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## CapMetro adds buses, implements new routes

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CapMetro approved a new transit system which includes more UT shuttles and high-frequency bus routes last Monday.

The 10-year plan, called Connections 2025, will cost an additional \$9 million per year

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## 'Bathroom Bill' sees heated debate

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During the committee hearing for Senate Bill 6 Tuesday, transgender individuals used the bathroom according to the gender with which they identify, a situation which would not occur if the bill becomes law.

SB 6, sponsored by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, requires the biological sex on a person's birth certificate match the gender-specific restroom, shower or locker room they use in public buildings. Those

supportive of and opposed to the bill joined at the Capitol for a public hearing in which approximately 420 witnesses registered to testify.

Kolkhorst said the bill is a nondiscriminatory approach to provide privacy for all people.

"I'm proud to offer this bill to try to strike a balance to protect, defend and give a dignified way as to how we move forward," Kolkhorst said.

Kolkhorst said there is a process in Texas that enables individuals to change the gender on their birth certificates, but many transgender individuals testified that they do not have

the resources to do so.

Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston, said Texas Penal Code already prevents people of the opposite sex from entering a bathroom and questioned the intent of the language of the bill.

"I think (the language of the bill) is what leads to the concerns that many of the people in my district (have) that this is discriminatory and that this is targeting transgender children," Garcia said.

School districts across the state have adopted policies allowing transgender students to



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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, speaks at the State Capitol for a public hearing on Senate Bill 6. About 420 people registered to testify in support of against the bill.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## SG declares support for Jewish students

By Chase Karacostas  
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In response to the bomb threats, anti-Semitic social media posts and vandalism, Student Government unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday declaring support for Jewish students on campus.

Assembly Resolution 26 was drafted following anti-Semitic posts on the UT 2020 Facebook page and the shattering of a window at Texas Hillel, a Jewish center at the University.

"Several Jewish students that I know don't even feel comfortable wearing their (Star of David) necklace out or small things like that just to express their religion," said Jonathan Dror, the SG external financial director and an author of AR 26.

Dror said he hopes that despite the constant presence of anti-Semitism, this resolution will serve as reminder to Jewish students that the University is here to help and protect them.

"Unfortunately, anti-Semitism is always around and we can never get rid of it, but right now it's rearing its head up," Dror said. "So, we just thought

it was very important to show a message of solidarity with Jewish students, and that we're supporting them right now."

Jason Taper, a Plan II senior and Texas Hillel member, said he is thrilled these issues are being publicly acknowledged because communities, marginalized or not, need to come together against hate.

"It is still — luckily — unacceptable to hate Jews at the University of Texas, and when that's publicly expressed it's a measure of help," Taper said. "That said, the people that are anti-Semites, the people that are vandals, the people that are phoning in these threats and showing their hatred don't care, but they never have ... so knowing that we have the community behind us really helps."

SG also introduced Assembly Resolution 25, a resolution opposing Senate Bill 4, which forces local and state law enforcement agencies to comply with requests from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. The resolution is a preemptive measure to protest SB4 as it has not yet received a

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## theSkimm founders close out Entrepreneurship Week

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The co-founders of theSkimm, a daily email newsletter, discussed turning their passion for news into an innovative startup and reaching over 5 million subscribers worldwide on the last day of UT Entrepreneurship Week.

theSkimm seeks to provide easy-to-read news for urban women aged 22-34. The founders, Danielle Weisberg and Carly Zakin, talked about the decisions to quit their jobs given the declining economy, to target urban working professionals and to work and live together.

Weisberg and Zakin met in college during a study abroad program and had previously worked at NBC before starting theSkimm.

"Be nice because you never know who's going to be your business partner," Weisberg said.

Although Weisberg and Zakin were unemployed, they continued to work on their vision, ultimately resulting in theSkimm.

"Living with each other and literally seeing each other every day prevented



Gabby Lanza | Daily Texan Staff

Danielle Weisberg and Carly Zakin are the co-founders of theSkimm, a daily email newsletter. This newsletter is aimed at providing millennials with an easy-to-read news source.

us from procrastinating," Zakin said.

Weisberg and Zakin's marketing strategy was to target young professionals and their busy routines because they saw how difficult it was for people to keep up with the news.

"We wanted theSkimm to make it easier for them to be smarter," Zakin said.

They noticed the first thing most people do when their alarm goes off is check their emails from family and friends. Their goal was to find a way to be a part of people's

early morning rituals.

Weisberg said while they both grew up as news junkies, they didn't want to wait around for the industry to pick up.

"Making the decision to start was the toughest thing," Weisberg said. "We had this feeling that we could do something else for a really long time."

Weisberg and Zakin encouraged students to go beyond "staying in their lanes" and commit to their passions.

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**TOMORROW'S WEATHER**

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I can't believe Lorde is 12 years old!

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Senate hearing date. Speaker of the Assembly Santiago Rosales, an author of the resolution, said SB4 will alienate undocumented students and cripple the ability of UTPD to help students on campus, regardless of their immigration status. "The University isn't a law



**Yifan Lyu** | Daily Texan Staff

Student Government External Financial Director Johnathan Dror, addresses Assembly Resolution 26 in an hope that this Resolution will assure Jewish students of their safety in expressing their religion on campus.

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As election runoffs results draw near on Thursday night, Isaiah Carter and Sydney O'Connell have one message for the student body — "Come As You Are."

Government junior Carter said the campaign's "Come As You Are" message is designed to empower students to be unapologetic of what makes them unique.

"We're trying to urge students to be proud of what makes them different and unapologetic and empowered to express their views freely," Carter said. "I think that's a message that again is more important than Sydney or myself or our campaign, but a message that, above all else, we want every student on this University to hear and believe in."

Carter said the campaign plans to expand SURE Walk, implement a fall break over Texas-OU weekend, provide funding to Voices Against Violence and create the "UrNext in Student Government" program in which any student who wants to be a part of SG in an official capacity will be accepted.

Carter said he will not be opposed to making political statements in office because

enforcement agency ... and SB 4 strains the relationship between undocumented students and members of the University," Rosales said. "In conversations with Chief Carter that I've had, working with students and emphasizing that (UTPD is) with students is a priority of the department, and Senate Bill 4 definitely would destroy that relationship."

political issues directly affect the student body.

"If we shy away from what really matters, then students are not going to have really any incentive to get involved with an institution that is designed to serve them," Carter said. "We have to talk about issues that matter (to) them."

Corporate communications junior Sydney O'Connell is a member of Alpha Phi and a co-founder of "Not On My Campus," a student organization dedicated to breaking the silence surrounding sexual assault.

"My work with Not On My Campus has given me a lot of insight on conversations that need to be happening, education that needs to be continued (and) trainings that need to be implemented," O'Connell said.

With campus involvement in Silver Spurs, Camp Texas and Texas Wranglers, and having served as current chief of staff and past campaign manager for current student body president Kevin Helgren, Carter said he can provide a perspective that has long evaded campus conversation.

"I know what the job entails, I know what's hard (and) I know what's easy," Carter. "I think experience is something that's incredibly important when you're

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**Ann Morris** | Daily Texan Staff

Yukun Yang lines up a shot while practicing at the weekly Texas Billiards meeting. The group gathers in the Union Underground, and competes in its own tournaments.

**GUZMAN**

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With a slogan to "RAL-LY" the student body together as president and vice president, Alejandrina Guzman and Micky Wolf are running on a platform of accessibility, empowerment and representation.

"Our vision is to have UT students know they have resources, know that they're supposed to on campus, and that they have all the right to make UT their home base," said Guzman, a government and Mexican-American studies senior. "It's just (about) being able to advocate for students, being able to connect and bridge different communities together (and) being able to empathize."

Wolf, Plan II and business honors junior, said what makes the Guzman-Wolf campaign unique as student leaders is its focus on trying to help others grow as leaders who can make an impact on campus.

"We seek to represent all students by working directly with them as opposed to only claiming to work for them," Wolf said. "I think that there is not a team that is as selflessly focused on empowering others as (ours)."

Wolf said the Guzman-Wolf campaign plans to add handicap-accessible vans to SURE Walk, create a textbook exchange program to make textbooks cheaper, provide guarantor forms for undocumented students in more off-campus apartment buildings and integrate the Multicultural Engagement Center and the Gender and Sexuality Center.

With an emphasis on advocacy, the Guzman-Wolf campaign will work directly with student leaders on campus initiatives, including SG tabling in the West Mall and working with

experts of Voices Against Violence, SURE Walk and campus service initiatives.

"If those advocates are not in that space when these conversations are happening, it's not the best thing," Guzman said. "I think that's pretty much step one in the whole tangible action process, bringing student leaders and advocates in the room and in these conversations."

Wolf said the campaign also wants to put the non-conference Texas A&M-UT football game back on the schedule, which would take place in 2025.

"I know that's something that's not going to directly affect everybody right now, but hopefully that's going to affect us for the rest of our lives as Texas Exes," Wolf said.

As director of the SG Disabilities and Inclusion Agency, Guzman has served as the co-director of the Latino Community Affairs at the Multicultural Engagement Center for the past two years and is a current member of Texas Orange Jackets.

"Being in that space alone, I have heard so many different stories (and) empathized with so many different students," Guzman said. "At the end of the day, we're passionate about helping others, we're passionate about bringing everybody with us and uplifting everyone at the same time."

Guzman would be the first female Latin American student body president and the first differently abled student body president at the University.

Wolf is a current SG university-wide representative and has co-founded several initiatives around campus, including Texas for Expanding Opportunity, Texas Leaders and the Improve UT challenge.

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Art history senior Danielle Meyer is a member of the Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency team who worked on She Started It, an event for women in entrepreneurship. LEA immediately reached out to theSkimm.

"Even though they were unavailable the day of our She Started It event, they were so enthusiastic about

coming to campus," Meyer said. "We knew we had to create an event for them."

Meyer said students should not feel intimidated to enter entrepreneurship based on the fear of not following the traditional path.

"I felt discouraged by the expectation that because of my major, my only career option was curator," Meyer said. "I became really intrigued by the whole startup scene, and how my field of study could relate."

**CAMPUS**

**Professors unite for Academic Showdown**

**By Lisa Nhan**  
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It's up to four UT professors from different disciplines to help save humanity after 85 percent of the world's population is gone.

This hypothetical situation was the premise for the debate at this year's annual Academic Showdown.

Threatened by the advances humans have made, aliens attack Earth. Marty McFly and Dr. Emmet Brown from "Back to the Future," decide to come out of hiding and travel to UT to talk to these professors. Each one is given the chance to debate which prominent figure should be brought back from history to help humanity. It's the year 2017, and it is time to save the world.

Chemistry lecturer Kate Biberdorf chose Wernher von Braun, an aerospace engineer, as her figure to bring back from the past because of his invention of the V-2 rocket.

"What we need is a gen-

tleman who can come back, who's pissed off, who can make a rocket and put a feisty chemist in there and send us off to that alien planet to blow it to pieces," Biberdorf said.

Journalism professor Robert Jensen decided on Abe Osheroff, a social activist and war veteran.

"It was the combination of the struggle to understand the world and the willingness to act to change the world that I think made Abe so special," Jensen said.

Mechanical engineering lecturer Billy Wood picked Nikola Tesla. Wood said Tesla was "probably the greatest inventor of all time" and that his genius would save the world.

English professor Elizabeth Richmond-Garza had an unusual choice. Inspired by her field of study in World War I, Garza said she wants someone ordinary but dedicated to helping others, comparing her choice to the students in the room.

"Whoever you are from my



**Chase Karacostas** | Daily Texan Staff

English professor Elizabeth Richmond-Garza won Tuesday's Academic Showdown which centered around how they would handle an alien invasion that killed 85 percent of humanity.

period, when things looked a bit like they do now, I want to bring you back," Richmond-Garza said. "A real person who might be able to tell us what to do."

Tejas Choudhary, a civil engineering and finance junior, helped organize the event as part of the Student Engineering Council. He said the event was a rare chance for all disciplines to interact.

"We brainstormed topics that could involve both intellectual and something to keep the conversation light and funny," Choudhary said. "We wanted a topic that could give every single college a chance to contribute something."

A poll took place at the end of the event, with Richmond-Garza's argument winning first place.

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## CAMPUS



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Filmmaker Jesús Salvador Treviño spoke to students, professors and fans Tuesday evening on the challenges and achievements throughout a career spanning more than 40 years.

## Director shares journey of Chicano storytelling

By Ally Ortega  
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Writer and director Jesús Salvador Treviño discussed the importance of pursuing his passion in storytelling.

Treviño, who is a Latino, said he began filming and editing the Chicano movement during the 1970s.

"I'm an author, a filmmaker, a producer, but I'm not defined by those things," Treviño said. "I consider myself a storyteller. I sometimes tell my stories using film or written words."

The Center for Mexican American Studies, Department of Radio-Television-Film and the Center for Women's and Gender Studies hosted the second of a two-part series, showcasing Latino and Latina film and media creators. The event, held in the Belo Center for New Media, included a screening of Treviño's work, followed by a question and answer session.

"We may think of shows like 'Jane the Virgin' as the first of its kind in terms of the battle of getting Latinos on television," said Mary Beltrán, associate professor in radio-television-film. "(Treviño) is someone who has been in this kind of fight for decades and decades."

Some of his many works include documentaries, films, shows and short stories. Treviño has made a transition

from activist writing on the Chicano movement to modern entertainment programming, Beltrán said.

The screening was a compilation of Treviño's films and shows throughout the years. Treviño added his own commentary during the screening about what went into the casting, filming and creating of his works.

During the question and answer session, the audience asked questions regarding Treviño's perspective when casting minorities in specific shows, his personal and professional relationships throughout his life, his educational background and his opinion on whether or not there has been progress in the rights of Chicanos.

"He mentioned that you have to fight to make a difference," said Rj Ramos, radio-television-film junior. "If I got anything out of that, it was to continue the fight for more representation of Latinos and Latinas in film."

Treviño said he challenges students to find the stories they want to tell and the best medium to tell them with.

"When those dark moments come and an inner voice is saying, 'Give up,' you have to be able to turn it off and say, 'No, I'm not going to give up because I believe in this, and I know I can do it,'" Treviño said.

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on top of the \$259 million for the current system, and will overhaul the current system in favor of additional buses running every 15 minutes. CapMetro communications specialist Melissa Ayala said in an email that CapMetro studied bus usage and realized residents wanted a more consistent bus schedule.

"Studies have shown that 15 minutes or less is the threshold for when riders no longer need to consult a schedule to catch their bus," Ayala said. "The Connections 2025 Transit Plan would create a more frequent, connected and reliable transit network."

The plan sets a structure for future transit developments over the next five years, including six more UT shuttles, but the plan proposes the shuttles will operate about 40,000 hours less per year. The University will pay for the buses through a partnership with CapMetro, Ayala said.

Routes near campus, including the University's 642 West Campus and 640 routes, will be changed, but exact changes are yet to be approved of by the public and the CapMetro board. Others subject to change are the 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 20 Manor routes.



Infographic by Rena Li | Daily Texan Staff

CapMetro will have a public hearing at Gregory Gym from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, and after approval, changes will be put into effect June 4.

Biochemistry junior Zara Soomro said she often takes the 640 and West Campus bus, and without them, she would have to walk about 20 minutes to class.

"(Because of the shuttles), I don't have to walk all the way to the fine arts building or take the bus to the Capitol, that area," Soomro said. "If you don't know anyone who drives, it's kind of inconvenient."

Ayala said there are currently six frequent routes,

and the plan will add 11 more, including four MetroRapid routes running every seven to 15 minutes to decrease wait times.

Biochemistry freshman Hannah Hospital said she often rides a bus to the Austin Bouldering Project rock climbing gym.

"There have been times where I've had to wait like 20 minutes," Hospital said. "Sometimes the buses are late, which can be very aggravating."

The plan will implement a 24/7 system of high-frequency routes that mimic similar transit systems in major cities, such as Portland, Seattle,

Houston and Denver.

Computer science freshman Jack Crabtree said he takes MetroRapid routes from the West Mall station at UT to work late hours at P.F. Changs downtown.

"A lot of times I don't get off work till like one in the morning," Crabtree said. "So that'd be nice to have this route going back and forth at that hour."

"Capital Metro has maximized resources by analyzing route productivity, resulting in a proposed budget that serves areas with the highest ridership potential that is financially sustainable," Ayala said.

## SB6

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use the bathroom and locker room facilities in accordance with their gender identity. Opposition to these policies come from parents and community members who claim the policies are unsafe for their children by allowing boys to enter girls' bathrooms.

Kolkhorst said she wants to unify the state policy about this issue and prevent inconsistencies in local laws.

Testimony in support of the bill emphasized the legislation would make intimate facilities safer, particularly for women and children. Ten-year-old Shiloh Sattfield and her dad,

Rob, spoke in favor of SB 6.

"I felt very, very uncomfortable knowing that a boy could come into the restroom with me," Shiloh said. "The restroom is a private place and I'd like to keep it that way."

Transgender pastor Seth Wynn said although the bill aims to protect the privacy of individuals, it actually puts transgender individuals, the most vulnerable men and women, in harm's way.

"When they go into the public bathroom that is congruent with their gender identity, they are the most vulnerable person in that facility," Wynn said. "They are already targets for bullying and shaming and violence. They already represent

one of the highest rates of suicide among marginalized people and that is directly related to demeaning public policies like this bathroom bill."

Sen. José Rodríguez, D-El Paso, said a lack of evidence proving transgender people commit crimes in these spaces led him to believe it discriminates against members of the transgender community. Rodríguez also questioned the constitutionality of the bill due to its limited scope of only applying to facilities in public buildings.

During the hearing, senators said the bill would not have a negative economic impact. However, representatives from business associations and

tourism departments across the state who testified said the bill would cost their city revenue and jobs.

North Carolina Lt. Gov. Dan Forest testified in favor of SB 6 after his state passed a similar bill last year. Forest said the state economy has grown since the bill was passed, but there is a lot of dispute about the bill's potential impact.

"This issue is not about the economy," Forest said during the hearing. "This issue is about privacy, safety and security in the most vulnerable places we go."

At the time of publication, the committee hearing had not adjourned and no action had been taken on the bill.

## RESEARCH

## UT professor recognized for discovery in nanochemistry

By Adamari Gonzalez  
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The Welch Foundation, one of the largest funding resources for chemical research, recognized associate professor Delia Milliron for her contribution to controlling sunlight from entering buildings, according to the foundation's website.

Last Wednesday, The Welch Foundation announced Milliron as one of the two recipients of the 2017 Norman Hackerman Award in Chemical Research. The award was established to honor Norman Hackerman, the foundation's scientific advisory board member, with the purpose of supporting Texas' scientists who are dedicated to increasing the fundamental understanding of chemistry.

Milliron said it is a great honor to be recognized by The Welch Foundation, and she is very proud to receive this award. "(The Welch Foundation is) a very important supporter of chemistry across the state of Texas, and they found some of the research in my lab and in many others across campus and around the state," Milliron said over the phone. "It's a really important driver of innovation in Texas to have the Welch foundation supporting us with grants and with awards like this one."

Milliron is also an associate editor of Nano Letters, a journal of the American Chemical Society, which includes publications related to nanomaterial chemistry.

Thomas Truskett, chair of the McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering, said Milliron is a "rising star" in the chemical sciences, and she is well-deserved of the award.

"The Hackerman Award is a fiercely competitive prize," Truskett said in an email. "The



Photo courtesy of McKetta Department of Chemical Engineering  
Associate professor Delia Milliron was recognized by the Welch Foundation for her work in chemistry.

fact that Dr. Milliron was chosen for it this year, as well as another colleague from our Department last year, points toward the excellence of our young faculty, who represent the future of the Department."

The Welch Foundation is based in Houston and has contributed to the advancement of chemistry by supporting institutions in Texas with research grants and special projects, according to the foundation's website.

Chemistry freshman Andrea Torres said it's inspiring to see Milliron's recognition, because she represents a strong female leader in the scientific community.

"For a long time chemistry and sciences in general were predominantly male, and to have a woman win an award like that it's a pretty big deal," Torres said. "It shows that we have a program that pushes innovation."

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## Guzman-Wolf prove ready to lead students

Last week, we offered no endorsement in the first round of voting for Student Government executive alliance. But this week, we realize that is no longer a tenable position.

Like every candidate for those positions, from this year and those past, we believe that SG plays an essential role in making the 40 Acres the best place it can be. Last week, we detailed some of the big ideas this year's crop brings to the table, and quietly owe the organization credit for many of the things that make our lives better, from placing students in positions to serve one another to equipping them with resources as important as the E-bus and the SAC.

And all four students running on the remaining two campaigns deserve credit for their service inside and outside of SG. Isaiah Carter has helped make Kevin Helgren and Binna Kim's term a success, and Sydney O'Connell's work in Not On My Campus has helped women on this campus. Alejandrina Guzman brings experience from service in LULAC, the Multicultural Engagement Center and the Disabilities & Inclusion Agency, and Micky Wolf's work founding Texas for Expanding Opportunity shows his dedication to the Austin community.

Last week, with a runoff likely and reasons to take issue with each campaign, we asked our readers to vote for the candidate they believed in. We hoped that each ticket would take our criticisms of their campaigns to heart, and that we would be in a better position to make a decision about who could best serve every student on campus.

Now that Burley-Guerra have been eliminated and are in a position to play kingmaker after picking up over a quarter of the vote, we feel it is our job to take up that mantle. Burley-Guerra's

limited grasp on policy, homogeneity of viewpoints and Burley's direct ties to Isaiah compel us to doubt that they know who can best serve students, even if we appreciated the energy they brought to campaigning.

And while we stand by most of our original criticisms, we feel Alejandrina Guzman and Micky Wolf are the candidates who can serve us best. We feel Guzman-Wolf can rectify their deficiencies going forward and have made some effort to do so, while Carter-O'Connell have only cast more doubt on their capacity to lead.

In our eyes, Isaiah's decision to abuse his position in SG to find extra campaign workers was never a rectifiable harm. SG should be an institution that serves students most in need, not those who wish to further their own ambitions. We see that win-at-all-costs attitude show up in other places as well. Their full flop on hate speech in 10 days, from a stance in favor of banning any speech that offends any "race, religion, gender or creed" toward one that argues that free speech fixes everything — without an explanation of how they got from point A to B — suggests a craven willingness to offer stances they believe are popular. Isaiah's statement at our debate last week about separating his public and private opinions raises an eyebrow, leaving us wondering how he will effectively represent students behind closed doors, which is where most of SG's work gets accomplished.

We have our differences with Alejandrina and Micky, but we've never questioned their belief in standing up for the needs of students. Yesterday, they used time they could have spent campaigning on the West Mall to speak out against the SB6 "bathroom bill" at the Texas Capitol, demonstrating their



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willingness to fight for students who need their help the most. They have a solid plan to help transgender students change the names on their transcripts and diplomas to reflect their gender identity. Their textbook exchange program, if implemented, would keep money in student pockets instead of the bank coffers of textbook companies.

While we wish their ticket had confronted Alejandrina's past support for banning YCT more vocally, we know both of them care about protecting students if given the choice, and we prefer her response at our debate to how Isaiah and Sydney have handled walking back their

statement. Paired with Micky, whose stances we've taken no issue with, we feel comfortable with their ability to lead, even if we wish they had done more to communicate to the rest of the University the things that comforted us in private conversation.

We offer them our endorsement, and hope they will repay it by serving every student on campus at every opportunity.

Voting in the executive alliance runoff opens at 8 am on March 8 and closes at 5 pm on March 9. We hope that you will cast your vote at [utexasvote.org](http://utexasvote.org) to elect the administration you believe will bring change to this campus for us all.

COLUMN

## Spring break alcohol ban logic proves fallacious

By Alina Agha

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Spring break is notorious for many things, excessive drinking and partying being at the top of the list. Typically, it is also accompanied by rowdy behavior, illegal drug use and other forms of crime.

In response to issues of criminal activity, sexual assault and excessive drinking, several popular spring break locations have banned alcohol on their beaches specifically for the month of spring break. While the ban has been effective, it only really addresses the issue of overcrowding, rather than crimes and illegal activity.

Panama City Beach, Florida — one of the most popular destinations for college students — voted to ban alcohol on beaches during spring break dates in 2016, after a particularly dangerous set of incidents in 2015, including the gang rape of an unconscious woman and a shooting that left seven people injured. Once the ban was imposed they saw a significant decrease in crowds as compared to previous years, so much so that businesses in the area saw an 80 percent loss in revenues. The law will be enforced again this year, and other cities have followed suit, such as Gulf Shores.

While these restrictions are effective and come with good intentions, they aren't actually solving the underlying reasons for these crimes. An alcohol ban doesn't stop college students from drinking and committing crimes — they just continue to do so

elsewhere. While authorities may use these restrictions as an immediate solution, it will take more than a ban on booze to stop such incidents from taking place.

Though it is not directly the university's responsibility, sexual assault and binge drinking are problems almost all colleges have to deal with and address on a regular basis. Spring break activities are common knowledge, and universities have the resources to be proactive in educating their students about how to take care of themselves and be responsible, and it would be efficient for universities to initiate a spring break-related conversation with students in the weeks before break.

This week University Health Services has been handing out Safe Spring Break kits — but instead of handing out coupons and freebies, they should be talking to students about how to take care of not just themselves, but others as well. Some universities have implemented awareness weeks, holding workshops to engage with students about different aspects of safety. Programs like these are likely to be effective as they directly address students, especially for universities in close proximity of popular spring break destinations.

Local authorities can also implement similar local programs that are aimed toward visiting college students. Rather than simply saying "don't drink," authorities can have a more explanatory set of rules and advice for students to follow: How much can your body handle? What are the signs that you've drank too much and should take a break? What are

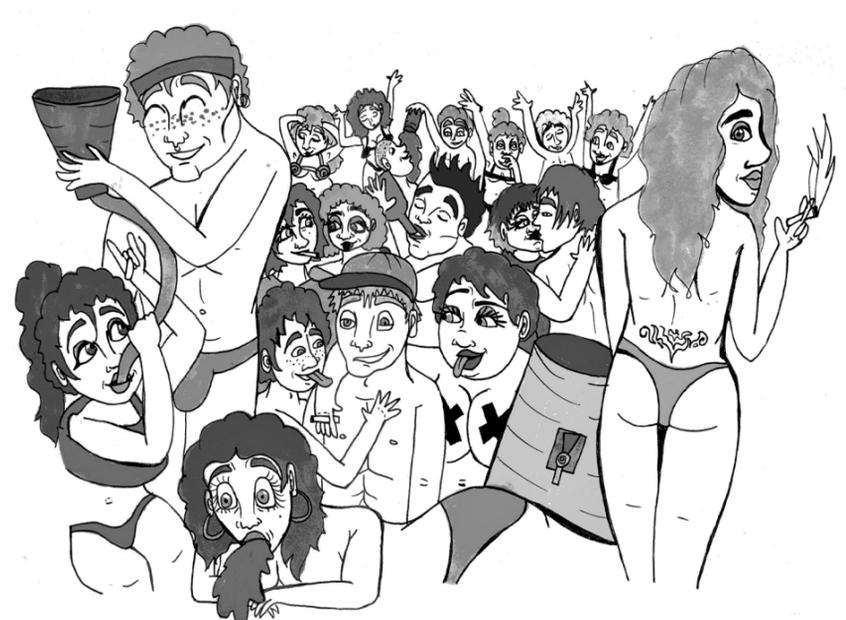


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the consequences? What should you do if you see someone who needs help?

The reality is that spring break is part of college culture, and for students it's a way to take a break from their everyday routines. Just because it isn't happening on one beach, doesn't mean it's not happening on another. Rather than enforcing laws that simply send students elsewhere, both universities

and local authorities should work towards programs and actions to increase awareness among students as how they can enjoy their break safely. Though this may not immediately stop all incidents of crime and assault, it is a start to dealing with the issues not just in one area, but as a whole.

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COLUMN

## UT-Houston project fallout affects university system

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Wednesday saw plans fall through to expand the UT System to include a Houston campus as Chancellor William McRaven officially canceled them. Such an expansion would have finally brought a full UT sanctioned undergraduate research institution into Texas' largest city and have brought competition to the University of Houston. But it's the fallout of the bungled plan that illustrates the true loss — a harder road has been paved to expanding our system.

Plans to expand the UT System to include a Houston campus were announced by Chancellor McRaven last year. Since then, he acquired 307 acres of land in Houston southwest of the Astrodome for the price of \$215 million to fit the project and worked on building the idea up before ensuring he had solid ground to begin with.

At the announcement of these plans,

McRaven faced wide criticism and disapproval from both the University of Houston and members of the Texas Legislature. The University of Houston saw the plans as unwanted competition that posed a threat to their institution. Meanwhile members of the Texas Legislature criticized the purchase of the land without consulting them first.

This misstep with the legislature was the crucial blow, knocking an idea built on shoddy foundation out before it could even begin.

Yet McRaven never mentioned it when discussing the cancellation. Instead he cited concerns that the expansion project to Houston would overshadow the work being done at the other 14 UT campuses across the state. A vague enough answer to conceal the fact that he jumped the gun on a massive project that would've greatly helped expand the prestige and reach of UT.

Not a full week after McRaven's cancellation announcement comes the proposal of House Bill 1737. This bill would enforce

stricter requirements on Texas public universities and colleges when purchasing land outside the immediate area surrounding their main campus. If enacted, it would make it harder for UT and other public universities in Texas to expand across the state.

The bill directly politicizes the expansion of public universities, and could affect not only a potential future UT-Houston campus, but any expansions on any of UT's other 14 campuses. Both the timing of the bill and the sponsor of the bill, state Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, make it clear that it's a direct response to McRaven's failed attempts at constructing a UT-Houston campus.

But more than that, it's a response to the notion of competition between public universities brought to Houston. It's a protective measure that keeps universities safe, while hurting students who could benefit from more diversity in college choices. Competition between universities isn't a bad thing, and if allowed would lead to both schools

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constantly working to better themselves.

This whole ordeal has cost UT greatly, but it will ultimately cost Texas students more. McRaven's jumping the gun on expanding to include a Houston branch of the UT system without having the forethought to consult with the Texas Legislature have made the process of expanding our system much harder than it needs to be. This lasting cost will affect all of our existing branch schools along with any future ones, and will take away the opportunity for competition between universities that could ultimately better them.

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**SOFTBALL**

# Texas bullpen seeks to shake off losing streak

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Texas has the makings of a championship-contending squad: five pitchers — including two lefties — and seven total seniors, the most since 2005.

But right now, the Longhorns are in the midst of a six-game losing streak.

Four weeks ago, the Longhorns set goals. They wanted to score more than five runs in every game under new batting coach Tripp MackK-ay, take advantage of their depth in the bullpen, win a Big 12 Championship and take home their first NCAA championship rings.

Those are lofty aspirations for a team that has started the season with an 11-9 record. But there's still time, and Texas has shown progress in ways that aren't yet shown on the scoreboard.

Eight of Texas' 14 opponents have 13 wins and six were ranked, including one-loss No. 5 Arizona this past weekend. Arizona currently

holds the fourth lowest team ERA in the country at 0.94. But the Longhorns challenged that with two runs scored in the final game, the most senior Danielle O'Toole had given up in 61 innings.

"Our schedule to this point in the season may be the strongest one we've ever faced, so we just need to keep the faith regardless of what the record says," head coach Connie Clark said.

The Longhorns are currently averaging 5.3 runs per game but have had trouble finding their ideal batting order. Texas has used 17 different batting lineups through the opening 20 games of the season, with the most consistent lineup being in the games against No. 15/13 Tennessee, No. 8/7 Washington and Texas State.

But good things are coming out of the bullpen.

Senior Tiarra Davis stands out as a leader, becoming the fourth pitcher in Texas history to throw 500 innings and looks to be the sixth to reach a 50-win mark

against UTSA. Davis aided in victories over No. 24 Missouri and No. 14 Tennessee, averaging a 1.00 ERA for both. She currently stands at the top of the Texas charts with 29 strikeouts and a 2.65 ERA in 39.2 innings.

The youth in the bullpen Sophomore left-handed pitcher Brooke Bolinger winds up on the mound during a game at Red and Charline McCombs Field. Bolinger, who spent her freshman campaign with Nevada, has succeeded with a low ERA this season.

has also posed a threat. Sophomore transfer Brooke Bolinger holds a 0.88 ERA in five appearances with only two earned runs. Bolinger relieved Davis on Sunday, recording zero earned runs, two walks and one hit in five innings. In addition,

redshirt sophomore Erica Wright has averaged a 1.10 ERA in four appearances, with two earned runs in 12.2 innings.

The Longhorns will look to break their losing streak against UTSA at Red and Charline McCombs Field on

Wednesday at 4 p.m. "The process, the approach, the willingness to learn and the eagerness to come back and compete was pretty good," Clark said. "That's what we need to continue to be focused on and get back to work this week."



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**BASEBALL**

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bases right before freshman outfielder Austin Todd sent them both home with a double to left field. Redshirt junior second baseman Bret Boswell added another RBI single to tally up a five-run inning and a 7-0 advantage for the Longhorns.

"What I was most impressed with was the ability to tack on runs with two outs," Pierce said. "We continued to just have quality at bats and not try to do too much. That was big for the team."

The Longhorn lineup stung Richmond from top to bottom as nine different batters collected hits throughout the night. Four

Longhorns recorded multiple hits in the game.

Junior pitcher Connor Mayes cruised on the mound while enjoying comfortable run support with seven Longhorn runs scored after just two innings. The right-hander threw five scoreless innings and only allowed one hit in his first winning effort of the season.

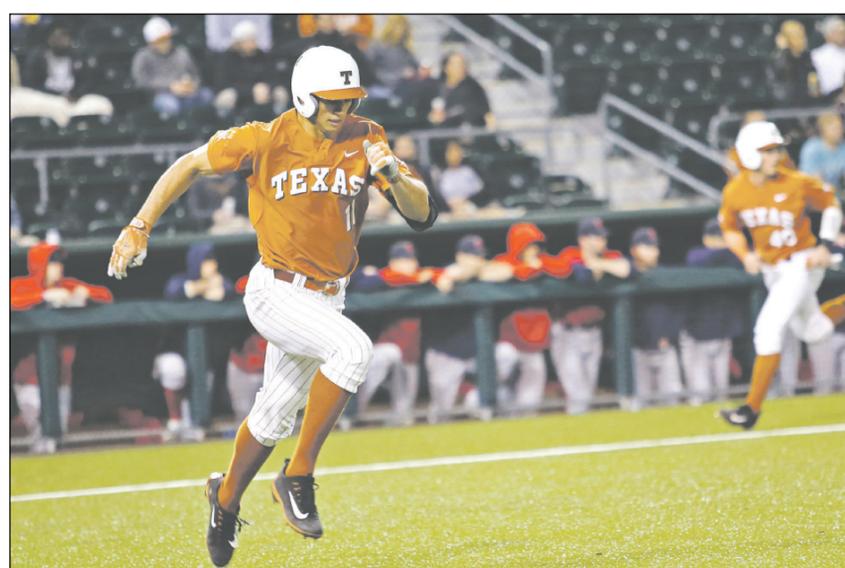
"He commanded his fastball much better so he could pitch off of it," Pierce said. "He was sharper. It didn't hurtwhaving a cushion and being able to go out and relax and pitch, but that's how he needs to pitch all the time."

Texas throwers continued to send Richmond batters back into the dugout

empty-handed. Redshirt sophomore pitcher Parker Joe Robinson came out of the bullpen to toss two scoreless innings of his own. Freshman right-hander Kevin Roliard clinched the Longhorn win by finding the final out in the last inning.

Back in the comfort of their home field, the Longhorns look to bring their big bats into Wednesday's game against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

"We get to enjoy (the win) for a little bit tonight and we've got a new opponent tomorrow," Pierce said. "(The momentum) needs to carry over and we need to have a good showing tomorrow."



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Junior left fielder Travis Jones runs the bases during Texas' 9-0 win over the Richmond Spiders at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.



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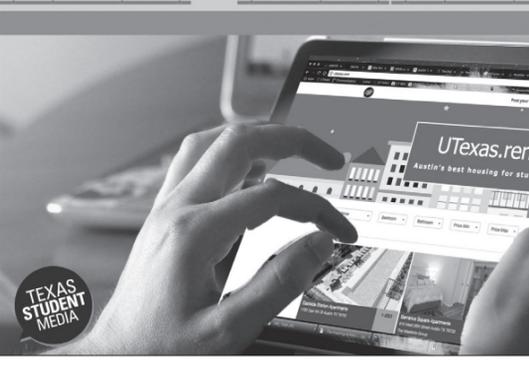


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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Big 12 title or bust for Texas now

Senior power forward Shaquille Cleare shoots from the low block during Texas' 75-64 loss to Baylor at the Frank Erwin Center on March 4. Cleare's time with the Longhorns is nearing its end as Texas enters the Big 12 Tournament as the conference's lowest seed.



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History is not on the Longhorns' side.

If Texas is to win the Big 12 tournament and clinch an NCAA tournament bid, it'll be the first time a 10 seed accomplishes the feat.

Since the conference tournament was started in 1997, no seed lower than No. 4 has ever brought home a title. Only one 10 seed has even qualified for the final. The odds are stacked against Texas. But every March, there's always a team that takes the country by surprise. The Longhorns think they can be that squad.

"You see people making miracle games happen — we

can be that miracle team," freshman forward Jarrett Allen said.

A potential miracle run starts with seventh-seeded Texas Tech today.

The two teams clashed last week, and it was the Red Raiders who came away with a 67-57 victory. Texas shot poorly and was largely uncompetitive in the second half. The Longhorns played much better in their first meeting with Texas Tech, squeezing out a tight 62-58 win at home.

Senior forward Shaquille Cleare thinks Texas will be ready for the familiar foe.

"We're due for a win," Cleare said. "We just played (Texas Tech) earlier this week and we're pretty familiar with

them. We're going to go up there, play hard and represent Texas."

If the Longhorns knock off the Red Raiders, they'll face-off against second-seeded West Virginia on Thursday.

The Mountaineers got the best of Texas in both of their matchups this season, defeating the Longhorns 74-72 and 77-62.

West Virginia suffocated the Longhorns defensively, forcing an average of 17 turnovers from both matchups. Defensive pressure has been the calling card of the Mountaineers all season, and the team leads the country in turnovers forced.

Head coach Shaka Smart said a short-turnaround matchup with the West Vir-

ginia press would be a challenge, comparing it with Atlantic 10 tournament games played during his tenure with VCU.

"I remember being a pressing team at VCU, knowing the two teams playing the night before were wearing each other out and knowing you were going to come into that game with a level of freshness," Smart said. "That is a reward for the regular season that West Virginia had."

The Longhorns will have their hands full making it through the first two games of the conference gauntlet.

If they manage to make it to the tournament's semifinals, they'll likely be greeted by third-seeded Baylor.

And if the team can pull off that win, a matchup with top-seeded Kansas in the championship should be expected. Texas was unable to sniff a victory against either of those teams this year, being outscored by an average of 11 points in four losses to the Bears and Jayhawks.

The Longhorns' path to a Big 12 tournament title is daunting. And if history is any indicator, the team has little shot at coming away victorious in Kansas City.

But then again, crazier things have happened this time of year.

"There's been a lot of outside talk about our chances, but I still believe," Cleare said. "This is March. This is where all the madness happens."

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## 1971

Joe Frazier downs Muhammad Ali in the 15th round at Madison Square Garden to maintain his heavyweight title.

### TOP TWEET

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"It sucks when people hate on you, but embrace it because they want what you have"

### SPORTS BRIEFLY

#### Herman's first spring practice focuses on the basics

Dressed in a white cap, a black pullover and shorts, an energized Tom Herman sprinted across Red River Street immediately after vehicles cleared the area.

"It's like Frogger," he yelled with enthusiasm, when reaching the grand gates of the practice facility at Frank Denius Field.

Buses soon followed, with hoards of football players in burnt orange and white sprinting off one-by-one, ready to work under the new head coach.

Texas' first spring practice of 2017 generated excitement, as well as hard work. Herman addressed his two demands for the program in his press conference on Monday, and immediately focused on those concerns: effort and ball security.

As loud rap and classic rock music resonated in the atmosphere, Herman conducted fast-paced drills to ring in the spring football season. Assistant coaches constantly yelled to remind players to move at full speed. The Texas players, all in shorts and plain white helmets, turned to motivating the rest of their teammates upon completing drills.

The next series of drills involved ball security. Footballs were issued to offensive players, distinguishable in white jerseys. Each one held the pigskin as if it were the program, grasping it with authority and protecting it with maximum energy. Coaches spread across the field, armed with foam baseball bats and boxing gloves, attempting to force fumbles on unsuspecting players.

Defensive players, identifiable in all-orange, ran similar drills although lacking a ball. Uniformity and attention to detail were stressed by the new staff, notable by the way the players knelt, ran and stretched.

And Herman's envisioned culture of Texas football was in the works.

—Steve Helwick

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### BASEBALL | 9-0

## Longhorns squash Spiders in shutout

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A thunderous crowd roared when junior left fielder Travis Jones stepped into the batter's box at UFCU Disch-Falk Field Tuesday.

But most of the noise boomed from the stadium speakers — Jones selected an ambient sound of applause to welcome him to the plate as his walk-up song.

Nonetheless, burnt orange fans had plenty to cheer for during the Longhorns' 9-0 shutout victory against Richmond. Texas released its frustration on Spider pitchers after facing a three-game skid at Stanford during its first road trip of the season.

"One of the reasons we got out Sunday was to get the cleansing started

and to get over a weekend that wasn't favorable," head coach David Pierce said. "Kids went to work on Sunday out at Stanford on our day off and we made some progress. We continued that in early work today. We've just got to continue to have the right approach."

Run after run rolled in for the Longhorns during the second inning. With the bases loaded, freshman shortstop David Hamilton grounded the ball to Richmond's second baseman. But the Spiders committed a throwing error in the attempt to retire Hamilton, and two Longhorn baserunners cashed in to open up a 4-0 Texas lead.

Later in the inning, Hamilton and senior first baseman Kacy Clemens linked up to steal two

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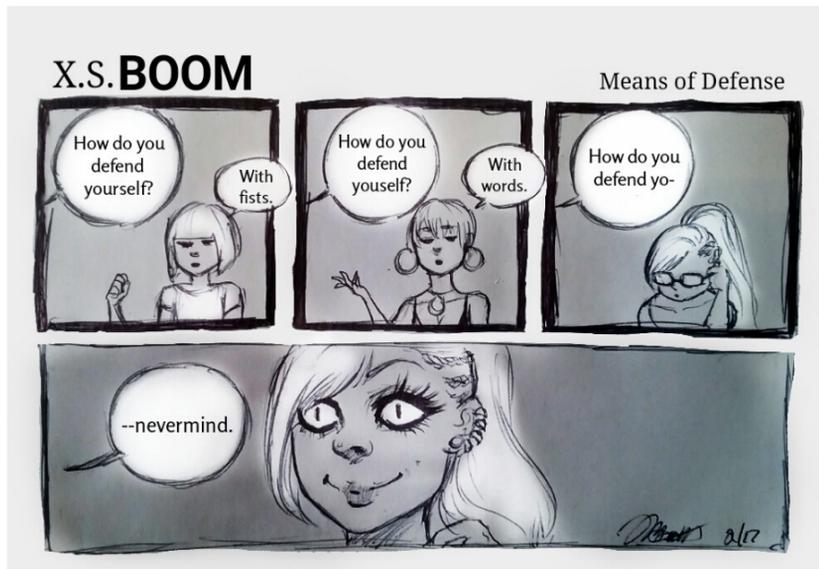
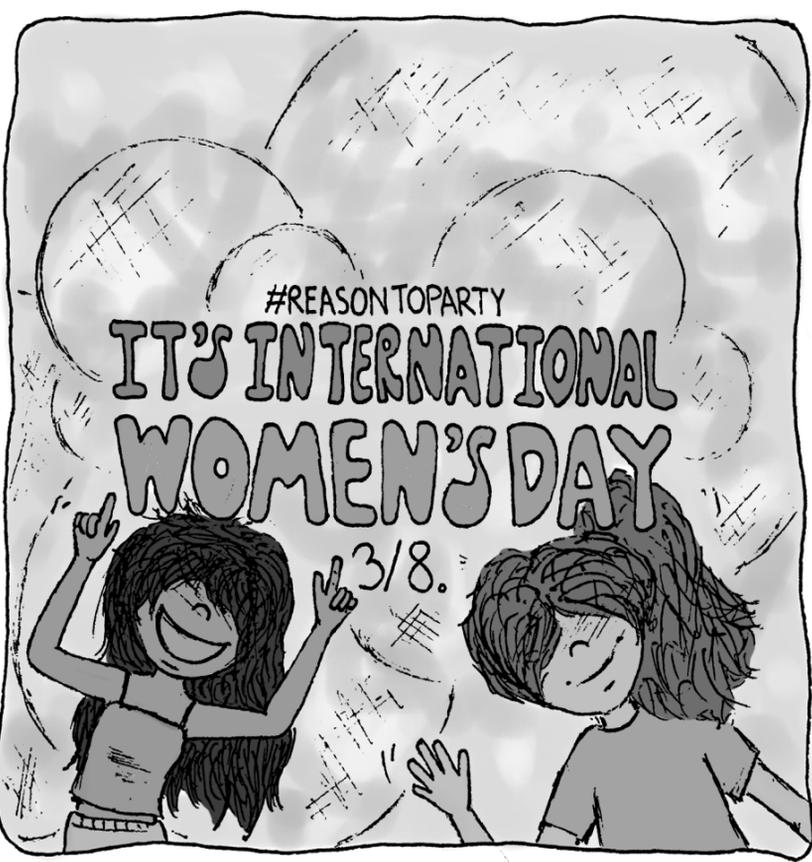
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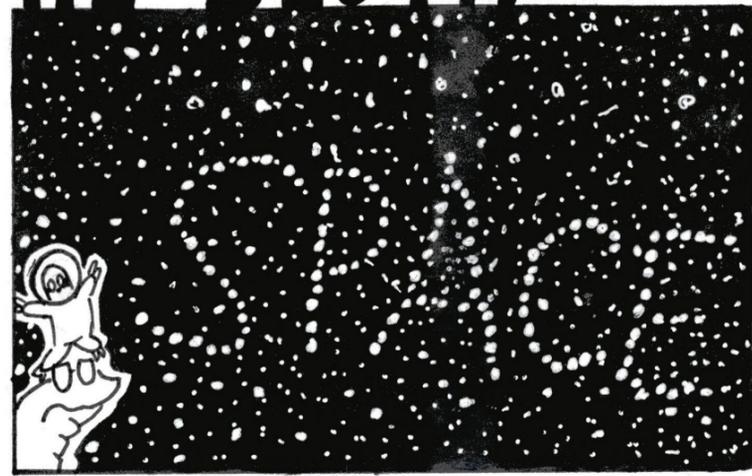


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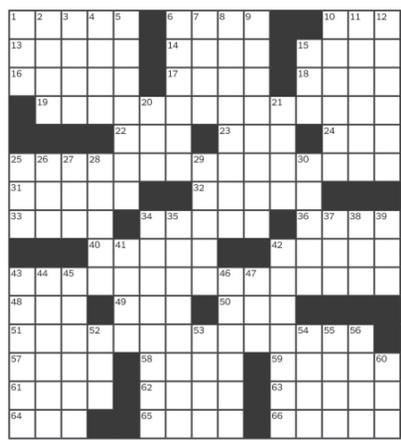
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FILM

## Student film aims to show real portrayal of PTSD

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The Yiddish word “mensch” is often used to describe those in the armed forces for their integrity and honor. Several UT graduate students are trying to show that for some soldiers, the war continues long after they have left the battlefield.

“Mensch” is a short film directed by Derek Allison, a radio-television-film senior, that focuses on James, a former soldier. After serving in Iraq, James develops post-traumatic stress disorder.

Allison was inspired to make the film four years ago when one of his close friends, Jimmy, was diagnosed with PTSD after returning from Iraq. Allison said Jimmy and other veterans felt their experiences with PTSD had never been portrayed accurately on screen before.

“A lot of films that have covered PTSD in the past have dealt more with external

(appearances),” Allison said. “Our film is going to go more into the mind and allow the audience, for all of 12-plus minutes, to feel anxious and feel stressed as though they are actually part of this character.”

Allison is trying to do away with the tired stereotype of what others think people with PTSD are like.

“This is just a regular everyday guy who happens to have this disorder,” said Kyle Krogan, who plays James in the film. “He is a guy who is trying to have all his stuff together, keep his head straight, but is just sort of falling apart on the inside.”

Krogan said he was initially nervous about playing a character based off of someone so close to the director, but said it helped him shape his understanding of the film’s character.

“While the character was written after (Jimmy), (our character) is a combination of a lot of the guys that we

talked to,” Krogan said. “It just gives us more ideas on how to ground him in reality instead of trying to come up something out of thin air.”

Though it was originally written as a drama featuring a linear series of flashbacks, the film’s producer and co-writer Holly Cook, a radio-television-film senior, said she wanted to intermix the past and the present throughout the film, turning it into something like a psychological thriller.

“We went away from these flashbacks to ‘flashing-sideways’ as a way to show that they are reliving that experience and that it is a very present kind of emotion,” Cook said.

The majority of the filming will be done here in Austin during spring break. The war scenes, however, will be shot at the Blue Cloud Movie Ranch in Los Angeles, where there is a pre-built Middle Eastern-style city that they will



UT Senior Derek Allison is the director of the upcoming short film “Mensch,” a characterization of PTSD. Allison aims to show his audience what people with PTSD experience on a daily basis.

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be renting.

“We really wanted to do the story justice by giving it the largest and most authentic production design as possible,” Cook said. “We couldn’t achieve that without going out to LA and shooting on a real set that had the correct architecture and the right sand.”

The use of expansive sets, complex visuals and

practical effects is all adding up to an estimated budget of about \$65,000. The students are raising money through their fiscal sponsor The Suiting Warriors Foundation, a charity that helps veterans reintegrate themselves into society. They are also funding the project through a Kickstarter campaign which has surpassed its goal and is set to end tomorrow.

The filmmakers are looking to go further with “Mensch” by creating a film that actually means something to someone other than just the filmmakers themselves.

“(Cook and I) are both firm believers that art can incite change,” Allison said. “And at the end of the day, I hope this is something they all can appreciate.”

SXSW

## Mexican rock band headlines All Latinos Resist SXSW Concert

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For more than two decades, Panteón Rococó has been exposing the social and political realities of Latinos through their music. Now, they are bringing their Mexican-Spanish ska sound, infused with lyrics of oppression and poverty, to SXSW, where they’ll headline the Auditorium Shores free show on March 16. The Daily Texan spoke with lead singer, Dr. Shenka, also known as Luis Román Ibarra, about their journey and the impact their music has had

from the past to the present.

**DT: What impact do you think your music has on people and on the social and political movements that are currently taking place?**

DS: I believe that it is important that there are bands, that engage in this discourse, and that don’t lose that real aspect about the issues taking place in a country like Mexico or the United States. We also try and tell the youth that they can live in a magical, globalized world where they can go to the mall and spend hundreds of dollars on clothes, [but] they

also can’t lose perspective that they live under an oppression in many aspects that ultimately translates into poverty, discrimination, marginalization and many other themes that we see every day.

**DT: Have you noticed a difference in how your music and its message is received in Mexico versus in the United States?**

DS: What I like about playing in the United States is that we always take a little piece of Mexico with us. People come with the intention of celebrating, yes, but it is also a

moment of reunion for a lot of people that don’t have as much energy and it is a moment in which they can stop and remember the old days when they lived in Mexico. Bands like us who have the chance to go over there become an excuse for people to reinforce their Mexican identity, “mexicanidad,” and what it is to be Latino, to be a group of strangers in a country that doesn’t always like you.

**DT: How has your music and the band evolved in the last 20 years?**

DS: More than anything I

think we have evolved in our ways of writing and composing. We have maintained the same sound, the same mix of genres, of ska, pop, reggae and anything that comes to mind. We are a band with 11 members, so when it comes time to compose there is an intertwining of all kinds of things. Just one week ago we hit 3 million followers on Facebook. It is important that people stay informed, and that they don’t believe whatever crazy thing they say on the internet or on television. We have to search for objective truths that can allow us to find unity.

**DT: So, do you think rock has gone out of fashion?**

DS: Rock will never be out of fashion. Never. There is no reason for it to ever be out of fashion. It is a form of expression for the youth. It is an attitude about life and while it stays that way there is no reason why it should die out. Rock will die when it stops being a form of response, when people worry more about princesses and frogs with funny hats than about the real issues happening in their country and throughout society.

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CAMPUS

## French professor founds etiquette school, teaches business manners

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Marie-Catherine Bearden has lived a thousand lives in Morocco, Sudan, Belgium and the states with her ex-CIA agent husband. Now, Bearden is teaching which fork to use at dinner to her students in Austin.

“There were all kinds of rules,” Bearden said. “The CIA certainly had a lot of rules. By the time I met my husband he was a senior officer so I happened to be dining with presidents, some leaders.”

Now, she is settled in Austin where she teaches French at UT and recently founded a program to teach etiquette to youth — l’Academie de l’Etiquette. Her etiquette business, which she began in October 2015, offers a range of classes, from etiquette for younger children to manners for adults seeking to find a job or impress an employer.

“Parents don’t teach (their children) as much as they did 30 or 40 years ago to be good at etiquette,” Bearden said. “The world has become more casual, but more and more interviews are done around a table. They really look at you if you know how to handle yourself.”

Carl Koehler, a finance and French senior, who recently attended a French business etiquette lecture by Bearden, said he believes it is crucial for students to learn etiquette because of the impact it can have on their futures.

“The interviewer wants to see how you will conduct yourself in front of clients,” Koehler said. “If you give off any indication that you are ill-mannered or dress sloppily, it sets a bad tone for a



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French professor Marie-Catherine Bearden founded l’Academie de l’Etiquette. Classes she offers emphasize the importance of rules of social conduct in today’s world

job interview.”

Bearden said the idea for an etiquette school came to her years ago when she was in Europe. But it wasn’t until she came to Texas and met students who she observed already practiced proper manners in their daily lives that she decided this was the place to make her dream a reality.

“When I came here I didn’t know much about southern hospitality,” Bearden said. “But, to have students who say, ‘Yes ma’am,’ or ‘No, ma’am’ when I give a paper back and say, ‘Thank you,’ in French or in English, it is just overwhelming, beautiful.”

Bearden said she wants to help her students expand their understanding about cultural and behavioral constructs in America and around the world. Bearden said this information is important for conducting business.

“One time in Lebanon we had to meet Hamas leaders (who) were in hiding,” Bearden said. “I was behind my husband because the culture demands it, and (as) I go to shake his hand, one of the leaders was very

polite, but he just did not want to shake my hand. That was missing from my repertoire of etiquette.”

Sophia Molak, an international relations and global studies freshman who attended the lecture, said she found the etiquette lesson very applicable to what she wants to do in the future.

“There are a lot of customs that are almost subconscious that we kind of take for granted,” Molak said. “In the United States, it is very common to shake someone’s hand with three shakes. In France, a handshake is more brief. So, it could make a French person uncomfortable if you are holding someone’s hand for that long.”

Bearden said learning etiquette, whether it be American rules or international ones, is a practice that must be perfected through practice. But in the end, it is the finer details that count.

“There is elegance in simplicity,” Bearden said. “You can be dressed in any way, shape or form, but if you know that it is proper, that is it.”