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Calendar

'Love's Labour's Lost'

Shakespeare's charming and beloved story about young romance and its many obstacles is being performed tonight from 8-10 p.m. at the Iden Payne Theatre. The story follows four men who swear off, only to fall back in love with four ladies. Admission for students is \$15, for Staff \$17, and adults \$20.

'The Universe'

Join the Department of Astronomy for an evening of telescope viewing. The event starts tonight from 8:30-10:30 p.m. on the rooftop of RLM. The event is open to the entire campus.

Human Rights Roundup

At the Human Rights Roundup students and professors in Make UT Sweatshop-Free Coalition speak about human rights. The event also includes games, prizes and more. It will be held on the West Mall from 2-5 p.m.

Today in history

In 1906

In 1906 a devastating earthquake hit San Francisco, Calif. The earthquake was caused by a slip in the San Andreas Fault and was estimated to be an 8.0 on the Richter scale. The massive quake killed hundreds of people, trapped 20,000, destroyed about 30,000 buildings. Shock waves were felt from Oregon to L.A.



5-7 a.m.

"Beats for Breakfast": Beat aficionado Florian spins a heady mix of old school & alternative hip hop, electronica, and future bass music.

5-7 p.m.

"Flow Town": Instrumental beats dedicated to meeting the needs of flowers and wreckers across the globe!

On the web



Check out our coverage on the candlelight vigil held as part of pride week.

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Research finds biased math teachers

By Bobby Blanchard
Daily Texan Staff

Math teachers may rate white female students as less capable than white male students regardless of test scores, according to new UT research.

A recent study co-authored by assistant professor Catherine Riegler

Crumb and doctoral student Melissa Humphries has found that math teachers are likely to be biased against white female students.

Crumb and Humphries' study found that when asked about their students' math skills, teachers rate their white female students lower than their white male students even when their grades and test scores are equivalent.

Humphries said teachers were asked if the class was too difficult, the appropriate level or too easy for a student.

"There is a lot of research that looks at this, especially focusing on younger grades, and they tend to find that there are often biases against girls in math," Humphries said. "But what is surprising is we are looking at high

school sophomores, so even at this level we did find that there was still possibly some bias."

Ellen Cameron has always been good at math, receiving the AB calculus award her senior year of high school as well as the respect of past teachers. Despite this, Cameron, a Plan II and business junior, said she felt some teachers were biased against

her as a female.

"It was the science teachers that I feel like were slightly discriminatory if anything," Cameron said. "I feel like people group math and science together a lot."

The study came from a data set of 15,000 high school sophomores.

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Zen Ren | Daily Texan Staff

Plan II Honors and Biology senior Katie Fife sits in a mock version of what a gender-inclusive dorm would look like, Tuesday morning. Members of the gender-inclusive housing initiative aim at providing a safe living option for transgender and gender non-confirming students.

UT gender-inclusive housing proposed

By Bobby Blanchard
Daily Texan Staff

Promoting the movement for gender-inclusive housing on campus, StandOut held a demonstration Tuesday afternoon on Speedway about what a dorm room with students of different genders would look like.

Ashley Hall, co-director of StandOut and psychology junior, said gender-inclusive housing is

aimed at providing a safe living option for transgender and gender non-confirming students, a goal StandOut has been working to accomplish since last semester.

The demonstration featured students doing what they would be normally doing in their dorm rooms — doing homework and listening to music. Hall said the point of the demonstration was to show students that gender-inclusive

housing is no different from the University's current housing environment and to grab passers-by attention.

"That gives us the chance to educate on gender-inclusive housing and what we want from that program and why it is important," Hall said.

John Ramsey, president of University Residence Hall Association and finance junior, said URHA is set to vote on the pro-

posal on April 30. On April 2, URHA unanimously supported gender-inclusive housing in a straw poll.

"But we haven't voted yet and we're still waiting on what kind of feedback we can get from regular residents," Ramsey said.

Should the vote pass, Ramsey said the next step would be talk to Division of Housing

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Austin Police officer fatally shot dog at wrong address

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

A response to a domestic disturbance issue in East Austin left the dog of an Austin resident dead due to a misunderstanding of the location of the disturbance by the Austin Police Department.

Officer Thomas Griffin and backup officers responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a domestic disturbance at 2613 E. Fifth St. Saturday afternoon. The officers did not locate the man and woman in question but encountered Austin resident Michael Paxton, who lived at the address and was walking from his backyard, where he was playing frisbee with his dog, to his truck in the front yard.

"The officer yelled 'Let me see your hands' and Paxton's dog, named Cisco, came running from the backyard and toward the officer," said Sgt. David Daniels of the APD Public Information Office. "[Griffin] yelled at the subject to grab his dog and at that point, the owner had no opportunity to react and the officer shot one round at the dog."

Daniels said whomever contacted 9-1-1 gave the address where the man and woman were seen, but the address was not the location of their residence. The address that was given was confirmed to pertain to multiple dwellings, Daniels said. Reports conflict as to how Officer Griffin ended up at Paxton's residence, although most indicate that the officer

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Director brings film, advice to UT students

By Bobby Blanchard
Daily Texan Staff

Joseph Kahn said he put every dollar he ever made into his movie "Detention," which he believed was going to bomb, and he was totally happy with that.

Kahn, director of "Detention" and producer of music videos like Britney Spears' "Toxic" and Lady Gaga's "Love Game," spoke to students Tuesday night after showing his new film in the Student Activity Center.

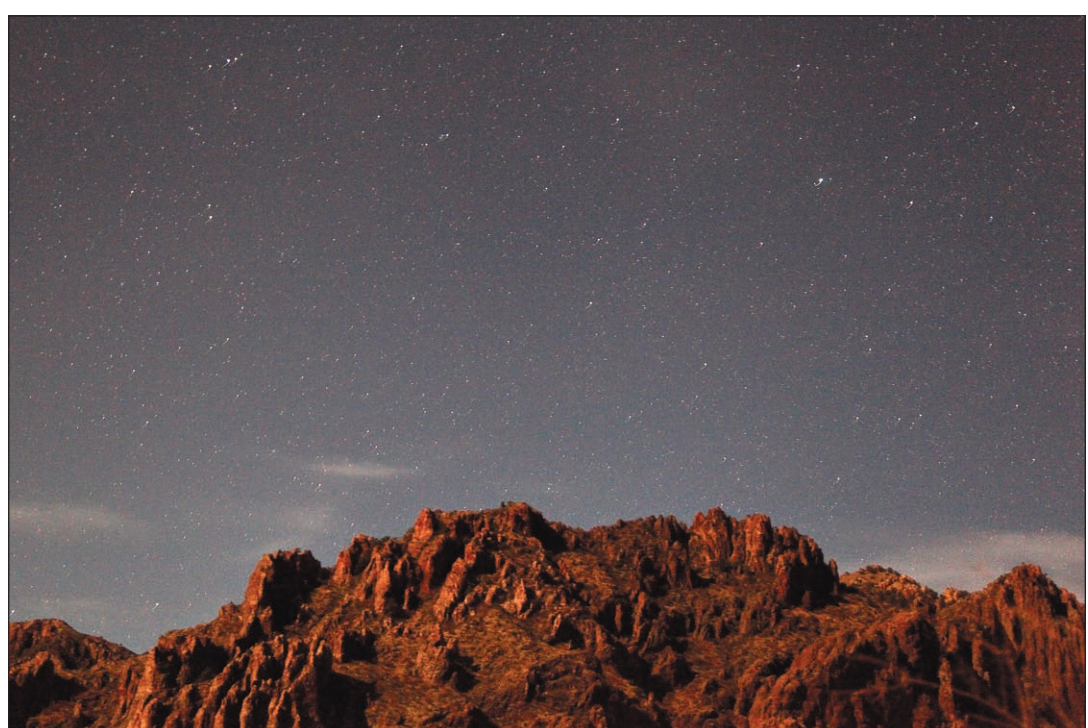
Kahn's newest movie, "Detention," took five-years, according to the 39-year-old music, advertising and film director. He said he spent the first year processing the plot, the second writing it, the third re-writing it, the fourth putting it together and the last year selling it. The movie, which is part-horror, part-comedy and part-science fiction, is about a group of high school students who experience a range of fantastical events,

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Maria Arrellaga | Daily Texan Staff

Director Joseph Kahn speaks to students in a Q&A after screening his latest film, "Detention," Tuesday evening.



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan file photo

Big Bend National Park is one of the many parks in Texas where scenic views are affected by air pollution.

EPA rule hopes to improve smoky views

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Smoky haze mars the otherwise picturesque views for national park visitors around Texas' Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks.

A new plan to reduce the haze, titled the Regional Haze Rule, will be submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency by November, said Stephanie Kodish, clean

air counsel for the National Parks Conservation Association. The rule will help to reduce air pollution that impairs visibility in 156 scenic national parks and wilderness areas and is aimed at controlling pollutants to protect treasured places, said Kodish.

Terry Clawson, media relations manager for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, said the haze program focuses on preserving visual aes-

thetics, rather than focusing on human health.

Some haze components are due to man-made pollution, he said, but in much of West Texas and the Southwest United States, dust is a major contributor to reduced visibility.

Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, said the issue extends beyond state lines and re-

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seen," Cartagena said. "And I was really interested to see how his vision actually applies to a feature film."

Student Events adviser DeAunderia Bownes said bringing Kahn to speak to students was good for students since he is a different kind of artist who produces music videos and films instead of singing or acting in them.

"My hope is film students and students who are interested in videography might have taken away maybe some angles or things that he thinks about," Bownes said. "I believe it gives them the opportunity to ask questions of someone who is really cutting edge in their field."

cebook has gotten more than 50,000 likes since its launch on Sunday.

Candace Hogan, a close friend of Paxton, said just thinking about what happened to Cisco infuriates her.

"I heard the pain in [Paxton's] voice and saw it on his face when I found him curled up crying with Cisco's body," Hogan said. "I am trying to put that anger into good energy by helping Mike get justice for Cisco and, hopefully, find a little peace and comfort."

Astronomy sophomore Travis Cormier knows Paxton through a local motorcycle group and said he is helping the campaign by supervising the comments left on the Facebook page and answering emails and messages people send.

Cormier said he was devastated when he heard the news because he has played with Cisco multiple times at Paxton's residence.

"Cisco has never displayed aggressive behavior unless you are just messing with him, as most dogs do," Cormier said. "He was protective but I've never seen him bite or even scratch anyone."

Cormier said he hopes students react in support of the situation but in a proper manner.

"We don't want to spread the message that police are bad or evil, just that an unnecessary use of violence shouldn't be happening," Cormier said. "I would hope that students would also see this as an opportunity to help take peaceful political action and realize that we don't need to respond to violence with violence."

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and Food Services to set up a pilot program.

"Just because we get the vote passed doesn't mean it's a guarantee, but it is definitely the first step," Ramsey said. "DHFS is very adamant about listening to student opinion, and URHA is the official student opinion we have."

Patrick Haisten, treasurer of StandOut and professional accounting graduate student, said the organization began promoting gender-inclusive housing last semester, but they have vamped up their work this semester.

"I know there have been other groups and other students on campus that have tried to do something like this before, and we of StandOut have tried to build on their progress," Haisten said. "Now we've really made it our sexual issue of the semester."

In February, StandOut started a petition for gender-inclusive housing. Since then, Hall said over 600 students have signed the digital petition. Shortly after starting the petition, Hall said URHA reached out and has worked with StandOut on the issue.

"They've hosted us in their meetings twice, which has been really helpful," Hall said. "In a lot of ways they've been help-

ing us out, and now they've agreed to look at the proposal and tweak that with us, so we'll keep working with them."

Hall said URHA has helped StandOut draft their proposal, which resolves some of the myths about gender-inclusive housing.

"There are myths that people are going to get pregnant from this, and that is just not happening," Hall said.

Hall said another myth and concern is sexual assault, but she said sexual assault is not a concern at campuses that offer gender-inclusive housing.

"[Gender-inclusive housing] actually currently has a completely clean record, and that is more than we can say for traditional housing," Hall said.

Hall said University Democrats has been another student organization that has helped the cause for gender-inclusive housing. She said in late March they passed a referendum in support of gender-inclusive housing.

"They helped us spread the word and get more signatures on the petition," Hall said. "A lot of what we really needed is more outreach to different groups that we're not that well connected to. And U Dems has been great at getting the word out and getting us connected to those groups."

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quires national focus.

"We could be doing much more to reduce emissions," he said. "We should clean up our own mess in East Texas and work cooperatively with the federal government."

The haze, he said, has long-term effects on quality of life for community members and national park lovers.

"Big Bend National Park has some of the most spectacular views in the world, but as haze floats into our national parks, it diminishes the experience," he said. "That will reduce tourism and money for the commu-

nity, so there's a lot of far-reaching impacts."

Michael Haynie, interpretive park ranger at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, said recent studies have shown degrading trends in some types of pollution but [the studies] vary year-to-year due to environmental conditions. The haze seen in Texas national parks has sharply increased due to recent wildfires, he said.

"There's weather variables, there's fire, so it really is kind of a mixed bag," he said. "But people come out here for the vistas and when you reduce visibility, you impact some of the scenic and aesthetic values of the park experience."

Denton Walker, co-president of Environmental Law Society,

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ranging from time traveling to aliens, all while trying to survive the rampage of a serial killer. Kahn said he made "Detention" for the new generation.

"If movies are made the same exact pace for teenagers as they were 20 or 30 years ago, then the studios don't understand that you guys are a completely different generation," Kahn said.

Kahn said he decided to be a filmmaker when he was in high school because he wanted to be happy.

"I decided back when I was 16 years old that it was better for me to fail, as long as I put 100 percent of my effort into it, as long as I took every chance and everything that I could ever possibly do," Kahn said. "It was the journey that would be more important."

Kahn also told students that now is a great time to go into filming and making music videos.

"Now, the equipment is so cheap that anybody can make a video," Kahn said. "It's like having a skateboard. At some point, it was like only the rich people can skateboard. But now, it's no longer about skateboards, but the skateboarder."

In order to get good at story tell-

ing, Kahn said he would advise students to take more philosophy courses and more humanity courses.

"Here is the thing, as a video director you may learn all of the things about technique, but technique is very simple," Kahn said. "Technique is just a matter of money. Technique is just a matter of access. Technique is just a matter of technology. Technique is the easiest thing in filmmaking. The hardest thing in filmmaking is storytelling."

Radio-television-film freshman Cody Cartagena said he came to see Kahn because he was a fan of his music videos.

"I think he has done a lot of great things that everyone has

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received the wrong address. "APD has apologized to Mr. Paxton for the loss of his dog but we can't

apologize for the officer doing his job," Daniels said. "There are certain circumstances that officers encounter and if there is an immediate threat to the safety of the officer or those around him, they have to use force."

Senior police officer Dennis Faris said the issue is currently under re-

view by APD to determine if Officer Griffin violated any policies.

"Officer Griffin is very upset about this and none of us ever want to use our weapon and discharge it," Harris said.

In response to the incident, the Justice for Cisco campaign page on Fa-

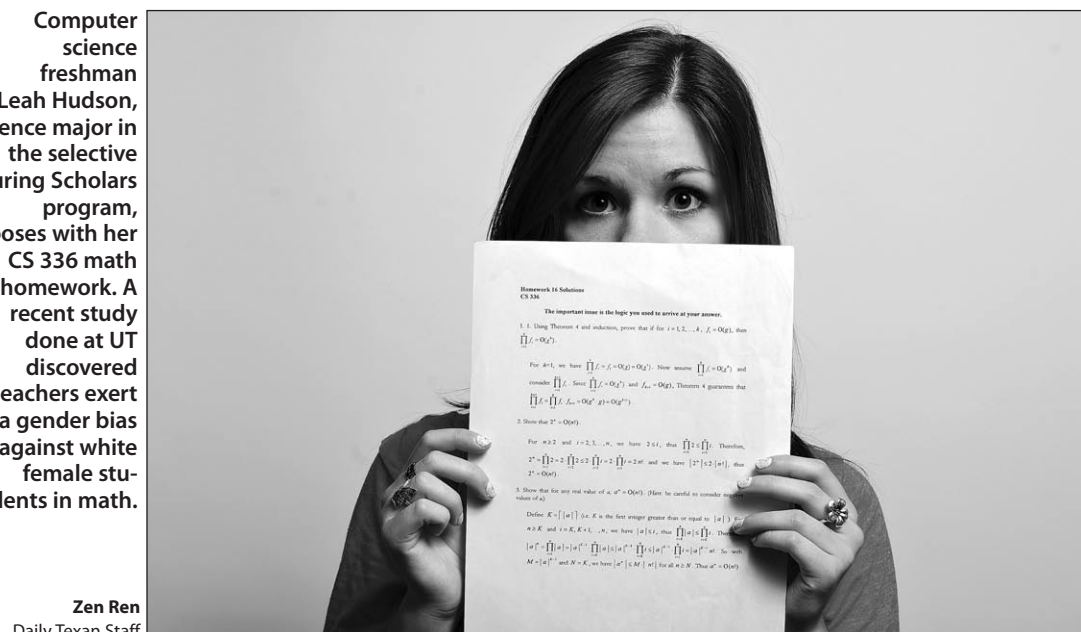
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collected by the Education Longitudinal Study of 2002. Humphries said according to their study, white girls were about 40 percent less likely to be perceived as being in a class too easy for them and 33 percent more likely to be perceived as being in too difficult of a class.

Humphries said she and Crumb also considered what kind of difference the level of math students would make on teacher's ratings.

"In some ways you might think if someone gets to an advanced math class, you already know they're pretty good at it," Humphries said. "But we still see this idea that the class just isn't

as easy for the white girls in the class as the white boys."

Tamara Hudgins, executive director of Girlstart, a nonprofit whose goal is to empower girls in science, technology, engineering and math, said these results did not surprise her.

"I believe that while the effort to be inclusive in educational environments has been of interest of late, it is still too recent to have had much of a trickle-down effect at the schools," Hudgins said. "Programs like UTeach at the University of Texas at Austin have a dedicated interest in equity and trying to remove bias from the classroom. But those efforts are fairly new."

Hudgins said identifying biases like these is the first crucial step to ridding the education system of inequality.

"The more we ask this question about bias, the more opportunity we

will have to subtly, but fundamentally, change systems," Hudgins said. "Systematic change doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen when more people agree that something needs to be modified or improved."

Leah Hudson, a computer science honors freshman, said she felt like she had experienced bias from her teachers in the past. She said a way to get rid of the bias would be for female students to raise their hand to answer questions in class, even if they were unsure of themselves.

Cameron, who works in a nursery, said she feels there is hope for the future generation.

"I get to watch the boys play with baby dolls and the girls play with the trucks," Cameron said. "I think there is some optimism in that and it means gender norms are going to change in

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Fourteen mutilated bodies found in Mexican border city

MEXICO CITY — Authorities say police found the mutilated bodies of 14 men in a minivan abandoned in the downtown area of the border city of Nuevo Laredo.

Tamaulipas state prosecutors say in a statement that the bodies were inside plastic bags.

Prosecutors say officers also found a message signed by a criminal group, but authorities wouldn't identify the group or release the content of the note.

Prosecutors say all the victims were between the ages of 30 and 35, but they gave no other details. The bodies were found on Tuesday.

Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas, is a stronghold of the Zetas drug cartel. It has been the scene of vicious turf battles between the Zetas and former ally, the Gulf cartel.

Forest Service in quandary about Colorado frozen cows

DENVER — It may take explosives to dislodge a group of cows that wandered into an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains, then died and froze solid when they couldn't get out.

The carcasses were discovered by two Air Force Academy cadets when they snow-shoed up to the cabin in late March. Rangers believe the animals sought shelter during a snowstorm and got stuck and weren't smart enough to find their way out.

The cabin is located near the Conundrum Hot Springs, a nine-mile hike from the Aspen area in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness area.

Michael Carroll, a spokesman for the Wilderness Society in Colorado, said cattle are often allowed to wander on federal wilderness lands as long as ranchers get a permit from the Forest Service, and sometimes the animals get separated from the herd.

US stocks jump after strong profits, Spain soothes

Stocks stormed higher Tuesday after promising signals about the profitability of U.S. companies and a strong debt auction by Spain. The Dow Jones industrial average rose for the fourth day in five and posted its biggest gain in a month.

European stocks had their best day in four months after Spain, the latest flashpoint in the European debt crisis, attracted strong investor interest at an auction of two-year debt.

Spain's borrowing costs fell, as measured by the yields on Spanish bonds being traded in the market. In recent days, those yields had risen closer to levels that might force Spain to seek an international bailout.

"There's no doubt that gave the market a second wind," Anthony Chan, chief economist with J.P. Morgan Private Wealth management, said of the debt auction. "The market is reassessing and feeling a little better."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 194.13 points, or 1.5 percent, at 13,115.54. It was up as much as 210 points Tuesday afternoon.

Earthquake shakes central Chile, hundreds evacuated

SANTIAGO, Chile — A strong magnitude-6.7 earthquake shook central Chile late Monday, prompting authorities to order the evacuation of a stretch of coastline and causing hundreds of people in the capital to flee buildings in panic.

The U.S. Geological Survey initially put the quake's magnitude at 6.5 but later raised it to 6.7. Its epicenter was 26 miles northeast of Valparaiso, and it had a depth of 23 miles. It struck just minutes before midnight local time Monday.

The Chilean navy's hydrographic and oceanographic service discounted the possibility of a tsunami, but authorities maintained an order for people to move to higher ground along a roughly 500-mile stretch of coastline running from the city of Constitucion to Tongoy, north of the capital. Thousands of people were later allowed to return home, said Deputy Interior Secretary Rodrigo Ubilla.

North Korea warns US of retaliation over rocket

PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea accused the U.S. of hostility on Tuesday for suspending an agreement to provide food aid following Pyongyang's widely criticized rocket launch, and warned of retaliatory measures in response.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry also rejected the U.N. Security Council's condemnation of Friday's launch of a long-range rocket as "unreasonable," and reasserted the nation's right to develop a civilian space program.

North Korea fired a three-stage rocket Friday over the Yellow Sea in defiance of international warnings against what the U.S. and other nations said would be seen as a violation of bans against nuclear and missile activity.

North Korean officials called the launch a peaceful bid to send an observation satellite into space, timed to commemorate the 100th anniversary Sunday of the birth of late North Korea founder Kim Il Sung. The launch was a failure, with the rocket splintering into pieces less than two minutes after takeoff.

Condemnation was swift, with the U.S. and others calling it a covert test of rocket technology that could be used to fire a long-range missile fitted with a nuclear warhead.

Washington immediately halted a plan brokered in February to provide North Korea with much-needed food aid in exchange for a suspension of its nuclear and missile programs.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Tuesday it was difficult to say whether the North's latest statement could indicate whether its "opaque regime" was readying a nuclear test.

"In the past there's been a pattern of bad behavior," he told a



North Korean guide Kim Won Ho, right, speaks to a foreign journalist near a photo depicting the 2009 satellite rocket launch at the Three Revolutions exhibition hall in Pyongyang, North Korea.

briefing in Washington. "We can't preclude anything at this point."

On Monday, the U.N. Security Council, including North Korea ally China, condemned the rocket launch as a violation of resolutions prohibiting North Korea from ballistic missile and nuclear activity, and directed its sanctions committee to strengthen penalties against the country.

Toner reminded North Korea of its obligations under the resolutions, and said the Security Council's statement Monday

made clear it was determined to take further action if North Korea conducts another rocket launch or nuclear test.

Responding to the Security Council's condemnation, North Korea accused the U.S. on Tuesday of leading a campaign to deny its right to develop its defense and civilian space programs.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry vowed to press ahead with its space ambitions, and warned it would no longer adhere to the February agreement with the U.S.

"We have thus become able to take necessary retaliatory measures, free from the agreement," the ministry said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency. "The U.S. will be held wholly accountable for all the ensuing consequences."

"Peace is very dear for us but the dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country are dearer for us," the statement said, without specifying what countermeasures North Korea

might take.

North Korea also faced U.N. Security Council condemnation after launching a long-range rocket in 2009, and walked away from six-nation nuclear disarmament negotiations in protest.

Weeks later, North Korea conducted a nuclear test, its second, and revealed it had a uranium enrichment program that could give scientists a second source for building atomic weapons.

— The Associated Press



People wait in line to refuel their vehicles at a YPF gas station in Buenos Aires, Argentina on Monday.

Argentina bashed by EU for oil takeover

By Alan Clendenning
The Associated Press

MADRID — Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez is attempting to quell increasing unrest at home and boost her popularity with an "unlawful" bid to nationalize YPF, the Argentine oil unit of Spanish energy firm Repsol, the company's president claimed Tuesday as the group's shares plunged more than 7 percent.

As Spain's government prepared retaliatory measures against Argentina, the European Commission added to the two nations' rapidly rising economic and diplomatic tensions by indefinitely postponing a meeting with Argentine officials over a bilateral trade and economic treaty between the European Union and Argentina.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said he was "seriously disappointed" by Argentina's decision and warned that "this creates an uncertainty which is not helpful to our economic relations and to the economy as a whole."

Fernandez sparked the firestorm between Spain and Argentina on Monday when she sent a bill to her country's congress to put a majority stake of YPF in state hands, effectively nationalizing the oil com-

pany. Argentina has in the past accused Repsol of failing to invest enough in YPF and its oil sector.

Repsol president Antonio Brufau told reporters that the company demands just compensation and will fight Fernandez' plan, adding that she "carried out an unlawful act and made unlawful charges after a campaign aimed at knocking down YPF shares and allowing expropriation at a bargain price."

The decision by Fernandez "is only a way of covering up the social and economic crisis Argentina is facing" amid high inflation and energy prices, Brufau added.

Repsol shares were down 7.1 percent to €16.25 (\$21.34) each in early afternoon trading in Madrid, far underperforming the benchmark Ibx index, which was up 1 percent. Analysts were concerned that Argentina has not stated any compensation terms for the nationalization of YPF, which has 42 percent of Repsol's global reserves.

Brufau told reporters that YPF is worth \$18.3 billion, and he valued Repsol's 57 percent stake in the unit at \$10.5 billion. Argentina wants to take over Repsol shares representing 51 percent of YPF, meaning Repsol would be left with 6 percent and shareholders including a rich Argentine family would not be affected.

In a sign of the rising tensions between Spain and Argentina over the nationalization plan, the Spanish foreign ministry summoned Argentina's ambassador to Madrid for the second time in five days to mount another formal protest.

Justice Minister Alberto Ruiz Gallardon said Argentina's plan to nationalize YPF "represents an extraordinary political error in the medium and long term."

Gallardon and other officials suggested Spain would retaliate, but did not say how. Energy Minister Jose Manuel Soria said the government could take action within days and cited possible lines of diplomatic or commercial retaliation against Argentina but did not provide specifics.

YPF is Argentina's largest company and vital for its energy future, especially after a recent find of huge unconventional oil and natural gas reserves — a discovery that Brufau stressed came from his company's exploration efforts.

Spain's government is seeking to line up allies to contest the nationalization and possibly isolate Argentina economically. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is expected to try to drum up support this week during a trip to Mexico and Colombia.

Fans proclaim their innocence in Egypt soccer attack scandal

By Aya Batrawy
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Fans charged in Egypt's deadliest soccer riot declared their innocence in the first session of their trial Tuesday, directing their anger toward police, charged with collaborating in the killing of 75 supporters of a rival team.

Nine senior officers, including six police generals and a colonel, are among the 73 people charged in the case. The officers were present in the courtroom, dressed in traditional white defendant uniforms, but they were not held in the courtroom cage with the rest of those on trial.

If the police are convicted, it would further fuel widespread speculation that the country's much-despised Interior Ministry force allowed the bloody Feb. 1 attack on fans of a soccer club with which they have a long antagonistic history.

Most of the defendants are fans of Al-Masry, the main sports club in the Mediterranean city of Port Said, where the attack took place. The majority of the victims were fans of a rival team, Cairo's Al-Ahly, whose supporters are credited with playing a major role in the 18-day popular uprising that toppled longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year.

Survivors of the attack charge that police allowed the attack by Al-Masry fans to deteriorate into bloodshed. Others have suggested that former regime loyalists hired thugs

to infiltrate the stadium and kill Al-Ahly fans.

"Where is Mubarak?" the defendants chanted, reflecting their suspicions against the ousted regime and the justice system in Egypt.

The hearing took place in the same courtroom where Mubarak has faced charges related to the deaths of hundreds of protesters in the uprising.

"We will get them their justice or die like them," the defendants in the courtroom cage shouted, fists pumping in the air as they referred to those killed in the riots.

One defendant told the presiding judges he had been called in by police as a witness but was arrested instead.

"They fooled me and brought me in as a witness ... and told me if I point people out they will release me," he said.

Outside the courtroom, hundreds of Al-Ahly fans held photos of those killed and raised posters that said, "I will never forget justice for our brothers." Some wore black T-shirts with the words, "We were killed in Port Said."

In addition to fans and police, the manager of the stadium and the technician in charge of the lights have been charged. The trial is scheduled to resume May 5.

After the riot, Egypt imposed a two-year ban on Al-Masry, while this year's club season has been suspended.



Fans of Al-Ahly soccer club rally during the trial of defendants charged with the Port Said stadium killings of 75 soccer fans outside the courtroom in Cairo, Egypt Tuesday.

VIEWPOINT

The fringe that makes us cringe

Dispelling any concerns that he would avoid the spotlight after his spectacularly failed presidential run, Gov. Rick Perry unveiled his new budget proposal, the Texas Budget Compact, on Monday. The proposal would strongly oppose any new tax increases in the state budget.

Perry's compact is, in a sense, a Texas-level homage to anti-tax crusader Grover Norquist's "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" — an oath for elected officials to unilaterally oppose any tax increases — that has been signed by presumed GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, among others.

Norquist's pledge effectively tied the hands of legislators to the Tea Party agenda with threats of certain electoral failure, automatically limiting them to proposing spending cuts to balance budget deficits regardless of the circumstances. All of this undue influence was caused by a lone lobbyist, and this new pledge portends trouble; the Texas Budget Compact is backed by the longest-serving governor in the state's history. Perry and his compact, despite his reassurances that he would not require anyone to sign it, will clearly follow the same questionable path as Norquist's.

Both pledges are an example of the ever-increasing — and often hazardous — influence of the "fringe" in budgetary decisions. In Texas, the situation is no different. Interest groups with extreme positions on education funding dominated the last legislative session and pressured legislators to cut public education and university budgets, including UT's.

If compounded by the new anti-tax promise and the state's "pay-to-play" legislative precedent, these organizations, combined with coerced legislators, will continue to shortchange the state's higher education system. As state Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, put it, Perry's plan "will result in a doubling down" on mistakes made last session on the issue of education.

Meanwhile, the influence of the fringe has trickled down to the city level. Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell's two challengers are outside the mainstream — one, Brigid Shea, was labeled "The Wrench" by The Austin Chronicle for her unrivaled ability to impede City Council. Bill Spelman, UT professor and City Council incumbent, faces no fewer than six challengers, one of whom is a self-professed anarchist. Council meetings themselves are often rife with monologues from city "activists" that proclaim vast, fluoride-centered conspiracy theories.

With less than 8 percent of the city turning out for municipal elections last year, it's easy to see how the fringe can take hold of city business without much ado. But when the mayor and City Council decide on matters ranging from students' electric rates to Capital Metro bus routes, these extremist factions can quickly become destructive. Shea, along with many council challengers, has opposed measures that would benefit students, including the city's approval of incentives for Apple to build a facility — packed with 3,600 new jobs — in Austin.

The problem is that extremism is increasingly being accepted into the mainstream, leaving the politics of compromise all but abandoned. Legitimized by the fringe and abetted by partner-in-crime state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston — who helped him announce the compact — politicians like Perry can grandstand to win votes while simultaneously rejecting sound decision-making.

With an overwhelming majority of his own party in the Legislature, Perry no longer has an obligation to compromise. Whether he should, though, is an entirely different question. Unfortunately, it seems his no-tax bravado is nothing more than cowardice.

Promoting parking meters in West Campus



By Hannah Lapin
Daily Texan Columnist

Home to countless apartment buildings, restaurants, coffee shops and more, West Campus is a big draw to UT students. Just minutes away from campus, this convenient location with endless living options makes West Campus the ideal place for UT students to look for housing. The one problem with West Campus, however, is the lack of parking spots.

Students wishing to visit West Campus could potentially be out of luck; parking is an absolute nightmare. Many students have to park far away from their intended destinations, which can be very unsafe at night. Other students may not be able to find a spot at all. Furthermore, the people that are lucky enough to find parking spots are unlikely to leave them since they do not have to pay, and their chances of finding another spot are slim.

Fortunately, the city of Austin is aware of the parking situation in West Campus and looking for potential solutions. The University Area Partners, a group of stakeholders in the West Campus area, has been diligently working over the past two years on a proposal to add 400 parking meters in West Campus between Rio Grande Street and Guadalupe Street. The purpose of the parking meters is to regulate the parking situation and control traffic, which is necessary in the area.

Although some students may be upset about having to pay for parking in West Campus, ultimately the meters will be more beneficial than harmful to the students. Additionally, 51 percent of the parking meter revenue will fund neighborhood improvement projects, such as adding new sidewalks and planting more trees. This will only further benefit the students and the West Campus area.

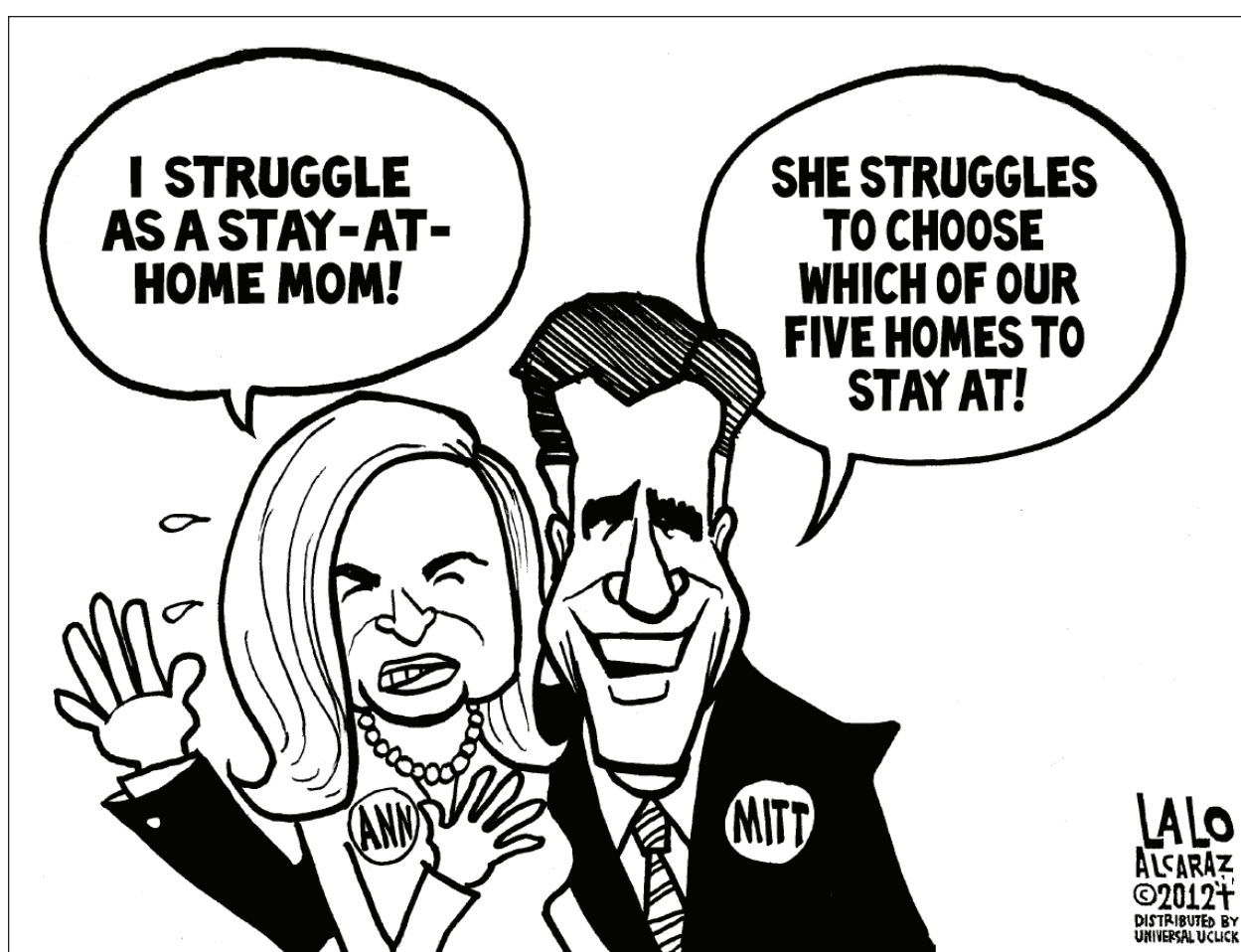
Currently, the University Area Partners is working on revising its proposal

and gathering input from West Campus residents. On April 12, the group held an open meeting to help members gauge the reactions of West Campus business owners and residents and see what adjustments can be made to the proposal.

University Area Partners will officially vote on the proposal April 24. If passed, it will be submitted to the city's transportation department for review by the Urban Transportation Commission. The plan would then go to the Austin City Council for the final vote in the fall.

It is in everyone's best interests that the West Campus parking problem be addressed in a timely and fair manner. While metered parking is likely to elicit groans from those opposed to costlier parking, the benefits of safer, available parking outweigh that detracting sentiment.

Lapin is a journalism sophomore.

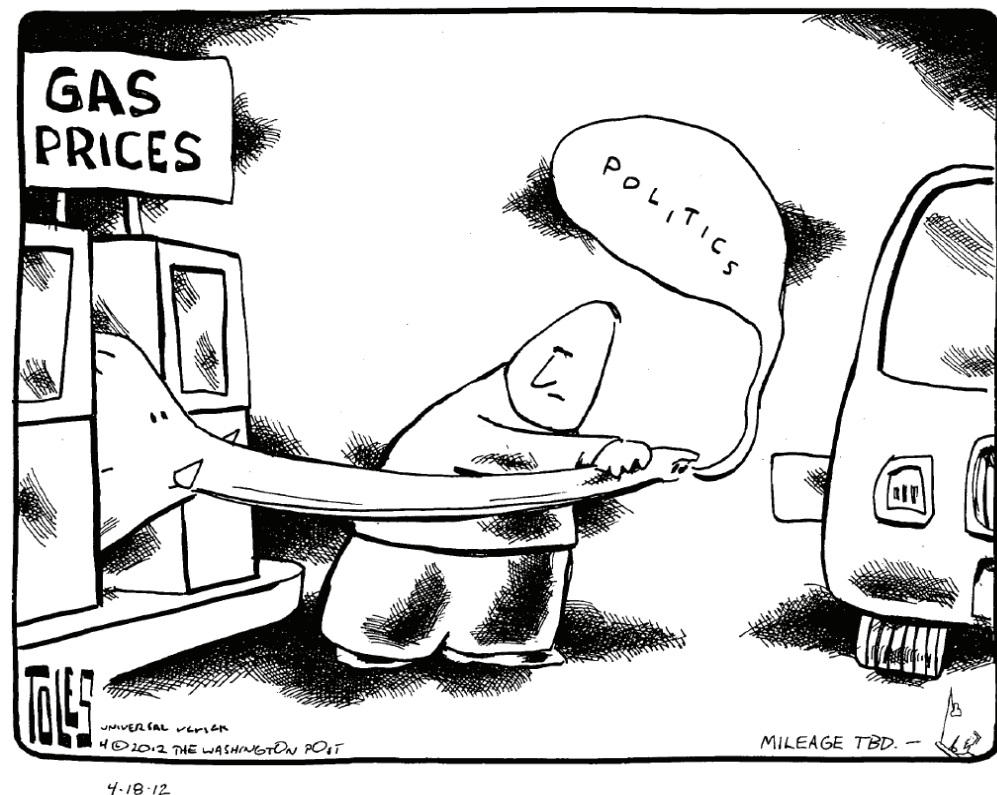


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We'll print finalists later in the semester and announce our selection in May.



Instagram: Instigating instability



By Kayla Oliver
Daily Texan Columnist

I can see it now: the camera winds slowly up a trendy Santa Barbara street before focusing on a slightly aged Jesse Eisenberg as he sips a latte in a locally-owned coffee shop. He adjusts his thick-rimmed, lens-less glasses and cocks his fedora at an appropriately haphazard angle, gazing expectantly at the door. In walks Instagram CEO Kevin Systrom — played perhaps by Joseph Gordon-Levitt — and the dramatic theme music begins to play. Bathed in the pleasant yellow glow of Instagram's "Earlybird" filter, negotiations begin. Once again, we witness Internet history in the making.

OK, so maybe Facebook's \$1-billion purchase of the photo sharing application Instagram isn't quite intriguing enough to inspire "The Social Network 2," and maybe the acquisition doesn't indicate Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's transformation into a sepi filtering hipster. Instead, it seems that the truth behind the massive purchase is much more pragmatic and worrisome.

The staggering figure Facebook paid for Instagram, a startup with no revenue to speak of and a total of 13 employees, may indicate an impending tech bubble burst. When a commodity's popularity — its "cool factor," if you will — causes consumers to drive its price drastically above any realistic valuation, a crash is inevitable.

Facebook itself provides additional reason for concern over a bubble burst. As the company prepares to go public, The New York Times reports that it will be valued around \$100 billion, a number most analysts find exorbitant. Few would argue against the brilliance of Facebook's concept and business plan, but the highest estimates of its 2011 revenue hover around \$4 billion, according to Bloomberg. This level of overvaluation is clearly unsustainable and, once the company's finances go public, threatens to scare

away investors.

The billion-dollar Instagram purchase also points to a monopolistic mindset possibly taking hold at Facebook, whereby the company aims to buy up all potential competitors before they can do any lasting damage. Of course, Facebook has the innovators and resources to produce an application similar to Instagram, but there is little reason to innovate when you can simply purchase.

Of course, the market bubble in which social networking sites and applications are currently encapsulated enables this form of financial bullying. Facebook users should not be surprised to see new options for photo filters such as the ultra-saturated "Lomo-fi" or nostalgic "1977," but once Instagram's "cool" wears off, Facebook will be forced to acquire the next networking fad or lose some of its own popularity.

Perhaps the most troublesome aspect of Facebook's financial domination is its discouragement of competition. Photo startups such as Instagram can hope to be purchased by Facebook because they offer a valuable addition to its services, but alternative social networking sites such as Google+ or Wavii seem unable to step outside its looming shadow. Whether they are impeded by a lack of funds or a lack of name recognition, competitors stand little chance against Facebook, at least until this latest tech bubble bursts. It is difficult to estimate Facebook's staying power — it has certainly defied the bleak examples set by its forebears Friendster and Myspace — but a dramatic drop in investor confidence could set the stage for competitors to challenge the networking behemoth.

Until Facebook goes public and makes its plans regarding Instagram explicit, observers can do little but speculate. While this particular purchase may not motivate a film sequel, the fall of Facebook, whether dramatic or gradual, is sure to captivate and inspire generations of tech innovators to come.

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Old leaders make way for new blood

Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series about the legislative student organizations at UT and their transition to new leadership over the next few weeks. The quotes of the incoming leadership came from their applications for their positions and interviews.

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

Former Senate of College Councils President Carisa Nietzsche spent the past year trekking across campus to represent students in her size eight shoes. Months later, Senate president-elect Michael Morton is taking the reins. Despite wearing a size 14, he said Nietzsche leaves him big shoes to fill.

When she first took office in fall 2011, Nietzsche pledged to focus on technology, academic integrity and student retention. Nietzsche's last day in office was April 5, and she leaves behind a series of policy initiatives reflecting the promises she made last year. Nietzsche will spend the next few weeks transitioning Morton and his executive board to their positions.

"There is so much information to pass on," Nietzsche said. "I'm going to be helping [Michael] build trust with the administration. It's a really fun process."

Over the next year Morton said he will continue work on some of Nietzsche's initiatives. Morton also said he plans to increase outreach to students not involved in Senate. Morton said he will focus on increasing student representation at the Capitol for the 2013 legislative session through "Invest in Texas," an initiative co-sponsored by Student Government and the Graduate Student Assembly advocating for adequate higher education funding.

Former SG President Natalie Butler said she worked with Senate when communicating with the UT System and on tools like MyEdu. At the moment, Butler said, she and Nietzsche have a good relationship and are currently serving on a committee to refocus student orientation this summer. Butler says she plans to meet with Morton to discuss plans for both organizations.

Hank Dugie, former Liberal Arts Council president, said he felt Senate faced problems due to a disconnect between internal Senate and the college councils. Dugie said within the councils some members tend to focus on what they can get from Senate rather than what they can give.

"I really want the organization to realize what they're doing and what they're here for," Dugie said.

This year, some of Senate's initiatives included the creation of a Career Services Working Group; an honor code task force; including College Tuition Advisory Committees in the tuition conversation; a Senate election code; an electronic course instructor survey and creation of informal student forum SenateTea.

Nietzsche said she considered engaging the College Tuition Budget and Advisory Committees, which happen within each college council the administration's biggest accomplishment. This year, the CTBACs submitted their recommendations on the tuition increase to the deans and provosts' offices around campus. Out of the 20 councils, only Liberal Arts Council voted against a tuition increase.

Nietzsche said although she listened to concerns from groups against the increase, it was difficult to satisfy everyone, and the tuition-setting process was one of the biggest challenges she faced.

"Tuition Policy Advisory Committee was the hardest table to sit at," Nietzsche said. "It was hard for me as a Senate president because I lean more to the CTBACs. It was difficult because this was how a small student activist group [Occupy UT] thinks versus how CTBAC thinks."

Melinda Sutton, deputy to the Dean of Students and Senate's adviser, said Senate members often spoke to her on the challenge of making sure the student voice is heard in the conversation on the role of the University as a research institution.

"I don't know how students feel about all legislative student organizations, but I know from working with them that senate leaders spend countless hours on behalf of their peers," Sutton said.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL MORTON



"We have every intention to continue with Invest in Texas because it's a great way for students to unite as one. The message doesn't have as much of an impact on legislators when you have messages from different student populations instead of one voice."

Job Description: Acts as Senate chief executive officer and presides over Senate General Assembly, executive board meetings and president's committee meetings

Senate Experience: Invest in Texas Campaign, Director (2012-present); Communications Director (2010-12); Invest in Texas Campaign, Communications Director (2011-12); At-Large Member (2009-10)

VICE PRESIDENT ANDREW CLARK



"[My goal is] to make sure that we are amplifying the voices of all our council members. One thing I'll be doing personally is going to every one of my Senate representatives' meetings."

Job Description: Acts as Senate's chief internal officer and oversees activities of Senate committees, acts as liaison between executive board and Senate representatives

Senate Experience: Academic Integrity co-Chair (2011-12), Faculty Affairs At-Large (2010-11)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RYAN HIRSCH



"One thing that I would like to see Senate accomplish over the next year is to be even more persistent when it comes to educating and reaching out to the student body on academic issues."

Job Description: Responsible for supporting councils by directing them to resources, connecting them with academic initiatives and developing collaboration among executive board, internal Senate committees and college councils

Senate Experience: Undergraduate Research Committee co-Chair (2011-12), Undergraduate Research Committee At-Large Member (2010-11), Invest in Texas Legislative Working Group (2010-12), Council Representation Ad Hoc Member (2010-2011)

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CHRIS NGUYEN



"In the coming year, I would like Senate to create programs or stronger initiatives that put us at the forefront of the more controversial or simply confusing issues facing the University."

Job Description: Responsible for promoting Senate and the college councils to the University, keeping the University up-to-date on Senate initiatives and accomplishments and articulating Senate's mission on campus

Senate Experience: Multimedia and Press co-Chair (2011-12)

- Nguyen is a Daily Texan staff member

FINANCIAL DIRECTOR KENDRA LOFTICE



"One of my biggest goals this year and a big part of my platform is providing financial transparency for the college councils and student organizations alike."

Job Description: Acts as chief budget and fiscal officer of Senate and college council system by directing resources to benefit, keeps detailed records of costs incurred by councils and internal Senate committee chairs

Senate experience: Administrative Director (2011-12); Recruitment & Retention Co-Chair (2010-11); Recruitment & Retention At-Large (2009-10)

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MARK JONES

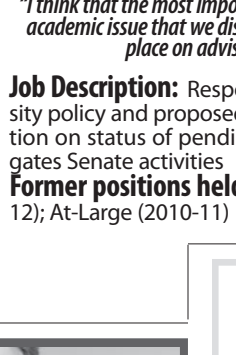


"If chosen to be a part of the Leadership Team, I will help remind others that we are students first and that one should not compromise his or her academic success with planning an event or writing legislation."

Job Description: Responsible for coordinating selection process of Senate at-large members and oversees their involvement in Senate

Senate Experience: Recruitment and Retention Co-Chair (2011-12); Faculty Affairs Committee At-Large Member (2010-11)

POLICY DIRECTOR JOSH FJELSTUL



"I think that the most important challenge facing UT is our budget. Every other academic issue that we discuss is affected by the constraints that budget cuts place on advisors, administrators and departments"

Job Description: Responsible for knowing and researching University policy and proposed changes to policy, keeps updated information on status of pending Senate bills and resolutions and investigates Senate activities

Former positions held: Curriculum Committee Co-Chair (w2011-12); At-Large (2010-11)

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR BALA VARADHAN



"Our primary goal is to represent students. The question then becomes, how do we measure our success? I think that success is measured by our level of outreach."

Job Description: Responsible for managing and providing information to Senate General Assembly, supporting the functions of Senate agencies and University-wide committees and working with Senate leadership team

Senate Experience: Outreach and Development co-Chair (2011-12)

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Randall looks to excel at next level

OVERALL STATS

35 starts
98 tackles (49 solo)
4 sacks
21 tackles for loss
25 pressures

Freshman (2008)

2 tackles

Sophomore (2009)

23 tackles
2 sacks
3 tackles for loss
9 pressures

Junior (2010)

39 tackles
1 sack
13 tackles for loss
8 pressures

Senior (2011)

34 tackles
1 sack
5 tackles for loss
8 pressures



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Pro-like preparation in college helping boost lineman's NFL stock

Editor's Note: This is the second in an eight-part series about Longhorns hoping to be drafted into the NFL.



By Lauren Giudice

Kheeston Randall is a workhorse. Next year when he enters the NFL, his need to continue to improve and evolve with the sport will continue.

His experience at Texas will help him do that, no matter who calls his name on April 26.

"I think I will be one of the most prepared players," Randall said. "Coming from Texas, we have so many guys that are already in the league and guys that go to the league all the time; and [head coach Mack Brown] runs the program like an NFL program from top to bottom, so you know what's expected of you once you make it to the NFL."

Randall has been working out in Arizona, preparing for draft day. He feels confident in himself that he has done everything he can to show teams what he is capable of.

He was one of four Texas players to be invited to the NFL Combine, and he was happy with his times and his performance. In addition, he and teammates Keenan Robinson and Emmanuel Acho, participated in the Senior Bowl.

Even though he finished his career at Texas with 35 starts, 98 tackles (49 solo) and four sacks, he sees a need for improvement within himself.

"There's a lot of things that I can work on," Randall said. "The game is always evolving. Whether it's hand placement, how I rush the passer, how I pick up on keys from the offense, there's always things that you can do better."

Brown has been impressed with Randall's work throughout his four years as a Longhorn.

"You [have] probably never seen a guy improve more than Kheeston Randall," said Brown in a press conference. "He really improved a lot for us."

Although Randall hopes to be drafted as high as possible, he will be content with any team who chooses him. He said being drafted is just the beginning and that there is work to be done once his name is called.

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BASEBALL



John Curtiss prepares to toss out a pitch against Texas State. The freshman from Southlake picked up his first win of the season.

Skylar Isdale | Daily Texan Staff

Felts helps Horns at plate, provides insurance RBI

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

When a team reels off three straight hits, it's almost impossible to keep them from scoring.

But sophomore catcher Jacob Felts helped Texas do just that in the third inning of last night's game against Texas State. Garrett Matlage led off the frame with a base hit but was picked off at

first base by Felts. Then, leadoff hitter Tyler Sibley also singled but was caught stealing at second base, gunned down by Felts. The next Bobcats hitter also singled but was stranded at first base after senior Austin Dicharry got Jeff McVane to pop out and end the inning.

"Our catcher saved the game,"

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Skylar Isdale | Daily Texan Staff
Jacob Felts extends for a hit against the Texas State Bobcats. Felts went two for three from the plate and drove in a run in the win.

Texas pitchers command contest, surrender only four hits to Bobcats

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

It took almost six innings, but Texas was finally able to get a hit off Texas State starter Taylor Black when Jacob Felts sent a ball up the middle of the infield for a single in the fifth.

The No. 24 Longhorns (21-13) were retired quickly after that, but the hit proved that Black was beatable, and it really took the pressure off of the Texas offense. The Longhorns were able to crack him right away in the next inning.

"I think it really did [take some pressure off]," Felts said. "[The offense] felt a little bit of pressure coming into this game from the

weekend. We had a decent weekend, but with the slow start it built up and the hit did take a little bit of pressure off."

The breakthrough started out with a shot off of the bat of Brooks Marlow that found its way into the corner for a leadoff

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SOFTBALL

Road tested Longhorns hope to keep streak alive against Bears



Rebecca Rodriguez | Daily Texan file photo

Nadia Taylor embraces her teammates during a 9-5 win against Missouri. Taylor was named the Big 12 Player of the Week.

By Garrett Callahan
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are hitting the road again. The 35-5 Texas team will make the hour-and-a-half journey up I-35 to challenge Baylor in a one-game conference stand.

The Longhorns are currently 9-3 in the Big 12 where they stand second behind rival Oklahoma. Baylor, on the other hand, is seventh in the conference with their 3-8 record.

The No. 25 Baylor Bears are coming off eight days of rest. Before that break, the Waco team had a six game home stand against Stephen F. Austin, Kansas

and Texas A&M. Baylor won four of those six games but lost the last two, one against Kansas and the other to Texas A&M. With that two-game losing streak hanging over their heads, the Bears look to leader Kathy Shelton to keep them competitive. The junior leads the team in batting average (.374), runs, hits, slugging percentage, on-base percentage and stolen bases. She plans to stop the Longhorns current three-game winning streak.

Texas comes into tonight's game after sweeping Kansas in Lawrence. Senior third-baseman Nadia Taylor leads the team, and was just named Big 12 Player of the

Week for the second time this season. She hit at a .625 clip during the week against in-state rival Texas Tech. In the series against the Jayhawks, she hit .800 with three home runs and a Texas record-high five walks in one game.

Taylor is one of many Longhorns who have been hitting the ball much better. After the weekend sweep, Taylor Hoagland said that Texas is much more confident at the plate.

"I think our team hit the ball in fantastic fashion throughout the series," Hoagland said. "We really hit well across the board this weekend. [The losing streak]

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Houston Texans receive attention, five national games scheduled

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans will play at least five nationally televised games in 2012, including two on Monday night and their first ever on Thanksgiving.

Houston went 10-6 last season and earned the franchise's first playoff berth with its first AFC South title.

The new schedule, released Tuesday, includes Monday night games against Tim Tebow and the New York Jets (Oct. 8) and Tom Brady and the Patriots (Dec. 10), along with a Thanksgiving game against Detroit.

Houston plays its third game at Denver on September 23, a game rich with subplots.

The Texans host Baltimore on Oct. 21 in a rematch of last year's AFC divisional playoff, won by the Ravens 20-13. The Texans and Ravens played an overtime thriller at Reliant Stadium in December 2010, which Baltimore won 34-28.

— The Associated Press

WOMEN'S TENNIS

TEXAS 3, TEXAS A&M 4



Rebecca Howeth | Daily Texan file photo

Junior Aerial Ellis stretches to return the ball with her back hand. Ellis dropped her match against the No. 80 player in the country, Nazari Urbina, in two quick sets on Tuesday.

Texas drops close contest to Aggies

By Matt Warden
Daily Texan Staff

It was a calm and cool Tuesday night, but the Longhorns met a storm they couldn't weather.

In their third match in the last four days, the Longhorns emerged from a battle in College Station with a 4-3 defeat to Texas A&M. After dropping the doubles point, the women flashed their trademark resiliency but just fell short of the victory.

Powerhouses Krista Damico and Aerial Ellis fought hard but both eventually lost in straight sets to top tier opponents. Damico's loss came at the hands of the No. 8 player in the country, while Ellis was defeated by the No. 80 ranked player. Even though Damico and Ellis have been streaky recently, a loss here or there is little cause for concern with these two.

The bottom of the Longhorn's

lineup continued its brilliant play, as the three wins for the team came from the fourth, fifth and sixth singles spots. The women might have lost the match, but impressive play from this half of the lineup bodes well for the team as the Big 12 Championships approach.

Sophomore Elizabeth Begley continued to earn her title as the backbone of the team, winning her match in straight sets to push her record to 13-1, including a perfect 7-0 record in conference play. Freshman Lina Padegimaite also earned a win in straight sets, pushing her win total to 13 as well.

Recently named Big 12 player of the week, Cierra Gaytan-Leach continued her gritty play by winning a tough match. Although she won in straight sets, she fought back from a deficit for the third match in a row to preserve some dignity for her team.

After two straight matches with top 25 competition, a loss to the

No. 20 Aggies should be nothing for the Longhorns to hang their heads about. At 6-1, they still sit at the top of the conference.

Despite this first blemish on their conference record, the women still have a lot of things to be excited about heading into this weekend's matches with Big 12 foes Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, and head coach Patty Fendick-McCain isn't worried moving forward.

"Aerial [Ellis] mounted a charge at the end there. Obviously, she's fighting hard. It's a little disappointing with the doubles, that's where the match was won and lost as it turns out, and we didn't play particularly well at a couple positions there. We'll figure it out by the time we hit the [Big 12] tournament. We've got a lot more tennis to play," she said. "We've got two more matches coming up, and that's going to determine the conference champion. We'll be ready to go."

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His strong work ethic will continue in his career in the NFL.

"It's a great accomplishment," Randall said. "But at the same time it will just be the beginning of a new journey. It's like going from high school to college. Everybody is pretty much top ranked and you've just got to start over from the bottom. I'm just looking forward to a new start in a new city."

Randall has been playing football since seventh grade and with the support of his mom, he has continued to improve and grow as a player. She was always there for him when he was growing up and gave him advice when he needed it.

Now, he has the opportunity to be drafted. Watching players graduate and get drafted made him realize that he had the potential to play professionally.

"My main focus wasn't always on the NFL," Randall said. "My focus was to be the best player I could be. When I got to college, I saw people like Lamarr Houston, Roy Miller and Brian Orakpo go to the NFL. I started to gain the confidence that this was something I could actually obtain."

Houston, Miller, Casey Hampton and Chykie Brown are some of the many Texas alumni that have



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Kheeston Randall (91) extends his hands to block Ryan Tannehill's (17) pass. Randall has consistently improved over his four years at UT.

supported and advised Randall throughout his career and during the tough process of preparing for the draft.

"Lamarr [Houston], he always tells me, 'Dude, just do you. Stay true to yourself,'" Randall said.

Although Randall will be leaving Austin to pursue his career, he said his time at Texas was the best experience of his life so far. From his teammates to the education he got, he is very pleased with his time at Texas.

His favorite memories include playing in the National Championship and beating Texas A&M for the last time his senior season.

"I will really miss the love that we get in the city from the fans and how the kids look at us when we're walking when we go volunteer at the schools and whatnot," Randall said. "Just the whole college experience and being in the locker room with the guys. The friendships I've made will always be important to me."

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double. The next batter, Mark Payton, was able to finally put Texas on the scoreboard with a single down the right field line.

The rally stalled from there, but the quick score turned out to be enough for a pitching staff, throwing one of its best games of the season. Five Texas pitchers combined to go nine innings scoreless, while only allowing four hits.

"We were going out there and getting ahead of batters and finishing them off with quality pitches," said freshman John Curtiss, who threw three innings of no hit ball in the outing. "Skip calls all of our pitches so we just have conviction on all of those. From that point forward we just trust our defense, and they did an excellent job behind us tonight."

The pitching staff had to have a great game, because the Tuesday night game turned into a classic example of a pitchers' duel. Black was

dealing early, but the Texas pitchers were up to the test.

Freshman Dillion Peters started the game and had a solid outing, giving up only one hit in two innings of work. From there, the Longhorns usual Tuesday night schedule of using multiple pitchers kicked in, and four Texas pitchers saw the mound over the next seven innings.

Austin Dicharry was next up for the Longhorns and had the rockiest outing of any Texas pitcher. He allowed three hits in his inning of work, but was bailed out by some impressive defensive plays by his catcher, Felts, who picked off a runner at first and threw out a runner on a steal attempt, which erased back-to-back singles.

After that, the Texas bullpen was unhittable, literally. Curtiss, Hoby Milner and Corey Knebel combined to throw five innings of no hit ball, and really shut

down any hope that Texas State had in rallying back.

In the seventh inning, the Longhorn offense was able to add an insurance run after a Felts single scored Alex Silver, who was on base with a leadoff double.

The run signaled the end of Black's night after allowing two runs and throwing over a 100 pitches. But, the Texas hitters did give him credit for the job he did keeping the team off balance throughout the outing with his off-speed pitches.

"He threw a great game," said outfielder Mark Payton. "He kept us off balance pretty good with his curveball, and was throwing strikes with it and making us chase it in the dirt. But I think we really made an adjustment to it late in the game on making him elevate the curve ball, and all four of our hits that led to runs were off of curve balls."

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said Texas head coach Augie Garrido. "Dicharry gave him an opportunity to be a star. He put three runners on first base — one [Felts] picked off, one he threw out going to second."

Felts went on to break up Texas State starter Taylor Black's no-hit bid with a two-out single in the fifth. Sophomore right fielder Mark Payton drove in the first run of the game in the following frame and Felts provided an insurance run with an RBI double in the seventh inning as No. 23 Texas (20-13, 8-3) beat Texas State for the second time this year, 2-0, at UFCU Disch-Falk Field Tuesday evening.

"My main thing is defense. Anything that I can do on offense is just bonus," Felts said. "I feel more relaxed at the plate. As a freshman, I got put in a big role catching all those guys. I was kind of overwhelmed by the atmosphere but I've settled in a little bit more."

Black, a 6-foot-2, 170-pound redshirt freshman from Allen, held the Longhorns hitless through 4 2/3 innings, racking up seven strikeouts before allowing his first hit. Felts' single in the fourth advanced junior designated hitter to second base — Tex-

as' first runner in scoring position — but didn't lead to any runs. It did, however, take the pressure off a Longhorns lineup that had seen Black retire 13 hitters in a row at one point.

"If you talk too much about what we didn't do offensively, you start taking away from the quality of the pitching," Garrido said. "We would like to play better offensively, of course, but what you have to do against that quality of pitching is lay off the pitches outside the strike zone and you have to hit line drives because that's the only thing that intimidates the pitcher."

Felts' base hit, along with his double in the seventh inning that allowed sophomore first baseman Alex Silver to cross the plate and give Texas a 2-0 cushion, certainly did the trick. But the Longhorns would not have been able to draw first blood if it hadn't been for Felts' game-saving putouts in the third inning, starting with the pickoff of Mattlage at first base.

"He's unbelievable behind the plate," said Payton, who extended his streak of consecutive games reaching base to 34 with a leadoff walk in the first inning. "Even with his hitting, the outs that he's had this year have been pretty hard

outs. He's probably the hardest worker we have on this team. We respect him the most."

As great as Black was, the pitching staff that Felts caught was even better. Like they do every midweek game, the Longhorns used a long string of hurlers to get past Texas State, starting with freshman Dillion Peters, who threw two scoreless innings to begin the contest. Texas starting pitchers have a 1.16 ERA in the team's last five games.

Texas State did not get anyone past first base until a Bobcats baserunner trotted from first to second base uncontested in the ninth inning. The Longhorns also did not surrender a hit in the game's last six innings, thanks to freshman John Curtiss, junior Hoby Milner and sophomore closer Corey Knebel.

"They did a really good job of getting ahead of hitters," said Felts. "They threw all of their pitches for strikes. They did a good job of holding us there so we could get a rally."

It may be difficult to keep a team from scoring when they get three straight hits. But it's even harder to keep a team from losing if you don't let them score. Thanks to Felts, Texas was able to accomplish both of those feats.

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was a humbling experience and a wake-up call for us. It was an eye-opener for us and made us realize there is a lot to be done. It's a good starting point for us."

Kansas played decently against the Longhorns. Not only did the team hit well, scoring 32 runs, they also showed their strength after losing three straight to Missouri and Texas Tech.

Texas travels to a tough stadium, however. While it may be remembered as the field that President George W. Bush and members of his staff and secret service agents often used for

pick-up games, Getterman Stadium in Waco is not known for allowing home runs. Since 2007, Baylor has hit 43 of their 60 home runs in road games, highlighting the difficulty of their home stadium.

From here on out, the Longhorns have only conference games left. They know its grind time if they want to win the regular season in the Big 12 and make a push into the NCAA Tournament. This one-game stand is the last on the road for the team before they come back to Austin for a series against Oklahoma State. The fight

has just begun as the post-season is coming up. Every game and every win means an opportunity to move up in the rankings and get ready for their run after the regular season ends.

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MLB

Split from McCourt regime makes way for a little Dodger 'Magic'



By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Columnist

Nearly a year ago to the day Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig assigned an MLB representative to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The move came as a measure to remove Frank McCourt as owner due to financial irresponsibility over the past seven years, and to protect the club's best interest

In the following 11 months, MLB took over ownership of the team as the franchise filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and was eventually purchased for a record \$2 billion by Earvin "Magic" Johnson and his very wealthy business associates who I'm not going to list because none of them are as famous, or as tall, as Magic.

The Dodgers aren't the only team to undergo a grand re-opening of sorts under new management this season, but McCourt's pricey divorce settlement with estranged wife, Jamie only added to the media attention surrounding them in the off-season.

Jamie McCourt, former CEO of the team, reportedly received \$130 million in a settlement that included her renouncing her claims to the franchise, thus ending the most expensive divorce in California state history. Sorry Kobe, she wasn't shooting

with anyone in the gym, either.

Now that the whole ordeal is behind them, the Dodgers seem to be playing comfortably, resulting in a 9-2 start to the season.

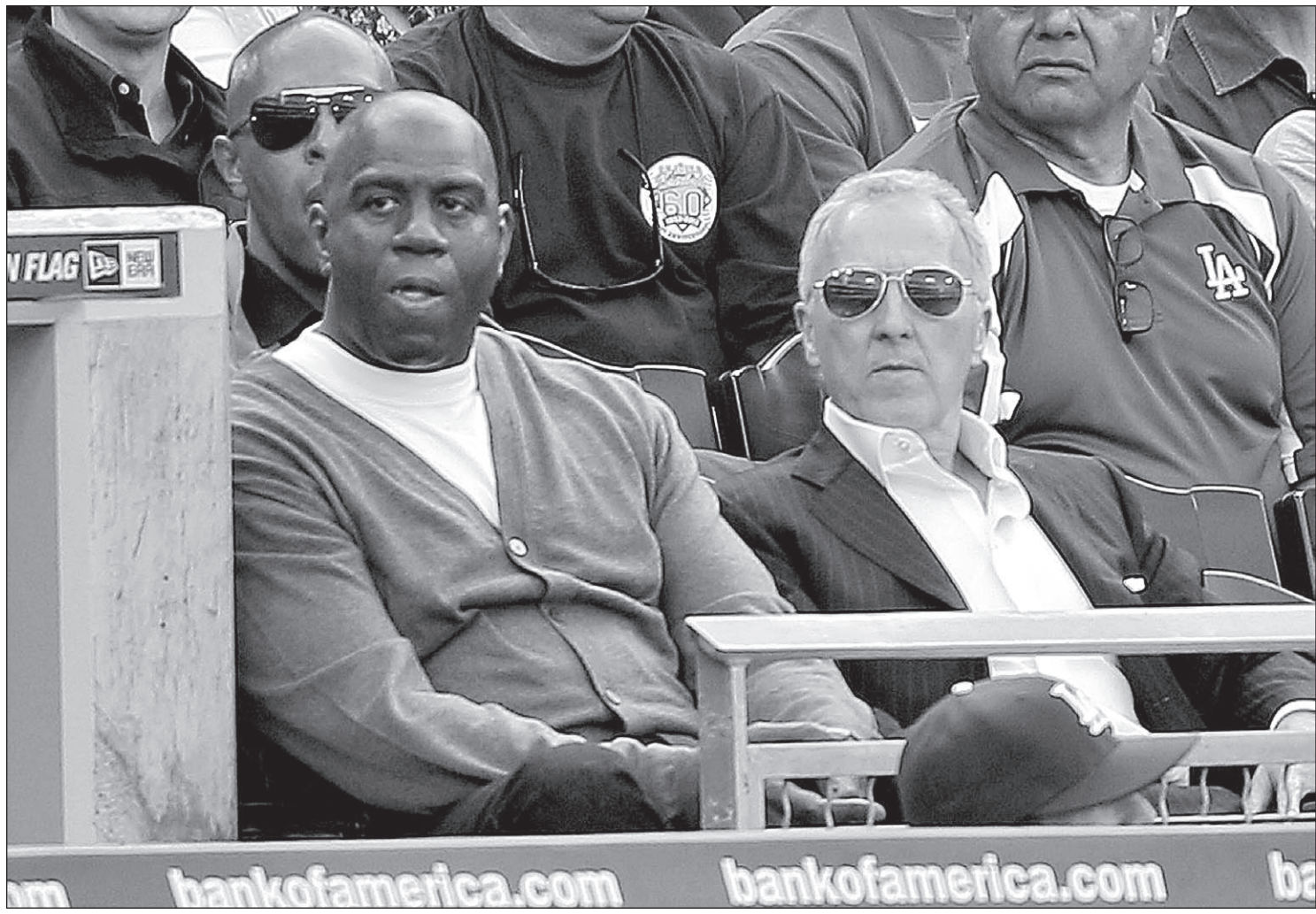
Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier, two names you'll be hearing for a long time, are on an absolute tear to start the year, combining for nine homers and 31 RBIs in just 10 games. Big, powerful numbers, and they've also combined for 30 hits and are both getting on base nearly every time they step up to the plate.

Kemp's average is still in the stratosphere at .487, but he's in a groove and may not cool down until the All-Star break. He's really found a home in the Dodgers' outfield and his decision to split with singer Rihanna is looking wiser by the day.

The Dodgers' pitching has finally come around and the starting rotation has been solid. Chad Billingsley has been mowing batters down and is out to a quick 2-0 start on the mound, while Clayton Kershaw has struggled a bit in the early going.

Kershaw hasn't had a decision in three starts, but the team is 3-0 when he's on the bump. He'll turn things around, but the good thing is that the rest of the team has shown it can pick up the offense if someone is having a bad day on the mound. Good teams will find ways to win, and although it's still early in the campaign, the Dodgers have shown the ability to do so.

I don't know whether it's the di-



Lenny Ignelzi | The Associated Press

Former Lakers star Magic Johnson, left, and Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt watch the Dodgers play the against the San Diego Padres on opening day for the two baseball teams in early April. Ever since ownership traded hands, the Dodgers have played exceptionally well.

voice settlement or the fact that this may actually be the best team in baseball that intrigues me more,

but I'm jumping on the Dodgers' bandwagon. If for no other reason than the possibility of seeing either

a belligerent Rihanna or Jamie McCourt running through the outfield like that one British guy who

streaks at seemingly every soccer game, I'll be watching the Dodgers this year.

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS ROUND ROCK 4, OMAHA 2

Express beat Omaha with bats, break string of seven consecutive single-run games

By Antonio Morales
Daily Texan Staff

ROUND ROCK — The Round Rock Express bounced back from yet another one-run loss with a 4-2 win in their series opener against the Omaha Storm Chasers.

The Express were finally able to scratch a win against the Storm Chasers this season after being swept in last week's four game series at Werner Park in Papillion, Neb.

Neil Ramirez pitched his best game of this early season and earned his first win, holding the Omaha Storm Chasers to just four hits in six scoreless innings.

Tommy Mendonca gave Ramir-

ez early run support by finding a hole in the right side of the infield and scoring Matt Kata for the first run of the game in the second inning. Kata led-off the inning with a walk and quickly stole second base to place himself in scoring position.

After giving up a hard-hit single to Clint Robinson to start the fourth frame, Ramirez responded by retiring the next three batters to hold onto a 1-0 lead. The Express offense jumped on Omaha starter Nathan Adcock in the inning to scratch across a couple more runs.

"It feels great man," said Ramirez (1-1), whose fastball was clocking in around the low 90s in the

game. "It was good to kind of get a little revenge."

Just like the second inning, Matt Kata sparked a rally with a lead-off double down the right field line. Joey Butler then sent a single between first and second base that resulted with runners at the corners for the Express. Yangervis Solarte drove in Kata on a weak fly ball to left-center field that should have probably been caught.

Mendonca was hit by a pitch to load the bases with the Express up 2-0 and still without an out in the inning. Adcock was able to limit the damage after a coach's mound visit with a double play, keeping the Storm

Chasers within three runs after four innings.

Aaron Heilman pitched his fourth hold of the season, allowing just one unearned run in two relief innings.

With their lead trimmed to 3-1, the Express received an insurance run on a solo home run by Butler to the deepest part of the ballpark in left-center field.

Tanner Scheppers fought of an Omaha rally to earn his third save, stranding a man at first after having given up a run.

Ramirez struck out four Storm Chasers in route to lowering his ERA from 5.00 to 3.00. It comes as a welcome change for a pitcher who struggled to elevate his game

"This year I'm still trying to work hard but at the same time work smarter."
— Niel Ramirez, Round Rock Express pitcher

last season.

"Last year, I kind of ran into some shoulder trouble at the end of the year, and I think it was a combination of things: doing too much, getting out of sync with mechanics a bit," Ramirez said. "This year, I'm still trying to work hard but at the same time work smarter."

The four-game series continues Wednesday as the Express will send right-hander Greg Reynolds to the mound with a 5.25 ERA and also in search of his first solid start.

The 5-8 Express are now 3-2 at home having split their opening series with the Iowa Cubs.

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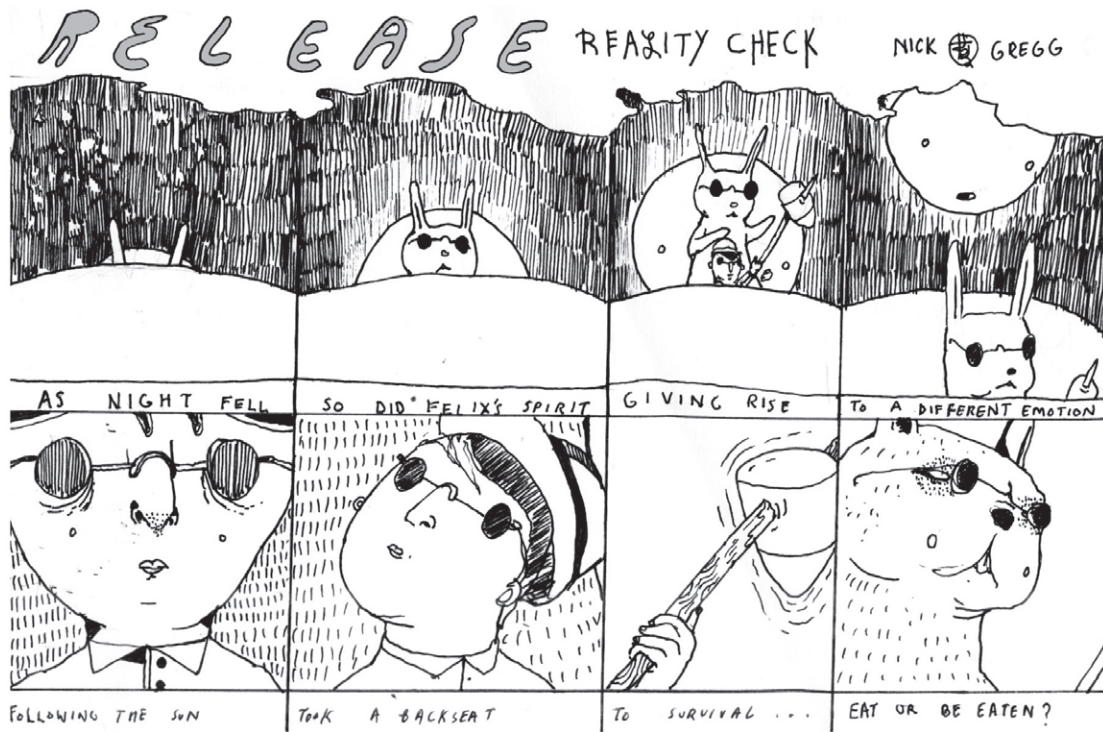
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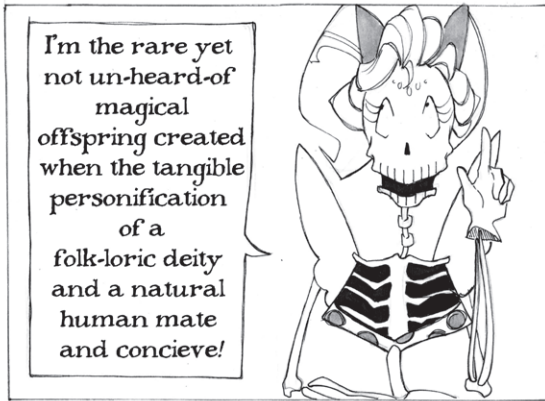


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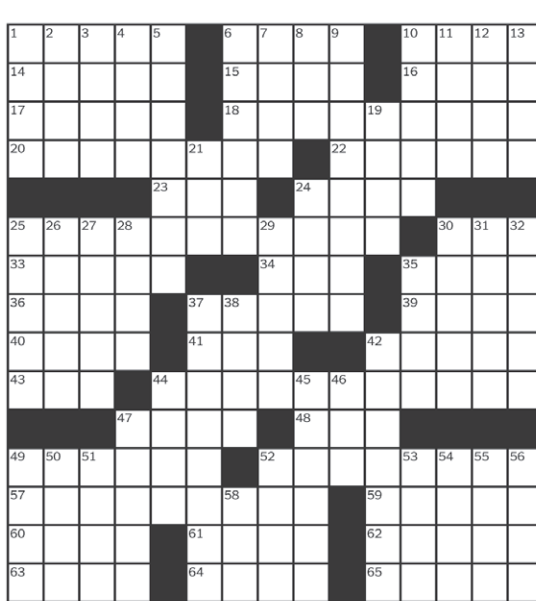
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- Hit 1942 film with the song "Love Is a Song"
 - Pack (down)
 - Maybe too smooth
 - Starter of a 58-Down
 - Many a cut, eventually
 - Page, e.g.
 - Dagger's partner
 - Like some sloths
 - Legal deadlock
 - Relatives of aardwolves
 - Pollution watchdog org.
 - Bank list
 - Bookie's concern
 - Pink-slip
 - Carnival attractions
 - Dissolve with acid, say
 - Acid neutralizer
 - War, famine, etc.
 - They're crossed by bridges
 - Give a thumbs-up on Facebook
 - Nappers catch them
 - Bobby of the rink
 - Shaved
 - Goof
 - Most stand-up comedy acts
 - Stroked
 - Farm abode
 - Sagittarius, with "the"
 - Bush cabinet member
 - 1863 speech opener
 - Do like some birds and bees
 - 90° from norte
 - Mop, say
 - Confederate
 - Do some gardening

- Down**
- "Brandenburg Concertos" composer
 - Censorship-fighting org.
 - Natural satellite
 - Egotist's comment
 - Some printers
 - Feature of some high heels
 - Hurting
 - Disrupt, say
 - Gets ready, as an oven
 - Bush cabinet member
 - Symbol on Sri Lanka's flag
 - Word exclaimed after "no" or "good"
 - Hospital capacity
 - Inspected
 - DHL competitor
 - Guinness Book entry
 - Cherish
 - Titan, once
 - Loiterer
 - Lake of cryptozoological interest
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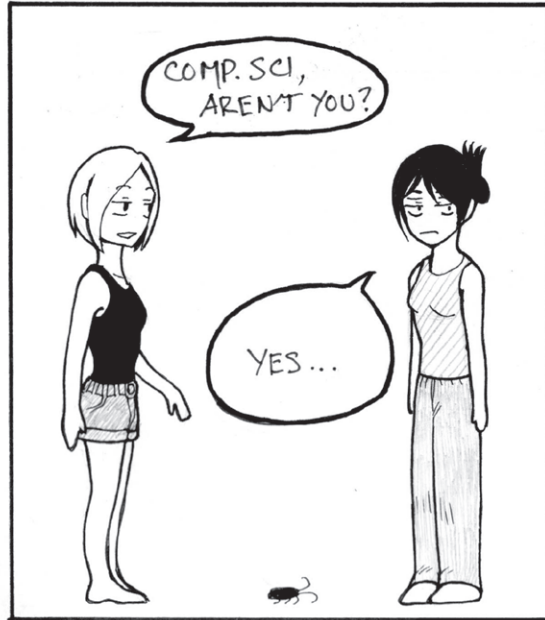


- Puzzle by Dave Sarpola**
- Catawampus
 - Budget priorities
 - Snooze-inducing
 - Kansas City Negro Leagues team with Satchel Paige, Jackie Robinson and Ernie Banks
 - Utah city
 - Get pumped
 - Is in the hole
 - Declare
 - Highest degree
 - Bit of evidence
 - More than one Levitated
 - Buttonlike?
 - "Nessun dorma," for one
 - Pasta, in product names
 - He wrote "Jupiter from on high laughs at lovers' perjuries"
 - Greek cheese
 - Long shot, in hoops
 - See 14-Across

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Q&A with Daniel Hamermesh

Professor discusses leisure, beauty's impact on success

By Clayton Wickham
Daily Texan Staff

In his research, economics professor Daniel Hamermesh takes a closer look at the "faceless consumer," examining what people do with their free time and how beauty impacts economic success. Hamermesh, an expert in labor economics, is widely quoted by major publications like The New York Times and has appeared on national television programs several times. He is the author of "Beauty Pays: Why Attractive People Are More Successful," a book about how looks influence economic success, and his most recent research looks at how people choose to spend their free time when their work hours are cut.

The Daily Texan recently spoke with Hamermesh about his research and how he thinks Americans should budget their work and free time.

The Daily Texan: So, why did you get interested in how people use

their free time outside of work?

Daniel Hamermesh: The way I see it, economists have viewed sex and changing diapers identically in the past. They have concentrated mostly on "work" or "not work," and yet "not work" consists of a whole bunch of different things.

Our research, which uses data from Korea and Japan, tries to answer the question, "If we didn't have to work so much, what would we do with our time?" A number of economists think that people would do work-like activities at home, yet this research shows very clearly that when people didn't have to work so much, they engaged in either leisure or personal care, which means grooming, taking care of themselves, et cetera. I think it's a very important finding and quite unique in that it had never been looked at before.

DT: Reading about your research, it seemed like there was a wide array of activities that were considered leisure activities. Were there certain

leisure activities that people favored doing with their new free time?

Hamermesh: In Japan, we found that the main thing done with the free time was watch television. People used about half of their free time, because they weren't working as much, to watch more TV.

DT: How much of this do you think is culture-specific and how much is generalizable? If workers in the United States got more free time, would they spend it watching TV or would they engage in different leisure activities?

Hamermesh: That, I don't know. One can always argue with a study that is specific to a country and a time that things could be different elsewhere at other times. But, in some ways, I think we'd see more of this, since Americans are working very hard now. My guess is that, if they were freed up, Americans would not be spending more time walking the dog, painting the house or taking care of kids.

a nation?

Hamermesh: Obviously, if we weren't working as long, we wouldn't produce as much, but remember, the goal of society is not to produce more things but to be happier, and I'm quite convinced that, if we could agree to do this, we could be happier.

DT: Switching to another area of research: Obviously, some people who are unattractive still become very successful. How do they overcome the disadvantages of their looks?

Hamermesh: The same way I've overcome the disadvantage of my terrible voice and my inability to sing. You stress those things that you're good at. Looks aren't the only thing that matter for success by any means, and a smart person always stresses the things he or she is good at and downplays the things that he or she is bad at.

DT: Why are people choosing to relax with this new time instead of doing other productive things?

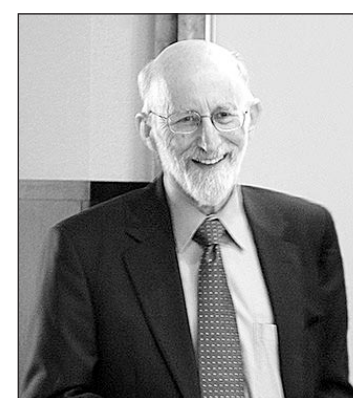
Hamermesh: Because it's fun. We Americans are crazy. We work much harder for pay than any other rich country. Even the Japanese don't work as hard as we do now. And the Europeans countries... it's just remarkable how much vacation they get. In America, I think we'd certainly work less given the chance. We simply can't get our act together to agree to work less. I'd love to see America require companies to give four weeks of vacation to everybody.

DT: Do you think that will happen anytime soon?

Hamermesh: Well I'm 68, and I'd be very surprised if it happened in my lifetime. I hope it will happen in yours because I think it would make for a much saner society.

DT: Would cutting time off the work week hurt our productivity as

DT: So, there is this inequity in society ... Is that the fault of employers



Daniel Hamermesh
Economics professor

being discriminatory or is it because of our general attitude as a society?

Hamermesh: The second. Employers are essentially just agents doing what maximizes their profits, and their profits are maximized because you, me and everybody else wants to buy from, look at and work next to a good looking person. The fault is all of ours. That's quite clear.



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Sunday

If you manage to wake up early on Sunday, take a shopping trip over to Rice Village before heading back

on the road to Austin. The area has a mixture of chain stores and boutiques. Rice Village is also home to Lot 8, a boutique owned by Project Runway winner Chloe Dao.

As for lunch, check out Ali-

cia's Mexican Grille, located in the Westchase area. The service is usually good, and their Mexican food serves as the perfect ending note for your weekend vacations. If you aren't the one driving, in-

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TV programming for dogs to be available

By Sue Manning
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Filmmakers are calling DogTV a new breed of television — an eight-hour block of on-demand cable TV programming designed to keep your dog relaxed, stimulated and entertained while you are at work.

To get the right footage, cameramen got on their knees and shot low and long. "I shot from the point of view of the dog," said Gilad Neumann, chief executive officer of DogTV.

In production, they had to mute colors, alter sound and add music specially written for dogs.

There will be no commercials, no ratings and no reruns, although some might argue that watching a slug crawl is hardly exciting new programming.

One million subscribers with two cable companies have access to DogTV in San Diego. It is doing so well that parent company PTV Media plans to offer it nationally in the next several

months, Neumann said.

It will cost about \$4.99 a month, Neumann said. If you figure more than 46 million U.S. households have dogs (according to the American Pet Products Association) and 97 percent of U.S. homes have televisions, the future looks promising.

Bleu, a year-old French bulldog, has been watching for a month and snorts and grunts his approval, owner Mary Catania of San Diego said. He used to perk up when "Family Guy" came on, Catania said, but he seems more intrigued by DogTV.

"I always feel guilty leaving him alone all day when I'm at work," Catania said. "He's like my kid. I don't have any children so I really treat him like my child. Anything that makes him happy makes me happy."

For years, pet owners have been leaving a television or radio on when they go out so their pets have company, said Dr. Nick Dodman, director of the Animal Behavior Clinic in Department of Clinical Sciences at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts

University in Massachusetts.

But Dodman said that according to research on the canine brain, with analog television, dogs could only see a flickering screen. New technologies like digital TV, high-definition cameras, and enhanced production have changed the way dogs perceive the images, while big screens allow them to see from anywhere in a room, Neumann said.

Do dogs really understand what they're watching? Dodman said research is ongoing, but it appears that dogs not only recognize other dogs on TV, they may even respond differently to their own breed.

They definitely recognize sounds, though, whether it's barking or sirens, and audio on DogTV has been tailored accordingly. Because high frequency sounds can be very irritating to dogs, they've been removed. And music is written and tailored for their hearing, though it sounds like elevator music to humans.

Dogs can see blue and yellow, but not red or green, Neumann said, so colors are altered for DogTV, too.

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great sounds."

But what's the point of making music if you can't bring it to the masses both recorded, and in person? Whether you use computer software or outboard hardware, putting on a live show to make people dance all night is possible.

"There is nothing wrong with using a laptop onstage," Luna said. "The only problem is if your laptop happens to crash onstage. That would be a nightmare."

It's happened before — last year in April, renowned DJ and producer Skrillex spilled a drink

over his laptop during a performance. Fortunately for him, the catastrophe occurred at the end of his set.

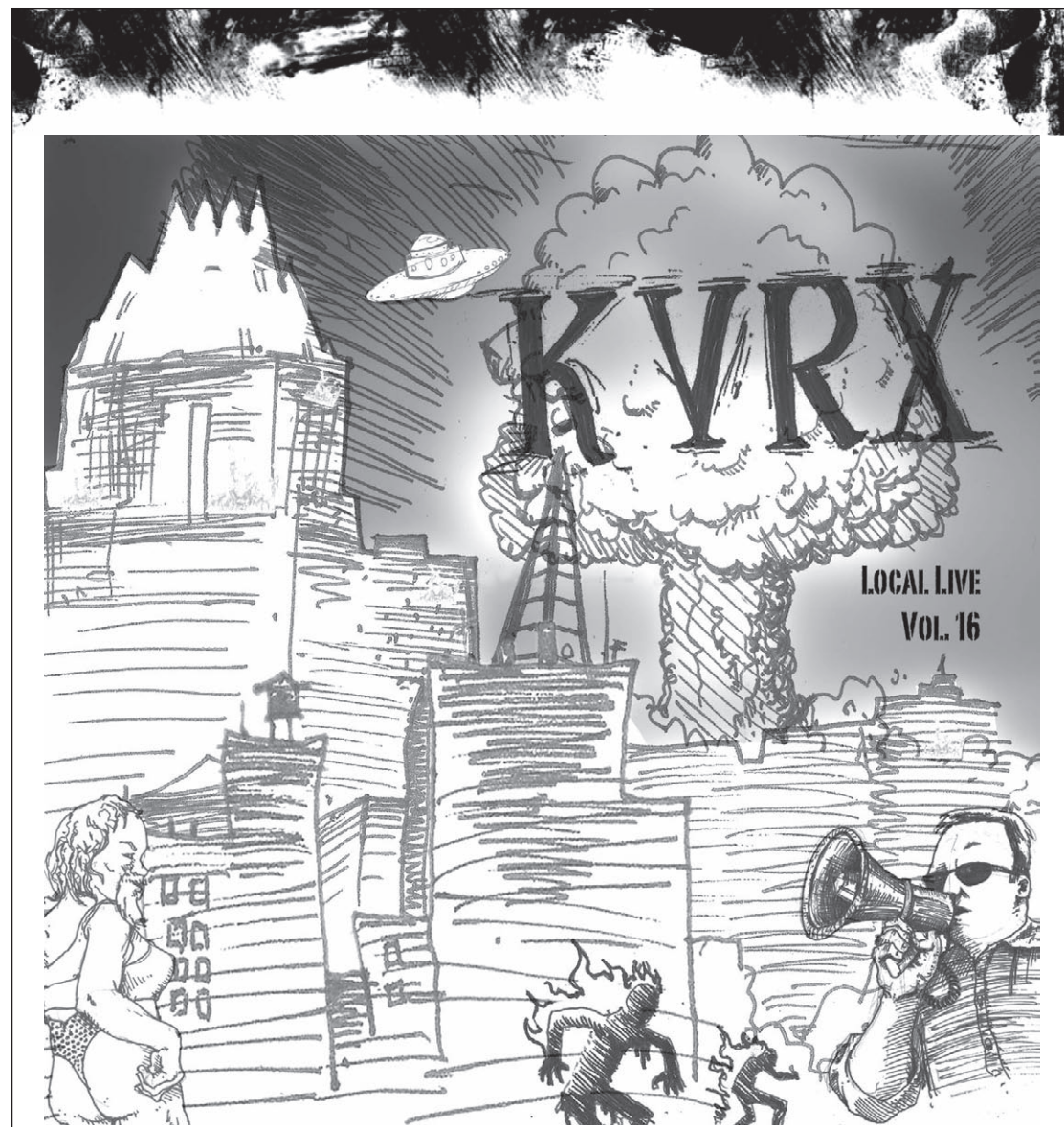
Two things that Luna does not suggest using during a live performance is using CDs or an iPod.

"If you're playing your songs through an iPod onstage in a city like Austin, people expect a certain level of musicianship in live performances," said Luna. "All your peers will clown you for rocking a show with an iPod, and you don't want that. Also, do not use CDs live because it can get Milli Vanilli real quick."

Local DJ Jeramy Neugent also suggests refraining from computer software live, and instead incorporating vinyl into your set.

"Get in touch with your DJ roots, and start off with vinyl," said Neugent. "Technics makes a fine turntable, and Pioneer mixers are the bee's knees."

Most importantly, allow your creative juices to flow. "I recommend to be creative and check out other genres of music," said Johnson. "Once you start listening to other sounds and ideas, you'll begin to start forming some of your own."



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Technology helps Austin hip-hop artists gain local foothold

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series examining the different strategies and resources that various local musicians use to keep afloat in Austin's legendary live music scene.

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Austin and hip-hop have never been fully synonymous with each other. Sure, the city pulls in hipster hip-hop acts like Odd Future, Childish Gambino and Danny Brown, but locally, hip-hop is often pushed aside. But in recent years, there has been a local hip-hop movement: Click-Clack, Phranchyze, Zeale and PARKING are all at the forefront of local hip-hop.

For those adamant about making a niche in Austin hip-hop, the first and most important thing is equipment. For PARKING beatsmith and producer Nicky Luna, an assortment of instruments including an Akai MPC 2500, a MicroKORG keyboard, two Technics 1200 turntables and a Stanton 3-Channel Mixer are essentials in his music-making process.

Each item serves a different purpose: The MicroKORG acts as both an analog synthesizer and vocoder (creating a robot-like voice effect on its user); the turntables are primarily used for DJ'ing and scratching vinyls; and the Stanton 3 provides input jacks for microphones, turntables and samplers, while simultaneously acting as an equalizer. But it's

the Akai MPC that Luna values in particular.

"I very much love, love, love the design of the Akai MPC," Luna said. "I think of it as a blank instrument, to which you load any sound your heart desires, and you can create self-contained music on the fly."

Akai MPCs (Music Production Centers) have multiple functions. Commonly known for their electronic drum sounds, Akai MPCs also serve as MIDI controllers (enabling digital musical instruments and computers to connect and communicate with one another) and as storage machines for housing samples and other beats.

"The [Akai] MPC 2000 is great for both hip-hop and electronic music artists," Johnson said. "It has an assortment of pads that you can save vocals, drum parts and other sounds on."

Instead of purchasing specific electronic instruments from the start, budding hip-hop artists short on cash can also try out computer software like Reason or Ableton Live.

"[Computer software] is the most cost-effective route," said Luna. "Reason is the more affordable option, while still being an extremely powerful piece of software."

Modeled on analog synthesizers, step sequencers, samplers and effects units, Reason is fully equipped to assist any aspiring producer or DJ.

"The layout for Reason is pretty cool," said local rapper Click-Clack.



Photo Illustration by Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff
Nicky Luna, left, and Ibrahim, top, founded hip-hop group PARKING in 2008. Their sound has been said to combine modern production techniques with an appreciation for the golden age of hip-hop.

"It looks like real hardware. The only problem is that I have Reason 4.0, so I can't really record live."

Ableton Live is a pricier alternative, but your money won't be spent in vain. "Its capabilities are pretty impressive," Luna said

and arranging application. It is also one of the first music applications to automatically beat match songs, meaning that if two songs are at varied tempos, the software will automatically sync them up.

"Ableton Live is the software

that everyone enjoys," said Guitar Center HiTech salesman Terrary Johnson. "That, along with a good MPC, like an [Akai] MPC 2000, and you can create some

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Textiles and apparel senior Sam Kidd styles her model Chloe Jayne in Kidd's original bridal dress at KEYE TV studio before an interview Tuesday afternoon.



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Designers showcase their final pieces at UT

By Karin Samelson
Daily Texan Staff

With help from the University Fashion Group, 23 senior textiles and apparel students have been working day and night for months to prepare for their annual fashion show Contour, in which they will exhibit their designs in front of thousands on Thursday at the Frank Erwin Center.

The senior designers' collections will attempt to embody the word "contour," with a focus on the way the students manipulate shapes in fashion. There will be more than 120 designs on the runway, including bridal gowns, evening gowns, men's wear and digital printing as well as many more innovative collections.

"We start planning and figuring out sponsors the week before Thanksgiving," said Katrina Raz, textiles and apparel senior and head of show production at the University Fashion Group. "We really start getting things together in the spring semester and release all the promotion on one day so we get people's attention."

The University Fashion Group has different committees that do the manual labor for the show such as fitting backstage, acquiring sponsors, setup for the show and preparing gift bags while making sure everything is in order. Some students

in group are also designers in the show, playing two parts in the production.

Each student prepares three outfits for their collection and can choose between an evening gown and bridal gown for their fourth piece. Some students have a fifth piece, which is a knit garment. They've been working on their collection, including accessories, for the entire semester, sometimes working 10 hours a day and throughout the weekends.

"I slept [in the studio] for three days once," said designer Albert Zhou.

Zhou is working on tailored pieces inspired by espionage and secret agents. Everything in his collection is black with hints of gray and white.

"The collection should show the skills we've learned. From the idea, colors, fabrics: something should thread each look to another," said Stefant Phonthephason, the group's president and a design senior.

Janie Kang is the only student in the show to experiment with digital printing on her garments. Light is the inspiration for her collection, and she has created designs for men and women.

Kang painted on a canvas and then chose a portion of her artwork that she wanted to be printed. She then scanned

"It's kind of like our graduation ... it's the end of the year and we're embarking on a new journey."

— Stefant Phonthephason, UFG President

the section of artwork onto her computer and, after choosing the color and type of fabric, sent the materials to a printing factory in North Carolina. The result is a sleeveless mini dress with a symmetrical blue and yellow pattern.

Kang had to have the dress rush-delivered, which she had to pay for with her own funds. The University Co-op provides a scholarship of \$300 to each of the students, but the rest of the budget comes from their own savings. Some designers pay upwards of \$600 out of pocket for their fabrics and supplies.

Harrison Koiwai's collection is inspired by his childhood and experiences growing up as a biracial person; his mother is an Italian and Scott-Irish-American and his father is a Japanese-American. One piece from his collection is a kimono that he painted himself, with his plaid childhood blanket sewed underneath.

"I didn't think about the collec-

tion too much until I had to, so I didn't get tired of it," Koiwai said.

The seniors were graded during a final panel last Thursday, but the show is going to be the grand finale of their careers as textiles and apparel students at UT.

"It's a really good feeling," Phonthephason said. "It's kind of like our graduation because families come, it's the end of the year and we're embarking on a new journey."

Contour

What: UT Apparel Design Program's Annual Fashion Show,

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Houston offers several shopping opportunities, eateries, museum exhibits

By Jessica Lee
Daily Texan Staff

The final days of school are approaching, and it is hard not to have summer in mind. Final projects and examinations are on the horizon, and what better way to take your mind off the stress of school than a quick jaunt to Houston?

Friday

Houston is not as far away as it may seem. The trip clocks in at around three hours, which can fly by pretty quickly. Take Texas State Highway 71 to Interstate 10 East, and you're there! If you need to stretch your legs or take a bathroom break on the way there, make a point to stop at Weikel's Bakery in La Grange on the way. This authentic Czech bakery has been making homemade fruit kolaches since 1929, and though the building has lost a bit of its small town charm due to a recent expansion, the kolaches have not changed a bit.

Once you've gotten settled in Houston, head over to Highland Village for a bit of shopping before heading to nearby Tiny Boxwood's for dinner. The cafe is very trendy and features entrees such as lamb burgers and risotto. The outdoor seating has a garden that creates a great ambience on a nice night.

If you aren't too exhausted from the drive over, University of Houston senior Lara Norman suggests heading to Midtown Drinkery. This bar has a rooftop and serves as the perfect place to hang out with friends while enjoying a pint or two (or three).

Saturday

If you ended up drinking a bit too much the night before, be sure to eat breakfast at House of Pies. This diner is a Houston landmark. Serving traditional diner food, House

of Pies is open 24 hours and is the perfect hangover cure. And you can't leave without trying a piece of pie. The joint has dozens to choose from, but if you are a chocolate lover, try the Bayou Goo. This sweet cream cheese pie layered with vanilla custard and swirled with chocolate chunks in a pecan crust will have you craving more.

Then it's off to the Saint Arnold Brewing Company, Texas' oldest craft brewery. On Saturdays, the brewery hosts tours at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person and includes tastings. The tours are extremely popular with Houston natives because the tastings go a long way, and customers are encouraged to hang out. Many play board games brought from home on the picnic tables in the warehouse while sipping on their beers and eating giant pretzels. The staff at Saint Arnold does not judge; you don't even have to go on the tour if you don't want to.

During the summer months, Houston is sweltering hot. Beat the heat at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Currently, the museum is featuring three special exhibitions: the Civil War, artifacts of the Titanic and Terra Cotta warriors. But if you want to save a bit of money, skip the big exhibitions and simply visit the museum's Butterfly Center. Student tickets are \$7 and give you access to the butterfly habitat, which houses some of the world's largest arthropods.

For dinner, Niko Niko's is budget-friendly and tasty. The Greek American cafe was opened in 1977 and has been serving the Houston community amazing Greek food ever since. The cafe is usually packed, but service is relatively quick. Try their classic gyro and afterward indulge in the baklava. You won't regret it.

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