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# SG candidates tout platform of experience

**By Audrey White**
Daily Texan Staff

*Editors note: This is the first in a four-part series of profiles featuring the four Student Government executive alliances. SG elections begin Tuesday, March 2 and end Wednesday, March 3.*

They first found a passion for Student Government during their freshman years, and presidential candidate Minator Azemi and vice presidential candidate Justin Stein say it's their record of effective service and leadership that sets them apart from traditional SG candidates.

Azemi and Stein both currently serve as University-wide representatives in SG. Last year, Azemi served as administrative director and Stein served as a liberal arts representative, a role for which he was named Representative of the Year. Stein also currently chairs SG's Student Affairs Committee, and Azemi worked directly with UT's administration and the Legislature for a year and a half in the government relations office on campus. The pair said their past successes — ranging from expanded acceptance of Bevo Bucks to the creation of a Student Conduct Advisory Council within Student Judicial Services — prove that they hold the key to acting on behalf of students in visible ways.

The Executive Alliance's platform addresses lowering students' costs, raising student voice in the Legislature, increasing student retention, creating a more open and representative SG and improving the quality of student life. Although these planks are broad and mimic the optimistic platforms of past SG candidates, Azemi said he and Stein have the experience and passion necessary to follow through on their campaign promises.

"Every minute we are working on SG things, it's with the mindset of helping students," Azemi said. "We hope students will be able to say, 'We see what they've done, and we're positive that they will deliver on these promises.'"

Within each broad issue, the campaign platform lists specific plans to improve campus life. Ideas include increased online textbook options, workshops to teach students how to address members of the Legislature about student issues and more food

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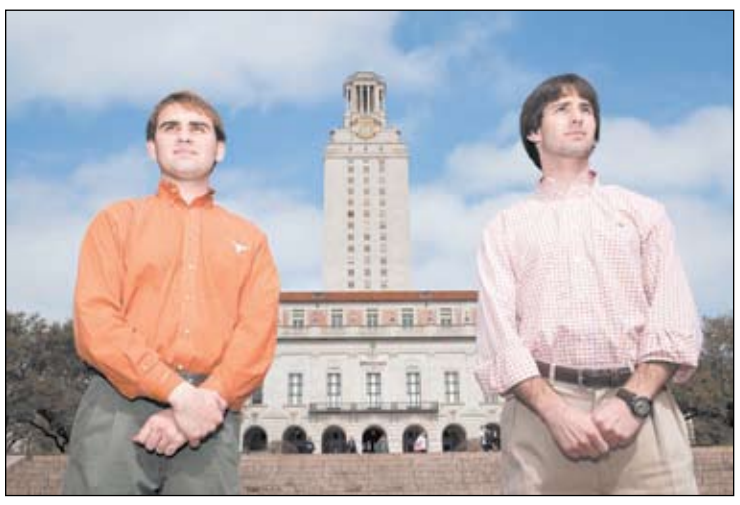

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**Minator Azemi and Justin Stein form one of four executive alliances competing during the current Student Government election cycle.**

# Executive alliances face off

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**Executive alliance candidates Lara Grant, Aaron Walther, Muneezeh Kabir and Scott Parks prepare for the first Student Government debate of the current election cycle on Monday night.**

## Presidential pairs focus on support for students, transparency

**By Gabrielle Cloudy**
Daily Texan Staff

Student Government executive alliance hopefuls pledged to increase transparency within the organization and lobby for lower tuition costs at the only official debate before the March 2-3 elections.

Monday evening's debate featured executive alliance candidates Minator Azemi and Justin Stein; Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir; Texas Travesty candidates Aaron Walther and Lara Grant; and Austin Talbert and Joseph Zimowski. The debate also allowed University-wide representative candidates and Daily Texan editor-in-chief candidates to present their platforms and encourage students to vote for them.

Deputy SG adviser Melinda Sutton hosted the debate between the alliances to fulfill a requirement under the SG election code.

Sutton invited Daily Texan editor-in-chief Jillian Sheridan to moderate the debate and ask candidates questions. Candidates were given two minutes to answer and were allowed a one-minute rebuttal after listening to other participants.

"[With this debate] students have a chance to watch all the candidates interact with each other," Sheridan said. "It gives students a better understanding of who [candidates] are in person. It's different than when looking at a Web site. [The debate] can be very revealing."

Azemi, a presidential candidate and a government senior, said he felt good about answering questions and about the message he and Stein, his running mate and a Plan II senior, would be relaying to students.

"Justin and I are confident in our message for students," Azemi said. "We want to curb the cost of University attendance. Since it's set for the next two years, we will look to decrease costs in other areas."

Talbert — a presidential candidate, former Daily Texan employee and journalism senior — said if elected, he and Zimowski, his running mate and an undeclared junior, would go to the state Legislature to push for an increase in University funding, try to establish domestic partner benefits at UT and would strive to attain University graduate student health insurance.

"We want to mobilize the students," Talbert said. "Students are most welcome down the halls of the Capitol. We want to give them the tools and the resources [to lobby]."

Parks, a presidential candidate and a finance senior, prepared over the weekend for the debate with Kabir, his running mate and an English senior. Before the debate, Kabir said she was confident about answering a variety of questions.

Kabir said she and Parks are qualified because she has a history of working with social-justice and student-advocacy organizations and Parks has a business background.

Sheridan asked executive alliance candidates four hypothetical questions about the changes candidates would make and how they would implement promises from their platforms if elected.

Three of the four executive alliance candidates answered the question by stating their support for the student body,

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# Group reveals plan to sustain Cactus Cafe

**By Shabab Siddiqui**
Daily Texan Staff

The Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe publicly posted a plan Monday to keep the cafe in its current state and location by preserving "its fundamental character" while "increasing access for students."

The plan, endorsed by Texas Union Board faculty member Thomas Garza, would leave the cafe in the hands of the current management to continue its daily operations and to produce live-music shows.

According to the plan, students would have increased opportunities to be active in managing, booking and performing at the cafe through internships and part-time employment. The plan would also create the Cactus Cafe Student Artists-in-Residence Program, which would allow student performers to compete against each other for a spot as an opener for larger acts.

Any of the cafe's budgetary shortfalls would be covered by the Friends of the Cactus Cafe, a nonprofit group which started its fundraising campaign earlier this week and hopes to raise 10 percent of the $66,000 year-end goal by Friday.

The proposal designates a seven-member committee composed of two students, two faculty members, two community members and one professional musician to oversee the project.

Zachary Bidner, government senior and co-founder of the Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe, said the students on the committee will ensure all types of cafe patrons are represented.

Bidner said the plan was drafted by a few members of the group but was not officially voted on by the entire membership due to time constraints.

Facing a 2-percent University-wide budget cut, the Texas Union Board voted Jan. 29 to repurpose the 31-year-old Cactus Cafe and to phase out the informal classes program by August.

The organization's proposal comes just days after a separate plan was presented by the Texas Union's Student Events Center. The two plans do not contradict each other because the Student Friends' plan works to prevent the cafe from closing, while the SEC's plan provides recommendations of what to do with the space if it closes, said Andrew Nash, SEC president and Texas Union Board member.

Both Bidner and Nash said they can see both proposals being voted on and passed by the Union board, which meets Friday.

# City's climate plan garners support for renewable energy

**By Joshua Michaels**
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Energy Generation Plan, a proposal which will lower the city's greenhouse emissions, cleared its final public hurdle Monday night.

In an interactive public forum at the Palmer Events Center, a panel of experts fielded questions from the moderator and audience members about the pending proposal.

The Generation Plan represents just one piece of the comprehensive Austin Climate Protection Plan, a climate-change blueprint conceived under former Mayor Will Wynn that is designed to slash carbon emissions citywide and make Austin carbon neutral by 2020.

Over the next decade, the Generation Plan proposes to shift energy production from the city's current coal-dominated plan to one that relies predominantly on wind and natural gas. The plan, which increases renewable energy by 35 percent, will subsequently raise energy efficiency to 800 megawatts and reduce carbon emissions to 20 percent below the 2005 levels, according to details on the Austin Energy Web site.

The final round of public scrutiny wraps up nearly 18 months of deliberation, which included a series of town hall meetings conducted in 2008 and 2009 and a resource task force composed of representatives from environmental, commercial and public interest groups.

"It reduces our carbon footprint in the short term, but also positions the utility very well going beyond 2020," said Roger Duncan, general manager of Austin Energy and architect of the Generation Plan.

The Austin City Council will likely approve the plan when council members vote on the issue in

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# Love Your Body Week fights eating disorders

***Weeklong event presents information, offers help to promote student health***

**By Audria Choudhury**
Daily Texan Staff

University Health Services is working to help educate people about positive body image with Love Your Body Week, a program held at Gregory Plaza.

UT Health Services peer educators handed out Hershey's Kisses along with information about eating disorders to start off the week-long series of events. The week coincides with National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which focuses on preventing eating disorders by promoting positive body images.

UHS and RecSports are collaborating to offer information about physical and mental wellness. Both organizations will be tabling at Gregory Plaza this week with information about services on campus for those who want help or need more information about an issue.

Along with fliers, there are large

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**Fanny Trang** | Daily Texan Staff

**Amanda Buller, UHS dietitian, stands at the Gregory Gym Plaza for the National Eating Disorder Awareness week Monday afternoon.**

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A reporting error in Thursday's Life and Arts story about the Magnum photographer Steve McCurry misidentified the current state of the Magnum photos currently housed in the Harry Ransom Center. The photo collection is still being assessed so that it can be made accessible to researchers through the center's Reading Room. There will be an exhibition of Magnum photos at some point, but there are no firm dates established yet.

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's page one story about Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell's speech to the the League of Women Voters of the Austin Area misidentified the amount of jobs lost in Austin last year. The correct number is 2,600.

The Texan regrets the error.

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# NEWS BRIEFLY

### FBI investigates events leading to crash in ongoing examination

Officials with the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office positively identified Andrew Joseph Stack III on Saturday as the pilot of the small plane that crashed into a Northwest Austin office building Thursday.

After an ongoing feud with the Internal Revenue Service, Stack flew his private plane into Echelon I, a building that housed IRS offices, Thursday morning, killing himself and Vernon Hunter, a 68-year-old IRS employee. Thirteen others were injured.

Sarah Scott, chief administrative officer at the medical examiner's office, said Stack died of blunt force injuries in a suicide. His body was identified by his fingerprints.

Scott said Hunter, who was also identified Saturday, died from burns and inhalation of carbon monoxide, which she identified as conflagration injuries. Hunter did not make it out of the Echelon I building. Scott said his manner of death was homicide.

Erik Vasys, spokesman for the San Antonio division of the FBI, said investigators have concluded their evidence recovery at the Echelon I building, and it has been returned to the owner.

Vasys said he is not able to talk about specifics but did say the investigation is ongoing and active.

"We are looking into everything in Mr. Stack's life leading up to the incident," he said.

*— Alex Geiser*

# DEBATE: Students had at least one week to prepare

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transparency in SG and solutions to various issues that affect UT students, faculty and staff. However, one of the candidates had a different take on his platform.

"We will close all doors to our meetings," presidential candidate Walther said mockingly. "There will be vague minutes [of the meetings] sent out, and they will be written in a code that only the person who wrote it can understand. No transparency. You will all feel the stern wrath of my rule."

Executive alliances had at least one week to prepare themselves for the debate.

Sheridan said she wrote questions that related to the most important issues on campus.

"At first, I solicited for people to send in questions in the paper to get an idea, but no one responded," Sheridan said. "I didn't really have guidelines, so I picked some of the biggest issues that SG has faced and will face in the future."

**Tamir Kalifa** | Daily Texan Staff

**Colin Meehan, a renewable energy specialist with the Environmental Defense Fund, offers public forum guests fliers and pamphlets discussing current environmental issues and sustainable energy.**

# PLAN: Expenses threaten to overwhelm

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March, said Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell.

The plan arrives just in time, as mounting expense costs threaten to overwhelm the publicly owned utility. The company's decreasing revenue, combined with expanding operational costs, is forcing utility officials to revise their business model.

"This coming year, if we don't cut expenses, we'll go into the red," Duncan said.

The forum focused largely on the cost of implementing the proposal. Phillip Schmandt, who chaired the resource task force last year, urged the Council to enact the plan as soon as possible.

"We can't get out of this by cutting costs like a normal business; we can't tell a thousand residents they won't have power this month," Schmandt said. "We can, however, cut costs by moving to renewable sources of energy."

Before the panel took questions, Duncan briefly outlined the details of the Generation Plan, explaining that Austin didn't require extra production capacity as much as it needed to curb costs.

"The plan is designed to shift our resources from fossil fuels to non-fossil fuels," Duncan said.

A task force convened in July and examined the proposal, eventually endorsing it in November with nine additional recommendations attached. Among the recommendations is a provision to publicly reassess the plan every two years.

"The plan is a road map, not a straitjacket," said Cyrus Reed, conservation director of the Sierra Club and a former member of the resource task force.

Since the energy market changes so rapidly, the reassessment makes the plan as adaptable as possible, Reed said.

# ELECTION: Voters question candidates' motives

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choices for those with special dietary needs. Azemi said the most important factor in developing these plans has been speaking with students about the issues that matter to them. The campaign has met with hundreds of students, Stein said.

"The platform is a compilation of what we heard from students over the last semester," Azemi said. "For example, I sat down with a student involved with one of the Hindu student organizations and asked her what she would change if she could change one thing about campus. She said there are no late-night vegetarian [food] options. This is something I never would have noticed because I'm not a vegetarian, but it's important to her."

Last election season, the two received attention after being named as members of the Eyes Of Texas in an illegal campaign e-mail that former Election Supervisory Board chair Cesar Martinez sent to encourage members of the group to vote for current SG President Liam O'Rourke and Vice President Shara Ma. The group is a student association whose membership list is kept secret, although it is rumored that the past three SG presidents, O'Rourke, Keshav Rajagopalan and Andrew Solomon were members.

Many students have said in online forums that Azemi and Stein are typical SG candidates who don't have student interests at heart because of their affiliation with this association and their long-term activity with SG. Azemi said he hopes students will see past last year's controversy and will consider their years of work in SG as an indication of their dedication to student issues.

"We are passionate about helping students and making UT a better place, and SG is an avenue for that," Azemi said. "I hope students won't fault us for getting involved with something our freshman year and sticking with it."

Early in the semester, Stein said he considered the possibility of running his own campaign against Azemi, but after sitting down together, he said he realized that their shared and individual skills and experience would make running together a better option for SG and students. Stein said his two years in the Assembly will help him as vice president, since that role chairs the assembly, and Azemi's experience on the executive board and work with UT's administration and the Legislature will be beneficial in key roles of the presidency.

"Based on our strengths, it made sense for him to run as president and me to run as vice president," Stein said. "It's about putting together the strongest team for students and in the most logical way. With Minator and I running together, we are giving students two great candidates."

# BODY: Warm weather brings focus on body consciousness

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poster-board cutouts of people on which students can write what they love most about their bodies, from "giving birth" to "karate." The boards will go on display at the Gregory Concourse inside the gym Thursday and Friday.

The tables will also be offering information about free-preview exercise classes offered Wednesday for National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day.

UHS dietitian Amanda Buller said college can be a stressful time when it comes to dealing with body image, especially for women. Buller said one in four women wrestles with disorders during college because it is a time in life when they are responsible for their own dietary habits. Relationships, coupled with media and social pressures, can also add to the stress.

According to the Eating Disorders Coalition, almost 11 million Americans suffer from eating disorders, which can affect anyone — regardless of gender, race or economic class. Buller said anorexia, a disorder focused on not eating, is the most talked-about eating disorder, but bulimia, which involves eating and then purging, is actually the most common.

Sara Weber, a UHS eating-disorder specialist, said that location and weather can also play a part in body consciousness.

"Because of the warm weather climate, [eating disorders] are more prevalent and more likely in Texas," she said. "In hot months, there's more pressure to show bodies and look a certain way."

While some UT students admit they are slightly more concerned with their body image because of the upcoming spring break, they don't think the issue at large is unique to the University.

"I heard more people are fit here," business sophomore Juan Caudillo said. "[UT students] have that mentality, but not much more than other campuses."

Some students said they stick to routine exercise and healthy diet habits to keep in shape.

"The thought of gaining weight [worries me]," education freshman Brenna Barnick said. "I work out and stick to chicken, fish, fruit and vegetables."

For students who would like additional information or assistance, the University offers several free services that are available year-round, including individual consults, workshops and nutrition classes. Additionally, UHS offers Mindful Eating, a program that can assess those who may have a disorder and provide them with the help they need. More information can be found at *healthyhorns.utexas.edu*.

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### Obama bares similar health care plan details to Senate bill

WASHINGTON — Starting over on health care, President Barack Obama unveiled a higly detailed plan Monday.

The 10-year, $1 trillion plan, like the current Democratic version in the Senate, would bring health insurance to more than 31 million Americans. Government insurance wouldn't be included, a problem for Democratic progressives. Republicans are skeptical about where the money would come from — and about Obama's claim that the plan wouldn't raise the federal deficit.

The plan is supposed to be the starting point for Obama's televised, bipartisan health care summit Thursday — a new beginning after a year of wrangling and letting Congress take the lead.

### Police officer in subway case acquitted of sodomy charges

NEW YORK — A New York City police officer accused of sodomizing a drug suspect in a subway station was acquitted Monday.

Officer Richard Kern had faced as many as 25 years in prison if convicted of aggravated sexual abuse.

"I'm glad the system works," Kern said outside court. "I knew coming in this I was innocent. I was going to stand up for my rights and prove my innocence."

The man accusing the officers, Michael Mineo, was not in the courtroom for the verdict but said he thought the case would turn out as it did.

*Complied by The Associated Press*

# Iran protects nuclear site in mountains

***Expansion of facilities increases concerns of weapons proliferation***

**By Ali Akbar Dareini**
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Monday it plans to build two new uranium enrichment facilities deep inside mountains to protect them from attack, a new challenge to Western powers trying to curb Tehran's nuclear program for fear it is aimed at making weapons.

Ali Akbar Salehi, who is also Iran's vice president, said Tehran intends to use its more advanced centrifuges at the new sites, a decision that could add to growing concerns in the West over Tehran's program because the technology would allow Iran to accelerate the pace of its program.

The two plants are among 10 industrial scale uranium enrichment facilities Iran approved the construction of in November, a dramatic expansion of the program in defiance of U.N. demands it halt enrichment.

"Hopefully, we may begin construction of two new enrichment sites in the next Iranian year as ordered by the president," the semiofficial ISNA quoted Salehi as saying Monday.

"As of now, our enrichment sites ... will be built inside mountains," Salehi added, according to ISNA.

Courtesy of the Iranian President's Office

**Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad tours Natanz Uranium Enrichment Facility in 2008. The building is located south of Tehran, the capital city, and is part of the effort to expand the country's uranium facilities.**

Iran's enrichment of uranium is the central concern of the United States and other nations negotiating with the country over its disputed nuclear program. The technology can be used to generate fuel for power plants and medical purposes, but it can also be used to make weapons-grade uranium for atomic bombs.

The new models will be able to enrich uranium much faster than the old ones — which means Iran could amass more material in a shorter space of time that could be turned into the fissile core of missiles, should Tehran choose to do so.

Tehran produced its first batch of uranium enriched to a higher level earlier this month, prompting the U.S. and its allies to seek new U.N. Security Council sanctions.

# Lufthansa pilots suspend walkout

**By George Frey & Juegren Batez**
The Associated Press

FRANKFURT — A four-day walkout by Lufthansa pilots that disrupted travel for thousands of people was cut short after the airline and their union agreed to suspend the strike and hold talks, both sides said Monday.

They reached an agreement after a two-hour hearing at a Frankfurt labor court, Cockpit union spokesman Joerg Handwerg told The Associated Press.

Lufthansa confirmed the decision and said the walkout would end at midnight (2300 GMT, 6 p.m. EST).

"The parties agreed in front of the court that the strike is to be suspended through the 8th of March," Lufthansa spokesman Andreas Bartels told AP, adding the 4,000 pilots will return to work Tuesday though it would take some time for normal operations to resume.

"They're going to go back to work tomorrow," he said. "I can't say when we are back to normal operations. It takes a lot of time."

Some 10,000 Lufthansa and Germanwings passengers were upended by the strike, which began at 12:01 a.m. (2301 GMT, 6:01 p.m. EST) Monday.

Handwerg said the strike was suspended until March 9, pending the resumption of talks between both sides. Pilots for Lufthansa Cargo and the low-budget subsidiary, Germanwings, were also taking part in the strike.

"We are happy with the agreement because Lufthansa now has to resume negotiations without preconditions," Handwerg said.

**Michael Probest** | Associated Press

**More than 4,000 Lufthansa pilots attend the first day of demonstration at the Frankfurt airport Monday.**

Lufthansa and Cockpit stressed in the agreement that the strike's suspension did not say anything about the walkout's legitimacy, court spokesman Frank Woitaschek said in a statement.

Lufthansa pilots announced the walkout last week over their concerns that cheaper crews from Lufthansa's smaller airlines in other countries could eventually replace them.

The Lufthansa strike disrupted plans for 10,000 passengers worldwide, but that was just the tip of the travel chaos iceberg.

Also Monday, five unions representing French air traffic controllers announced a four-day strike of their own starting Tuesday that is forcing the cancellation of hundreds of flights at Paris' Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports. France's DGAC aviation authority ordered airlines to cancel 50 percent of the flights at Orly and 25 percent of the flights at Charles de Gaulle.

Lufthansa, meanwhile, had quickly rushed to get a court injunction to halt the strike to the pilots back to work before more harm was done to passengers and shareholders.

Lufthansa said many of the long-haul flights to the U.S., including New York and Denver, were canceled but it was still running many domestic flights and short-haul routes across Europe.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# The race for editor

The Daily Texan editor-in-chief is elected by students every year. The election ensures that UT students get the newspaper they want and an editorial board that represents their interests. The elected editor is just one of the checks in place to make sure that the Texan remains a student-controlled newspaper.

This year, two candidates are vying for the position: Bobby Cervantes and Lauren Winchester. The editorial board will not be making an endorsement in this election. This is our vote of confidence in both candidates and in our readership to choose the best leader for this publication.

Please pay careful attention to these campaigns. The leader you select will control the content of this page and lend significant direction to the newspaper as a whole.

Today, to better inform our readership, we are running editorials by both candidates, who have selected the topics of their choice. Candidates were notified in advance that they would be writing these columns. They selected the topics and wrote and edited their own columns (we did very minimal copy editing).

On Thursday, we will run one more round of competitive editorials. Both candidates have served on the editorial board this year, and their writing is available online at *dailytexanonline.com*. Voting will be held March 2 and 3 at *utsg.org*.

## GALLERY

# Pilot a domestic terrorist

**By Bobby Cervantes**
Editor Candidate

After Andrew Joseph Stack slammed his plane into a northwest Austin IRS building on Thursday, emergency responders and law enforcement tended to the gaping hole and twisted steel that had already made national headlines, scrambling rather quickly to put out the still-burning fires.

There was, however, one fire that eluded their attention — and this one was more threatening than the smoking building.

The burning question: Was this a terrorist attack?

The answer: a quivering "no, not really" that seemed to not jibe with public perception of the attack.

Most of the law enforcement agencies at the center of the investigation hedged when pressed by the media about the nature of the attack. An all-out mandate, it seemed, ordered that police and investigators explicitly deny attempts to call the attack an act of domestic terrorism.

When asked about the terrorism label, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said only that the attack did not look like it came from "somebody like an al-Qaida."

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo told reporters he would prefer to describe it as "a criminal act by a lone individual," later explaining his thinking in terms of halting large-scale hysteria.

"I did not want to use it because I didn't want people that have children in school and loved ones at work to be panicking, thinking that, 'Oh my God, is there going to be 10 more little planes around the country crashing into buildings?'" Acevedo said.

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"I knew that this appeared to be one guy in one city in one event."

But nothing could have made it clearer that this was a terrorist attack than the events that unfolded Thursday afternoon.

A disturbed man who revised a suicide note 27 times before professing that "nothing changes unless there is a body count" rammed a plane into a glass-window building, killing two people.

After the crash, multiple Facebook groups honoring Stack's actions sprung up.

One wall post: "[Stack] did what he did to make a point and clear up our vision, the only way our government would understand. I just hope people realize this, and do not dismiss him as another nutjob rebel stereotype."

It is not hard to see how law enforcement officials — and the media that went along with the police description of the event — played into the hands, however inadvertently, of those who think like that Facebook user.

Surely, public perception is an important distinction for a chief of police to consider. If our recent history with terrorist attacks tells us anything, it is that Americans are deeply suspicious of the follow-up attacks that are all too common in terrorist plots.

Stack was nothing more than a domestic terrorist nut job rebel stereotype. Law enforcement knew rather quickly that a second attack was not imminent, according to reports, and it would have served Austinites and the country well to acknowledge those facts immediately while they had the nation's undivided attention.

*Cervantes is a government and journalism junior.*

# A late-graduation compromise

**By Lauren Winchester**
Editor Candidate

To control UT's swelling enrollment, a task force has recommended that students be required to graduate in 10 semesters. The recommendation is a follow-up to a 2003 report on enrollment strategy, spearheaded by then-president Larry Faulker, that reached the same conclusion.

The task force attributes the University's over-enrollment woes in part to students who take longer than eight semesters — the average rate at comparison institutions — to complete a baccalaureate degree. The average time it takes a UT undergraduate to complete a degree is 8.5 semesters, according to the report.

In light of these statistics, a 10-semester cap may seem reasonable, especially considering that the task force exempts part-time students from the requirement as well as those graduating in schools with five-year degree programs, such as architecture and engineering.

However, the University should not strive to stamp out graduates like automobiles from a factory line, but — concurrent with its educational mission — present students with opportunities to not only learn but also explore ideas and expand their knowledge, even if their intellectual odyssey keeps them at UT longer than the administration would prefer.

*Students who want to continue their education ... should be given the opportunity to do so in a way that is beneficial to both their education and the University.*

Even students who aim to graduate in four or five years are constrained by considerable fetters: Core requirements mandated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, prerequisites for majors and class availability are a few among the many.

Acknowledging this, the task force made recommendations to help students graduate on time, such as developing interdisciplinary degree programs, requiring degree audits every semester and increasing course availability for required classes.

These recommendations are a good start, and if they were successfully implemented, students who plan to graduate in four or five years could conceivably do so without the threat of a 10-semester limit. But establishing a list of recommendations is not enough: These plans must be backed up with action. In its report, the current task force acknowledges that some of the 2003 recommendations were not implemented or enforced. Establishing smoother channels for graduation should be the University's first priority — even before instituting a 10-semester limit. And considering the budget shortfall, that's no mean task.

Students who want to continue their education at UT beyond 10 semesters should be given the opportunity to do so in a way that is beneficial for both their education and the University.

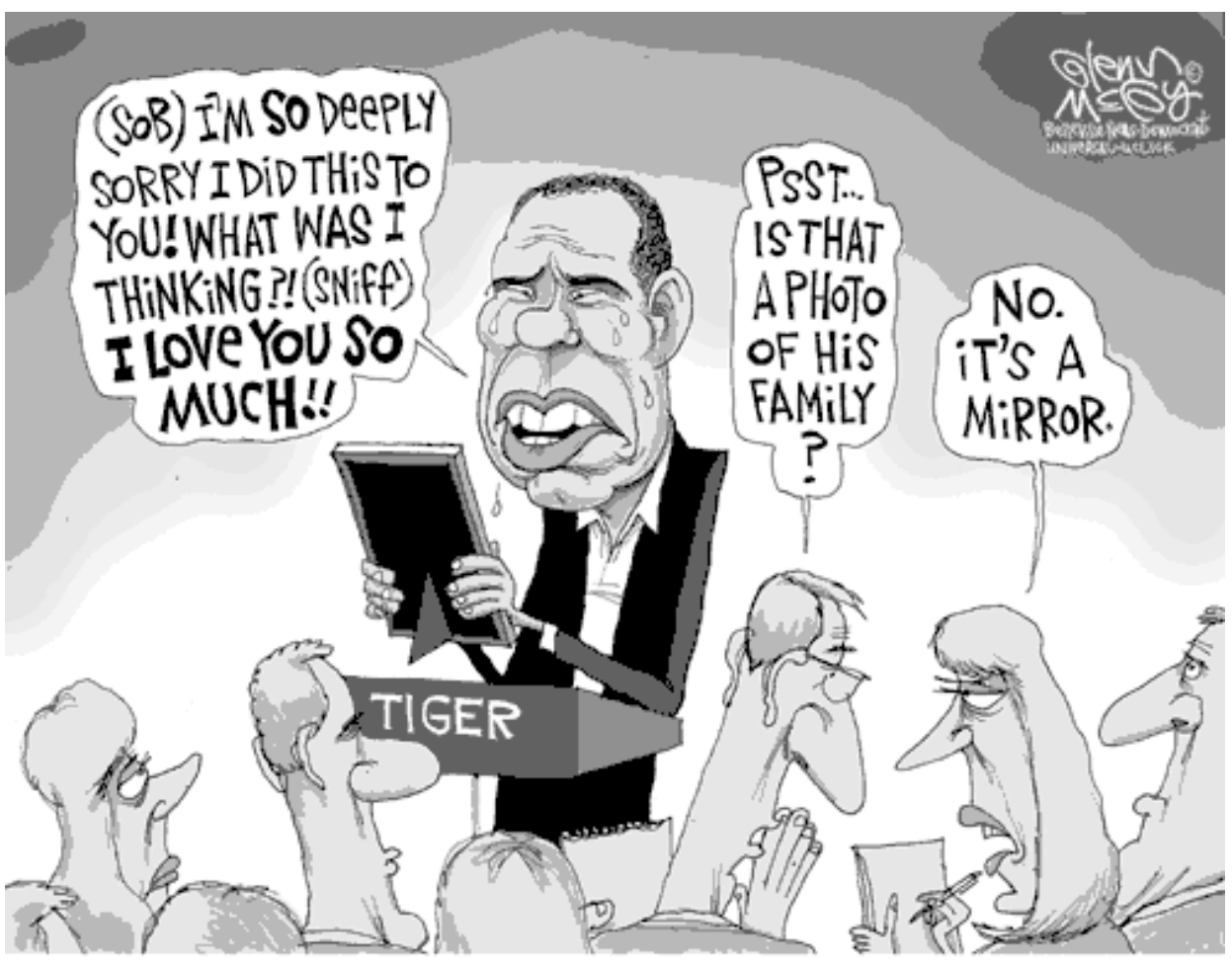
State law allows public universities to charge a higher rate for classes, not to exceed the cost of non-resident tuition, if a student has undertaken an "excessive" number of hours beyond a degree requirement.

For students who enrolled in fall 2006 and after, "excessive" is defined as 30 hours more than the requirement for a degree plan. Students who enrolled in fall 1999 and subsequent semesters are allowed 45 hours over the limit. Several state universities have implemented this policy, and at UT, a doctoral student who takes more than 99 hours toward a doctorate degree is subject to an increased rate.

Applying a reasonable fee to classes that fall under the "excessive" hours category incentivizes graduating in five years but does not forbid students from continuing their education into a sixth year. Providing options for students who are not looking for a traditional get-in, get-out degree program is preferable to shutting them out from UT when a task force has decided that their time at the University is up.

*Winchester is an English and liberal arts honors junior.*

## GALLERY

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## THE FIRING LINE

### Time for a shift in Hispanic voting

In her Firing Line from Monday titled "Not a Hispanic Republican," Anita Quintanilla accuses a well-known conservative Hispanic student leader of disseminating and perpetuating lies about Hispanic beliefs.

Unfortunately, the truth isn't on her side. According to a recent Zogby International poll, Hispanics overwhelmingly support a pro-life position by a 78-21 margin.

Only 15 percent said abortion should be legal throughout pregnancy. So I ask — who's really distorting the facts?

Quintanilla harps on the U.S. economic system, accusing it of not being "democratic" enough. I ask — what does she really mean by "democratic"?

Surely, it couldn't be the notion that people actually choose what they want to buy (as a "democratic economic system" suggests), because that's what we've got now.

Perhaps by "democratic" she means "over-regulated."

In claiming that the Democrats are the party of civil and social justice, she seems to forget that it was the Republican Party that freed the slaves during the Civil War, and it was the Democratic Party that almost derailed the Civil Rights Act in the 1960s.

In fact, the Texas Republican Party itself was formed in 1867 by 150 blacks and 20 whites in Houston.

Government handouts, which are the Democratic response to any problem, don't equate to social justice and compassion.

They equate to bondage. Minorities have voted for Democrats for almost 50 years now, and their communities are in shambles. It's time for a much-needed change in voting patterns for minorities across the board.

This is one point on which I agree with Quintanilla — minorities everywhere need to educate themselves, seek the truth, expand their knowledge and make positive changes in their communities.

One positive change would be to seek the truth, expand knowledge — and start voting Republican.

*— Mike Garcia*
*Former president,*
*College Republicans at Texas*

### Asking questions is not prejudice

Anita Quintanilla wrote in her Firing Line that "the Republican Party does not respect Latinos and treat them as equals. It displayed hatred and intolerance last year with a smear campaign against Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor."

My question to Quintanilla is: What intolerance?

While Sotomayor's ascendancy to the high court is a major step forward for the Latino community, she does not represent the Latino community — nor is she above any questioning on her experience or judicial character because she is a "wise Latina."

To suggest the Republican Party is racist because we question the qualifications of our judges — some of whom happen to be Latino — is mind-boggling.

*— Geoffrey Geiger*
*History senior*

# ‘Remember the Alamo’

Stephanie Meza | Daily Texan Staff

**A Texas Capitol tour guide describes the battle scene from the “Surrender of Santa Anna,” a painting by William Henry Huddle, on Monday afternoon.**

Today marks the 174th anniversary of the battle of the Alamo.

Lasting until March 6, 1836, the battle claimed more than 500 lives, including all but two of the Texan defenders led by William Travis and James Bowie.

The battle was the first step of the Mexican campaign, under Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, to retake Texas.

Richard Winders, historian and curator of the Alamo, said that Feb. 23, while often overshadowed by March 6, is still an essential day in Texas history.

“Many people remember March 6 in connection with the battle for the Alamo,” Winder said. “However, the 23rd of February is important because it marks the beginning of a 13-day siege which led to that horrific battle.”

During the battle, an army of 2,400 Mexican soldiers met and defeated 180 to 260 Texans.

The event transformed the Alamo from a simple Spanish mission into the most popular tourist destination in Texas today.

“The Alamo is significant to not only Texans, but Americans everywhere,” said Tony Caridi, director of development and marketing at the Alamo.

*— Chris Thomas*

# Stolen sign spawns debate about free expression

**By Chris Thomas**
Daily Texan Staff

Members of the UT student organization Students for Debra Medina reported one of their campaign signs was stolen from outside the Flawn Academic Center on Friday.

Tyler Rosen, co-president of Students for Debra Medina, said the sign was taken at around 5 p.m. from where it was being displayed in a flower bed near the center’s entrance.

The sign was reportedly taken down by a University employee because it was placed in violation of UT rules and regulations, said Jeffery Graves, assistant vice president for legal affairs.

“Signs may not be staked out as the one in question was, and that is why it was removed,” Graves said.

Students are allowed to display a sign by carrying it or placing it on a table, kiosk, bulletin board or other designated location as long as it does not interfere with the functions of the University, according to UT officials. Students, faculty and staff have the freedom to express themselves, but the University will have priority in allocating the use of space on campus, according to the registrar’s rule on freedom of speech, expression and assembly.

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The University has a blanket prohibition on any campaigning outside the Flawn Academic Center while early voting is taking place, Graves said.

“The University does have reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on expression, such as not allowing signs to be staked out on our grounds or posted on our buildings,” he said. “Such restrictions have been upheld by the courts as permissible.”

In fall 2008, two students were asked by the University to remove political signs they posted in their dormitory windows. The two students challenged the University’s time, place and manner rule and a Division of Housing and Food Service ban on posting political signs and succeeded in eventually retaining their right to expression.

According to Rosen and other student organization leaders, by removing the Medina sign, the University rule violated students’ right to free speech.

“The sign was inside legal limits. No law was being broken. There was no reason for it to be removed,” Rosen said. “I talked to lawyers at the Texas secretary of state office who assured me that by removing our sign, the University is currently violating unconstitutional prior restraints on free speech.”

Other student leaders said they thought the University was wrong, as well.

Lara Lapin, campus campaign manager for Longhorn Students for Bill White, said it is difficult to get students involved and that removing a sign would not help Students for Debra Medina in their campaign.

“The removal of their sign was a definite blow to the Students for Debra Medina,” Lapin said. “The fact that this could happen is disturbing. It’s infringing on our right to free speech.”

# City Hall displays local art in People’s Gallery exhibit

**By Vidushi Shrimali**
Daily Texan Staff

When Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell walks past his office this morning, he will see local photographer Sandy Carson’s picture of four trees, which she took while on vacation in Seattle.

Similarly, when he walks through Austin City Hall, he will be greeted by 160 works of art that were selected for the 2010 People’s Gallery exhibition, an art competition that showcases public works. The pieces range from 11-foot-tall bamboo-and-wax sculptures and metal-wire sheep to landscape photographs such as Carson’s.

“I thought they were joking when they said it was going to be in the mayor’s office. It could be anybody’s art,” Carson said. “Every day he comes out, he could be smiling because of me.”

Carson was among the 325 artists who submitted a total of more than 1,300 pieces of art in this year’s competition.

One of the goals of the gallery, which is in its sixth run this year, is to promote local artists, many of whom are contacted by potential buyers who see their art at City Hall. Every year local artists are encouraged to submit photographs of their work online, said Vincent Kitch, cultural arts program manager.

“Celebrating art is a part of Austin,” Kitch said.

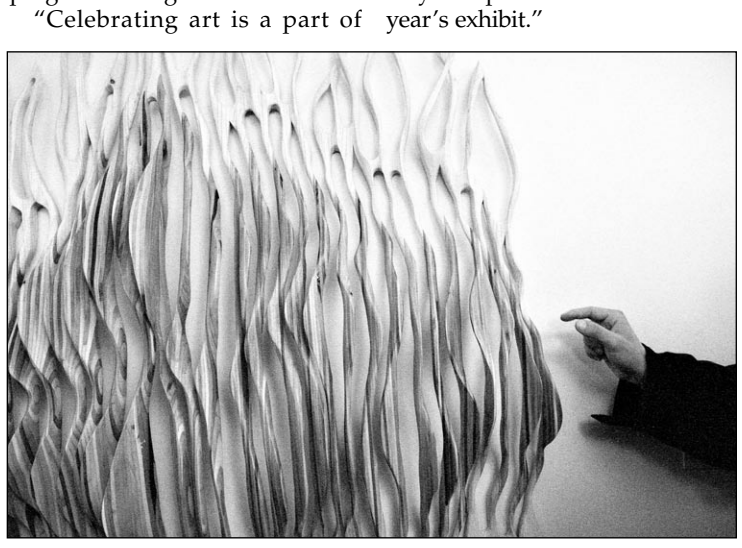
On Friday, the Cultural Arts Division hosted a reception at which the mayor gave a speech and the The People’s Choice winner from last year’s exhibit was unveiled. Throughout the year, visitors can request a ballot slip from the receptionist to vote for their favorite piece.

Last year’s winner was a terracotta sculpture of a squirrel named Squirrelly, created by James Tisdale. Exhibit curator Jean Graham said the piece became a favorite over the year, and people would leave humorous notes, toys or figurines that reminded them of Squirrelly around the base of the sculpture. One city employee wrote a haiku dedicated to the sculpture.

“It captured [people’s] imaginations,” Graham said. “Some pieces are made to be interacted with. [Squirrelly] grew out of ... City Hall.”

“Squirrelly,” along with The People’s Choice winners from the past four years, is now showcased yearround as a permanent part of the People’s Gallery at City Hall.

“It’s been wonderful to give artists a chance to show their art. It helps people new to town,” Graham said. “[The art] is aesthetic and adds vitality to the building, and people are always sad when they take pieces down for the next year’s exhibit.”



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**Katy Dougharty reaches out to inspect a new piece at the 2010 People’s Gallery, an art installation at Austin City Hall.**


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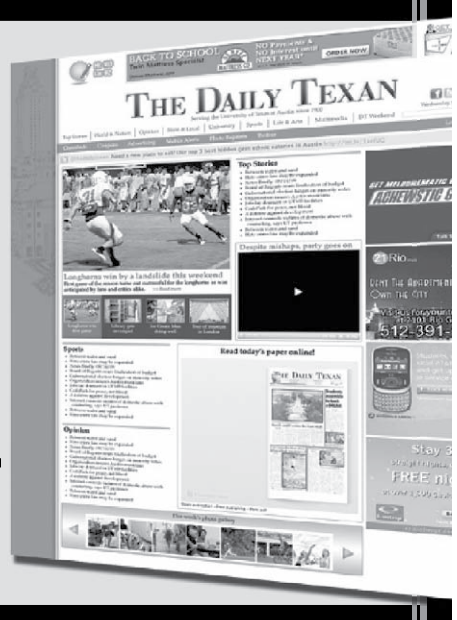

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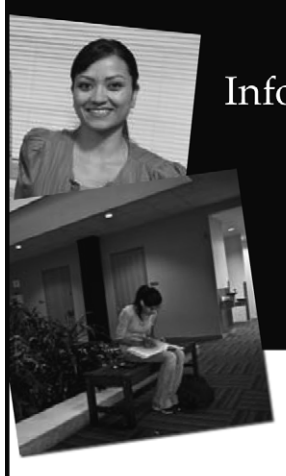

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# Upcoming Combine is important for Horns

By Blake Hurtik
Daily Texan Columnist

We're almost through February, and you know what that means.

No, the big news isn't pitchers and catchers reporting for spring training, marking the coming of baseball season, nor is it the fact that we're almost to March Madness.

It's the NFL Combine, which sits squarely in between the Super Bowl and the NFL Draft, giving football fans something to talk about in an otherwise uneventful time for all things pigskin.

And for anyone who cares about Texas, it's one last chance to see their favorite Longhorns build their draft stock (other than Texas' Pro Day in March, of course).

While the obvious story will be Colt McCoy and how healthy he and his right shoulder are, there are plenty of other interesting angles for Texas' hopefuls. The biggest: the fate of McCoy's roommate and favorite target, wide receiver Jordan Shipley.

It may be hard to believe, but Shipley has finally left the 40 Acres after six years. Despite racking up 2,545 receiving yards and 24 touchdowns over the last two seasons, he's largely an unknown, overshadowed

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# Shot put keeps Brown focused

By Ryan Betori
Daily Texan Staff

In the summer of 2006, throwing coach Rose Brimmer received a letter from the mother of an incoming freshman. The writer's daughter, Jordyn, had been a versatile athlete in high school and had placed second in shot put at the UIL State Championships. The mother was writing to see if there was any chance that her daughter could be a walk-on for Texas.

The only problem: Jordyn didn't want to.

"I called Jordyn up, but she wasn't interested in track. She said she just wanted to be a student," Brimmer said.

The student in question was now-senior Jordyn Brown. Almost four years after her mom sent that letter, Brown finds herself as an All-American thrower and one of the favorites for a Big 12 Championship.

"When I was younger, I was always going from sport to sport," Brown said about her decision not to pursue track. "I wanted a change of pace. I thought I'd be a student and see what that was like."

Luckily for Brimmer, Brown found this change of pace to be too slow. After a few months, Brown realized she was missing something. She didn't connect well with any of the organizations on campus, and the lack of physical competition created a void. Eventually, Brown became so disinterested in student life that she considered giving up school altogether and returning home. Then, Brown's mother reminded her of track.

"I was ready to quit school and come home," Brown said. "Track was sort of the last-ditch effort."

In January of her freshman year, Brown walked into Brimmer's office. There she was — ready to give track one more try before making her final decision.

"When she walked into my office, I said 'Whoa. This is a specimen of an athlete,'" Brimmer laughed. "I was like, 'Yeah, come on.'"

At first, Brown didn't seem to be particularly focused, and in Brimmer's view, she tended to be moody and inconsistent at practice. Brown admits that she was intimidated in the beginning, and the low expectations she set for herself probably attributed to her ambivalence.

"Honestly, my goal freshman year was just to not embarrass myself," Brown said.

Brown managed to pull this off — and then some. In her freshman year, she posted two top-12 finishes at the outdoor Big 12 Championships. This success led Brown to reevaluate the way she was treating track.

"It didn't make sense to spend all this time doing track if I was only going to give a half effort," Brown said. "So, I decided to give it everything I had."

What Brown had was a lot of inherent athleticism and a strong intellect. Although Brown wasn't very technically sound, Brimmer saw potential. If she could just add some technique to the attributes she was born with, Brown could be great. But bridging this gap between potential and accomplishment was going to take more than practice. That's where Brown's intelligence came in.

"She's a very smart girl," Brimmer said. "She began to study her craft and take on the sponge role. If she can't get something, she goes and looks at it, then figures it out."

Stephanie Meza | Daily Texan Staff

All-American Jordyn Brown will lead the Longhorns into this week's Big 12 Championships.

Brown learned quickly. She earned a partial scholarship during her sophomore season, and in her junior year, she garnered an All-American distinction after placing fourth in shot put at the NCAA National Championship. The performance earned Brown a full scholarship, and it was another turning point in redefining her mentality.

Heading into her senior season, Brown upped the ante again. To reach her goal of competing for an NCAA Championship, Brown knew she'd have to do more than work hard on the track. This year, she's directed her attention to two things outside of the track: nutrition and the weight room.

"She could probably bench press with some of the football players," said teammate Amanda Van Dyke. "She

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## SIDELINE

### Winter Olympic Medal Count

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| **USA** | **7** | **7** | **10** |
| Germany | 7 | 9 | 5 |
| Norway | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Russian Fed. | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Korea | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Canada | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Austria | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| France | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Switzerland | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| Sweden | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| China | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Netherlands | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Poland | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Italy | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Slovakia | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Japan | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Australia | 1 | 1 | 0 |

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### Women's golf finishes third round in ninth place in Florida

Freshman Desiree Dubreuil steadied the Longhorns at ninth place at the end of the first day of the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla. Monday.

Dubreuil fired a personal best 3-under-par 69 in the second round of the 54-hole tournament to finish the day tied for seventh place. Dubreuil's second-round performance marked the third best score by any player on Monday, and was a seven-stroke improvement from her first round.

One of the often-overshadowed members of the Longhorns' Freshmen Foursome, Dubreuil was bumped to the team's number two spot at the start of the spring semester after spending much of the fall season fighting for the fifth spot.

Sophomore Nicole Vandermade and freshman Madison Pressel both fired two-round scores of 9-over-par 153, sharing a tie for fortieth place. Freshman Haley Stephens, who led the team in the morning round with a 3-over-par 75, finished 11-over-par 155 at the end of the day.

The Longhorns are playing without senior Shannon Fish, who is resting a hurt wrist, and finished with a three-round score of 16-over-par 232 in last year's tournament.

The team tees off for the final round of the tournament at 7 a.m. today.

*— Shabab Siddiqui*

### Men's Golf takes over first place by eight strokes in Puerto Rico

Freshman Cody Gribble shot a seven-under-par 65 Monday, a day after a five-under round of 67 on the River Course of the Rio Mar Golf Club, to lead his team to an eight-stroke lead over No. 1 Oklahoma State, who currently sits in second place in the 15-team field. The freshman leads all golfers in the field at the Puerto Rico Classic after the first two days of competition.

The Longhorns also did something that they hadn't accomplished in nearly two and a half years – they finished a round with under 270 strokes for their top four scorers. Monday's round of a 19-under 269 was the best team round since 2007 for the squad, and it left the Longhorns at a two-day total of 30-under as they head into the final round of the tournament.

As a result, head coach John Fields was all smiles after the last of the play on the links.

"I'm very pleased with our play today," Fields said. "Cody's 65 was outstanding, and that puts him in the final group tomorrow. I am proud of this round, and I give our guys tremendous credit. They had a great day."

Other significant contributions from the Longhorns came from junior Bobby Hudson (five-under 67), senior Lance Lopez (a season-best four-under 68), and sophomore Dylan Frittelli (three-under 69). If the Horns hope to hold off the Cowboys and the Clemson Tigers in the final round, they will have to maintain the same focus that they had during the first 36 holes en route to a memorable couple rounds, led by a mere freshman.

Action resumes Tuesday morning at 5:30 a.m. Austin time in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, and if all goes Gribble and the Horns' way, some precious new hardware will come back on the plane to Austin.

*— Andy Lutz*

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Jon Super | Associated Press

Everton's Landon Donovan, left, celebrates after the team's 3-1 win over Manchester United on Saturday.

# Donovan provides big spark in Everton's win

By Rishi Daulat
Daily Texan Staff

Landon Donovan may as well be Everton's lucky charm.

Ever since the American midfielder's on-loan move to England on Jan. 9, the Toffees have compiled a 6-2-1 record and have moved up to eighth on the Premier League table.

Though Donovan's statistics aren't remarkable — two goals and one assist in seven games started — his impact on the team cannot be measured, as he has been the catalyst for multiple Everton runs on goal this season. He was named the Everton player of the month for January.

The American winger's recent play has been just the spark the underachieving Merseyside club needed. The Toffees have won three straight, including two huge wins over league leaders Chelsea and second-place Manchester United.

Against Chelsea, Donovan was the man of the match. He assisted on striker Louis Saha's first goal and then earned the penalty that Saha took and missed midway through the match. Saha would later score his second to grab the 2-1 win.

This weekend against United, Donovan put in a solid effort on both offense and defense while also starting the run on Everton's second goal. Everton came away with a 3-1 victory.

Surprisingly, Donovan was never very successful during his previous loan stints in the German Bundesliga, but something about the English game has brought out the best in the LA Galaxy star. Donovan's impact on Everton has been so great that Toffees Manager David Moyes has entertained trying to make Donovan's loan move to the Premier League permanent, though he knows it's not likely.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Balbay to miss remainder of season with torn ACL

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

A torn ACL will keep point guard Dogus Balbay on the bench for the remainder of the season.

Just five minutes into Saturday's game against Texas Tech, Balbay's knee buckled as he was driving for a layup. He said he felt his left knee twist and pop, and he had to be helped off the court by the medical staff.

Balbay, who is one of the Longhorns' top defensive players, started 22 of No. 21 Texas' 27 games this season and leads the team with 3.9 assists per game.

"I've said all year that I don't think there's a better defensive player in the country," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "He brings a certain level of toughness to your team. Everyone really respected what he stood for and how he competed every night."

Barnes compared Balbay's leave to the loss of then-starting guard Varez Ward earlier in the season.

"That's two guys that, coming into the year, we knew had the ability to go one-on-one, really guarding the basketball and breaking down defenses," Barnes said. "This is going to be an opportunity for other guys to step up and fill the void."

Barnes has three other options for point guard in freshman J'Covan Brown, junior Jai Lucas and senior Justin Mason. He chose to go with Mason for the majority of the game in Lubbock, but if Brown and Lucas can show some consistency in the next few days, they could see some more playing time as well.

Brown, however, wasn't given a chance to take on Balbay's role against the Red Raiders because Barnes is frustrated with the freshman's lack of energy and defensive effort. Brown has the most offensive skills of any point guard on the team's depth chart and is the most accurate from the free throw line, shooting 91 percent, but as long as he remains inconsistent, he'll play the bench.

"One word: consistency," Barnes said of his reasoning for not playing Brown. "In all areas of the game, that's what we've looked for all year. People wonder why we go back and forth. It's consistency. It's every day. It's preparation. It's the details. It's accountability. He knows what we need from him. He needs to prepare every day, not just when it's convenient. But it's not just him. People need to understand what their roles are."

Though the players were emotionally shaken up by Balbay's injury, when asked who was going to fill the void, freshmen Jordan Hamilton and Avery Bradley, junior Gary Johnson and senior Damion James each individually said, "Me."

"[Balbay] is a big part of this team still, but it was that presence he had on the court," Johnson said. "We're going to have to come together as a team and fill that space."

Barnes has no set lineup for Wednesday night's home game against Oklahoma State, and he said that the players have between now and then to prove they should get Balbay's spot.

"I think there's an opening for a lot of guys," Barnes said. "There are minutes that need to be filled."

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Dogus Balbay, the Longhorns starting point guard, will join injured teammate Varez Ward on the bench for the rest of the season after tearing his ACL in Saturday's win over Texas Tech.

# COMBINE: Scouts see Welker in Shipley

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by the likes of Oklahoma State's Dez Bryant, Notre Dame's Golden Tate, LSU's Brandon LaFell and others. He's considered a second-tier receiver prospect.

The consensus among NFL Draft experts is that Shipley is likely a third-rounder, with ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. saying he has a shot at the second round. The other conclusion they've all arrived at is that he compares very well to just about every white possession receiver in recent memory. Most see a lot of Wes Welker — the New England Patriots star from Texas Tech — in him. Kiper Jr. likens him to the Wes Welker of the 1990s, Ricky Proehl. I'm just waiting on someone to throw out a Wayne Chrebet comparison.

But that's not a bad fate to be assigned, by any means. While Randy Moss brings the explosiveness to the Patriots, it's no secret that Welker is the glue that holds their offense together. For proof, just look at how New England imploded in the playoffs after losing Welker to a knee injury in the last game of the regular season.

Because of guys like Welker, who went undrafted in 2004, there's a tangible role for which teams can foresee using Shipley.

But Shipley could be even better.

He has better size than the 5-foot-9-inch Welker and could be quicker. We won't know that until he runs the 40-yard dash at the combine. His Texas teammates called him the most deceptively fast guy on the team last season. He ran a 4.4 40-yard dash in high school (for comparison's sake, Welker ran a 4.6 at Texas Tech's pro day), but how much has he improved?

"I don't know how fast I am," Shipley told the Abilene Reporter-News last month. "I haven't run the 40 in so long."

Shipley's biggest assets are his hands. In a Texas receiving corps where drops were commonplace, a Shipley drop came as a shock. He also has the potential to return punts and kicks, which should increase his draft stock even more. After all, that was how Welker made a name for himself in the league, returning kicks for the Miami Dolphins.

And that's exactly what Shipley needs to do starting at the combine.

At Texas, he perpetually played second fiddle to McCoy and was happy to do it. But in the NFL, there will be no Colt. He'll have to prove his worth on his own.

**Former Texas wide receiver Jordan Shipley celebrates after winning the Big 12 Championship in December 2009.**

**Lauren Gerson**
Daily Texan file photo

# SOCCER: Arsenal closes in on first place after win

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"I think Landon would like to stay, but at the moment, it probably looks as if not," Moyes said. "I wouldn't want to have any disrespect to his club or the contract he has over there."

Donovan's loan ends in late March, and then the 27-year-old midfielder will return to the LA Galaxy to start the MLS season.

Arsenal has again crept back into the title race after a 2-0 win over Sunderland. With Manchester United and Chelsea's losses to Everton in the past two weeks, Arsenal are now only two points behind United and six behind Chelsea. Chelsea got back on track this weekend through Didier Drogba's double in a comfortable 2-0 victory at Wolverhampton. Chelsea takes on Italian Serie A leaders Inter Milan on Wednesday at the San Siro in the first leg of their round-of-16 Champions League clash.

The race for the fourth spot, and automatic UEFA Champions League spot, is tight as ever. Tottenham currently hold the desired position after their 3-0 win over Wigan, yet they are tied in points with Manchester City at 46 and only one point ahead of both Liverpool and Aston Villa. Liverpool had a chance to regain their spot in the Big Four, but their 0-0 draw with Manchester City left them in sixth.

# Chance of snow delays game for second time

**By Matt Hohner**
Daily Texan Staff

Only one thing could bring the Texas softball team's 11-0 start to a complete halt: snow.

The Longhorns were scheduled to play Texas Woman's University at McCombs Field, but the game has been postponed because of inclement weather expected today. This is the second time the game against the Pioneers has been postponed, to be rescheduled later in the season.

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> **— Connie Clark**
> Softball coach

The team's undefeated start is the second-best in Texas history, after 16 straight wins in 2003.

Another record the Longhorns may shatter this year is the number of home runs hit in a single season. Last year, Texas hit 58 home runs for a school record. This season, nine Longhorns have already hit a total of 14 home runs.

Rock-solid pitching accompanied by some powerful hitting has brought the team full circle early in 2010.

"Our 'compete factor' is exceptional right now," said head coach Connie Clark. "We knew that our offense was capable of this kind of production. The nice part is that it is not just 1-thru-9, but also the contributions of our entire team."

The Longhorns played in the round-robin Marriott Classic in Houston this past weekend, defeating Purdue, Texas-San Antonio, Iowa State, No. 16 Lousiana-Lafayette and Houston.

Pitching has been the backbone of the undefeated start. The three-headed monster of Erin Tresselt, Kim Bruins and Blaire Luna has been too tough for opposing batters to handle.

"I love where our staff is at mentally," Clark said. "Blaire did a nice job of making adjustments in Game One. Being more multi-dimensional in what we are throwing was a big goal for us coming in this weekend. They are working to set up their high-percentage pitches a little better. Amy Hooks has a big role in that, and her pitch-calling has been outstanding."

Texas should jump up into the top 10 in the rankings. They were unranked two weeks ago.

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**Third baseman Nadia Taylor watches from the dugout as she awaits her turn to bat during the Time Warner Invitational.**

# BROWN: Shot-putter had to give up fast food

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works unbelievably hard and is in the weight room until it closes."

The results are showing. Recently, "Brown Bear" squatted 500 pounds and believes her regular squat is around 400.

In addition to her increased strength, Brown has been more diligent about what she puts into her body. She's had to cut out her beloved fast food, but it's made her a better-performing athlete. The senior is having her best season to date, and she has already clinched three individual wins and four provisional marks.

Nutrition and strength aside, Brown's most noteworthy change has taken place on the field. Earlier in the season, Brown decided to switch the way she throws. Previously, she had utilized the glide technique, which relies heavily on brute strength. As of this December, Brown now throws with the spin technique. The technique allows for greater distance because of its combination of strength and speed. It is also much harder to master. Being an All-American senior, the timing of the switch may seem risky, but for Brown, it was the only logical step.

"I really felt maxed out with the glide," Brown said. "But you have to take a risk if you want big results."

The results have been there all season, but it's the way that Brown has achieved the results that has inspired her teammates.

"I look up to Jordyn, and I'm amazed. She's a walk-on that has turned herself into an All-American," Van Dyke said.

To Van Dyke and the other throwers, most of whom are also walk-ons, Brown has become both an inspiration and a mentor. Brown sets an example, and she is willing to let herself be heard.

"She's not afraid to talk," Brimmer laughed. "She's always opened her mouth."

But according to Van Dyke, what comes out of Brown's mouth doesn't always pertain to business. Brown has a knack for keeping things lighthearted, even when the pressure is on.

"She always singing, impersonating and quoting movie lines. It's hard to describe Jordyn," Van Dyke said as she paused for the right word. "Spunky" was what she eventually came up with.

Some of Brown's spunk can doubtless be attributed to her days as a cheerleader. Throughout her youth and in high school, Brown was heavily involved with competitive cheerleading. She even won two world championships with her cheer team. Even more impressive, Brown may be the only shot-putter in the country that can do backflips all the way down a football field.

For most, such a fact would probably come as a shock. But for Brown, a walk-on All-American that didn't want to do track in the first place, it fits perfectly. Whether changing her college plans or switching her throwing technique midway through her senior year, Brown is never short on surprises. It seems like Brown's mother was right all along.

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# Former lieutenant governor stresses importance of census

By Katherine Noble
Daily Texan Staff

Approximately $400 billion of federal funds will be distributed among local communities each year as a result of the March 2010 U.S. census, according to former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Hobby spoke at the Harry Ransom Center on Monday about the importance of the census to Texas residents.

Tom Staley, the director of the Harry Ransom Center, introduced Hobby and said he was excited to host the former lieutenant governor at UT.

"The Harry Ransom Center is the perfect venue for a discussion about the census because we have so many resources about Texas history and because it is nonpartisan," Staley said. "And Bill Hobby is, by far, the most knowledgeable man to report on Texas government."

Hobby discussed the impact of censuses, both successful and failed, throughout history, emphasizing their importance on the large and local spectra.

"All politics are local," Hobby said. "The last few hundred people counted in a state can make a difference in national elections."

The 10-question census survey is confidential and does not ask for social security numbers or legal status. It is legally mandatory to participate, and if the survey is not received by April 1, the bureau will send a census-taker to each household to conduct the survey in person.

Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell said that many students feel that their residence is still their parents' house, but students temporarily living in Austin still need to fill out census forms at their local residences to make sure they are counted.

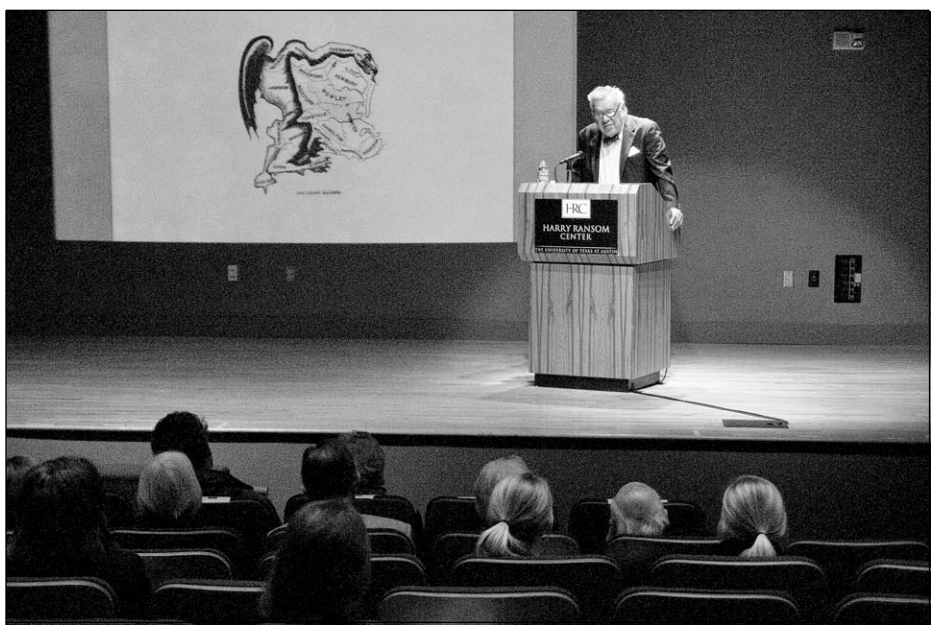
According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site, Texas' population grew more than any other state between 2008 and 2009. Because of estimated growth since the last census in 2000, Texas could gain up to four seats in Congress and receive billions of dollars more in federal aid if the population growth is accurately represented in the census.

"More representation equals more power," economics professor Daniel Hamermesh said. "An increase in federal funding is based on a formula directly depending on state population size."

Sherri Greenberg, former member of the Texas House of Representatives, said citizens must utilize their right to be counted and represented in Congress.

"If I live in a district of 2,000 people where only 500 are counted, then my vote is diluted in large elections," Greenberg said. "An American's right is always one person, one vote."

Federal aid will be used to fund Texas schools, hospitals, work projects and social services, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site.




**Bill Hobby, the longest running lieutenant governor in Texas, speaks at the Harry Ransom Center on Monday night about effects of the upcoming census for Texas' representation in Congress.**

**Katherine Medlin**
Daily Texan Staff

Leffingwell said it is estimated that missing about 15,000 Austinites during the 2000 census cost the community about $280 million in potential federal funding.

A city with a growth rate as strong as Austin's will reap the benefits of more federal funding. The census in 2000 reported 656,562 residents in the Austin area, and the estimated population for 2010 is 757,688, making it the third-fastest growing city in the country.

# Project relates campus tales of lust, desire

By Julie Bissinger
Daily Texan Staff

Now, by simply looking at an online map, UT students can see where and under what circumstances fellow classmates, alumni, faculty and staff experience intimacy on campus.

MappingDESIRE is a project by the Department of Theater and Dance that seeks to identify areas of campus where people either felt or experienced physical desire, said Alicia Maher, theatre graduate student and managing director of the project. Alumni, faculty and students can visit the project's Web site and post audio stories of their experiences.

"We collect stories about physical desire and encourage people to share their stories about experiencing physical desire while on campus," Maher said.

Stories range from an undergraduate student talking about an attractive resident assistant to a graduate student discussing how her boyfriend met up with her at the McCombs School of Business, where they proceeded to get intimate with each other.

In another interview about desire, a teaching assistant described going to class in Jester.

"I was TA-ing for a class of 300 people or so, and one of the kids was constantly hitting on me," said the anonymous voice. "On the last day of class, he said, 'You're not my TA anymore. Let's go out.'"

**More about this project: utexas.edu/cofa/mappingdesire**

On the project's Web site, fire icons on a map of campus indicate areas where people experienced physical desire. A corresponding story can be heard when clicking on the icon, which will also describe where the encounter occurred.

The project was created in conjunction with the current "DESIRE" exhibit, which opened Feb. 5 and runs until April 25, at the Blanton Museum of Art, Blanton spokeswoman Kathleen Brady said.

"The students actually approached us with the idea because they wanted to figure out something that they could do in tandem with the exhibition," Brady said.

The project's Web site will continue to run after the Blanton exhibit ends but will be used for a different purpose, Maher said. "Ears, Eyes and Feet," an event sponsored by the dance department May 8-9, will have dancers perform a show choreographed to the stories and interviews on the Web site.

Since the site's launch on Jan. 29, the project has collected 31 stories.

More stories are in the process of being added, said Lindsay Genshaft, theatre and dance graduate student and the project's evaluation director. All of the stories remain anonymous, and all posters are required to fill out a consent form for their stories to be published.

The Web site lists guidelines regarding appropriate story posts. Contributors cannot use individuals' names, profanity or describe their encounters of desire in a pornographic nature.

The Blanton Student Guild will be hosting an event called MIX, featuring mappingDESIRE, outside the Blanton Museum on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The group is an art appreciation organization that seeks to share artistic resources with the UT community and Austin, said Anastasia Kirages, art history senior and president of the guild.

The organization partnered with mappingDESIRE to get more students involved, and several guild members conducted interviews and even contributed stories to the project, Kirages said.

Paul Marbach, music senior and audio programmer of mappingDESIRE, will coordinate an on-site project at MIX where he will incorporate the stories into a sound collage. Marbach's project will be composed of electronic music and interviews from the Web site and the event.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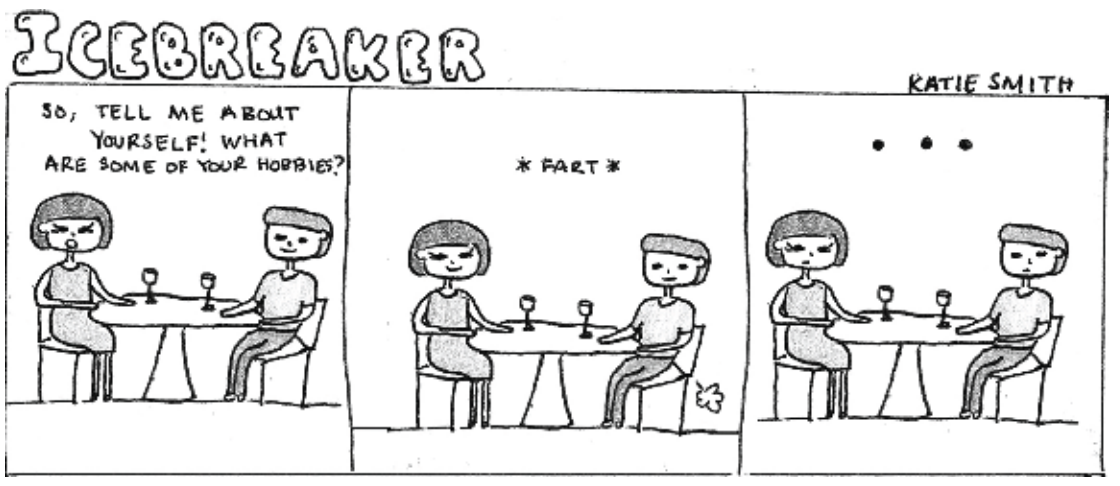

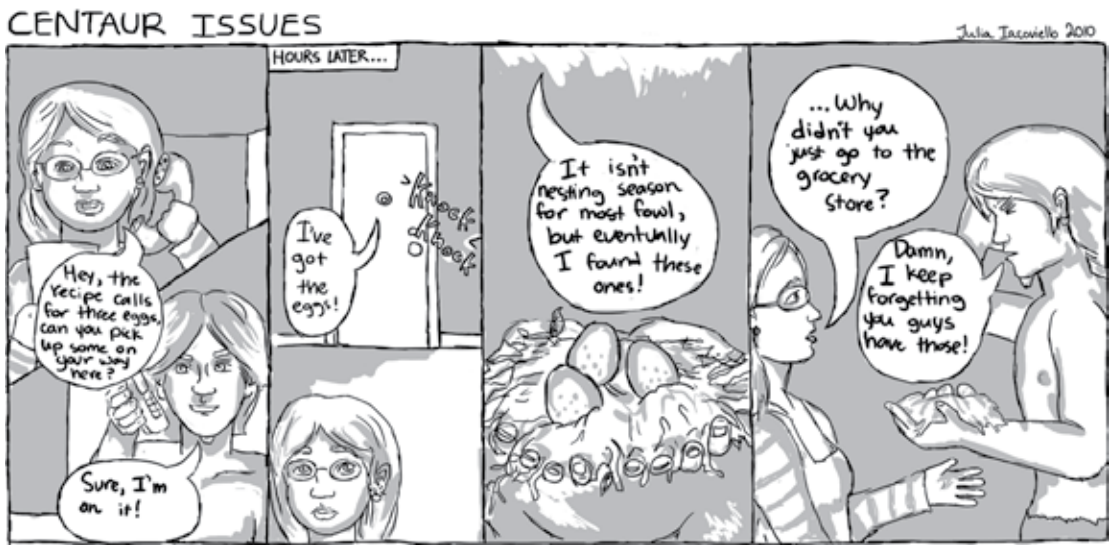

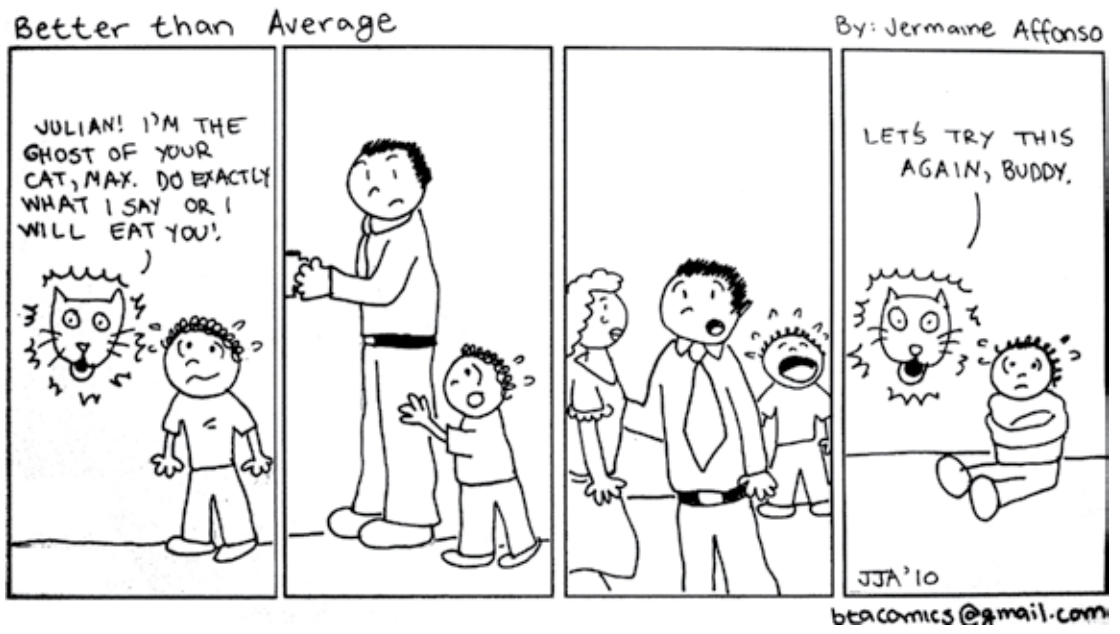


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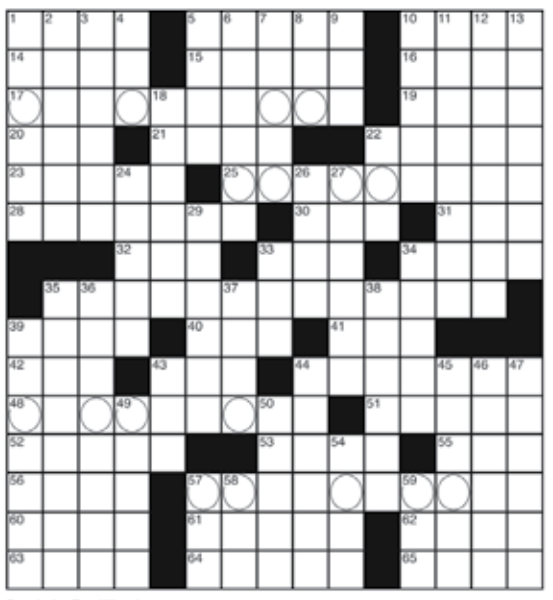

**Across**

1 #1 position
5 According to
10 I.R.S. figures: Abbr.
14 Coal cart
15 Handed (out)
16 First Indian tribe met by Lewis and Clark
17 Bird watcher's accessory
19 The Crimson Tide, familiarly
20 Week-___-glance calendar
21 What a coach driver holds
22 2, for one
23 Trace of color
25 Tide or Cheer
28 Beetles sacred to ancient Egyptians
30 Language suffix
31 Prefix with content
32 "___ recall ..."
33 One of five in "Julius Caesar"
34 ___ d'Ivoire (African land)
35 Essential part necessary for fulfilling a goal ... or what 17-, 25-, 48- and 57-Across all have?
39 Droids
40 Flee
41 ___ de Cologne
42 Winter hrs. in Bermuda
43 Peace, in Peru
44 Compresses, informally
48 Symbol of life
51 Ones in a gaggle
52 "So long"
53 Demolish
55 Young fellow
56 Certain iPod or skirt
57 Cheesy Mexican snack
60 Knievel on a motorcycle
61 Smarty
62 Working without ___
63 Actor Beatty and others
64 Wuss
65 What a jack-of-all-trades is master of, supposedly

**Down**

1 Baseball statistics
2 "Everyone's a ___"
3 Procrastinator's response
4 Rock music subcategory
5 Together, on musical scores
6 Sphere and cube
7 Smoothing tool
8 Suffix with election
9 Things with shoulders: Abbr.
10 Edna Ferber novel
11 Young starlet's promoter, maybe
12 Propose for election
13 Where Starbucks was founded
18 Ironing line
22 Rap's Dr. ___
24 There are about 28.35 of these in an ounce
26 Georgia ___
27 High regard
29 Place for a petri dish
33 Sign at a convenience store
34 Save the Whales, for one
35 Plummet
36 Got
37 Disconcert
38 Measured
39 "Who Let the Dogs Out" group
43 Score components: Abbr.
44 Equilibrium
45 "Absolutely not!"
46 ___ Institute, California retreat center for alternative education
47 Tranquilize
49 Stirs
50 Neighborhoods
54 Wacky
57 Ones making handoffs, for short
58 Geller with supposed psychic powers
59 McEwan or McKellen

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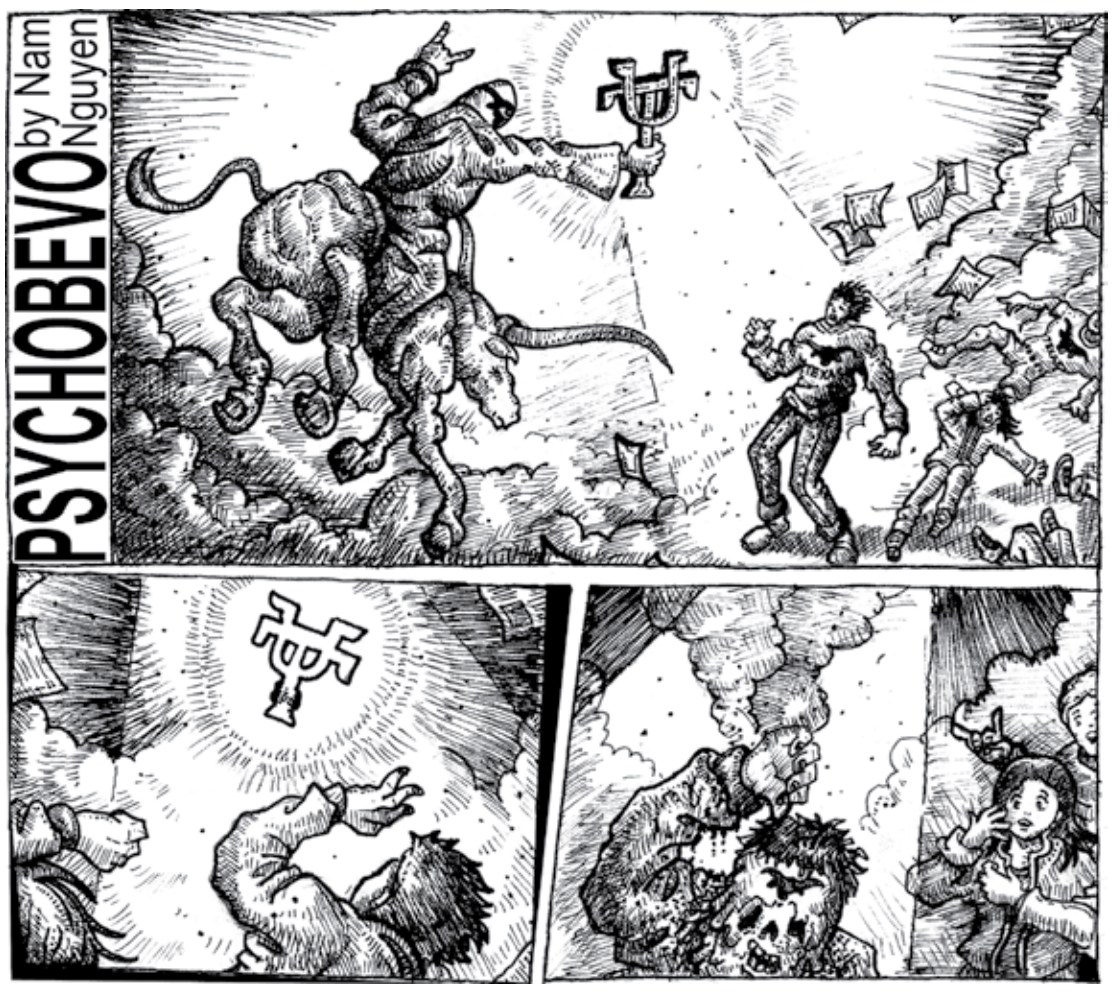

# Future of 'Men' in jeopardy

Photo Courtesy of Two and a Half Men

**"Two and a Half Men" is the most-watched comedy in America. Charlie Sheen, who stars as the womanizing Charlie Harper, returns to court in March to face charges for allegedly assaulting and threatening his wife.**

## TV TUESDAY
### By Robert Rich

A couple of weeks ago, Charlie Sheen was charged with felony menacing and two lesser counts related to an incident during the Christmas holidays in which Colorado police said he assaulted and threatened his wife, Brooke Mueller. Sheen is headed back to court on March 15 and, if convicted, could face up to three years in prison. The incident has CBS executives flipping out because Sheen stars in "Two and a Half Men," the network's flagship comedy and the most-watched comedy in America.

Yes, I am just as upset as you are that the sitcom is the highest-rated on television. If you've seen an episode of "Two and a Half Men," you know exactly what I'm talking about. Sheen stars as a commercial jingle writer (I kid you not) providing a home for his brother and his brother's son in light of the brother's marital troubles. Sheen's character is a boozing womanizer, content to pad around the house looking for fresh prey and making a multitude of corny jokes that you'd expect from a mainstream sitcom.

*The accusations brought by police against Sheen are evidence of a man that's quite simply a loser. Unfortunately, he's also one of the highest-paid actors on television, garnering nearly $20 million a season.*

Not to insult the American viewing public, but how anyone can watch "Two and a Half Men," laugh and think that they're actually watching quality television is beyond me. The jokes are stale, the dynamics of a playboy can't be fully explored on network TV (see David Duchovny in "Californication" instead), and the show is simply lackluster.

The accusations brought by police against Sheen are evidence of a man that's quite simply a loser. Unfortunately, he's also one of the highest-paid actors on television, garnering nearly $20 million a season. If Sheen goes to jail, CBS will still have to pay him because of his contract. Getting paid while you sit in jail is one hell of a deal.

CBS has another top-rated sitcom in "The Big Bang Theory," a show that's actually funny and is on the rise. If "Two and a Half Men" falls, "The Big Bang Theory" will be the show to take its slot. That's what needs to happen.

# Mixed results for experimentation

### Xiu Xiu
#### *Dear God, I Hate Myself*

Xiu Xiu (pronounced shoe-shoe) has suffered through multiple lineup changes since front man Jamie Stewart started the band in 2000. Fortunately, one thing Stewart hasn't lost quite yet is an intriguing vision for his music.

Stewart's penchant for maudlin, gothic sounds is readily evident on *Dear God, I Hate Myself*, Xiu Xiu's seventh full-length album. On songs like the opener, "Gray Death," Stewart mournfully whispers over lush guitars and bombastic drumming courtesy of new member Angela Seo: "This sopping wet towel of stupidity/ supplicated to the fawn."

Stewart's affinity for the sardonic and surreal is evident in the song "Apple for a Brain." Stewart pairs cheesy, Moog melodies with creepily disjointed Game Boy and Optigan bleeps and bloops for an electronic ode to a "hideous boy." The Nintendo-composed melody feels forced, though similar melodies form the foundation of the album and lend some levity to the group's experimental pop structures. The glitchy percussion and electronic gurgles sound like a bad parody of a Venetian Snares album.

Yet, Xiu Xiu shines on songs like "Cumberland Gap," a lightheartened jam that features Stewart plucking away at a banjo and Deerhoof member John Dieterich playing shimmering guitar and dobro.

Stewart hasn't lost his knack for making catchy hooks embedded in experimental synth pop — a genre that has soured since its infiltration by twee mainstreamers like Owl City. And though the album boasts full arrangements and does away with Xiu Xiu's minimalist bent on the group's previous albums, it still lacks heart, and Stewart's narcissistic, Morrissey-aping lyrics only make it worse.

**Grade: C+**

*— Francisco Marin*

### Joanna Newsom
#### *Have One on Me*

There's no doubt for Joanna Newsom fans that her 2006 album, *Ys*, was a masterpiece — it topped the year's best-of lists, she collaborated with Van Dyke Parks and there was, at one point in her tour, a 29-piece orchestra backing her.

Although her cloying lyricism can be tiring at times — she's the rustic, unprocessed equivalent of Colin Meloy — what's at the heart of her third LP, *Have One on Me*, is her dexterity and willingness to put together a pastiche of sound that's greater than the sum of its parts.

In a word, the album is gorgeous. It's also long, clocking in at just over 124 minutes and spanning three discs, though the average song length is less than seven minutes. The songs combine the lush effluence of her first album, *The Milk-Eyed Mender*, with the more complex, nuanced structures of *Ys*.

Newsom has traded in the medieval sonics of her previous albums for a more sprightly sound on much of this album, which most likely stems from her band leader, Ryan Francesconi, taking charge of the backing arrangements. More importantly, her voice has evolved from the witchy cackle of *The Milk-Eyed Mender* into the ambrosial crooning of a genuine chanteuse.

Essentially, the album is pretty, in the way that swans sleeping on a lake are pretty. At its heart, though, it's as intricate and engaging as anything Newsom has created since she began in 2002.

**Grade: A+**

*— F.M.*

# MEMOIR: Activist rallies behind DNA testing

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rather than evil monsters," Dow said. "Most death row inmates have something very significant in common, and that is that they were raised in circumstances that are not only appalling but generally unimaginable to people who grow up in typical middle-class homes."

Recently, studies have shown a decline in death-penalty sentences, which Dow believes to be the result of states enacting "life without parole" statutes and the increased quality of death penalty representation. Another factor is the system's correction of mistakes — the U.S. just had its 250th DNA exoneration.

"These exonerations have revealed to people who had a blind confidence or faith in the criminal justice system that the criminal justice system actually makes mistakes pretty regularly," Dow said. "I think the possibility of mistake is very present in the consciousness of most people that are currently involved in the criminal justice system."

# STYLE: Fashion Week debuts heavy outerwear

From page 12

use of fluffy fur from trim to lining, full fur coats, cover-up dresses with short flowing hems and sheer fabric tops.

For those not interested in the fur fanaticism, models also strutted down the runway with knitted scarves, tweed and mohair as alternative heavy outerwear.

### Masculine touches

No, these aren't Hillary Clinton's iconic pant suits. However, female models were sporting various blazer-and-trouser-inspired garments paired with feminine dresses.

Among many of the designers who mixed and matched was Diane von Furstenberg.

"She would have dresses that were flowy or sequins, you know, the girly aspects," said Carly Cummins, a journalism freshman and fashion writer. "But then she would top it with a structured blazer or pant. You can mix the two that are so different."

As for men, there was a continuing increase in military and industrial elements — like epaulettes and boots — most notably seen in G-Star's collection.

"There's a lot of military inspiration, just to keep in masculine and classic," Ho said. "There's always going to be industrial and military influence."

### Color splashes, distinct designs

Amidst a sea of neutral fall blacks and whites or nudes there were intriguing dashes of bright colors and asymmetrical lines.

From neck to hemlines, asymmetry and color blocking aren't revolutionary concepts, but they're ones designers are continually slipping into their collections.

"Everyone's trying to modernize," said Stefant Phonthephasone, textiles and apparel sophomore. "So you see some asymmetry in jackets, and you see a lot of color blocking to put a modern twist on it."

While some designers slipped in colors sparingly, others like Zac Posen and Marc by Marc Jacobs bombarded audiences with colors. Just because it's still cold outside doesn't mean you have to pull out the dark overcoats.

### Where to get the wears

Although most of these looks won't hit designer retail stores at the Domain or By George until fall of next year, any vintage store like Buffalo Exchange or Prototype Vintage will offer a cheaper alternative.

Those wanting to mix masculine and feminine can find a good, used blazer that can be tailored. Cream Vintage on the Drag offers in-store tailoring and repairs for anyone wanting to perfect their look. Just be sure to leave any shoulder pads you may find in the '80s.

Or you can wear larger, heavier jackets a little baggy and layer them over a chic fitted dress or plaid shirt. These fall contrasts should flirt with textures, shapes and colors to keep you feeling warm while looking hot.

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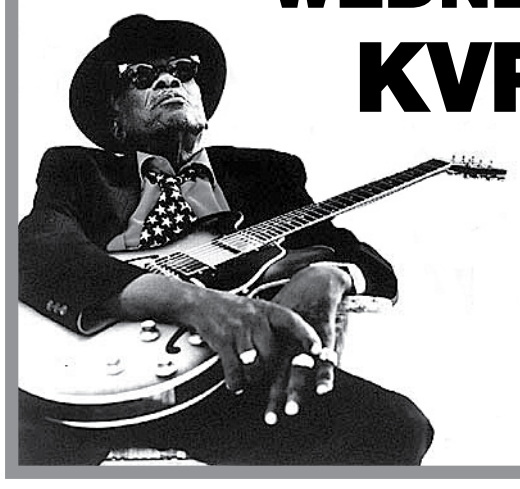

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# Fall fashions emphasize contrast

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**Above, Stefant Phonthephasone, Kaidon Ho, and Carly Cummins show off the latest trends from the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York. Below, Kaidon Ho, a second year fashion design major, promotes a new style for the fall 2010 collection amidst the natural scenery of Waller Creek.**

**By Gerald Rich**
Daily Texan Staff

New York's Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week has come and gone, giving us time to pause and reflect quickly on fall 2010's ready-to-wear designs while watching London Fashion Week and anticipating Milan and Paris.

Spanning across various designers of men's and women's fashion was the resounding theme of juxtaposition. Contrasting fabrics, cuts and colors provided an eclectic eyeful for fashionistas. Here are some easy fashion tips hot off the runway to mix up your wardrobe.

## Heavy is hip

Despite PETA's numerous anti-fur campaigns, heavy fur outerwear draped over soft or sheer fabrics was seen from runway to runway.

"It was just layer, after layer, after layer," said Kaidon Ho, a textiles and apparel sophomore and fashion blogger. "[Everything was] fur, fur, fur!"

Designers like Michael Kors and Rag & Bone ranged in their

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# Memoir offers outlet for death-row lawyer

**By Kate Ergenbright**
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As of Jan. 13, Texas has executed 449 inmates since 1976, accounting for one-third of all executions in the United States since that date, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. No one is more familiar with this harsh reality than David Dow, a distinguished law professor at the University of Houston, director of the Texas Innocence Network and litigation director of Texas Defender Services. Dow has represented more than 100 death row inmates during his career as a death penalty attorney.

In his new memoir, "The Autobiography of an Execution," Dow discusses the collision of his personal and professional lives as he deals with the stress of working on death row and still making it home in time to be with his wife and 9-year-old son.

"I noticed at some point, when my son was really young, how different the two major halves of my life were," Dow said. "I would call someone 20 minutes before their execution to tell them that our final appeal had been denied, and then 45 minutes later, I'd be at home sitting in our kitchen with my wife and son eating dinner, reading a book or playing Scrabble."

Dow initially began writing his memoir as a therapeutic exercise to cope with the stress of his professional life encroaching on his personal life.

"I found that I was really having the work that I do intrude on my home life in a way that I didn't think was good for me or my family," he said. "So, I thought that if I wrote this book, I'd be able to leave some of these conflicting emotions on a stack of pages on the desk at my office before I came home. I didn't think that when I first started writing it was going to turn into a book, and then, at some point, I realized that I had a story I wanted to tell."

Dow was also inspired to write his memoir to dispel rumors and stereotypes about death row attorneys.

"I wanted to convey the sentiment that people who represent death row inmates are not necessarily indifferent to the pain that has been caused by the murderer," Dow said. "I detest murder as much as the next person, and I think that one of the misconceptions in popular discourse is that people that represent death row inmates excuse murder and that they don't appreciate the pain that murder causes."

Dow began his career as a death penalty attorney by accident when he visited death row and agreed to represent an inmate with an approaching execution date whose lawyer had recently quit. At this time, Dow was not opposed to capital punishment, and it took five or six years of working as a death row attorney for Dow to change his mind, he said.

"Because of my work, I came to the realization that the system that we have is deeply corrupt and that it favors the wealthy over the poor, and it favors people with white skin over black skin," Dow said. "Although I know that we accept some degree of inequality in our society, I don't think we should be accepting that inequality when it comes to deciding who is going to get sentenced to death."

Through his work, Dow has also changed his perception of death row inmates as "the worst of the so-called worst."

"What I discovered is that most of the people there were and are deeply remorseful. The people on death row are human beings that did a horrible, horrible thing

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