zoologist again...

Mr. Owl? Mr. Owl?

Owls sleep during the day... that's all. Yeah... yeah!

Always wants me to come out and play!

Forrest Lybrand

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Chiquita import
 - 8 Sailor's heavy jacket
 - 15 1968 to the present, in tennis
 - 16 Gathers on the surface, as a layer of molecules
 - 17 Small image displayed in a browser's address bar
 - 18 Quick break
 - 19 Subject of a 2010 biography subtitled "The Voice"
 - 21 Marie Antoinette's loss
 - 22 Title boy in a Humperdinck opera
 - 26 Forearm bones
 - 30 Word before and after "yeah"
 - 32 "Whoa, baby!"
 - 33 It may have one or two sides
 - 35 Part of a baby's daily schedule
 - 37 Port
 - 38 City that's home to three Unesco World Heritage Sites
 - 39 Tabloid TV show co-hosted by Mario Lopez
 - 41 Atomic
 - 42 "Broccoli again?," e.g.
 - 43 Tale
 - 44 Put on guard
 - 46 Hollywood's Roberts and others
 - 48 Part of P.S.T.: Abbr.
 - 50 Several "Boris Godunov" parts
 - 51 Lapsed
 - 53 Back
 - 55 Compact since 1982
 - 61 Bordering state
 - 64 Two
- DOWN**
- 1 Sockeroo
 - 2 On ___ with
 - 3 Gulf of Finland feeder
 - 4 Have ___ with
 - 5 Unimaginative gift, maybe
 - 6 Sprang
 - 7 "Madness put to good uses," per George Santayana
 - 8 Nickname for Haydn
 - 9 First lady of the 1910s
 - 10 Off course
 - 11 Dangerous family
 - 12 Meal morsel
 - 13 Type letters
 - 14 Medicine amt.
 - 20 Colorful fish
 - 23 Country lads
 - 24 Newsweek and others
 - 25 She was on the cover of back-to-back issues of Time in September 1997
 - 26 Metalworker's tool
 - 27 Sweater material
 - 28 It stops at Manhattan's Washington Square and Rockefeller Center
 - 29 Affair of the 1980s
 - 31 Bygone political inits.
 - 34 Sushi fish
 - 36 Part of the lams logo
 - 40 Fraternity letters
 - 45 Side by side
 - 47 See 67-Across
 - 49 "You're welcome, amigo"
 - 52 Line that ended in 1917
 - 54 Consistent with
 - 56 Leave rolling in the aisles
 - 57 "Good job!"
 - 58 Ride in London
 - 59 Rice-A-___
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 - 61 Pal
 - 62 "Kapow!"
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CAMPUS

Skillful juggling is no circus

By Jourden Sander

Tossing clubs in the air and catching them in a rhythmic manner may not seem artistic, but the students of the Texas Juggling Society at UT beg to differ.

A sport that is both mentally stimulating and artistically fulfilling, the club members said juggling has interested them in a way that other forms of expression have not.

“It interests me because first of all, it’s fun to watch — even when you’re behind the balls,” society president Cole Ryberg said. “There’s a lot of personal development involved. It truly is a discipline.”

As a sport that engages the mind as much as the body, the club members said juggling has improved their quality of life in other areas as well.

“I love everything about juggling,” student ambassador Jacob Kovar said. “I love how it’s a really cool skill to have. It improves hand-eye coordination, but it also has good benefits to your brain. I remember things quicker than I used to because of juggling.”

Jim Maxwell, the adviser of the Texas Juggling Society, said he has seen the differences juggling makes in a person’s life. Learning to juggle may improve hand-eye coordination, but it serves to stimulate cognition as well.

“There was a study that showed that learning to juggle generates brain tissue,” Maxwell said. “When you first learn, it creates new pathways for neurons. Juggling can sharpen your



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UT jugglers Josh Randall, Nate Blanco and Katie Martins juggle amongst other enthusiasts from all over Texas at the annual Austin juggle festival held at the Texas School for the Deaf.

focus and more importantly, it allows you to learn the art of multi-tasking. It improves your higher cognitive functions.”

In an ABC News article, “Can Juggling Improve Your Brain?,” Edna Sun wrote that juggling has been scientifically proven to increase brain activity.

“The study found that volunteers who did not train to juggle showed no difference in their brain scans over the three-month period,” Sun wrote. “However, those who now acquired the skill demonstrated an increase in gray matter in two areas of the brain involved in visual and motor

activity, the mid-temporal area and the posterior intraparietal sulcus.”

According to Ryberg, the mental strain of juggling also has to do with the particular items being juggled. Ryberg said some props evoke more cognition, while others evoke less.

“There are balls, rings, clubs, and then sometimes you can combine them and have a multi-prop juggling,” Ryberg said. “It’s a thought exercise — an interactive puzzle in front of you.”

An important skill learned from juggling is the ability to pay close attention to each prop thrown in the air. Maxwell said this

skill, while necessary to become a talented juggler, can sometimes backfire.

Maxwell flexed his hand, touching a scar as he spoke about the memory of where it came from, and about how juggling can sometimes be dangerous.

“It was a real butcher’s knife that was falling off the counter, and my juggling reflexes kicked in and I grabbed the knife,” Maxwell said. “Juggling can sometimes represent controlled chaos.”

Not many people know about the intense way juggling can effect a person’s mind, but Kovar said not many people know much about juggling, period.

“In most societies, no one juggles,” Kovar said. “Everyone draws or does other creative things. So for me, juggling was out of the box. Something people didn’t normally do. I’m more of a logical person and society says logical people tend to lack creativity, but juggling is logic and creativity combined. That’s what draws me in to juggling; the beautifully artistic way logic presents itself.”

Because of the social stigmas and misconceptions about juggling as an art and as a sport, the club members strive to change

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WORLD

Students aid orphans in Kenyan school

By Shane Miller

Sara Hollis, business honors and pre-med senior, doesn’t mind trading the first world for the third. In 2011 she joined four students from Harvard on a mission to benefit Wema Children’s Orphanage Centre in Kenya and currently sits on their Board of Directors as UT’s sole representative. The organization also includes students from University of Southern California, MIT and University of Pennsylvania.

“Our goal is to provide quality education for these students that would have otherwise been in the awful public school system of Kenya,” Hollis said. “In the early 2000s the government made public education free, and because of that, it overcrowded the system. There are over 300 kids per classroom, which caused a lot of private schools to pop up, which are essentially the only way to get into a secondary school.”

The Wema Orphanage Centre functions as a private boarding school for about 160 orphans ranging from four to 18. It is located near the village of Bukembe, an area with an HIV/AIDS rate of 30 percent.

The organization is led entirely by college students and focuses mainly on providing funding for education. They’ve helped build dormitories, a medical clinic, a computer lab and a library, in addition to providing basic necessities like food and water.

Alex Breinin is a magna cum

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ART

Austin poet releases well-versed book

By Audrey White

A new book by Austin poet Ebony Stewart delves into the complexities of physical and sexual abuse, race, the love of mothers and cupcakes.

Ebony Stewart conveys her own truths and universal ones in “Love Letters to Balled Fists,” a collection of poems out February 28 by local publishing company Timber Mouse. Her first full-length published book mixes hard and soft, a reflection of her own identity as “The Gully Princess.”

“The gully part is more of a heavy hand, say what I gotta say I don’t give a damn,” Stewart said. “The other part is the love letters where I try to be sensitive and be vulnerable.”

Stewart started writing poetry when she was eight years old. She started performing her poetry live in



Courtesy photo of Ebony Stewart

Ebony Stewart is releasing her first full-length book Thursday.

2005 and moved to Austin in 2007. She is active in the Austin slam scene and said Texas is a great place to be a performance poet. Most of the poems in the book were written over the last two years, and some as recently as a month ago.

She grew up surrounded by women after her mom divorced her abusive father. Today, she writes powerfully on the impact of women in her life and in her community.

The first poem, “Mosaic Women,” ends “These women, who carry a pen, a switchblade and bubble gum in their purses. I say these women, make the world go ‘round in verses.” The line sets up the rest of the book, which

mixes up serious ideas with light commentary.

In “Cupcakes,” Stewart explains that she eats the sweet treats in lieu of vices like booze, weed or video games. A poem about the deliciousness of red velvet is suddenly a poem about sex and the failure of quick fixes.

The poems are confessional — Stewart called herself “a life writer” — and the author doesn’t shy away from sharing hard truths about her past. In “Domestic,” Stewart shares her experiences seeing and experiencing domestic violence.

Lines like: “For his best friend, who is also his roommate, and watched

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Acupuncture may not be on point



You’re tired all of the time. Or maybe you’re suffering from back pains that, no matter how many doctors you’ve seen, can’t be cured. That must be because you’re stuck in the paradigm of traditional, evidence-based “Western medicine.” Maybe you need something different — something mystical that doesn’t require the kind of proof and testing that ordinary medical procedures do. Maybe you need something like acupuncture.

Acupuncture is a method, supposedly originating in ancient China, where the practitioner uses thin needles to poke various “acupoints” on a patient’s skin to unblock the body’s “qi” (core energy) and treat, well, anything.

Chronic pain? Sure. Cancer? You bet. AIDS? Of course. By reducing anything that can possibly be wrong with you to a mystical, undetectable energy, proponents of acupuncture don’t have to limit the scope of their treatment the way that traditional medical practitioners do.

So, the question really is, does it work?

Good experiments regarding acupuncture are hard to find, mainly because it’s difficult to eliminate a placebo

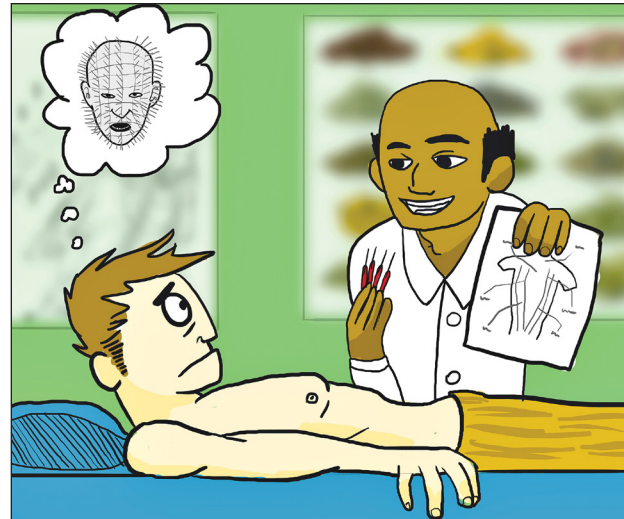


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effect: You generally know whether somebody is poking you with needles. Scientists are nothing if not resourceful, however, and have developed several “sham acupuncture” treatments to act as controls. The simplest involves placing needles at non-acupoints on the subject — as long as the patient isn’t familiar with where the needles are supposed to go, then the experiment is single-blinded. A single-blind experiment is one in which information that could bias the results of the experiment is withheld from the test subject.

Another technique involves using needles that create the sensation of a poke without actually penetrating the skin: If the patient can’t see the needles, this should also do the trick.

A fairly recent study using

both of these control strategies found no difference between either of them and “real” acupuncture in the treatment of fibromyalgia, a condition characterized by chronic pain.

So acupuncture doesn’t work for fibromyalgia, but couldn’t it still work for, say, allergies? Or back pain? Do we really need to test it for every possible condition to find out that it doesn’t work?

No. The burden of proof, as always, is on the proponents and, anecdotes aside, this burden hasn’t been met — throughout the acupuncture literature, the better the study is, the smaller the effect becomes. Fortunately, neither the absence of evidence nor evidence of absence has stopped believers from taking the ideas

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“LOVE LETTERS TO BALLED FISTS” RELEASE PARTY

Where: 29th Street Ballroom
When: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

There’s some pricks in our video too!
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