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United Way

Brian Gallagher, the CEO of United Way, will speak in the Texas Union Building at 5:30 p.m. His talk is a part of the VIP Distinguished Speaker Series and the event is free.

Be That One

The Counseling and Mental Health Center will host a workshop teaching students how to recognize signs that a friend may be thinking about suicide. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in SSB G1.310A and is part of Suicide Prevention Week.

Mean Girls

Looking for a girls night out? The Alamo Drafthouse Ritz will screen Mean Girls at 7 p.m.

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"We're kind of just making it happen as close to what it was. Of course, when people hear it and it's us doing it instead of a 16, 14 and an 11-year-old, it just has a different feel, even if we do the exact same thing."

— Taylor Hansan

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Powers gains conference control

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

The UT System Board of Regents voted to give the UT-Austin president authority to negotiate entrance into another conference or to remain in the Big 12.

The decision was made over a special telephone meeting between the Board of Regents and current

president William Powers Jr. The meeting is the beginning of many talks focused on the future of UT Austin football. The University of Oklahoma's Board of Regents also gave OU's president the authority to negotiate their position in the Big 12 or begin a move towards entrance into another football conference on Sept. 19.

"There's been a great deal of

movement concerning conference realignment," Powers said.

Although legal issues concerning their contract with the Big 12 remain, Texas A&M University withdrew from the Big 12 in late August with plans to join the Southeastern Conference. This came as a response to the Longhorn Network, which A&M views as an unfair recruiting advantage for UT, accord-

ing to the Associated Press.

Powers and UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds reportedly met with Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott in Los Angeles this past weekend, according to a New York Times article.

"We believe it would be helpful to be able to explore options," Powers said. "Including continued participation in the Big 12 in the inter-

est of our student athletes."

According to the Big 12's official website, UT has been a member of the Big 12 since its formation in 1994 when the conference began through a merger of the Big 8 conference with four Texas universities from the now-defunct Southwestern Conference. Athletic compe-

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Jorge Corona | Daily Texan Staff

Ana Gallo swims laps at Barton Springs Pool on Monday afternoon. The pool is set to be drained, repaired and cleaned up as part of a preservation effort engineered three years

City, community to renovate Barton Springs

By Jillian Bliss
Daily Texan Staff

The Barton Springs Pool and recreation site will soon undergo a face lift with the help of city officials and UT community members.

Spurred by public comments and conversation among city council members about upkeep and safety, city officials drafted a master plan

three years ago intended to preserve and improve the Barton Springs Pool facility. According to the Austin Parks and Recreation website, the master plan includes goals for ecological, recreational and maintenance-related projects, as well as short-term projects for accomplishing each goal. Parks and Recreation staff met with members of the Environmental Board Monday

night to discuss repairs necessary to maintaining a clean and safe environment for both pool visitors and area wildlife.

"The master plan was put into motion because a lot of the infrastructure at Barton Springs was built in the late 1920s, '30s and '40s," said Tom Nelson, Parks and Recreation aquatics division manager. "With any old structure, it needs some work."

Nelson said repairs to a bypass culvert pipe are of major importance to those working on the project. The pipe contains several holes limiting its efficiency, and reconstruction was formerly delayed due to concerns of damaging area salamander habitats, he said. Both the Austin blind salamander and the Barton Springs salamander, which inhabit the affected area, are listed as

endangered species.

Price said the Parks and Recreation department and Environmental Board members have collaborated in order to develop an eco-friendly repair plan for the culvert pipe, and repairs will begin next fall in order to allow spring and summer visitors to enjoy the pool.

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West Campus neighbors conflicted on height issue

Students want expansion to lower price of housing, families strive for stability

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

Students may butt heads with developers, realtors and owners of single family residences on height restrictions in West Campus following the meeting of a committee that aims to improve the area.

The Central Austin Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee is comprised of members of neighborhood associations in the West Campus and North Campus area, realtors and developers in that area, and two Student Government members, liberal arts representative John Lawler and SG city relations director Daniel Evans.

Currently, there is a 50-foot

height restriction on buildings south of 24th Street and west of Leon Street in West Campus. Michael McHone, a realty developer in the West Campus area, proposed that the committee approve the submitting of an ordinance supported by local neighborhood associations which would allow builders to add an extra two floors and build to 75 feet.

Although the height increase is opposed by many single-family homeowners, it would benefit students — the primary population in the area, Lawler said.

Lawler and several members of the committee debated heavily during the meeting because while he believed the height discussion is relevant, Lawler said he felt that the discussion was causing the committee to place the issue of affordable

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Downtown loses historic punk venue Emo's

By Nick Hadjigeorge
Daily Texan Staff

The corner of Sixth Street and Red River will be less loud and lively due to the upcoming closure of the outside stage of well-known music venue Emo's.

Emo's manager Mike Staples said the changing landscape of downtown Austin is responsible for Emo's gradual transition to a newer and more equipped venues in East Austin.

"Our venue is not going in the direction that downtown wants," Staples said.

To continue the wild and free character Emo's has been famous for since 1992, the owners have recently opened a new venue called Emo's East on East Riverside Drive,

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Security guard Dave Mesa looks at the graffiti that has accumulated over the past 19 years in Emo's Green Room, on Monday afternoon. Demolishing of the outside stage has already begun leaving the rest of the venue open until after SXSW.

Pu Ying Huang
Daily Texan Staff

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housing on the back-burner. "We're allowing this height discussion to postpone the larger initiative, which is affordable housing in West Campus," he said. "I think it would be a strong move by CANPAC to say let's not look at this height restriction thing anymore, let's focus on the issue of affordable housing."

While there are roughly 400 student renters in the restricted area and only about two dozen single-family homeowners, the committee is almost completely made up of non-students, Lawler said. Although the 50-foot height restrictions benefit those single-family homeowners, allowing the height limits to be raised to 75-feet would allow multi-family complexes to accommodate more students, he said.

Student renters have distinctly different needs and concerns than single-family homeowners and are the majority of the population, he said.

"When a student moves into West Campus, they're going to have certain expectations," he said. "There's going to be noise,

there's going to be problems with parking, that's a given. Noise isn't the primary concern, we should be looking at things aside from having a loud party."

While single-family homeowners sympathize with student renters and support housing affordability in the North and West Campus areas, raising the height limitations in those areas would have no benefit for them and they wouldn't support it, said Mary Ingle, a representative from the North University Neighborhood Association. Party decks on the tops of apartment complexes and students throwing things off of balconies on high rises are not something they are OK with dealing with, she said.

"We have to find balance," she said. "As much as I would like to accommodate that very fragile balance I can't accept that and I won't go along with it. That's not what our single family neighborhoods are."

Some UT employees do live in the West Campus area and should be able to have the opportunity to live in single-family residences that are not next



Victoria Montalvo | Daily Texan Staff

Chemical engineer sophomore Taylor Jellison relaxes in the courtyard of her apartment complex, Piazza Navona, on 26th Street Monday afternoon.

to large student populated apartment complexes, said John Foxworth, local photographer and former member of the committee.

"I used to work at UT for 17

years," he said. "Can I not live in a house within walking distance? I have a right and other UT employees have a right to live near where they work in a house. It's to protect the character of the

neighborhood." The committee will meet again in one month to hold a vote on the issue of height restrictions in the back area of West Campus.

Hispanic enrollment at record high despite economy

UT environment improving, financial aid may be cause of dropping freshman rates

By Nina Hernandez
Daily Texan Staff

Total Hispanic enrollment at UT is at all time high, according to the University's most recent enrollment data.

Hispanic enrollment jumped 5 percent in 10 years, and this year, 17.5 percent — or 8,975 students — are Hispanic.

Luis Guevara, program coordinator for the Center for Mexican American Studies, is staff executive co-chair for the Hispanic Faculty/Staff Association.

"I think the campus environment for students, staff and faculty is much improved [in the last 10 years]," Guevara said. "There's been a much more visible presence of Mexican-Americans and other Latinos."

Guevara pointed out the events that take place to observe holidays like Dia de los Muertos and

Mexican Independence day.

"The University can learn to appreciate what Mexican-Americans have contributed to Texas and the United States as a whole by the events, people and organizations as a whole," Guevara said.

According to the Office of Information Management and Analysis statistics, in the 2009-2010 academic year 5,128 Caucasian students, 1,483 Hispanic students and 379 black students graduated.

"I know the University is aggressive in outreach to increase the number of undergraduates," Guevara said. "I understand that the University wants to highlight enrollment trends, but the key thing is how many people finish their degrees. Getting people into college doesn't mean they're going to finish."

Deputy admissions director Augustine Garza said 21 percent of incoming freshmen identify themselves as Hispanic.

"We have centers in all the major Texan cities: Houston, San Antonio, El Paso and Arlington,"

Garza said. "We have deployed admission staff all over the state, and their job is to visit with students and disseminate information about the university."

Garza said Hispanic freshman enrollment is down from 23.1 percent last year to 21 percent, and that part of the reason could be the ailing economy.

"We have a belief that a lot of students don't come because of the financial aid situation," Garza said. "We have a lot of families that are struggling and they make the decision for their children to stay closer to home"

Gregory Vincent, vice president for Diversity and Community Engagement, said he is less concerned with numbers and more concerned with removing obstacles in the way of dedicated students who want to attend UT.

"Our goal is to get the very best students from the state who will serve their community," Vincent said. "We make sure that UT is a welcoming place for all students to pursue their higher education."

UT 2011 FRESHMEN CLASS

Caucasian Men: 2,396

Caucasian Women: 2,732

Total Caucasian: 5,128

Hispanic Men: 660

Hispanic Women: 823

Total Hispanic: 1,483

Black Men: 123

Black Women: 256

Total black: 379

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City officials have also discussed reconstruction of creek dams in order to increase water flow from Barton Springs. Ben Hodges, associate professor in civil architecture and environmental engineering, said the city contacted his department to develop a model explaining the water flow and habitat consequences from possible dam reconstruction.

"The city is looking at different options for changing the gate on the dams, which would change water velocity and impact the blind salamander," Hodges said.

Hodges said the model, constructed by graduate student researchers, is scheduled for completion within the next two years.

Johnnie Price, Watershed Protection Department engineer and Barton Springs restoration project sponsor, said the culvert pipe serves to carry natural debris and sediment around the pool and deliver it to a dam downstream.

"If we didn't have it, we'd have to clean out the pool every time it rained," Price said.

Dominic Ferrario, Texas Wranglers president and advertising junior, said in addition to relaxing at Barton Springs, members of his organization have also been involved in community service at the site. Ferrario said he and other members participated in a park cleanup last spring by removing debris from the bottom of the Barton Springs pool after it was drained. Ferrario said he believes the debris got to the bottom of the pool because of the damaged culvert pipe. The group plans to complete other community service projects on site this year, he said.

"I think the age of the pool is part of what makes it an Austin landmark," Ferrario said. "[The Texas Wranglers] had gone out there for some time now so [the cleanup] was a neat way to give back."

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tion within the conference began in 1996, with UT remaining a consistent football powerhouse in the conference, earning four national championship wins.

The Pac-12 will launch its own television networks in August 2012, according to the Associated Press. If UT applies for entrance into the Pac-12, the future of the Longhorn Network

and how it will fit into the possible partnership could come into question.

The Board of Regents must ratify any change in conference membership. Texas Tech and Oklahoma State, both part of the Big 12, are expected to apply for entrance to the Pac-12 if UT and OU make the move.

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Staples said.

"It's a state of the art venue with capacity for 1,700 people," Staples said. "There is a nice patio, lots of parking space and indoor air-conditioning."

Staples said he is sad to see the removal of the outdoor stage because many famous acts have played there and contributed to Austin's title of "Live Music Capital of the World."

"Everyone from Johnny Cash, Wu-Tang Clan, The Melvins, Damien Marley and so many more have played there," Staples said. "It's a legendary stage. Everyone will miss it."

Bartender Randy Conrad said he wasn't happy about the closure of the outside stage and said there isn't much time left before it is finally gone.

"We have to move everything out of there by Friday," Conrad said. "It's sad to see this go, but we are moving on to bigger and better things."

Conrad said the entire Emo's downtown venue will eventually transition into a new small-sized venue in East Austin.

"The inside stage will be here through the next South By Southwest and then we will be look-

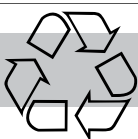
ing for another space to open a smaller venue alongside the new Emo's East that opened recently," Conrad said.

The employees of Emo's weren't exactly sure who purchased the space or what will replace it.

Emo's sound engineer Brian Bash said that Emo's doesn't feel the same with one of its major stages preparing to shut down. He also said he was honored to see Toronto punk band Death from Above 1979 play the last show to take place on the outdoor stage.

"It's a little eerie," Bash said as he was organizing the cables and effects pedals for that night's performers. "It's been around for so long and now it's all cleaned-out."

Radio-television-film and government senior Cameron Jones said he knew how famous Emo's was before he moved to Austin and that it's sad to see a symbol of Austin's music scene removed. "Emo's is a fixture of Austin," Jones said. "If the city wants to still be seen as the Live Music Capital of the World, then it's inconsistent to pressure Emo's to change what they do."



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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton responds to questions of Middle East talks ahead of the looming Palestinian statehood vote at the UN General Assembly, on Monday in the Manhattan borough of New York.

John Minchillo | Associated Press

Clinton: Still hope for a compromise

By Bradley Klapper, Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

The Obama administration insisted Monday there was still time to avert a divisive showdown over Palestinian statehood, ignoring President Mahmoud Abbas' defiant pledge to take his government's case to the United Nations and reaching out to Western allies in the hopes of a last-ditch compromise.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. was engaged in "extremely intensive" diplomacy with

Israel, the Palestinians and the other governments gathered in New York for the annual U.N. General Assembly meeting.

"We continue to believe and are pressing the point that the only way to a two-state solution, which is what we support and want to see happen, is through negotiations," Clinton said before a meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Genba.

"No matter what does or doesn't happen this week, it will not produce the kind of result that everyone is hoping for," she said.

Clinton said the week was still young and there were still several days to find a compromise. The U.S. and Europe have been trying to find a formula that would pave the way for direct Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, while addressing the Palestinian frustration with the lack of progress over the past year.

Only 12 months ago, President Barack Obama said he hoped to welcome Palestine as the newest U.N. member at this year's global gathering. But the Palestinian decision to go the United Nations without agreement with Isra-

el caused Washington to work against the plan and promise to veto it in the U.N. Security Council.

Obama, who arrived in New York on Monday afternoon, was scheduled to meet later in the week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, though there were no immediate plans for the president to meet Abbas.

White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes said the U.S. and international partners continue to be in touch with the Palestinians "at all levels."

Yemen protesters take military base

By Ahmed Al-haj, Hamza Hendawi
The Associated Press

Thousands of protesters backed by military defectors seized a base of the elite Republican Guards on Monday, weakening the control of Yemen's embattled president over this poor, fractured Arab nation. His forces fired on unarmed demonstrators elsewhere in the capital, killing scores, wounding hundreds and sparking international condemnation.

The protesters, joined by soldiers from the renegade 1st Armored Division, stormed the base without firing a single shot, according to witnesses and security officials. Some carried sticks and rocks. They used sandbags to erect barricades to protect their comrades from the possibility of weapons fire from inside the base, but none came and the Republican Guards eventually fled, leaving their weapons behind.

Although the base was not particularly large — the Republican Guards have bigger ones in the capital and elsewhere in Yemen — its capture buoyed the protesters' spirits and signaled what could be the start of the collapse of President Ali Abdullah Saleh's 33-year-old regime.

"It was unbelievable," said protester Ameen Ali Saleh of storming the base on the west side of the major al-Zubairy road, which runs through the heart of Sanaa. "We acted like it was us who had the weapons, not the soldiers."

"Now the remainder of the regime will finally crumble," said another demonstrator, Mohammed al-Wasaby. "Our will is more effective than weapons. The soldiers loyal to Saleh just ran away."

As clashes continued into the night, several loud explosions rocked Sanaa, and a mortar hit the Islamic University of Al-Iman, killing one and injuring two others. The cause of the explosions was not known.

Saleh went to Saudi Arabia for medical treatment after a June attack on his Sanaa compound and has not returned to Yemen, but has resisted calls to resign.

A final showdown may well pit the Republican Guards, led by Saleh's son and heir apparent Ahmed, against the soldiers of the 1st Armored Division, another elite outfit that has fought in all of Yemen's wars over the past two decades, and their tribal allies in the capital.

The Republican Guards and the Special Forces, also led by the president's son, have long been thought to be the regime's last line of defense against the seven-month-old uprising.

The storming of the base capped two days of clashes in the capital that have left at least 50 people dead and nearly 1,000 injured, mostly demonstrators.

Government forces used snipers stationed on rooftops, anti-aircraft guns, rocket propelled grenades and mortars against the unarmed protesters. Witnesses and security officials described scenes of mutilated bodies, some torn apart. An infant girl, a 14-year-old boy and three rebel soldiers were among the at least 23 people killed on Monday.

"It is over," concluded protest leader Abdul-Hadi al-Azzai. "The Ali Abdullah Saleh regime is finished. How can you negotiate while massacres are ongoing? The world is silent."

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Rank and file

A good college ranking is like an iPad: Those that have one swear by it, and those that don't claim it's useless.

Last week, U.S. News and World Report released their annual Best Colleges rankings. This report is the Simon Cowell of all other rankings. Like the American Idol days of past years, it matters little whether Randy Jackson uses the words "yo dawg" 15 times to tell an artist she is cool or whether Paula Abdul's eyes got dreamy to tell an artist he is sweet. In the end, even though text messages from Americans across the country would determine a hopeful's fate, all that mattered was what the skin-tight-T-shirt-wearing Simon had to say.

This year, "Simon" placed UT as the 45th best university in the country and the 13th best public university, the same spots it held last year.

Rankings are a long-standing tradition, born out of our insatiable, capitalistic need to quantify and compare. Like fast food, we admit its faults, inadequacies and potential side effects yet consume it anyway. And while education is meant to dictate rankings, rankings tend to dictate education.

When Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa told the Board of Regents last May that the UT System needs to support the Austin campus' goal to become the best public university in the country, we assume we will get there when "Simon" says we do.

The report's methodologies are outlined on its website. It places different weights on several categories, such as academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, financial resources per student and alumni giving. These categories are then broken down into several subcategories. This makes playing the rankings game all the more easier.

Yet chasing the limelight of a top ranking runs in the opposite direction of another entity: the Capitol.

A few weeks ago, Marc Musick, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, published an analysis that touted UT as the second most efficient public research institution behind the University of Florida when considering tuition, state appropriations and six-year graduation rates. But not all have taken the liberty to paint UT as beating the odds in the face of a frugal state.

Faculty resources account for 20 percent of the U.S. News rankings. The ranking measures how many classes have more than 50 students and how many classes have fewer than 20 students. At UT, that is 25 percent and 34 percent respectively, both of which are on the unfavorable end of the comparative scale. Additionally, last year — the year from which the data are taken — there were 384 classes that had more than 100 students. This is the largest number since at least 2004, the oldest report posted on the Office of Information Management and Analysis' website.

Then there is the financial resources section of the rankings, which accounts for 10 percent of a university's score. This adds together factors such as student services, academic support, operations and maintenance and then divides them by the number of full-time equivalent undergraduate students. And at UT, any time you divide something by about 38,000, the results tend to be lower than you hoped for.

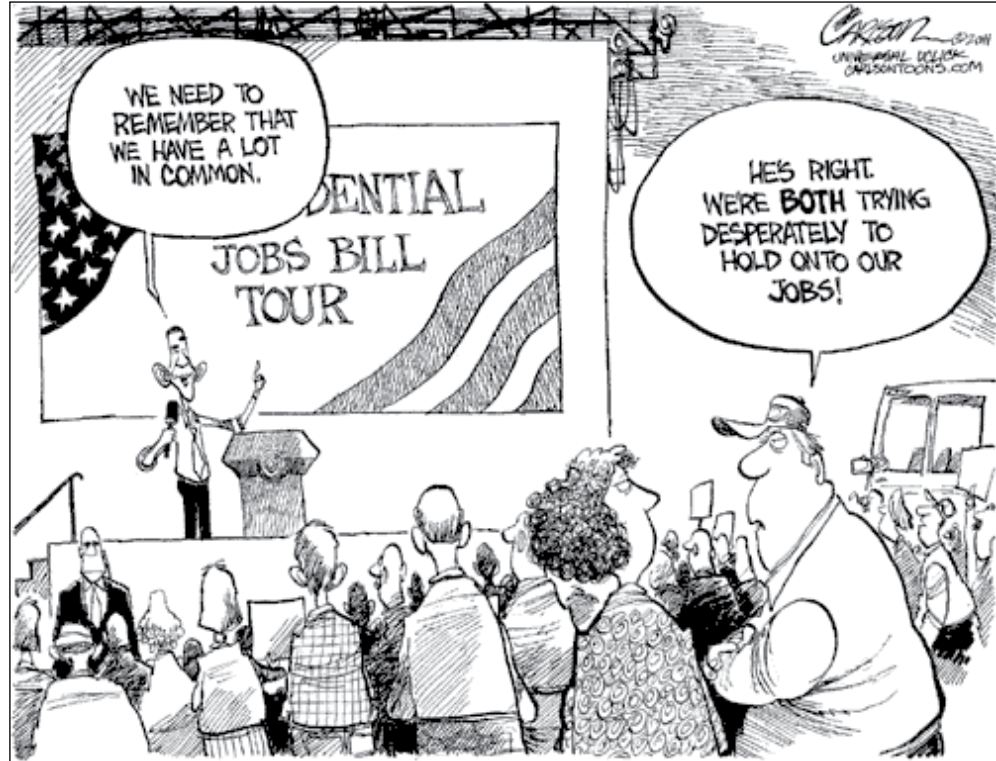
Finally, there is the always-contentious academic reputation measurement of the rankings, which accounts for about 22.5 percent of a university's total score, the majority of which is determined by what presidents, provosts and deans of admissions at other universities think about various institutions. Bolstering perceptions at universities can include costly facilities and name-brand faculty.

The traditional methods to improve UT's rankings will be to invest heavily in ways that counter the notions of efficiency. Low tuition and state investment, combined with a large undergraduate population is a great asset in one report and a great excuse in another.

The economic realities call for tough decision-making. Yet as University decision makers play Simon Says while being careful not to get Rick Roll'd by the Capitol, they need to remember that weighing rankings and efficiency is a battle for numbers when the real focus should be on a battle for people.

While students value both affordability and prestige, ultimately a UT education needs to stand on its own.

— Shabab Siddiqui for the editorial board



Include students to improve degree plans



By Samantha Katsounas
Daily Texan Columnist

As UT's freshmen express relief upon finishing their first few weeks of class, they remain blissfully unaware of a startling fact regarding their new home. Unbeknownst to most freshmen, half of their peers in the class of 2015 will not graduate in four years. Not only does this hinder the progress of students, it impedes the ability of the University to rise in national university rankings. In his State of the University Address last Wednesday, President William Powers Jr. forcefully declared his intention to raise the four-year graduation rate from 51 to 70 percent within five years.

Using powerful rhetoric, Powers effectively shifted negative attention away from the idea that faculty and professors are part of the problem, stressing that little can be accomplished quickly if UT is not "given room to focus" on solutions. While debate on the roles of research and instruction in Texas' public universities persists, an emphasis on the quantitative efficiency of professors is counterproductive in the solution for higher graduation rates. The quantitative approach leads to significantly larger class sizes and less involvement of tenured faculty in undergraduate classrooms, which erases potential benefits for students and the reputation of the University. The quantitative approach also ignores students, who are the only part of the UT community that experiences firsthand the effects of diluted instruction.

Students who do not complete their degree within four years clearly lose economically by having to pay tuition for extra semesters in school. However, according to a recent report by Marc Musick, UT sociology professor and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, there are other "opportunity costs" associated with delayed graduation. Students experience economic costs for the time they could have spent employed full-time, psychological costs for blows to self-esteem and social costs for the lack of credentials to push their career forward, according to Musick's report. Despite these problems that directly affect students, the average Longhorn has never been invited to submit suggestions for reforms that could lead to increased four-year graduation rates.

The UT community suffers from more than just grim-sounding graduation statistics. Powers emphasized in his speech the need to increase on-time graduation rates to allow "more students [to] enter the front door, thereby increasing access" for new students. To achieve his ambitious goal, Powers has suggested the "redesigning of courses and course pathways" in concordance with

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa's "Framework for Advancing Excellence" introduced last month. Cigarroa's plan for reform includes tuition policies that incentivize on-time graduation and improvements to student advising.

In a speech earlier this year, Powers characterized choosing a major, course selection and [UT's] "own failure to provide enough available course sequences" as key reasons why students are unable to graduate on time. Short of an expensive hiring frenzy to lower faculty-to-student ratios, the idea of redesigning course pathways has been rightly lauded as a more economical and efficient way to increase UT's graduation rate.

Despite having good intentions, the plan could portend trouble for students. Powers and other academics have repeatedly referenced the influential "Commission of 125" report from 2004 as the "marching orders" for the plan to increase on-time graduation. Many of their general suggestions have been brought to life in recent years — the School of Undergraduate Studies for undeclared students, the freshman signature course and the Freshman Research Initiative program — to mostly positive results. Although the idea of redesigning course plans in this objective is suitable, caution should be taken in implementing other ideas from the report.

A suggestion for limiting transfer credit is especially problematic. The commission, which did not include any students who were enrolled at the time, recommended that core requirements not be easily satisfied by Advanced Placement testing in order to prevent students from placing out of lower division courses. This ineffectual plan will only serve to postpone the graduation dates of students who are unsure of their major upon admission or those who pursue dual degrees and minors. If ambitious high school students are not able to transfer their credit, demand for AP classes that help prepare for success in college courses will diminish. Moreover, if UT refuses to accept AP credit or places a cap on credit, many high school students will find themselves applying elsewhere to save money and graduate on time, a net loss for the University.

With three-fourths of UT's student population admitted automatically because of their rank in high school, improvements in the graduation rate should be possible. We have a highly intelligent student body that wants a well-rounded education and to quickly join the workforce. Include students in the discussion for degree plan improvements — they are uniquely able to provide solutions to the problems faculty and analysts often miss.

Katsounas is a business and government sophomore.



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The College of Natural Sciences hosted a Career Fair at the Frank Erwin Center on Monday afternoon. The fairs aim was to familiarize students with companies and their representatives in order to increase confidence for future job interviews.

Sciences prove profitable at career expo

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Students donned ties and trousers and polished their resumes for the fall 2011 Natural Sciences Career Expo at the Frank Erwin Center on Monday. Inside, a wide range of employers, from small start-up companies to Facebook and Microsoft, waited for job-seeking students.

"It's really important to get practice interviewing with recruiters," said Eric Uniacke of Chevron. "Students can really benefit from that."

Booths from 152 employers covered two floors of the center, and between 700 and

900 students attended the fair, said senior administrative associate Suzette Ruedas. Ruedas said the fair was open to all UT students and alumni and employers offered everything from internships to full-time jobs.

"I'm hoping to see what jobs they're trying to hire, what other opportunities are out there, and to see who's reaching out to large universities," said biology senior Jackson Dyre-Borowicz.

In addition to dressing the part, students were encouraged to go into the fair with some previous knowledge of the potential employers.

"To make the career fair

work best for employers and students, students should do research to know what companies they want to speak to," said Andrea McGowan, talent acquisitions advisor at Dell. "Just coming up and asking, 'What jobs does Dell have for me?' isn't all that helpful."

The high number of companies present and the opportunities offered highlighted the fact that even when unemployment rates are high, the area of natural sciences offers many profitable career options. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, physicists, natural science managers, dentists, doc-

tors and surgeons are among the highest paid positions in 2011.

The opportunities in the field of natural sciences are not declining either, according to a study at Prospects, a British careers services company. According to the study, significant increases in jobs are expected for research, science and technology in 2012. Additionally, the National Association of Colleges and Employers reported the average starting salary offers for those with a bachelor's degree in health and related sciences was \$39,490 in September 2010.

Students in the College of

Natural Sciences can access the Career Design Center to help plan for their futures after graduation, as well as find internships while at UT.

ScienceWorks, a new product of the Career Design Center, allows students to upload resumes, view job postings and obtain access to on-campus interviews.

"We want students to know that we're still there to help you," said health professions advisor Caleb Marsh. "We want to be a place where students can come for answers about graduate school, professional school and, most importantly, jobs."

Website lends information, helps international students

By Brianna Pelayo
Daily Texan Staff

'Study in the States,' a new website for international students, provides step-by-step resources to help students wanting to continue their studies in the United States.

According to the Department of Homeland Security secretary Janet Napolitano, the website will help ensure the international student population is clearly informed about student visa rules and regulations. It will also enhance coordination among the various federal agencies that play a role in implementing student visa and exchange visitor programs.

Study in the States is dedicated to helping the "best and the brightest" students from around the world go through an easier process in becoming a student in the United States.

According to the department website, Study in the States launched Friday to enhance the nation's economic, scientific and technological competitiveness by finding new ways to encourage the most academically talented international students to stay in the United States.

The University currently has approximately 4,760 international students from 120 countries and is sixth in the nation in the number of international students, said international student advisor Tatiana Woldman.

International students complete the same admission procedure as regular students, but once admitted to a college they have to go through a grueling paperwork process in order to enter the country, Woldman said.

"They apply, they are accepted, and once they have been accepted, this is where the really hard stuff begins," Woldman said. "They have to show us proof of funding, showing that they have sufficient funds to study at the University of Texas. They then receive an immigration document from our office, and with that document they go to apply for a student visa. Once they have their visa they arrive here."

The new website provides detailed instructions about how to obtain all the necessary documents. This is to ensure that students have minimal problems in going through the process of attending college in the United States.



This is a screengrab of 'Study in the States' website. Courtesy of DHS.

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Allie Souder leaves Fortney's, a local home furnishing shop on West Sixth Street on Monday afternoon. Souder and her family came from Massachusetts to visit the Texas capital.

'Latino USA' addresses ethnic tensions

By Nicole Sanseverino
Daily Texan Staff

U.S. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin wrote: "Why should Pennsylvania, founded by the English, become a colony of aliens who will shortly be so numerous as to Germanize us instead of our Anglifying them?"

The question of "who belongs in the U.S. and who doesn't" is a centuries-old debate, history professor Neil Foley said.

"The U.S. has been reluctant to acknowledge for most of its histo-

ry [that it] has always been a thoroughly composite culture of racially blended people and it defies some normative or static understanding of what it means to be an American," Foley said to a group of UT students, faculty and community members Monday during a roundtable discussion hosted by UT's Institute for Historical Studies.

Foley presented a chapter from his upcoming book, "Latino USA: Mexicans and the Remaking of America," which will be released fall 2012, to the group in order to

get feedback and facilitate conversation about his new book.

The U.S. continues to struggle with issues of racism and immigration, Foley said, citing the recent 700-mile border fence between the U.S. and Mexico and treatment of migrants.

Foley argues that in order for Latinos and other marginalized groups to belong in America it would require remaking of American culture into one more egalitarian and accepting of differenc-

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Niel Foley
history professor

Norwegian oil firm to fund \$5 million of energy research

Investment will benefit students in the Jackson and Cockrell schools

By Nicole Sanseverino
Daily Texan Staff

Norway-based energy company Statoil signed an agreement with UT to fund \$5 million of research focusing on geology, geophysics and petroleum engineering over the next five years.

"It invests into our biggest asset, which is our students," said Tad Patzek, chairman of the Cockrell School of Engineering's Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering Department.

Patzek said the growing partnership with Statoil will provide students and researchers with better tools to conduct research and gather more precise data sets.

The agreement will also indirectly help students obtain jobs and internships, according to John Bird, spokesperson for the Geology Foundation at the Jackson School of Geosciences.

"It's really great when we are able to partner with a company like Statoil. So if you are a student and you are working on a project with Statoil, you are going to come out with a greater chance of getting a job with Statoil," Bird said.

This is Statoil's largest research agreement with a university outside of Norway and its first in the U.S. Statoil plans to significantly increase their activities in North America, according to a statement by Bill Maloney, executive vice president for Statoil in North America.

“ [In three years,] UT wants to be the go-to place for any oil related issue and policy-making law

— Scott Tinker, Director of the BEG

"Universities and academic institutions in North America represent important arenas for Statoil in research and competence development, both on a regional and global level," Maloney said in the statement.

UT is one of the world's leading universities in energy research and is an attractive site for energy investment. Texas is the largest oil-producing state in the U.S. and is one of the largest producers of solar and wind energy.

Scott Tinker, director of the Jackson School of Geosciences's Bureau of Economic Geology, said he hopes the partnership with Statoil will help UT's program grow.

"[In three years,] UT wants to be the go-to place for any oil related issue and policy-making law," Tinker said.

By the end of Statoil's five year partnership, they hope to be No. 1, Tinker said.

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and therefore "more American."

Foley told the group that Benjamin Franklin believed only the English were "purely white" and that "swarthy" Europeans could not make good Americans.

"He would probably have a lot to say about Asian-Americans and Mexicans and other Latinos today not making good Americans either, I suppose," Foley said.

College of Liberal Arts Institute

for Historical Studies hosts bi-weekly discussions, inviting professors to present a work-in-progress in exchange for feedback.

"The best scholarship is not produced in vacuum," said Julie Hardwick, director of UT's Institute for Historical Studies. "Faculty that sit in an office and are not engaging with anyone else aren't really very fruitful. It's very important for faculty to get feedback on their work."

History graduate student Sarah Steinbock-Pratt, who attended the discussion, said the workshops are an essential part of her education at UT.

"There are a lot of very, very smart people around the table who are all asking very astute questions," Steinbock-Pratt said. "Participating in that dialogue is extremely beneficial."

Foley, said he plans to take the feedback to heart. He said just

like his book, the United States is a work in progress.

"[Americans worry that immigrants] are going to change the culture of America into something else and to that I would argue that American culture is always changing. That the United States is a work in progress," Foley said. "To identify an American culture and go back to 1965 — it is vastly different from what it is today."

Justice Department claims redistricting violates federal law

By April Castro
The Associated Press

The U.S. Department of Justice said in a court filing Monday that Texas' new voting maps for Congress and for the Texas House do not meet federal anti-discrimination requirements, setting up a legal battle that will decide the landscape of future elections in the state.

The case, which involves the election districts drawn by the Republican-led Texas Legislature, will likely be decided by a federal court in Washington, D.C.

District boundaries are redrawn every 10 years to reflect changes in census data. Any changes to Texas' voting practices must be cleared by a federal court or the Justice Department to ensure changes do not discriminate based on race or color.

The Justice Department took issue with the maps for Congress and the Texas House, but it agreed with the state attorney general that maps for the Texas Senate and State Board of Education met requirements under the federal Voting Rights Act. But the Justice Department reiterated that the court would have to make its own determination on the education board and Senate maps.

The agency denied that the congressional and House plans maintain or increase the ability of minority voters to elect their candidate of choice, as required by fed-

eral law. The Voting Rights Act requires map drawers to give special protection to districts that contain mostly minorities.

"The D.C. court will have to hear these issues fully and we will have a chance to put in our evidence supporting why we think that the plan should not be pre-ferred," said Nina Perales, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal and Defense Fund, which has joined the case.

"Now, it's going to have to be decided by the court."

A separate trial combining lawsuits filed against the plans wrapped up last week in San Antonio. During the trial, minority groups argued the new voting districts don't reflect the statewide Hispanic population boom over the past decade in Texas.

Texas received four new congressional seats following the last census, more than any other state. The new congressional map was drawn with the goal of protecting and possibly expanding the 23-9 majority enjoyed by Republicans in Texas' delegation in Washington.

Hispanics have accounted for two-thirds of the state's growth since 2000. Yet during the two-week federal trial, opponents argued that GOP mapmakers went out of their way to stifle those gains and deny Hispanics greater voting power.

Democrats argued that the map passed by the Texas Legislature this summer simply packed Hispanics and blacks into the same districts.

Perry targeted by Republican rivals

By Charles Barbington
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rick Perry's Republican rivals are struggling to find a coherent, easy-to-grasp argument against the Texas governor, who tops GOP presidential polls despite attacks from all sides.

In fact, it's the "all sides" nature that complicates the opposition's message. Republican voters who watched last week's presidential debate and its aftermath might wonder: Should I see Perry as too conservative or too moderate?

Perry is the newest face in the GOP race and his opponents are determined to define him for primary voters, casting him as liberal, conservative and unelectable. They hope their characterizations of the front-runner take hold before he has a chance to sway opinions.

Mitt Romney depicts Perry's criticisms of Social Security as too far to the right. "If we nominate someone who the Democrats could correctly characterize as being against Social Security, we will be obliterated as a party," the former Massachusetts governor said recently.

On immigration, however, Romney and other opponents say Perry veers too far left. The governor opposes a fence along the entire border with Mexico, and he granted in-state college tuition to illegal immigrants in Texas.

Meanwhile, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann contends that Perry is too lax about individual freedoms because he wanted Texas to vaccinate all schoolgirls against a sexually transmitted disease.

This anti-Perry strategy forces voters to sort through subtleties and contradictory narratives. Fair or not, it's easier for people to grasp bold, unambiguous images of politicians as conservative or liberal.

Overall, Perry's record is mostly conservative. But he's parted ways with his GOP base on a handful of issues, including immigration and the HPV vaccine.

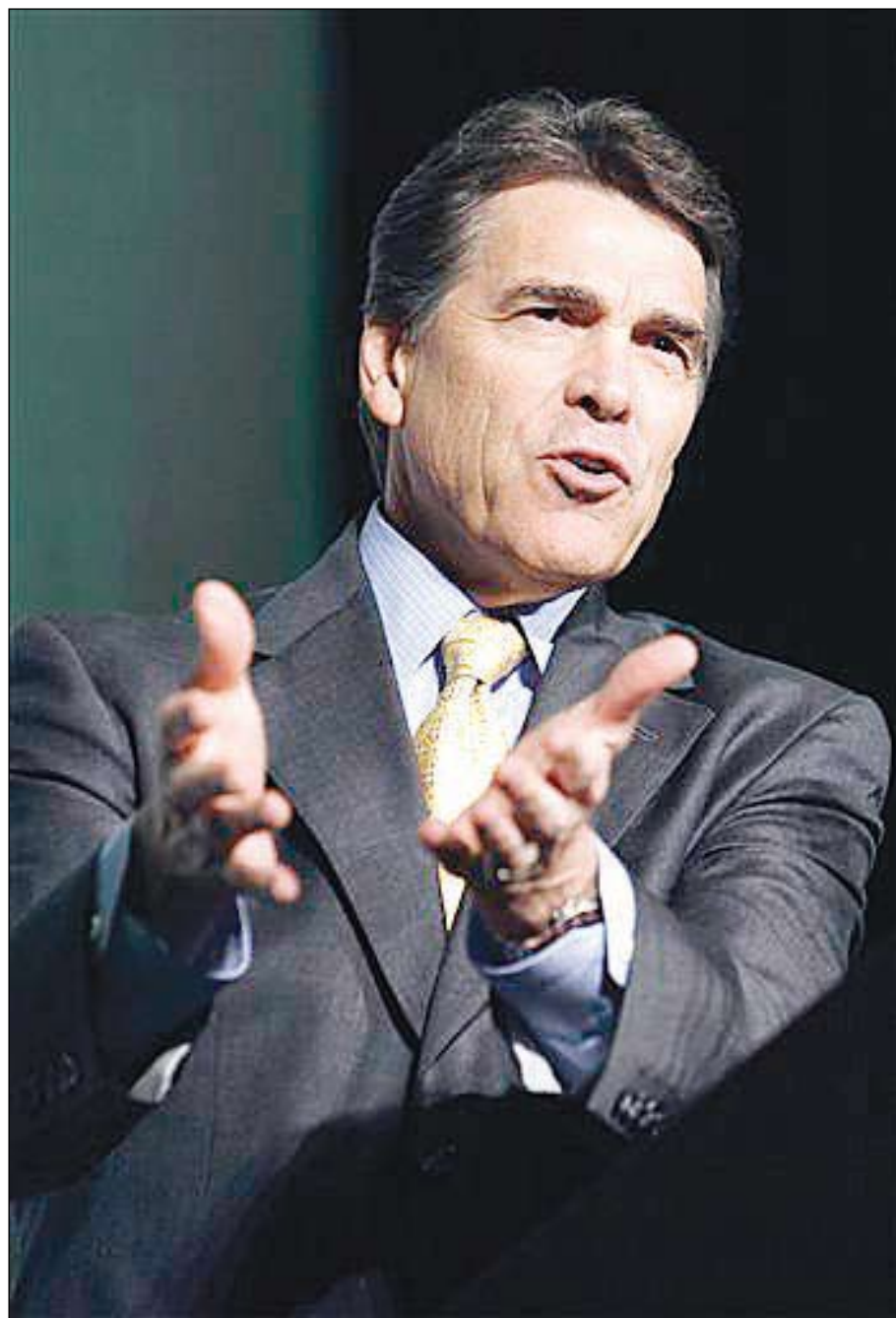
Perry's rivals will get more chances to probe for political soft spots this week, in a series of forums in Florida and Michigan. On Thursday, Republicans candidates gather for another televised debate.

For now, their tactic is to "criticize Perry on Social Security from one angle, and on immigration from the other," said Dan Schnur, a University of Southern California political scientist and veteran of several Republican campaigns.

Terry Holt, a Washington-based GOP strategist, said Perry continues to do well because his opponents' criticisms are missing a broader point while barely denting his main strengths: His image as a bold, honest, can-do leader.

"It's a bit too tactical, and it ignores the larger imperative: Can you be an alternative to the vision Barack Obama offers? Can you be authentic?" Holt said.

Rich Galen, another veteran



Republican presidential candidate Gov. Rick Perry speaks in Des Moines, Iowa in September. Perry still sits atop polls for the GOP presidential nomination race, while Republican rivals are struggling to find a coherent, easy-to-grasp argument against the Texas governor.

Charlie Neilbergall
Associated Press

GOP campaign strategist, said the real goal of Perry's rivals is to convince enough Republican activists that he can't defeat Obama.

"What they're trying to do, really, is not influence Republican primary voters directly," Galen said. Instead, they want to convince "independents and moderates that Perry is not trustworthy or is too kooky."

If die-hard conservatives believe independent voters would reject Perry in November 2012, Galen said, they may turn to Romney or others, even if they like Perry's positions. "It's a bank shot," he said.

Some Republican insiders question the strategy of trying to turn conservatives against Perry with the "he can't beat Obama" claim.

"I don't think they can make that case," said Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., a 19-year House member. Perry has a good staff, strong fundraising skills and "a good story on jobs" as governor, said Kingston, who backs fellow Georgian Newt Gingrich in the presidential race.

Schnur agreed. "Arguing electability is usually a loser in the presidential primary," he said. "Ask Hillary Clinton."

Bachmann, the Minnesota congresswoman hurt by Perry's rise, is hammering his bid to require

vaccines for Texas girls to combat a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cervical cancer.

"I oppose anyone who mandates a family's health care choices and violates the rights of parents," Bachmann says in campaign video.

She also has pointed out that the company that makes the vaccine, Merck & Co., employed Mike Toomey, Perry's former chief of staff, as a lobbyist in Texas, and that the drug company had donated to Perry's campaigns.

In last week's debate, Perry noted that parents had the right to reject the vaccines. But he said he mishandled the policy, which was never implemented.

Some of Perry's vulnerabilities stem from making the sort of concessions that virtually all governors make to balance competing interests. Despite boos from the debate audience last week, Perry defended his decision to grant in-state college tuition to illegal immigrants seeking citizenship.

"I'm proud that we are having those individuals be contributing members of our society rather than telling them, 'You go be on the government dole,'" Perry said.

The stance has a pragmatic aura that could clash with Romney's efforts to paint Perry as an ideologue who's out of the mainstream on matters such as Social Security.

Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., said he supports Bachmann and wants to be convinced of Romney's conservative credentials.

Romney's Massachusetts health care record "is very damning to him, as well as some of his changing positions on major issues like abortion," Franks said, a reference to the health care plan that was the basis for Obama's overhaul law.

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Thousands lose power after North Texas Thunderstorms

DALLAS — Emergency officials in Dallas say three people have suffered burns in an apartment fire blamed on a lightning strike during thunderstorms.

The fire was reported late Sunday night as storms packing strong winds and hail as big as golf balls rolled through the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Oncor reported nearly 7,900

homes and businesses without electricity Monday afternoon, as crews worked to restore power.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says a mother and a father, plus their 6-year-old son, were burned trying to escape the fire that destroyed a garage converted into an apartment.

Evans says all three victims were transported to a Dallas hospital. Their names and conditions weren't immediately released.

— Associated Press

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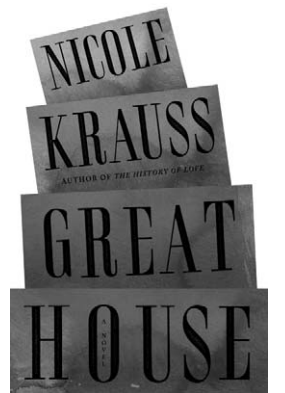
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International bestselling author Nicole Krauss reads from her novel *Great House* and speaks with James Magnuson, director of The University of Texas's Michener Center for Writers, about her work. Selected as one of *The New Yorker's* 20 best writers under 40, Krauss is also the author of *History of Love* and *Man Walks into a Room*. A book signing follows.

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Case proves to be the real McCoy



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Case McCoy surveys the field during Texas' 49-20 win over UCLA Saturday. The sophomore quarterback made his first start against the Bruins, going 12-for-15 while throwing two touchdowns, both on third down.

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Case McCoy sure didn't look like a guy making his first career start.

His stat line was great. The sophomore quarterback completed 12

of his 15 passes, had two touchdown throws, and has yet to throw an interception this season.

More importantly, he helped Texas make a statement that it couldn't make last year. The Longhorns dominated UCLA after the Bruins had dominated them last

season. Texas ran for a whopping 284 yards while it had failed to establish a formidable ground game in 2010. And with McCoy behind center, they're getting the much-needed great quarterback play they didn't get a year ago.

If McCoy's performance against

BYU earned him the starting quarterback job, his play against UCLA helped him keep it. McCoy orchestrated a 13-point comeback win over the Cougars and the spot became his to lose. But it's clear now that McCoy has played an entire game, that the job is one that he

won't give up.

It's also no coincidence that the Longhorns got off to their fastest start yet with McCoy taking the first snaps this season.

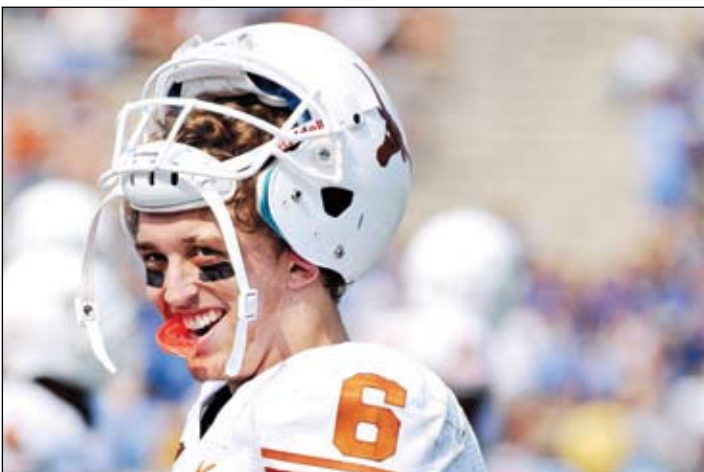
"The last two games we haven't

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COLUMN

Flying under radar, exceeding expectations run in McCoy family

Case McCoy, like his older brother, began his career at Texas as a backup before beating out a more highly-touted quarterback to win the starting job.



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By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Columnist

These McCoy's sure love proving people wrong.

Colt did it time and time again during his time in Austin, winning a starting quarterback job he wasn't supposed to win, having a freshman season he wasn't supposed to have, piecing together a bounce-back junior year we didn't think he was capable of.

And now it's Case's turn to turn doubters into believers.

Surprise, surprise.

Who thought, coming into this season, that the youngest McCoy would emerge as Texas' best quarterback? Wasn't he the guy with insufficient arm strength and mobility rivaled only by the North Mall statues? Garrett Gilbert was the quarterback with the rocket arm and David Ash was the mobile, make-things-happen one, right?

Wrong. Again.

Colt beat out Jevan Snead in 2006, in a rather surprising move. After all, Snead was the No. 3 quarterback in his class. McCoy was 15th, behind names like Rob Schoenhof, Demenic Natale and Harrison Beck.

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VOLLEYBALL

Consistency key as Horns set to take on TCU

Horns riding four-game winning streak heading as they travel to Fort Worth

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

After going 3-0 this weekend in Austin, the No. 8 Longhorns are heading to Fort Worth to take on TCU in their last game before conference play.

Although the Longhorns had a good weekend, there are still areas where the team could improve, especially when it comes to consistency.

"We've got to be able to find a little bit more balance," said head coach Jerritt Elliott. "There's a lot of things we haven't even implemented yet that we'll start trying to get a little bit more here in the next two to three weeks."

He said the team's leaders are going to step up and help Texas be more consistent. But the coaching staff is pleased with how the team has been performing.

"Ultimately, this group is

“Again, we don't miss a big beat with Sha'Dare out. But again she's definitely a big piece.”

—Jerritt Elliott

working on being consistent for longer periods of time, and we showed some really good spurts for periods," and we emotionally lost that, so it's something that we will continue to work on," Elliott said.

Although 6-3 isn't perfect, all three losses were to top 10 teams and many players on the team have been performing well. These young Longhorns know what they need to do to get better.

An important component that the Longhorns are missing is junior Sha'Dare McNeal. McNeal started all 33 games last season but injured her right knee earlier this year. It is unclear when she will return.

"She is our most important player in regards to what she can do for our team," Elliott said. "We have some different pieces that are a little bit awkward."

But Elliott said once McNeal comes back, the team will play at an even higher level. Her return will strengthen the Longhorns' passing and provide more offensive variety and creativity.

"Right now we are confident, the team is playing well," Elliott said. "Again, we don't miss a big beat with Sha'Dare McNeal. But again she's definitely a big piece."

The coaches made the decision to be patient with McNeal as



Rachel Adams prepares to serve during a match this season. Texas will need Adams to play well now more than ever with Sha'Dare McNeal injured.

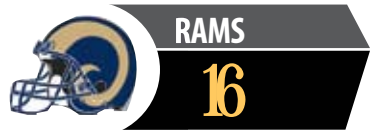
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she overcomes her injury. In addition to missing McNeal, Elliott said more middle blocker production was needed this past weekend, especially from senior

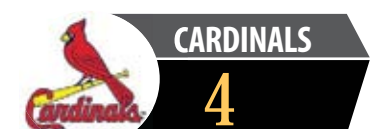
Racheal Adams. "We're a young group and if we continue to battle that's all we can ask for," Elliott said.

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LONGHORN SPOTLIGHT

Khat Bell, #1



Position: Middle blocker/
Outside Hitter
Height: 6' 1"
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Mesquite, TX

Khat Bell was named Big 12 Freshman of the Week Monday after registering 34 kills and 22 digs, helping Texas go 3-0 at last weekend's Time Warner Cable Texas Invitational. The true freshman hit a team-high .359 and her six aces also lead the Longhorns. Bell, the No. 2-rated prospect coming out of high school last year, has 80 kills on the season and leads Texas with 88 digs, averaging 2.59 per set.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Danks makes US baseball team, looks to build off 2007 showing

A few years ago, he was just a highly-touted high school senior from Round Rock. Now, the five-tool outfielder and former Longhorn is playing for his country.

Jordan Danks, who roamed the Texas outfield from 2006-08, was named to the USA Baseball World Cup/Pan Am roster last week. Danks hit .287 for a 2007 U.S. Collegiate National Team that captured a silver medal at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The squad also earned a third-place finish at the World Port Tournament, a competition that Cuba has won ten consecutive times.

In three seasons as a Longhorn, Danks hit .325, posting a batting average over .300 all three years, slugged .520 and stole 40 bases while getting caught stealing only five times. Danks was picked by the Chicago White Sox in the 19th round after he graduated from high school and again in the 7th round after his time at Texas. Danks' older brother, Jordan, has won 53 games for the White Sox during his five-year career.

—Christian Corona

Weekend recaps

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Damico, Ellis pace Horns as they wrap up first tournament

By Kathryn Thiel
Daily Texan Staff

The Duke Invitational held this past weekend was the first real test for Texas as this season. The Longhorns, including the 14th ITA ranked junior Aerial Ellis, hoped this tournament would display the amount of effort the team has put into their preseason.

"It's been one of the more difficult preseasons that we've had," said senior Krista Damico, "Not only have the coaches been pushing us, we've been pushing each other in practice and holding one another accountable."

On the opening day of the tournament, Texas showed their doubles strength by posting three wins, although sophomore Cierra Gaytan-Leach and freshman Noel Scott were defeated 8-3 in the next round by Miami's Anna Bartenstein and Gabriela Mejia. The Longhorns' top doubles pair in Damico and Ellis defeated the Tar Heels' Haley Hemm and Tessa Lyons 8-3 but fell in the next round to a doubles pair from University of Virginia.

"Duke is obviously our first tournament of the year and it's honestly one of the hardest we play in," Damico said.

While Texas faced early losses in the opening rounds this weekend, the players triumphed in several of their consolation matches. Both Ellis and sophomore Elizabeth Begley won their first consolation matches 6-1, 6-1 and 6-4, 6-3 respectively. And although Damico and Gaytan-Leach posted consolation wins, they both fell in their next round during Saturday's



Krista Damico
Senior

tournament play. Texas has high expectations for this season, after reaching the finals of the Big 12 Championship last year.

"We really want to win the Big 12 championship this year," Damico said. "We've fallen short the past couple of years, losing in the finals both times, but this year I think we have a real advantage with all our young, up and coming players that these other schools have yet to see."

The Longhorns claimed the victory in three singles matches on the final day of the tournament, leaving the Duke Invitational with eight consolation singles wins. Begley and Scott finished the weekend with wins. After colliding with teammate Gaytan-Leach, Damico defeated her fellow Longhorn, taking the opening set 6-3 with Gaytan-Leach retiring in the next. On Sunday, the Longhorns' top player, Ellis, fell to Alabama's Alex Guarachi 2-6 in the first set, then managed a 7-5 win in the second set, but lost the tie-break 10-4 to end the match.

MEN'S TENNIS

Whitehead comes out on top in all-Longhorns final

By Lauren Jette
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas men's tennis team started the fall season off to an impressive start by winning the singles title in one tournament, while also posting wins in another.

Junior Daniel Whitehead beat out fellow teammate Soren Hess-Olesen in the final of the Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational in Midland this past weekend. Whitehead was leading 3-2 when Hess-Olesen suffered a minor injury and was forced to retire from the match.

"Daniel came out on top, and he got better as the tournament went on," said head coach Michael Center. "He deserved to win."

In his first round match, Whitehead defeated Will Stein of Texas Christian, 6-4, 6-4 before beating Grant Ives of Tulsa, 6-1, 6-4. In the semifinal, Whitehead recorded a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Texas Tech's Raphael Pfister.

Hess-Olesen beat Hans Hach of Abilene Christian 6-2, 6-1 and then Jordan Szabo of Texas A&M 6-3, 6-2 to reach the semifinals, where he defeated Clifford Marsland of Tulsa 6-2, 6-4, to set up an all-Texas final.

"It was too bad that Soren hurt himself, but I give Daniel a lot of credit for his play this weekend," Center said. "Soren had a great weekend, too. He showed that he is a tremendous player."

Junior Alex Hilliard won two singles matches before falling to



Daniel Whitehead
Junior

Pfister in three sets.

Freshman Jacoby Lewis posted a victory in his first match before falling to Rafael Garcia of Texas Tech in three sets.

In the Olympia Fields Invitational in Illinois, juniors Chris Camillone and Ben Chen, along with sophomores David Holiner and freshman Sudanwa Sitaram all recorded first round victories. Holiner beat Carlos Taborga of Alabama 6-2, 6-2 in his second match, while Chen defeated Tim Kopinski of Illinois by a 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 count. Camillone and Sitaram both lost their second matches.

Camillone teamed up with Holiner to post the lone UT victory in doubles matches on Friday, an 8-5 decision over the University of Kentucky's Ryuji Hiroonka and Alejandro Gomez.

"We had some nice performances at Olympia Fields," Center said. "It was a great weekend for those guys."

MEN'S GOLF

Frittelli finishes under par as Texas kicks off season

By Peter Sblendorio
Daily Texan Staff

Texas was impressive in its first tournament of the season this past weekend, finishing fifth overall out of 15 teams at the Olympia Fields Invitational in Chicago, Ill.

As a group, the No. 5 Longhorns shot an 873 (+33) over the course of the weekend, 24 shots behind first place No. 12 Stanford, who recorded a score of 849 (+9). No. 2 Oklahoma State and No. 9 Auburn tied for second place after finishing with a score of 865 (+25) and No. 3 Alabama finished fourth with a score of 867 (+27).

The Longhorns were led by senior Dylan Frittelli, who finished second among all golfers by shooting a 209 (-1) over the three-day tournament. Frittelli, the 2010 Big 12 Conference Player of the year, was one of just two players to finish with a score below par for the entire invitational.

Frittelli made a run at the top individual spot on the tournament's final day, recording three consecutive on holes No. 2, 3, 4 before bogeying three holes on the back nine, ending the tournament with a final-round 69.

Junior Julio Vegas had the second-best score among Longhorns golfers, shooting a 216 (+6) to tie for 11th place. Texas' other three partici-



Dylan Frittelli
Senior

pants, senior Alex Moon, junior Cody Gribble and freshman Kramer Hickok all finished with the same score for the tournament, each shooting a 225 (+15) to tie for 47th.

Three of the top four individual golfers played for Stanford, with freshman Patrick Rodgers leading the pack with a score of 206 (-4). In addition, junior Andrew Yun shot a 211 (+1) and sophomore Cameron Wilson shot a 212 (+2) to finish third and fourth, respectively.

The Longhorns will get their next opportunity to compete in a tournament at the Jerry Pate Intercollegiate in Birmingham, Ala. from Oct. 3-4. After finishing its first action of the year with solid results, Texas will look to provide an even better performance in its second tournament of the season.

Rivera breaks Hoffman's all-time saves record with No. 602

By Rick Freeman
The Associated Press

Mariano Rivera stood by himself, in the center of the diamond at Yankee Stadium.

For once, the great closer wasn't sure what to do next.

So he smiled, blew a kiss to the crowd, and then doffed his cap as cheers washed over him following the record 602nd save of his career.

"Oh, my God, for the first time in my career, I'm on the mound alone," Rivera said. "It was priceless. I didn't know it could be like that."

Rivera pitched a perfect ninth inning, striking out Chris Parmelee on what appeared to be his signature cut fastball to end the New York Yankees' 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins on Monday.

Fans from the smallest crowd in the Stadium's three-year history stood and shouted from Rivera's first pitch to his last as he retired Trevor Plouffe, Michael Cuddyer and Parmelee in order and broke Trevor Hoffman's mark.

They even roared in the bottom of the eighth when Nick Swisher grounded into an inning-ending double play — and drew a loud cheer from fans who wanted to see history made at the ballpark for the second time this summer. In July, Derek Jeter got his 3,000th hit at home.

"These guys are into it," Rivera thought to himself.

It's a remarkable achievement, considering the slender right-hander throws mostly one pitch. Opposing hitters have seen it for years, but

still haven't figured it out.

"It's amazing," Cuddyer said. "You've got a 99 percent chance of knowing what's coming, and he still is able to go out there and dominate."

So good for so long, Rivera has built a Hall of Fame-caliber career and been a pillar of five World Series championship teams. The only person who might not acknowledge Rivera isn't the best closer of all time is Rivera himself.

"You know me, I'm not like that," Rivera said. "I like to be under the radar, do my job."

He nearly did it outside the country. The 41-year-old Rivera tied Hoffman with save No. 601 on Saturday in Toronto. The AL East leaders lost Sunday, putting Rivera in line to get the milestone

on the Yankees' last homestand of the season.

Hoffman earned most of his saves with San Diego and retired after pitching last year with Milwaukee.

"I want to congratulate Mariano Rivera on setting the all-time saves record," Hoffman said in a statement. "It's a great accomplishment and he is still going strong! I have tremendous respect for Mariano not just for his on-field accomplishments, but also for his service to the community."

On Monday, the New York crowd hollered as Rivera came in to the customary strains of Metallica's "Enter Sandman." The fans grew louder with every strike, every out as Rivera closed in. He even broke a bat for good measure —

sawing off Parmelee and sending the rookie back to the dugout for another piece of wood.

Parmelee lasted only one more pitch. Plate umpire John Hirschbeck rung him up, and catcher Russell Martin came out to the mound, gently placed the ball in Rivera's glove, and then gave the skinny Panamanian a big hug.

Rivera stayed and accepted congratulations — Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira and finally Jeter came over to him before the bullpen and bench got there while the Twins watched from their dugout.

"I think it shows what he means to baseball, what he's done," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "I also think it shows the class of

the Minnesota Twins."

Eventually, the Twins went back to their lockers and the Yankees did, too. That meant Rivera was left on the mound. He tried to sneak off the field with them, but longtime teammate Jorge Posada pushed him, laughing, onto the mound, where fans cheered him once again.

And who would've thought it, at least back in 1995 when Rivera started out. He began his career as a starter, lasting only 3 1-3 innings and losing 10-0 to the Angels in his debut, before becoming a star in the bullpen. He posted his first save in 1996, working usually as a setup man for John Wetteland.

Rivera's 602 saves have come in 674 chances.

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gotten out to a fast start," McCoy said. "It was really important. That's what we focused on all week long."

McCoy's movement in the pocket was also terrific. On his first touchdown toss of the game, a 45-yard first-quarter strike to D.J. Grant, the junior tight end was wide open. But McCoy had to step up in the pocket and dodge a couple defenders before he could make the easy throw.

Even more impressive was McCoy's scramble on his 25-yard pass to Mike Davis in the second quarter. McCoy had to elude nearly half a dozen Bruins before breaking free near UCLA's 45-yard line and finding Davis near the goal line. On the next play, McCoy hit Grant for another score, this time from

two yards out.

"Once I got back there, I realized I was probably out of field goal position, so I had to do something," McCoy said. "That's one thing that, at the quarterback position, you have to be able to make plays every now and then when things don't go right. It happened. Mike found me, I hit him, and it turned into a touchdown drive."

Both of those big plays came on third down, a situation where McCoy has thrived. Since he took over as starting quarterback, Texas has converted on 13 of its 23 third-down plays with McCoy throwing 145 yards and a touchdown on 6-of-9 passing in those scenarios. The player he replaced, Garrett Gilbert, has gone 2-of-11 with 22 yards and an interception on

third down.

Maybe McCoy learned a thing or two from his older brother, who made a few guys miss when he moved around in and out of the pocket during his time at Texas. Colt McCoy ran for 1,571 yards during his Longhorns career and was even the team's leading rusher as a junior when he ran for 734 yards in 2008. The younger McCoy only took off once for two yards against UCLA but was not sacked either.

"Case reminds me so much of his brother when he's back there moving around like that," Grant said. "For a young guy like that making his first start to be able to play like that is amazing."

Grant was sensational against UCLA, making six catches, three of

them for touchdowns — a performance good enough to earn him honors as CFPA National Tight End Performer of the Week. Coupled with true freshman Malcolm Brown's 110-yard performance, the Longhorns discovered that they have the most legitimate threat at running back and tight end since the days of Jamaal Charles and Jermichael Finley in 2007.

"D.J. [Grant] showed up well tonight," McCoy said. "If a tight end can block and get open, he's going to be a big player in our offense."

After the way McCoy played in Pasadena Saturday, it's clear that the last time Texas had a quarterback as good as this one was when another McCoy was behind center.

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Who? Exactly.

Colt beat out Snead and then threw for 29 touchdowns his freshman year. The rest, as they say, is history.

But we didn't think his younger brother could do the same. Or at least, I didn't. Not with the quarterbacks around him. He wasn't even the "best" (according to the recruiting pundits) that Texas brought in 2010. Per the ratings, that'd be Connor Wood, Rivals' No. 3 quarterback and current clipboard-carrier for the Colorado Buffaloes. McCoy — get this — was Rivals' 24th-best quarterback.

McCoy beating out Wood for the backup spot last season and then

proving himself better than Gilbert (who, by the way, wears jersey No. 7 just like Snead did) is proof of two things:

First, recruiting sites can't always be trusted. Second, don't ever discount anybody with "McCoy" on the back of their jersey.

This season began with Gilbert atop the depth chart, followed by Case and then Ash. But after the first game against Rice, in which Gilbert played well and Ash came in for a specialized package, it seemed McCoy would be the forgotten man. He could back Gilbert up, but he couldn't run like Ash could — and he wasn't being eased into action as Ash was.

We all know what happened against Brigham Young, where McCoy and Ash tag-teamed the Cougars. They were listed as co-starters against UCLA. McCoy was to be the game manager, Ash the instant offense.

So we thought. Should have listened to co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite last week when he warned of typecasting the quarterbacks.

"[The media] always try to draw polarization," Applewhite said. "One guy is hot, one guy is cold. One guy is black, one guy is white. Obviously, one of them may do something a little bit better than the other, but they're not polar opposites."

Case quickly shrugged off the notion that he didn't have the arms or legs to be the next special Texas quarterback, finding D.J. Grant for a long touchdown — there's the arm — while rolling to his right — there's the legs — in the first quarter. More than a few times he scrambled left and right throughout the pocket only to find his downfield receiver. He only had three incompletions.

Two months ago, I wrote that Texas needed Gilbert to have a big year or else the team might be in for another losing season. I just didn't think Case, or anybody else, had it in them.

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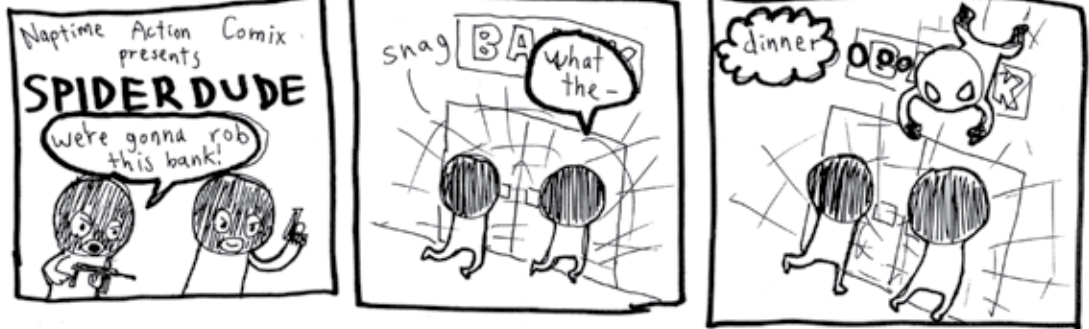
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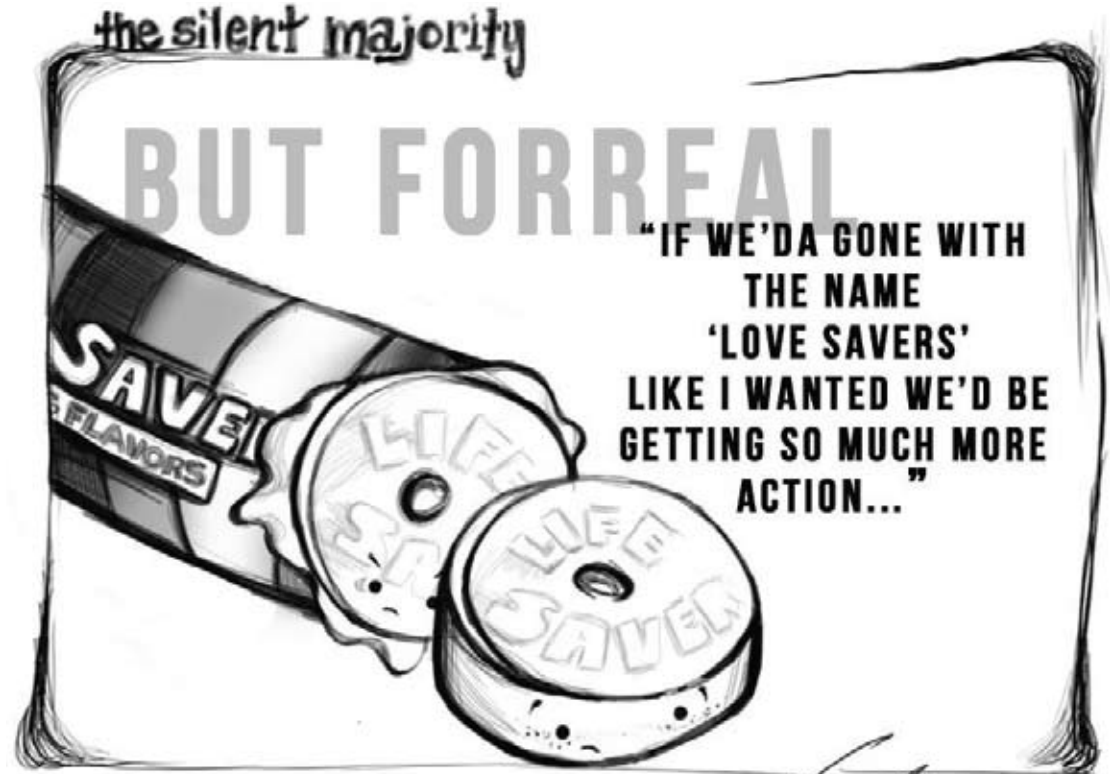
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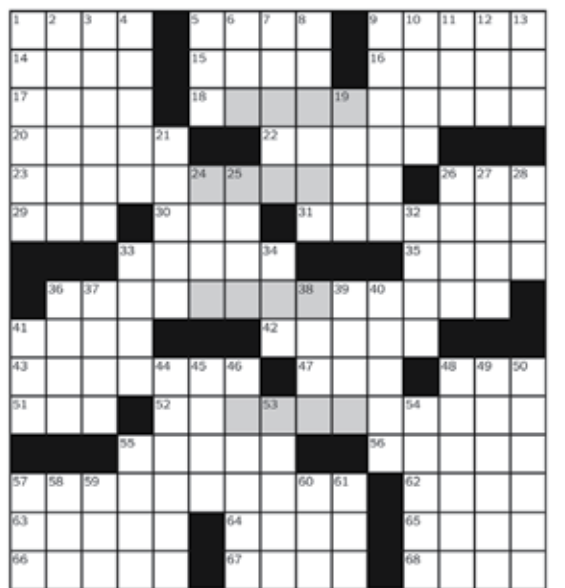
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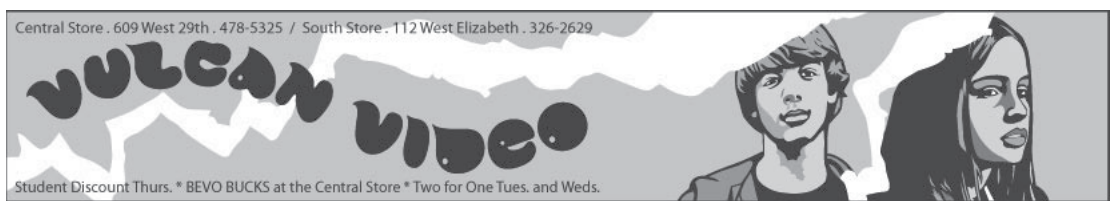
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Emily Shryock anticipates a catch in practice at Gregory Gym on Friday. Shryock moved to Austin from Indiana in 2010 to play for the Texas Stampede, UT's wheelchair rugby team.

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"I moved to Austin to play rugby," Butler, 21, said. "The rugby's better, the school is better, the sports are better."

Shryock and Butler said that the Stampede's excellence in the sport can be partly attributed to the coaching of James Gumbert, who Stampede players call "Gumbie." Gumbert, who also happens to be the

commissioner of the United States Quad Rugby Association and the coach of Team USA, has been playing wheelchair rugby for 20 years and led the team to gold at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing. Gumbert said that for him, the medals are only part of the game; touching athletes' lives and the inclusion that comes with wheelchair rugby are just as important.

"There's a place for everyone at our table," Gumbert said. "The fact that you're old or young or you're a guy or a girl or you've got one arm or

an amputation above your elbow — that's what's groovy about it, it's just a really inclusive sport."

His coaching style gave players like Butler and Shryock incentive to move to Austin to play ball.

"I knew that by moving down here I would have a lot better coaching opportunities," Butler said. "It's really important in player development to have a really active and really good coach and that's what I have down here in Austin. It's important in helping me achieve my goals, which is to be on Team USA."

The weeks and months between now and the tryout in December will find Butler and Shryock playing ball with the Stampede, whose season begins in October. They'll be able to practice game technique and strategy with the team while training independently to work on endurance, quickness and strength in Gregory Gym. Practice won't spare them murderball's aggression, but by now it's something the two are used to.

"It's hand injuries, that's all," Butler said. "We have pretty messed up

BACON

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countertops. This may be because of the cool retro atmosphere the owners created, namely graphic designers Taylor and his friend Brady Clark. Taylor said a lot of the inspiration came from Clark's bacon art, as well as restaurants like Whataburger who mix their restaurant with edgy graphics and a cool atmosphere.

The menu, also designed by Taylor and Clark, is not only stylish, but offers a good variety of both classic meals that feature bacon, like a cobb salad or bacon burger, as well as new bacon combinations like the bacon cookie of the day or waffles with bacon cooked inside. The restaurant also serves tempeh bacon as well as other vegan and vegetarian options, so patrons are not limited to meat.

The folks at Bacon offer food produced by local farmers and ranchers, but also offer a menu that is only 1-percent frozen. Their bacon is no ordinary bacon either. They advertise blackboard specials, such as Jamaican Spice and Chinese Five Space, daily. The hickory bacon, though less adventurous, is a classic choice. The bacon comes thick and a little bit chewy, but they can cook it anyway you like it. And at \$2 a slice, you get what you pay for. The hickory bacon is definitely the juiciest, most flavorful piece.

The biscuits and bacon gravy also seemed like a classic choice for breakfast, though the chicken and waffles and chorizo build-your-own breakfast taco came highly recommended as well. These portions dwarfed one slice of bacon. The plate came with two big biscuits drenched in gravy. If you want to go light on the

side. While the meal could have been heated up more, all the right flavors were there. The gravy was creamy with a kick and, of course, there were bits of bacon mixed in. The biscuits were the right balance between crumbling to pieces and hard as a rock. Overall, it was a hearty meal that leaves little to be desired.

The menu will not only feature bacon flavors of the day, but specials like barbecue pulled-pork sandwiches, shrimp and bacon grits or a Philly cheesesteak — all with your choice of bacon. And as an occasional blackboard special there will be the chance to get The King, which is peanut butter, two slices of bacon and banana, between two pieces of Texas toast and deep fried, Elvis style.

While at first Bacon sounds like a place for a bunch of bearded men with a bottomless thirst for all things pork, it is actually close to campus and great for students as it is near the BMX park on Ninth Street. The at-home atmosphere also lends it to be a place for families. Though it has a specialized menu, it is also versatile and definitely worth swinging by, if not just to experience a place where the best way to feel better is to bite into a juicy piece of bacon.

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WHERE: 900 W. 10th St.

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On tour, Hanson revisits roots for fans



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Hanson will be playing at Antone's on this Thursday, September 22. For the full interview with Taylor Hanson, center, visit bit.ly/dt-lifearts.

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

The former heartthrob brothers of Hanson have matured and endured through the past 15 years, having released eight full-length albums and maintained a steady, fiercely loyal fan base. The Daily Texan spoke with member Taylor Hanson about their new album *Shout It Out* and their new, unconventional touring style.

Daily Texan: So this tour is a little bit different. The fans get to choose the albums that you'll play. How's that been playing out over the last four shows?

Taylor Hanson: It's a little daunting. First of all, because every tour we try to do something interesting, the same way with albums. Sometimes you're touring between album cycles or towards the end of an album cycle like with *[Shout it Out]* that came out last year. You don't want to just go out there and say "Hey, Hanson is back in town." One of the things we did last year and this year is this thing called "five of five" where we played each of our records five nights in a row. It was one of those experiences where you sit there and you realize you're looking at your whole musical career in a short span. And we just thought about how cool it would be to take that feeling to a whole tour. And the best way to do that is to make it interactive and make it engaging for fans — give them a way to get involved.

DT: It's interesting that you guys have been able to play different albums every night.

Hanson: Every night has been kind of just a different feel. The thing about our shows in general, we've always tended to play different things each night. We've never done a set list where we play the same 20 songs. But there are certain songs that are standard and when you try to play 15 songs from one album it definitely changes the feel of the show.

DT: I wonder if your different albums appeal to different geographical regions?

Hanson: There's no question that there's places in the country that have different inclinations musically. We're waking up everyday going "OK, what album won?" For the first time in a long time, we actually went back through all the arrangements and made up some cheat sheets. Because every day there's those five songs from an album that we never play. Like some of the songs we haven't played in five years or something like that. It's cool, that's what music is about.

DT: Do you ever wake up dreading playing a certain album?

Hanson: Honestly, I think there's kind of a difference of opinion between the different band members, partly because different records are more challenging, depending on the instrument and the player. For Isaac I think, probably the third album is the album that he kind of dreads. Our latest record, not just because it's the new one, is absolutely the easiest. It's the most straightforward to bring together live.

DT: What do you attribute that direction to?

Hanson: That's just the way it just sort of seasoned — we just came around and said "Gosh, that would

be fun." And the new record was just sort of birthed more that way. People that haven't followed the band — and not everybody has their perceptions of what we really are — but we've always been extraordinarily hands-on, to the point of people going "Can't you let somebody actually produce you?" But that's just kind of the way we operate.

DT: So it's safe to say you're embracing your past even though it's completely different from what you guys are up to now. Are you tweaking the songs? For example, "Yearbook" [from your first album] — are you tweaking it to make it fit your style these days?

Hanson: We're kind of just making it happen as close to what it was. Of course, when people hear it and it's us doing it instead of a 16, 14 and an 11 year old, it just has a different feel, even if we do the exact same thing. In a lot of ways our music has evolved and it's grown in depth and — I hate the "maturity" word because I don't know what it means exactly ...

DT: Just use it anyway.

Hanson: I don't know. The music is — what's the word? — has refined, over time. It's not hard to go back and play songs on other records because it's really us. There are definitely certain songs that stand out as songs from a period and feel like "Gosh, this doesn't feel as accurate to play this anymore." But that's why you have new albums.

DT: Yeah, definitely. And sometimes bands would even just refuse to play that kind of stuff.

Hanson: That's something I've never subscribed to. I think if someone loves a band — like you love Neil Diamond

or you go see some band that you love — and of course you're psyched to hear what they're doing new. And you have to know as a band, if you stick around long enough to have a few albums, people are going to have their favorite songs. People are going to have albums that they love. You can think about albums and songs and memories. We've had guys come up to us and go "Dude, I hooked up for the first time listening to, like ..."

DT: To "MMMBop"?

Hanson: "... to your first record?" It wasn't "MMMBop," actually. Or somebody tells you "Hey, I had a great memory of a summer trip with my best friend listening to 'Penny and Me,'" or something like that. You never want to turn your back and be like "Oh, I hate those songs now," because that makes people feel like you're rejecting them.

WHAT: Hanson

WHERE: Antone's

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 22

WEB: antones.net

TICKETS: \$27-\$30



Buddy Case provides external keyboard for iPhone owners



Photo courtesy of Boxwave

Although the keys are gummy and slows typing down, the Keyboard Buddy Case is a useful device for iPhone users wanting a physical keyboard.

By Gary Sui
Daily Texan Staff

When the iPhone was first introduced in 2007, the biggest feature it lacked was a physical keyboard. While a virtual keyboard has become the default input method for today's smartphones, there are still many people who prefer typing on a physical keyboard. For iPhone 4 users who wish their phone had a physical keyboard, the people at Boxwave have designed a special case with a built-in, slide-out Bluetooth keyboard. While this case does offer a much desired feature, does the keyboard offer a faster typing experience?

The first thing you will notice when you pull out the case for the first time is how bulky it is. For comparison purposes, the case is actually thicker than a deck of cards. You will notice the difference when you have this case in your pocket and it almost doubles in thickness of the phone. The case itself takes design cues from the iPhone and looks very nice. The

physical keyboard keys are made out of rubber and feel comfortable in your hand.

Typing on the keyboard is another story though, for the keys feel very gummy when pressed. They have so little depression space that sometimes it is hard to tell by touch if you have clicked the key. Also, the keys are so bunched together that it is impossible to type correctly without looking at the keyboard. There also seems to be a design issue with the space bar — sometimes when you press the middle of the space bar once, the keyboard will register the input as two clicks instead of one.

It is important to note that whenever you use a physical keyboard, you lose all auto-correct features. Automatic capitalization and double spacing for a period are turned off. The keyboard does feature shortcuts, such as quick access to brightness settings and media controls. And newer generations of Keyboard Buddy Cases do not have a dedicated number pad, unlike previous models.

The keyboard talks to the iPhone via Bluetooth and there is no delay from when you press a key and the letter showing up on the screen. The keyboard itself has its own separate battery that lasts about 45 days per charge. The physical keyboard doesn't seem to make the typing experience any faster or more accurate compared to using the virtual keyboard. Because of the gumminess of the keyboard, it is really difficult to type at a fast rate. If you are a die-hard physical keyboard user and want to use an iPhone, this case, as opposed to other keyboard cases, is your best bet. The overall size, performance and the cost will limit the usage of this device to those who really desire that keyboard feature.

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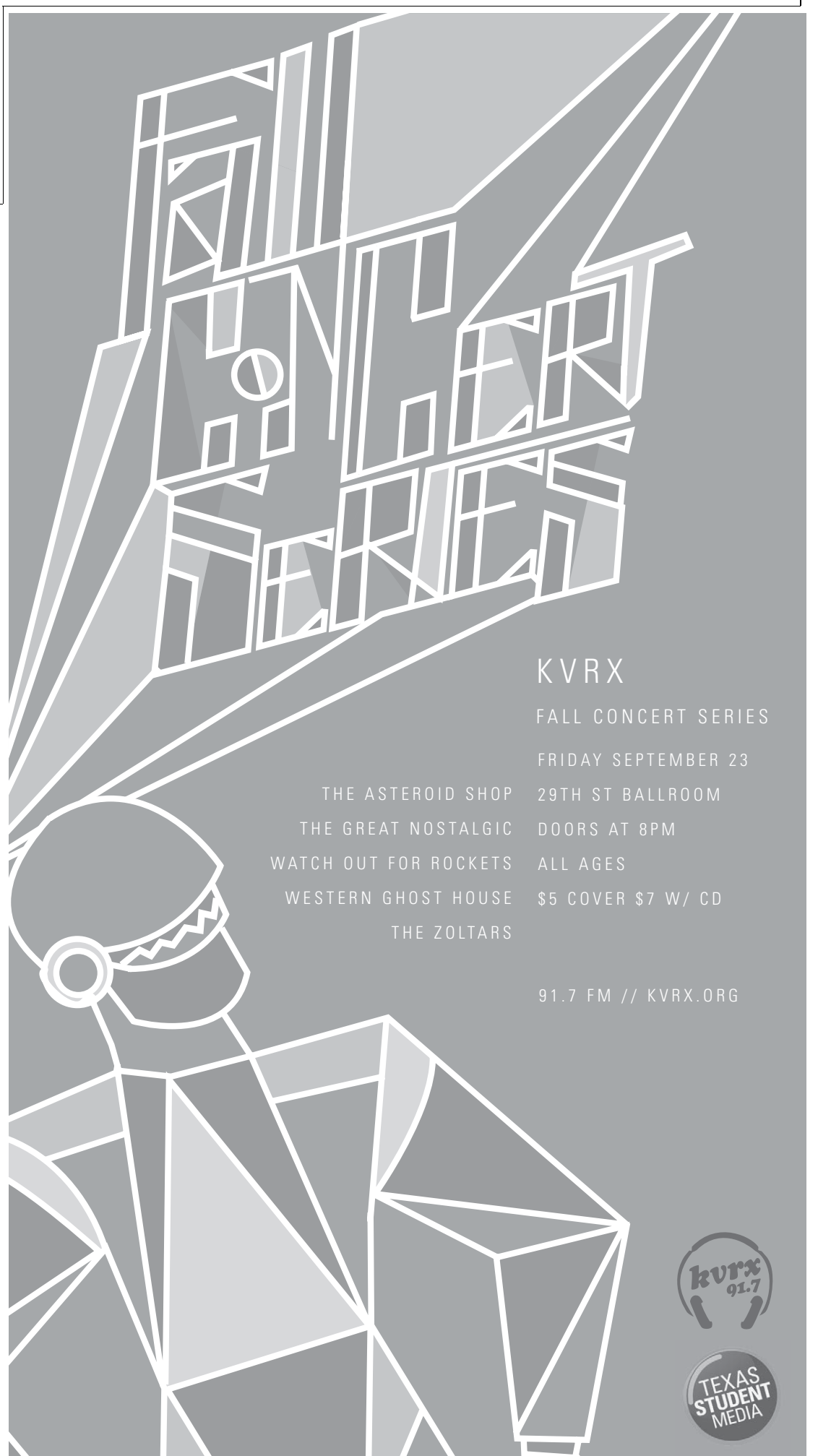
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'Murderballers' take on tough rugby

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

"About every tournament I'll rip the knuckles on the back of my hand open from pushing and stuff," said Jeff Butler, a junior in the McCombs School of Business who plays wheelchair rugby for the Texas Stampede, the Austin club team. "Really nothing that requires stitches or a hospital trip, just a lot of Band-Aids and anti-bacterial cream."

Butler is talking about wheelchair rugby — the sport that he describes as "intense" and some call "murderball" — a reference to the broken fingers, overturned wheelchairs and other injuries that tend to occur when eight paraplegic athletes (both male and female) in custom-built, enforced wheelchairs gather on a basketball court and battle each other full-throttle for the ball in a game of ice hockey, basketball and bumper cars gone mad.

"In my rugby career I've broken two fingers and I bruised my ribs pretty severely this past December," said Butler's teammate Emily Shryock, a disabilities service coordinator in the UT Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. "Most of the time, it's nothing too serious. Bruises and scrapes, things like that."

Butler and Shryock were both selected in May to represent the United States as players on the national developmental wheelchair rugby team, Team Force. The team is designed to



Amanda Martin | Daily Texan Staff

Emily Shryock, a sociology graduate student and sophomore accounting major Jeff Butler play for UT's wheelchair rugby team, Texas Stampede.

bridge the gap between the United States club circuit and the international circuit by identifying and preparing the next generation of wheelchair rugby players for international play.

In December, Butler and Shryock will travel to the Lakeshore Foundation Paralympic Training Site in Birmingham, Ala. where Paralympic athletes train for their respective events. The tryout will determine who will play on Team USA in

the 2012 Paralympic Games, which will be held in London. The tryout will be run like an athletic camp — "it's basically a long weekend," Butler said — that will involve three-day practices and a series of cuts until the final team lineup is chosen.

"The tryouts are very intense," Shryock, 24, said. "The standards that they're using and they're looking for are the same that would be found in any elite top-level sport. Players who are team players and

who are comfortable with the commitment and the determination it takes to make it to that top level."

For Butler and Shryock, who both moved to Austin from Indiana in 2010 so they could play for Texas Stampede, the December tryout is something they've been working towards since their days of playing for Indianapolis' team, the Indy Brawlers.

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Bacon restaurant sizzles traditional Southern flair



Julia Bunch | Daily Texan Staff

"Beat BLT" and "Sweet Corn Fritters" are two of the most ordered plates at Bacon. The restaurant cooks between 80 and 120 pounds of bacon per day.

By Sarah-Grace Sweeney
Daily Texan Staff

There is a little yellow house on 10th Street, right off Lamar Boulevard. It looks like the kind of place where someone's grandmother might be cooking biscuits and gravy with a hearty side of bacon, and in fact, that's just what they do inside.

The restaurant called Bacon is a place to get a traditional meal, but a meal that everyone can still make their own.

"What we decided to do was specialize in making the traditional old-fashioned meals and just

making them with better bacon," said Bacon co-founder Jed Taylor. "Really, I think that people will be inspired to create their own meal here."

When first entering Bacon, where according to Taylor they cook about 80 to 150 pounds of the meat a day, one might expect to be overwhelmed by the smell of maple syrup and sizzling pork. That is not the case at all. The atmosphere at Bacon is like walking into your kitchen at home, but with a few more tables. There is no sickeningly sweet scent or sticky

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