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The Office of Student Financial Services is offering a free workshop detailing the management of student loans as part of the Bevonomics program. The workshop will offer insight into the available repayment options for federal, state and private loans as well as loan forgiveness programs. The workshop starts at 4 p.m. Wednesday in BUR 220.

Ace Your Finals
The Sorority and Fraternity Life organization is hosting a free workshop covering the various programs and resources offered by the Sanger Learning Center to help with student's finals. The Sanger Learning Center will also be providing a list of various methods in order to ace your finals. The event runs from 6 to 7 p.m. in BUR 106.

Jazz on the Patio
The Student Events Center's Music and Entertainment Committee will be hosting a Jazz on the Patio, featuring local jazz artists such as The East Side Dandies. Free coffee will be provided and is a free event. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the UNB, East Patio.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1962
On this day Jon Stewart, the popular host of Comedy Central's The Daily Show, is born in New York City.



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SYSTEM

UT System sues for Fawcett portrait

By **Bobby Blanchard**

The dispute over a \$30 million portrait between the UT System and actor Ryan O'Neal was delayed Tuesday, further keeping the Andy Warhol portrait of late actress and former UT student Farrah Fawcett out of UT's hands.

UT spokesperson Spencer Miller-Payne said the delay happened because the case preceding the UT system's

trial was not finished. He said the Los Angeles court scheduled a meeting between the case's attorneys and judge before the trial for Feb. 27, at which time the UT System expects a new trial date to be set. The lawsuit was previously set to start Tuesday.

Upon her death in 2009, Fawcett bequeathed her entire art collection to the University of Texas at Austin. UT currently has one of two Warhol portraits of her, but

O'Neal, who had a romantic relationship with Fawcett, has the other.

The UT System Board of Regents filed the lawsuit in a Los Angeles court on July 8, 2011, claiming the portrait belongs to the University, not O'Neal. The BBC has estimated the value of the portrait at \$30 million.

"After her death, UT Austin received only one of Ms. Fawcett's Warhol Portraits," the lawsuit states. "Thereafter, UT Austin discovered that Mr.

O'Neal had taken possession of the missing portrait."

O'Neal claims the painting was given to him and was not Fawcett's to give away, but the UT System is asking that O'Neal return the painting.

"The Warhol portrait is an irreplaceable piece of art for which legal damages could not fully compensate UT Austin if the portrait is lost or damaged during the pendency of this dispute," the lawsuit states.

Fawcett attended the



Farrah Fawcett

University during the late 1960s before dropping out to pursue an acting career.

CITY



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

Psychology junior Maria Cardenas, a volunteer for Austin Pets Alive!, adopted her dog Dash after fostering and treating the dog for parvovirus with medicine provided by the organization. Austin Pets Alive! aims to rescue animals at risk of being euthanized, but a lack of city funding may affect how many animals can be admitted.

Funding Fido

Influx of rescued animals continues to mount as APA! loses city funding

By **Tiffany Hinman**

Austin Pets Alive! has saved more than 5,400 animals from euthanasia this year, but the organization may have a harder time rescuing animals soon because it has lost all city funding.

Austin Pets Alive! maintained its no-kill status this month without any funding from the city. While the organization will maintain its facilities and programs without city funding, Austin's no-kill status is now threatened. In order for

Austin to remain no-kill, 90 percent of all animals brought into facilities must be saved from euthanasia.

Part of what lead to the organization losing its funding from the city this month was an influx of rescued pets. Austin Pets Alive! spokesperson Laura Hoke said the city budgeted to help save 3,000 animals this year. So far, Austin Pets Alive! has

taken in 5,400 animals.

"Funding has been an issue since day one," Hoke said. "We fight every month to keep Austin no-kill. Animals continue to be born, neglected and dumped. No-kill is not a destination. It is a constant journey and monthly struggle."

Psychology junior Maria

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CAMPUS

Attorneys offer legal advice on new leases

By **Bobby Blanchard**

As the fall semester comes to a close, students are beginning the hunt for a place to live off campus next fall — an experience that can scare first time leasing students.

Raymond Schiflett, director of Legal Services for Students, said he encourages students to bring their leases to his office if they have any questions or concerns. The office, which has two full-time and one part-time

attorney and saw more than 1,400 students last year, offers free legal advice and help to students who need it.

The Daily Texan sat down with Schiflett and Legal Services for Students attorney Sylvia Holmes to ask what students should be aware of before they sign a lease.

Daily Texan: What should students who have never leased expect as they begin to hunt for off-campus

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Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Attorney Sylvia Holmes, who works for Legal Services for Students, offers free legal advice and help to students.

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Legislation proposes prohibition of cloning



Editor's note: We will feature higher education bills filed for Texas' 83rd legislative session, which begins Jan. 8, every day until the end of the semester.

By **Alexa Ura**

More than 10 years after the Human Cloning Prohibition Act failed to pass at the federal level, state Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, has filed a bill proposing the prohibition of human cloning at institutions of higher education.

Raymond's bill would amend the Texas Education Code to prohibit cloning of humans and create a civil penalty of \$10 million for each violation at an institution. Institutions that violate the possible law would become ineligible to receive state funds, according to the text of the bill.

Raymond did not return a request for comment.

UT spokesperson Tara Doolittle said University Media Relations is unaware of researchers actively pursuing human cloning, but the University does have labs working with stem cell research and DNA replication.

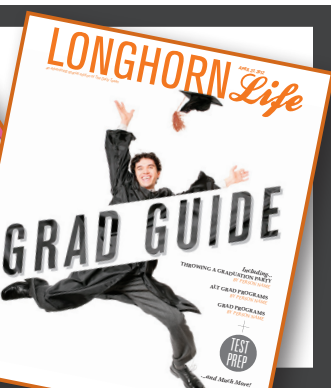
Haley Tucker, molecular genetics and microbiology professor, said the bill fails to distinguish between therapeutic cloning, which produces human tissue or entire organs, and reproductive cloning, the more controversial form of cloning.

"It is important that society and legislatures should not confuse these issues," Tucker said. "The problem with [this bill] is that it is poorly written and leaves broad openings for misinterpretation. Hopefully, sane

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LONGHORN Life ...

Find the latest news on the lives of longhorns in a special edition to the Daily Texan. **November 28**



NEWS BRIEFLY

Religious violence kills 10 in Nigeria

JOS, Nigeria — Gunmen sprayed bullets from a moving van Monday night, killing ten people in a predominantly Christian town in a region beset by religious tensions, Nigeria’s military said Tuesday.

The attackers were speeding along a road leading to the airport in Plateau state, said Capt. Salisu Mustapha, a military spokesman. He said eight victims died on the spot and two others died in a hospital.

Violence between Christians and Muslims has killed hundreds in the state in recent years and both communities have accused security authorities of taking sides. However, Mustapha denied any military involvement.

First non-Brit to serve as Bank governor

TORONTO — Naming the first foreigner to serve as governor of the Bank of England since it was founded in 1694 might have been expected to cause a fuss. Yet the appointment of Canadian Mark Carney has won bipartisan praise in Britain.

That’s because few people in the world have Carney’s qualifications.

The Bank of Canada governor is a highly-educated economist with Wall Street experience who is widely credited with helping Canada dodge the worst of the global economic crisis. He gained a reputation along the way as a tough regulator who stood up to JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon.

Chinese government fooled by The Onion

BEIJING — The online version of China’s Communist Party newspaper has hailed a report by The Onion naming North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un the “Sexiest Man Alive” — not realizing it is satire.

The People’s Daily on Tuesday ran a 55-page photo spread on its website in a tribute to the round-faced leader.

Quoting The Onion’s spoof report, the Chinese newspaper wrote, “With his devastatingly handsome, round face, his boyish charm, and his strong, sturdy frame, this Pyongyang-bred heartthrob is every woman’s dream come true.”

“Blessed with an air of power that masks an unmistakable cute, cuddly side, Kim made this newspaper’s editorial board swoon with his impeccable fashion sense, chic short hairstyle, and, of course, that famous smile,” the People’s Daily cited The Onion as saying.

Threats to courthouses spread to Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Bomb threats to 29 courthouses across Tennessee forced many to be evacuated Tuesday morning, including the federal building in Memphis, but authorities said no explosives were found.

Tennessee became the fourth state to deal with similar bomb hoaxes. One targeted 28 courthouses in Oregon and similar threats were reported in Nebraska and Washington this month.

Nine threats were reported in West Tennessee counties — including the Memphis federal building — six in Middle Tennessee and 14 in East Tennessee, said Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security spokeswoman Dalya Qualls.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports



Khalil Hamra | Associated Press

Egyptian protesters chant slogans against President Mohammed Morsi in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday. Egyptians gathered in the square Tuesday for a protest against Egypt’s president in a significant test of whether the opposition can rally the street behind it in a confrontation aimed at forcing the Islamist leader to rescind decrees that granted him near absolute powers.

Egyptians protest Morsi’s power grab

By Maggie Michael & Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press

CAIRO — More than 200,000 people thronged Cairo’s central Tahrir Square, protesting against Egypt’s Islamist president Tuesday in an opposition show of strength, as the standoff over Mohammed Morsi’s assertion of near absolute powers escalated into the biggest challenge yet to his and the Muslim Brotherhood’s rule.

The massive, flag-waving, chanting crowd in the iconic plaza rivaled the size of some of the large protests of last year’s uprising that drove autocrat Hosni Mubarak from office. The same chants used against Mubarak were

now turned against Egypt’s first freely elected leader.

“The people want to bring down the regime,” and “erhal, erhal” — Arabic for “leave, leave,” rang across the square.

Protests in Tahrir and several other cities Tuesday were sparked by edicts issued by Morsi last week that effectively neutralized the judiciary, the last branch of government he does not control. But it turned into a broader outpouring of anger against Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood. Opponents say have used election victories to monopolize power, squeeze out rivals, and dictate a new, Islamist constitution, while doing little to solve Egypt’s mounting economic and security woes.

Clashes broke out in

several cities as Morsi opponents tried to attack offices of the Brotherhood. At least 100 people were injured when protesters and Brotherhood members protecting their office pelted each other with stones and firebombs in the Nile Delta city of Mahalla el-Kobra.

“Power has exposed the Brotherhood. We discovered their true face,” said Laila Salah, a housewife in the Tahrir protest who said she voted for Morsi in this summer’s presidential election. After Mubarak, she said, Egyptians would no longer consent to an autocrat.

“It’s like a wife whose husband was beating her and then she divorces him and becomes free,” she said. “If she remarries she’ll never accept another day of abuse.”

Gehad el-Haddad, a senior adviser to the Brotherhood and its political party, said Morsi would not back down on his edicts. “We are not rescinding the declaration,” he told The Associated Press.

That sets the stage for a drawn-out battle between the two sides that could throw the nation into greater turmoil. Protest organizers on a stage in the square called for another mass rally on Friday. If the Brotherhood responds with mass rallies of its own, as some of its leaders have hinted, it would raise the prospect of greater violence.

A tweet by the Brotherhood warned that if the opposition was able to bring out 200,000-300,000 “they should brace for millions in support” of Morsi.

Another flashpoint could come Sunday, when the constitutional court is due to rule on whether to dissolve the assembly writing the new constitution, which is dominated by the Brotherhood and Islamist allies. Morsi’s edicts explicitly banned the courts from disbanding the panel. If the court defies him and rules anyway, it would be a direct challenge that could spill over into the streets.

“Then we are in the face of the challenge between the supreme court and the presidency,” said Nasser Amin, head of the Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession. “We are about to enter a serious conflict” on both the legal and street level, he said.



Ben Margot | Associated Press

American Civil Liberties Union Women’s Rights Project senior staff attorney Ariela Migdal, right, gestures while speaking beside ACLU attorney Elizabeth Gill, left, during a media conference Tuesday in San Francisco.

Ban on women in combat challenged in ACLU lawsuit

By Paul Elias
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Four female service members filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging the Pentagon’s ban on women serving in combat, hoping the move will add pressure to drop the policy just as officials are gauging the effect that lifting the prohibition will have on morale.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in San Francisco, is the second one this year over the 1994 rule that bars women from being assigned to ground combat units.

The legal effort comes less than a year after the ban on gays serving openly was lifted and as officials are surveying Marines about whether women

would be a distraction in ground combat units.

“I’m trying to get rid of the ban with a sharp poke,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hunt, who was among the plaintiffs in the latest lawsuit and was injured in 2007 when her Humvee ran over an improvised explosive device in Iraq.

Hunt and the other three women said the policy unfairly blocks them from promotions and other advancements open to men in combat.

Women comprise 14 percent of the 1.4 million active military personnel. The lawsuit alleges that women are barred from 238,000 positions across the Armed Forces.

At a Washington, D.C.,

news conference, Pentagon press secretary George Little said Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has opened about 14,500 combat positions to women.

“And he has directed the services to explore the possibility of opening additional roles for women in the military,” Little said. “His record is very strong on this issue.”

American Civil Liberties Union Ariela Migdal, who represents the four women, said Panetta’s actions weren’t enough. She called for an end to the combat ban. “These tweaks and minor changes on the margins do a disservice to all the women who serve,” she said.

“It falls short,” she said. “It is not enough.”

France to recognize Palestinian state in vote

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

PARIS — France announced Tuesday that it plans to vote in favor of recognizing a Palestinian state at the U.N. General Assembly this week.

With the announcement, France becomes the first major European country to come out in favor, dealing a setback to Israel. The timing of the announcement appears to be aimed at swaying other European nations.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told parliament that France has long supported Palestinian ambitions for statehood and “will respond ‘Yes’ when the issue comes up for a vote ‘out of a concern for coherency.’”

The Palestinians say the assembly is likely to vote Thursday on a resolution raising their status at the U.N. from an observer to a nonmember observer state, a move they believe is an important step toward a two-state solution with Israel. A Palestinian state would still not be a full General Assembly member, however.

Unlike the Security Council, there are no vetoes in the General Assembly and the resolution is virtually certain of approval. But such a vote by France — a permanent council member — could weigh on decisions in other European capitals.

Europe is divided over the issue. Switzerland will

likely vote “yes” and Germany is expected to vote “no.” Britain’s position remains unclear.

Palestinians say they are doing this out of frustration over the four-year deadlock in peace efforts. They believe an endorsement of their state will bolster their negotiating position.

Israel strongly opposes the bid, accusing the Palestinians of trying to bypass negotiations. The resolution would endorse a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel opposes a pullback to the 1967 lines.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said France’s decision wouldn’t change the U.S. assessment of the Palestinian action as a “mistake.”

“With regard to France and any other countries, we obviously disagree with our oldest ally on this issue,” she told reporters. “They know that we disagree with them. But it’s their sovereign decision.”

As French lawmakers applauded Tuesday— many of them members or allies of the Socialist-led government — Fabius cautioned against raising Palestinian hopes too high.

“But, but, but, but, but — but at the same time, madame and monsieur lawmakers, we must show in this case a lot of lucidity,” he said.

VIEWPOINT

On Nov. 27, Gene Powell, the chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, announced the creation of the Task Force on Best Practices Regarding University-Affiliated Foundation Relationships. A move towards increased oversight of the appropriation of University and affiliated foundation funds is welcome. Recent controversies over compensation at UT System institutions, including the law school in Austin and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, demand corrective action.

Roland DePinho, president of M.D. Anderson, came under scrutiny this summer after claims that the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), a state entity charged with furthering innovation in cancer research, had awarded his institution a \$20 million grant without following its own peer review process. The bulk of the grant money went toward the formation of an Institute for Applied Cancer Science (IACS), a commercial enterprise headed by DePinho's wife, Lynda Chin, and so-called "incubator projects" that would ostensibly serve earlier-stage programs.

The controversy arose following the resignation of Alfred Gilman, a Nobel laureate and CPRIT's chief scientific officer. Gilman was outraged by the grant's approval benefitting the project led by DePinho's wife — the first award not subjected to both commercial and scientific review since CPRIT be-

gan. Gilman called the grant a "back door" submission, and in an email sent to top managers at CPRIT decried that as a result, "the citizens of Texas will be deceived; the integrity of science in Texas will be soiled."

When voters approved legislation to establish the CPRIT in 2007, they expected the bond money set aside to fund research, not private business interests. That expectation is codified in the institute's mission, which states, "All CPRIT-funded research will be conducted in state by Texas-based scientists and reflect CPRIT's mission to attract and expand the state's research capabilities and create high quality new jobs in Texas."

Unfortunately, CPRIT failed in its enforcement of ethical practices in the distribution of state money. Its governing body, the 11-member Oversight Committee largely comprised of political appointees, did not fairly apply the rules of grant awarding. In bypassing appropriate oversight of DePinho and Chin, who may have had more business interests in seeing the grant approved than scientific ones, the committee compromised the integrity of its entire institution. DePinho, as a high-ranking official in the UT System, threatened the system's reputation with his disregard for ethical procedures.

The Houston Chronicle published DePinho's response to the criticism. In the article, he argues that the decision about how to review the IACS grant was simply a matter of

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opinion. He writes, "IACS is a game-changer — not a traditional research undertaking — that provides a robust pipeline for successful drug development ... M.D. Anderson and Rice applied for the grant based on a request for proposals issued by CPRIT. Our final proposal presented a solid business strategy to enhance drug development and new company formation."

But then in a live interview on CNBC, DePinho inappropriately extolled the success of his own biotech company.

DePinho said, "A company that I was involved in founding, Aveo Pharmaceuticals, one of the more successful biotechs ... has exploited science driven drug discovery and it's about to announce, or has announced already publicly, and it will present in detail at ASCO, a very effective drug that has a superior safety profile for renal cell cancer, a major unmet need. So these are massive advances in our ability to do something about a disease that has long been very refractory."

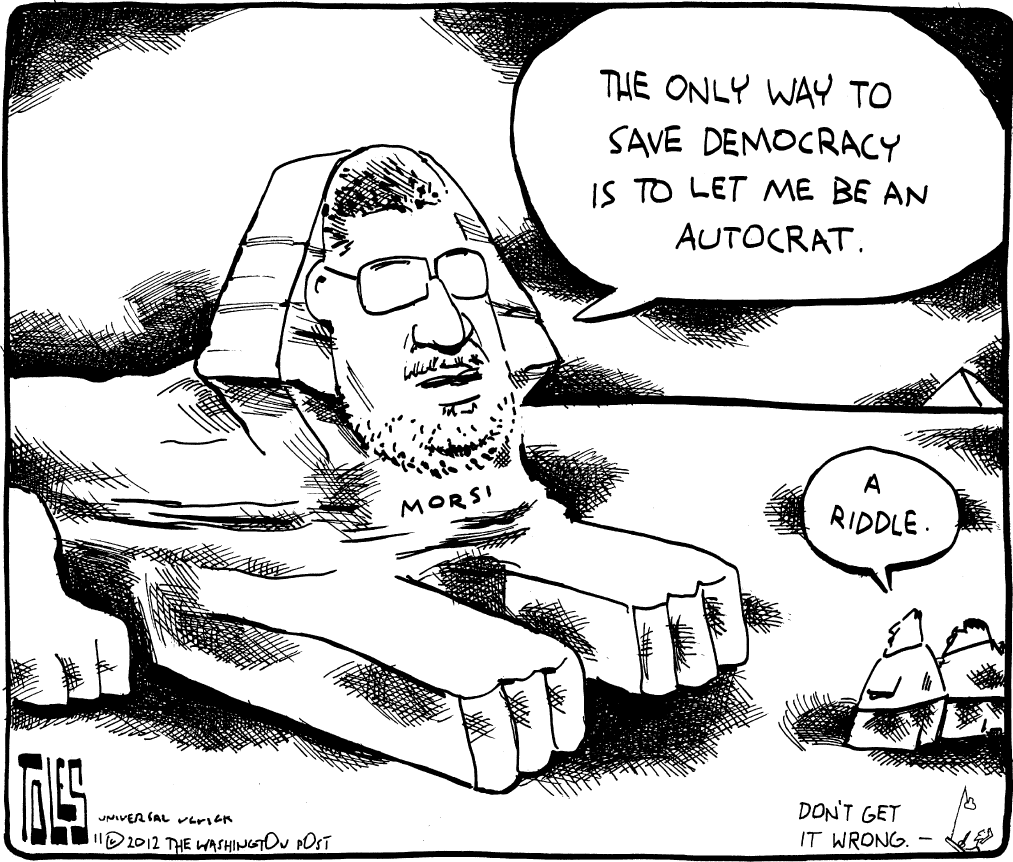
In a subsequently issued apology, DePinho wrote, "I am a public official in a position of trust, and I should never comment

on any of my personal holdings or give investment advice."

DePinho's actions demonstrate the need for better oversight and serve as a warning for the rest of the UT System to remain vigilant. The M.D. Anderson episode exposes the real possibility of large-scale scandal. If the University wishes to remain at the forefront of cancer research, it must remain legitimate in the public's eye. Just as the Livestrong Foundation was forced to sever ties with Lance Armstrong in the interest of remaining a credible player in the battle against cancer, the UT System must distance itself from these muddled affairs by taking corrective action and moving forward. The creation of the task force was a necessary step, although further disciplinary action against DePinho should be explored.

The resignation of Gilman, a prestigious scientist, could have been avoided. It is imperative that UT take serious, direct action to avoid similar missteps in the future. The implementation of the highly anticipated medical school in Austin should not be sullied by a similarly egregious lack of oversight.

GALLERY



POEM

Maxims for the minimalist scholar

- 1. C's get degrees.
- 2. D stands for diploma.
- 3. Due tomorrow?
Do tomorrow.
- 4. Test tomorrow?
Stress tomorrow.

— Aleksander Chan,
Daily Texan Managing Editor

COLUMN

Revisit Regnerus

By Travis Knoll

Daily Texan Columnist

When I first learned about UT sociology professor Mark Regnerus' "New Family Structure Study," which declared that children of gay parents fare worse than those from "intact biological families," I, as the son of a gay father, felt that my upbringing was under attack. It was hard to sympathize with Regnerus feeling a "chill" after releasing the study to much criticism, as my own community had felt the chill of prejudice for decades.

After writing a column in The Daily Texan criticizing the study, I ran into Regnerus on campus earlier this semester. I immediately introduced myself. He mentioned that he had read my remarks and that he had made several revisions and clarifications regarding his study. I accepted his offer to converse about it in more detail. Looking back, the straightforwardness of these conversations still surprises me, as does the fact that I am starting to sympathize with some of the difficulties he faces.

Despite my criticisms of the study, I agree with Regnerus that we need a more civil discourse regarding this polarizing issue. Particularly, I think that some of the reaction to his study was overstated. I have often heard asser-

tions that his study attempts to undo 30 years of research or that he wishes to say that gays are bad parents. Some academics, like Darren E. Sherkat, a sociology professor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale are more frank, calling it "bullshit." Comments like that cast aside too easily some of Regnerus' more positive contributions, like the importance of stability in child-rearing. These positive questions cause me to see the study as a sort of Rorschach test, in which the subject looks at an inkblot and sees what he wants to see. The different actors interpret the data as they see fit, and, in the case of Regnerus' study, progressives should reject its most extreme conclusions and wrestle with its legitimate questions regarding alleged defects in prior studies. Regnerus' revisions to the study redefine the category in question as children who said their parents have had homosexual relationships instead of implying that they are self-identifying gays and lesbians. While I do not agree that his study is definitive — one study cannot by itself overturn the prevailing consensus overnight — Regnerus' work raises important questions about the stability of gay relationships and provides an alternative method to those that tend toward self-selecting upper-class gay families. When I asked him about his challenge to the aca-

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democratic consensus, he responded, "First, the social science here is pretty young. Second, the evidence about child outcomes among gay and lesbian parents has been limited by sample size, method variance, etc." In a recent interview with Focus on the Family, a socially conservative Christian organization, Regnerus emphasized that he did not want to imply that "gay parents are inherently bad" and that his study did not examine "parenting methods."

Despite the revisions, I still find parts of Regnerus' study problematic. He decided to include his finding that there were significantly higher rates of sexual abuse in lesbian households than those of "intact biological families" despite ambiguity regarding whether the abuse occurred in the lesbian relationship or in a previous heterosexual marriage. Gray areas in research are not uncommon, but I still believe that it was imprudent to run the risk of publishing findings that could reinforce, on dubious grounds, the prejudice that there is a connection between homosexuality

and pedophilia. Regnerus still asserts that he attempts to "follow the data," that "data is not the enemy" and that one shouldn't "avoid research questions just because you risk offending people," and I still disagree with him. It is one thing to publish controversial numbers that are based on statistical realities, but it is quite another to publish numbers as "statistically significant" when their context is, in the author's own words, "muddled." In order to effectively contribute to the academic debate, Regnerus should have shown more caution and published only the most solid parts of his research.

However, I do not believe in academic censorship or in ostracizing academics for uncomfortable findings. No one can completely control how every study will be used, and gays do not need to be "not different." Regnerus' study deserves a more constructive reading to evaluate its place in the parenting debate.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Students snag first place in computing challenge

By Christine Ayala

A team of six UT students won the SC12 Student Cluster Competition by building a high-performance computing system while competing against teams from around the world in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The competition required six-person teams of undergraduate or high school students to partner with vendors to create a computer cluster from commercially available technology that could be powered by no more than 26 amps. Three standard coffee-makers would run on about 26 amps. A cluster is a network of computers that are wired together to distribute data and process information.

This was the third time UT participated in the competition, which is in its seventh year and is part of an international computing conference. The competition included students from around the country as well as teams from Europe, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Russia and Taiwan.

The students prepared for the competition with

help from the faculty at the Texas Advanced Computing Center, which covered the cost of the equipment. John Lockman, statistics graduate student and team mentor, said the students practiced their skills at the center before competing.

“A lot of the preparation was here at [the center] so they could work with a lot of the equipment to understand how they would use it,” Lockman said. “They also ran some of the standard benchmarks that they would during the competition.”

The two-part competition consisted of initially creating the cluster and a 48-hour challenge to stress the cluster’s capabilities. The system ran applications containing large amounts of scientific data, including a program that could predict weather patterns.

Physics junior Julian Michael, who participated in the competition, said it required strategic planning because it was designed to give the teams more applications than the system could actually run.

“Through the whole competition, they had a cap on our power usage. More than

anything else, this was a test of how efficiently we could build and run our system,” Michael said.

Computer science senior Anant Rathi, another participant, said after months of preparation the team decided to make a few last-minute technical changes to its plans, which helped it win the competition.

“In addition to learning about computing science and system administration, it taught me a lot about teamwork and innovative problem solving,” Rathi said. “We had to make some game-changing decisions. It was great to know our judgment calls were correct.”

Computer science senior Michael Teng said aside from the competition the conference demonstrated the latest innovations in the industry.

“It was a great opportunity to learn more about the field and use state-of-the-art technology in the process,” Teng said. “There are a lot of new technologies displayed and announced at the conference. The growth of the industry is key to scientific and technological advances for the foreseeable future.”



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

The care and treatment from Austin Pets Alive! and Cardenas took Dash off the euthanasia list.

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Cardenas, a Longhorn Pets Alive! member, was volunteering for the organization when she met Dash, her newly adopted dog. Cardenas said Dash was on the euthanasia list because he was suffering from parvovirus, a cardiac and intestinal virus. Although Dash was on the euthanasia list, Austin Pets Alive! provided Cardenas with the opportunity to rescue the animal and treat him with medicine, she said.

“When I saw him I just thought he was the cutest thing I had ever seen,”

Cardenas said. “The amount of work they do is ridiculous because most of the work is done by volunteers.”

During fiscal year 2011, the Austin Animal Center euthanized 1,969 animals, and Austin Pets Alive! pulled 2,774 animals from the euthanasia list, according to the organization. Hoke, the shelter’s spokesperson, said although the loss of city funding does not pose a threat to the organization as a whole, it will affect how many animals can escape euthanasia and be admitted into Austin Pets Alive!

Hoke said the organization plans on lobbying for the city to restore funding so the shelter can care for

1,500 more animals in 2013 than were budgeted for this year. She said although city funding helped the organization, Austin Pets Alive! will continue to thrive on community donations.

Biology senior Helena Wayt, Longhorn Pets Alive! vice president, said Austin Pets Alive! has affected not only the Austin community, but also the UT community. Wayt said the organization provides students with opportunities to get involved with the community and volunteer.

“Austin is known for being weird and unique, and Austin Pets Alive! has definitely contributed to the city’s unique innovation,” Wayt said.

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living space?

Holmes: Students should be prepared to be dazzled. A lot of our complexes do a great job of talking themselves up, putting on big displays and offering initiatives to lease right now. There is a lot of attention paid to our student renters. And that’s great, that’s exciting and that’s a lot of fun, but that’s always dangerous. For a student who is renting an apartment for the very first time, they often feel rushed, like they have to sign up

immediately or they are going to lose the apartment. While a lot of West Campus apartments go pretty fast, that doesn’t mean you’re under a gun.

DT: As far as the lease itself, what are some things that should raise red flags for students?

Schiflett: Blanks that are not filled in, or not getting a copy of the lease. If you don’t get a copy of the lease, that’s horrible. If they tell you they will get it to you in a couple

of weeks, that should be a deal breaker.

Holmes: And nonrefundable fees. Any apartment complex that is going to charge you a redecorating fee or a one-time administrative fee is a concern.

DT: Is there a difference between renting an apartment and renting a house that students should be aware of?

Holmes: The obligations are different. A lot of houses put more obligations on the tenant. Pest control, yard

control, a lot of those things are left up to the tenant. There is just more responsibility to a home, because there is more to it. But the leases are very similar.

DT: What makes a good, law-abiding landlord?

Schiflett: Well, we don’t see any good landlords in this office. One time in 19 years someone has come in and said, “I have the best landlord that I want to refer you to for other students.” All the other cases I’ve had have been students

claiming their landlords are hurting them. But the good landlords are the landlords that are good at communicating. They tell the students up-front what is expected, what they are going to do, and this is the time you need to do it in. And a good landlord is flexible with students. The majority of landlords are fine. Sometimes I walk into Pluckers and I look at the names of nearby complexes, and I don’t recognize the names. And that’s a good thing.

Tracking chips raise privacy, religious concerns

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — To 15-year-old Andrea Hernandez, the tracking microchip embedded in her student ID card is a “mark of the beast,” sacrilege to her Christian faith — not to mention how it pinpoints her location, even in the school bathroom.

But to her budget-reeling San Antonio school district, those chips carry a potential \$1.7 million in classroom funds.

Starting this fall, the fourth-largest school district in Texas is experimenting with “locator” chips in student ID badges on two of its campuses, allowing administrators to track the whereabouts of 4,200 students with GPS-like precision. Hernandez’s refusal to participate isn’t a twist on teenage rebellion, but has launched a debate over privacy and religion that has forged a rare like-mindedness between typically opposing groups.

When Hernandez and her parents balked at the so-called SmartID, the school agreed to remove the chip but still required her to wear the badge. The family refused on religious grounds, stating in a lawsuit that even wearing the badge was tantamount to “submission of a false god” because the card still indicated her participation.

A state district judge had been expected to decide Wednesday whether Northside Independent School District could transfer Hernandez to a different campus. But the family’s attorney said late Tuesday that the hearing was canceled after the school district asked

that the case be moved to federal court.

A new hearing hasn’t been set.

“How often do you see an issue where the ACLU and Christian fundamentalists come together? It’s unusual,” said Chris Steinbach, the chief of staff for a Republican state lawmaker who has filed a bill to outlaw the technology in Texas schools.

Ronald Stephens, executive director of the nonprofit National School Safety Center, said he didn’t believe the technology to be widespread but predicted, “It’ll be the next wave” in schools. The chips use radio-frequency identification (RFID) transmitters and only work on campus.

The Northside school district spent roughly \$261,000 to equip students at one high school and one middle school with SmartIDs, a decision made with safety and efficiency in mind, said district spokesman Pascual Gonzalez. Imagine quickly accounting for students in the event of a lockdown, he said, or cafeteria lines moving faster as scanners instantly identify who’s picking up that lunch tray.

Yet the biggest motivation was financial. In Texas, school funding is based on daily attendance. The more students seated in homeroom when the first bell rings, the more state dollars the school receives. If a student is lingering in the hallway or the library when roll is called, the marked absence hurts the school’s bottom line.

But with the locator chips — the district doesn’t like to call them “tracking” — a clerk in the main office can find out if a student is elsewhere on campus, and if so, include



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In this Oct. 1 file photo, Tira Starr, an 8th grader at Anson Jones Middle School, shows her ID badge as students change classes in San Antonio. The San Antonio school district’s website was hacked to protest its policy requiring students to wear microchip-embedded cards tracking their every move on campus.

them in the attendance count. Every student found amounts to another \$30 in funding, based on the school’s calculations. In that way, those moving red dots that represent students on the clerk’s computer screen are like finding change in the couch cushions.

Gonzalez said the district has estimated another \$1.7 million in funding if the program delivers on expectations, somewhat lessening the sting of losing \$61.5 million after state lawmakers cut public school funding in Texas by nearly \$5 billion last year.

“Nobody is sitting at a bank of monitors looking for the whereabouts of 3,000 students,” Gonzalez said. “We don’t have the personnel for it, nor do we have the need to do that. But when I need to find [a student], I can enter his random number and I can find him somewhere as a red dot on that computer screen.

‘Oh, there he is, in Science Room 22’ or whatever. So we can locate students, but it’s not about tracking them.”

Hernandez’s family isn’t convinced. Nor is a Virginia-based civil rights group, The Rutherford Institute, which took up Hernandez’s cause and filed the lawsuit against the district.

The organization declined to make the Hernandez family available for an interview Tuesday, before the Wednesday court hearing had been canceled.

John Whitehead, the organization’s founder, believes the religious component of the lawsuit makes it stronger than if it only objected on grounds of privacy. The lawsuit cites scriptures in the book of Revelation, stating that “acceptance of a certain code ... from a secular ruling authority” is a form of idolatry.

Wearing the badge, the family argues, takes it a step further.

“It starts with that religious concern,” Whitehead said. “There is a large mark of Evangelicals that believe in the ‘mark of the beast.’”

Republican state Rep. Lois Kolkhorst has filed bills since 2005 to ban the chips in Texas public schools. Steinbach, her chief of staff, is hopeful the bill will now get more traction with the attention surrounding Hernandez’s case.

Yet despite the lawsuit, proposed legislation and concern from outside groups, there are no signs of a groundswell of opposition in San Antonio from parents whose children have the chips in their campus IDs.

Gonzalez said that of the 4,200 students, the Hernandez family is the only one who has asked out of the program.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Safer holiday season initiated by police

The Austin Police Department is once again cracking down on traffic violations as part of an annual effort to make the holiday season safer.

APD began the annual “Home for the Holidays” traffic safety initiative last week in an effort to increase the visibility of patrol officers and target dangerous driving behavior during the time between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. APD’s goal is to decrease the number of traffic injuries and fatalities in Austin during this time. The initiative will run until Jan. 1, according to a press release on the initiative.

According to the press release, officers will focus on increased enforcement of traffic safety violations including driver intoxication, speeding, tailgating, unsafe lane changing and aggressive driving.

Austin has seen more traffic fatalities so far in 2012 than in recent years, with 69 so far. Fifty-four occurred in 2011, 49 in 2010, 62 in 2009 and 59 in 2008.

Green areas citywide affected by burn ban

With an ongoing drought, the Austin Parks and Recreation Department issued a citywide burn ban Tuesday. The ban has no preset end date and went into effect immediately.

It is now illegal to build a fire or to smoke in any Austin park, greenbelt or preserve. Grills fueled by wood or charcoal are also banned in those locations, but propane stoves are allowed in designated picnic areas.

People found to be in violation of the ban face a possible fine of \$300 to \$500.

— David Maly

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Defense leads Longhorns

Offense struggles, defense rallies after tournament

By Christian Corona

Once again, the Longhorns weren't great on offense. But they didn't have to be.

Texas held Sam Houston State to 21 percent shooting from the floor in a 65-37 victory Tuesday night — the second lowest by a Longhorns opponent in the last 15 seasons. Texas was not spectacular itself, shooting only 39.5 percent from the floor and committing 19 turnovers, but managed to win its first game since returning from the Maui Invitational.

The Longhorns suffered disappointing losses to Division II Chaminade and USC in Maui but have since won two straight. With Texas and Sam Houston State tied, 4-4, nearly six and a half minutes into the game, it seemed like it would take a while for the Longhorns to pull away. But a 12-0 run over a 3:40 span in the first half gave them a big lead and set them up for a lopsided victory.



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Sophomore Sheldon McClellan shoots during Texas' 65-37 win over Sam Houston State. McClellan led the Longhorns in scoring for the fourth time this season with 16 points and he went 6-for-6 at the free throw line.

Sophomore point guard Myck Kabongo missed his sixth straight game as the NCAA continues its investigation into allegations that he received impermissible benefits

earlier this year. Fellow sophomore Jaylen Bond was also out with a left foot injury.

"I can sit here and tell you that if we had Myck Kabongo and Jaylen Bond, there'd be a

lot of things that were different," head coach Rick Barnes said. "They're our two toughest games, our two best rebounders. Other guys are learning how to talk."

Jonathan Holmes scored 10 of his 11 points before halftime while Julien Lewis scored all 10 of his points in the

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Rebounding, free throws key to Texas win

WHY TEXAS WON

Texas was able to hold Sam Houston State to 21 percent shooting from the field and forced the Bearkats to attempt 28 three-pointers, of which they only made six. The Longhorns got to the free throw line early and often, and after a slow start were able to assert their dominance inside the paint. The Bearkats were held to just one offensive rebound in the second half and the Longhorns commanded a 47 to 32 rebounding advantage, stifling any upset bid the Bearkats may have had in mind. "I really thought that this was a game that if we played well, we could win," Jason Hooten, Sam Houston State head coach, said. "I know y'all might think I'm crazy, but I watched those three games in Maui and I was hoping they'd play like that tonight."

FIRST HALF

The Longhorns recorded assists on seven of their nine made baskets and missed just one of their 12 free throw attempts. Sheldon McClellan shook off a slow start shooting the ball and scored 12 first-half points while adding five rebounds. Jonathan Holmes grabbed the sole offensive rebound for Texas but added 8 points to give the Longhorns a 32-18 advantage at the intermission.

SECOND HALF

Sophomore guard Julien Lewis scored all 10 of his points in the second half, giving Texas the push it needed to come away with a win. The Bearkats seemed to be bothered by the Longhorns' zone defense and were forced into bad shots from the perimeter. Freshman center Cameron Ridley blocked two shots, giving the Longhorns a total of six blocked shots in the game.

BY THE NUMBERS

26: Points in the paint for the Longhorns, compared to just six from the Bearkats.

19: Texas turnovers, moving the Longhorns' season average to a shade over 19 through six games played.

12: Points from Bearkat freshman guard Paul Baxter, son of former Texas forward Ron Baxter. Paul Baxter also graduated from Bowie High School.



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Freshman Demarcus Holland dribbles down the court. He made his first career start and scored five points during Texas' win.

STOCK UP

Demarcus Holland: Holland earned his first career start and played a season-high 26 minutes. The freshman scored five points and pulled down six rebounds while also backing up point guard Javan Felix when he got into foul trouble in the second half.

STOCK DOWN

Connor Lammert: In just nine minutes Lammert turned the ball over twice and never looked to be comfortable on the defensive end of the court. He connected on both of his shots from the field, but was unable to knock down his two free throw attempts.

-Nick Cremona

FOOTBALL



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan file photo

Alex Okafor was asked by Mack Brown after Texas' loss to Oklahoma to be a more vocal leader for the young defense. Okafor made sure he did just that his senior year.

Okafor becomes senior leader

By Lauren Giudice

When Alex Okafor arrived on campus in 2009, Texas went to the BCS National Championship and its defense ranked third in the country. Things haven't been quite the same for the Longhorns or Okafor since then. His sophomore year, Texas

went 5-7 and didn't make a bowl game. The next year, there was improvement and Texas finished 8-5. Now, he is one of only two seniors on the defense for a team that holds an 8-3 record.

With the young defense, he was forced into a leadership role.

After Texas' blowout loss to Oklahoma, head

coach Mack Brown asked something of Okafor and fellow senior Kenny Vaccaro. He asked them to help the struggling team by being coaches on the field. They did just that.

Brown describes the two as quiet leaders, but they needed to be more than that

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Enemkpali dominates, helps Texas to 4-0 start

By Matt Warden

If the world actually ends next month, Nneka Enemkpali will leave on top of it.

From crashing the boards and blocking shots to scoring points at will, Enemkpali is off to a remarkable start this season. Through four games, she's averaging 24 points and 13 rebounds per game while garnering much deserved respect.

"To go rebound the ball is not the most popular thing to do, but the perseverance Nneka has shown this year speaks volumes to the work she has put in," special assistant coach Stacy Stephens said. "She literally can grab the ball off the rim, and just how naturally strong and athletic she is has been the most impressive thing so far this season."

Four straight double-doubles to begin the season have propelled Enemkpali into the limelight, earning her two Big 12 Player of the Week honors. Although she's the first Texas player since 2006 to have such a streak, it's merely an

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— Stacy Stephens, Special assistant coach

afterthought in her game plan. "I think in the Jackson State game when I got my third double-double I didn't really see the production," Enemkpali said. "I try to go as hard as I can and I guess I just reap the benefits."

After a dominating 24-point, 20-rebound performance against Jackson State earlier this season, the potential that coaches and peers

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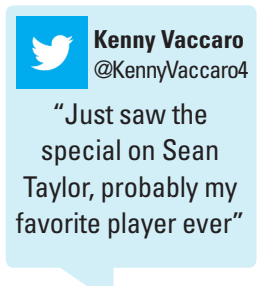
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Jacksonville signs second former Horn

Former Texas Longhorn wide receiver Quan Cosby signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars on Tuesday. He will join his former Texas teammate Jordan Shipley, who signed with Jacksonville last week.

The fourth-year wideout played for the Broncos for ten games last year but was released. He signed with the Colts during the off-season but did not make the final cut.

Cosby was at Texas from 2005 to 2008 and he and Colt McCoy are Texas' all-time leading duo for completions between a quarterback and a wide receiver, with 191. He had 212 receptions during his time as a Longhorn, which is second on Texas' all-time list.

—Lauren Giudice

Feldman joins Cubs, will be in rotation

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs and former Texas Rangers pitcher Scott Feldman have agreed to a one-year contract, the team said Tuesday.

Feldman is guaranteed \$6 million next season and can earn another \$1 million in incentives.

The 29-year-old right-hander was 39-44 with a 4.81 ERA over eight years with the Rangers, going 6-11 with a 5.09 ERA in 29 appearances (21 starts) last season.

A reliever early in his career, he has made 20 or more starts in four of the last five seasons, and general manager Jed Hoyer made it clear the Cubs see him as part of the rotation.

"Nothing was ever said like, 'Hey, I'm never coming back.' They didn't say anything like, 'Hey, we don't want you back,'" he said. "It was just like a mutual understanding. I was looking for an opportunity to have a little bit of a bigger role on the team, a more consistent role."

—The Associated Press

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second half. Sheldon McClellan, for the fourth time this year, led the Longhorns in scoring, this time with 16 points, but on just 4-for-13 shooting. Despite being the team's leading scorer, McClellan came off the bench, playing 28 minutes.

"What we've told our guys from Day 1 is that we're going to play the guys that we call

'everyday guys,'" Barnes said. "We think Sheldon can be a really special player. Sheldon doesn't realize how good Sheldon can be. He can be a prolific scorer in so many ways."

After getting outrebounded by the Bearkats 21-18 in the first half, the Longhorns turned things around in the second half, outrebounding Sam Houston State, 29-11. All three of Texas' sophomores scored in double figures, accounting for 37 points while the team's freshmen accounted for 14 of its 19 turnovers.

"As sophomores, we definitely need to step it up, especially with Myck and Jaylen out," Holmes said. "The young guys haven't been through it yet so we have to help lead the way."

Bearkats point guard Paul Baxter, an Austin Bowie product whose father, Ron, was a four-year starter for Texas from 1977-80, scored a team-high 12 points for Sam Houston State on 4-for-9 shooting. The rest of his team was just 9-for-53 (17 percent) from the floor.

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for this young defense.

"They're emotional, they play hard but they don't say anything," Brown said. "We asked both of them to help. We need to start helping on the field and encouraging guys and moving them around if they're in the wrong place."

Brown saw a drastic adjustment for the better from the two players. With the season-ending injuries of juniors Jordan Hicks and Jackson Jeffcoat, their role needed to expand even more to help the struggling defense.

Okafor called on former Longhorn and current Arizona Cardinal Sam Acho and asked how he could best help his team.

"He was in a similar position his senior year as I was and he just basically told me that one of the things he regretted as a senior was letting some stuff slide," Okafor said. "That's one thing I told him that I won't let happen this season."

Okafor said he wasn't going to let a poor work ethic be acceptable to this defense. That didn't work during Texas' early losses.

"If we don't put that extra work and that extra bit into everything we do then we're a very

average football team," Okafor said. "We don't have the players from back in '05 to be able to get away with some of the stuff we were getting away with."

Texas appeared to have made a turning point after its loss to Oklahoma. It rode a four-game winning streak until its loss to TCU, Okafor's last game in Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

Okafor is third in the Big 12 with eight sacks and tied for fourth in tackles for loss

"We [the seniors] definitely had to turn it up a lot, not only at practice but then at meetings and just take the whole game a lot more seriously," Okafor said.

But his goal this season was to leave this team as it was when he started and with the best defense in the country.

That won't happen. The Texas defense ranks 80th in the country. Although he is proud of the defense's increased maturity, this isn't how Okafor wanted to leave Texas. However, Brown is pleased with what these seniors have done in their final year in burnt orange.

"I've talked to them about it, you guys came in playing for national championships, then we took the dip in 10 and you fought back to a better start last year and now you have a chance to finish strong and put Texas

It's definitely been a roller-coaster career filled with glamour and disappointment ... We're just trying to get this thing back right.

— Alex Okafor
Senior defense end

back in the mix next year," Brown said. "We appreciate what they've done and how they've done it."

Okafor is listed as questionable for Saturday's game against Kansas State after incurring an ankle injury during Texas' loss to TCU. It will be his last regular season game as a Longhorn and his teammates said they expect him to play. It's been an interesting career at Texas for Okafor and likely not what he expected when he committed. But he will head to the draft in the spring and will probably be a first round pick.

"It's definitely been a roller-coaster career filled with glamour and disappointment," Okafor said. "The senior class has seen it all. We're just trying to get this thing back right."



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan file photo

Sophomore Nneka Enemkpali shoots the ball during Texas' win over Jackson State. Enemkpali has posted four double-doubles in a row so far this season.

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have raved about since she stepped on campus is starting to materialize.

"If she had played harder the first half she would have had 25 rebounds, that's how talented Nneka is," head coach Karen Aston said. "She has so much potential and it's becoming real. It's not just potential anymore."

Enemkpali is starting to realize that potential as well.

"It's really up to you to make yourself what you want to be as a player," Enemkpali said. "But I feel like I have the potential and I just need to tap into it and just continue to grow each and every day in practice with my team."

Enemkpali has shown unparalleled talent to this point in the season. After a decent freshman season, she's made great strides in putting everything together with a new direction.

"The biggest thing that's different from last [year] would be

my mindset," Enemkpali said. "With a new coaching staff, everything is different, and all of us are buying into Coach Aston's system and doing what she is telling us and reaping the benefits on the court."

A dominating force inside, Enemkpali has been key in the Longhorns' rebounding clinics this season. While she's doing almost everything right, more work needs to be done in her eyes.

"I think that I need to learn how to lead better for my team," Enemkpali said. "I try to lead by example so I need to be more of a vocal leader out there and try to command more from my teammates."

Although Enemkpali's early-season performances have made her a star, she knows the importance of playing as a team.

"Basketball is a game played with five people," Enemkpali said. "You need a team around you to support you, and there are just a lot of aspects to the game of basketball, so you can't really focus on the individual."

That team that Enemkpali prides herself on is 4-0 to start the season, and hopes are high for the rest of it. While a national title is always the main goal, Enemkpali hopes to gain something more for the program.

"Another big goal for me would be just to reestablish the program here at the University of Texas," Enemkpali said. "We've had semi-successful teams the last few years, so my biggest goal is to just get us back to what it needs to be like at Texas."

With all of the hype now surrounding her and her team after a fast start, basketball can become overwhelming. Enemkpali does her best to maintain all priorities.

"You know there's so little time that you have outside of basketball," Enemkpali said. "But if I'm not playing basketball I'm purely stuck down on my academics."

With the stars aligning and everything going her way, Nneka Enemkpali should now be considered among the Longhorn elite.

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Austin citizens are encouraged to report to 3-1-1 graffiti sightings, from tags on blank surfaces to tags over pieces of commissioned art. Narum’s graffiti abatement crews then remove the reported blemishes as well as any other tags in the area.

According to Meghan Turner, administrator of the Art in Public Places program, it is not hard to distinguish graffiti from commissioned street art.

“There is a distinction between painted mural pieces and graffiti,” Turner said. “Usually graffiti is things like tagging.”

Art in Public Places is a city ordinance-driven program that allows for site-specific artwork to be commissioned around the city. This includes a wide range of media, from statues to murals and the occasional gate.

“We don’t commission very many murals anymore,” Turner said. “Murals are one of the hardest things to maintain over a long period of time.”

Turner said this has to do with the durability of paint on outdoor, concrete walls and also the fact that graffiti makes common, unwanted guest appearances on many of the city’s elaborate murals.

Narum said sometimes the artists who created pieces of art come to touch up the murals when graffiti appears over them.

Art professor John Clarke has studied graffiti and its role in more formal art settings.

“Graffiti is something that is written or spray-painted on somebody else’s property,” Clarke said. “Street art should be art that is commissioned by the owners of the surface.”

Graffiti, no matter how elaborate, does not have a place in the realm of art, Clarke said.

“It’s vandalism even if it has artistic merit because the people who own the property don’t want it to be there,” Clarke said.

There are several instances in Austin, however, where simple graffiti has been transformed into iconic examples of street art simply by reputation.

The “I love you so much” tag on South Congress Avenue has been immortalized through many Facebook profile pictures and even appears on canvases and other things that some innovative local artists sell and profit from.

Although the “I love you so much” tag first appeared as graffiti, Austinites can expect the piece to stick around for a while.

The same goes for Johnston’s iconic amphibian.

Despite the continued efforts of the graffiti abatement program, it is hard to walk anywhere in Austin without coming across some form of graffiti. It has blended into the walls, the sidewalks and the very fibers of the city.

“[Graffiti] is some form of a personal signature,” Clarke said. “Some form of saying, ‘I’m here, this is who I am.’”

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“It is such a dynamic show,” Healey said. “If you like theater, even if you don’t like theater, you’re more likely than not to have fun.”

Healey describes the committee as a family-like community because it brings together different people from all majors and interests. Healey has directed, acted and produced for “Madrigal Dinner” before, but tried something out of his comfort zone for this production.

“What I did this year that I hadn’t done before was that me and Shannon Price

[the show’s choir director] choreographed the dance pieces, and I’m not a dancer so it was kind of awesome to even be involved,” Healey said.

This was Debeck’s first time directing “Madrigal Dinner.” She also directed the committee’s production “Werewolves” last spring. Debeck said “Madrigal Dinner” has pushed her to develop her directing skills.

“I’m still working on my style,” Debeck said. “I am more hands-on, not standoffish. I like to be right there with my actors.”

Debeck added that it was



Local Austin band Statuette rehearses at The Music Lab on Monday evening. Statuette’s next show is this Saturday at Beale Street Tavern.

EP

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DT: How’s your recent signing to Never Lost Records from Portland been going?

Given: The big thing with Eric, the guy from Never Lost — it’s not like he’s throwing money at us to print CDs; he’s mostly getting us in contact with people for tours and places to stay.

Lewis: To me it’s more about the peace of mind in knowing that somebody cares enough about you to invest some money and some interest in you. That’s just really motivating.

DT: Any plans for the future?

Lewis: We’re touring up the West Coast in December — Texas, Arizona, Nevada, California, Washington and Oregon, with Restless from San Antonio. We’re going to be gone [Dec.] 27 through the 10th.

Given: I think there’s 13 dates

total with one off day.

DT: What sound are you going for with the newer release? Has your style changed at all from your first EP, Losing Roots?

Given: Well with *Losing Roots*, we released that in April and we were a band from January, so we pumped out eight songs. There wasn’t that much of a revision time, but with the last three songs we’ve been playing them for months and months and months.

Lewis: I wouldn’t say our style’s changed; it’s definitely just more solidified. Like we said, last time we just pumped out eight songs in three months to get music out, but with this we had more of a chance to sit down with them and structure them over six months.

DT: I noticed a lot of frantic parts and then ambient parts. What do you think the combination of the two does for a listener?

Lewis: It creates excitement for sure. The chaotic parts

are very break beat and distorted, it gets you hyped, and then it kind of brings you back down. I don’t know, that’s just how I write.

Given: It’s fun to play simple fast stuff and then take a second to just break it down and play something pretty.

DT: What’s Residual and Timeless? What are you talking about?

Lewis: Dude, that title just sounded cool. I was just sitting on my couch — I don’t know, I’m big on wordplay and how words sound and how they roll off your tongue and ‘residual’ was just like, man that’s sexy.

DT: If you had a choice, who would you make a statuette of?


Lewis: I’d make a statuette out of Charlie Sheen just because he’s always winning and he symbolizes winning and you have to always be winning in life if you want to get ahead.

Given: I’d make a statue of Rocko [a dog].

Lewis: Band mascot.

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3:45-4:30 - Madeleine Blais on “Playing for Keeps: What Happens in the Post Season Called the Rest of Your Life”



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research in Atlanta. “I don’t have to ask my patients if they eat hamburgers before ordering a cholesterol test. Now I can do a routine HIV test when patients come to clinic,” he said.

In addition to getting tested for STIs and HIV, easy access to contraceptives is another important aspect of sexual health. Last week, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) released new recommendations that birth control be sold over the counter without a prescription in order to increase access to birth control pills.

“Access and cost issues are common reasons why women either do not use contraception use or have gaps in use,” according to the American College of Obstetricians

and Gynecologists.

Alarming, the Contraception in America study released in September found that two in five women in the United States do not use any form of protection during sex.

Although providing birth control pills over the counter could increase access to birth control, critics of the recommendations raised concerns, such as affordability. Although the Affordable Care Act requires insurance coverage of birth control prescriptions, the same might not apply to over-the-counter medicines.

“It’s going to replace a prescription barrier with a cost barrier,” Dr. Daniel Grossman told CNN.

In addition, others worry whether women would be informed about possible side effects of using hormonal birth control if women are not required to visit a doctor to receive a prescription first.

“There will also undoubtedly be arguments against the recommendation, whether they stem from fears over encouraging risky behavior, concerns about patient adherence or religious beliefs,” writes CNN reporter Jacque Wilson.

Despite criticism of the recommendations, the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health made a statement regarding the positive impact such a decision could have on Latinas.

“Over-the-counter access will greatly reduce the systemic barriers, like poverty, immigration status and language, that currently prevent Latinas from regularly accessing birth control and results [sic] in higher rates of unintended pregnancy,” the press release stated.

These recommendations are significant steps not just in increasing access to services such as HIV testing and birth control, but also in raising awareness of how universities, communities and professional organizations can engage Americans to become active advocates of their own sexual and reproductive health.

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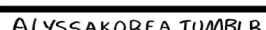
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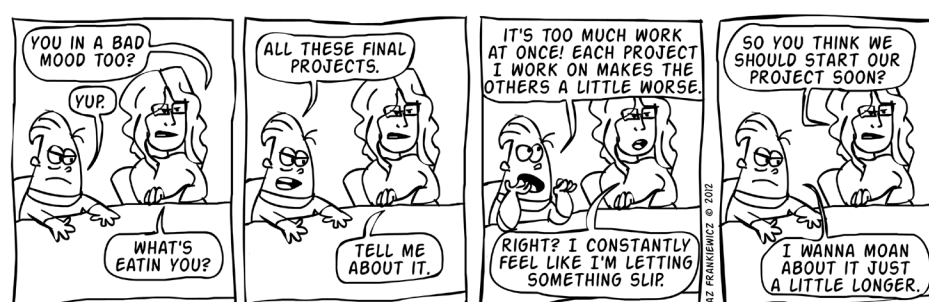
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Panel 1: A woman in a wedding dress asks Edward, "what is that?".

Panel 2: Edward, in a tuxedo, holds a gun and says, "Impossible... it isn't time yet!!".

Panel 3: A crowd of people celebrates with money falling from the sky.



CITY



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Education sophomore Brent Borman and Austin native Camille Reid hang out on top of Castle Hill graffiti walls on Baylor Street on Monday afternoon. The two consider the walls an attraction where families and tourists come to visit even though it was once known as a place where the homeless lingered.

URBAN ART VS. GRAFFITI

Austinites attempt to preserve street art while limiting graffiti displays near campus

By Hannah Smothers

The stretch of Guadalupe Street that runs along the western edge of the UT campus serves as a condensed sampling of all things Austin. From the taco bars to kitschy

vintage clothing stores, the Drag provides UT students and visitors with all the comforts of Austin just steps from the campus. Perhaps the quintessential aspect of the Drag, however, is not the breakfast tacos or the overpriced pizza slices but

the colorful art that adorns the walls of the businesses that line the sidewalk. Guadalupe Street is home to one of Austin's most iconic pieces of street art: Daniel Johnston's "Jeremiah the Innocent," most commonly referred to as the "Hi, How Are You?" frog, which marks the beginning of the Drag. Johnston's frog has boldly sat on the otherwise blank

wall at the corner of 21st and Guadalupe streets since Sound Exchange records commissioned the piece in 1993, but there have been attempts to deface the frog over the past 18 years. In this case, graffiti is serving as the bully to its more sophisticated relative, street art. Julia Narum, leader of the graffiti abatement initiative through the Austin Youth De-

velopment Program, said the UT campus and the neighborhoods surrounding it are a highly targeted arena for graffiti and tagging. "There are some things that are iconic that we respect," Narum said. "But other people have come along and done graffiti on top of it." Aside from the commissioned murals of Bob Dylan, Stevie Ray Vaughan and, of

course, Johnston's frog, there are plenty of haphazardly sprayed tags that stand unabashedly on many campus and city surfaces. "Per month, complaints of graffiti have been increasing a lot," Narum said. "For October 2011, we had 163 [complaints]. For October 2012, we had 290 complaints and those

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THEATER

'Madrigal' ensures dark comedy

By Jasmin Carina Castanon

While some students are passionate about sports or student government, Olivia Debeck, radio-television-film senior; Matt Hill, theatre and dance sophomore; and math senior Logan Healey share a passion for theater that led to their becoming instrumental in creating the Madrigal Theatre Committee's 32nd annual Renaissance-style dinner and show. Biology senior Thomas Kelleher wrote this year's show, which Debeck, the show's director, describes as having a darker tone than in past years while still remaining lighthearted and fun. The tale follows villains on a quest to release an evil curse upon the land. The entire story is told from the villain's perspective. "People who love theater regardless of what their actual major is can come here and find a place for themselves," Healey, the stage manager and choreographer,



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Logan Healey, Olivia Debeck and Matt Hill prepare for the 32nd annual Madrigal Dinner in the Texas Union Ballroom.

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said. "We pride ourselves on not only bringing in people of all different kinds of majors, but we also let people do everything." The theater experience that the "Madrigal Dinner" DINNER continues on page 8

Q-AND-A | STATUETTE



Post-hardcore band Statuette recently released its second EP, *Residual & Timeless*. The band will be touring the West Coast from late December to early January.

Chelsea Purgahn
Daily Texan Staff

Statuette solidifies sound

By Shane Miller

Statuette is a five-piece post-hardcore band from Austin. Although the group has been around for less than a year, it just released its second EP, *Residual & Timeless*, Thursday and was recently signed to Never Lost Records. The band will be playing its new material at Beale Street Tavern underneath The Parish on Saturday. The Daily

STATUETTE

Where: Beale Street Tavern

When: Saturday, doors at 9, band at 9:15

Price: \$8

Texan spoke with Landon Lewis (guitar) and Blake Given (bass) about post-hardcore and the band's future. Daily Texan: What do you think post-hardcore means? Lewis: I think it's more of a way for people to say they're a hardcore band but they're not like tough-guy hardcore. It's more emotional hardcore than anything, which I guess defines our band a lot better than post-hardcore. EP continues on page 8

SEX

Organizations advocate for sexual health resources



Whether getting tested for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV or using contraceptives, taking charge of one's sexual and reproductive health is imperative for

anyone who is sexually active. Last week, two influential organizations made crucial recommendations in hopes of expanding access to sexual health resources in the United States. Although condoms are widely available in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that an astounding 50,000 people are newly infected with HIV each year in America. Last Monday, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force called for routine HIV testing for all Americans aged 16 to 65. The Affordable Care Act requires insurers to cover preventive services that are recommended by the task force, meaning HIV testing will be

covered as part of a routine checkup if the recommendation is finalized. For students, this could mean easier access to HIV testing, free of stigma and judgment as testing becomes a routine part of life. ABC News spoke to Dr. Carlos Del Rio, co-director of the Emory Center for AIDS HIV continues on page 8



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