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# National events affect regents

**By Joshua Fechter**

The UT System Board of Regents' increased involvement in UT affairs may be influenced by events at other universities, according to education analysts.

Controversies such as the 2011 sex abuse scandal at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Virginia Board of Visitors' 2012 decisions to fire and rehire its president have shown how governing boards have both been left out of major events at universities under their purview and played a direct role in the governance of institutions.

Richard Novak, executive director of the Ingram Center for Public Trusteeship and Governance, said the Penn State scandal made governing boards across the nation take a more cautious look at how universities release information and communicate with boards.

"It made a lot of governing boards very, very nervous," Novak said.

In 2011, Jerry Sandusky, former Penn State assistant football coach, was indicted on 52 charges of child molestation on or near university property dating from 1994 to 2009. He was later

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**Pearce Murphy** | Daily Texan Staff

Police Inspector II Bobby Gideon works for the UT Director of Police providing in-service training primarily for officers serving in the UT System. The extensive training program is known for producing highly trained officers who are frequently hired by other agencies.

# A force to be reckoned with

## Highly trained UTPD officers leave University for more lucrative offers

**By Alberto Long**

While having a highly trained police force on campus is essential to ensuring the safety of the University, UTPD's focus on extensive training for its officers may make them attractive recruits for other police departments.

Losing officers to other law enforcement agencies in the Austin area has long been a problem within the department, according to UTPD Chief of Police Robert Dahlstrom.

"UTPD officers are among the highest trained in the area," Dahlstrom said. "Other agencies cherry pick our officers because we bring them in and train them very well."

Lt. Darrell Birdett, who is in charge of police training at UTPD, said UTPD cadets are trained extensively — more so than at other police departments — and have the same policing responsibilities as non-university police officers.

"Training is usually a year-long process," Birdett said. "They're in the academy for six months and in field training for about four of five months after. We send our officers to training where other departments may send a detective or only a couple of individuals."

Training an officer costs between $30,000 and $40,000.

"We have a very extensive training program," said Pat Clubb, vice president for University Operations. "To put an officer through that

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UNIVERSITY

# Curriculum streaming aids first-year registration

**By Christine Ayala**

Trying to navigate the course schedule during orientation can be an overwhelming experience for freshmen, but the Senate of College Councils is helping students choose with grouped courses.

Incoming students will be able to register for one of 10 course curriculum streams — which are grouped courses with a connecting theme — starting this summer. The streams consist of two or three classes including an undergraduate studies course and can accommodate at least 180 students in the pilot semester in the fall.

Michael Morton, Senate of College Council president, said the Senate proposed the initiative and chose the course streams. Morton said the streams, which were supported by the School of Undergraduate Studies, will help guide new students toward academic areas of interest, give insight through various courses and help them decide whether to pursue that subject.

"It's a way to get students off on the right track academically at the University and acquainted with college-level thinking," Morton said. "Through different subjects, they can see how one area ties into another area. They'll have a more concrete view of why the core curriculum is important."

Morton said the streams will help students get several core credits in early, while also receiving a deeper educational experience.

Patricia Micks, undergraduate studies program coordinator, said although the streams are geared toward freshmen, similar to First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs), the streams will not operate the same way.

"FIGs emphasize assisting with the transition from high school to college, streams seek to bring cohesion to

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# Students invest in digital-currency boom with Bitcoins

**By Andrew Messamore**

While some economists doubt the long-term persistence of the Bitcoin gold rush, the Internet's darling anarchic currency is attracting investment from students and Austinites.

Developed in 2009 by a person or group of people under the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto, Bitcoins are a digital currency created by "mining" a computer algorithm with CPU computations. Bitcoins can be used and traded anonymously on peer-to-peer networks without a central authority and have lately received a stream of media coverage.

Bitcoins are exchanged for other "real" currencies in digital marketplaces. Their prices fluctuated wildly last week between $266 and $105 per dollar as trading in the currency rose.

Daniel Krawisz, an electrical and computer engineering graduate student, said he invests in Bitcoins because he believes their anonymity and freedom from central influence will eventually make them the most sought-after currency in the country.

"I don't think it's utopian," Krawisz said. "When people have a choice between Bitcoins and dollars, the only advantage dollars will have is that there are currently more stores that accept them."

Krawisz said Bitcoins have been used by others to anonymously purchase illicit drugs on the Deep Web, a world-wide Internet only accessible through specific networks, but also for a number of services ranging from WordPress blog accounts to the international whistleblower organization WikiLeaks.

When MasterCard, Visa and PayPal abruptly ended their terms with WikiLeaks at different points in the last few years, Wikileaks accepted Bitcoins as a form of payment for donations.

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## TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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I would have done Tom Cruise moves to scare him away.

CAMPUS

# Incarcerated prisoner's daughter pleas for his freedom

**By Andrew Messamore**

Theresa Shoatz's father has been in solitary confinement seven days a week, 23 hours a day, under continuous fluorescent light for 22 years.

An incarcerated Black Panther from Philadelphia called a political prisoner by supporters, Russell "Maroon" Shoatz was incarcerated for life in 1973 after being convicted of an attack on a police station. The attack was allegedly a response to the killing of an unarmed black youth by the police, and Shoatz and five others were later arrested and charged with murder committed in the midst of the attack.

Theresa Shoatz spoke on the UT campus Tuesday night to a group of students and community members as part of a nationwide campaign urging for Russell Shoatz's release. Theresa Shoatz said the modern prison system is equivalent to slavery and should be abolished.

"If we don't stand behind someone fighting on the front lines of the war against the black community, what does that say about us?" Theresa Shoatz said. "What does it say when Obama signs a law when anyone can be detained indefinitely?"

Since being incarcerated, Russell Shoatz has twice broken out of prison, which earned him the title "Maroon" by other inmates to honor communities of escaped slaves in North and South America.

He was placed in solitary confinement after being elected the first black president of the Lifer's Union of his prison, a sanctioned union for better prison conditions. Theresa Shoatz said the prison told her that her father was placed in solitary confinement for being "a dangerous leader," despite no behavioral violations.

Rene Valdez, organizer for the event, said Russell Shoatz's case particularly resonates in Austin, where there have been numerous killings of young black men by the police.

According to the Austin Center for Peace and Justice, there have been 11 killings of unarmed African-Americans and Hispanics in Austin since 1980, most recently of Byron Carter in 2011.

Joy James, department of African and African diaspora studies visiting professor, said coalitions against anti-black violence must be organized without conceding goals to other racial or sexual groups.

Russell Shoatz was recently transferred to a lower-security prison, but he is still in solitary confinement. Theresa Shoatz said this was a direct result of the campaign, which is asking supporters to flood the prison with calls of complaint.

"I got a phone call at 8 p.m., and I'm wondering 'Who the hell is calling at night? I thought Daddy was dead,'" Theresa Shoatz said. "They call me asking to stop the campaign, saying they haven't been able to get any work done. But now the movement has a life of its own. I told them I'll stop when they stop."

**Sam Ortega** | Daily Texan Staff

Theresa Shoatz, daughter of political prisoner Russell "Maroon" Shoatz, speaks at Space 12 on Monday. The event is part of a campaign calling for the release of Russell Shoatz from prison.

# UTPD

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training program and having them stay with us for only a few years after they graduate is very inefficient. We want to make sure that the officers we bring in are committed to stay for some duration — that make a commitment to the University."

UTPD attempts to maintain a police force of 66 officers, according to Dahlstrom. Of the 50 officers UTPD lost in the last five years, 25 moved on to other law enforcement agencies in the area, Dahlstrom said.

"Round Rock Police Department seems to me like they grab more than anybody," Dahlstrom said.

According to Round Rock Police Department Public Information Officer Donall Carver, the Round Rock Police Department currently employs seven officers who began their careers with UTPD.

Dahlstrom said pay discrepancy, geographic proximity to other departments and career opportunity are among the driving forces behind the turnover rate.

> We have provided incentives, and we're trying to upgrade the compensation in the police department to better represent those values and skills we would like to reward
>
> —*Pat Clubb, vice president for University Operations*

"Our officers don't make enough to live in Central Austin," Dahlstrom said. "So if you live in the suburbs, like most of our officers do, and you're driving to UT everyday — 30 or 45 minutes depending on where you live — and all of a sudden you get an opportunity to get a take-home car and work five minutes from your home, that's why we lose a lot to those smaller places."

Recent pay incentives approved in January will help keep UTPD competitive with other law enforcement agencies.

"We have provided incentives, and we're trying to upgrade the compensation in the police department to better represent those values and skills we would like to reward," Clubb said.

Dahlstrom said the turnover rate will continue to be an issue, but maintains that the department is closer to being more competitive.

"We have to be, or we'll lose everyone," Dahlstrom said.

HEALTH

# School strain induces binge drinking

**By Barak Bullock**

Students are shedding light on previously unstudied motivation behind college binge drinking in new research conducted through the Department of Advertising and Public Relations Research Club.

In a survey of 286 UT students, the study investigated four predictors of binge drinking, including drinking norms, and the perceived positive and negative consequences of drinking. The study additionally considered academic norms, which is the perception of pressure to perform well in school, according to Ming-Ching Liang, an advertising graduate student and researcher on the project.

"We are focusing especially on the academic norms, because these three: drinking norms and positive and negative consequences, previous research has already documented," Liang said.

This new approach to binge drinking research is an effort to view binge drinking from the perspective of students, according to Lee Ann Kahlor, associate advertising professor and sponsor of the Department of Advertising and Public Relations Research Club.

"What the students figured out was, no one had ever looked at what it's like to be a student," Kahlor said. "What does it mean in terms of blowing off steam? Or feeling so stressed throughout the week that the weekend comes and they're like, 'Man, I need a drink?'"

Karen Han, an advertising graduate student and researcher on the project, said the study concludes that academic pressure contributes to binge drinking.

"If students feel pressured in their schoolwork, then they'll drink more," Han said.

Kahlor also said the study is a new insight into binge drinking behavior.

"All of [the variables] contributed significantly to the students' likelihood to drink more," Kahlor said. "And that's really exciting because as far as we know, we're the only researchers who have looked at those academic norms and how they contribute along with those other pressures or expectations."

# STREAM

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some core curriculum requirements through the use of themes," Micks said.

Applied learning and development freshman Lauren Ayala said she didn't enjoy her experience in a FIG because the classes were unrelated to education and pushed the students to interact outside of class with meetings and various group activities.

"I didn't enjoy my FIG because I got put in one that didn't pertain to my major at all and the meetings were pointless," Ayala said. "I am not always the most social person. I've never really had a ton of friends that I shared my academic struggles with and that is how my FIG was run, but I think everyone should take core classes in a cluster to make things easier when registering."

Morton said unlike FIGs, the curriculum streams would not have a social aspect with a weekly meeting led by a student mentor to help students adapt to college life or require students to be in the same section of the course. Morton said the Senate is hoping to eventually add a discussion section to allow students to discuss how the courses relate, to draw deeper meaning from the information learned in class.

Freshmen are not required to join a FIG or stream. Micks said any remaining seats will be offered to all other students on campus.

Although the streams are currently geared toward freshmen, Morton said he hopes they can eventually be expanded to all students.

# BITCOIN

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unregulated bookstore Brave New Books on the Drag hopes to soon start accepting Bitcoins as a form of payment and someday place a Bitcoin ATM in the store, said store owner Harlan Dietrich.

However Yanis Varoufakis, a former economic advisor to Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou currently teaching in the LBJ School of Public Affairs, said he believes Bitcoins are "technologically significant" but will eventually "fade away."

"The people who got into the game early and bought many Bitcoins quite cheaply, they are what I call the aristocracy of Bitcoins and they are sitting on quite a stock of value," Varoufakis said. "For the rest there are problems."

The Bitcoin algorithm is a limited resource, modeled after gold, and only 21 million Bitcoins can ever be "mined" into the market. Varoufakis said the cap on the number of Bitcoins will eventually create a deflationary environment deterring Bitcoin use for commodities.

Currency has generally obtained wide use after it can be used for taxation, and since governments are more interested in using currencies they can control, it is unlikely Bitcoins will move beyond a store of value used in currency speculation, according to Varoufakis.

"It will likely be similar to Betamax, something that is technologically significant, died out and paved the way to other technological advances," Varoufakis said.

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## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Ricin-ridden envelope addressed to senator

WASHINGTON — An envelope addressed to Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi tested positive Tuesday for ricin, a potentially fatal poison, congressional officials said, heightening concerns about terrorism a day after a deadly bombing killed three and left more than 170 injured at the Boston Marathon.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said the letter was discovered at a mail processing plant in Prince George's County in suburban Maryland.

"Luckily, this was discovered at the processing center off premises," Durbin said. He said all mail to senators is "roasted, toasted, sliced and opened" before it ever gets to them.

### Mob holds illegal celebrity poker game

NEW YORK — Dozens of people were charged on Tuesday in what investigators said was a Russian organized crime scheme that included illegal, high-stakes poker games for the rich and famous.

Federal authorities in New York City weren't naming names, but they said the poker players included pro athletes, Hollywood celebrities and Wall Street executives. None of them were facing charges.

The money-laundering investigation led to arrests Tuesday in New York, Los Angeles, Miami and elsewhere around the country. There also were FBI raids at an apartment in Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue and a Madison Avenue art gallery owned by two of the defendants.

### Motion picture group expands movie ratings

LAS VEGAS — The Motion Picture Association of America announced changes Tuesday to its movie rating system, saying the group wants to better inform parents about violence in films.

The new system, called the "Check the Box" campaign, will include a more prominent and detailed description explaining why a movie received a particular rating. One example read, "An intense scene of war violence, some images of carnage, brief strong violence."

The changes announced by MPAA CEO Christopher Dodd in Las Vegas on Tuesday come in the aftermath of explosions at the Boston Marathon and recent shooting rampages.

*— Compiled from Associated Press reports*

# Pressure cookers used in Boston bombs

**By Jay Lindsay**
Associated Press

**John Tlumacki** | Associated Press

Bill Iffrig, 78, lies on the ground as police officers react to a second explosion at the finish line of the Boston Marathon in Boston on Monday. Iffrig was running his third Boston Marathon when he was knocked down by one of two bomb blasts.

BOSTON — The bombs that ripped through the Boston Marathon crowd appear to have been fashioned out of ordinary kitchen pressure cookers, packed with nails and other fiendishly lethal shrapnel, and hidden in duffel bags left on the ground, investigators and others close to the case said Tuesday.

President Barack Obama branded the attack an act of terrorism, whether carried out by a solo bomber or group, and the FBI vowed to "go to the ends of the Earth" to find out who did it.

Scores of victims remained in Boston hospitals, many with grievous injuries, a day after the twin explosions near the marathon's finish line killed three people, wounded more than 170 and reawakened fears of terrorism. A 9-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy were among 17 victims listed in critical condition.

At a news conference, FBI agent Richard DesLauriers, FBI agent in charge in Boston, confirmed that investigators had found pieces of black nylon from a bag or backpack and fragments of BBs and nails, possibly contained in a pressure cooker. He said the items were sent to the FBI for analysis at Quantico, Va.

Pressure-cooker explosives have been used in international terrorism, and have been recommended for lone-wolf operatives by Al-Qaida's branch in Yemen. But information on how to make the bombs is readily found online, and U.S. officials said Americans should not rush to judgment in linking the attack to overseas terrorists.

DesLauriers said that there had been no claim of responsibility for the attack, and that the range of suspects and motives was "wide open."

Throughout the day, he and other law enforcement authorities asked members of the public to come forward with any video or photos from the marathon or anything suspicious they might have witnessed, such as hearing someone express an interest in explosives or a desire to attack the marathon, or seeing someone carrying a dark heavy bag at the race.

"Someone knows who did this," the FBI agent said.

The bombs exploded 10 or more seconds apart, tearing off victims' limbs and spattering streets with blood, instantly turning the festive race into a hellish scene of confusion, horror and heroics.

The blasts killed 8-year-old Martin Richard of Boston, 29-year-old Krystle Campbell of Medford, Mass., and a third victim, identified only as a graduate student at Boston University.

Doctors who treated the wounded corroborated reports that the bombs were packed with shrapnel intended to cause mayhem.

"We've removed BBs and we've removed nails from kids. One of the sickest things for me was just to see nails sticking out of a little girl's body," said Dr. David Mooney, director of the trauma center at Boston Children's Hospital.

At Massachusetts General Hospital, all four amputations performed there were above the knee, with no hope of saving more of the legs, said Dr. George Velmahos, chief of trauma surgery.

Obama plans to visit Boston on Thursday to attend an interfaith service in honor of the victims. He has traveled four times to cities reeling from mass violence, most recently in December after the schoolhouse shooting in Newtown, Conn.

# Earthquake hits Iran, Pakistan

**By Rebecca Santana**
Associated Press

**Mohammad Fatemi** | Associated Press

An Iranian man reacts as he sits among ruins of a building April 9 after the first of two earthquakes struck Iran.

TEHRAN, Iran — An earthquake toppled homes and shops on both sides of the Iran-Pakistan border Tuesday, killing dozens of people and causing skyscrapers to sway in Dubai. It also forced Iranian officials — for the second time in less than a week — to issue assurances that its main nuclear reactor wasn't damaged.

At least 34 people were killed in a single village in Pakistan, a military official said. But the overall death toll became clouded after conflicting reports from Iran.

At first, Iran's state-in Press TV said at least 40 people died — which would push the two-nation tally to 74. But it later retreated from its account, and other Iranian outlets stepped in with a far less dire picture.

Despite the conflicting reports on the Iranian side, a Pakistani military official said at least 34 were killed on their side of the border and 80 were injured. Up to 1,000 mud homes were damaged, Pakistan Television added. The military spoke on condition of anonymity in line with Pakistan military policy.

A Pakistani policeman, Azmatullah Regi, said nearly three dozen homes and shops collapsed in one village in the Mashkel area, which was the hardest hit by the quake. Rescue workers pulled the bodies of a couple and their three children, ages 5 to 15, from the rubble of one house, he said.

# Torture methods used by Bush administration

**By Peter James Spielmann**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An independent review of the U.S. government's anti-terrorism response after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks reported Tuesday that it is "indisputable" the United States engaged in torture and the George W. Bush administration bears responsibility.

The report by the Constitution Project, a non-partisan Washington-based think-tank, is an ambitious review of the Bush administration's approach to the problems of holding and interrogating detainees after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The report says brutality has occurred in war before, "But there is no evidence there had ever before been the kind of considered and detailed discussions that occurred after September 11, directly involving a president and his top advisers on the wisdom, propriety and legality of inflicting pain and torment on some detainees in our custody."

The Constitution Project surveyed the ways in which prisoners were held and interrogated at Guantanamo Bay, in Afghanistan and Iraq, and at secret CIA "black prisons."

The report is the product of a two-year study based on evidence in the public record. It was conducted by a bipartisan task force of 11 experts from a broad range of ideological perspectives and professions. The Constitution Project appointed both former Republican and Democratic policymakers and members of Congress, retired generals, judges, lawyers and academics.


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VIEWPOINT

## Rosemary Lehmberg should resign

Austin is a city that likes to drink. It's no coincidence that the nightlife, music festivals and hot weather for which Austin is known go so well with a cold beer or mixed drink. In fact, a 2012 study by Time Magazine calls Austin the fifth drunkest city in the nation, beating out infamously raucous towns like New Orleans and Las Vegas.

But this dubious title comes with the responsibility to partake in a manner that does not endanger yourself or others. On Friday night, Rosemary Lehmberg, the Travis County district attorney, failed to honor this responsibility when she drove southbound on R.M. 620 after having consumed several alcoholic beverages. A witness calling 911 reported that Lehmberg's car had been driving in the bicycle lane for about a mile, after which it re-entered the road and was swerving in and out of its lane, at one point crossing into oncoming traffic.

Police found her car in a church parking lot and arrested the DA for driving while intoxicated.

Lehmberg was released from the Travis County jail Monday morning and in a letter to County Attorney David Escamilla said, "I am guilty of DWI and of acting unreasonably and the fault is all my own. I am deeply sorry for my actions." However, Lehmberg has no intention to resign from her post as Travis County DA, despite a growing number of voices calling for her resignation. The Texan counts its voice among them.

An average of 1,213 Texans are killed in accidents caused by drunk drivers every year, according to the anti-drunk driving advocacy group MADD. Indeed, the organization reports that 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in Texas are caused by drunk drivers. Lehmberg is lucky that her "acting unreasonably" didn't lead to an accident, or worse.

And although nobody was injured as a result of Lehmberg's drunk driving, her violation of such an important and serious law is enough to warrant her resignation.

During her arrest, Lehmberg refused to submit to a field sobriety test, and details about her blood alcohol content (BAC) have not been made public. Currently, Lehmberg faces up to six months of jail time and a $2,000 fine, but if test results show a BAC of 0.15 or higher, her punishments will be more severe.

Fines and jail time are the repercussions that Rosemary Lehmberg, Travis County resident, faces as a result of her reckless decision to get behind the wheel while intoxicated. However, Rosemary Lehmberg, Travis County district attorney, has a greater responsibility as a public official. We look to our elected leaders as role models who should hold themselves to high standards worthy of their positions. Lehmberg violated those standards and no longer deserves to enjoy the privilege of her elected title.

Everyone makes mistakes, and Lehmberg's arrest should not overshadow the contributions she has made as DA. But those whose job it is to enforce rules that exist for the well-being of the public must take special care not to break them.

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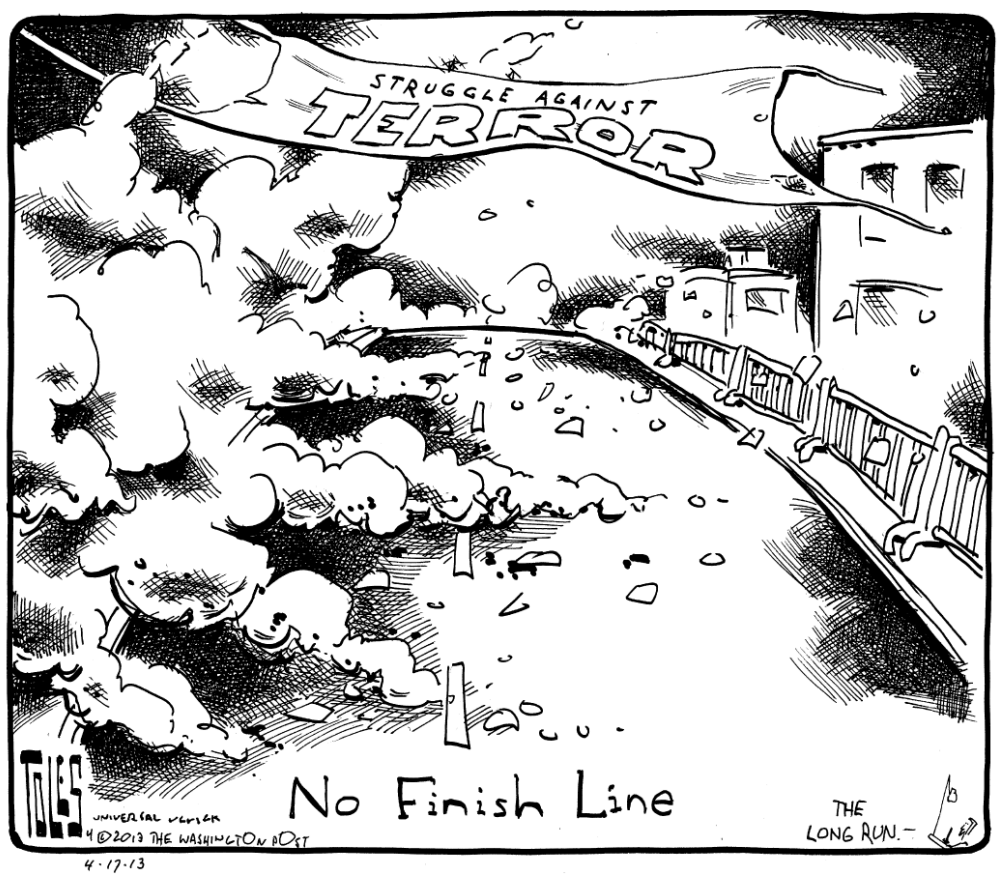
Already, lawmakers at the Capitol have politicized the issue, with Republicans calling for Lehmberg, a Democrat, to resign and Democrats pointing out that Republican Gov. Rick Perry would be the one to appoint a replacement if she leaves office.

In our eyes this issue is much more straightforward and must be treated accordingly. Lehmberg committed a crime — one that put lives at risk. Rather than cloud that transgression in partisan politics, all public officials regardless of party affiliation should call on Lehmberg to demonstrate unequivocally that drunk driving is completely unacceptable by resigning.

GALLERY




INTERVIEW

## Q&A: Prabhudev Konana

*Editor's note: Daily Texan columnist Amil Malik sat down with Prabhudev Konana, chair of the Department of Information, Risk and Operations Management at the McCombs School of Business to ask about how HB 5, a bill that reduces the number of standardized tests, provides new measures to make schools more accountable and gives students more flexibility to focus on technical training through reduced math and science requirements in high school. Responses have been edited for brevity and clarity.*

**Amil Malik**: The co-author of HB 5 [which potentially lowers the academic graduation requirements for Texas high school students by giving them a choice between the traditional path into college and a path directly into the workforce] Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, claims the bill will also make Texas students better prepared for the jobs that Texas employers are struggling to fill. Could giving students more technical-based training in high school improve their chances of getting a job?

**Prabhudev Konana**: So we are going to partition that problem into three parts. If you look at the student body, there are the students who are cut out for higher education. They are very determined; they want to get college degrees. They take advanced math, science, so we have no problems with those folks.

Then there are some students who are just not cut out to do advanced math, science. They have not much interest to go to college. So for them, I need to get into something more hands-on, technical work. I don't care about advanced algebra or trigonometry. I want to get advanced skills in operating a machine ... so immediately I'm employable after high school. There is no point in trying to tell these students, "No, you need to do these advanced math and AP classes." The probability of them succeeding is going to be very low. Instead, if you train them ... there are lots and lots of jobs like repairing cars, operating machines with applied material.

But then you have these in between students who have probably the potential to go to college. There is a risk that they may not do very well. But ... with small pushing, they could have gone into college and been very productive, creating higher value-added work than going into, say, maintenance work or technical work.

But overall, the idea that you gauge high school students, people who don't want to do advanced degree, towards ... where they are immediately employable is actually not a bad idea. It's a bad idea when you have those students in between, who with a little bit of encouragement and push could have done a much higher level of work, maybe gravitated towards this easy path. ... The question is whether this particular rule will discourage those people in the in-between to go to the route where they could have been much more valuable elsewhere. That's the question. I don't have an answer.

**Malik**: What do you see as some of the potential effects of beginning to tailor job-specific education or a job-specific mindset as early as high school?

**Konana**: That's why I said we know who these students are who are not going to do very well in advanced math and science ... We can easily make out from their standardized tests — which I don't like, by the way — but you have an indication about students who are not doing very well in class. You know it in ninth grade. On the other hand, there are students who get commended and get in the nineties in math and suddenly this person says I want to go the technical route — yes, maybe this person's potential was so high going into college and now we are giving them the option of going the easy route ... Exceptions exist for everything.

**Malik**: Why don't you like standardized tests?

**Konana**: I come from India, where everything is based on test, test, test. So you don't get a 100 in math — you got a 99 instead of a 100 in math — there are 20,000 people above you now. So there is this incredible pressure of studying for the exam's sake. So your creativity, ability to think differently, is all gone. For example, I tell my nephews in India make sure you're understanding everything you are studying, understand and then write. And my niece tells me — I'm not joking — she said, "Uncle, that's all in America." In India, the guy who is grading your exam isn't a professor. It's a local language guy who is given a cheat sheet to say this is the answer and they grade. So he will look at how many words are common and he will give you the grade. So if you memorize them, you are likely to get more grade than trying to understand and write. People prepare only for tests, not for learning. Teachers are preparing for the test, not for learning. Does it mean that there should be no standardized tests? No ... but you cannot have standardized tests every year so that the teachers are only worried about preparing you for the test. We didn't create so many Nobel laureates in this country with standardized tests. So why bring it now?

... Overall, I like [HB 5]. I like having less testing, giving an option for some of the students to go into areas where they can succeed rather than forcing them to go into advanced math. Of course, I can be very idealistic and say everybody should get a college degree, but then who is going to do your maintenance work? Who is going to operate your machines in applied material? They don't need a PhD to do that. They just need a two-year college to do it.

On the other hand, you want to have the critical number of people going to college. Right now I think the number is hovering around 22 or 23 percent who go to college. That number should go up because in the future, you'll need the talent. If you don't find the talent, the companies are going to other countries.

## Ignore Greek life stereotypes


**Paulina Urbanowicz**

Daily Texan Columnist


Greek life is underappreciated and misunderstood on this campus, but the truth is that it is an indispensable part of the UT experience. Evidence of this can be found in the Greek community's commitment to philanthropic service. Sororities work hard year-round to host annual fundraisers for their specific charity. During the much-maligned annual Roundup weekend, Panhellenic sororities host an event to raise proceeds for a good cause. Event types range from carnivals with snow cones and pizza to all-you-can-eat pancakes. Many events are free with an optional donation or require a very small fee.

Leo Zonn, a geography professor who interacts with UT undergraduates daily, says, "My sense is very positive for the UT fraternities and sororities. They don't seem to exert too much influence on this campus socially and politically, their activities always seem to be within reason, and it would seem there is a spot for anyone who wants to join. I always encourage first-year students to join an organization on campus that shares their values, and I never hesitate to include the Greek community as a possibility."

Zonn points out two important qualities of the Greek community at UT. Though similar t-shirt designs spotted in class might lead students to feel that an overwhelming majority of the student population is Greek, the statistics show approximately 14 percent of the undergraduate student population to be in involved in the Greek community. The dean of students reports that this percentage includes over 200 different majors and 73 different chapters.

However, some on campus share negative perspectives about the Greek community. Biomedical engineering senior Quentin Smith said, "To be blunt, it is difficult for me to view the Greek community as anything but a homogenized and often pretentious culture that is based in exclusion and mediocrity."

As an active member of a UT sorority, I feel compelled to expand the understanding of non-participating students.

Wearing a matching t-shirt for attending the same event does not diminish your personality or the goodness resulting from that event in the case of philanthropy. The characteristics that members of the same Greek chapter are guaranteed to have in common are the core values for which they were selected. Each chapter is founded on traditional values that were set hundreds of years before us and are being preserved today. There are specific qualities that help each chapter maintain its integrity, including rigorous scholarship standards.

I fully acknowledge that every organization has its flaws. But I challenge non-Greek students to maintain an open mind and look deeper into the positive accomplishments of the Greek community.

*Urbanowicz is a geography senior from Houston.*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## J. J. "Jake" Pickle Citizenship Award

In 1999 the Texas Union Advisory Council created an endowed campus-wide student award to honor the career and achievements of the late Congressman J. J. "Jake" Pickle, BA '38, and to motivate and inspire University of Texas students to follow his example of public service. The award is presented annually to an outstanding university student whose contributions to campus life exemplify the high standards of leadership and service that were the hallmarks of Congressman Pickle's life and career.

The award is presented at the spring meeting of the University Unions Advisory Council. The recipient receives a $5,000 cash award, a certificate, and an autographed copy of Congressman Pickle's autobiography, ***Jake***.

**Leslie Tisdale, the 2013 Pickle Award** recipient, is a junior studying political communications. The award recognizes a student who exhibits exemplary leadership, citizenship and service - all qualities that are exemplified by Leslie. Leslie is a participant for the Archer Fellowship Program that works to educate the leaders of our next generation. Not only has she made a voice for herself with her strong principles and dedication, she also stands out with her passion to create political involvement and awareness among her peers. In her second year at UT, Leslie created Politipalooza, a non-partisan organizational fair that showcased over 20 student organizations representing a wide range of political and advocacy groups. Her goal was to present the many ways students could become more involved.

***Leslie Tisdale*** *accepted the Pickle Award from Dr. Gage Paine at the April 5 luncheon of the University Unions Advisory Council.*

Serving the UT student body as President of the University Democrats, Leslie takes it upon herself to inform and encourage them to take the initiative and vote. During the 2012 election season, Leslie organized a group of 12 students to go to the National Democratic Convention, with nine of the students representing Texas as voting delegates. In every way, Leslie shares the same qualities that exemplify leadership, citizenship, and service. She truly embodies the spirit of The University of Texas at Austin through her dedication and commitment to serve both the campus and the community.

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# MANDY STEIN

2013 *Recipient of the*

## Pal – Make a Difference Award

**Jaspreet Singh Pal, BBA'95**, created the **Pal - "Make A Difference" Endowment** in The Texas Union in 2006 to support the annual **Pal - Make A Difference Award.** The award encourages university leadership and public service by recognizing a student whose individual program or initiative has made a significant contribution to campus life or the broader community. The recipient receives a $1,000 cash award and a certificate.

**Mandy Stein, the 2013 Pal - Make A Difference Award** recipient, has proven herself to be a very committed and involved student. Since her freshman year, she has worked with the organization Feed My People (FMP), a program for homeless in Austin. She organized donation drives on campus and assisted in recruiting volunteers, all while educating other students. This experience inspired her to do more and during her sophomore year, she traveled to Tanzania for a five week volunteer program where she worked with the Tuleeni Orphanage. When Mandy returned to UT, she dedicated herself to improving the life of the orphans.

She worked with local businesses to donate a percentage of their revenue and held other fundraisers, eventually raising enough to break ground on a new living facility. She continues to engage her fellow students in becoming more involved in their community. Mandy is truly making a difference both on campus and beyond.

*Photography by Jeff Sladcik*

***Mandy Stein received the Pal—Make A Difference Award*** *at the University Unions Advisory Council luncheon on April 5.*

CAMPUS

Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

New Yorker staff writer D.T. Max presents his research in the David Foster Wallace archive at the Harry Ransom Center on Tuesday afternoon.

# Author utilizes Ransom archive

**By Amanda Voeller**

The work of American author David Foster Wallace influenced readers beyond his untimely 2008 suicide. D.T. Max, a staff writer for The New Yorker, discussed his biography of Wallace titled "Every Love Story is a Ghost Story: A Life of David Foster Wallace" on Tuesday with UT students and faculty.

"[Wallace] is a beautiful writer, and I just had a feeling that this was an opportunity that would not come along twice to write about a writer who had so deeply connected to so many readers and even nonreaders," Max said.

Max said he worked on the biography, which began as an article in The New Yorker, for four years, and he would not have been comfortable writing the biography if he did not have access to Wallace's letters and archives at the Harry Ransom Center.

"There's something about a letter that is proof of a person's state of mind and interest at that moment, even if the actual facts of the letter may be erroneous," Max said.

Max's talk was hosted at the Ransom Center as a part of Research Week.

Matthew Valentine, senior program coordinator for the Plan II Honors Program, said in previous years, Research Week primarily showcased scientific work, but organizers are trying to include other forms of research including archival.

Max said many people question why Wallace has few drafts and unpublished works, while many other authors have full novels they choose not to publish.

"One of my suspicions for the book was that David's first draft was in his head and what we have as a first draft is really kind of a second draft," Max said.

Wallace committed suicide in 2008, and Max said writing about someone who died so tragically and recently was difficult because everyone is still in grief.

"If a biography does anything, a literary biography, it's got to make the reading of the work richer," Max said. "Otherwise, what's its purpose?"

Students from all areas of study, from biology to philosophy, attended the discussion.

"It really just gave me new insight into Wallace's life, and also I never really thought about how letters at the [Ransom Center] could be a research resource for students," English junior Tyler Daelemans said.

CITY

# CapMetro hires Urban Rail manager

**By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis**

After delays in the planning process, Austin's Urban Rail initiative is back on track with a new leader set on getting the project going at full steam.

The Urban Rail is a project that aims to connect areas around UT campus and downtown Austin by rail network as an addition to the current MetroRail Red Line. Last week, Capital Metro hired Kyle Keahey to lead the project, said Linda Watson, Capital Metro president and CEO. Watson said Keahey, who currently works for the planning and construction firm HNTB Corporation, has worked on projects similar to the Urban Rail for 30 years. Keahey intends to have an analysis of the work already completed on the rail done by May 1 in order to lay out a time line for future milestones in terms of planning and funding, Watson said.

According to the Urban Rail website, the first phase of the rail is projected to cost $550 million, half of which is expected to come from municipal bonds and half from federal sources.

"There's still a lot of planning work that needs to be done," Watson said. "What we have done just with the hiring of this position is just to kick-start the planning process to kick it up in high gear to move it to a point where there's enough information to get it to the voters for a vote next year."

The currently published rail alignment extends from the Mueller development through UT campus and downtown and reaches south to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Watson said this alignment may change as a result of public input and alternative ideas being presented.

In both 2010 and 2012, the Urban Rail was pulled from the bond packages by Mayor Lee Leffingwell because of uncertainty in plans for funding and management of the rail, according to a blog post written by Leffingwell in 2012.

Jared Wall, civil engineering graduate student and president of the UT chapter of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, said voter-granted funding for the rail could be substantial. Wall said the rail would be easy to sell to voters because it may solve congestion issues in the face of increased employment and population in the city.

Billy Fleming, community and regional planning graduate student, said implementing the rail with voter-approved funds makes sense but would require more effort on the part of rail proponents.

"We don't bat an eye at asking the kind of money we're asking for this with an overpass that moves a lot less people a lot less fast," Fleming said. "In my opinion, this is kind of a no-brainer. Hopefully whatever kind of campaign there is in the future [for funding] does a better job of communicating that."

# BOARD

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found guilty of 45 charges and is now serving a sentence of 30 to 60 years.

Based on the findings of a grand jury indictment, several university officials resigned or were fired. Penn State's Former President Graham Spanier, former Vice President Gary Schultz and former Athletic Director Tim Curley face charges of child endangerment, obstruction of justice, conspiracy and grand jury perjury.

A July 2012 report commissioned by the Penn State Board of Trustees and conducted by former FBI Director Louis Freeh found that Spanier, Schultz, Curley and former Head Football Coach Joe Paterno concealed evidence of Sandusky's activities from the board.

Separate events at the University of Virginia in 2012 show an instance in which a governing board questioned the productivity of an individual institution's administration.

In June, the university's Board of Visitors voted to fire University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan, a former UT administrator, for perceived failure to address financial challenges to academic programs at the university, after she served two years of her five-year contract.

The board later reinstated Sullivan after receiving backlash from the campus community.

Michael Poliakoff, vice president of policy at the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, said governing boards are becoming more active in order to respond to problems such as rising tuition and student success outcomes. He said this can sometimes result in boards overstepping as they may have at the University of Virginia.

"The key element to keep in mind is that an effective governing board is never a passive board," Poliakoff said. "It's not ceremonial, it's not a group of cheerleaders, it's a group of fiduciaries. That means an effective board is on occasion going to make people uncomfortable."

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BASEBALL

# Texas grabs Tuesday win

By Peter Sblendorio

Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Junior pitcher Corey Knebel threw two perfect innings to conclude the game against Texas-Pan American. The closer returned to play after a suspension last week for violating team rules.

Head coach Augie Garrido knows that the Longhorns need to win their games against Big 12 opponents in mass in order to have a chance at returning to the postseason.

That said, Garrido did not downplay the significance of Texas' gritty 6-1 victory in a sloppy matchup against The University of Texas-Pan American in terms of improving his team's attitude for the home stretch.

"When you win, the next day at practice is a lot different than when you lose," Garrido said. "The worst thing about losing is how it puts that dark cloud over everything. As long as you are playing, you have to know that there is realistic opportunity [to win]."

The Longhorns picked up 12 walks in the game, including six in a three-run third inning. Brooks Marlow and Ben Johnson each picked up an RBI in the frame on bases-loaded walks, and Ty Marlow scored on a balk by Kyle Tokunaga.

Mark Payton kicked off the scoring for the Longhorns in the first inning with an RBI single to score Weston Hall. Texas would also score runs in the fourth and eighth innings on a pair of run-scoring hits by Ty Marlow.

Ty Marlow said that his team was eager to get back on the field following a tough series loss in Lawrence against Kansas.

"After a big loss at Kansas, we just came out here wanting to prove something," Marlow said. "We just have to take the Tuesday-game mindset into the weekend games and we should be fine."

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Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Junior outfielder Weston Hall steps up to the plate against Texas-Pan-American. Hall cored on Mark Payton's RBI single in the first inning of Tuesday night's game.

# Despite victory, Horns still have work to do

By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

You couldn't tell Augie Garrido was leading a team in danger of missing the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row by his demeanor after Texas' 6-1 sleep-inducing win over The University of Texas-Pan American on Tuesday night.

Upon learning that Josh Urban, who started and gave up one run on four hits in 2 innings, had picked up the win and not Travis Duke, who pitched 2.1 scoreless innings in relief, Garrido took it in stride.

"I just congratulated Duke!" Garrido said. "Go in there and tell him to stop dancing."

By the time the Longhorns had finished picking up their second 6-1 victory over UTPA in as many months, more Texas fans had left UFCU Disch-Falk Field than

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# Steady offense trumps Broncs

## GAME BREAKDOWN

**Innings 1-3:** The Texas offense took advantage of a struggling Broncs defense to score four runs through the first three frames. This was highlighted by three runs scored in the bottom of the third off of six walks that The University of Texas-Pan American pitching staff allowed. Josh Urban was solid on the mound for the Longhorns, facing just one over the minimum and logging two strikeouts in the first three frames.

**Innings 4-6:** Things slowed down at the plate for the Longhorns. Ty Marlow plated C.J Hinojosa in the bottom of the fourth for the Longhorns' only run scored in the middle three frames. Freshman Travis Duke came in as relief after Urban gave up one run through two outs in the fifth.

**Innings 7-9:** Junior Corey Knebel came in to close for the Longhorns in the top of the eighth and was effective in his first appearance since being sent home early from the Longhorns' series against Kansas this past weekend. The UTPA pitching staff kept control of the Texas offense through the final three frames and was able to get out of several tight on-base situations. Texas' only score came from an RBI double by Marlow in the eighth, his second RBI on the night.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**6:** Tuesday night wins by the Longhorns this season. Texas has lost only two mid-week games this season, a trend that the Longhorns hope to use this weekend against West Virginia.

**10:** Hits by the Longhorn offense that resulted in three of the Longhorn's six runs. The other three came off walks and a balk by the UTPA defense.

**12:** The number of walks allowed by the UTPA defense. Six of those came in the third inning alone and resulted in three runs by the Longhorns.

**15:** Longhorn runners left on base. The Broncs left only five through nine innings.

## STOCK UP

Tuesday night pitchers: They weren't always perfect, even against an overmatched UTPA offense, but they did what was needed to get Texas the win. Urban came and started on the mound for the Longhorns and pitched four solid innings before giving up a run in the fifth. Duke came in as relief and continued to frustrate the UTPA offense. The Broncs had several on-base opportunities, but the Texas pitching staff refused to relent giving up only one run off five hits on the night.

## WHAT'S NEXT

West Virginia – The Longhorns will host the Big 12 newcomer in a three-game series this weekend. First pitch is slated for 7 p.m. Friday night followed by games Saturday and Sunday. The Mountaineers (21-17, 4-5) are sixth in the Big 12 and are coming off a 13-5 victory over Morehead State at home.

*—Sara Beth Purdy*

BIG 12

# Big 12 commissioners discuss challenges, conference future

By Rachel Thompson

Much like a closely followed celebrity, the Big 12 Conference basks in the sunlight of collegiate sports, marked by rumors of expansion and new additions.

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, former Commissioner Dan Beebe and Deputy Commissioner Tim Weiser addressed conference realignment, NCAA postseason changes and the future of the Big 12 at a panel Tuesday.

Bowlsby, who was named full-time commissioner in May 2012, was riding a golf cart to and from work as athletic director at Stanford University when he was offered the commissioner position. Taking the reins of a conference in the midst of realignments that included losses of Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas A&M and the addition of TCU and West Virginia was his challenge.

Bowlsby said the conference will tend to geographic challenges in the upcoming season by strategically scheduling games to accommodate teams that may have to travel further.

"Geography still matters and one of the things that's gone by the wayside during the course of this expansion is a lot of the traditional rivalries," Bowlsby said. "You can imagine how people would feel if we went to 16 teams if it meant Texas and OU wouldn't play each other

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Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby and former Commissioner Dan Beebe addressed the state of the conference in a panel moderated by UT advertising lecturer Joel Lulla.

# SIDELINE

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# SPORTS BRIEFLY

## Dodge to join Texas football staff

Former Southlake Carroll quarterback Riley Dodge has been hired as an offensive quality control assistant at Texas, *orangebloods.com* reported Tuesday. Dodge will head to Texas after serving as a graduate assistant at Texas A&M.

"Thank u A&M! Couldn't be more blessed to have been part of an amazing year!" Dodge tweeted Tuesday night.

Dodge is not without Texas ties. He was a Longhorns commit coming out of high school before switching course and committing to North Texas. He later played in three games for McNeese State for one season.

## Luna lands fourth pitching honor

It's been a busy week for Blaire Luna. There was a series victory over Iowa State, which marked her 101st career win. Now she's been named Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Week, her fourth time receiving the honor this season.

Luna's talent manifested itself during her no-hitter against Iowa State on Friday, which effectively made her the second pitcher in school history to throw no-hitters in two starts in a row.

*—Rachel Thompson*

NBA

# T-Mac could sway rooting interests

By Trey Scott
Managing Editor

After agreeing to a deal Tuesday that will last the length of the playoffs, Tracy McGrady is a San Antonio Spur.

Now, the question of the hour: If the Rockets beat the Lakers on Wednesday to claim the West's No. 7 seed and a first-round match against San Antonio, how many Houston fans will root against their team and instead cheer for the player whose jersey they wore through adolescence?

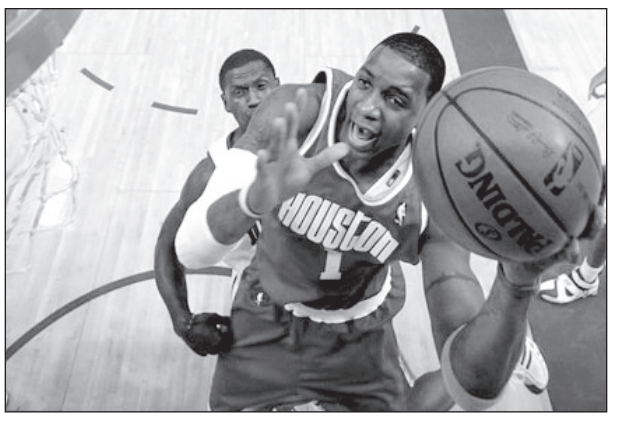
This is a valid inquiry. It would make sense for NBA teams to come with "subject-to-change" disclaimers. Rosters turn over at impossible-to-track rates, making it difficult for some to stomach a life spent rooting for the same franchise. The Rockets, for instance, have a core trio of players that fans didn't give a hoot about until they landed with the team in the offseason.

To us, players aren't just people; they represent memories. The reversible black-and-red jersey I donned for elementary-age basketball — Michael Jordan. The ill-advised fro I combed out before games in middle school — Ben Wallace. The stupid chalk clap we did in high school rec ball — LeBron James. And so now whenever I see the aging Jordan on television, or when I see that Wallace doesn't even play anymore, or that LeBron is almost 30 (!), I am given a startling reminder of just how far back my memories can now trace. If a player can invoke a twinge of nostalgia, we care about him more than we ever could any team.

Take it in specific cases, imagining a simultaneous Denver Broncos and Texas Longhorns fan. Does the Broncos fan not at least feel good for Justin Tucker as he boots the game-winner in overtime to send the Ravens to the Super Bowl? You remember where you were when Tucker beat Texas A&M with his leg. Does the Dallas Cowboys fan not have an easier time swallowing a loss to the Redskins if it's at the hands of Texas son Robert Griffin III? If you're a Baylor fan, you remember how proud you were when he won the Heisman.

Inter-league examples of this dynamic are rare, but in the 2011 and 2012 Western Conference Finals a faction of non-diehard Mavericks and Spurs fans instead rooted for the hoops team of former-Longhorn Kevin Durant. Durant's team, heaven forbid, calls Oklahoma home.

Something about McGrady makes him a sympathetic figure. He never won a playoff series (though his team did while he was injured), was beset by injury and later in his career was exposed as a premium scorer with little else to his game. But he was beloved in Houston.



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Former Houston Rockets star Tracy McGrady signed with the Spurs on Tuesday to play the length of the playoffs.

"Tracy was the commercial player Houston was craving for — a branded player with a shoe deal and a scoring ability that embodied the wave of NBA superstar before LeBron James and Dwyane Wade proved that scoring isn't everything," said Sameer Bhuchar, former Daily Texan sports editor and lifelong Rockets fan. "Houston hadn't had that type of player in a while, not in any sport."

There's not much of a question that the Houston fan who grew jaded with an unrecognizable team after connecting so well with McGrady will be pulling for the newest Spur if the series is tied 3-3 and T-Mac, hypothetically, has the ball in his hands with seconds remaining.

More compelling: the Houston fan who has stuck with the Rockets through all these years, but still remembers the very place he was when McGrady scored 13 points in 35 seconds (against the Spurs), slept with a T-Mac poster above his pillow, shouted "T-Mac!" instead of "Kobe!" on fallaway shots at the wastebasket, stayed up late staring at said poster above his pillow, wondering if McGrady would ever stay healthy, wondering why McGrady never became as good as they thought he would. Dammit, at one point this guy wanted to be Tracy McGrady.

And now the ball's in T-Mac's hands, with seconds left on the clock, and he's staring James Harden down. My guess? This guy's going to be cheering like it's 2005.

SOFTBALL

# Osterman will retire after sparkling career

By Christian Corona

Former Longhorns pitcher Cat Osterman announced her retirement from competitive softball Tuesday.

The four-time All-American is the only player in college softball history to win national college player of the year three times. After setting Texas school records in career ERA (0.51), wins (136), shutouts (85) and no-hitters (20), Osterman moved on to professional softball, winning a pair of National Pro Fastpitch championships and an Olympic gold medal at the 2004 Athens games.

"As I turn 30 … I'm announcing I will hang up my cleats after this 2013 NPF season," Osterman tweeted Tuesday, her 30th birthday. "Thank you again everyone for the love and support. I'm blessed. Looking forward to making my last season a good one!"

The only player to ever have the country's best ERA in three different seasons, Osterman struck out 14.4 hitters per seven innings during her Longhorns career, an NCAA record. She fanned 554 hitters as a freshman in 2002, an NCAA record at the time, before she broke it as a junior and senior. Osterman held opposing hitters to a .095 batting average during her career and recorded 2,265 strikeouts.

When Osterman focused on playing for the U.S. Olympic softball team in 2004, Texas went 24-25, the program's only losing season in the last decade. Osterman tossed 14.67 scoreless in the 2004 Olympics en route to helping the U.S. win gold.

Osterman, who led the NPF with a 0.72 ERA last season, is currently an assistant coach at St. Edward's University under former Texas teammate Lindsay Gardner. Osterman and former Longhorns running back Ricky Williams were each inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in February.

Texas had only played five seasons of varsity softball before Osterman arrived. The Longhorns lost both of their games of the only trip to the Women's College World Series before Osterman led them to the WCWS three times — getting knocked out by UCLA before the national title round each time — and have not been back to Oklahoma City since.

"She has been the most iconic softball athlete at The University of Texas as well as in the state of Texas," Longhorns Head Softball Coach Connie Clark said. "We are extremely proud of her and her representation of our program."


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Right-hander Josh Urban was strong in his second start, as he limited the Broncs to one run and while striking out three in 4.2 innings to pick up his first win. Travis Duke pitched 2.1 scoreless innings, striking out two while allowing just one hit.

After serving a suspension over the weekend for a violation of team rules, closer Corey Knebel returned to pitch a pair of perfect innings to finish the game. Following the game, Knebel said that he was happy to move on from the suspension and believes that it is something that he can learn from.

"I'm very glad to put it behind me," Knebel said. "I'm glad that everything's OK now. I definitely took it as a life lesson. I felt like it might have been needed. I took it in a good way."

With the win, the Longhorns improved to 20-15 on the season and 16-6 at home. Texas has not lost a Tuesday night game since March 19 when they fell on the road to Houston.

The Longhorns will look to improve their 4-8 conference record and pick up their first Big 12 series victory of the year this weekend when they host West Virginia in a three-game set. The series opener is scheduled to begin Friday at 7 p.m. at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

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remained in its bleachers.

The Longhorns drew 12 walks — six of them in a three-run third inning — and recorded 10 hits but managed to score just six times. Texas took a 1-0 lead into the third, scoring twice on bases-loaded walks and again on a bases-loaded balk later in the frame.

"We took a page out of [former Texas Baseball Coach Cliff] Gustafson's playbook," Garrido said. "We just kept giving take signs as long as they were throwing the ball outside the strike zone."

But don't be fooled. Texas is far from being an NCAA Tournament-worthy team. The Longhorns, who missed out on the postseason for the first time in 14 years last season, would have lost to most, if not all, Big 12 teams playing the game they played Tuesday night.

Leaving 15 men on base and going 3-for-15 with runners in scoring position, including 0-for-3 with the bases loaded, isn't exactly a recipe for success.

"We have people playing to get hits. We have people playing to sign contracts," Garrido said. "We have people playing to look better on the Jumbotron when their name comes up. We've got to handle the fundamentals of the game. They are the weapons of war."

Texas has one of the best pitching staffs in the country. Its three weekend starters — Parker French, Dillon Peters and Nathan Thornhill — hold a collective 2.37 ERA but are just a combined 8-8 on the year. Seven of the Longhorns' 15 losses this season have come by one run.

They are close. So close to being one of the best teams in the Big 12, one that can make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament. But if Texas keeps playing like this, it won't have that chance.

"We're a lot different than last year," closer Corey Knebel said, who tossed two scoreless innings in his first appearance since being sent home last weekend from Kansas. "We're actually a team that's really good and we're not showing it right now. We know it'll turn soon because it's got to. The team we have is really good. It just hasn't gone our way sometimes."

Knebel may be right. But if it doesn't turn around soon, the Longhorns will be on the outside looking in on the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

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one year."

Expanding the conference to potentially include 12 teams is not something the Big 12, despite its name, is currently focused on, Bowlsby said.

"There are a lot of strengths in smaller numbers, and we're going to be thoughtful about it," Bowlsby said. "We're ten for a considerable decision to stay [at] ten, and I expect that until we're persuaded otherwise, that's where we'll stay."

Weiser, who took on his current role after seven years as athletics director at Kansas State University, said missed classes for student athletes and tough travel times are issues that continue to be smoothed out.

"With TCU, integration has been fairly predictable and fairly smooth," Weiser said. "With West Virginia, I'm not sure we've gotten to a place that we've successfully answered those challenges."

Beebe, who served as commissioner from 2007 to 2011 and departed as the conference sought to stabilize itself during realignments, said the connection between students and alumni is a consideration for teams as they decide to stay or switch conferences.

"I think when you detach institutions from the place where they primarily get their students and where their alumni go to live and work, it's never a comfortable situation," Beebe said.

The panel also discussed the addition of a four-team playoff in the postseason of college football, which was approved in June 2012 and will start in 2014.

"We've been able to embrace the best characteristics of the bowl system, and I think the four-team playoff with a selection committee is the right way to do that," Bowlsby said. "We still have some things to work out, but I think this playoff format has a chance to be a great thing for the players and the institution."

## MEN'S TENNIS PREVIEW | NITYA DURAN

No. 19 Texas will host No. 15 Baylor on Wednesday as it continues conference play in preparation for the Big 12 Championships on April 26.

Baylor has been on fire, with a 3-0 conference record, thrashing over No. 12 Oklahoma (6-1) and Oklahoma State (7-0) over the weekend. 66th-ranked sophomore Mate Zsiga, who earned Big 12 Player of the Week honors, is having a terrific season (24-7 singles, 15-3 dual-match singles). He is also 61st ranked in doubles with partner Diego Galeano. Zsiga is coming off of an upset against OU's 38th-ranked Guillermo Alcorta and will not be short on confidence when he rolls into Austin.

The Longhorns will need strong performances from everyone, but the match-up to watch will be between Zsiga and Texas' own sophomore standout, 41st-ranked Soren Hess-Olesen. In addition to having great singles matches, Texas will want to secure the doubles point, something it's only been able to do in one of the three conference matches played this season.

The first set begins at 6 p.m. at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

QUIDDITCH

# Magical sport takes top prize

**By Melinda Billingsley**

Texas Quidditch team members attended the World Cup and defeated UCLA to claim the sport's highest honor in Kissimee, Fla. This is the club's first year on campus.

Courtesy of Texas Quidditch

"Our goal was first and foremost to win the World Cup," said Christopher Morris, finance senior and Texas Quidditch co-captain. "And to prove that we are a great team."

That's exactly what they did at the 2013 Quidditch World Cup VI in Kissimmee, Fla. The tournament featured 80 teams, some from Canada, Mexico and France, but most from the United States.

The Longhorns have two travelling teams that competed. Texas Quidditch is considered a division I, or "varsity," team, while Austin Quidditch is division II, a "B" team.

Austin Quidditch did not advance to bracket play, but the team's passion for the sport continues to grow.

"We wanted to go out and prove to everyone that Austin Quidditch isn't just a 'B' team," Austin Quidditch Captain Nathan Vest said. "We wanted to show that we're a force to be reckoned with and that we can compete with the top teams from all over the world."

Although the game of Quidditch may be foreign to many, it is extremely competitive to those involved. The sport resembles its namesake, the Quidditch played at Hogwarts, from the magical world of Harry Potter. Of course, there are no flying brooms and animated balls, but the two are very similar.

The main objective is the same: Score points by throwing quaffles into hoops at each end of the field, knock opponents off their brooms by throwing bludgers at them and most importantly try to catch the snitch to end the game. In a world with no magic, there is no enchanted equipment.

Instead the players use a broom in between their swift legs as a means of traveling, kickballs to throw at opponents, volleyballs to throw into hoops and a human snitch that has a tennis ball in a sock to protect.

The players have the same responsibilities as in the magical game. There are keepers who defend the hoops and chasers who attempt at scoring. There is a snitch runner who tries to keep game in play by guarding the beloved snitch and seekers who try to catch the snitch.

At first glance, the sport may seem a little silly.

"I actually got into Quidditch kind of accidentally," chaser and seeker Darian Fazeli said. "I saw two of my friends walking by on campus carrying very unusual objects. When they told me it was for Quidditch, I kind of rolled my eyes and said something snarky. Eventually, they convinced me to come out and give it a shot. After the first day I was hooked, and I knew right then that I had found a life-long love."

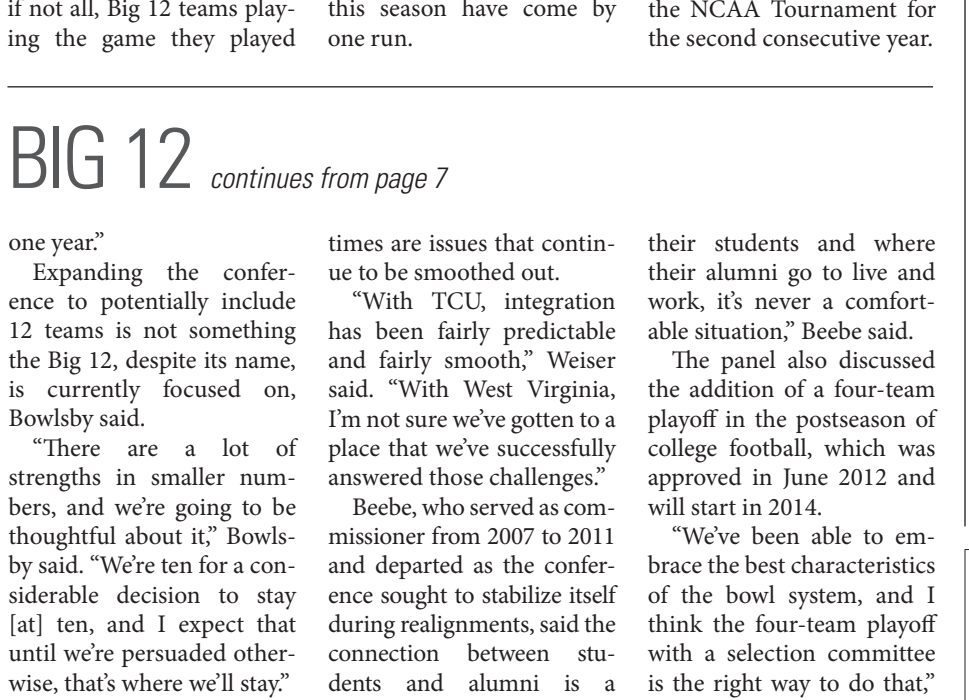
Quidditch has become a passion for many students, both as players and fans, and Texas Quidditch showcased that at the World Cup.

"It is extremely hard to stand out amongst the other student organizations since there are so many," Publicity Chair Caitlin Amthor said. "We have been very lucky to receive a lot of support from our fellow Longhorns, but our biggest strength is definitely the passion that our players have. When Texas Quidditch decides that they want to win the World Cup, they don't stop working hard until they get what they have been dreaming of."

After Texas Quidditch advanced to the World Cup bracket play, it defeated Texas A&M and Bowling Green State University and later went on to beat UCLA to claim the championship, prompting the UT Tower to be lit burnt orange.

In its first year as a club sport on campus, Texas Quidditch has proven to be a passionate organization with dedicated players.

"Winning the World Cup has been the goal of the Texas Quidditch team since it's inception," Morris said. "Taking the title as World Champion is something that very few people get to claim in their life and that crowning moment of victory is something that I will treasure and look back on for the rest of my life."

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# Self-publisher lands best sellers

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Self-publishing author Colleen Hoover holds copies of her books in Sulphur Springs on Tuesday. Hoover's romance novels have made The New York Times bestseller list.

SULPHUR SPRINGS — After a feverish month of inspiration, Colleen Hoover had finally fulfilled her dream of writing a book.

With family and friends asking to read the emotional tale of first love, the married mother of three young boys living in rural East Texas and working 11-hour days as a social worker decided to digitally self-publish on Amazon, where they could download it for free for a week.

"I had no intentions of ever getting the book published. I was just writing it for fun," said Hoover, who uploaded "Slammed" a year ago in January.

Soon after self-publishing, people she didn't know were downloading the book — even after it was only available for a fee. Readers began posting reviews and buzz built on blogs. Missing her characters, she self-published the sequel, "Point of Retreat," a month later. By June, both books hit Amazon's Kindle top 100 best-seller list. By July, both were on The New York Times best-seller list for e-books. Soon after, they were picked up by Atria Books, a Simon & Schuster imprint. By fall, she had sold the movie rights.

"I wasn't expecting any of this at all. And I'm not saying I don't like it, but it's taken a lot of getting used to," said the 33-year-old Hoover, who quit her job last summer to focus on her career as an author.

Hoover is both a story of self-published success in the digital age and of the popularity of so-called "New Adult" books, stories featuring characters in their late teens and early 20s. Others in the genre include Jamie McGuire's "Beautiful Disaster" and J. Lynn's "Wait for You." The novels, which often have explicit material, are seen by publishers as a bridge between young adult novels and romance novels.

"In a nutshell, they're stories of characters in their formative year, when everything is new and fresh," said Amy Pierpont, editorial director of the Hachette Book Group's "Forever" imprint, where "New Adult" best sellers include Jessica Sorensen and J.A. Redmerski.

When Hoover finished her third book, "Hopeless," in December, she initially turned down an offer from Atria and decided to digitally self-publish again. By January, that book too was a New York Times best-seller and she signed that month with Atria to publish the print version, but kept control of the electronic version.

## SICK

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good enough, and missing a test could mean dropping a letter grade.

Sick days were once an excuse to watch the romantic comedies and musicals you pretended not to like while your mom fed you grape juice and soup all afternoon. Now, sick days are spent falling asleep on the UT shuttle buses and hoping your professor takes pity on you and sends you home.

Although it's almost impossible to take a break from everyday activities when you become ill, students should try and take it easy. Not only are you endangering your own health, but you're also frightening the healthy students who don't want to wear surgical masks to class.

## COUNT

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honest about their sexual behavior in order to avoid being labeled a "slut" or a "whore."

"Number doesn't matter to me," public relations senior Brittany Gail Thomas said. "Why burden your mind with thoughts of that person with other men or women? The only thing that matters is that they are with you now and have hopefully found out what they do and do not like by way of sleeping around, or what I like to call 'finding yourself sexually.'"

Drew Cohen, former student at Austin Community College, shared that he usually doesn't ask, saying that "if you're mentally prepared to hear one thing and find out another, you may change your views on that person. I guess it's circumstantial."

From a sexual health perspective, it's fair to ask your partner about his sexual history and past condom and contraceptive use so long as you don't make hasty judgments based on someone's number of partners. It's a good idea to discuss sexually transmitted infections and for a couple to get tested together before having sex. You have a right to know if a potential partner has a sexually transmitted infection and how often he gets tested, but the exact number of previous sexual partners is altogether different.

"I tend to encourage my students and readers not to get too hung up on their own or others' 'numbers,'" said Debby Herbenick, associate research scientist at Indiana University and The Kinsey Institute. "A person's sexual history is only one aspect of who they are as a person, or a potential partner — and there's more to their number than meets the eye."

## TV

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launch channels in new cities. It demonstrates what a powerful tool the web can be."

Producers Joe Lynch and Barbara Rappaport run Austin's BalconyTV channel. The BalconyTV Austin channel showcases local musicians as well as popular touring artists, with an emphasis on promoting Austin artists to wider audiences on an international scale.

"As Austin claims to be the live music capital of the world, BalconyTV Austin showcases the bands and talent of the city," Lynch said. "It gives prospective visitors a chance to preview the music that they can see live."

Rappaport said that one of the greatest benefits for musicians from a performance on BalconyTV is the free, global exposure a band can receive after its video is posted online.

"Almost every band is seeking that big break," Rappaport said. "The only way to really get that break is exposure or to be discovered. This is a free, international music platform, so the question should be, why wouldn't a band want to perform on BalconyTV?"

Artists have benefitted from the site by gaining more social media followers, seeing increased record sales and obtaining opening slots on tours.

"We have had bands get invited to support major artists on tours and be offered gigs thanks to the exposure they receive on the website," Lynch said. "The direct benefit is that they all get what may be their first live video recordings to share on social media to engage more fans."

One band that has gained a broader fan base after being featured on BalconyTV is San Marcos-based folk-rock group Those Nights.

"We've found new Facebook and YouTube fans from other countries since the performance was posted, and it's only increased further since they named our video an Editor's Pick," singer Evan Styles said.

Styles feels fortunate that the Austin channel is willing to provide free film recording services for musicians. Otherwise it would be extremely expensive for emerging independent artists to afford the costs of making music videos.

"All it takes is one good spark to ignite a musician's career," Styles said. "BalconyTV is creating several of these sparks."

## CONE

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Casey's tops the list because it has variety, not just of flavors, but also of add-ons and sizes — a big plus if you dislike getting the giant 'small' size at Sno-Beach. Casey's flavors come in two varieties, cream and regular. The cream flavors have cream mixed in and taste like the perfect in-between: not quite ice cream, not quite snow cone, light enough for a summer day but heavy enough to support cream-based flavors like chocolate. The best of all is that despite all the variety, the service at Casey's comes in one only one flavor: amazing. The employees are cheerful, helpful and make each snow cone like the treat is the only thing between you and a great day. Which, considering how good these snow cones are, it just might be.

**2. Jim-Jim's Italian Water Ice**

No, a "water ice" is not a snow cone. The texture is, as you might suspect, more watery. But breaking tradition is forgivable because of the juicy, fresh-fruit flavors that Jim-Jim's trades in. Get the mango or the strawberry, but skip the cream: It's too thick, they put too much on and it ruins the light, juicy flavor of the treat.

**3. Sno-Beach**

At Sno-Beach, get a small — its sizes are larger than most — and order almond flavor with cream. Or peach with cream. Or horchata with cream. If you suspect the flavor would taste good when added to vanilla ice cream, adding the snow beach cream mix will make for a great combination.

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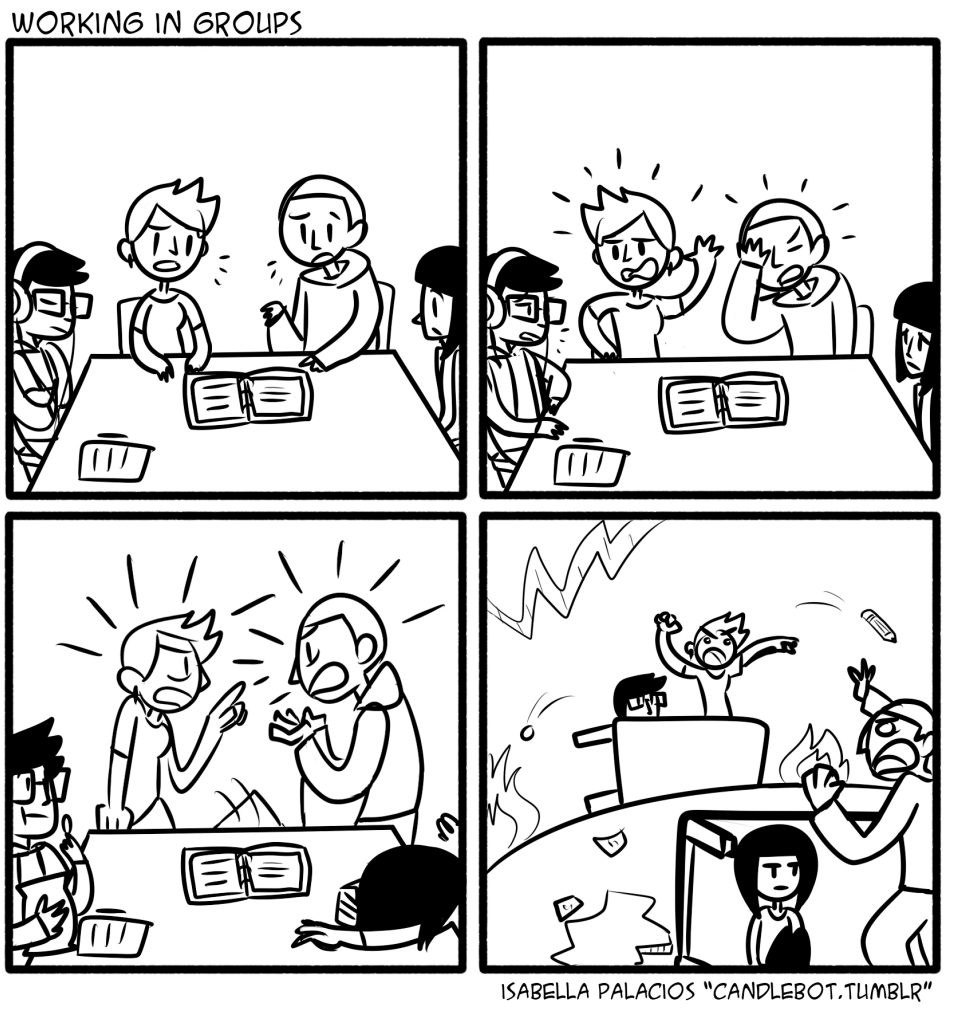


ISABELLA PALACIOS "CANDLEBOT.TUMBLR"

Wow, what a failure. (Although not as a person... since "person with problems" seems like a tautology)

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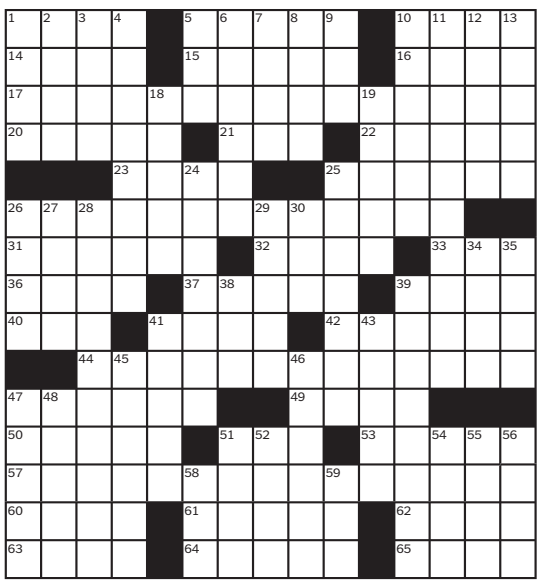

PUZZLE BY JOE DIPIETRO

**ACROSS**

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10 Read digitally
14 Not quite closed
15 Home near the Arctic Circle
16 ___ stick
17 Lady paid for one insect?
20 One of the Baldwins?
21 Old touring car
22 Charge to appear in a magazine
23 ___ Minor
25 Groups of limos, e.g.
26 Rodent that lets air out of balloons?
31 Gene arising through mutation
32 Written promises
33 Kitten sound
36 Diagonal
37 Enticed
39 Demanding sort
40 Slump
41 Land O'Lakes product
42 Sweet 'un
44 Spanish rum cake?
47 Help with a cover story, say
49 Comics beagle
50 Site of some Chicago touchdowns
51 Hoedown partner
53 BMI rival
57 Headline after one of Becker's Wimbledon wins?
60 Grp. created at the Baghdad Conference, 1960
61 Copier need
62 Abscond
63 Blood fluids
64 Each of this puzzle's long Across answers sounds like one
65 Zipped (by)

**DOWN**

1 Word after flood or floor
2 City east of Santa Barbara
3 Zip
4 Bits of sugar
5 Taradiddle
6 Ancient markets
7 Miss Scarlet's game
8 Pizza parlor option
9 "That's gotta hurt"
10 Popular card game
11 Grinder of a sort
12 Shoelace tip
13 Poet best known for "The Highwayman"
18 Tale's end, sometimes
19 Anklebone
24 Really, really good
25 Like St. Augustine, in 1565
26 Light touches
27 Kazan of Hollywood
28 Certain marcher in a parade
29 Finished with
30 Stock answer?
34 The dark side
35 Grow dim
38 Job listing inits.
39 Sits by a fire after a drenching, say
41 Heckelphone cousins
43 Ornithology-related
45 "Out of ___"
46 Unite, in a way
47 Rock group Los ___
48 "My fingers are crossed"
51 Gunk
52 The best
54 Choose the best of
55 Critic James
56 "What a relief!"
58 Powerful old Pontiac
59 Tide competitor

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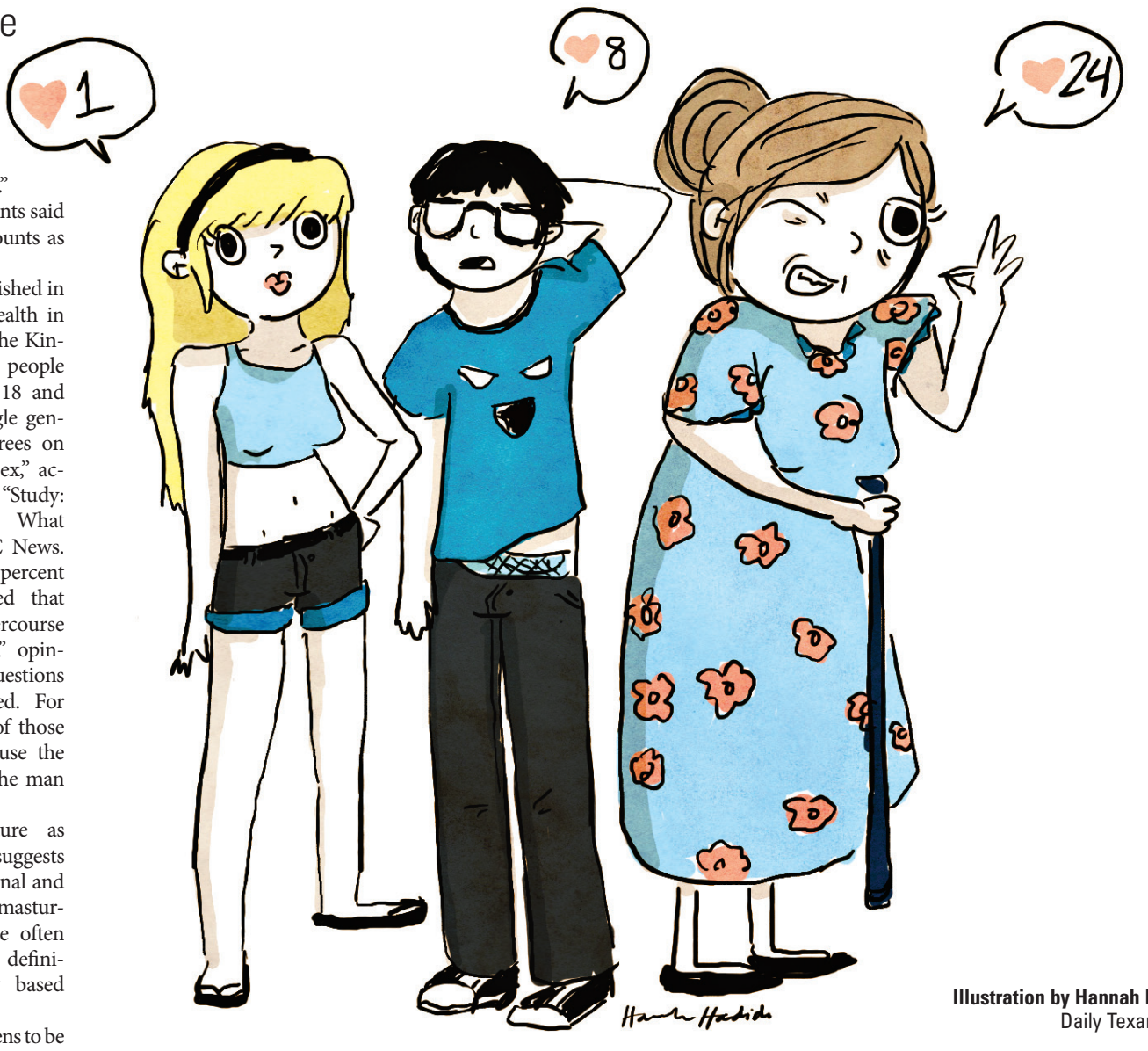
SEX

# What's your number?

## Hump Day questions importance of sharing number of sex partners

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HUMP DAY
By Milla Impola

Do college students ask, and do they care, about the number of previous sexual partners of a potential new sexual or romantic partner?

"Yes, out of curiosity," UT alumnus Henry Zhao said. "I usually give the vaginal sex number first, but if asked, I'll give the oral number. Oral sex can't get you pregnant, so it's not that big a deal."

If you plan on popping the question, it is wise to get on the same page and ask what exactly your partner counts as sex. A "hook up" could mean kissing for one person, while others may only count vaginal sex.

In a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, researchers at The Kinsey Institute at Indiana University asked nearly 600 students, "Would you say you 'had sex' with someone if the most intimate behavior you engaged in was … " and found that "Americans hold widely divergent opinions about what behaviors do and do not constitute having 'had sex.'"

More than 90 percent of respondents said penile-vaginal intercourse counts as sex, while 81 percent of respondents said penile-anal intercourse meant "had sex." 40 percent of participants said oral-genital contact counts as "had sex."

In a later study published in the journal Sexual Health in 2010, researchers at The Kinsey Institute surveyed people between the ages of 18 and 96 and found no single generation or gender agrees on a definition of "had sex," according to the article "Study: Adults Can't Agree What 'Sex' Means" on ABC News. Although almost 95 percent of participants agreed that penile-vaginal intercourse counted as "had sex," opinions changed as the questions became more detailed. For example, 11 percent of those surveyed would not use the phrase "had sex" if "the man did not come."

Movies, pop culture as well as research also suggests that men count oral, anal and manual sex (mutual masturbation) as "sex" more often than women do, and definitions can get tricky based on circumstances.

If your partner happens to be bisexual, for example, does the number of his past same-sex sexual partners count into his overall "number"? After all, if only vaginal sex counts as "sex," does oral sex only count as "sex" with your partner's same-sex partners, but not with his opposite-sex partners?

Beyond definitions of sex and hookups, there is still social stigma and shaming that surrounds sexuality that may make us feel less compelled to be honest about our sexual histories, particularly for women. Even though women today are challenging the stereotypes, slut-shaming and double standards that surround women's sexuality, many are still reluctant to be

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MUSIC

Photo courtesy of BalconyTV

Bands such as Those Nights perform for web series BalconyTV. The series films bands in 43 cities on balconies and rooftops.

# Web series showcases bands

By Stephanie Robalino

Most bands perform in dark cave-like venues filled with cigarette smoke and graffitied bathrooms. BalconyTV, a global music web series that is produced in six continents, films musical performances on actual balconies and rooftops, with picturesque views of a particular city behind the band.

The site's videos have been viewed more than 30 million times. From Tel Aviv to Austin, BalconyTV is filmed in 43 cities that follow the same outline: a musician or band performs one song in a single take on a balcony.

The concept of BalconyTV was born in 2006 on a rare sunny day in Dublin, Ireland. Co-founder Stephen O' Regan was admiring the view from his apartment, wondering how he could use his balcony more often. O' Regan decided he would start holding stripped down, acoustic concerts on his balcony, and he would film them.

"A television station on a balcony seemed like an over the top idea," O' Regan said. "But after we invited a couple of bands to perform, we started getting contacted by lots of bands that wanted to play on our balcony as well. So it became a music website all by itself."

The website has increased in popularity every year since then, as well as attracting people who want to get involved and start their own channels in their hometowns.

"The site has evolved quite organically," O' Regan said. "The more videos we make and the more cities we launch, the more people that want to

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HEALTH

# College exposes students to germs

By Hannah Smothers
Daily Texan Columnist

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Throughout high school, I took pride in having a superior immune system.

My attendance record was a beautiful, clean slate devoid of any black holes. I never had to depend on classmates to provide me with notes. My afternoons were never plagued by make-up tests.

Maybe I wasn't the most popular, the most athletic or the best at relationships, but if there had been a senior award for "Least Likely to Become Ill," I would have won.

However, when I left the sanctuary of my relatively germ-free home and embarked on a life of dormitory halls and constant human contact, my once superior immune system broke my heart.

After coming down with strep throat for the second time this semester, I decided it was finally time to relinquish the identity of someone who is generally impervious to illness. I had to face the fact that something had happened between high school and my sophomore year of college that caused me to be just as susceptible to common sickness as everyone else.

Was I aging? Was this what the rest of my life would be like? Was my metabolism going to be the next thing to go? Fear enveloped my everyday actions. I spent too much time reading paranoid musings of 20-somethings on Thought Catalog and began to think my life really might end within the next decade.

Surely I wasn't the only one experiencing this change in health. There had to be others like me.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer several tips to college students to help stay healthy. On the CDC's list are things like improving eating habits, getting seven to nine hours of sleep, having healthy relationships and maintaining mental health and lower stress levels.

Not abiding by the CDC's list of recommended behaviors can increase college students' odds of getting sick, and I'm not sure there's anything more pathetic than a sick college student.

According to livestrong.com, another factor in the declining immune systems of college students is an increase in exposure to germs and bacteria. We may have all had our meningitis shots before moving away from home, but being around people 24/7 means being around foreign germs 24/7.

Most college students also don't usually stay home when they get sick. It's not like high school where we can miss class and get notes from the teacher the next day, or make up that test we missed when we're feeling better.

Now, missing class means begging classmates for notes that may or may not be

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FOOD

# Snow cone stands offer cool treats

THE WRIGHT STUFF
with Laura Wright

Put simply, I am a snow cone connoisseur. When I was a kid, a snow cone stand painted with a picture of Winnie the Pooh sat around the corner from my house, and buying a snow cone there signaled both the beginning and end of summer.

As a college-bound 18 year old, I lived in a different house, but a snow cone stand still sat at the nearest H-E-B. In the weeks before I left for college I visited it every day, hell bent on tasting each and every one of the offered flavors.

Now, as a college student, I live mere blocks away from the Sno-Beach trailer on Guadalupe Street, and though I have not sampled every flavor, I am certainly a frequent patron. Below is a list of my favorite flavors at the three best snow cone stands in Austin, compiled by your truly.

**1. Casey's New Orleans Snowballs**

Yes. It's worth the drive.

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Becca Gamache
Daily Texan Staff

UT senior Leah Vela makes a snow cone for a customer at Sno-Beach on Tuesday afternoon. Vela said this week's warmer weather has brought an increase in business.