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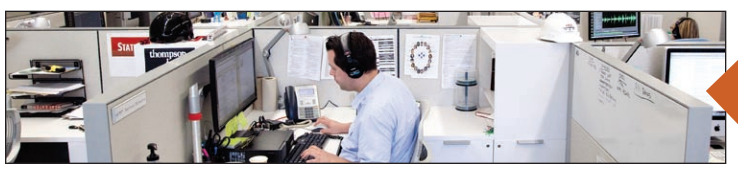

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— Mack Brown

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In 1836
The city of Houston was founded by real estate entrepreneurs and brothers John Kirby Allen and Augustus Chapman Allen in 1836.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Queer Welcome Carnival
Enjoy music, cotton candy, games, bouncy houses, and much more at the Rec Sports Center from 5-7 p.m. while also getting to know members of UT's Queer Students Alliance.

BGSA Welcome Reception
Graduate students and their family and significant others are welcome in the Texas Union Building's Governor's Room (UNB 3.116) from 6:30-8 p.m. at a reception hosted by UT's Black Graduate Student's Association. Light refreshments will be served.

YBO Asian American Welcome Event
Enjoy live music, dance performances, prizes, and more at the largest Asian American welcome event on campus from 4-9 p.m. in the Texas Union Building ballroom (UNB 3.202).

UNIVERSITY

UT officials claim Regnerus innocent of misconduct

By Bobby Blanchard

University officials announced Wednesday they will not conduct a formal investigation into the research methods of a UT professor for scientific misconduct following his study, which claimed children of gay parents are less likely to succeed.

In July, executive vice president and provost Steven Leslie announced the University would conduct an inquiry on whether or not an investigation was needed for UT associate sociology professor Mark Regnerus' study, which claims children raised by homosexual parents are at a disadvantage. Robert A. Peterson, associate vice president for research, informed Leslie in a report last Friday that based on his investigations, Regnerus committed no scientific misconduct.

Scott Rose, a New York City based investigative journalist and blogger for the pro-gay rights website The New Civil Rights Movement, set the inquiry in motion after making allegations about Regnerus in a series of letters to the University. Rose, sociology professors, LGBTQ organizations and academia nationwide accused Regnerus of having a bias for receiving funding from the Witherspoon Institute, a conservative organization. They also said he applied too broad of a definition of gay parents as any parent who has ever been in a same-sex

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Mark Regnerus
Associate sociology professor

CAMPUS

Fervor spikes at 'Big Yell'

By Andy Hoffman

Longhorn fans erupted in yells at the 6th annual Big Yell welcome rally Wednesday to inaugurate the upcoming Texas football season, foreshadowing the school spirit that accompanies the renowned games.

Launched by UT's official alumni organization Texas Exes, the rally gathered the UT community for an Orange and White Welcome and treated students to barbecue before migrating to the Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. Texas Exes Spirit and Traditions Council Chair Erica Flores said the council has been working on the project since April. She said the organization hoped to educate students on UT traditions and make people feel like they were a part of something big.

The rally also included a town hall with UT head football coach Mack Brown, who invited students to ask questions via Twitter.

"Don't forget," Brown said in a video statement released before the rally. "Come early, be loud, stay late and wear orange."

Flores also said the event was meant to integrate lesser-known secrets with the UT community. Organizations including UT Athletics, Texas Cheer and Orange Jackets also collaborated to create the event, she said.

At the end of the rally, a large group of students clad in burnt orange shirts with painted faces departed the stadium, their hands raised in a "Hook 'Em" sign. Echoes of "Texas Fight" burst through the stadium. Cherry Mendoza, member of Longhorn Hellraisers, said the Big Yell is a way to get them excited before the football season.

"Our chants are just a way to get us pumped up for the games. We have a banner that says 'Longhorn Hellraisers' and we'll march down Guadalupe before they start," she said. "We're loud, we're rowdy, we raise hell."

Biology junior Justin Nguyen said he could feel the UT spirit and loved the way the crowd responded. He said it is great to see every class participate so strongly.

"It's a power symbol," Nguyen said.

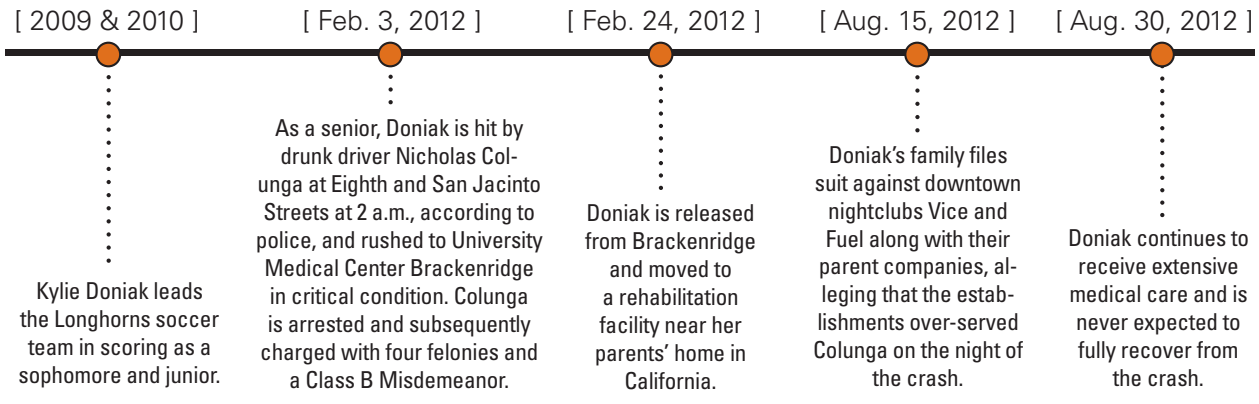
Football coach Mack Brown addresses the audience at Darrell K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium during the Big Yell Wednesday evening. The annual event aims to educate new University of Texas students on football traditions and customs.

Students in attendance at the Big Yell Wednesday evening participate in a cheer. The event featured a performance by the Longhorn Band.

Nathan Goldsmith
Daily Texan Staff

CITY

Doniak's family sues nightclubs for over-serving



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By David Maly

The family of former UT soccer player Kylie Doniak is taking a stand against the individuals they feel are responsible for over-serving the drunk driver who hit Doniak back in February, turning her into what the lawsuit calls "a young child trapped in a 22-year-old's body."

Kylie's parents, Lori and Dave Doniak, filed suit on Kylie's behalf in Travis County Court earlier this month against the downtown nightclub Vice and its parent company, Ckan Inc., and the now-closed downtown nightclub Fuel and its former parent company Yassine Enterprises. Suzanne Kaplan, attorney for the Doniak family, said the family hopes to recover funds to pay for the extensive medical care Kylie continues to need after the crash. The family is not suing drunk driver Nicolas Colunga at this time.

Kaplan said the lawsuit will send a message to other local bars about the dangers of over-serving customers. The suit alleges Colunga, 22, had between 15 and 20 beers the night he hit Kylie, most of which he drank within two hours of the accident at the nightclubs Vice and Fuel.

"They are hoping to get some financial assistance in covering what it is going to cost to care for Kylie," she said. "Right now, she needs almost around-the-clock care. She is still living at home receiving extensive rehab, and she will still need continuing therapy for an indefinite amount of time."

Yassine Enterprises became the subject of federal investigation involving illegal drug, weapon and money laundering activity in 2007, which resulted in the arrest of former company owner Mike Yassine and nine other individuals last spring. The Texas Comptroller's office took possession of six Yassine Enterprises establishments downtown, including Fuel, in April.

The suit asks for unspecified damages and a trial by jury. It says Kylie "will never be the same" as a result of the accident.

According to the suit, Colunga arrived at Fuel Feb. 2 at approximately 11:30 p.m. after having already consumed several beers. He then pro-

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Bicyclist hit crossing on 24th and Rio Grande

A 19-year-old female bicyclist was struck by a white Nissan Wednesday morning at 7:42 a.m. at the intersection of West 24th Street and Rio Grande Street.

Police reported the bicyclist was conscious at the scene. Austin Police Department Corporal Anthony Hipolito said the bicyclist admitted to officers at the scene that she did not have the right of way when turning. The bicyclist suffered minor injuries to her head and face, police said. Her name will be released when a public report of the accident is issued within the next couple of days.

— David Maly

WORK FOR US

The Daily Texan will be holding tryouts for all departments from Aug. 29 to Sept. 12. Come by our offices in HSM building at 2500 Whitis Ave to pick up an application. UT students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

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FOR THE RECORD

Correction: Because of a reporting error, the article "PCL extends operational hours to 24/5" should have stated the initiative will cost around $40,000 per year.

TOMORROW'S WEATHER

High **99** Low **79**

And if I turn it like this it looks like batman's cave.

UNIVERSITY

UT partnership to expand free online content

By Alexa Ura

Classes with 200 students could soon expand to include thousands if UT follows through with plans to launch online courses open to individuals around the world.

UT is in discussions with Coursera and edX, mass distributors of free online content from the nation's elite universities, to negotiate a partnership. If a deal is reached, individuals not enrolled at the University would be able to access and enroll in online versions of select on-campus courses for free.

Harrison Keller, vice provost for higher education policy, is spearheading the effort and said the mass distribution of free online courses will help draw new students to the University.

"Of Coursera's students, three-fourths are outside of the country, and this signals what expectations are like for these programs," Keller said. "We want to share some of the amazing faculty and educational opportunities with a broader audience statewide, across the nation and abroad."

Keller said a partnership with Coursera or edX will be an experimental phase, and no credit will be given for courses. Effectiveness and further development of the online courses will be discussed after the University collects course and audience data from the test run, Keller said.

UT has not released any information about which courses will be distributed.

Massive open online courses are fairly new to higher education. Coursera and edX each launched within the last year.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard University make up edX's higher education participants. Some of Coursera's 20 participants include Stanford University, the University of Virginia, Duke University and Rice University in Houston.

Rice University Provost George McLendon said Rice is testing massive open online courses as a supplement to large classes to pinpoint advantages and disadvantages.

"Students taking classes like chemistry, which are often 200- to 500-person courses, are already doing distance education if they're sitting past the fourth row," he said. "Is it actually better to be in this giant class or is it better to have the same lectures made available in a different format on your own time and use class time for problem-solving?"

McLendon said Rice will focus on whether online courses will benefit its current students. He said Rice is not primarily concerned with how this technology will benefit individuals worldwide not enrolled at the university.

Rice is testing the program through an interactive programming course on Coursera. Currently, the course includes 50 Rice undergraduates and about 25,000 national and international participants.

UT currently offers 54 online, self-paced college courses through the University Extension program. Both students and individuals not enrolled at UT can take these courses.

The massive open online courses are not intended to be a substitute for University Extension, UT spokesperson Tara Doolittle said. She said University Extension classes are more comprehensive than instructor-led open online courses.

Students can choose to take University Extension courses for credit or no credit and must pay tuition to enroll. Courses offered include accounting, introductory biology and American government.

The University's Center for Open Educational Resources and Language Learning also offers free online course content and educational resources.

The initiative to create the massive open online courses falls in line with UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa's Framework for Advancing Excellence, an action plan adopted by the UT System last year. Online and blended learning makes up one of the framework's nine pillars. Cigarroa reported good progress on the initiative at the Board of Regents' meeting last week.

Kenneth Green, founding director of the California research group Campus Computing Project, has been analyzing online learning and said business models have yet to be defined. He also said it is not clear how individual faculty or institutions will benefit financially based on figures presented by Coursera.

"The best way to look at massive open online courses is that they're a journey of discovery," Green said. "There is certainly a lot of interest on the demand side."

Green said other key questions surrounding massive open online courses include course completion credibility without accreditation.

The University is expected to announce its decision in the next few weeks, but funding and a release timeline are still under consideration.

STUDY

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June 11 — Debate heats up online about UT associate sociology professor Mark Regnerus' study, which claims children that grow up with gay parents do not do as well socially and emotionally as children with heterosexual parents.

July 11 — UT announces it will launch an investigation to determine if there was any scientific misconduct.

July 26 — Social Science Research, the journal that published the study, announces an internal audit found the study should have never been published.

Aug. 29 — The University announces it will not perform a formal investigation.

Graphic by Nicole Collins | Daily Texan Staff

relationship.

"None of the allegations of scientific misconduct put forth by Mr. Rose were sustained either by physical data, written materials or by information provided in the interview," Peterson said in his report.

Peterson said in his report Rose's allegations do not fall under what the University defines as scientific misconduct. The University's policy on scientific misconduct states: "ordinary errors, good faith differences in interpretations or judgments of data, scholarly or political disagreements, good faith personal or professional opinions, or private moral or ethical behavior or views are not misconduct."

The University defines scientific misconduct as: "fabrication or falsification of data, plagiarism, and other practices that seriously deviate from ethical standards for proposing, conducting, or reporting research are unacceptable and in some cases may constitute scientific misconduct."

Peterson said the University should leave whether or not the research was flawed or possessed serious limitations to debates in the academic field and future research.

Regnerus said the inquiry was thorough and professional and its outcome pleased him. Rose, however, said the inquiry did little more than scratch the surface.

"If you look at the University's definition of an inquiry, you'll see it does not really look in-depth enough," Rose said.

In response to Peterson's report, Leslie said he accepted the conclusion of the report and that the matter was closed. Peterson said in his report Regnerus would make his raw data public soon.

"At that time, scholars can examine the data themselves and arrive at their own conclusions," Peterson said.

Regnerus said he would make his raw data public in late September.

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Kylie Doniak
Former UT soccer player

ceeded to drink five to seven beers at Fuel during the next 30 to 45 minutes, showing "obvious signs of intoxication" while he was there. Next, Colunga continued on to Vice, arriving at approximately 12:15 a.m. There, he consumed four to five drinks before returning to Fuel where he was served several more beers.

The suit alleges that Fuel employees brought a bucket to Colunga's table to watch him vomit and then allowed him to order more drinks. Colunga then got behind the wheel of his 2008 Chevy Impala and ran a red light while proceeding west on East Eighth Street at San Jacinto Boulevard. The Impala "slammed into Kylie" and hit two of her friends. Colunga then crashed his car and was restrained by a witness until police arrived.

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Roger Wade, Travis County Sheriff's Office spokesperson, said Colunga is currently in jail and awaiting trial on four separate felonies, including intoxicated assault and failure to stop and render aid, and a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jonathan Insley, co-owner of Old School Bar & Grill on Sixth Street, said he is shocked that Colunga was served so much alcohol and said that would never allow that to happen at his bar.

"We have a zero-tolerance for it, and it's just crazy that this happened," he said. "What is it worth, you know, for what? It is just not worth it. You just have to follow the law when it comes to that."

Carolyn Beck, a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission spokesperson, said an investigation into both Vice and Fuel by the TABC had been suspended for lack of evidence but could be reopened if new evidence is presented in the lawsuit or discovered elsewhere.

Beck said if found in violation of TABC policy, those responsible for overserving Colunga could lose their TABC permits, could be fined and face criminal charges with a penalty of jail time.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

U.S. Nuclear security efforts honored

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar and former Sen. Sam Nunn were honored Wednesday for their role in helping ex-Soviet states secure and dismantle huge stocks of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

The pair became the first recipients of a new prize to be awarded every two years to people or groups whose work prevents the proliferation of nuclear weapons and cuts the risk of their use.

The prize was awarded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York philanthropic foundation and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace think tank at a ceremony in the Peace Palace in The Hague. It will now carry the Americans' names — The Nunn-Lugar Award for Promoting Nuclear Security.

Mexican shooting victims return to U.S.

MEXICO CITY — Mexican officials said Wednesday that two Americans wounded in a shooting attack by federal police on a U.S. Embassy vehicle are employees of the Central Intelligence Agency, and acknowledged they have returned to the United States.

A Mexican federal official whose agency does not allow him to be quoted by name said the wounded Americans are CIA employees. U.S. officials wouldn't confirm which agency the men work for or say what work they were performing in Mexico.

On Tuesday, the Mexican navy issued a statement saying the Americans were visiting a training course being held in a rural, mountainous area south of Mexico City. Some local press had previously said the Americans were acting as trainers or instructors.

French government to pay employer salaries

PARIS — The French government wants companies to hire young people so much that it's offering to pick up the tab.

The new Socialist president, Francois Hollande, told his Cabinet Wednesday that he wants to wage a war on unemployment and unveiled a plan for the government to pay most of the salaries of tens of thousands of young people hired next year.

Unemployment in France is 10 percent, but nearly 23 percent for those under the age of 25. That's an imbalance that many European countries are struggling with: In Spain, youth unemployment is over 52 percent; it's 34 percent in Italy.

— Compiled from Associated Press Reports

Ann Romney scouts women's vote

By Kasie Hunt
Associated Press

J. Scott Applwhite | Associated Press

Ann Romney is greeted on stage by her husband Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney after her speech to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla. on Tuesday.

TAMPA, Fla. — Making her national debut, Ann Romney swept onto the stage at the Republican National Convention late Tuesday night and delivered a forceful defense of her husband's character and values — and made an all-out play for the critical women's vote — in a speech designed to introduce the country to the man she knows better than anyone.

"I love you women! And I hear your voices," she said, wearing a red belted dress as black-and-white photos of her family flashed on a giant screen above her head.

She touched on her struggles with multiple sclerosis and breast cancer. She defended her husband's work ethic, saying, "I can tell you Mitt Romney was not handed success."

Her pitch was aimed squarely at women who are raising families. "If you listen carefully, you'll hear the women sighing a little bit more than the men. It's how it is, isn't it?" she said. "It's the moms who always have to work a little harder, to make everything right."

And Mrs. Romney defended her husband's wild success in business, offering a character testimonial to counter Democratic attack ads that have worked to paint her husband as wealthy and out-of-touch.

The goal of her carefully crafted speech: Help people understand the warm, personal side of her husband, a longtime candidate who has sometimes struggled to connect with voters — and who isn't nearly as well-liked as his opponent, Democratic President Barack Obama.

The woman whom Romney often introduces as "my sweetheart, Ann Romney!" has played the role of humanizer for months now. Together, she and Mitt Romney have five children and 18 grandchildren who range in age from 16 years to just a few months old. She has appeared on stage often with her husband, who's obviously more at ease when she's by his side.

A Syrian boy, who fled his home with his family in Aleppo, shows empty shells he collected as he and his family take refuge Wednesday.

Muhammed Muheisen
Associated Press

Assad asks Syria for patience

By Bassem Mroue and Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

BEIRUT — In a striking admission, President Bashar Assad said in an interview broadcast Wednesday that his armed forces will need time to defeat the rebels and addressed the string of defections from his authoritarian regime.

The comments amounted to an acknowledgment that even though the opposition lacks the government's tanks and airplanes, their tenacity and tactical creativity — combined with the military's struggle to fight on multiple fronts — have yielded a stalemate that could prolong the civil war with many more dead.

Over the past few months, Syria's military has increasingly been stretched thin fighting on multiple fronts against rebels seeking to oust Assad. His forces have been unable to quell the rebellion as it spread to the capital, Damascus, with significant clashes that began in July and to Syria's largest city, Aleppo, a few weeks later. At the same time, the military is fighting smaller scale battles in a string of other cities and towns around the country.

With neither side making significant advances, the conflict is looking more like a war of attrition that could be very drawn out.

"We are fighting a regional and global war, so time is needed to win it," Assad said in an interview with the pro-regime private TV station Dunya. "We are moving forward. The situation is practically better but it has not been decided yet. That takes time," he told the station, which is majority owned by Rami Makhlouf, a cousin of Assad and one of Syria's wealthiest men.

"If the armed forces wanted to use the entire range of its firepower, it can wipe out many areas. But this will be unacceptable," Assad said.

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Bonus-happy regents reign

Next year, the economy will likely continue to stink, and university budget cuts will remain a topic of discussion. But, in a new development, each of the UT System's 15 presidents will be eligible for an up to 15 percent bonus in addition to his or her regular, annual salary. Those salaries range from $300,000, paid to President Robert Nelson at UT Pan American, to the $667,000, paid to President William Powers Jr. here at UT-Austin. The UT Regents, who approved the new bonus policy in a meeting last week, will reward the university presidents who boost donations and graduation rates.

The Regents' approval means the bonus policy will go into effect but on which terms is not clear. Maybe the distribution of the bonuses will be fair and unbiased. But too much room for subjective passing of money exists to be sure.

The objectives now cited as part of the proposed bonus program already fall under a university president's job description. Moreover, the Regents have publicly touted the same objectives in recent months. If a president doesn't raise graduation rates or donation figures, he or she won't stay in the same position for very long, much less receive a salary raise. Powers committed to raising the incoming freshman class' four-year graduation rate almost 20 percentage points, to 70 percent, months before the proposed incentive plan was even announced.

Recognizing that standards and goals vary widely across the UT System, the Board plans to establish individual criteria for each president. Seemingly thoughtful, this plan could possibly lead to unfair evaluations based on the Regents' biases. Evidence of tension between the Board of Regents and Powers' administration emerges weekly, and allowing the Regents to evaluate our president based on their own standards seems about as reasonable as asking a chemical engineering professor to critique an English major's thesis.

Even the Regents' objectives may prove contradictory. The new incentive policy treats as normal the possibility that a system president can cut a university budget, strengthen research and increase four-year graduation rates, and all in time to go home for dinner.

If we learned anything from May's scare about Powers' job security, it's that the affordability provided by a "degree factory" institution is incompatible with the administration's goal of increasing UT's international prestige by attracting top faculty members who often expect to spend more time researching and less time teaching.

News briefs noted the new policy creates incentive-based bonuses more characteristic of the private sector than of the public. Here at UT, there are audible murmurs of the the corporatization of higher education, which spells the end of the teaching and research missions developed in the last century. Senate of College Councils President Michael Morton shares this view. "Higher education in my opinion is not something that should be run in a capitalistic manner where the focus is on profit," he said in response to the new policy.

> "Maybe the distribution of the bonuses will be fair and unbiased. But too much room for subjective passing of money exists to be sure."

While we all hope that the incentive-based bonuses will, as the Board of Regents promises, improve the quality of education throughout the UT system and increase administrative efficiency, we must watch carefully for signs of bias. The rocky history of Powers and the Regents provides a particularly dramatic illustration of the dilemma that all administrators face; they must balance concerns about efficiency and affordability with the overarching goal of providing a meaningful and valuable educational experience for students.

Photo courtesy of Cactus Yearbook

Inter-Cooperative Council officers representing member co-op houses pose for a photo in the 1968 Cactus Yearbook. Today, the Inter-Cooperative Council represents nine cooperative student houses near campus.

Defend co-op tradition for the future

Ryan Nill
Guest Columnist

In 1940 a group of UT students cooperatively built, managed and lived in a house called The Campus Guild, located at 2804 Whitis Avenue. They understood that having a vested interest in their housing situation would give them greater control over their home life and finances. That first co-op led to a long tradition of UT students working together to build and own self-sufficient houses, a tradition that may be coming to an end.

On Sept. 27th, Austin City Council will vote on the re-zoning of six of the seven neighborhoods (all but West Campus) in the Central Austin area. This will change MF-4 Group Residential Housing, the zoning category that housing cooperatives currently belong to, into a conditional-use category. This means that if students wanted to build a new co-op in any of those six neighborhoods, they would have to seek approval from the city. Neighbors within 500 feet could reject the new co-op by signing a petition. By bringing this resolution to Council, the Central Austin Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee clearly is signaling hostility towards those seeking future group residential use of properties in the area. A property owner would have many incentives to try to avoid selling to co-ops when he or she could just sell the property immediately and without fear of rejection from neighbors to another developer or family for the same price. This further disenfranchises students seeking to start a co-op, who often cannot afford a competitive bid against those of developers with plans to charge tenants high rents.

Co-ops represent an asset to the University community because they offer students unrivaled opportunities. As a co-op resident, I can identify three:

1. Living democratically: We discuss and vote on decisions of all levels, from what color to paint the dining room to whether we should move $1.3 million of debt and interest to University Federal Credit Union from Bank of America. We literally eat, breath and live democratic processes.

2. Learning to run a corporation: We offer the best business training available to students. By allowing students to become executives and board representatives in multi-million dollar corporations, co-ops teach students how to set big budgets, make 10-year plans, manage a paid staff, design non-discriminatory housing policies and learn important laws part of upkeep of a corporation.

3. Affordable housing for students: This is the mission, the reason we exist. We do it by being janitors and property managers. The pricing difference is clear when you compare student housing options. Living within the Inter-Cooperative Council system in West Campus costs $6,500 a year, including food and utilities. The apartment complex next door costs $9,500 a year, without food or utilities. Co-ops are about half the price of on-campus dorms, which cost around $12,000 annually with a meal package.

The UT co-op community stands for affordable student housing. If the city resolution passes in the upcoming vote, student co-ops will be unable to expand into areas outside of West Campus. With property values soaring, West Campus property will no longer be an option for students seeking to build a co-op, even as the growth of the UT population necessitates increased housing options. Without the opportunity to expand, and with the arrival of increasingly aggressive commercial neighbors who do not have students' interest in affordable housing at heart, no co-ops will be built

FIRING LINE

Opera is open to all

The column that ran in The Daily Texan on July 16 about opportunities for undergraduates pursuing opera needs some clarification and context. The Butler School of Music does not offer an undergraduate degree in opera, as the article suggests. A vocal performance degree with an emphasis in opera is only available to Masters and Doctoral candidates.

Not only at the Butler School of Music, but in peer vocal schools at universities across the country, most undergraduate students hone their vocal strength and skill while taking advantage of performance opportunities that are appropriate for their level of skill and experience. Adequate preparation for a large production takes vocal maturity. It can take years of training and practice to develop the voice. Many undergraduates do not yet possess the ability to carry an advanced-level, three-hour opera in the lead role multiple times a week.

However, the Butler Opera Center provides multiple opportunities for undergraduate vocal majors to perform in full productions when it is appropriate and the educational performance is suited for their level of skill and experience. In the production of Donizetti's L'Elisir d'amore, two undergraduate students performed the supporting and very important role of Giannetta and in LaHija de Rapaccini by Daniel Catan, the lead soprano role of Beatriz was performed by an undergraduate student and three undergraduate students performed supporting role of Flowers.

In the 2011-2012 academic year, BOC provided a full production of Dido and Aeneas and three other educational performance experiences for undergraduates that included a Rodgers and Hammerstein concert, An Opera Aria concert, Die Fledermaus chorus. This totals four outstanding performance experiences, three of which were programmed specifically for undergraduate voice students.

— Dr. Robert DeSimone, director at Butler Opera Center and Professor Darlene Wiley and division head at Vocal Arts

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CAMPUS

Fiji construction paused by ruling

By Joshua Fechter

The Austin Historic Landmark Commission unanimously voted to deny UT's chapter of Phi Gamma Delta (commonly known as Fiji) permission to demolish the former home of a UT physics professor.

At its meeting Monday, the commission recommended granting historical status to the house of S. Leroy Brown, who created WCM, Austin's first broadcast radio station. WCM eventually became KUT, Austin's National Public Radio affiliate.

According to the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History's website, Brown invented the mechanical harmonic synthesizer, which is considered an early analog computer.

The fraternity's main house at 2707 Hemphill Park, known as Buen Retiro, was granted historic status in 1972. Professor Brown's former residence was built in 1915, and stands behind Buen Retiro.

The chapter purchased the property in 1995 after Martha Ann Zivley's Typing Service vacated.

Finance junior Charles Branch, president of UT's chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, said the fraternity planned to demolish the house in order to build a parking lot and a new facility that would provide living and study spaces for the fraternity's expanding membership.

He said 50 members live in Buen Retiro's 25 rooms, which he said strains the house's bathroom and kitchen facilities.

Branch said he respects the commission's decision, but said tearing down the smaller building will help preserve Buen Retiro.

"We're doing this in part to save a historical landmark," he said.

In addition to being Brown's former residence, the commission recommended granting historical status because it exhibits Dutch Colonial Revival-style architecture and is one of the few houses in Austin that does so, according to the agenda item from Monday's meeting.

Branch said the commission did not consider the fact that the house's roof is caving and rodents live inside because Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office director, did not include that information in his report to the commission.

"He never stepped inside of the house," Branch said.

Sadowsky said that the commission does not have jurisdiction over inspecting the interior of buildings.

According to the city of Austin's webpage, the Fire Marshal's office conducts fire and life safety inspections for multi-family residencies, fraternities and sororities. The office may also conduct investigations for single-family residences.

Sadowsky said the recommendation to recognize the house as a historic landmark will go before the Austin Planning Commission, but he does not know when.

If the commission approves the recommendation, it will go before the City Council, which has the power to officially declare the house

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Nathan Goldsmith | Daily Texan Staff

Construction workers prepare rebar at a build site on 2400 Nueces street. The building will be residential housing combined with a parking facility.

CAMPUS

SG to host tailgate for students

By Andy Hoffman

Student Government will host a student-only tailgate near the Lyndon B. Johnson Fountain for the first time Saturday for the Texas vs. University of Wyoming football game.

Student body vice president Wills Brown said students should expect a normal tailgate atmosphere that encourages different groups to mingle before games. Starting about three hours before football games, the tailgate will be set up at 23rd Street and Robert Dedman Drive. At 5 p.m., buses carrying the Texas football team will arrive and the players will walk down 23rd Street into the Tom and Cinda Hicks gates at the north end of Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

"The event will be on the east side of the football stadium under a 20 feet by 40 feet tent," Brown said. "We will have a large table, chairs and games like corn hole."

Brown said creating the event required communication and preparation.

"Tailgating began by meeting with the athletics department and preparing the student area," Brown said. "The hardest part of the tailgating process has been getting the word out."

Brown said he supports bringing in as many people as possible and hopes every person interested comes out to the tailgate.

> "The tailgating will help students who only know a few friends."
>
> —Wills Brown, Student Body Vice President

"We want to bring everyone together. Come early. Stay late. We really want to bring an opportunity to students who aren't already involved in student organizations," Brown said.

Business freshman Evie Howard said the tailgate should help bring her friends from different groups together before games.

"The tailgating will help students who only know a few friends," Howard said. "You meet one person here and there, but the event will help students mix different groups of friends."

Many other student organizations host tailgates as social events. Kristin Dugie, Texas Lonestars alumni relations chair, said her group hosts a tailgate near the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum two or three times a year.

Dugie said, "You meet a lot of people that aren't in your organization, which helps students branch out."

STATE

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Planned Parenthood supporters stand in front of the capitol during a rally in March of last year.

New rules in Women's Health Program prompt DHS hearing

By Michelle Marie Garcia

The Texas Department of Health Services will host a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 4, regarding the implementation of new rules for the Texas Women's Health Program, a debate that has ignited controversy among women across the state, including a ban on Planned Parenthood as a provider for the program. The Women's Health Program received a hit in March when Gov. Rick Perry announced Texas would now exclude Planned Parenthood, a family planning agency that provides health care to about 130,000 low-income women, from the program because it provided abortions. Since then, Planned Parenthood has sued the state to remain in the program. Courts ruled in Perry's action legal in August. The case will go before a Texas district court in October.

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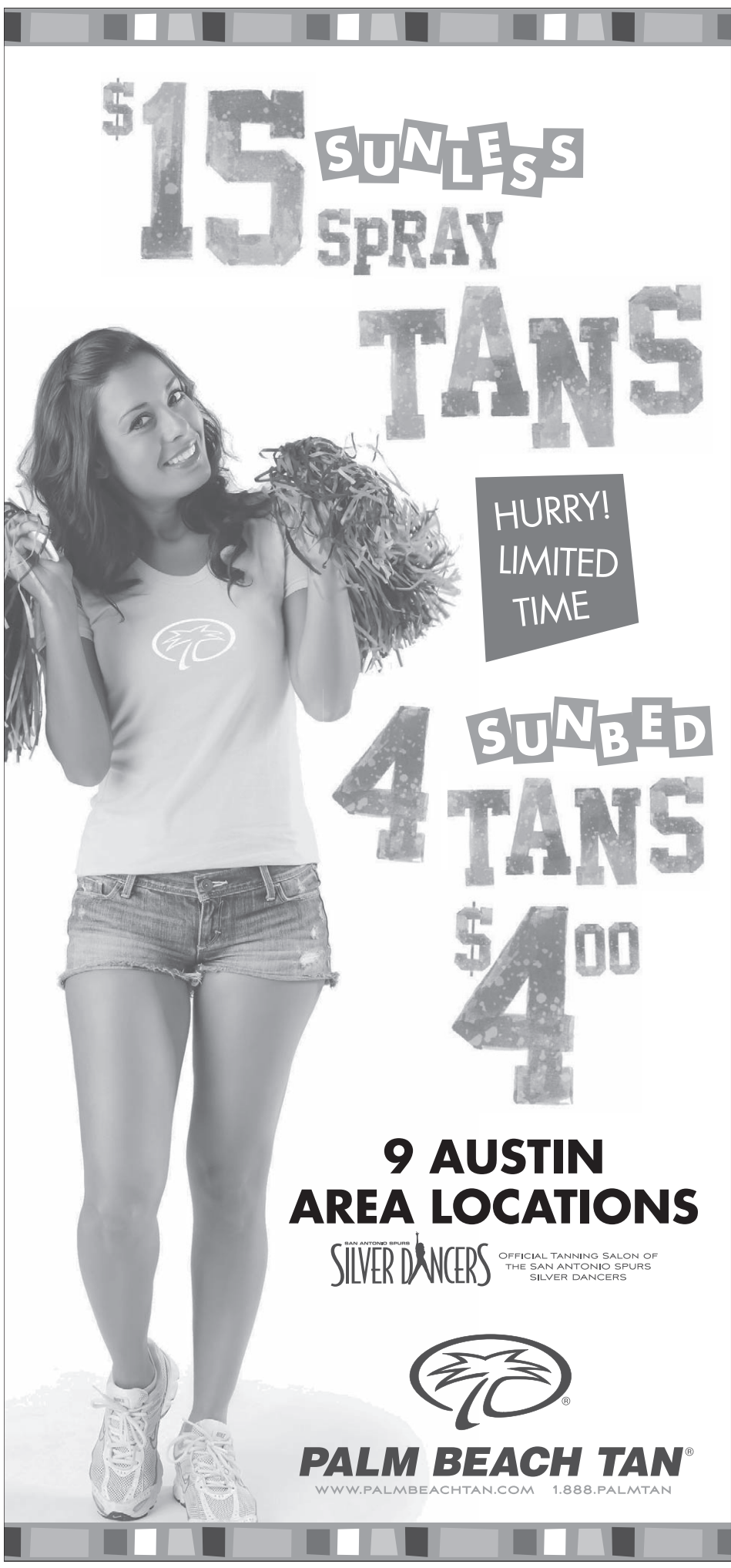

UNIVERSITY

KUT expansion to make waves with new station

By David Maly

On-campus radio station KUT may soon be able to boast two frequencies and say it has a station dedicated solely to news. Should someone want tunes, he or she had better change to KUT's music channel.

The UT System submitted filings with the Federal Communications Commission, the government entity in charge of regulating radio and television, earlier this week to request permission to purchase Austin oldies station 98.9 KXBT. UT is expecting a final decision by late November.

Hawk Mendenhall, associate general manager for KUT-FM, a National Public Radio affiliate, said the new station will bring ample opportunity to the UT and greater Austin communities by expanding local coverage of both news and music content, providing more airtime for University academics to share their work and creating additional internship opportunities for students.

The UT System Board of Regents approved KUT's $6 million purchase at its meeting last week. The purchase will be funded by $2 million in donations and a $4 million loan from UT to be repaid over the course of 10 years. If KUT falls more than four months behind on its payments, UT will sell the station's license.

Mendenhall said the public will have the opportunity to voice opinions on the purchase, and the FCC will consider all information before making a final decision. He said he expects the purchase to be approved and completed by November.

"We think we have a very strong case on this," he said.

KUT spokesperson Erin Geisler said she expects the number of available internships at the station to double to nearly 110 positions per year.

Mendenhall said the current KUT will switch from a combined music and news format to an all-news format by adding more localized content. The new station will then adopt an all-music format by taking the music content currently being run on KUT and adding more localized coverage.

Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

Jay Trachtenberg, afternoon music host at KUT, plays music on the air in the Belo Center for New Media studio Wednesday. Trachtenberg will be moving over to the new music station, 98.9 KUTX.

Mendenhall said every state capital in a major radio market other than Austin and Atlanta, Ga., has a full-time news radio station.

"Basically, there's a lot going on in Texas," he said. "It's arguably the most important state capital in the country right now, so it deserves full-time coverage."

Robert Ascott, UT chemical engineering graduate student and avid KUT-FM listener, said he is thrilled about the possible new station.

"If we claim to be the live music capital of world, having that expanded music coverage for Austin would be very good," he said.

Ascott said he also likes the idea of being able to choose between KUT's quality music and news coverage depending on what mood he is in.

"I enjoy their news, and I listen to it whenever I can," he said. "At the same time, being able to switch off and listen to a broader music venue is likely going to be a plus to myself and the broader community."

The KUT station recently moved into the newly constructed Belo Center for New Media.

Mendenhall said since KUT's move to the new building last month, he has seen an increased desire for student involvement with the station because of its more prominent location. The station was formerly located in the Jesse H. Jones Communication Center.

"It's great to be in a new building and have all this energy around," he said. "It's great to have a lot of students coming in and asking how they can help, how they can get involved. You know, people are really buzzing about the opportunity to be involved, particularly when they are walking right past it."

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a historic landmark and prevent its demolition. Sadowsky said if the council approves the recommendation, the fraternity could appeal the decision in district court.

Branch said the fraternity has no current plans to contest or protest the commission's recommendation, because it must first consult its alumni and lawyers.

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"Planned Parenthood is the sole provider of health care to more than 130,000 low-income women in Texas," said Susan Heinzelman, director of UT's Center for Women's and Gender Studies. "Many students who do not have health care providers here in Austin rely on Planned Parenthood for their preventative care."

Sarah Wheat, an interim CEO for the Texas Capital Region Planned Parenthood, said Planned Parenthood currently serves more women enrolled in the Texas Women's Health Program than any other provider, and the state funds about 10 percent of Planned Parenthood's operations. Planned Parenthood operates separate clinics for women seeking abortions and has stated Texas funds do not go to fund abortions.

Wheat said Planned Parenthood estimates it saves the state about $45 million a year by providing preventive screenings and tests.

"About 47 percent of women who receive services receive them from Planned Parenthood, so almost half of the women in the program won't be able to access the services," Wheat said. "It is going to have an enormously negative effect on women."

Proposed rules for the Women's Healthcare program would also ban doctors from discussing abortion with any WHP client. In its lawsuit, Planned Parenthood claimed this violates free speech.

Texas already has several laws in place regarding abortion, including one that requires a woman to receive an ultrasound 24 hours before having an abortion and listen to a description of it in full detail.

The Woman's Right To Know Act also requires a woman to be given information about adoption and the medical complications abortions can create before they have an abortion.

"It's a bad choice to limit funding because it might increase risk factors for some students," Kelsey Duncan, Radio-television-and-film sophomore, said. "We're all college students. We don't always have a lot of money, which means we need to go to the most affordable place we can find."

The public can attend the hearing at 1:30 p.m. in the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center located at 4800 N. Lamar.

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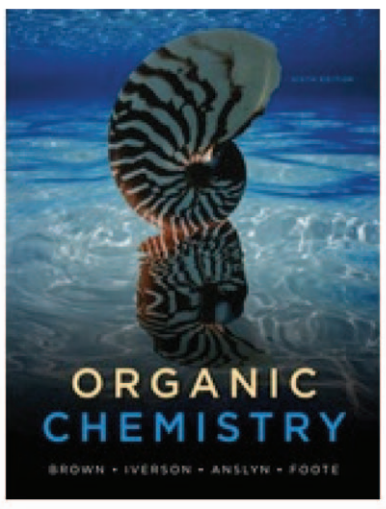

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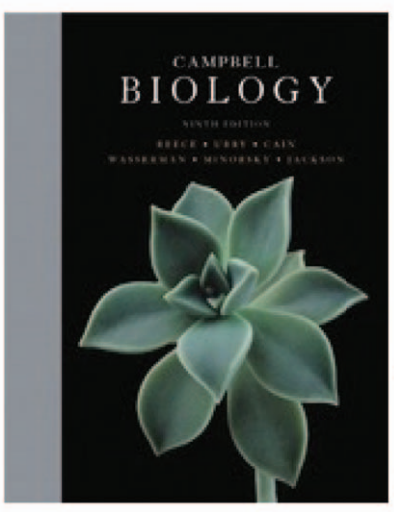

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DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK

Horns defense back for more

By Lauren Giudice

Not paying attention to the hype surrounding the Texas defense is easier said than done.

The group led the Big 12 in rushing, passing and total defense last season. After losing just a few significant pieces, the Longhorns are expected to be one of the best defenses in the country.

"It's just about getting back to where we were, and then picking up from last season," senior defensive end Alex Okafor said. "Just getting back to the top, man. That's all we worked on this offseason, was just getting Texas back to where it belongs, getting back to a Top 10 BCS team."

The defense's strength starts in the front. Defensive ends Okafor and Jackson Jeffcoat are the leaders of one of the best lines in the country. The two were the anchors of a line that finished sixth in rushing and 33rd in sacks last season.

The two bookends, along with tackles Chris Whaley and junior college transfer Brandon Moore, will only improve on last season.

With the graduation of Emmanuel Acho and Keenan Robinson, the linebacker position is the main question of the Texas defense.

Junior Jordan Hicks has taken a leadership role at the position and will be joined by Demarco Cobbs and Steve Edmond in the starting spots. The linebackers are young, but Hicks' experience and leadership

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Depth Chart

DE	Jackson Jeffcoat (Jr., 6-5, 245)	Cedric Reed (So., 6-6, 250)
NT	Chris Whaley (Jr., 6-3, 292)	Ashton Dorsey (Jr., 6-2, 295)
DT	Brandon Moore (Jr., 6-5, 320)	Desmond Jackson (So., 6-1, 303)
DE	Alex Okafor (Sr., 6-4.5, 265)	Reggie Wilson (Jr., 6-3. 259)
SLB	Demarco Cobbs (Jr., 6-2, 218)	Tevin Jackson (So., 6-2, 233)
MLB	Steve Edmond (So., 6-3, 255)	Kendall Thompson (So., 6-3, 259) --OR-- Dalton Santos (Fr., 6-3, 250)
WLB	Jordan Hicks (Jr., 6-2, 235)	Kendall Thompson (So., 6-3, 239) --OR-- Peter Jinkens (Fr., 6-3, 213)
RCB	Quandre Diggs (So., 5-10, 200)	Duke Thomas (Fr., 5-11, 175)
FS	Kenny Vaccarro (Sr., 6-1, 218)	Josh Turner (So., 6-0, 177)
SS	Adrian Phillips (Jr., 5-11, 201)	Mykkele Thompson (So., 6-2, 183)
LCB	Carrington Byndom (Jr., 6-0, 180)	Sheroid Evans (So., 6-4, 185)
P	Alex King (Sr., 6-2, 205)	Williams Russ (So., 6-4, 185)
PR	Quandre Diggs (So., 5-10, 200)	Jaxon Shipley (So., 6-1, 192)
KR	D.J. Monroe (Sr., 5-9, 175) --AND-- Quandre Diggs (So., 5-10, 200)	Mykkele Thompson (So., 6-2 183) --AND-- Marquise Goodwin (Sr., 5-9, 180)

Alex Okafor
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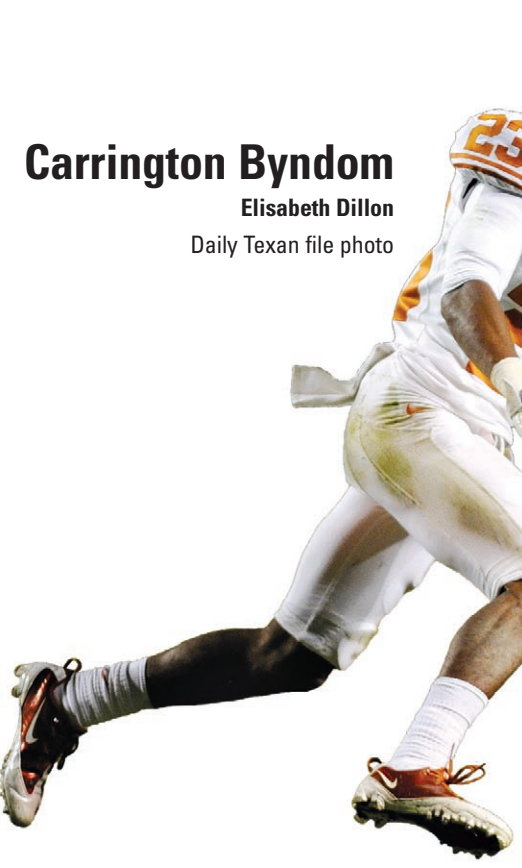

Carrington Byndom
Elisabeth Dillon
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Byndom lets his play do the talking for Longhorns

By Chris Hummer

Carrington Byndom isn't like most great cornerbacks.

He's very soft-spoken, doesn't talk a lot of smack on the field and calmly hands the ball to the referee after making a pick. But he's got one thing in common with the typically talented, flashy corner — he shuts people down.

Last season, his first as a starter, Byndom quietly emerged as one of the best cover corners in the country. He was 12th in the nation in passes defended, averaging 1.3 deflections a contest. Those gaudy numbers were in spite of opposing quarterbacks avoiding him early in the year, instead picking on then-freshman Quandre Diggs.

They threw at Diggs for good reason too; Byndom just didn't give receivers much breathing room.

Even the best wideout in college football last season, Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon, a two-time Biletnikoff award winner, failed to have his usual success against Byndom. Byndom held Blackmon to seven receptions for 74 yards and one touchdown, good numbers, but below his per-game average in all three categories.

Performances like those are the reason why praise is rolling in for the junior, and Texas head coach Mack Brown is one of the people leading the choir that's showering adoration on Byndom.

"He's a guy that can intercept the ball," Brown said. "He can make plays. He's physical. And I think that he will end up being one of the better defensive backs in the country this year."

Byndom, true to his polite personality, was touched by Brown's words, but he would be the first to admit he still hasn't reached those standards.

"I'm honored that he would think so highly of

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COLUMN: DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK

Defensive end duo is by far best in country

By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

The Longhorns played three games before Alex Okafor recorded his first sack last year. They played six before Jackson Jeffcoat got his first one.

Don't expect them to wait this long this season. After their short-lived drought, they ended the season with 35 combined tackles for loss and 15 sacks between them. With Okafor back for his senior season playing opposite Jeffcoat, a junior, Texas will have the best pair of defensive ends in the country.

"You never really want to listen to the hype," Jeffcoat said. "That's how you get beat. You take it all, like I said, with a grain of salt and then you keep working. You keep improving yourself, because there's always things you can improve on."

Both Jeffcoat and Okafor have been projected by many to be first-round picks in next April's NFL Draft. Okafor, along with safety Kenny Vaccaro, the only other senior starter on the Texas defense, decided to spend one more year as a Longhorn before moving on to the NFL.

The top player at his position in the country coming out of Plano West High School, 6-foot-5-inch, 245-pound Jeffcoat is now one of the best at his position in college football. And after not putting up big numbers in the beginning of the season, he made two sacks in the Longhorns' 21-10 win over Cal in last December's Holiday Bowl.

But according to the preseason All-Big 12 team, Jeffcoat isn't even the best defensive end on his own team. Okafor was not only a member of that preseason all-conference squad, but he was named the preseason Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year.

"We know we have the God-given talent and we know we have put it on film last year," Okafor said. "It's just continuing that and that's the ultimate goal — everybody wants to be the best."

It's hard to believe, but Jeffcoat played the final three games of last year with a pectoral injury that he had to have surgically repaired this offsea-

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Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan file photo
Jackson Jeffcoat, after not recording a sack in Texas' first six games last year, finished the season with a team-high eight sacks in 2011, including two sacks in a Holiday Bowl win over Cal.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Men's Golf starts year ranked No. 2

As the defending national golf champion, Texas will begin the 2012-2013 season ranked No. 2 behind Alabama, the runner-up of last season's NCAA tournament, in the Golf World/Nike Golf Division I College preseason poll. The Longhorns return with sophomore All-American Jordan Spieth, along with seniors Julio Vegas and Cody Gribble and junior Toni Hakula from the 2012 championship squad. Spieth was named the Big 12 Conference Player of the Year and took the low-amateur title at this year's U.S. Open. The Longhorns will begin the season Sept. 7 in Georgia at the Carpet Capital Collegiate Classic.

— Sara Beth Purdy

LHN to broadcast opener downtown

This weekend's game between No. 15 Texas and Wyoming will be broadcast exclusively on the Longhorn Network, with radio coverage on AM 1300 the Zone. The Longhorn Network will be showing its coverage of the game on a multi-story video wall Saturday at downtown Austin's Republic Square Park. Admission is free and the park gates will open an hour before kickoff to allow fans entry.

— S.B.P.

VOLLEYBALL

Sweep gives Elliott 200th Big 12 victory

By Sara Beth Purdy

No. 2 Texas rolled into West Virginia and came out with a win in its 2012 Big 12 season opener and first match against the conference newcomers. The team took the match in straight sets (25-15, 25-18, 26-16), improving to 4-0 on the season after last weekend's tournament.

The Longhorns, who have not dropped a single set all season, handed head coach Jerritt Elliott his 200th career conference win with the sweep against West Virginia.

The match marked the first-ever matchup between the two teams and the first Big 12 contest for West Virginia. The Mountaineers showed up in full force, registering a crowd of more than 3,000, a record for the University.

At the start of the match, the Mountaineers used the energy of the crowd to keep the game close at a 5-5 tie during the first set. However, a 6-1 surge set off by sophomore outside hitter Haley Eckerman brought the score to 11-6 in favor of the Longhorns. The Mountaineers were not able to recapture any momentum while Texas logged 12 kills with two errors and turned in a .400 hitting average during the first set.

The Mountaineers took an 8-7 lead in the second set, their first lead of the night, but another 6-1 run by the Longhorns — this time sparked by sophomore middle blocker Khat Bell — put the game at 13-9. Eckerman finished for the Longhorns as they claimed the second set.

Junior outside hitter Bailey Webster led off the third set with three kills. The Longhorns took an early 6-3 lead in the third set to remain perfect on t he season.

Eckerman and Webster each registered double-digit kills for the Longhorns — Eckerman with 15 kills while hitting .538 and Webster with 13 kills while hitting .522.

Arielle Allen led the West Virginia effort with 10 kills with a .318 hitting average.

As a team, the Longhorns hit .363, almost three times the West Virginia hitting average of .137.

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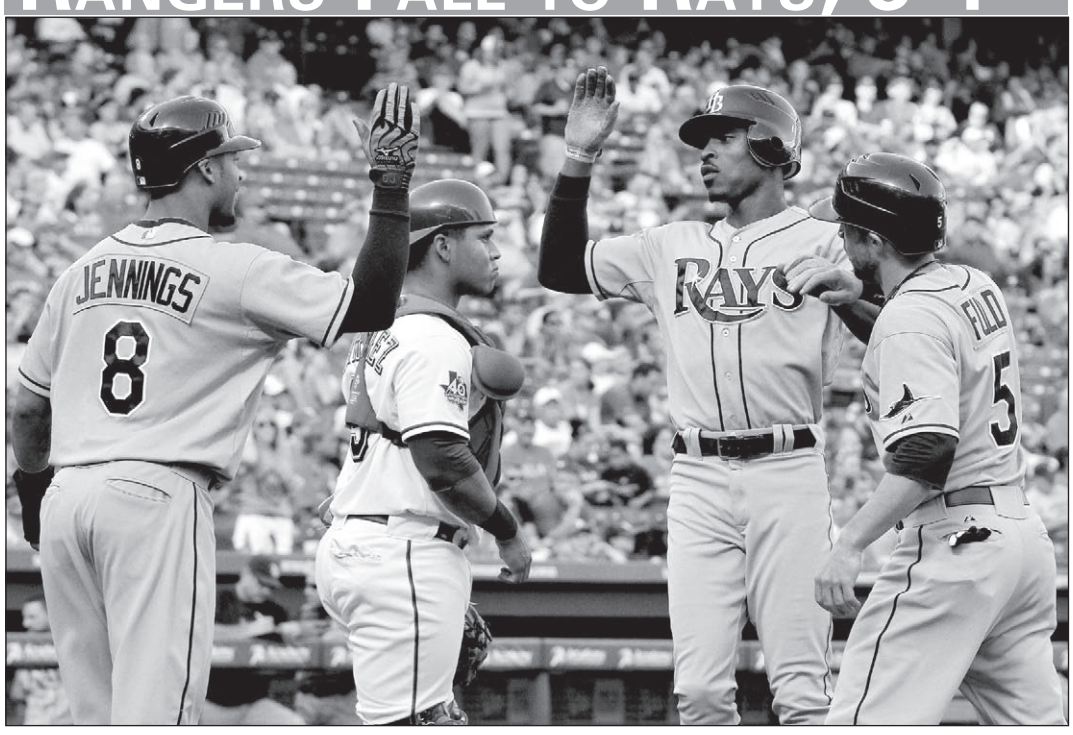
Rangers Fall to Rays, 8-4



B.J. Upton meets his teammates after hitting a three-run home run in the second inning off Rangers starter Matt Harrison, who also gave up a pair of homers to Evan Longoria in the 8-4 loss to the Rays Wednesday. Despite the defeat, the Rangers won the series and own an AL-best 77-53 record.

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will play an important role in their development.

"When you only have two seniors on defense, we sort of had to 'knight' or get them on their knees and do the sword thing to knight a few juniors and turn them into seniors," defensive coordinator Manny Diaz said. "We told them that you have two senior seasons. We couldn't wait around."

Last season Kenny Vaccaro made the decision to stay at Texas for his senior season rather than enter the NFL draft. His versatility gives him the ability to play multiple positions in the secondary, but will start at free safety.

Adrian Phillips joins Vaccaro at strong safety. Like Vaccaro, Phillips is very versatile. Promising sophomores Josh Turner and Mykkele Thompson will back up Vaccaro and Phillips.

Carrington Byndom and sophomore Quandre Diggs look to make up one of the most dominant cornerback duos in the Big 12. Diggs tied a Texas freshman record with four interceptions to go with 51 tackles, while Byndom had 15 pass breakups and two interceptions.

The entire team has been focusing on being more aggressive.

"Last year, we thought we knew what we were doing," Diaz said. "We looked like a team that we were pretty sure about our assignments, and I hope this year, we are a team that knows our assignments and that there's just a little bit more aggression last year that you saw as the year went on."

For a defense that thrived last year, it looks like whether or not the offense can catch up will be what determines the success of the Longhorns' season.

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me," Byndom said. "But I still have a long ways to go. I'm still making strides to improve my game."

He may not be an All-American yet, but he's quickly working his way there.

Byndom already has amazing on-the-ball instincts, good footwork and the speed to keep up with any wideout. However, the real key to his success on the island that is the cornerback position is confidence.

"You got to have confidence. That's where it starts," Byndom said. "You got to have confidence in your technique and your abilities that whatever happens on this play you will prevail, you will overcome and win. Being strong-minded is definitely a good thing at corner."

That mental fortitude has served him well during his first few seasons on the 40 Acres and is a big reason why he was able to perform at an upperclassman level as a sophomore.

To live up to the potential Brown believes he has, Byndom will have to take another leap this season. And all indications are that he's made major strides in doing so during the offseason.

"This past year he was really good in coverage, but over the summer he's gotten even better," safety Adrian Phillips said. "I think he will be one of the best corners in the nation. People will try him, but he's been working like he should be to prepare for it."

He'll be tested frequently with all of the explosive passing attacks in the Big 12. But he's prepared for it; he's dealt with the rigors of the conference before, and all of that experience will only help him take his game to the next level.

Byndom may not be flashy, talkative or even exuberant, but he's skilled, confident and intelligent, the aspects that really determine how good a cornerback can be.

Most importantly, he thrives on the one-on-one competition that comes with the job, and he never likes to lose.

"I definitely don't turn down playing a little man [to man defense]," Byndom said. "I embrace it."

> "You have to have confidence. That's where it starts."
>
> — Carrington Byndom, cornerback

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son. He made three sacks over that stretch, and because he was limited in what he could do while he was hurt, Jeffcoat believes he is a better player for having played through that injury.

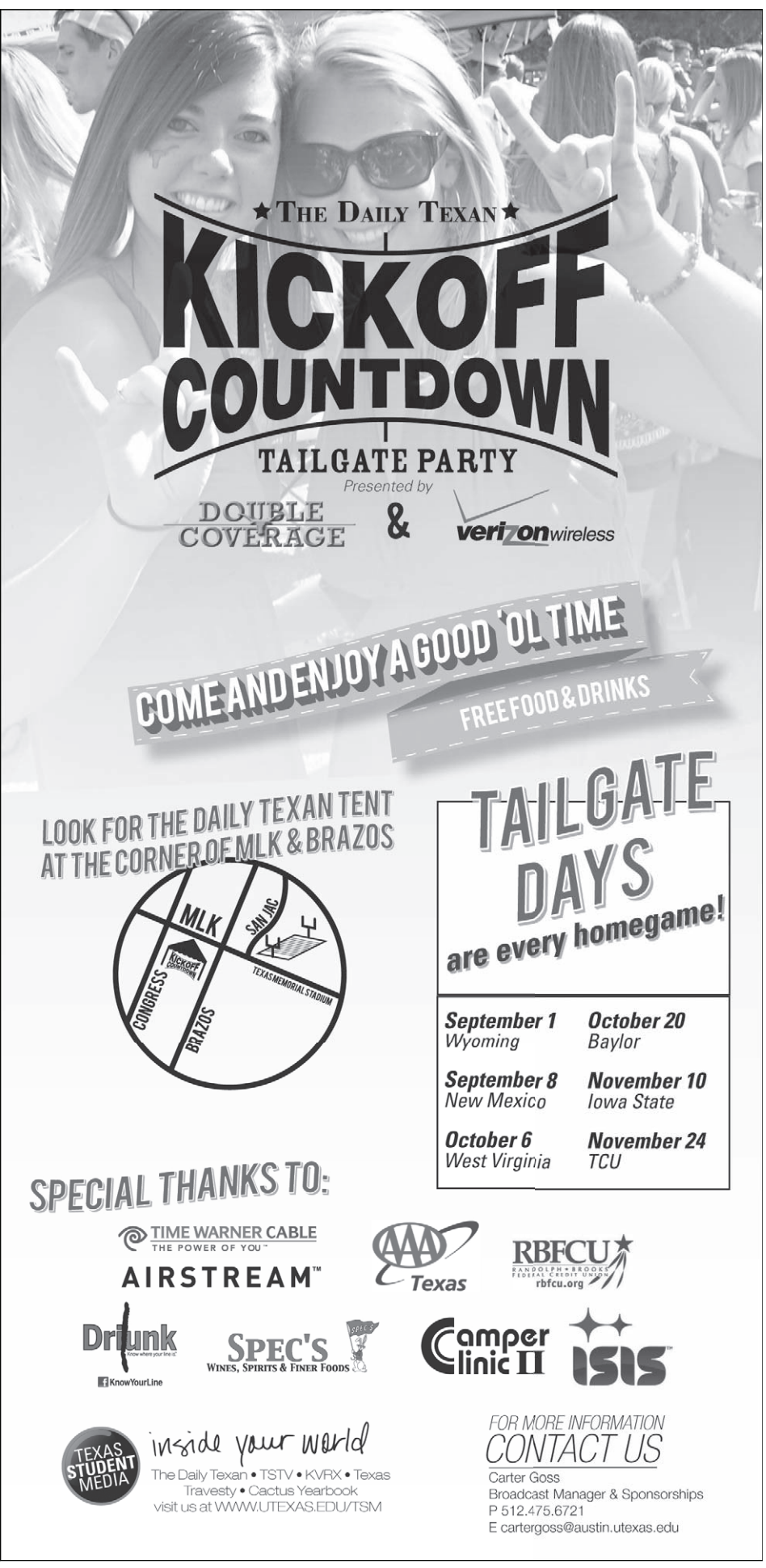
Wyoming has a dynamic dual-threat quarterback in Brett Smith, who passed for 20 touchdowns as a freshman last year while running for 10 more scores. He found the end zone multiple times in 10 out of 13 games last year as the Cowboys won eight games for the first time since 1998.

"They have the quarterback that can run and get after it, and they have some wide receivers that can make big plays," Jeffcoat said about Smith and his Wyoming offense. "We have to be able to contain them. We have to get out there and start strong from the beginning."

Nebraska's Jared Crick missed the Cornhuskers' game against Wyoming last year, but Smith went up against TCU's All-Mountain West defensive end Stansly Maponga, who recorded half a sack in the Horned Frogs' 31-20 triumph over the Cowboys. But Smith has not seen a one-two pass rush punch like he'll see in Wyoming's season opener against Texas this weekend.

"Wyoming, they have a good offense. They have a good team," Okafor said. "[Smith] can run. He's a great player. It starts up front. If we don't pressure him from the get-go and he starts getting loose on a couple runs and completes a couple passes, we'll be in for a long game and we don't want that to happen."

LSU, with Barkevious Mingo and Sam Montgomery (combined 28.5 tackles for loss and 17 sacks in 2011), and Florida State, with Bjoern Werner and Brandon Jenkins (combined 23 tackles for loss and 15 sacks in 2011), both have tremendous pairs of pass rushers. But they're not as good as the one at Texas.



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Pharmacy school students cheer during Gone to Texas Tuesday. Each college held separate gatherings before all congregated at the Tower.

Issues lurk amid celebration

By Laura Wright
Daily Texan Columnist

I expected attending Gone to Texas in the middle of my college career would feel different from attending it as a freshman. After all, the past two years of college have changed my view of this massive and wonderful place. Watching the UT System Board of Regents and the UT-Austin administration fight out their ideological differences by way of newspaper editorials, ominously named committees and rumors of President William Powers' termination has made me both more cynical about and more attuned to the political motivations that affect our university. I predicted that this year's Gone to Texas would hint at the importance of graduating in four years, at the crucial role of research at the University, and that it would walk a fine line between mouthing off at the regents and telling them what they want to hear. It was wonderfully refreshing, then, that last night's festivities steered clear of obvious references to the battles being fought on the 40 Acres and focused instead on the University's many victories.

The ceremony began at 8:30 p.m. when a commercial featuring Powers lit up the tower, leading the students to look up as his distinctive voice fell over the audience. In the video, Powers vowed to make this the "best public university in the nation," a phrase I find admirably absent of bravado — he didn't say we are the best — and yet full of enthusiasm for the University.

At the video's end, a performance by the Innervisions Gospel Choir begins. Soon, the choir launches into a gorgeous breakdown of the "Eyes of Texas," and the audience began to hoot, holler and applaud. As the song ended, Thor Lund and Wills Brown, the student body president and vice president, filed on stage for a scripted speech. Their most charming moments occurred when they forgot to read off their papers and broke into unplanned moments of Brown pointing into the audience and waving around his horns. Of course, at least one of them, Brown, made mention in his speech of the Texas Constitution of 1876's mandate that UT be "a university of the first class." Though people on both sides of UT's ideological battles often use this quotation in their arguments, Brown's use of it appeared to carry no between-the-lines implication of what "first-class university" should mean.

Throughout the night, however, the programming offered some hints at what a "first-class university" should be. The event included over 20 minutes' worth of programming devoted to praising research and the opportunities it gives students. Alexa Van Brummen, a senior involved in research, shared the story of how she found her way into a competitive research lab as a mere freshman. She then encouraged students to follow a similar path. Another video showcased how research by mechanical engineering professor Rick Neptune has made better-fitting prostheses available to amputees. While the regents' disagreements with UT administrators over the role of research in higher education were never directly referenced, the amount of time spent on the subject serves as a reminder that the conflict continues.

Finally, Powers took the stage. Every time I hear Powers' voice, I can't help but feel like I am standing in a smokehouse in Luling, Texas, and he is about to emerge from the back with a giant slab of brisket, although the mass of freshmen sitting in front of me last night almost certainly didn't make the same connection. They too seemed intimidated by the gravelly-voiced Powers, who has a calm confidence about him that I must subconsciously associate with Texas barbecue. "All too soon I'll see you at graduation," he said to the freshmen, reminding them of the "bookend" nature of Gone to Texas and their graduation: one you attend as an incoming freshman, the other as an exiting senior. A video of previous commencement speakers followed, and the nod toward the end goal of "going to Texas" — making it to graduation — had sufficient gravitas to quiet the now antsy crowd. As the video ended, a spotlight landed on the academic seal. "You are now and forever identified with Texas," Powers said. A cheer went up, and I felt my cynicism flare — what exactly does "identifying with Texas" mean when so many people are fighting over the University's purpose?

But alas, Gone to Texas rightfully left no place for a grim upperclassman like me. Before I can turn to a friend and make a move, the band swept in and the celebration started.

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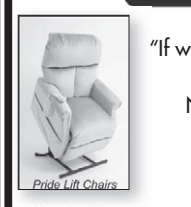

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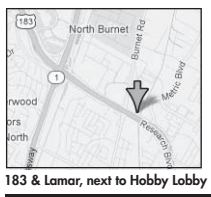

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MOVIE REVIEW 'COSMOPOLIS'

Overambitious film fails to measure up to hype

By Alex Williams

When the pieces of David Cronenberg's adaptation of Don DeLillo's "Cosmopolis" began to fall into place, the biggest question mark was always Robert Pattinson, who plays billionaire Eric Packer. After all, Pattinson is wrapping up his time with the "Twilight" franchise, and audiences sick of Edward Cullen may still have some sneaking curiosity about Pattinson's skills outside of the sparkling blood-sucker that made him famous. Unfortunately, while Pattinson's performance in "Cosmopolis" is disappointing, it is also far from being the weakest link in the film.

What vaguely recognizable plot the film has consists mostly of Pattinson cruising around Manhattan in his tricked-out limo, which functions as his office and living quarters. His bodyguard (played by Kevin Durand) is weary of a threat to Packer's life, but Packer seems more interested in a cross-city journey for a haircut.

If that all sounds a bit vague, it's supposed to. The film's dialogue is full of plodding, abstract discussion, and Pattinson flounders when asked to deliver this dialogue with any sort of depth. Instead, he remains buttoned up and stiff throughout the film, and his performance completely fails to evoke any understanding of emotional connection to his character. The film is essentially a revolving door of truly skilled actors like Jay Baruchel, Juliette Binoche and Samantha Morton saddled with delivering passages that may have worked on the page, but sound like psuedo-literary babble when spoken outloud. Only Paul Giamatti, who appears for a long stretch at the end of the film, brings anything different to the screen.

Cronenberg wrote the film's screenplay, and his adaptation of DeLillo's work is tepid all-around. Films like "Dead Ringers" have shown that Cronenberg knows how to make an icy protagonist compelling, but Eric Packer is too broadly written, a fountain of ideas that never come into focus in any meaningful way. The film's visuals are just as stagnant, with much of the action taking place in Packer's limo or similarly small, drab spaces that Cronenberg fails to make visually interesting.

Between this and last year's equally sterile "A Dangerous Method," it's easy to get the impression that Cronenberg has lost his flair, his penchant for exploring the squirmy unknown, and one can only hope his next film will be more in line with the fearless, fascinating work we've come to expect from the director.

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Robert Pattinson, left, and Kevin Durand in a scene from "Cosmopolis."

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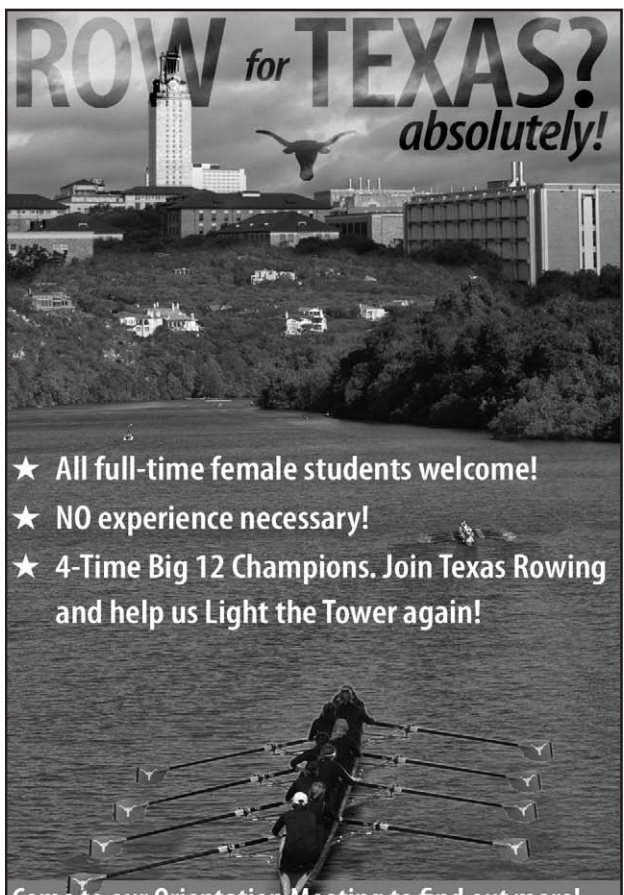

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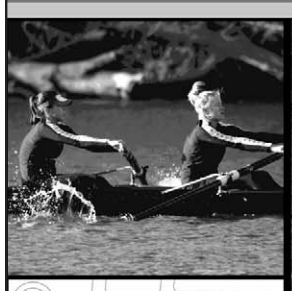

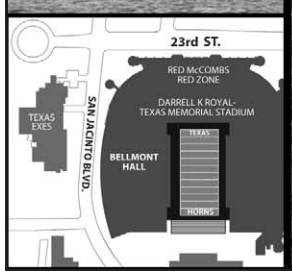

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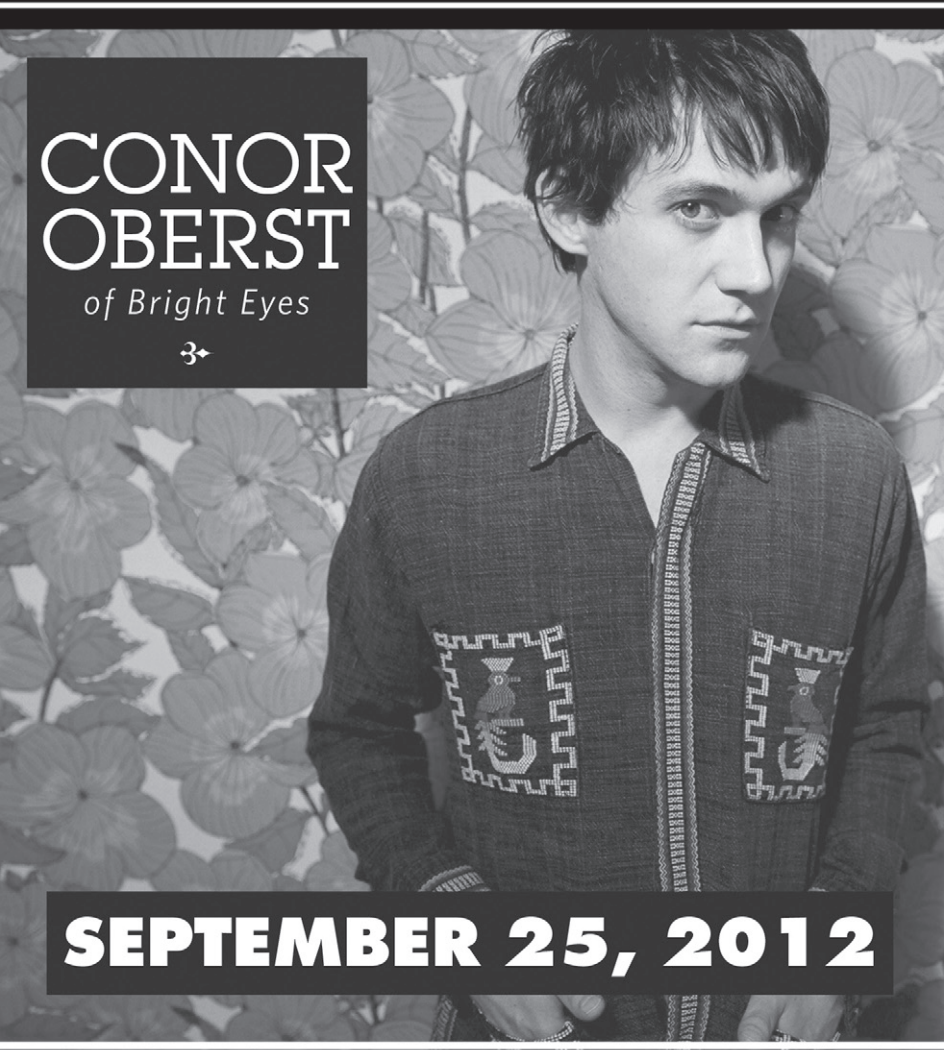

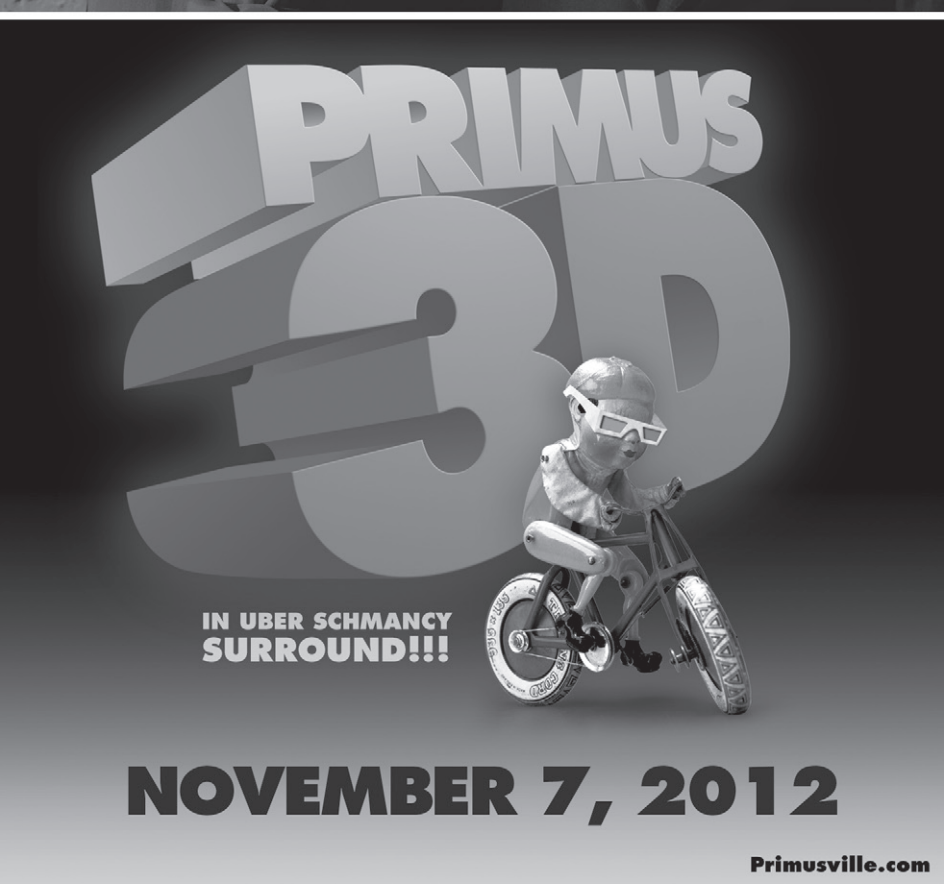

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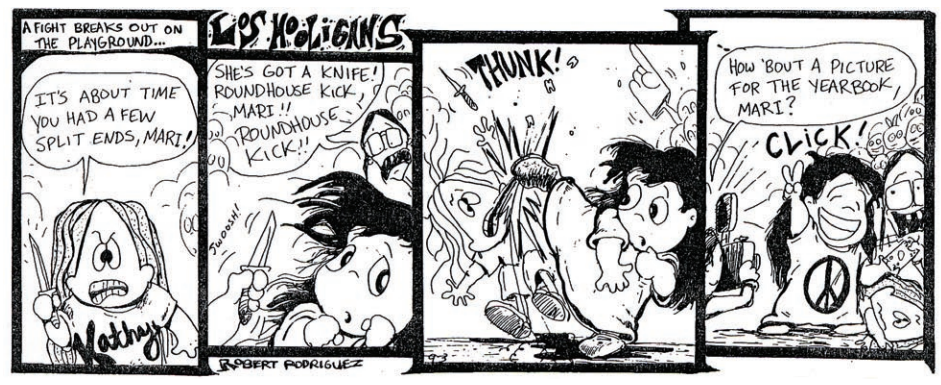

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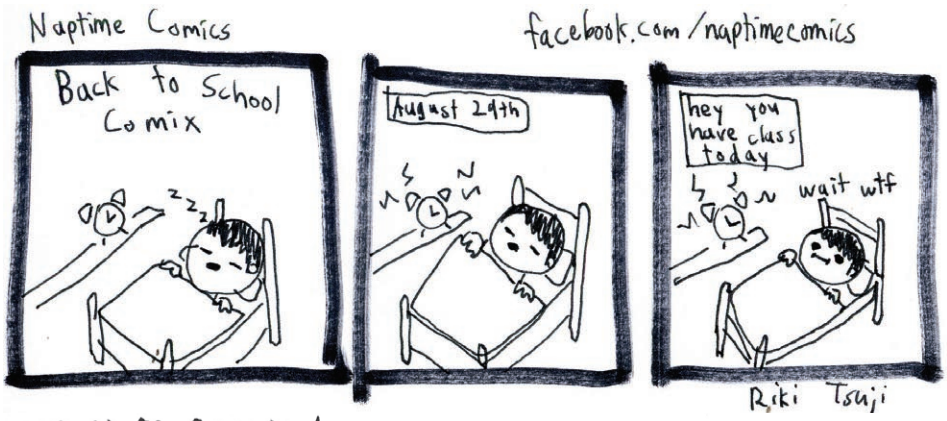

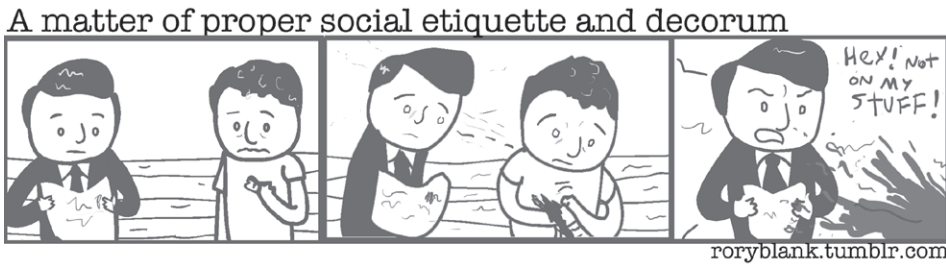

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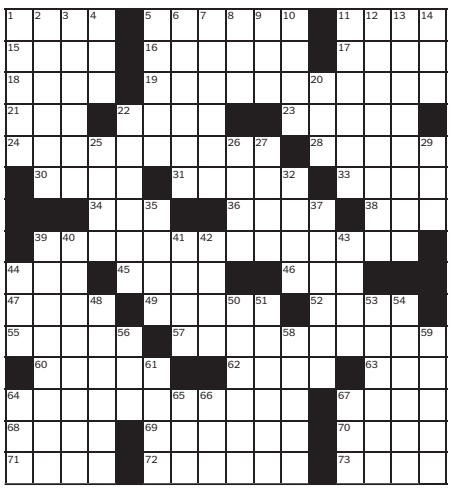

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ACROSS
1 White-robed figure of Greek mythology
5 Many an ad buy
11 Hindu scripture
15 1975 Tony winner for Best Play
16 Bring back on
17 Target of some sprays
18 Ones coming from the Arc de Triomphe?
19 Situated somewhere between two extremes
21 It orbited Earth 86,331 times
22 Brief promises?
23 Urge to attack
24 Forever
28 European blackbirds
30 Home of Literature Nobelist Sigrid Undset
31 Give approval
33 Station
34 73-Across units: Abbr.
36 "Family Guy" wife
38 Goofus
39 "Capeesh?"
44 Torque symbol
45 Echelon
46 Plastic surgeon's concern
47 Lead-in to boy
49 1894 opera set in Alexandria
52 Jackson 5 features, slangily
55 Gymnasium floor choice
57 Will-o'-the-wisp
60 Lottery picks
62 They may be drawn from a 63-Across
63 See 62-Across
64 Like some bags of food
67 Tea party attendee in "Alice in Wonderland"
68 "Ah, yes"
69 Ceremony for a newborn
70 Colorful dress
71 Hideout
72 Rays' home, informally
73 Figure in Newton's second law

DOWN
1 Unit of length that's roughly the diameter of a proton
2 Time's 1986 Woman of the Year
3 Jerks
4 Poet's ending?
5 Go together as a group
6 Music halls, e.g.
7 California county
8 Shot
9 "El tiempo es ___" (Spanish proverb)
10 Beauty marks?
11 Bass and soprano
12 Best pal in a 1950s sitcom
13 Many a modern purchase
14 Gulf of Finland vis-à-vis the Baltic Sea
20 QB Tebow
22 Pioneering 1950 Isaac Asimov book
25 ___ May Clampett of 1960s TV
26 Noah of "ER"
27 Heath
29 Lotion letters
32 Meet face-to-face?
35 "M*A*S*H" Emmy winner
37 Mans
39 Researcher's electronic tool
40 Surpasses
41 "M*A*S*H" drink
42 Bummer
43 Locale in "Slumdog Millionaire"
44 Top for one who says "Top o' the mornin'"?
48 Totally wrong
50 How Perry Mason often caught the guilty
51 Not providing any hints, say
53 River to the St. Lawrence
54 Has a hive mentality?
56 American ___
58 Water chestnut, e.g.
59 Expels forcibly
61 Identity theft targets: Abbr.
64 Sportscaster Scully
65 Parent's order
66 Stage item
67 "I wonder …"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	B	D	O	M	E	N				T	H	R	E	E
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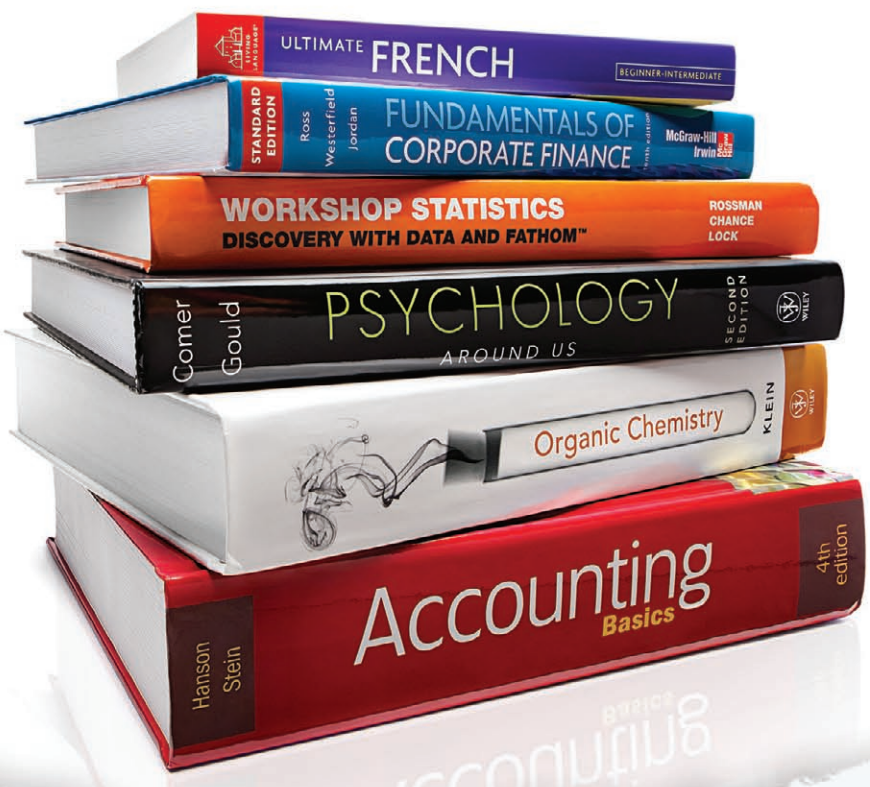

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