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Calendar

A Night in Monte Carlo

This year's Orange & White Ball will feature the Nash Hernandez Orchestra and casino games. Formal dress and masks are encouraged. The event will be held in the Student Activity Center (SAC), 2nd level from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are available online for \$30.

Yoga at the Umlauf

Come enjoy a relaxing yoga class among the works of Charles Umlauf. The class takes place from 10 - 11:30 a.m. with a workshop fee of \$10. See umlaufsculpture.org for more information.

2012 Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will take place at the Texas School for the Deaf tonight and tomorrow. Donate, register your team, or join an existing team through relayforlife.org.

Today in history

In 1810

Despite being deaf, Ludwig van Beethoven composed one of his most famous pieces for piano, "Für Elise."

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FRIDAY Midnight

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A show about the nooks and crannies of the current indie scene. Trying to give listeners a broad stroke of feelings and sounds.

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KVRX will launch a redesign of its website by 7 p.m. today.



kvrx.org

West Campus thieves target expensive electronics

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin Police Department has enlisted the help of the UT Police Department to stop a string of West Campus burglaries hoping to gain crime tips from students who read Campus Watch announcements.

APD spokesman Anthony Hipolito said there were 10 burglaries of West Campus residences from February 26 to April 16.

He said the stolen items were mostly expensive electronics, including flat-screen televisions, laptops and iPads. Hipolito said five out of the 10 burglaries involved unlocked doors or windows, and

in many of the cases, the victims were intoxicated when the burglaries happened. APD and UTPD officials said they have not identified a specific suspect, but have reason to believe those involved in the crimes may be neighbors or acquaintances of the victims.

"In one instance the door of a resident's home was kicked in, but she

did not hear it or wake up," Hipolito said. "It is not possible at this point to determine whether or not these crimes were committed by a single person. It is very likely that the suspect is a neighbor or a friend of the people who were robbed."

Officer Darrell Halstead, UTPD crime prevention specialist, said UTPD has worked with APD in the

past to locate suspects in criminal investigations. He said students who subscribe to the Campus Watch have a history of reporting suspicious behavior and helping the Austin police catch criminals.

Although Halstead urged students with any information to contact

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Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Ron Paul gives a speech about his campaign platform to his supporters at the LBJ Library Lawn on Thursday evening. The libertarian-leaning Republican spoke to 5,000 supporters, students and area residents.

Ron Paul campaigns for campus support

By Andrew Messamore
Daily Texan Staff

Ron Paul is continuing to fight for the GOP nomination, and with a reputation of support from college students, the libertarian-leaning Republican still seeks to win Texas.

Paul spoke to a lively audience of 5,000 supporters, students and area residents on the LBJ Library lawn Thursday evening about his

campaign platform and desire to "revolutionize" American monetary and military policy.

With 76 delegates, Paul will be the last Republican candidate competing with Mitt Romney since Newt Gingrich is planning to drop out of the race Tuesday. Paul has significantly fewer delegates than Romney, who has 832.

Caitlyn Bates, president of the UT chapter of Youth for Ron Paul, said Paul has a better chance than

the delegate count shows.

"Ron Paul polls extremely well, and people aren't looking at the data that compare Ron Paul versus Obama and Mitt Romney versus Obama," Bates said, whose organization planned and coordinated Thursday's rally. "Ron Paul gets a significantly stronger liberal vote than Romney."

Bates also said her organization is attempting to reach out to older voters who would be less likely to

endorse the socially liberal programs Paul supports.

Stepping out of a Chevrolet Suburban while the crowd chanted, "end the fed" and "preserve the constitution", Paul greeted the audience and then immediately began to roll out his campaign positions.

"In the last four years people woke up and realized that the

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New student Regent offers insight into future role

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

The newly appointed UT System Student Regent hopes to improve communication for students between campuses and the UT System Board of Regents. During her college career, she has spent a total of nine years at two different UT System institutions.

Governor Rick Perry appointed Ashley Purgason, UT Medical Branch at Galveston doctoral student, as Student Regent on Tuesday, and her term will begin June 1. The Student Regent is the only formal role in which students are actively represented among the UT System Regents, the big wigs who call the shots for the 15 UT System institutions. The Student Regent has the same responsibilities as the Regents, but does not have a vote in their decisions.

Purgason is currently a doctoral student of population health sciences at UTMB. She earned her

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Ashley Purgason

UT System Student Regent



(Left to right) Marleen Villanueva, Amanda Nelson, Shanya Cordis and Giovanni Batz discuss the obstacles they face on campus as students of Native American or indigenous heritage. The Uniting the Eagle and the Condor symposium will take place today and Saturday.

Shannon Kintner
Daily Texan Staff

Indigenous students express UT concerns

By Jillian Bliss
Daily Texan Staff

Native American students make up a small percentage of the campus community, but seven students speaking out this afternoon hope to show administrators the true significance of their heritage.

While UT provides centers and spaces welcoming many cultural communities, the University offers no home base for students of American Indian or indigenous heritage, said ethnic studies senior Roberto

Flotte. Flotte, who identifies himself with the Jumano Apache people, will present his concerns at the Al Kiva Auditorium in the Sanchez Building from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. today. Each student presenting identifies with a different American Indian or indigenous community, and agreed to speak during a symposium regarding the issues they face as college students and ways UT could improve outreach and involvement to these communities.

The symposium is a part of the first ever Uniting the Eagle and the

Condor Native American and Indigenous Student Symposium, presented by the Native American and Indigenous Students Assembly. The conference runs from 1 p.m. today until 2 p.m. Saturday and will also include a Native American blessing, art show, keynote speakers from several tribes, fundraising reception, medicinal workshop, indigenous games and an Aztec traditional dance.

Flotte said he wants the event, which he hopes will continue

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Malcom X Lounge offers safe haven to students of all races

Editor's note: This story is the third in a series exploring race, racism and diversity on the UT campus.

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

Walk into the Malcolm X Lounge any given day to find a heated discussion, a study session, an organizational meeting or a prayer group.

Some say a peek between the alabaster blinds lining the room provides a look at the makeup of University's black community.

"I would say it's 'our space'

because we can talk about what we want to talk about," said former UT student Chas Moore, who visits the lounge for at least two to three hours each week. "We can have events in there, play dominos or cards — it's the black spot on campus."

At UT there are many organizations centered on cultural interests, Moore said, and the X Lounge is the place where black students can come and be around people from the black community. People who

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Students Cameron Woods, Marzavia Crayton, Montrail Neal and Jeremy Hills play dominoes in the Malcolm X Lounge Thursday.

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KEEPING COOL



Andreina Velazquez | Daily Texan Staff

Sixto Quebedo cools off under the shade of an apartment complex near 20th and Nueces streets Thursday afternoon.

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annually, to unite UT students who identify as American Indian or indigenous and give them a chance to show administrators the actual size and strength of their community. With the lack of a designated cultural center for these students, Flotte said he was presented with a cultural dilemma upon entering UT. "I think I felt invisible at many times, that I didn't exist," Flotte said. "I am also Mexican-American, and there were spaces for Mexican-Americans, but no spaces for Native Americans. I couldn't find that place where I felt comfortable being myself completely." Sahnnon Speed, associate vice president for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, is the co-director of UT's Native American and Indigenous Studies program, which began five years ago to support research into the languages, cultures and history of indigenous people in Texas and across the world. The program offers an undergraduate certificate and graduate and doctoral portfolio curriculum, in addition to supporting the student symposium. Speed said she agreed that UT could become more involved in providing a place for American Indian and indigenous students on campus. "For students who have interest in indigenous studies, I think we have an outstanding number of courses, but I don't think as an institution the University does a particularly good job of addressing American Indian students," Speed said. "Across the board at institutions, you will hear them all talk about black students and Latino students, but Native American students are not even mentioned. They are really left out,

and American Indian students are really conscious of it." Speed said because there are only three federally recognized American Indian tribes in Texas, University administrators have not focused on recruiting students from American Indian backgrounds. What administrators should realize, she said, is the huge number of American Indians living in Texas who are affiliated with federally unrecognized tribes. "Because the state is only thinking about the federally recognized tribes, I think the legislature has not seen Native Americans as a significant constituency," Speed said. "When the University began paying attention to underrepresented groups, it happened because people were putting pressure on the legislature. Native Americans are only .02 percent of the student body — there aren't enough to put on the pressure." Speed said administrators have only recently enhanced their efforts to recruit American Indian students by creating an admissions position to reach out to different tribes. Flotte said he hopes administrators will receive positive pressure to increase efforts in recruitment and community building from himself and other students at the Eagle and the Condor Conference. Although the percentage of students identified as American Indian or indigenous is small, Flotte said the University population is actually greater than reflected because of how census data is considered. When determining University diversity, if a student chooses to identify as Native American and another race or ethnicity, they will automatically be counted in the second category. Anthropology graduate student Shanya Cordis, who identifies with the Arawak people and is one of the symposium's seven speakers, said this system concerns her. "There's no real point in them counting Native Americans because they'd rather cut their losses in order to make other minorities look bigger," Cordis said. "As someone who identifies as indigenous and black, for them to categorize me as strictly African-American is to completely disregard my

"I think I felt invisible at many times, that I didn't exist ...I couldn't find that place where I felt comfortable being myself completely."

— Roberto Flotte, ethnic studies senior

ethnic identity and upbringing." At Arizona State University, race determination is based on the same census system, but recruitment of American Indian students has been an important aspect of admissions since at least the early '90s, said Annabell Bowen, projects and operations coordinator for American Indian Affairs at ASU. Bowen serves the campus community alongside Diane Humetewa, special adviser to the president on American Indian Affairs. "ASU made history because I think we're the only major university that started that position to create a special adviser," Bowen said. "Because of what we did, the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University have created the same position and we have a group that meets together about every two months to discuss how we can collaborate." Bowen said ASU sends student ambassadors to the 22 American Indian tribes of Arizona in efforts to reach out to middle school and high school students and create a campus community even before students enter college. In addition to her office, the university also offers resources like tutoring, study lounges and special convocation and awards ceremonies through American Indian Student Support Services. ASU is also home to 16 student organizations celebrating these cultures, including a Native American sorority and fraternity. Bowen said it is through efforts like these made by her office, AISSS and multiple organizations that American Indian and indigenous students have found a home on ASU's campus like the one Flotte hopes UT can create.

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Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees Meeting

Friday, April 27, 2012
Executive Committee: 12:00 p.m.
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College of Communications (CMA): LBJ Room #5.160, 2600 Whitis Avenue



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undergraduate and masters degree of biology from UT Arlington and is the outgoing president of UTMB's student government association. Purgason talked with The Daily Texan about her new role and how she plans to carry out her duties.

because everybody's opinions are broad and diverse. I think one thing that's going to be important is to put students in touch with other students from campuses and to improve how students are operating on a day-to-day basis.

The Daily Texan: Why do you think Perry appointed you as Student Regent?

Ashley Purgason: I think I should start by saying that I don't know who else applied, but I know that it's an honor. Now that I've attended two different UT System institutions I think I can offer insight. I told them that I aspire to bring an element of positivity to the role. I think it makes a difference in how you form relationships, especially with the student bodies.

DT: The role of research in higher education has been harshly criticized, and faculty members face pressure to spend more time teaching. What do you think is the role of research versus teaching?

Purgason: I can't tell you how much I love that you asked that question. It directly affects me as a PhD student and I'd like to have a role in teaching one day. Academic professionals need to have competency in both research and teaching. Conducting research means talking with colleagues and that is a form of teaching, which is the same for training students. That can be difficult for students when the professors spend too much time researching. They do need to be available, but I think that's a personal choice between being available for students or not. I'm not saying the problem doesn't exist.

DT: How will you serve differently than the current Student Regent, John Rutkauskas?

Purgason: I definitely have much to learn from him because he has been very effective in his role. I can't say what I'll bring differently to the table because I need to learn about the day-to-day. I can say that in being a successor it's always important that you do bring your own dynamic, but I think it will be important to honor the past student regents.

DT: Have you spoken to the Regents? Which do you relate to the most?

Purgason: I have met [Regent Brenda] Pejovich and she's currently the only female Regent. It's always great to have diversity so I'm looking forward to learning more with her. Diversity always helps the institutions become better. I'm looking forward to meeting all the Regents.

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old system doesn't work anymore," Paul said. "This monetary system doesn't work and our entitlement system enriches the rich and drains on the poor — our military system in this country is deeply flawed and many people are thinking that it's time for them to come home." Paul dedicated most of his 45 minute speech to attack what he called "a lack of transparency in the Federal Reserve", the power of the military industrial complex and encroachments on personal freedom through the National Defense Authorization Act, the PATRIOT Act and the SOPA-like Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act, which is scheduled to go before a vote today. "The civil liberties have been attacked since 9/11 because of erroneous analysis of 9/11 — Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11," Paul said. "Unfortunately, we have not taken the advice of the founders. The government is supposed to be open and protect our privacy, but it seems the government doesn't seem to care at all about our personal privacy." Carrying a yellow flag with the mantra "Don't Tread on Me", Julie Moseley, a Cedar Park resident and registered member of the Libertarian party, said seeing Ron Paul was "like seeing a rock star."

"As far as the greatest nationally known proponent of libertarian ideals, Ron Paul is it," Mosely said. "I think we have every chance to win this race as Romney does." To cries of approval from the audience, Paul said he was against the war on drugs. "If we can protect intellectual and religious liberties, why can't we protect the liberty of individuals to put into their body whatever they choose?" Paul said. "We have to think about the restoration of personal responsibility. Who should do the regulation? You, the individual. That's where the real regulation should come from." Chemical engineering junior Joseph Kao, who describes himself as libertarian, said he is a Ron Paul supporter but believes Paul is unlikely to win the nomination. "If we are being completely realistic, I think he has a slim chance of winning," Kao said. Kao's friend Omar Shafi, engineering junior said winning wasn't "the point." "We want to establish a Republican platform that makes sense. Young people like Ron Paul because he makes sense," Shafi said. "Romney and Obama are the same person, one's black and one's white, that's the only difference. We want a candidate who stands out from the two parties."

UT reacts to death of student struck by bus

By Sarah White Daily Texan Staff

Students and University officials have reacted to the recent death of a UT student by urging that students display greater alcohol safety. In the early morning hours of April 20, 22-year-old Andy Wang, an advertising senior from Katy, was returning from a night downtown on the E-Bus when he lost his balance and fell under the wheels of the bus as it was departing. According to the Austin Police Department and witnesses, Wang was intoxicated at the time and had to be supported by his friend as he exited the bus. The accident happened at 1300 Crossing Place at approximately 2 a.m. on Friday, said Sgt. David Daniels. Wang was taken to University Medical Center Brackenridge hospital and pronounced dead soon after the accident. Misty Whited, spokeswoman for Capital Metro, said Aniceto Cortes, the operator of the bus during the accident, tested negative for drugs

and alcohol immediately following the accident. Cortes was put on paid administrative leave at the time, although he will be returning to work Wednesday. Whited said prior to this January there had never been a fatal accident involving a Cap Metro bus. Whited said Cap Metro is still investigating the accident, although APD has not charged Cortes for any offense. Venezuela Aquinaga, an APD officer, said Austin police officers are still investigating the incident as well. Jessica Chung, psychology and public relations junior and social chair of the Texas Advertising Group at UT, said Wang's death was a tragedy for all who knew him, including the advertising students who were his friends. She also said Wang's accident illustrates the potential problem of people, especially students, becoming too intoxicated to control their bodies and stay safe. "No one should have to pass like this," Chung said. "[I hope this story] sheds some light on college drinking issues."

UTPD Officer Darrell Halstead said all too often UT students have a laid-back attitude towards alcohol consumption. He said alcohol consumption can be a slippery slope that can lead to excessive and dangerous drinking. "Sometimes students begin to assume that they have built up a tolerance to the alcohol and they become oblivious to how much they are actually drinking," Halstead said. "That can become really dangerous. However, it is even more dangerous when people get in the mind-set that bad things only happen to other people." Halstead said students should be cautious and prepare before they go out to drink. Fellow advertising senior Alyssa Doffing said she knew Wang from class. Doffing said she had been struck by how friendly Wang was. "Andy was a really great guy — very outgoing and fun to be around," Doffing said. "What a terrible accident he was involved in. My thoughts are with his family, friends and the bus driver."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Wikileaker Bradley Manning to face 22 counts of 'aiding enemy'

FORT MEADE, Md. — A military judge refused on Thursday to dismiss the most serious charge against an Army private accused in the biggest leak of government secrets in U.S. history.

Col. Denise Lind rejected a defense motion to throw out the charge of "aiding the enemy" during a pretrial hearing for Pfc. Bradley Manning. The charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. It was one of several motions seeking to dismiss some or all of the charges, but Lind left all 22 counts against Manning in place.

In seeking dismissal of the most serious offense, defense attorney David Coombs had argued that the charge didn't properly allege that Manning intended to help al-Qaida when he allegedly sent hundreds of thousands of classified Iraq and Afghanistan war reports and State Department diplomatic cables to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.

Violence Against Women Act renewal held up by Republicans

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders on Thursday overcame the gender politics that had roiled debate over the government's main domestic violence program and agreed to a vote on renewing it before heading home for a week's vacation.

The Violence Against Women Act, approved and renewed unanimously in the past, had for weeks been the subject of haggling between the parties. Democrats accused Republicans of standing in the way engaging in a "war against women." That phrase is part of the Democrats' effort to protect their edge among women voters in this presidential and congressional election year.

Republicans denied they tried to block the renewal. They said they wanted to lower the cap for visas of abused immigrants, remove mentions of protecting gays, lesbians and transgender people, and change provisions protecting Native American women.

The law, enacted in 1994, has a history of bipartisan backing and generally has escaped controversy until now.

US housing market rebounds, helps out consumer confidence

LONDON — A surprisingly strong U.S. housing survey helped shore up markets Thursday despite a mixed batch of corporate earnings and further evidence of a sharp slowdown in the economy of the 17 countries that use the euro.

Over the past couple of days, markets have been buoyed by solid U.S. earnings, notably from Apple Inc., and an indication from Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke that the central bank was prepared to do more, if needed, to shore up the U.S. economy.

A survey showing a 4.1 percent increase in the amount of signed but not yet completed house sales in the U.S. — also known as pending home sales — helped markets recover their poise after an earlier retreat.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Syrian rebels, regime trade blame for explosion

By Zeina Karam
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — U.N. observers on Thursday inspected the site of an explosion that flattened a block of houses in the central Syrian city of Hama and killed at least 16 people, while the government and the opposition traded blame over the cause of the blast.

Syrian state-run media said rebel bomb-makers accidentally set off the explosives. Anti-regime activists said intense shelling by government forces caused the extensive damage. It was impossible to independently verify the conflicting accounts because President Bashar Assad's regime, facing a 13-month-old uprising, has restricted access for journalists and other outside witnesses.

The spokesman for U.N. special envoy Kofi Annan, Ahmad Fawzi, said observers visited the site but he had no immediate word.

Two U.N. observers are stationed in Hama, part of an advance team of 15 monitors who are visiting hot spots to try to salvage a cease-fire that is part of a peace plan aimed at ending the violence and bringing the two sides to the negotiating table. The observer team is to be expanded in the coming weeks to up to 300.

Amateur videos said to be of Wednesday's blasts in Hama showed a large cloud of white and yellow smoke rising from a neighborhood



Courtesy of the Shaam News Network | Associated Press

This image, made from amateur video released by Douma City and accessed Thursday, purports to show Syrian military tanks at the Damascus suburb of Douma, Syria.

surrounded by green fields. In a later video, dozens of people searched through the debris, including huge chunks of cement and broken cinder-blocks. Another clip shows the bloodied body of a little girl being carried through a crowd of wailing men.

The state-run Syrian news

agency SANA said rebels mishandling explosives triggered a blast that killed at least 16 people and severely damaged at least six houses.

The Local Coordination Committees, a network of activists, denied that and said it was intense shelling from government tanks that caused

the damage. The group put the death toll as high as 70, but that estimate was not confirmed by others.

Another opposition group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said the cause of the destruction was not immediately clear. The Observatory initially cited reports

by local residents that they had come under attack from regime forces.

However, the head of the group, Rami Abdul-Rahman, said he could not confirm those reports and called for an investigation by U.N. observers. He said at least 16 people were killed.

Biden calls out Romney's foreign policy

By Beth Fouhy
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vice President Joe Biden delivered a harsh attack Thursday on Mitt Romney's foreign policy views, arguing that the presumptive Republican presidential nominee is rooted in a Cold War mentality and is uninformed about the current challenges facing the U.S. abroad.

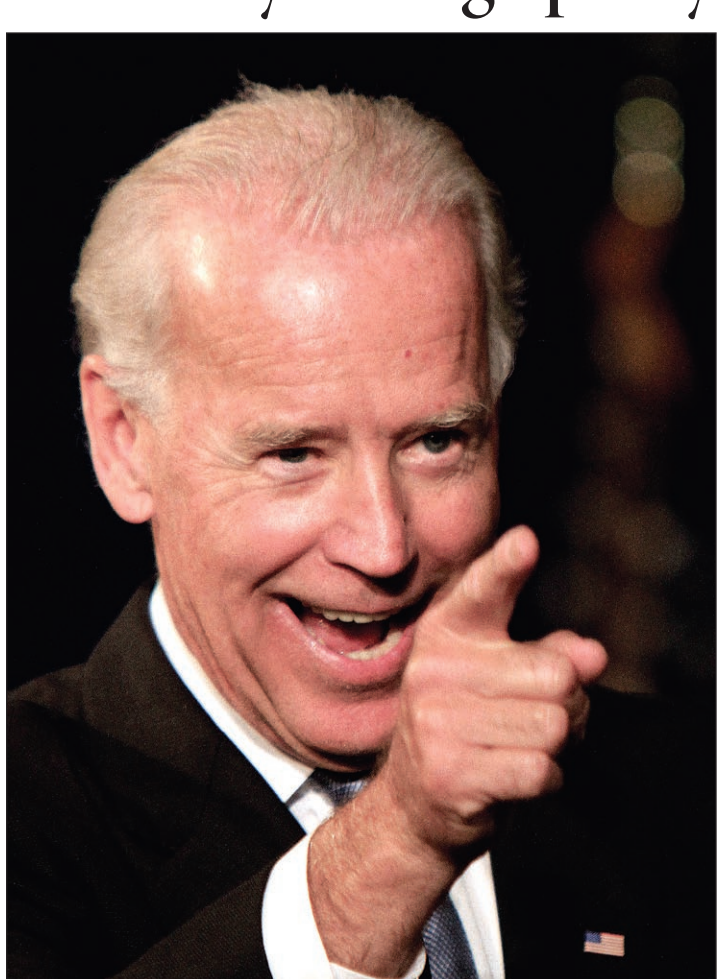
In a campaign speech delivered at New York University Law School, Biden laid out a robust defense of President Barack Obama's foreign policy record while eviscerating Romney for lacking vision and for "distorting" Obama's record in a way that has been counterproductive to U.S. interests.

"If you're looking for a bumper sticker to sum up how President Obama has handled what we inherited, it's pretty simple: Osama bin Laden is dead and General Motors is alive," Biden said, saying Obama's decisions on both foreign and domestic policy had made the U.S. safer.

Biden cast the former Massachusetts governor as an inexperienced foreign policy thinker who would delegate decisions to staff and advisers.

"We know when the governor does venture a position it's a safe bet that he previously took or will take an exactly opposite position," Biden said, noting that Romney had originally supported setting a time frame for pulling U.S. troops from Afghanistan only to later criticize Obama's plan to do so by the end of 2014.

Biden repeatedly used Romney's own words against him, such as when Romney downplayed the significance of capturing Osama bin Laden during Romney's 2008



Jim Cole | Associated Press

Vice President Joe Biden speaks in Exeter, N.H. earlier this month.

presidential bid and, more recently, when Romney said Russia was the United States' gravest geopolitical foe.

On Iran, Biden said Romney's call for crippling sanctions and a U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon simply mirrored Obama's approach.

"The only step we could take that we aren't already taking is to

launch a war against Iran. If that's what Gov. Romney means by a 'very different policy,' he should tell the American people," Biden said.

Biden said Obama had adhered to President Teddy Roosevelt's admonition that, on foreign policy, a president should speak softly and carry a big stick.

"I promise you, the president has a big stick," Biden said.

Congress, candidates agree on low student loan rates, but how?

By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker John Boehner accused President Barack Obama on Thursday of conduct "beneath the dignity of the White House." The top House Democrat said Boehner considers the health of women "a luxury."

In a measure of the sharp elbows both parties are throwing this election year, note that those words were exchanged over legislation whose basic purpose they say they agree on: preventing interest rates on millions of federal student loans from doubling to 6.8 percent this summer.

Their chief remaining dispute is how to pay for the \$5.9 billion cost of keeping those rates low. When it comes to that, each side has in effect taken a political hostage: House Republicans would cut spending from Obama's prized health care overhaul law, Senate Democrats would boost payroll taxes on owners of some private corporations and House Democrats would erase federal subsidies to oil and gas companies.

The rhetoric intensified Thursday, a day before the House was set to vote on a GOP-written bill that would keep current 3.4 percent interest rates on subsidized Stafford loans intact for another

year. The measure would be paid for by carving money out of a preventive health fund established by Obama's health care overhaul law — a measure most Democrats consider a prized accomplishment worth fighting for.

Obama spent two days this week barnstorming through three college campuses in North Carolina, Colorado and Iowa, using campaign-style speeches before cheering throngs of students to complain that Republicans are dragging their feet on blocking the interest rate boosts.

Despite the party-line divisions, some members of each party were considering defecting in Friday's vote.

The conservative Heritage Action for America was lobbying Republicans to oppose the GOP bill and let interest rates rise, saying to do otherwise would burden taxpayers. And party leaders were pressuring Democrats to vote against the Republican measure, with some Democrats eager to vote to keep student loan rates low despite the health care cuts.

Obama's budget would protect the 3.4 percent rates for a year. There are 7.4 million low- and middle-income students with subsidized Stafford loans, and the administration says the higher rates would cost each an average \$1,000 over the life of the loan.

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QUOTES TO NOTE

Editor's note: From President Barack Obama to presidential candidate Mitt Romney, these are among our favorite quotes from the past several days.

"When we recognize that commercialization is a tool for the university to achieve its mission — research, education, service, public good — the way we deal with industry will fundamentally change. Our goals become aligned with industry and industry's goals become aligned with our faculty."

— Brett Cornwell, Texas A&M University's associate vice chancellor for commercialization, on the value of commercialization of university technologies, according to *The Texas Tribune*.

"I really don't have any details, and I just feel very, very sad that it ended up where we did. There are a lot of people in El Paso that are quite disappointed and upset."

— Diana Natalicio, president of the University of Texas-El Paso, on UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa's decision to cancel a high-profile boxing match that was to occur at the Sun Bowl Stadium on June 16, according to *The Texas Tribune*.

"One thing that would make Obama more competitive in Texas is the very, very off chance that Rick Perry was on the ticket. In that case Romney's advantage over Obama would be reduced from 50-43 to 50-45."

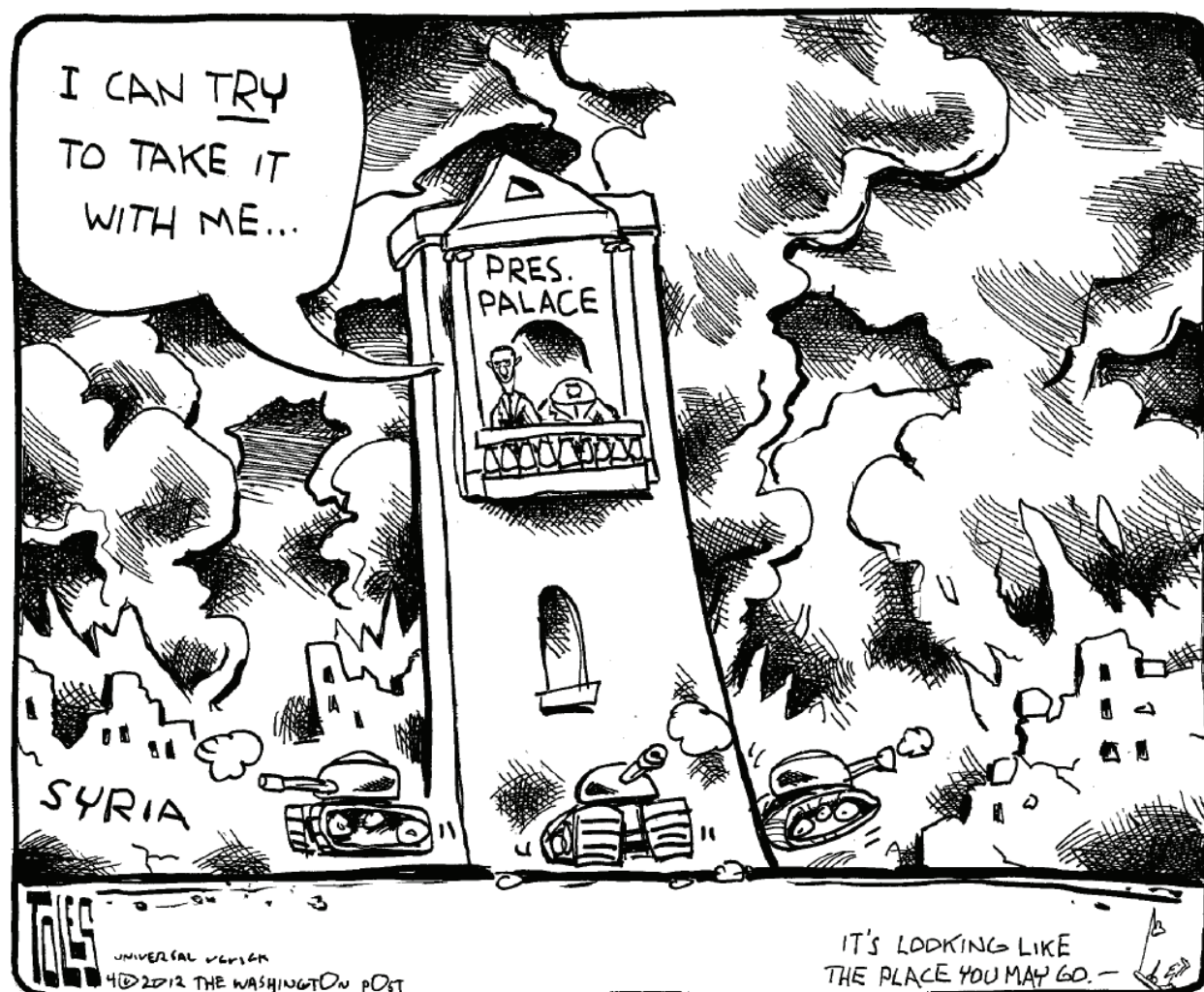
— Public Policy Polling on Mitt Romney's chance to win Texas during the November general election, according to its new polling results released Tuesday.

"What we lack is the moral vision to do what is right. Mark my words, if we fail to come back into special session to restore education funding, then either the leadership doesn't care about public education or they are too afraid to admit they were wrong."

— State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, on the possibility of using higher-than-anticipated state tax revenue to reallocate funding to education, according to his column in *The Houston Chronicle*.

"Frankly, I think this is beneath the dignity of the White House. ... For the president to make a campaign issue and then to travel to three battleground states and go to three large college campuses on taxpayers money to try to make this some political issue is pathetic."

— U.S. House Speaker John Boehner on the Obama administration's response to legislation that would double the interest rate on some federal student loans, according to *The Associated Press*.



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Failing to nurture the needs of introverts



By Katherine Taylor
Daily Texan Columnist

My name is Katherine Taylor, and I'm an introvert.

No, I'm not a social misfit. Yes, I still have friends.

Contrary to common misconceptions, introversion doesn't actually reflect how social or unsocial I am. Introverted-ness describes a personality type that draws energy from alone time and exerts energy around people. And before you discount their prevalence on university campuses, anywhere between 25 percent and just under one-half the population are introverts, according to *The Atlantic Magazine*.

There are several ways that higher education doesn't nurture the needs of introverted professors and academics, according to a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. But what about the ways that universities unnecessarily penalize introverted students?

Think about your typical walk across campus each day. Undoubtedly, you pass either the West Mall or the courtyard area in front of Gregory Gym, which are the two areas of campus most populated with one of the things I dread most: tabling. Every time I walk through these crowded areas, people yell at me, commanding that I attend events, sign a petition or take a random handout about a cause that I don't care about. It's not that I'm afraid of any of these people or that I mean to be rude and stuck up when I ignore them;

I just really value alone time. This method of harassment penalizes students who would prefer to not elbow their way through a crowd or talk to a bunch of strangers to find an organization or a cause to join.

What's even worse than the crowds from the West Mall are the giant rooms stuffed with booths, stodgy strangers in suits, students full of hot air talking about how great they are and companies full of hot air trying to convince you to work for free: yes, I mean career fairs. Not only does a career fair require tons of talking with strangers — and elbowing talkative extroverts in the stomach to make them shut-up — but the consequences of failure are high: potential unemployment. So in one of the most important events in determining college students' futures, the stakes are firmly stacked in extroverts' favor. It's not even the "shyness" factor or the desire to avoid small talk that makes this situation so much harder for introverts; it's that talking to strangers for long periods of time exhausts introverts in a situation where they need to be at their best.

Class environments themselves can unfairly disadvantage introverts. Ever had a group project? Sure, there are lots of reasons group projects suck: some people work harder than others, coordinating schedules is tough and usually the loudest person ends up getting final say on what happens because everyone else is too lazy to argue. But for introverts especially, these projects are difficult because their best work and thinking happens when they're alone.

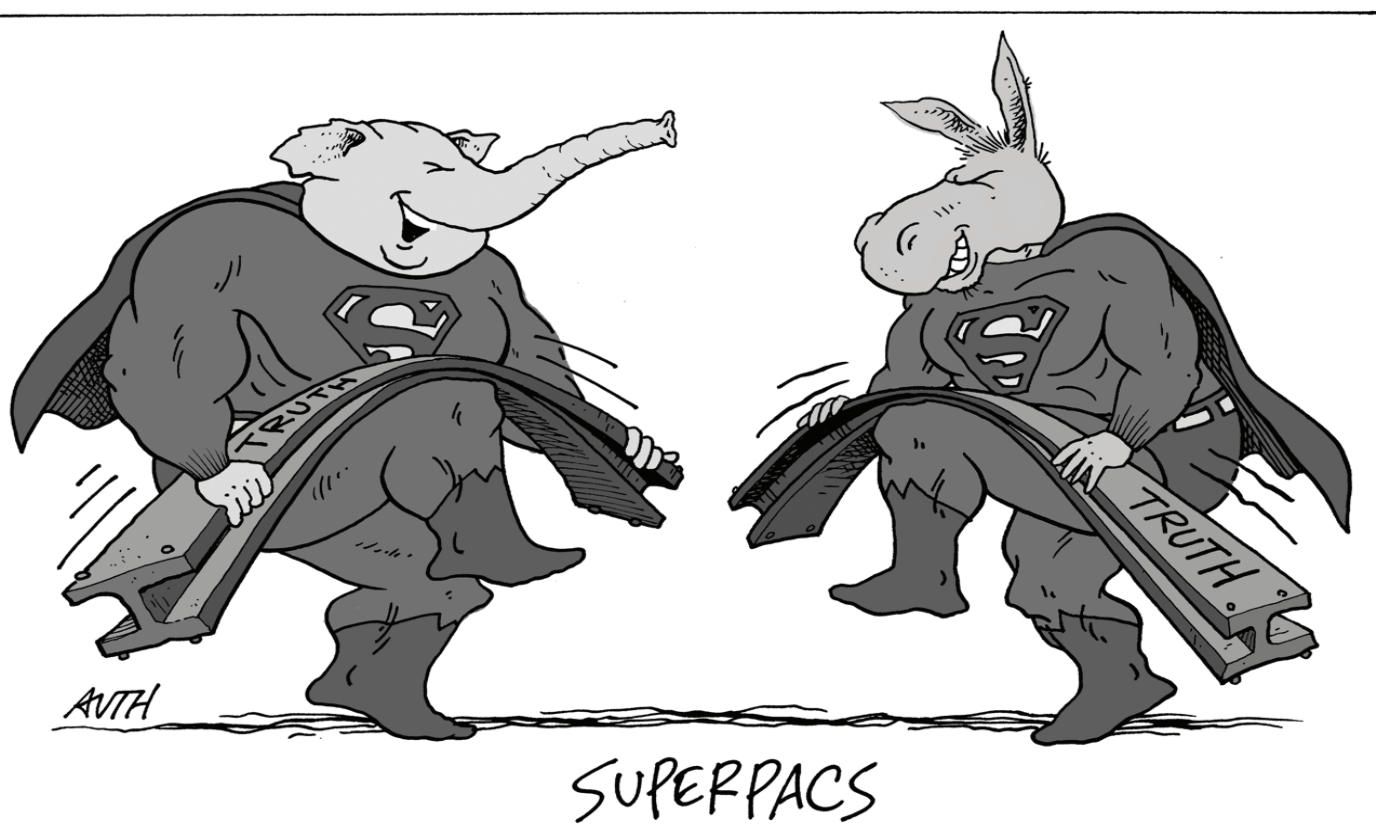
What about classes that grade based on

participation? This method especially disadvantages introverts, as we don't like to blurt out the first thing that comes to our minds and would prefer to have time to think and mull over answers. Punishing students who process and interpret information differently from extroverts is insensitive and unfair. The best thing professors can do is reward all different types of learning styles. For example, they could offer students the option to keep up journals along with in-class participation so both introverts and extroverts would have a chance to do assignments that play to their strengths and weaknesses.

Am I asking for special treatment or for a personality type to be treated as a disorder? No. And I'm tired of hearing that we should get over it and be like everyone else to be successful. Trust me, ask any introvert that's ever given a presentation or gone to a party, we "fake it" all the time. Instead, I'm pointing out the ways that our University unfairly caters to extroverts and disadvantages introverts. This is important because this means that organizations, career fairs and certain classes aren't getting the best work from a significant portion of the campus. Imagine how much more diverse and talented the student body would be if we used methods that catered to introverts, as well.

It's time for extroverted hegemony to end — or at least time for universities to realize the existence of introverts and think about ways to support those students, as well.

Taylor is a Plan II and rhetoric and writing senior



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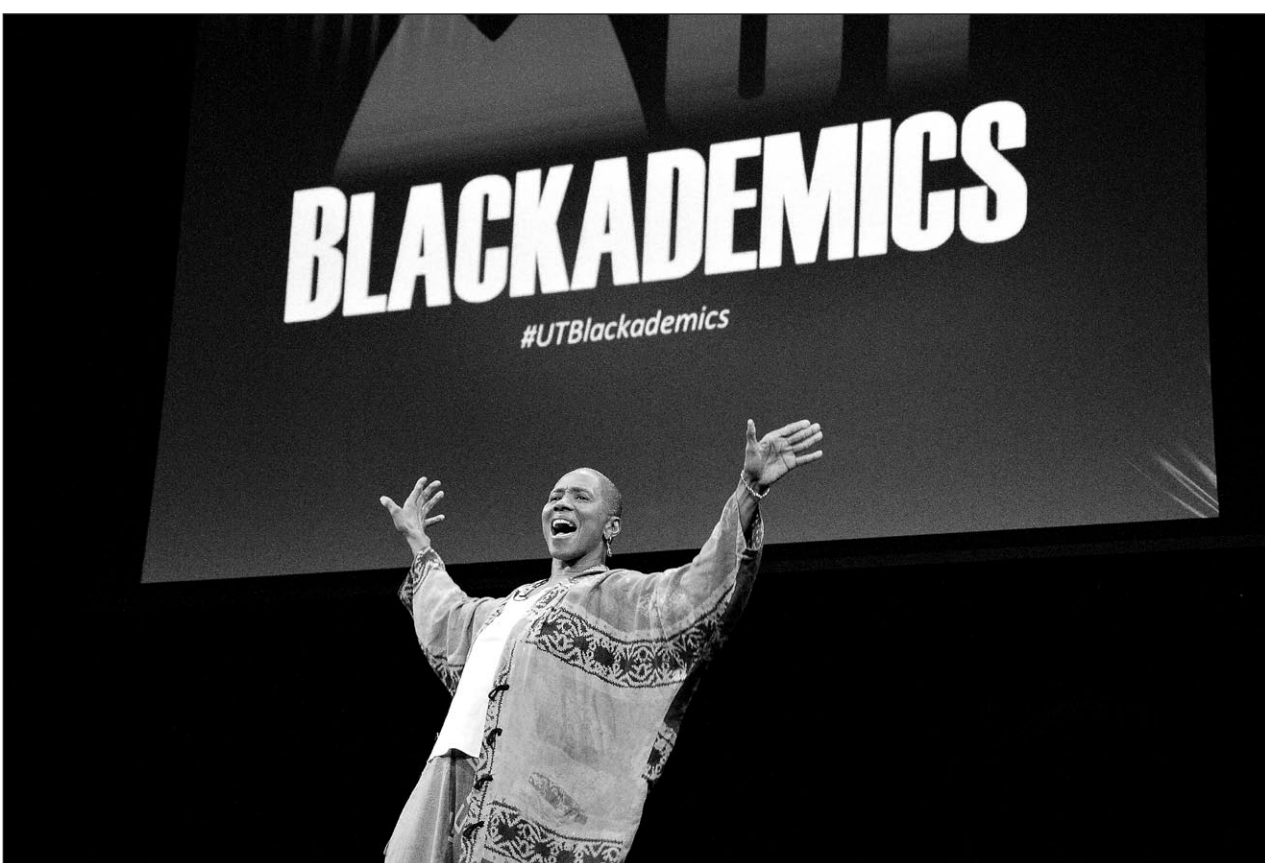
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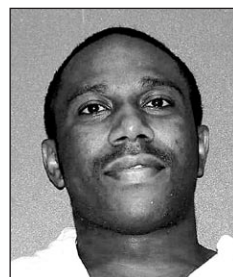


Dr. Omi Jones gives her poetic and theatrical presentation titled "Art as Scholarship" at KLRU Studio Thursday evening. The event, sponsored by UT Blackademics, featured presentations from four of UT's professors and was taped by KLRU in order to help raise awareness of African-American community issues.

Rebecca Howeth
Daily Texan Staff

Lethal injection carried out on Texas murderer

By Michael Graczyk
The Associated Press



Beunka Adams

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas man was executed Thursday for his role in a 2002 robbery in which three people were shot, one fatally.

The lethal injection of Beunka Adams, 29, was carried out less than three hours after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a last-day appeal to postpone the punishment, the fifth this year in Texas.

Adams expressed love to his family and apologized to witnesses, including one of the women who survived the attack and relatives of the man who was killed.

He said he was a stupid kid in a man's body at the time of the crime.

"I'm very sorry. Everything that happened that night was wrong," Adams said. "If I could take it back, I would. Not a day goes by I wish I could take it back. ... I messed up and can't take that back."

He asked those gathered to not let any hate they had for him "eat you up."

"Find a way to get past ... I really hate things turned out the way they did. For everybody involved, I don't think any good came out of it."

Adams took about a dozen breaths, then began wheezing and snoring. Eventually, he became still. He was pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m. CDT, nine minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow into his body.

His attorneys had asked the nation's highest court to halt the execution, review his case and let him pursue appeals claiming he had deficient legal help at his trial and during earlier stages of his appeals.

He won a reprieve from a federal district judge earlier this week, but the Texas attorney general's office appealed the ruling, and the 5th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals reinstated the death warrant Wednesday.

Adams was one of two East Texas men sent to death row for the slaying of Kenneth Vandever, 37. He was in a convenience store on Sept. 2, 2002, in Rusk, about 115 miles southeast of Dallas, when two men wearing masks and carrying a shotgun walked in and announced a holdup.

After robbing the store, Adams and Richard Cobb drove off with the two female clerks and Vandever in a car belonging to one of the women. Testimony at Adams' trial showed he gave the orders during the holdup and initiated the abductions. They drove to a remote area about 10 miles away in Cherokee County, where Adams demanded Vandever and one woman get into the trunk of the car and then raped the other woman. Testimony also showed he forced all three to kneel as they were shot.

Vandever was fatally wounded. The women were kicked and shot again before Cobb and Adams, believing they were dead, fled. Both were alive, however, and one was able to run to a house to summon help.

Adams and Cobb were arrested several hours later in Jacksonville, about 25 miles to the north. Adams was identifiable because he had slipped off his mask after one of the women said she thought she knew him.

Professors present African-American issues

By David Maly
Daily Texan Staff

UT and KLRU combined efforts to present current African-American issues to the mass media Thursday night in hopes of creating a future series featuring University professors.

Four professors spoke at a KLRU public taping sponsored and organized by UT Blackademics, a group consisting of a wide coalition of professors, students and public supporters working to raise awareness of current African-American community issues. By raising awareness, they hope to solve the issues and teach students how to be successful in their future initiatives through participation in these efforts. Members of the African and African Diaspora Studies

Department presented during the taping, including associate professor Kevin Cokley, assistant professor Talia McCray, assistant professor Kevin Foster and associate professor Omi Jones.

UT Blackademics was founded by Foster in 2011 as a project for one of his graduate classes and is unique in the sense that it stresses community engagement as one of the primary means of accomplishing its goals, he said.

The advocacy group hopes to use the taping as a starting point for a future partnership with KLRU that would mean showcasing the work of professors in the department of African and African diaspora studies in a regular series, Foster said.

"[The department of African and African diaspora studies] shares the range of black studies

research that is going on at UT," he said. "This taping hopefully will be the first of many of these events that will go on here."

Topics discussed included discrepancies in the overall academic performance of African-Americans as opposed to other racial groups, the effects of public transportation planning on African-American communities and the trend of some major universities to emphasize academic work in research and education instead of larger community service efforts that could benefit the African-American community, among other groups.

Hakeem Adewumi, African and African-American ethnic studies junior, said he found the community engagement method used as an effective and engaging way of sharing University research.

"I liked the intellectual challenge they brought forth in terms of forcing us to think about these issues to better the black community," he said.

Bill Stotesbery, KLRU CEO and general manager, said station management was happy to share the work of UT Blackademics because it is consistent with regular KLRU programming and goals.

"The range of subject matter the professors participating in this project are speaking about fits in perfectly with our continuing efforts to have in-depth community discussions on the issues impacting our city," he said. "UT Blackademics is just one example of how KLRU works with the University of Texas and the local creative community to put together programming and events to bring people together."

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UTPD, both Halstead and UTPD Chief Robert Dahlstrom said they were not aware of any tips that had been reported.

2011 UT alumnus Trevor Nichols said he lives on 21st and Rio Grande streets, a few blocks from several of the burglary locations, but he had not heard of the string of incidences.

"You expect there to be a few incidences just because West Campus is such a large area, but I am surprised to hear that there were so many," Nichols said.

He said he does not think it is uncommon for residents throwing a party to forget to lock their doors after everyone leaves.

"After your guests are gone, you usually just end up crashing on the couch and watching TV," Nichols said. "I think that can be hugely dangerous, because everyone who has been in the neighborhood recently knows that you just had a party and your doors are probably still unlocked."

Nichols said he is very careful to keep the door to his apartment locked, but he knows that his roommates and others in his neighborhood are not as cautious.

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— Trevor Nichols, UT alumnus

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Identify as black are the ones who most frequent the lounge, Moore said, and those who do not will often stare at the lounge but not come in.

The lounge first opened in 1995 on the ground floor of the Jester Center after black students pushed to create an area for their community on campus after the University closed their unofficial meeting space. Black students petitioned former UT President Robert Berdahl for a new area where black students could gather and were approved for the space. Today, the X Lounge is run entirely by students and provides a space for organizations to hold meetings and events, student study sessions and storage, among others. It is open for reservation by all students.

Choquette Hamilton, associate director for development of African-American diaspora studies, said the lounge was always intended to be an area for the black community but is open to all. Hamilton said there have been many points in time where black students did not feel safe on campus, both physically and in terms of re-

spect for their culture.

"If you're a black student and you're in a classroom filled with people who don't look like you and may possibly say things that are offensive, it's frustrating going through that day in and day out," Hamilton said. "[In the X Lounge] people don't have to worry about dealing with those things because the people that hang out in that space relate to your experiences."

Hamilton said even today many black students do not feel welcome in all parts of campus, and while there are often many organizations tabling on West Mall, it is rare to see black organizations there. She also said some black students do not feel welcome in the South Mall, which contains statues of former U.S. leaders known for spreading racist ideas.

Carissa Kelley, Student Events Center president, said she does not go to the lounge much and spends most of her time in the Texas Union. She said most black students have gone to the lounge at least once and those who do not go are probably disconnected from the black community. Kelley said if people are absent for a while, many in the lounge will begin asking questions.

"People expect for all black organizations on campus to table there,

put their fliers there and put their face there because that is how you show you're involved in the community," Kelley said. "If you're not there, you're not [involved]."

Ethnic studies sophomore Jarius Sowell said he visits the X Lounge about three times a day for 30 to 40 minutes at a time. Sowell agreed with Moore that there is a stereotype that only black students can go into the X Lounge. Sowell said the majority of non-black people that go in the lounge do so to use the microwave and often do not interact with black students there. He said there is often conversation in the lounge on how to break down that stereotype, comparing it to the assumption that only white people go to the Roundup philanthropy event.

"The X Lounge situation is indeed the counter opposite to the Roundup situation," Sowell said. "I was encouraged by my black brothers not to go [to Roundup], but I went because I wanted to experience it for myself."

Brenda Burt, a UT diversity and community engagement officer, said she has worked as an adviser for students who frequent the X Lounge since it officially opened. Her office is in the John Warfield Center for African and African American Studies located above the

Street Courtyard, an outdoor music venue located in Fourth Street's Warehouse District, Pitts said.

Cedar Street Courtyard corporate manager Jason Schnurr said the venue agreed to match the funds given by the city because the program is an attempt to bring together music venues and nearby businesses and residences to address the problem of loud noise.

"Noise complaints become prohibitive when running a business," Schnurr said. "As new residential towers get constructed, the complaints are rising."

The technologies tested at Cedar Street Courtyard will lay the groundwork for case studies at other local music venues, Schnurr said.

Pitts said in order to be considered for a case study, a music venue must be in compliance with the sound ordinance, generate noise complaints from nearby residents and hold its lease for a certain number of years. Schnurr said the music venue must have at least 100 noise complaints to be considered by VAP.

Public relations sophomore Elizabeth Fleet lives near the downtown

Austin area and said she thinks VAP will bring positive change.

"It's a good thing for the residents living closer to the downtown area," Fleet said. "The loud music sometimes distracts me from sleeping or studying."

Government sophomore Payton Mogford said he thinks a sound limit could be a bad idea because the music industry and Sixth Street are major aspects of Austin's economy.

"If we took the loud music aspect away, Sixth Street would not be the same, making Austin a little bit less weird," Mogford said. "If downtown

residents complain, they should have thought about loud noise before choosing to live there."

Pitts said other bars that are in compliance with the sound ordinance but are receiving citizen complaints, are potential future case studies after Cedar Park Street Courtyard.

"The best sound mitigation is common sense, being aware of your neighbors, booking appropriate acts and taking a proactive approach such as hiring an acoustical consultant, taming hard reflective surfaces and using optimum speaker placement and design," Pitts said.

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BASEBALL

Lone Star Showdown victory in reach for Horns

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

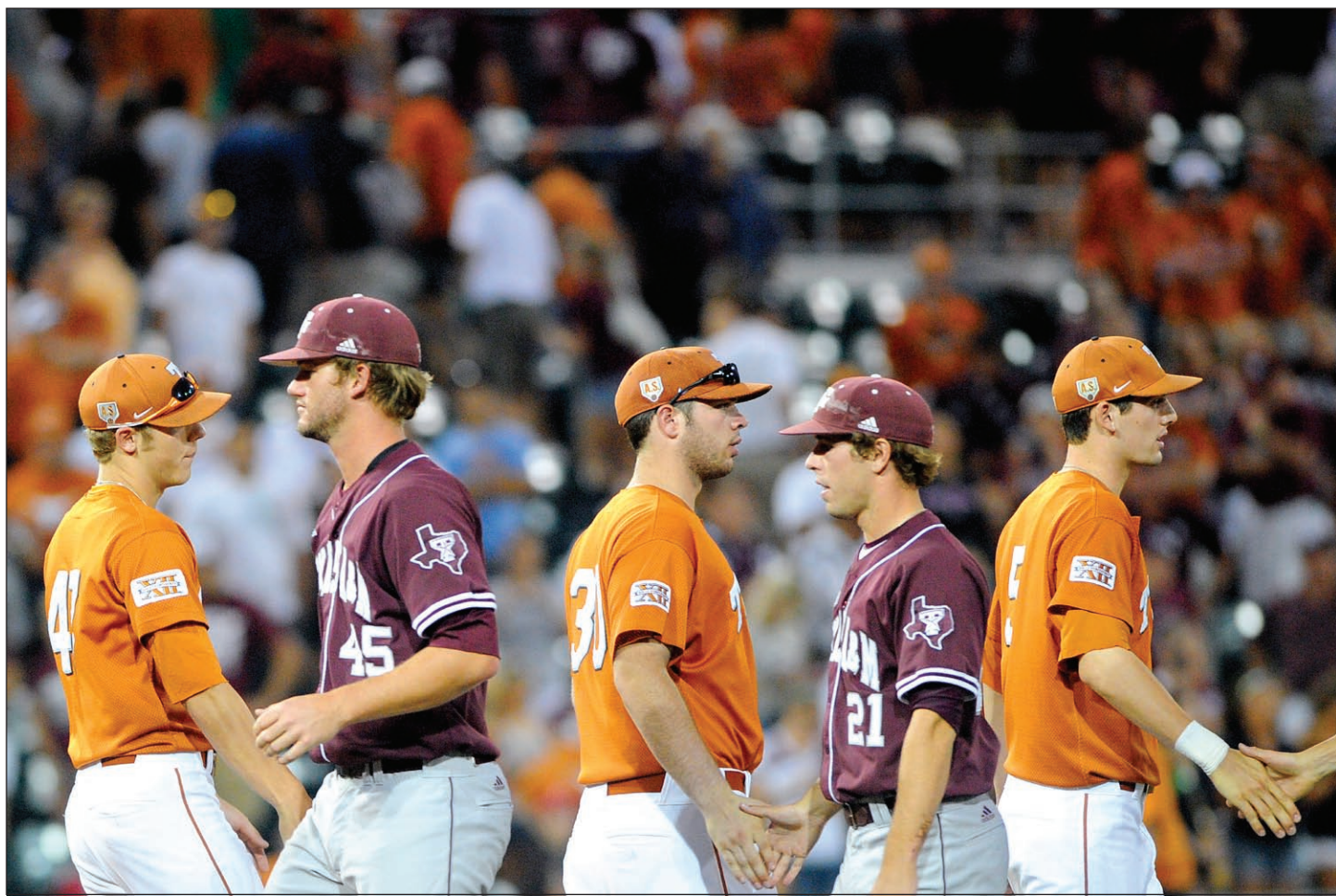
The Longhorns' football team is 13-12 over the last two years. The Texas men's basketball team has won exactly one NCAA Tournament game in the last three. It's been eight years since the Longhorns' women's basketball squad has gotten past the second round in the NCAA Tournament.

But the way Texas has played against Texas A&M recently has been anything but mediocre.

The Longhorns have dominated their in-state rival over the past few months and have nearly clinched the final Lone Star Showdown before the Aggies move to the SEC. The Longhorns hold a commanding 9-4 lead heading into this weekend, needing only one more point to earn bragging rights over Texas A&M one last time. With the Texas baseball team and softball squad squaring off against the Aggies this weekend, the Longhorns have a great chance to get that crucial 10th point.

"It's going to be a war," said sophomore right-fielder Mark Payton. "It's a hyped-up series and there'll be a lot of emotions. We have to keep those emotions in check and find ways to grind out W's."

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The Longhorns and Aggies shake hands after last season's series between the two clubs, which Texas took 2-1. If Texas can pull out a series victory again this season it would give the school the overall Victory in the Lone Star Showdown.

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Texas, Texas A&M meet for possible final series

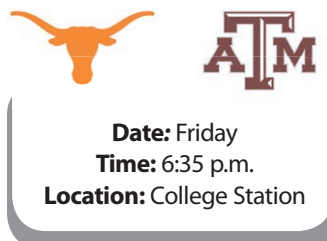
By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

In a lot of ways, on Friday night, it'll just be friends playing against friends on the diamond. These are players that grew up as teammates in select ball and faced each other routinely in high school. After the game they'll meet to catch up for a moment or two.

However, when the teams meet on the field during the game, there will be no room for past friendships, because it is Texas vs. Texas A&M in one of the longest standing rivalries in all of baseball.

This is the last series that the teams will play against one another for the foreseeable future with the

Texas vs. Texas A&M



Date: Friday
Time: 6:35 p.m.
Location: College Station

Aggies moving to the SEC.

"I don't want to say I hate the players that go there, because I have friends on the team, but it's just the tradition of Longhorns vs. Aggies," said junior Jonathan Walsh. "We don't like each other and that's just how it is. It's nothing personal to the



Texas pitcher Sam Stafford looks on before he delivers a pitch in a May 21st 3-0 loss to Texas A&M last season. The Longhorns will look for a series win this season in what could be the final matchup between the two schools.

Erika Rich
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While there might not be a level of personal dislike on the field this weekend, there is still an intensity that goes with this series

that sets it apart from every other three-game set that takes place during the season.

Maybe it's the sense of history that goes with the series that makes it

special. Maybe it's the fans that seem to become louder and more belligerent towards the opponent with

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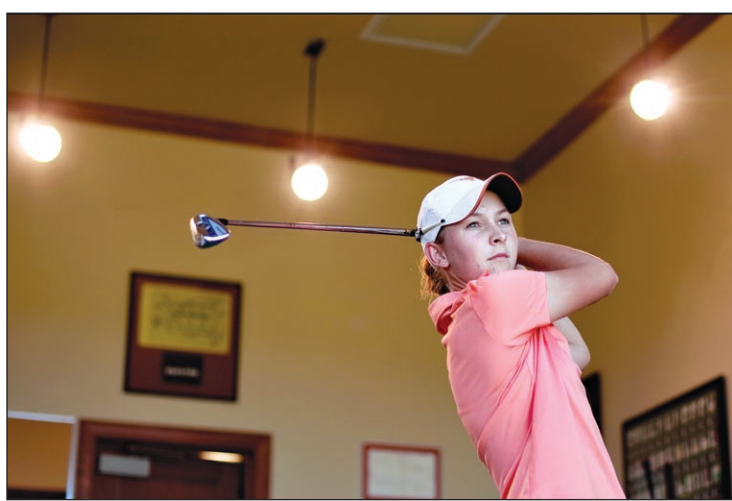
WOMEN'S GOLF

Pneumonia set her back but freshman is back strong

By Blake McAdow
Daily Texan Staff

After a year of change, struggles, successes and adjustments to a new country, freshman Bertine Strauss is peaking at the right time and will be a huge part of any success Texas has this postseason.

In the fall, Texas was off to a tremendous start, winning the first tournament of the year in Texas A&M's backyard, where Strauss joined three teammates to finish in the top 11 individually. Texas earned the program's first No. 1 national ranking, and it appeared to be the beginning of a historic season. Strauss joining an experienced squad of upperclassmen



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Bertine Strauss has solidified the Longhorn lineup this season giving the team a solid option in the five slot with her 76 scoring average.

gave the team the right lineup to compete all year.

By the third tournament, however, Strauss knew something was wrong. She withdrew from the tournament after the first round due to illness, but somehow miraculously came back for Sunday's final round to help the team score. Despite her courageous effort, the team finished a disappointing 10th, and Strauss' illness wasn't just an

everyday cold or an adjustment to weather. She had pneumonia.

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MEN'S GOLF

No. 1 Longhorns seek Big 12 championship

By Peter Sblendorio
Daily Texan Staff

After turning in one of the strongest regular seasons in school history, the Texas Longhorns men's golf team will look to continue its dominance this weekend in Trinity at the 2012 Big 12 Conference Championship.

No. 1 Texas, winner of seven tournaments in the 2011-12 season, enters the Big 12 tournament as the favorite among the 10 competing teams. The Longhorns have

won the conference championship title three times since its creation in 1997, when they came in first for three straight years from 2002-04. They are the only team in the conference to have won the tournament more than once, with nine-time champion Oklahoma State being the other.

Texas enters the Big 12 showdown playing well, winning three tournaments in a row before finishing in a tie for second place last weekend at the Aggie Invitational. It should be noted that the Long-

horns were without freshman Jordan Spieth — the top ranked player in collegiate golf — in that tournament, as he was competing in PGA

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SOFTBALL

TEXAS A&M 9, TEXAS 0

A&M starts out series with dominating win

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

It wasn't how the Longhorns wanted to start their final series with longtime rival Texas A&M. Thursday night gave the team a lot of trouble, as they lost in a 9-0 shut out given by the Aggies.

No. 18 Texas A&M held the Longhorns to seven hits on the night, and the Aggies were able to get 9 runs of their eight hits. The run-ruled game was not what the Longhorns expected going into the weekend.

Scoring occurred in only two innings during the six-inning game. In the bottom of the second, the Aggies scored four runs to give the team the lead, which they held throughout the game. The next series of scoring didn't come until

Texas vs. Texas A&M



Date: Saturday, Sunday
Time: 12:30 p.m., 5 p.m.
Location: Austin

four innings later in the bottom of the sixth when A&M finished a five-run inning with a two-run homer to right field, which ended the game.

Amber Garza was the key player for Texas A&M, as she led her team to the victory. She hit two home runs and had six RBI's, producing two-third's of their total runs.

The biggest problem for the

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The Longhorns have some work to do in what this weekend's series against Texas A&M after falling in the first game 9-0.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Matchup between A&M, Texas unlikely next year, says Garrido

With Texas A&M moving to the SEC for athletics for the 2012-13 season, the historic rivalries between Texas' and A&M's sports programs could be coming to an end.

This includes the 109-year rivalry between the two baseball programs, as according to head coach Augie Garrido it's not likely that the two schools will meet next season in non-conference play.

"I've read what Rick is going to do and it appears that they're not going to do, it appears that football isn't going to play that's for sure," Garrido said. "So, I would say that the baseball program will probably follow the same lead, because the same leaders that run the baseball program run the other two."

He admits that if the two teams did decide not to play again next season, it would not be his decision. But the baseball program will do what's in the universities' best interests.

"It is what it is, and we had nothing to do with this," Garrido said. But we'll follow and do what's best for the University of Texas, because that's what we've been hired to do."

— Chris Hummer

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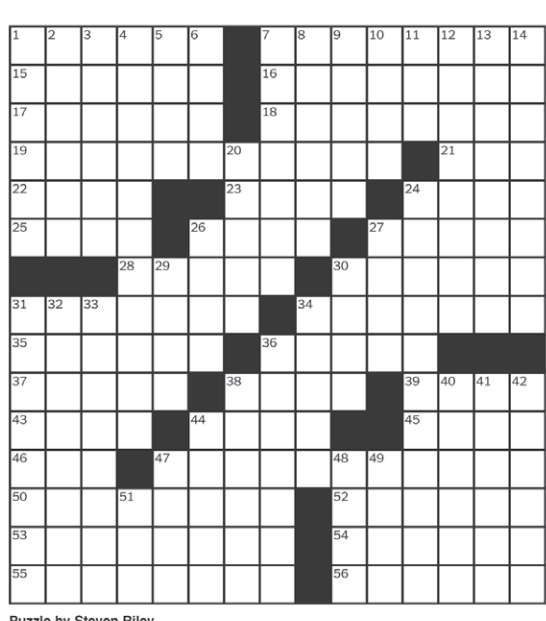
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Jack Black delves into darkness behind 'Bernie' character

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

In Richard Linklater's "Bernie," Jack Black plays title character Bernie Tiede, a real-life Carthage, Texas, resident who was driven to murder by his increasingly parasitic relationship with local widow Marjorie Nugent (Shirley MacLaine). Black completely and totally embodies Bernie, and much of the schtick found in his film career disappears here in favor of something much more human and likeable.

The Daily Texan participated in a roundtable interview with Jack Black during last month's SXSW Film Festival.

The Daily Texan: How did you get involved with this role and what kind of preparation went into it?

Jack Black: You know, Rick [Linklater] was talking about it for years. It was something that he was thinking about doing for years, and then we were talking about doing "School of Rock 2," we were working on that, trying to figure out how to do it, and we never could crack the nut to get it right. So he was like, "You know, there is something I'd like to do now, this 'Bernie' movie that I've been working on." So I read it, and I was struck by its originality and dark humor, something I'd never really dipped my toe into before, this level of darkness. Really, I would have done anything because I love Rick and wanted to work with him again.

DT: Some people have been saying that they think it's an 'old person's movie.' Do you agree?

Black: Is that what the campaign

is saying? An old person's movie? If anything, I think it's got a real punk rock sensibility. I think some of the rebellious youth will be more into it. Some of the older folks might be ... It's hard to say. Maybe no one will like it.

DT: Did you, as an actor, get as exhausted taking care of Shirley MacLaine as Bernie did with Mrs. Nugent?

Black: Did I get as exhausted as Bernie taking care of Shirley MacLaine? That's a real loaded question! (laughs) Of course not. I did get into the role. We inhabit our characters. We... Actors. (laughs) I got into it, she got into it. She was in character a lot in between takes; we'd stay in there. I was her servant at times, taking care of her needs and shielding her from the prying eyes of the outside world and making sure she was comfortable and all her needs were met. Was it as hard for me? No, obviously not. I never had flashes of "Leave me alone! Let me out of here!"

DT: Can you talk about the film's Texas setting and how that affected your portrayal of Bernie?

Black: The locations were so important to Rick. He was so familiar with this story. He had visited Carthage and went to the trial. He saw when the verdict was brought down. So he painstakingly recreated that locale in Bastrop County. There were a lot of similarities to the location. It just felt good to know that it was accurate. I felt like I was in good hands. Was it important? Yeah, definitely. It wouldn't have been the same if we were on some Hollywood studio lot. It felt like I was ... immersion acting.

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— Jack Black, Actor

DT: You have a background in rock, but much of your musical contribution to "Bernie" was in hymns. Did you enjoy doing that?

Black: I loved it. Loved those songs. Graham [Reynolds], the guy that was in charge of the music, was instrumental in that I went over to his house and jammed a lot. We listened to tons of gospel, and this next Tenacious D album is a gospel album. (laughs) That's not true. But I could definitely see it creeping into my future music work. There's some great untapped music there.

DT: You got to meet Bernie. Did he charm you in his own way?

Black: I was charmed. I could see why he was the most loved man in town. And he was the most-loved man in the prison, as far as I could see. Everybody loves Bernie. He's there, leading the Bible study and teaching people how to cook gourmet meals. He's just active. He's a caring person, and it can affirm our feeling about the story. He was a basically good



Actor Jack Black arrives for the screening of his film "Bernie," at AMC Loews 19th Street Monday in New York.

Amanda Schwab
Associated Press

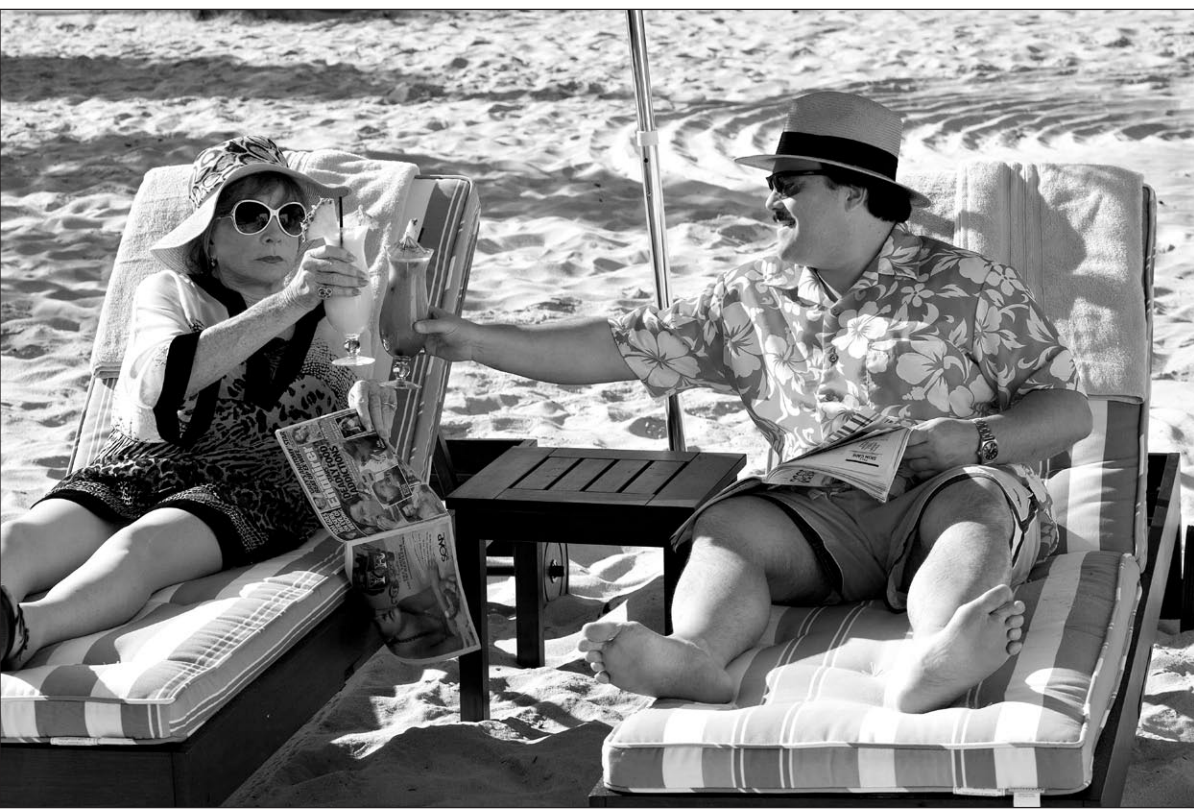


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In this film publicity image released by Millenium Entertainment, Shirley MacLaine portrays Marjorie Nugent, and Jack Black portrays Bernie Tiede in a scene from "Bernie."

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easy pace, but what makes it stand out is how Linklater completely understands how small-town Texas really works — the social ebbs and flows, the barrage of colloquialisms and the deeply entrenched beliefs about how things should be. It's the authenticity of the small details that gives "Bernie" its unique sense of humor. Linklater layers in interviews with Carthage residents, portrayed flawlessly by the actors of the film.

With the titular role, Jack Black has a very hard line to walk, keeping his character sympathetic without neglecting to acknowledge the gravity of his mistakes. Black's performance lacks his usual abrasive nature, and he portrays Bernie with a gentle charisma and hilarious falsetto voice that makes it very clear why the entire town of Carthage

is drawn to him. It's a strong, unusual performance from Black, especially as Bernie is ravaged by the anguish stemming from his crime.

Matthew McConaughey leads a strong supporting cast with his playful, bewildered performance, and Shirley MacLaine is wonderful as the stubborn, crotchety Mrs. Nugent.

At this point, Richard Linklater could make just about any film he wanted, and it would probably be entertaining. His strength for capturing an infectious, nostalgic sense of time and place is undeniable, and his actors are never wasted or underused. "Bernie" is a film that showcases Linklater at his best and a truly hilarious slice of Texas life, one that every native Texan will undoubtedly enjoy.



"Bernie"

Genre: Comedy

Director:

Richard Linklater

Runtime: 104 minutes

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Segel is a funny guy, and he doesn't disappoint here, showing equal aplomb with physical and verbal comedy. He's perfectly matched with Blunt, easily the film's strongest dramatic player. Blunt handles her character's flaws with grace and charm, even scoring a few killer laughs along the way. Segel and Blunt are backed by a spectacular supporting cast including Mindy Kaling, Kevin Hart, Jacki Weaver and Chris Parnell, but NBC comedy mainstays Alison Brie of "Community" and Chris Pratt of "Parks and Recreation" are the MVPs, sometimes stealing entire scenes without saying a single word.

"The Five-Year Engagement's" weakest element is its bloated run time. The film's title makes it clear that we've got a lot of ground to cover, and Stoller makes some interesting insights about the way people can change over time, but there's no excuse for a romantic comedy to break the two-hour mark. As soon as Tom and Violet end up in Michigan, it's clear where the film is headed, and the amount of time it takes to get to the same third act of every romantic comedy ever made is unforgivable. Even so, the film's final moments are a disarmingly sweet twist on how romantic comedies usually end, and it's here that Stoller finds the right balance between laughs and

pathos for the first time.

Even though its wildly veering tone could use some work, "The Five-Year Engagement" remains watchable and entertaining throughout. Its characters are compelling, flawed and honestly written, and while its comedy and drama don't mix as well as they could, the film never lets one overwhelm the other. It's not as warm or rewatchable as Stoller's previous works, but "The Five-Year Engagement" is a relatively painless, often funny romantic comedy well worth the considerable time commitment.



"The Five Year Engagement"

Genre: Comedy

Runtime: 124 minutes

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concerns myself that much. I do think more about the world around me, the people around me, larger things.

DT: With your new album Anarchy, My Dear, you've mentioned in past interviews that this album allowed you all to explore your edgier sides. What influenced that decision to build an album around that exploration?

Bemis: It was just a decision we made in relation to our career, and what was going on in our lives. As for me, I wanted to make this an unfiltered Say Anything record. Once I sat down and started writing the songs, lyrically, they all revolved around this idea of riding the world of constraints on a metaphysical, spiritual and literal level.

DT: I read your Spinner essay on how you address anarchy, and how the word seems to have a negative connotation behind it nowadays. Why do you think that is?

Bemis: There are just so many ideals that over time are used for evil means, and become so distorted that your memory can't help but associate it with all of the wrong it's done in the world. In actuality though, some of

those ideals, in their purest sense, could represent a noble thing.

DT: How did the band's cover of O! Dirty Bastard's "Got Your Money" come about?

Bemis: We were asked to do a song for the [Punk Goes Crunk] compilation, and we chose ODB because he's one of the craziest dudes of all time. The weird thing about the cover was that we wanted to make it very white sounding, and make it as if I'm not trying to sound like ODB, but some Jewish dude.

DT: If you could be any rapper, which rapper would you be?

Bemis: I can't help but say Jay-Z. His life is pretty amazing; I respect the fact that he's a family dude, and he's a great rapper. I feel that there's a universal respect for the guy.

Say Anything

What: concert with Kevin Devine

Where: La Zona Rosa

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the girl saunters over to a new boy and strikes up a conversation about nothing she is truly interested in. She throws back her head in a fit of laughter and locks her hand on the new guy's chest, all the while shooting searing glances at the first boy.

The girl is telling boy #1, "Fine, you want to get in a fight? That's cool. I'm totally desirable anyway. How's standing by yourself in the corner working out for you?" Suddenly, the power has fallen back into her hands and just like that, she's back in the game and it's tied for the win.

Radio-television-film senior Alex Anderson said that playing games is the double-edged sword of the dating world because while daters may get frustrated with the challenges of the chase, they would never date someone who they considered to be "too available."

"The most unattractive thing is trying too hard or seeming needy," she said. "I think it's natural for people to play games, especially in the beginning."

When someone says they just want their love life to be simple, they're lying. Simple is too boring. We all want a little pain. Society and romance novelists have told us you can't have a timeless love story without a little torture up front. If we know playing games has the potential to ruin a relationship, why do we continue to do it?

Because no one ever wants to be forgettable, and playing games gives us the chance to complicate a relationship into a tangled and heart-wrenching love story worthy of a Shakespearean comic romance. It makes each potentially replaceable relationship one-of-a-kind. And maybe that's all we really want: to be remembered.

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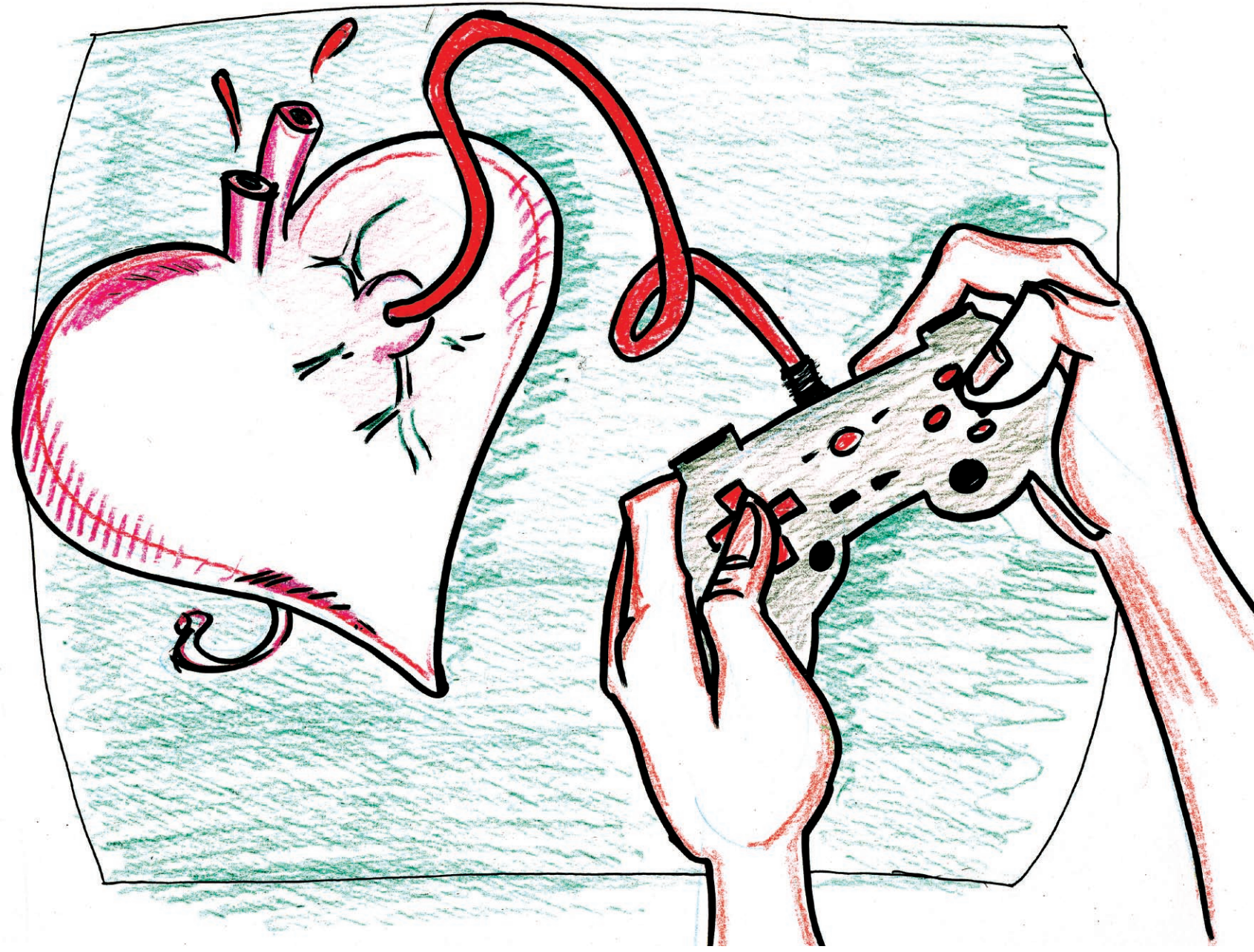


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Couples play games for power, pain, passion

LOVE INTERRUPTED

By Anjali Mehta

"Playing games" is one of those hopelessly ambiguous terms that all daters use but rarely ever know how to define. Like love itself, it's just one of those things that you know once you see it. It's the chase, the courting and the mind games that make dat-

ing a mess, but whether we like it or not, playing games makes flirting all the more fun, too.

Playing games means deliberately withholding attention with the intention of simultaneously annoying and enticing your love interest and gaining the upper hand in the relationship. The games elongate the courting process, which we fondly refer to as "The Chase."

Neurobiology senior Claire Jordan said that while playing hard to get, one of the most popular forms

of "game playing," can be fun at first, it can also be a sign of insecurity.

"It's fun to let mystery remain at first, but there comes a point when you have to let go of your 'hard-to-get' mentality; otherwise you will never find a meaningful relationship," Jordan said.

In case the Backstreet Boys didn't explain the concept in enough depth in their hit song "Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)," here's an example:

A boy and girl make plans to

meet at a party, but the boy sends the girl a casual text saying that he won't be able to make it after all. An hour later the boy strolls into the party like he owns the place. He struts over to the girl, places his hand on the small of her back and whispers into her ear, "Happy to see me?" And the worst part of all is that she kind of is, because she spent the whole night wondering why he wouldn't want to see her. Right after she comes to terms with flying solo for the night, he miraculously turns

up, surprises her and she sees him in a whole new light: he's no longer the jerk who stood her up, but instead the sweet guy who went out of his way to see her. And just like that, he wins. Boy: one. Girl: zero.

But guys aren't the only ones guilty of game playing. Keeping with the party scene, as it makes up a large part of the college dating scene, say the same boy and girl get in a fight. Consequently,

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MOVIE REVIEW

Small town murder takes on big screen

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

When one looks back on the work of Jack Black, there's a tendency for Black to come across as irritating. After all, his work is often one-note, loud and abrasive, and even when Black manages to tame his act into something recognizably human, it can still get stale quickly. However, "Bernie" represents something entirely different for Black, his first portrayal of a real-life figure, and it makes for the best performance of his career.

Inspired by an article in Texas Monthly, "Bernie" tells the story of Carthage, Texas' most beloved resident, Bernie Tiede (Jack Black). Bernie has a habit of befriending local widows, but his relationship with the notoriously acidic Marjorie Nugent (Shirley MacLaine) becomes something much more parasitic and needy than simple friendship, until Bernie finally snaps under the weight of Nugent's demands and murders her. It's here that District Attorney Danny Buck Davidson (Matthew McConaughey) gets involved, determined to convict Bernie for a crime that all of Carthage refuses to admit he committed.

"Bernie" director Richard Linklater has worked in almost every genre at this point in his eclectic career, but "Bernie" is one of his finest films, an unapologetically black-hearted examination of what drives a gentle man like Bernie to murder. The film moves at a quick,

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Linklater completely understands how small-town Texas really works.

MOVIE REVIEW

'5 Year Engagement' follows up director's rom-com filmography

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

So many romantic comedies fail to be engaging, entertaining films all the way up to their final act, when they finally have to acknowledge the romantic portion of their premise. Nicholas Stoller's debut film, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," mostly avoided that trap, layering in a funny story and characters with a sweet, unexpected romance. Stoller's next film, "The Five-Year Engagement," is a worthy follow-up, but there's a striking difference between its romantic and comedic moments, something that ultimately hurts the film.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" star Jason Segel reteams with Stoller to play Tom, a neurotic type who, in the film's opening moments, gets engaged to Violet (Emily Blunt). The two have a very healthy, honest relationship that sees its first road bump when Violet gets a job offer in Michigan. Tom reluctantly uproots himself to move with her, and as time starts to go by, the pair predictably find their new surroundings pushing them apart.

The trailers for "The Five-Year Engagement" make it seem like a relatively light-hearted romp, but while the film has plenty of laughs to spare, it blends its comedy with more hefty dramatic moments in a manner reminiscent of 2006's Vince Vaughn vehicle "The Break-Up," which was never afraid to let its stars tear into each in a wholly unfunny manner. Fortunately, things never get quite as ugly between Tom and Violet, but "The

Five-Year Engagement" still takes its characters and their problems seriously and doesn't shy away from the conflict that its central

couple inevitably stumbles into. It's common knowledge that

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In this film image released by Universal Pictures, Jason Segel, right, and Emily Blunt are shown in a scene from "The Five-Year Engagement."



Ryan Russel | The Associated Press

Alternative rock group Say Anything will perform at La Zona Rosa on Sunday. Known for hits "Alive with the Glory of Love" and "Shiksa," the group is currently on tour in support of their latest release, *Anarchy, My Dear*.

Rock band not afraid to 'Say Anything'

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Alternative rock band Say Anything will do whatever they want. If they want to make a song about over-the-phone sexcapades (2004's "Wow, I Can Get Sexual Too"), cover an Ol' Dirty Bastard classic, or write an album dedicated to anarchy, they can. Say Anything's fearlessness is what has kept them alive since their formation 12 years ago. As one of the many bands associated with the emo scene of the early 2000s, Say Anything has progressed and redefined its sound in ways that its contemporaries did not.

Currently on the road and

stopping here in Austin for a Sunday night performance at La Zona Rosa, Say Anything front man Max Bemis spoke with The Daily Texan about the band's new album, *Anarchy, My Dear*, exploring his edgier side and how the group's cover of Ol' Dirty Bastard's "Got Your Money" came about.

The Daily Texan: Throughout the years it seems that both your music and lyrical content have matured. Where ...Is a Real Boy was more autobiographical, your albums more universal themes. Is this due to you all wanting to challenge yourselves as artists, and does

getting older also come into play?

Max Bemis: I think both of those things definitely come into play. People say that those songs [on ...Is a Real Boy] were autobiographical, and they definitely were. But, they would mostly certain around negative aspects of my life; you didn't hear things like, "Oh I had a good day today," or "I went to the movies today." Once all that pain went away, so did that type of writing, to some degree. It would be forced if I continued doing such a thing. What I think about now, no longer

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