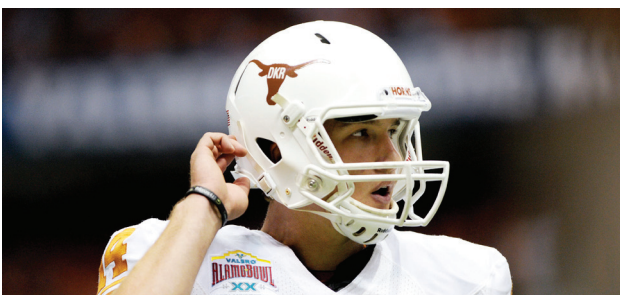




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UT focuses on graduation rates

University promotes incentives to push four-year graduation rate increase by 2016

By Rabeea Tahir
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As freshmen take the first steps into their college careers this month, a team stretching across every inch of campus is aggressively working to make sure students graduate from UT in four years.

For the past few years, UT has made increasing its four-year graduation rates a top priority. At 52 percent, UT has the highest public four-year graduation rate in Texas, but lags significantly behind its peer schools nationwide. UT hopes to increase its four-year graduation rates to 70 percent by 2016.

Each year reaps new efforts to increase graduation rates, and it is not an easy task for students or administrators.

“We are working to provide students with the tools and advising to help them make the best choices for their majors earlier in their college careers,” said David Laude, senior vice provost for enrollment and graduation management. “Providing additional information on majors and career options is important for students to make informed decisions that are best for them.”

Get more in four: an introduction

Some initiatives happen before students begin their first year, such as attending the mandatory new student orientation. At orientation, students become acquainted with the campus, get involved in the community and plan course schedules with advisers.

There are many steps a student can take to graduate in four years, including taking 15 hours per semester, taking on-line classes, enrolling in summer school and transferring credits from another institution, according to UT.

“For the first time, our incoming freshmen are hearing about the benefits of graduating in four years so they can make better decisions from the very beginning,” Laude said.

One of the greatest barriers to timely graduation is failing to choose a pathway and major early on, said Dominic Chavez, spokesman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Chavez said students often aimlessly explore the course catalog out of confusion.

Laude said graduating in four years brings economic benefits to the state,

because it will get students into the workforce sooner and save students and parents money on tuition and loans. He said it also allows more students to attend UT as the state population grows.

New programs

Beginning this fall, every incoming freshman will be placed in a 360 Connection — a small group of approximately 20 freshmen that meets regularly throughout the semester. UT officials said the program is meant to break down the University’s large campus and classes into smaller communities to increase retention.

There are many different ways a first-year student can become involved on campus. Some take part in First-year Interest Groups, a group of 20 or so students that meets regularly and takes classes together. Other students can be involved in programs such as the Texas Interdisciplinary Plan, or their department’s honors program.

Lisa Valdez, a program coordinator in the First-Year Experience Office, said 100 new FIGs have been added for fall 2013, bringing the total number of groups to 260 across campus.

“Over the years, we have noticed that students involved in FIGs are most successful, with higher GPAs and an increased rate of retention and four-year graduation compared to those that not enrolled in FIGs,” Valdez said.

Other initiatives focus on ensuring students choose the right major early to avoid the extra costs of changing their majors, Laude said.

UT developed an online time-to-degree tool to help students stay on track when scheduling their courses. Students can use the tool to check their degree progress online using a color system that will tell them whether they are on track to graduate in four years.

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, students graduate with 142 credit hours on average, even though most degrees only require 120.

Paying for college

University administrators have made a big talking point about the cost of tuition in advocating for four-year graduation, and UT is pumping \$5 million in additional financial aid for students who

4 THE 4-YEAR PUSH

An infographic on graduation rates

THE UT-AUSTIN SITUATION

52%

Current 4-year graduation rate

70%

2016 goal for graduation rate

\$5 million

Investment into new financial aid programs for students to promote four year graduation.

UT-Austin has state’s the highest 4-year graduation rate

Texas A&M – College Station is second with 50 percent

25th

Texas’ national ranking for attainment of bachelor’s degrees

GRADUATION RATES FOR THE 2008 FALL COHORT

Highest rates

College of Communication **66.99%**
McCombs School of Business **66.11%**
College of Liberal Arts **55.47%**

Lowest rates

School of Architecture **21.43%**
Cockrell School of Engineering **40.94%**
School of Nursing **41.33%**

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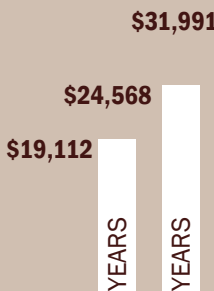
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WHY?

REASONS TO GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS

Cheaper
Decreases drop out rates
Enter workforce sooner
Creates room for new students
Lessens chance of loan debt

Students who take out loans and graduate in 4 years owe 40 percent less on average than those who graduate in 6 years



Source: UT-Austin Office of Student Financial Services

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CAMPUS

Online social network unites students, groups

By Wynne Davis
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Joining the ranks of Facebook and Twitter, UT is launching its own social network to help connect students to organizations and resources on campus.

Called HornsLink, the network allows students to create their own profile using their UT EIDs to receive customized recommendations about events and organizations matching their interests. Although many students are currently on other social media websites, UT officials say HornsLink is different because it specializes in helping individuals and organizations connect with each other

on campus.

After students create a profile, they can contact organization leaders, receive weekly updates about events on and off campus and create a resume that lists the organizations and volunteer hours they have completed.

HornsLink will officially launch Aug. 19, but students can already create profiles and more than 600 students have already signed up.

Dean of Students Sonia Reagins-Lilly said the purpose of HornsLink is to help students make connections that will help them get through their college career.

HORNS page 3

UNIVERSITY

MOOC program offers classes to public

By Jacob Kerr
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While a major university in California has suspended its massive open online course program, UT is preparing to launch its own MOOC program in September.

Partnering with online education provider edX, UT’s MOOC program, will start with four classes in the fall semester: “Age of Globalization,” “Energy 101,” “Ideas of the Twentieth Century” and “Take Your Medicine — The Impact of Drug Development.”

UT is offering these courses for free to



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Germanic studies professor John Hoberman will teach one of the four massive open online courses that UT is offering in the fall.

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anyone in the world interested in the subject matter. Currently, 88,272 people have signed up to take one of the UT MOOCs. UT will not offer credit, but students who pass the course can obtain a certificate of mastery.

“The University has always made some of its educational offerings available freely to the public; MOOCs are the latest way that we can perform that service role,” said Harrison Keller, vice provost of higher education policy and research at UT. “Through these initial MOOCs, our faculty [is] experimenting with the possibilities of this particular format and the context for providing educational experiences to participants around the world.”

The UT System Board of Regents partnered with edX and invested \$5 million into the nonprofit company, becoming the fourth school to partner with the company and joining the University of California, Berkeley, Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The University selected four courses to start in the fall and five more to start in the spring 2014 semester. The University has spent \$150,000 developing each course, officials said.

"We want the University of Texas to be an international leader in the development of next generation learning," said Steven Mintz, executive director of the UT System Institute for Transformational Learning. "I think it is extremely important that our faculty help design 21st century teaching and learning. We want to give them the opportunity, with peer institutions, to be the real leader in this area."

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University recently decided to suspend its MOOC program for the fall semester. SJSU's program started in the spring 2013 semester. According to SJSU's website, courses were offered for credit to both SJSU students and members of the public for a fee of \$150. The Los Angeles Times reported the decision to suspend the program was made after the majority of students failed the courses.

Howard Lurie, vice president of external affairs at edX, said SJSU's program was administered through a different company and MOOCs are still a new form of learning. "Does it work in all subjects for all students all the time? No, nor does face-to-face learning," Lurie said. "This is a new paradigm shift, and there will always be progress. Progress is based on evaluation of failures."

Keller said a similar decision from UT would require the faculty to lose interest in teaching MOOCs.

"I don't see that happening on the near term because when you talk to the faculty who are working on these courses, they are asking hard, interesting questions," Keller said.

Along with other programs, Mintz said the goal of the MOOC program is to find new ways of teaching for UT students, such as blended learning.

"Our goal, ultimately, is to improve and enhance the learning of students at the University of Texas at Austin," Mintz said. "We are going to be developing a lot of interactive learning tools, and we're

going to integrate those into our face-to-face classes. It is a real exciting opportunity for integration, and we will see what works.”

Some of the professors in the MOOC program plan on converting their MOOCs into a blended learning course where students view course materials online before discussing it in the classroom with an instructor. John Hoberman, a Germanic studies professor who will teach the “Age of Globalization” MOOC, said he plans on developing his course into a blended learning class for UT students.

“A MOOC is not a substitute for the classroom experience,” Hoberman said. “A MOOC is analogous to a textbook. You don’t give up the classroom experience because a textbook is available.”

However, Keller said that the purpose of the MOOC program is to offer some of UT's services to members of the public, and pointed out that the University has already blended learning programs.

"I think it's important not to confuse this mode of delivery with the larger landscape of what we're working on at UT-Austin," Keller said. "UT-Austin is a leader on almost every dimension."

According to Juan Garcia, producer of the “Energy 101” MOOC, the courses will work by combining instructional videos, quizzes and online interaction between students as well as with the instructor.

“Everything is designed to encourage the student to try,” Garcia said.



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HORNS

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Reagins-Lilly said making connections early helps keeps students in school and graduate in four years, a top priority for UT. “We know that there are all different types of students that come here,” Reagins-Lilly said. “The question is, how do we provide them with a pathway and how do we customize their experience?”

Although the service is targeted at first-year students, UT officials are encouraging all students to sign up because students might find new interests by interacting with the variety of organizations at UT on HornsLink.

UT students had a key part in developing HornsLink, officials said. Students explored other university-based social networks at different schools and helped develop the current structure for the platform. Reagins-Lilly said UT purchased a software package for HornsLink, but claimed the exact amount spent developing the network was not available since the software will be used on other university projects.

Connor Hughes, a biochemistry and Plan II junior, is currently working to promote HornsLink and said he hopes students come to see the outlet as a cool way to connect with

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Forrest Wolfe, an incoming freshman from Houston, said he believes HornsLink will make new students feel more at home.

“Most of us have no clue about the student organizations at UT besides the Greek life, and we really don't know how much there is to offer out there,” Wolfe said.



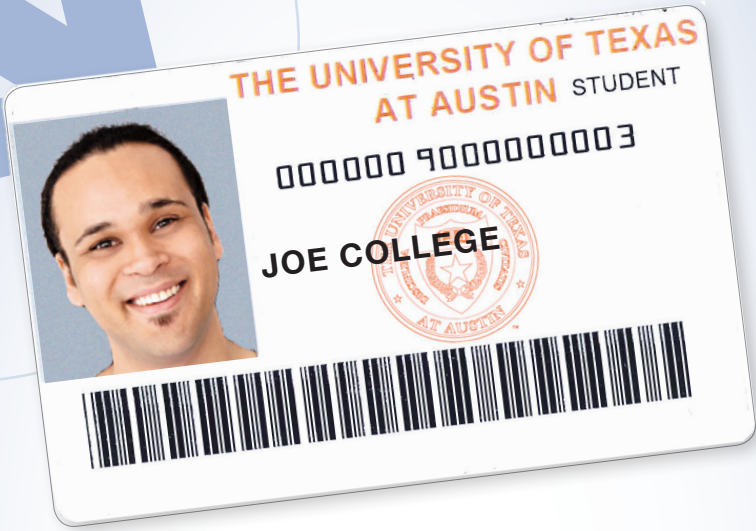
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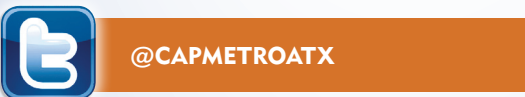
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demonstrate they are on track to graduate in four years.

Roughly 500 students are set to receive scholarships and financial assistance under the new initiative. Thomas Melecki, director of the Office of Student Financial Services, said the Dollars to Scholars program will randomly select 200 students this fall to receive \$2,000 to pay their student loans if they successfully complete 30 credit hours with a C or better by spring 2014.

Over the next few years, students will also be able to earn up to \$20,000 in loan forgiveness if they work an academic job on campus. Freshmen will be eligible to earn a \$1,000 scholarship in their first year if they maintain a good GPA, complete leadership training and complete 30 hours their first year. “Graduating in four years actually offers its own reward, which is significantly less debt,” Melecki said.

On average, UT students incur \$19,112 in debt if they graduate in four years. Fifth-year graduates incur \$24,568 at graduation and sixth-year graduates owe close to \$31,991 at graduation, according to the Office of Student Financial Services.

A stride to efficiency or one size fits all?

UT is one of the only state schools aiming to increase its four-year graduation rates to 70 percent, and its efforts have garnered praise and criticism.

State officials say graduating in four years helps the student and the economy, while critics say four-year

graduation is a one-size-fits-all solution that should not be forced upon students.

Ann Kenimer, an associate provost for undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University in College Station, said Texas A&M has a campus-wide initiative called “Aggies Commit,” which encourages students to take responsibility for their learning and to be very deliberate and intentional in how they plan their undergraduate program.

At 50 percent, Texas A&M has the second highest public four-year graduation rate in Texas.

However, Kenimer said Texas A&M understands that graduating in four years is not something all students can do.

“Since some of our undergraduate curricula, especially those in the STEM fields, require more than 120 hours, we recognize that some students may find it difficult to graduate in four years,” Kenimer said.

Biochemistry junior Usman Dar said he feels UT is overlooking individual cases when pushing for four-year graduation.

Establishing a four-year goal also ignores the fact that most college students work at least one or two jobs, Dar said, which makes it difficult for them to take 15 credit hours a semester. He said the pressure to take more classes might compromise the quality of their education and overall college experience.

An ambitious but important goal

UT officials concede there will always be instances where a student requires more than four years to graduate, but say it is important that students seeking to

graduate in four years have the resources to do so.

Chavez said improving the four-year graduation rate is a key performance metric that helps measure the best public and private schools in the country. By establishing a 70 percent goal, UT is already battling a culture that encourages students to take their time in college.

“Unfortunately, higher education has established six years as the default expectation for student graduation,” Chavez said. “This has been ingrained in the higher education culture for decades. UT’s goal to improve four-year graduation rates is a strong signal that the culture is going to change, and that will help this effort tremendously.”

CHALLENGES TO 4-YEAR GRADUATION

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VIEWPOINT

Put up your horns, pick up the Texan

 **By Laura Wright**
Daily Texan Editor-in-Chief

Why should you read The Daily Texan during your time on the 40 Acres? In part, for the same reason you put your horns up at a football game: It’s a Texas tradition, and it’s a simple way of showing the people around you that you take pride in and care about your University.

Over 113 years of existence, The Daily Texan has established itself as a campus institution — a place where students, faculty and staff go for both campus news and student opinions.

During the school year, the Texan prints five days a week, sending thousands of newspapers out across our campus and the city of Austin. Our editorial staff consists entirely of students, and our content zeroes in on the UT-Austin campus, the place you live and work, and a place whose intricacies, traditions and problems are often overlooked by larger media outlets.

What kind of coverage has our sharp focus on campus issues produced?

In the past year alone, the Texan has uncovered reports of inappropriate conduct between a football

coach and a student.

We’ve drawn attention to a professor who authored academic studies on fracking while being paid nearly twice his salary to serve on the board of directors of a fracking company, a clear conflict of interest.

We’ve relentlessly covered the battles between UT President William Powers Jr. and the UT System Board of Regents (while providing an explanation of who the regents are and what they’re doing — see this edition’s news section for an introduction to the ongoing controversy).

In our Life & Arts section in February, we shared one student’s opinion on the demise of the iconic South Congress food trailer park and what it meant for the city of Austin — an article that received over 39,000 unique pageviews on our website.

It’s true that the Texan, like many newspapers, is facing financial difficulties.

In March, the Texas Student Media Board of Trustees, which oversees the Daily Texan, made the difficult decision to cut staff pay in order to maintain our five-day-a-week print schedule.

But our staffers have remained committed to providing our print product to the UT community. And we haven’t stopped our efforts to expand our digital presence —

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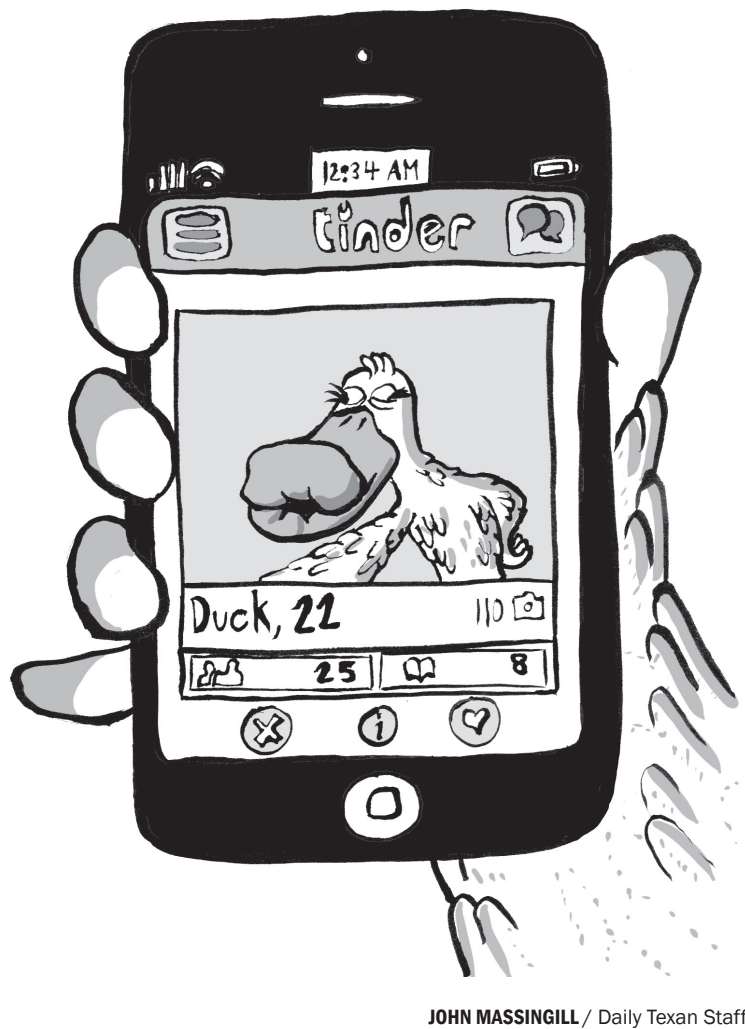
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The University of Texas is a big place. The Daily Texan is here to help you make sense of campus one day at a time — through hashing out your thoughts on our opinion page, covering campus cultural events in Life&Arts and reporting on the latest developments in University politics in our news section.

So when you set foot on campus — put up your horns. But also pick up the Texan.

GALLERY



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COLUMN

How to become a lifelong Longhorn

 **By Jori Epstein**
Daily Texan Columnist

Much has changed on the 40 Acres over the last 40 years—beyond adjusting the size of the “40 Acres” main campus from 388 acres to 350. When my parents were students here, Earl Campbell had just become the first Longhorn Heisman recipient. The UT System Board of Regents had just purchased the esteemed Gutenberg Bible for \$2.4 million. And a historically unprecedented number of students — 48,145 — led the administration in 1981 to institute enrollment management.

For me, a current student, the scene changes a little bit. Our football team certainly wasn’t led by a Heisman trophy winner, as we ceded that honor to Aggie Johnny “Football” Manziel. At least one regent spends his time searching through President William Powers Jr.’s papers rather than for biblical rarities. And while my freshman class of 8,092 students became the school’s largest ever, the school simultaneously saw its overall enrollment at its

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second highest: 52,186 students in fall 2012. The diverse student body identified as just below 50 percent white, 19 percent Hispanic, 16 percent Asian, 7 percent international and nearly 5 percent African-American.

But when I joined my mom this month for an informal reunion with college friends — she graduated from UT-Austin undergraduate in 1982, and from the Law School in 1985 — some experiences she and her friends recalled on the 40 Acres reminded me of my own. Some of our associations differed — my mother joined Spokes (the forerunner to Texas Spirits) and read the Texan, while I admire the Spirits’ energy and write for the Texan. Yet much remains the same, as we took classes from the same professor, played intramural sports and enjoyed Greek life. In each instance, we discovered the culture and opportunities at the University hold similar, with school spirit and traditions standing the test of time. We’re a part of something larger than ourselves.

But how do we remain a part when we graduate?

On campus, the Texas Exes alumni association boosts University pride. The Student Leadership Committee, according to President Rita Holguin, organizes alumni panels, etiquette dinners, networking events and football rallies.

Texas Exes’ 149 branches worldwide award students \$1.9 million in scholarships each year.

“People join to support the University and demonstrate pride as part of the Longhorn family,” Student Relations Coordinator Kelsey Roberts said. “Membership in the Texas Exes says you’re proud of and you support UT.”

And yet, most alumni do not

join Texas Exes. The 100,000 members stem from a graduate base of nearly 450,000. According to Roberts, most alumni not involved tell Texas Exes they merely never got around to joining. Others feel the price they paid for tuition was contribution enough to the University.

With only a year at Texas under my belt, I’m not sure how I’ll support and stay connected to the University long-term. But I won’t just be a Longhorn for four years.

Be it through Texas Exes, athletic loyalty or the simple acknowledgment later in life that the University aided our success, it’s important to give credit to our alma mater.

UT alumni have found a multitude of creative ways to do so. One recent anonymous Plan II alum began a grant for the Plan II biology class to travel to Bastrop State Park and the UT Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas to enrich classroom study.

Decorated World War II Veteran and business and law alum Frank Denius funds the Normandy Scholars Program, which provides participants an intensive study of World War II and subsequent visits to key battle sites. Denius meets with the students each year to recount his battle experiences.

And when The Daily Texan faced the prospect of print reduction last semester, a string of newspaper alumni emerged to support the paper. They offered financial contributions, advocacy and even expertise — to find a profitable business model for the paper, to mentor students and to recharge the paper that kick-started their careers.

Why? Because they, too, got their start on the 40 Acres.

Epstein is a Plan II and journalism sophomore from Dallas.

COLUMN

Hook-up apps obscure students’ true identity

 **By Andrew Wilson**
Daily Texan Columnist

When I open that little orange app, I rarely see faces. Instead, my iPhone is filled with toned stomachs and gray boxes.

I’m talking about Grindr, a social networking app that, like many others, continues to gain popularity among college students.

According to a Grindr representative, the average number of active users in Austin per month exceeds 10,000.

Apps like Grindr and Tinder, a similar “matchmaking” app, allow users to connect, a term I use loosely, via virtual interface. Regardless of their actual purpose, one question is inescapable — why do we bond online when we live in such a physically interconnected world?

The core of all these apps is the human need to bond with others. Each has a different method, but the gist is simple — create a profile and start “connecting.” On Grindr, you can choose to disclose certain physical characteristics, and Tinder allows you to select five of your favorite photos for others to see. Chats soon ensue, and hopefully lead to something more.

Jarred Wilson, a recent graduate of the UT School of Information says that when he sends a message on Grindr, “It’s sometimes exhilarating to get that initial response, but it fades quickly.”

This feeling is true for Tinder users as well, and it has the characteristics of another positive emotion — self-affirmation.

Founder and CEO of Grindr Joel Smikhai says, “I wanted a more spontaneous, exciting and instantaneous way to meet guys and to help guys meet one another.” (The Grindr network is aimed at helping men meet other men.)

According to Smikhai, that rush of adrenaline is “what drive[s] the

appeal of Grindr.” That exciting feeling is self-affirmation. When a person responds to your message, it is like an approval of your profile, but that’s the most disconcerting fact about these apps.

A message may signal approval of your carefully crafted profile, but does it really mean approval of you?

Social networking apps allow users to create virtual self-representations. Through photos and characteristics that make up profiles on apps like Grindr and Tinder, users are able to hide their flaws and portray themselves in what they consider to be the best possible light.

Weight, height, scars, shyness, personality — they all get modified or suppressed in these apps. The problem is, while this partial identity may gain a user affirmation, it is not affirmation of the self— because the true self is hardly recognizable.

Sure, users can express personality in a chat, but even that dialogue lacks the spontaneity Smikhai intended to promote with his application.

Wilson sees false representation as an issue that extends beyond these apps. “I think that gay men changing how they represent themselves depending on the situation happens in other settings, too,” Wilson says. False representation may be an issue in the physical realm, but it is much easier to accomplish online. Self-affirmation should help eliminate self-consciousness, but when the “self” is denied in a profile, it only serves to strengthen it.

Every day, people criticize the moral quality of apps like Grindr and Tinder. But the problem isn’t that they promote “hook-up” culture. It’s that they disconnect a user — especially young college users, who are still trying to develop their identities — from the true self. My advice? If you use the apps, be yourself — even if it means fewer clicks from potential hook-ups.

Wilson is a Plan II and history major from Canton. Follow Wilson @andrewwilson92.

HORNS UP, HORNS DOWN



HORNS UP: Flip-flopping on its earlier decision to withhold aid, the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared West, the town devastated by a fertilizer plant explosion in April, a disaster area on Friday. The money comes as welcome news to a town still reeling from a disaster that caused as much as \$100 million in damage to insured property. We appreciate the president’s and FEMA’s recognition of the importance of these funds to the rebuilding of West.



HORNS DOWN: The Governor has called three special sessions during the 83rd legislative session, but he has yet to place Tuition Revenue Bonds, the funding mechanisms for campus construction projects, on the legislative agenda. We hate to keep harping on it, but we have to ask: what gives, Governor?

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WHAT YOU MISSED THIS SUMMER



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Professional BMX rider Aaron Ross, who lives in Austin, has ridden in nine X Games and was a commentator at the BMX segment of last summer's X Games.

X Games to ride into Austin

Within the state of Texas, sports are a way of life. Home to two MLB teams, two NFL teams, three NBA teams, NBC's "Friday Night Lights" and a mob of frenzied fans, Texas is known for its all-American, traditional sports culture.

But the decision by ESPN to bring the summer X Games, a competition featuring events including motocross, rallycross, skateboarding and BMX, to Austin next May has the power to change the culture of extreme, alternative sports here in Central Texas. It

also has the power to change the perception of Austin.

"Austin is known as the Live Music Capital of the World," said local skater Colten Perry, an Austinite who was involved with the committee organizing Austin's bid for the X Games. "But we could be known for extreme sports as well. I think the X Games are going to bring more of that here."

Austin was chosen last month by ESPN to host the summer X Games in May 2014. Austin, which is replacing Los Angeles, was one of

four finalists. The X Games is currently taking place in Los Angeles for the last time.

The city's new Circuit of the Americas complex in South Austin, which hosts Formula 1, was heavily involved in bringing the X Games to Austin and will host most of the competitions next year.

"Austin is such a young city, such an outdoors city, everyone enjoys being outside," said Aaron Ross, professional BMX rider from Corpus Christi. "It makes sense. It's going to open a lot of doors and minds for this sport to

what it is and what it can be."

While the announcement of the X Games moving to Austin resulted in a lot of excitement for local BMX fans, business owners might have a different reason to be excited.

Just as any national event would, the X Games is expected to bring millions of dollars to the city's economy. Austin, already home to events like Austin City Limits, South By Southwest and Formula 1, could profit substantially from tourists visiting Austin for the weekend event in May 2014.

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UT traces tree roots in campus history

Shading students while they wait at the crosswalk and housing UT's famed albino squirrels are roughly 4,700 trees on campus with different stories to tell — and UT is working to document and measure every last one.

UT's Facilities Services department is working on cataloging the trees on campus this summer to better understand how to care for them, often revealing surprising and entertaining stories in the process. Twenty-five stories will be documented online, and these 25 will eventually make up a walking tree tour beginning in the spring of 2014.

UT arborist James Carse, who is part of the team documenting the trees, said the trees were last cataloged in 2007. Many trees have been removed, relocated or planted since then, so this new effort is focused on getting a new picture of tree population while also looking at the trees' histories, Carse said.

Some tree history has already made it into campus tours. The Battle Oaks, which surround the campus statue of Barbara Jordan, were said to be the only three trees left standing on the 40 Acres when the area's oaks were destroyed to fortify the Texas Capi-

tol during the Civil War. Years later in 1923, Professor William Battle is said to have protected the trees from construction, shotgun in hand.

Every year, the University spends thousands of dollars caring for its trees, valued at more than \$25 million. But caring for more than 50 species of trees is not easy. UT employs a special team of six to battle ongoing campus construction, damage from wild animals and the Texas drought.

Some trees relocated and brought to campus have thrived despite these struggles, including a Himalayan deodar cedar planted in front of Littlefield House, which is a state champion in size. Others include a sixth-generation descendant of the apple tree that inspired Isaac Newton.

Carse said the benefits caused naturally by any of the historic or ordinary trees can impact students the most, but tend go unnoticed.

"We want to protect that history, along with everything else they provide for us," Carse said. "They not only make the campus look nice, but give us shade to be outside and benefit us. It's kind of crazy how many things impact trees and how many ways the trees impact us."

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The University of Texas has roughly 4,700 trees on campus that are tended to by a team of six arborists, who help the trees combat the drought, construction damages and wild animals like squirrels.

UT loan funds grow with program reform

Under a new formula for the state's B-On-Time Loan program, UT-Austin is estimated to receive \$5.4 million from the state next year to help students — an almost \$2 million increase from 2013 — while other UT System schools are set to see their funding decline.

The Texas Legislature changed the B-On-Time distribution during the regular session, and now requires universities to receive an amount proportional to what they have put into the program and restricts the program to two- and four-year universities.

Up until now, universities such as UT have essentially been donating money to other schools, said state Rep. Helen Giddings, D-DeSoto, who advocated strongly for the program's reform.

UT-Brownsville, which received \$289,000 for the 2013-2014 school year, is estimated to receive \$160,000 next year. Also, UT-Permian Basin could see its funds decrease from \$236,050 to \$182,600, according to the Higher Education Board.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will begin using this formula for overseeing the program in the 2014-2015 school year. Board officials repeatedly stated the current funding estimates are still preliminary.

The B-On-Time Loan

program has provided financial relief to students for almost a decade, but the schools participating in the program have not had an equal share of its funds. Every year, 5 percent of a Texas student's tuition is set aside for the program. Students who apply for the program are granted a no-interest loan that is forgiven if the student graduates within four years with at least a 3.0 GPA.

Legislators also approved rules allowing UT to control the amount provided by a loan. Previously, B-On-Time loans had to amount to the average cost of state tuition, fees, books and class supplies per student, said Thomas Melecki, director of UT's Office of Student Financial Services.

Melecki said these new rules will allow UT to provide more loans to students and bring significant benefits to students in the B-On-Time program if they fulfill graduation and GPA requirements.

"And even if student borrowers do not qualify for loan forgiveness of their B-On-Time loans, the loans have a zero percent interest rate, so the students repay only the amount they borrowed," Melecki said.

UT-Austin students borrow an average of \$7,400 per year under the program.

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Former Longhorn Connor Brewer relays information to starting quarterback David Ash at the December 2012 Alamo Bowl against Oregon State. Brewer is the most recent athlete to transfer unconditionally from Texas.

Transferring unrestricted for Horns

In July, redshirt freshman Connor Brewer announced that he would seek a transfer from the Longhorn football program after only one season at Texas.

The Texas football program has had its fair share of transfers, but recently with increasing restrictions by high-profile universities across the country, the rules regarding transfers have been thrust into the spotlight. While Texas has an open policy for its transferring athletes, imposing no additional restrictions beyond the minimum set by the NCAA and Big 12, such is not the case for many other football programs.

In May, Oklahoma State sophomore Wes Lunt elected to transfer but was stuck with stringent stipulations on where he could play next, which brought scrutiny to what restrictions head coaches could place on transferring athletes in addition to the restrictions

placed by the NCAA and Big 12.

According to the NCAA, for football an athlete must sit out for one year before being allowed to compete at a new institution. In the Big 12, an athlete can choose to attend another conference school, but he would lose an additional year of eligibility.

There is no rule, however, against the initial institution placing limitations on which universities are eligible for an athlete to transfer to, with the team generally blocking in-conference opponents and schools that will show up on the schedule during the player's career.

Lunt's case made national headlines after Oklahoma State head coach Mike Gundy significantly limited Lunt's transfer options. Gundy barred Lunt from transferring to a staggering 37 schools.

"If a guy comes in and talks to us about, whether

it's being unhappy, needing more playing time, wanting to get closer to home, whatever, it really doesn't matter," Texas head coach Mack Brown said. "I mean, if they're not happy here, we want to help them, and we've never had a conditional release for anybody."

Texas has had a record of issuing unconditional releases to athletes who elect to transfer, under whatever circumstances, for other opportunities. Brown has even said he is willing to aid transferring athletes in their search for a new program. Even after former Big 12 rival Texas A&M left the conference, Texas did not place restrictions in regards to

the Aggies.

"Coach Brown was great," Brewer told ESPN. "He understood the situation and basically said, 'You're free to go where you want.'"

The rules that govern student-athletes are ambiguous and a student cannot do much to change an institution's ruling on transfer, Austin sports lawyer Pete Reid said. As for Texas' history of unconditional releases, Reid said he thinks it is a good thing.

"Usually there's a reason that a student needs to transfer," Reid said. "I think what Texas does is a very good thing, even when offering to help the students."

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—Mack Brown, head football coach

UNIVERSITY

Centrally funded salary increases won't be given from Tower

By Jacob Kerr
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While the University has announced there will be no centrally funded salary increases from the Tower for the fifth fiscal year in a row, deans are looking at ways to raise salaries within their own budgets.

In an email sent in July, UT President William Powers Jr. informed faculty and staff of the decision.

"I certainly wish we could do more," Powers wrote. "I'm grateful to everyone on the campus who contributes to the mission of the University and proud of the work you do each day to advance this great institution."

According to Powers, the University is still trying to offset a \$92 million decrease in state funding over the past two years. The Texas Legislature increased UT's funding by \$25 million during the recent legislative session, but Powers wrote it would not be enough for salary increases.

According to UT spokesman Gary Susswein, the University has not centrally raised salaries since the 2008-2009 fiscal year when a 3 percent increase was given. Susswein said a targeted salary increase was given the following fiscal year.

Statewide, the average salaries for professors, associate professors, assistant professors and instructors has increased, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. However, the total number of faculty in Texas has decreased. For instance, there were 13,471 full-time professors, associate professors, assistant professors and instructors in Texas in FY 2012; there were 13,440

in FY 2013.

Faculty Council Chair Hillary Hart said the decision was necessary.

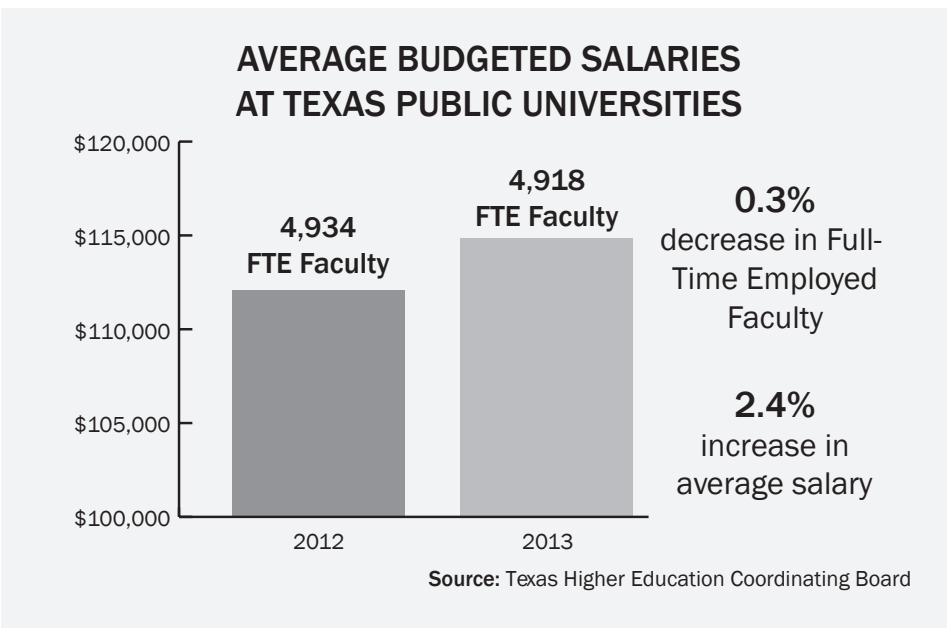
"We do not have the money," Hart said. "Things are pretty flat in terms of the budget. Those were big cuts two years ago. We're still trying to recover from that."

However, Hart said the Faculty Council is working with Powers to increase funding for research.

"There [are] other kinds of benefits other than [a] direct salary increase, and we are working with the president, trying to bring some of those about," Hart said.

Although there will be no centrally funded salary increase, deans and vice presidents can raise salaries based on the budgets of their respective colleges, schools and departments.

"It depends on what's in our budget," said Roderick



Hart, dean of the College of Communication. "We're going to do everything we can to at least come up with some kind of a raise."

Jaime Southerland, College of Liberal Arts assistant dean, said his college has helped accommodate its faculty and staff in its budget with salary raises.

"We've done this for the last four years, so we've built it into our budget," Southerland said. "So we're providing a 2 percent pool for our faculty and staff."

Hart said most faculty members understand the University's decision.

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—Hillary Hart, Faculty Council Chair


"I'm not hearing a lot of complaining," Hart said. "What I'm hearing from faculty is 'Don't raise my salary at the expense of laying off a staff member.'"

The University's salary policy is still subject to approval from the UT System Board of Regents. The regents will meet later in August.

According to Hart, a future salary increase would require help from the Texas Legislature, which will set the next state budget in 2015.

"We know what our budget will be for the next two years," Hart said. "Next year is not going to be much different from this year. After that, who knows."

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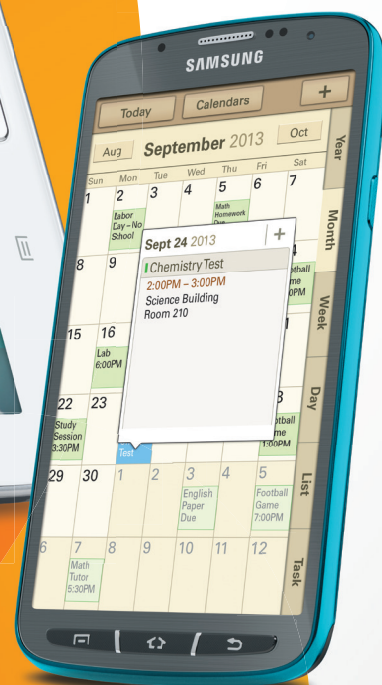


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Michael Foux from the Austin Reptile Shows booth shows off his ball python during a demonstration at the Austin Pet Expo on Saturday afternoon.

UNIVERSITY

Dean Fenves named UT provost, Steven Leslie to return to teaching

By Christine Ayala
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President William Powers Jr. named Greg Fenves the University provost Thursday. Fenves was the dean of the Cockrell School of Engineering, and this is what he'll be expected to do in his new position.

The provost is supposed to make sure the concerns and goals of deans, department chairs, faculty and staff reach Powers, and that information from Powers gets back to them.

The provost is also to put into action recommendations on how to improve the University academically. The provost receives reports from the Commission of 125 that includes many former UT System Regents. Recommendations have included a focus to develop a new undergraduate core curriculum and to establish a more demanding standard for leadership of academic departments and research centers.

Fenves is replacing Steven Leslie, who was provost for six years. Leslie has said he



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Gregory Fenves, dean of the Cockrell School of Engineering, was appointed University provost in early August.

wants to return to teaching. During his term the responsibilities were expanded to

not only oversee academics but also financial aid and the registrar.

SYSTEM

Regents to update UT policy during upcoming meetings

By Jacob Kerr
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The UT System regents work in the background, making decisions affecting thousands across the state. Under the glare of a possible impeachment and facing controversy, the regents will meet this month and release two reports that could impact school policy.

Appointed by the governor, the UT System regents are state officials who oversee all UT schools. The regents handle contract negotiations between the UT System and outside bodies, set system policy and ultimately decide on items like the cost of yearly tuition. Gov. Rick Perry has appointed all regents currently in office.

Each regent serves a six-year term before being considered for reappointment by the governor, who also appoints a student regent every year.

The regents will review the System's budget at the August meeting and hear reports from task forces on UT's policies regulating relationships between faculty and students, and relationships between UT and foundations who contribute money to colleges and schools.

The University has had a particularly difficult relationship with the regents since 2011, when some regents sought to make significant changes to UT's curriculum. Tensions have also been high among some students and

faculty, who claim regent actions have been too intrusive.

Recently, state legislators accused UT Regent Wallace Hall of micromanaging the University through the use of massive records requests and attempting, with other UT regents, to remove President William Powers Jr. from office.

The Senate Nominations Committee heavily questioned regents seeking approval for nomination on the board's relationship with Powers this May.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, told the nominees that he believed the regents were on a "mission" to remove Powers.

"I don't like what I'm hearing, I don't like what I've read," Whitmire said in May. "This morning, if I had to vote, I'd vote 'no,' because I don't want to play any role in the replacing of Bill Powers."

Regent Paul Foster, who was up for reappointment, told the committee during the meeting the board was not trying to replace Powers.

"It seems like we spend a lot of time talking to make sure that the board doesn't do something to fire Bill Powers, and I can tell you that is not even on the radar," Foster said. "It's never been discussed. The Board doesn't even talk about it. There's no conspiracy effort or hidden agenda that I'm aware of."

On July 29, the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency

Operations met to discuss the latest proceedings of the investigation into Hall.

Committee Co-Chair Dan Flynn, R-Canton, said Hall would likely be one of the first witnesses called to testify when they hold public meetings in late August or September.

UT senior lecturer Hillary Hart, chair of faculty council, said many faculty members are concerned about changes to UT's conflict of interest policy passed in January by the regents. The policy requires faculty members to disclose compensated activity and potential conflicts of interest or commitment to their jobs at the University.

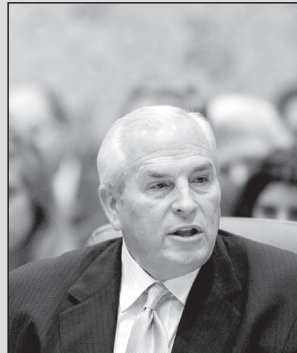
"If you are a faculty member at the University, you owe the University a chunk of your time," Hart said. "But you don't owe them seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

Andrew Clark, president of the Senate of College Councils, said he would support Hall's impeachment. If impeached, Hall would be the first state appointee to face such action in the state's history.

"I'd be happy to see Regent Hall impeached at some point because his actions have been disruptive to the campus," Clark said. "I also say that hoping the dialogue can be reopened and that constructive things can happen. That should be the focus: returning to a productive, working environment for both the System and the campus."

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HOUSING

West Campus, living costs grow

By Rabeea Tahir
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After being accepted to UT’s McCombs School of Business, Saleha Ali and her parents had a tough decision to make. Ali could attend UT while paying the high cost of living in West Campus or go to college close to home in Dallas.

Ali’s father Muntaqa Syed, who wanted his daughter to live close to campus, said living in West Campus was almost more than the cost of sending his child to UT.

“It puts a burden on parents,” Syed said. “The expense is much higher than what I would expect for a state school and it mainly has to do with the cost of living in West Campus.”

Characterized by its proximity to the UT campus and many conveniences, West Campus is one of the most popular — and expensive — living areas for UT students. According to Multiple Listing Service, a professional rent listing used by West Campus realtors, rent in the area has increased by about 15 percent since 2008.

At least three new apartment complexes will have their grand opening this year, including 2400 Nueces, Callaway House and 21 Pearl. West Campus has also caught the eye of some out-of-state and international investors, which increases the value of land.

The popularity of West Campus is driving up prices at older apartment complexes in the area, leading some UT students to share rooms or leave the neighborhood entirely. Apartments are also being leased quicker, forcing current and prospective students to make a housing decision or lose a space.

Rent for recently built apartments in West Campus averages \$1,250 a month for one-bedroom apartments and \$850 per bedroom a



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Kiefer Shenk, a junior in business honors and marketing, sits in a moving van in West Campus on Saturday afternoon. The popularity of living in West Campus is causing apartments in the area to be leased very quickly and increase in rent prices.

month for two bedroom apartments, according to the listing service.

Officials expect a total of 2,484 additional bedrooms to be completed in West Campus this year. There have been more than 6,100 bedrooms added in West Campus since 2004, according to the West Campus Neighborhood Association.

Deacon Shields, a UT alumnus and the principal broker and owner of Ely Properties in Austin, owns about 2,000 units in West Campus.

Shields said how quickly apartments are leased plays a big role in how they are priced. Shields said the rent

at some West Campus properties increases 10 to 15 percent a year while others stay the same.

Petroleum engineering senior Zeff Gibran has been living in West Campus for three years. After experiencing multiple difficulties at different apartment complexes in West Campus, Gibran will be moving to a new apartment complex for the third time in the fall to find a lower rent of \$475 a month by living with five roommates.

Gibran first lived in 21 Rio, an apartment complex located at the intersection of 21st and Rio Grande streets. A 1,405 square-foot, three-bedroom apartment at 21

Rio currently goes for \$2,985.

After struggling with repeated power outages, water failures and what he said was lax security at 21 Rio, Gibran and his roommates moved to the Quarters Sterling, which he said was less costly. The five roommates paid \$500 a month each for a three-bedroom apartment.

Currently, rent for a three-bedroom apartment at Quarters Sterling is \$915 per room, according to West Campus Living, a listing service.

Even though Gibran is using his financial aid money to pay for his rent, Gibran said he is mindful that his parents will have to pay back his debts.

“I am still trying to watch my money to make sure that I don’t spend too much,” Gibran said.

Gibran and his roommates are not alone in their attempts to cut costs. In response to increasing rents, many students will share a bedroom with a friend, said Alex Ray, a realtor and broker associate at West Campus Living.

“The influx of new properties has inspired many of the older properties to renovate and upgrade to ‘keep up with the Joneses,’” Ray said. “The new construction properties, which are the ‘Joneses,’ definitely have higher than average rents

and are setting a new bar for luxury student living.”

There is a possibility, however, that the sudden completion of multiple new properties could depress rental costs in the near future, Ray said.

Syed compared Austin to New York in terms of its rental trends and rising cost of living.

“The whole environment they’re creating is more like New York where you’re charged for every little thing,” Syed said. “As soon as you start having to weigh more people in smaller areas and everybody wants to be in the same place, the trends start shaping into an overall high cost of living.”

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By DAVID OUELLET

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—Jorge Corona



(1) UT students studying abroad in Botswana meet Sirga, a lion raised at the Modisa Wildlife Project.
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(2) Teams from around Catalonia gather to build castells, human towers, at Plaza de San Jaume in Barcelona, Spain.
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(3) Daily Texan photographer Marshall Nolen sits atop Table Mountain in Cape Town, South Africa. Nolen attended the Botswana study abroad program with Professor Thoralf Meyer from the department of Environmental Science.
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Six Horns to watch this season

The Texas Sports staff sat down and compiled a list of six Longhorns to watch this season. One freshman, three sophomores, a junior and a senior made the cut of some of the Texas athletes who are each expected to make an impact on the field or in the pool.

Bailey Webster

The Longhorns volleyball team is looking to defend their national title from 2012. The Longhorns feature the No.5-ranked incoming freshman class in the nation, and return 11 letter winners and five of their six starters.
One of them is Bailey Webster, the top-ranked prospect from the class of 2009, and she will be returning for her senior season at Texas.
The outside hitter was monumental in the Longhorns' national title in 2012. Webster was named the 2012 NCAA Women's Volleyball Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, and if the Longhorns are successful in their repeat tour, look for Webster to be leading the way.

— Diego Contreras

Meghan Houston

Sophomore diver Meghan Houston, had success following her freshman year that shows her potential to make an impact for the Texas diving team this season.
In May, Houston teamed with University of Georgia diver Laura Ryan for the three-meter synchronized diving event at the 2013 Canada Cup, finishing sixth. The duo also placed seventh in the USA Diving Grand Prix. As part of placing second in the USA World Diving trials, Houston and Ryan qualified for the World University Games in July, where they took home the bronze medal.

— Brittany Lamas

Pilar Victoria Lopez

Incoming volleyball freshman Pilar Victoria Lopez is coming off a summer captaining the Puerto Rican U20 national team and will join the reigning national champions this fall as an outside hitter.
"She is a very smooth player that has the complete game. She has played at a very high level and her experience can help this team in 2013 and beyond," said coach Jerritt Elliott when she signed with the Longhorns.
Lopez played for both the Junior National Team and Adult National team in Puerto Rico and was named the country's top volleyball prospect in 2012.

— Brittany Lamas

Abby Smith

As a freshman last year, Abby Smith was named All-Big 12 Second Team and was named to the Big 12 All-Newcomer team. Smith, who had the large task of replacing Alexa Gaul

as goalkeeper, finished with five regular-season shutouts, good for second in Texas history for a freshman. In the post-season, Smith posted two more shutouts, tying the rookie record at Texas.
At the start of the season, Smith missed the Longhorns' first few games because she was playing with the U.S. U-20 World Cup Team. With experience under her belt, Smith will be crucial for the Longhorns.

— Sara Beth Purdy

Jonathan Holmes

As the only player left from Texas' 2011 recruiting class and the team's only upperclassman, Jonathan Holmes has shown loyalty to the program and will be asked to step up as the team's leader. In 2012-2013, Holmes was one of the sole bright spots for a bad Texas team. He hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to send the first meeting against West Virginia into overtime and was piecing together a productive season until a broken hand at Oklahoma forced him to miss five games. He struggled in all 11 contests after returning, but should be healed and ready to help carry the offense come November.

— Drew Lieberman

Ioannis Papapetrou

After losing point guard Myck Kobongo to the NBA Draft and swingman Sheldon McClellan due to a transfer, the Longhorns will be looking for someone to fill the scoring void left behind.
Ioannis Papapetrou may be the candidate. Papapetrou spent the last month of the summer playing for the Under-20 Greek national team, and led the team in scoring. He showed flashes in 2012, and if the Longhorns hope to move forward after a shaky season, Papapetrou will need to have a big year.

— Diego Contreras



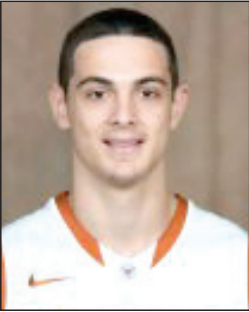
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Outside Hitter



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VOLLEYBALL



Senior Bailey Webster spikes the ball against Big 12 rival Texas Tech last season. The Longhorns are looking to repeat as national champions this season. They begin their season in Hawaii before hosting Penn State in the Longhorns' home opener in September. The Longhorns are returning all but one starter.

ELISABETH DILLON
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Texas to pick up where it left off in 2012

By Sara Beth Purdy
@saraObeth

The Longhorns plan to pick up right where they left off last December. Texas brought home the program's second national title after sweeping Oregon in Kentucky last fall and are seeking back-to-back titles this season.
All but one starter, for-

mer Longhorn Sha'Dare McNeal, will be returning to Gregory Gym when the season starts at the end of August. Senior Bailey Webster and junior Haley Eckerman are returning after strong performances last fall. Both were on the short list for National Player of the Year last year and led the team in kills and hitting percentage.

Khat Bell, who was named Defensive Player of the Year by COBRA Magazine for 2012, will also be returning. Eckerman was COBRA's National Player of the Year and, along with Webster, was Volleyball Magazine's Co-Player of the Year. Sophomore Molly McCage, the top-ranked freshman by Prep Volleyball last year, will be returning.

McCage led the Longhorn starters last year with a .398 hitting percentage.
The Longhorns' solid recruiting class will provide additional depth for the Longhorns during their national title run. Setter Chloe Collins enrolled early at Texas and got some experience this past spring with the

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FOOTBALL

Despite the negatives, leave Manziel alone

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

As controversial as his offseason was, once the college football season kicks off, Johnny Manziel promises to be just as exciting.
And those on the 40 Acres should learn to appreciate him for the incredibly talented and wondrously entertaining player he is.
We heard Manziel, 20, reference his age repeatedly while addressing questions about his recent exploits. But that's no excuse for oversleeping and failing to fulfill his duties at the Manning Camp last month, even if he was "dehydrated." It's no excuse for getting into a fight that almost derailed his career, even if he was sticking up for a friend. It's no excuse for tweeting about how much you can't wait to leave College Station, even if you were provoked.
And it's certainly no

excuse to be treated the way he was when Manziel paid a visit to Austin recently.
Manziel was kicked out of a frat party one night, ridiculed and had beer thrown his direction on his way out. He was spotted at a party the following morning in a Tim Tebow jersey, throwing the Internet into a collective tailspin.
When you see Johnny Football eluding defenders in seemingly impossible ways and hitting receivers in stride downfield, don't shake your head. Those at the frat party who gave Manziel the boot offer a poor example of how to approach such moments.
Instead, remember that Manziel cheered the Longhorns on as a child. He would've played in the Longhorns' secondary rather than be a quarterback at Texas A&M — if given the choice. Texas never offered.

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GAMES TO WATCH

Must-watch non-football games of the fall season

Texas Volleyball vs. Penn State Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013 (Home)

After opening the season with three games in Hawaii, the defending National Champion Longhorns have their home opener at Gregory Gym against their recent rival, the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Why this game is a must-see?

Longhorn fans will remember Dec. 19, 2009 as the day the Horns were poised to win the National Championship over the Nittany Lions leading 2-0, but Penn State won three straight en route to their 102nd consecutive match victory and third straight title. The teams met in University Park last season where Penn State swept Texas 3-0, but Texas got the last laugh in Louisville, Ky. winning the national title while Penn State lost to Oregon in the semifinals. This is the biggest non-football game in the fall.

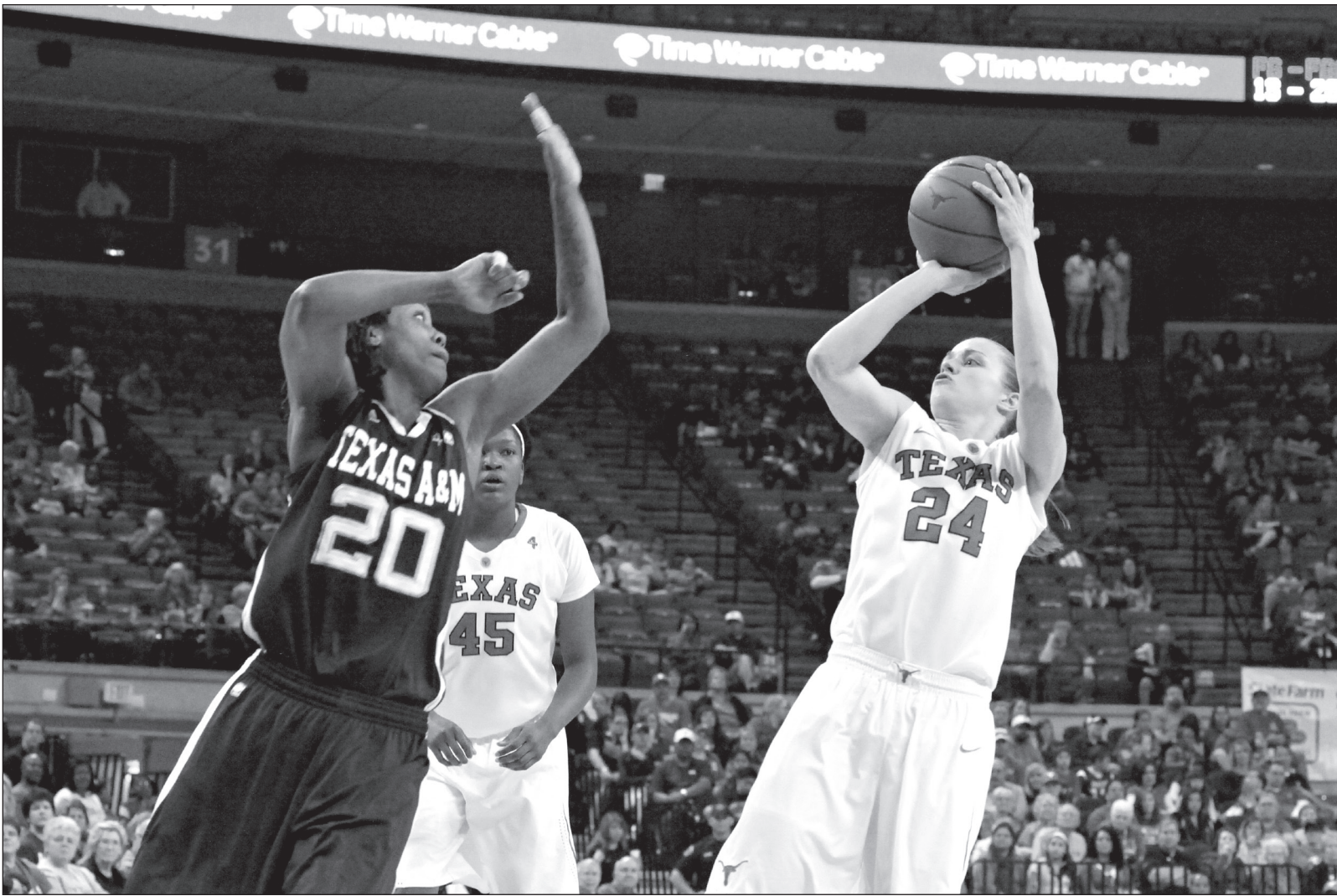
— Drew Lieberman

Texas Volleyball vs. Nebraska Sunday, September 22, 2013 (Home)

Two Division 1 powerhouses will go toe-to-toe on an early Sunday afternoon in September. Both Texas and Nebraska will be making pushes toward a national championship, and this game comes early in the season.

Why is this game a must-see?

The Cornhuskers left the Big 12 to join the Big Ten in 2010, and the two schools haven't faced each other since. They have a bit of history outside of being ex-conference rivals as well; Texas beat Nebraska in the NCAA



RYAN EDWARDS / Daily Texan file photo

Senior Chassidy Fussell shoots against Texas A&M in March 2012. The two in-state rivals will face-off in women's basketball in November for the first time since Texas A&M left the Big 12 for the SEC conference after the 2011-2012 season.

Tournament's Regional Final in 2009. There will be bad blood, great volleyball and no reason to not be able to make a Sunday afternoon match.

— Diego Contreras

Texas Women's Soccer vs. TCU Friday, Sept. 27th, 2013 (Home)

The Longhorns will open their Big 12 conference schedule at home against TCU in late September.

Why this game is a must-see?

The Longhorns fin-

ished their Big 12 conference season last fall with a 4-4 record. In addition, Texas dropped its contest against TCU 0-1 last October. A win against TCU to start the conference season would help propel the Longhorns through Big 12 play against quality teams.

— Sara Beth Purdy

Texas Volleyball vs. Oklahoma Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013 (Home)

A few weeks before the Sooners and Longhorns meet at the Cotton Bowl,

the two rivals will square off at Gregory Gymnasium. The Longhorns are defending their National Title from 2012, while the Sooners look to bounce back after a few down years.

Why is this game a must-see?

You can never go wrong with a rivalry, especially one with the magnitude of Oklahoma and Texas. The Longhorns have had a slew of successful seasons, and in their pursuit of a repeat, they will put on many great showings that will please the home crowd. Most importantly, this game will be played on a Saturday in which Texas football has a bye week. So there are not as many excuses to miss this one.

— Diego Contreras

Texas Women's Basketball vs. Texas A&M Friday, Nov. 29, 2013 (Home)

The two biggest universities in Texas and longtime rivals meet each other on the hardwood after the Aggies split from the Big 12 for the SEC.

Why this game is a must-see?

This may be the most obvious game on the list, but with reason. Since the Aggies split for the SEC, the two schools have had trouble scheduling non-conference games, so this will be one of the few times fans get to watch the storied rivalry. The game is on a Friday night as well, so there's plenty of reason for the Texas-faithful to get rowdy and go cheer against A&M.

— Diego Contreras

Texas Men's Basketball vs. North Carolina Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 2013 (Away)

There weren't many highlights for the Longhorns last season, but their best game of the year occurred against a struggling Tar Heels squad. The Longhorns led the whole way despite Myck Kabongo's suspension.

Why this game is a must-see?

The Tar Heels cut it close but Texas pulled away 85-67 with Jonathan Holmes putting up the exclamation point. Now the Longhorns go to Chapel Hill in a season expected to land another CBI bid, but they would generate buzz and pick up a quality win if they pull it off.

— Drew Lieberman

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Longhorns. Collins and middle blocker Chiaka Ogbogu were both Under Armour High School All-Americans. Pilar Victoria Lopez comes to Texas from Puerto Rico after serving as team captain for the Junior National Team in Puerto Rico.

The squad was busy this summer touring Europe. They trained against national teams, learning how to play on the road in unfamiliar atmospheres.

"Home court advantage was huge for us," Eckerman said.

The Longhorns were able to host both the regional and super regional during last season's post season. This year, they have a chance to host the regional but will have to travel to a pre-selected site for the super regional.

"It's why we [went] on this Europe trip," Eckerman said. "To prepare and get used to being on the road, to learn how to be comfortable in uncomfortable situations."

The Longhorns will have a difficult non-conference schedule highlighted by the NIKE Volleyball Big Four Classic which they will host in Austin in September. They will face Penn State and Stanford in the Big Four Classic. Last season, the Longhorns were swept on the road by Penn State.

Texas will face Nebraska at home before starting their conference schedule on the road against TCU. The Longhorns' Big 12 home season opener will be against Oklahoma at the end of September.

"We have a tough pre-season and we need that," Eckerman said. "We need to be challenged in the beginning to get the kinks out."

TELEVISION



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Cuatros is one of many restaurants/bars that is within walking distance from the 40 Acres that airs the Longhorn Network. Students can catch the Longhorns here whenever they go on the road.

Longhorn Network-friendly restaurants invite students to catch Texas road games

By Sara Beth Purdy
@saraObeth

The Longhorn Network is still only carried by a few carriers and it may be difficult to catch the Longhorns when they are on the road. If you find yourself looking for a place to catch your favorite team when they are away, try a few of these places within easy walking distance of campus:

Pluckers
2222 Rio Grande St.

Pluckers is the obvious choice. They carry most, if not all, local sports channels and will have the Longhorn away games on almost all of their many televisions. However, their wings are popular and you will have to get there early to get a seat for the game.

Posse East
2900 Duval St.

Posse is a small “hole-in-the wall” place to watch the game. The bar has been active since 1971 and is dedicated to supporting Longhorn sports. They roll out extra tables for Longhorn games, but most of their seating is outside.

Crown & Anchor
2911 San Jacinto Blvd.

Crown & Anchor is a hidden pub located behind the engineering complex and down the street from Posse East. They have a large seating area, both inside and out, and will be showing the Longhorn Network in the fall. There is other stuff to do while the game is at commercial, including a pool table and classic video games, but they only have five televisions.

Austin Players
300 W MLK Jr. St.
Players has been right on

the edge of campus since 1981 and has a large big screen television in the inside dining area that is perfect for watching games. However, they have limited seating and rumors circulate every year about Texas closing Players to make way for a parking garage.

Double Daves
3000 Duval St.

Double Daves has cheap pizza rolls and free TV. They also have both indoor and outdoor seating, each with several televisions. Unfortunately, their website boasts an Aggie Bloodline within their franchise owners; however, their pizza is still good and the campus location is entirely supportive of the Longhorns.

Cain & Abels
2313 Rio Grande St.
Lots of televisions and

beer in the heart of West Campus. The fan-friendly atmosphere is very popular with fraternities and is good if you are a die-hard sports fan, but it is usually standing room only.

Cuatros
1004 24th St.

Cuatros probably has one of the biggest screens on which to catch the game, but there aren't very many televisions in total. Plus it is a bit pricey, but has good food.

Dirty Martins
2808 Guadalupe St.

Dirty Martins is home to one of the best burgers in Austin and true Longhorn sports culture. The place has been serving the 40 Acres since 1926 and is a good, low-key place to watch the game with life-time fans. Unfortunately it is a small establishment with limited parking.



TONY GUTIERREZ / Associated Press

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel has been in the national spotlight this offseason, for the good and the bad.

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Ironically, Longhorns' defensive backs coach Duane Akina was reportedly the only one on the coaching staff who thought they should give him a shot at quarterback.

And this is the hospitality he's shown?

He wasn't here to party so much as he was here to see his friends on the Texas football team, Miles Onyegbule, Malcolm Brown, Tyrone Swoopes and M.J. McFarland, among them.

“Good seein y'all fel-las this weekend, best of luck,” Manziel tweeted last weekend. “#NoLoveLost.”

He's not the cookie-cutter, Boy-Scout-guy under center most enjoy, and expect, from college football's elite. He's not A.J. McCarron or Teddy Bridgewater or David Ash, who claims to never curse. He's Johnny Football.

Unfortunately, Texas won't play a scheduled game against Texas A&M any time soon. The Longhorns' and Aggies' battles are limited to the recruiting trail. Unless they meet in a bowl game, Manziel won't play a down against the team he grew up cheering for.

Manziel is far from perfect. But resisting the urge to toss a beer at him, or not having the urge in the first place, doesn't mean condoning any of his misdeeds. It shows class.

Like time, winning heals all wounds. It is the great elixir. And, until Manziel gets the chance to do it again, the unwanted attention won't go away.

Like many of us, Manziel grew up a Texas fan. And, like many of us, Longhorns and Aggies alike, he just needs the football season to start.

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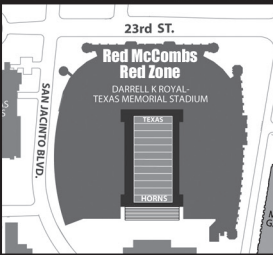
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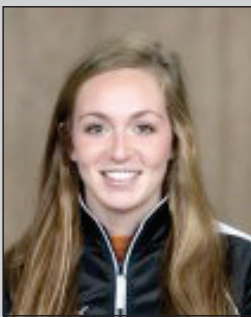
SHAY HOFFMAN

The University of Texas men's and women's swimming and diving teams are finishing this year out on a high note and looking toward a bright start for the 2013-2014 season.

This year's FINA World Championships in Barcelona have been lucrative for the Longhorns. Texas Exes Ricky Berens and Michael Klueh helped win gold for Team USA in the 4X200-meter relay, Jimmy Feigen won silver in the 100-meter freestyle, Michael McBroom broke an eight year American record and won silver in the 800-meter freestyle, and Berens and Feigen helped win silver in the 4X100-meter relay. Texas Ex Karlee Bispo was the first UT woman in 22 years to win gold at World's in the 4X200-meter freestyle relay. Returning senior Maren Taylor placed 11th at World's in the 3-meter diving event.

In a testament to well-rounded prowess, the UT men's and women's swimming and diving teams won Scholar All-American Awards, and 16 swimmers and divers received awards individually.

Leading the Longhorns for 2013-2014, the team will look to a host of rising seniors including Matt Belecanech, Ian Carbone, Sarah Denninghoff, Ellen Lobb, Will McCraney, Lily Moldenhauer, Charles Moore, Patrick Murphy, Keegan Severns, Maren Taylor and Samantha Tucker.



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SOCCER PREVIEW

SARA BETH PURDY

The Longhorns will start off fast this season, opening their regular season at home against Georgia and South Florida at the end of August before traveling to face Oregon and Oregon State all before September starts.

They will launch their Big 12 campaign at the end of September against TCU followed by another home contest against Iowa State. Afterwards, the Longhorns will play road games against West Virginia, Kansas and Oklahoma State.

This season, the Longhorns are looking to make it to the Big 12 Championships again and are the only current conference member to qualify for every Big 12 tournament since the conference was formed. They also lead the conference in wins with 97, ahead of Kansas and Baylor who are both tied for second with 69 each.

The Longhorns welcome seven freshman to the young team and hosted walk-on tryouts this past spring. Texas defeated St. Edwards 2-1 and Houston Baptist 1-0 in spring exhibition games last semester.

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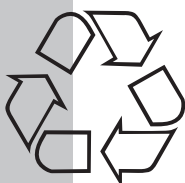
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Hannah, these goals are ridiculous. Why would you HEAR ME OUT this way:

GOALS for fall 2013 by HAN

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- 2) Procrastinate whenever possible
- 3) Stay single

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YOU NEED ME TO DO WHAT?

THIS IS A RATINGS GOLD MINE! WE SHOULD BE SOAKING THIS UP!

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ACROSS

- 1 Stock exchange worker
- 7 Prisoner's leg restraint
- 14 In the same family
- 16 North Carolina athlete
- 17 Very narrow, as a road
- 18 Tackle, as a difficult subject
- 19 Old World blackbird
- 20 Names with "e" symbols: Abbr.
- 22 Bird of myth
- 23 "Le ___ Prince"
- 25 Units of electrical resistance
- 27 Very much
- 31 Twisty highway curves
- 32 "Days of Our Lives," for one
- 33 Fancy party
- 34 Brit. fliers
- 36 The second "W" of W.W. II
- 37 Pizzeria fixture
- 38 Six-pack units
- 41 Folded item in a glove compartment
- 44 Perfectly fine, informally
- 45 Gator's cousin
- 47 "Well, looky here!"
- 48 "___-hoo!"
- 50 "I did it!"
- 51 Rescues for broken-down cars
- 52 Scoundrel
- 57 Knife wound
- 58 ___ Swann, Super Bowl X M.V.P.
- 59 Having a roof overhang
- 60 In the past
- 62 Party to the left of Dem.
- 64 Little dent
- 65 Sound systems
- 69 "Don't even think about it"
- 71 Car gear for backing up
- 72 58-Across, for his entire N.F.L. career
- 73 Group for kids of problem drinkers
- 74 Lecherous goat-men

DOWN

- 1 ___'oeil (optical illusion)
- 2 Actress Zellweger and others
- 3 All-points bulletins, e.g.
- 4 One wasting time
- 5 Announcement over a plane's P.A.
- 6 * Torn
- 7 Benchmark: Abbr.
- 8 *Salon supply
- 9 Oscar-winning Ben Affleck picture
- 10 *The Windy City
- 11 Barbie's beau
- 12 Allow
- 13 "Evil Woman" band, for short
- 15 Test cars at car dealerships
- 21 Decisive confrontations ... or what the answers to the six starred clues are?
- 24 Old Russian autocrat
- 26 Sir's counterpart
- 28 Volcanic flow
- 29 Butter substitute
- 30 Vehicle with a gun mount
- 35 *Partner of fancy-free
- 38 Parts of musicals
- 39 Baby sitter's headache
- 40 Fizzy drink
- 42 "Hey there, matey!"
- 43 Prod
- 46 *Nightclub
- 49 Counting calories
- 52 Ones with their noses in the air
- 54 With gusto
- 55 Furniture finish
- 56 Whodunit awards
- 61 Richard of "Pretty Woman"
- 63 *Jazz devotees, informally
- 65 Spanish Mrs.
- 66 ___ Aviv
- 67 TV's Longoria
- 68 One of a D.C. 100
- 70 Narc's org.

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NAVIGATING AUSTIN'S

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

By Elyana Barrera @elyana

With monthly alcohol sales ranging from \$45-60 million, Austin has become internationally known as a party hub, with Sixth Street stacking up along the likes of Bourbon Street in New Orleans and Memphis' Beale Street. With many bars to frequent downtown, there's an area for every scene. Each district has its pros and cons, and each has its own vibe, creating a variety of party-ambiance choices when going out. Here are downtown Austin's most popular districts.

FOURTH STREET

If Stefon from SNL had been an Austinite instead of a New Yorker, chances are he would come out to play in Austin's Fourth Street district. A string of gay bars light up the street where glamorous drag queens work and caged male go-go dancers twerk. The area has been struggling with its identity recently and has been the topic of controversy since The Red Room Lounge, formerly known as an LGBT bar by its clientele, was accused of turning away gay patrons.

The controversy with Red Room hasn't changed the playful tone of Fourth Street. An establishment catering to the LGBT community, Castro's Warehouse was recently added in place of Qua, and the fierce patronage of the street has made it clear with Red Room protests that they are not to be turned away.

Hot Tip: Don't assume anyone's sexual orientation.

Our Picks: Rain, Castro's Warehouse

Accessibility: Cap Metro, taxi, pedicab, bike, pay-to-park



Rain on 4th | 217 W. Fourth St. / GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ / Daily Texan Staff

DIRTY SIXTH

On any given night the boozy boulevard is filled with a mixed bag of players in the barhopping game, where a college kid working on his start-up might be throwing back shots with a 30-something rapper from England while stray members of a bachelorette party cheer them on.

Sixth Street's reputation as a party hub undoubtedly comes from the nearly 50 bars and clubs occupying the six blocks between I-35 and Brazos Street. Its diversity of patrons has made it a place to mingle with people from all walks of life. For those choosing to drive, drinking can come with the hefty price of a DWI, and measures have been taken by Cap Metro and the city to ensure the safety of patrons by closing off the most populated areas and encouraging students to take the E-Bus, a route specifically designed to take students to and from Sixth Street.

Warning: If you wear high heels, you'll probably end up walking barefoot at some point.

Our picks: Blind Pig Pub

Accessibility: Cap Metro, taxi, pedicab, bike, pay-to-park



Shakespeare's Pub | 314 E. Sixth St. / GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ / Daily Texan Staff

RAINEY STREET

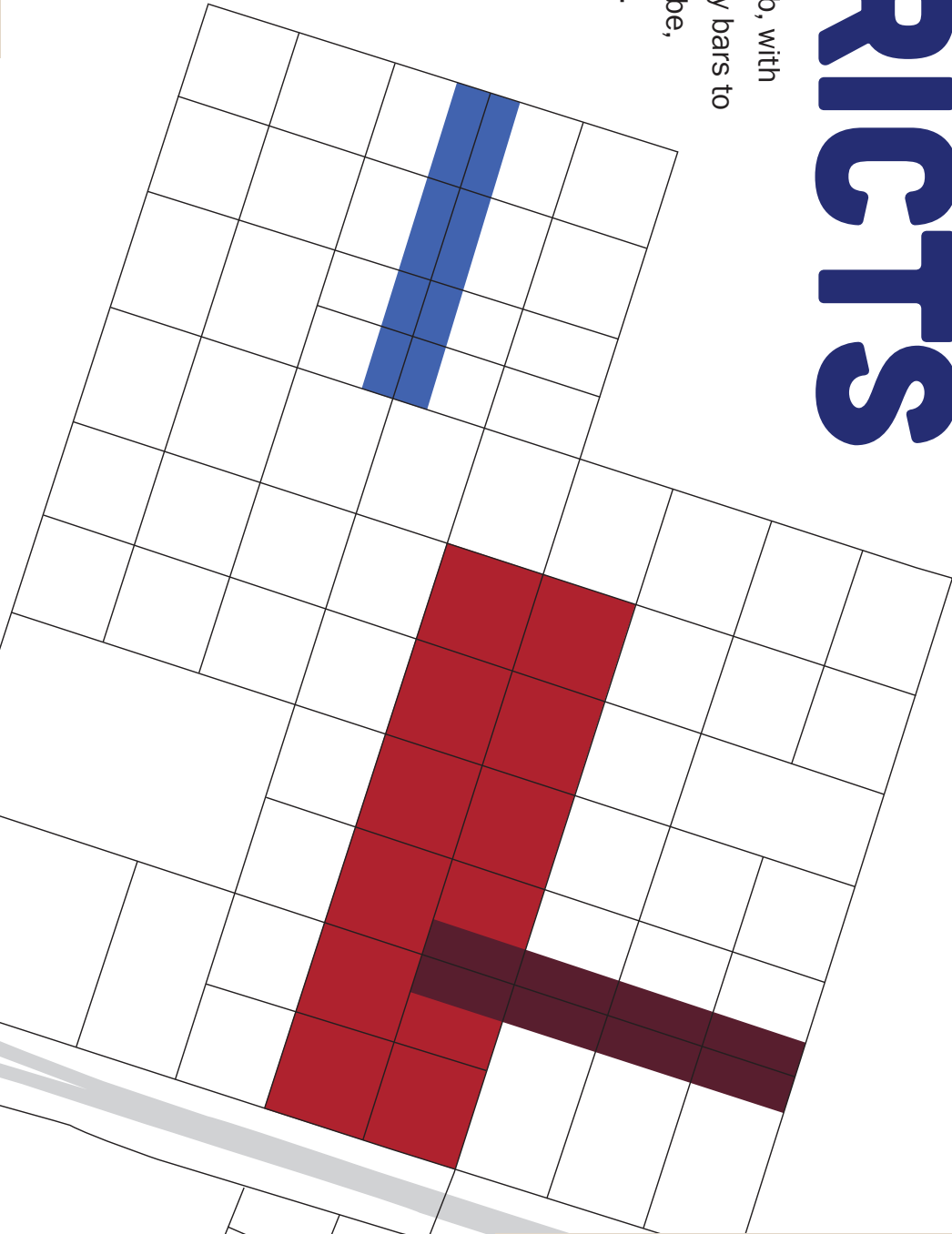
Comparisons of Rainey Street to Sixth Street aren't far off, with Rainey being smaller and with pricier cocktails. There are already 10 bars and restaurants open in the compact street and its reputation as Austin's new hot spot has been well established. The crowd tends to be made of older college students and young professionals, but the street has something separating it from other areas of Austin.

The businesses on Rainey all look like they could be a grandmother's home complete with rocking chairs on the porches of some. In the coming years it will be interesting to see if the laid-back atmosphere Rainey Street advertises is preserved while commercial developments move in. The city of Austin has already installed parking meters on the street, and it is uncertain whether Rainey Street can maintain its cozy feel for long.

Hot Tip: Make sure to hit up Lustre Pearl before construction of a high-rise takes its place.

Our Picks: The Blackheart

Accessibility: Taxi, pedicab, pay-to-park, bike



RED RIVER STREET

If there was ever an argument against Austin being the Live Music Capital of the World, Red River Street would be the rebuttal. Running perpendicular to Dirty Sixth, Red River Street hosts a number of venues showcasing big-name artists such as Mumford & Sons and Lil B. Each venue has a different feel — Club de Ville is usually more subdued, while patrons of Red 7 are no strangers to mosh pits. The bands and stage acts performing will hint at what's in store during any given night, but the trick to enjoying yourself in this district is to be open to new genres of music.

Hot Tip: Red River is a great place to hang out at for those who aren't 21 yet, most venues welcome all ages or are 18+.

Our Picks: Mohawk, Red 7

Accessibility: Cap Metro, taxi, pedicab, bike, pay-to-park

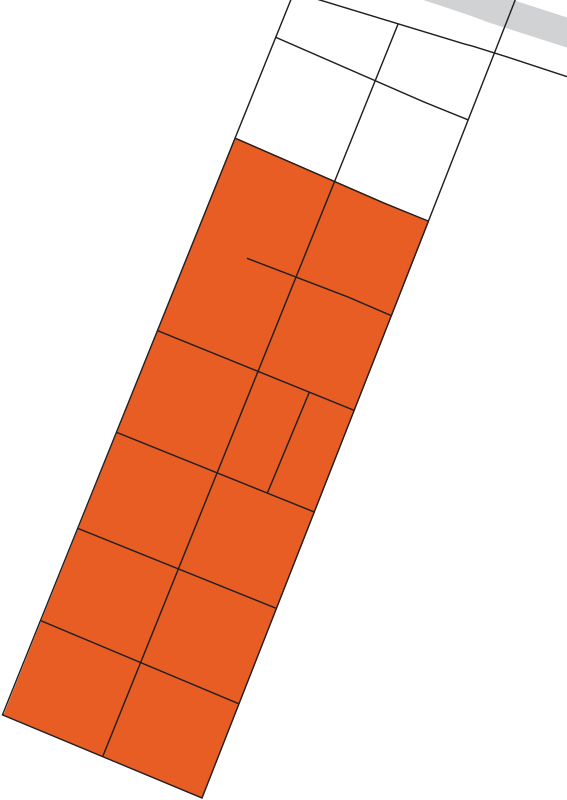
EAST SIXTH

East Sixth Street has garnered attention for the gentrification and controversy in the area; some have even compared the area to Williamsburg. And just like the hipster hot spot, East Sixth has its fill of creative 20-somethings, sipping kombucha and eating from vegan food trailers. This haven has everything for the blatantly obvious hipster — you can even take a literal mustache ride on a facial-hair-inspired seesaw in front of Cheer Up Charlies. But don't let the hipsters deter you, there's a reason the word 'hip' is in their title. A couple of routine trips to this district will keep your dance moves funky and your lingo fresh.

Hot Tip: Don't skip visiting East Sixth Street during South by Southwest, where impromptu gatherings of bigger name bands isn't uncommon.

Our picks: Gypsy Lounge, Violet Crown Social Club

Accessibility: Taxi, pedicab, bike, street parking



ADVICE COLUMN

Surviving freshman year: always bring your key



ASK RILEY
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Editor's note: This is an advice column written by in-house know-it-all Riley Brands. All answers are based on personal experience. Brands is not a licensed professional. Questions for Brands can be sent to dtadvice@gmail.com.

We've all been there: As we come to UT and leave the comfort of our hometowns behind, there are inevitably some adjustments that have to be made to live on our own. The Daily Texan has compiled some stories of freshman-year follies along with resident know-it-all Riley Brands' tips for surviving your first year on the 40 Acres.

Dorm life has its good and bad moments. I lived in Moore-Hill Dormitory my

freshman year. One day, I had gone to take a shower. While I was in the shower my roommate left and out of habit locked the door behind him. Since I thought he would be there when I got out of the shower, I didn't think to take a key with me. I was locked out and clothed by only a towel. I went to the front desk to try to get another key, but with my luck I had maxed out the amount of times I could get a key without out a charge to my account. So there I was, in nothing but a towel arguing with an RA over a key, as people were walking by, judging away. After 30 minutes I made my case to the RA and he let me in free of charge.

Never assume anything from your roommate. Even if you're just running to 7-Eleven for a late-night snack, take a key with you, just in case. Unless you hit it off right away, if ever, they won't be notifying you of their every move, so always leave your room with everything you need to get back in.

One night I fell asleep when I'd just started studying for a major test I had the next day. I forgot to set my alarm, so I

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DIY

Checking off the summer bucket list with fun, local activities

By Claire Gordon
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Now that summer is more than halfway done, a lot of us are thinking back to the grand schemes we had before school ended. We were going to read the classics, swim at Barton Springs every day and learn a new language. For most of us, though, those lofty plans haven't quite come to fruition. Don't despair quite yet. You have more than a month to get cracking on some self improvements that you can start now and continue throughout the fall.

1. Glass Blowing Austin

First and foremost, you need to get your inspiration fired up. A furnace and some melted glass should be just the ticket to getting your creative juices flowing. Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Glass Blowing Austin offers a beginner's class. After learning some basic safety rules and techniques, students make a paperweight, ornament and cup. These lessons are only for three students at a time, though, so reserve your place early! Once you have the basics down, you can continue on in private lessons, and create a one-of-a-kind set of glassware to serve up some of the fantastic drinks you'll be making. You can even take one of their ACC courses.

Glass Blowing Austin

Where: 6910 Shirley Ave. Suite B
Phone: (512) 968-2551
Web: glassblowingaustin.com
Email: info@glassblowingaustin.com

2. Antonelli's Cheese Shop

A good knowledge of cheese is sure to add class to your next soiree and impress your friends. Antonelli's has you covered with Cheese 101 and 201. In Cheese 101, you'll gather with 30 to 35 others to taste the seven distinct types of cheese and learn the history of each. In 201, a cheesemaker is brought in to showcase their cheeses and talk about how they make them. Some classes include a live cheesemaking demo. Armed with your newfound cheese expertise, it's a simple trip to Austin Homebrew Supply to pick up your cheese-making supplies and start creating your own tasty treats. The next Cheese 101 class is Aug. 14 from 6:45 to 9 p.m.

Antonelli's Cheese Shop

Where: 4220 Duval St.
Phone: (512) 531-9610
Web: antonellischeese.com
Email: info@antonellischeese.com

3. NXNW

If there ever was a way to make chemistry interesting, it's by brewing your own beer. NXNW offers a variety of beer classes that will start you on your way to having a microbrewery in your kitchen. You'll learn how to brew, what makes a beer good or bad, the different styles of beer and find out what cheeses pair well with each type of beer. You'll also take a tour of the brewery and will get your own pint glass — the better with which to drink your beer. Austin Homebrew Supply is the next stop after these classes also, so load up on beer and cheese-making supplies and create everything you need to host a party that will show off both new skill sets!

NXNW

Where: 10010 Capital of Texas Highway
Phone: (512) 467-6969
Web: nxnwbrew.com
Email: davis@nxnwbrew.com



RICKY LLAMAS \ Daily Texan Staff

Theano Wales practices sewing circles on a piece of cloth during a bag-making class at the Stitch Lab on Saturday afternoon. Students are invited to bring their own ideas and fabric to personalize their projects.

Austin Homebrew Supply

Where: 9129 Metric Blvd.
Phone: (512) 300-2739
Web: austinhomebrew.com
Email: info@austinhomebrew.org

4. Water 2 Wine

Gluten free or just not a fan of beer? Not a problem. You can go to Water 2 Wine and make some vino to accompany your no-doubt fabulous cheese. With two locations in Austin, you pick the types of grapes you'd like (after, of course, tasting all of the varieties to find out which one you like best), mix the grape varieties and add the life-giving (or, more importantly, alcohol-giving) yeast, design your custom label and sit back and wait for your personalized vintage to mature. After 45 days, you and a group of friends can come in for a wine tasting party. If you're the impatient type, you can stop in any time during the fermentation to check on your creation and enjoy a glass of wine. You can expect around 28 to 30 bottles, so plan your wine unveiling party to be a big one.

Water 2 Wine

Where: 3300 W. Anderson Lane #304
Phone: (512) 465-9463
Web: water2wine.us
Email: franchise@water2wine.com

5. Stitch Lab

Now that you've got food and drinks covered, it's time to think about what you're going to wear. Stitchlab offers a variety of classes for anyone who wants to learn how to turn fabric into fashion. With more than sixty classes, you can learn everything from the very basics to party dresses, millinery (better known as hat making), crochet, knitting and much more. There are even sewing classes just for the guys. Quilts, bags and screen printing are also options, if you already have the perfect dress in mind.

Stitch Lab

Where: 1000 S. 1st St.
Phone: (512) 440-0712
Web: stitchlab.biz
Email: info@stitchlab.biz

6. Bead It

At Bead It, you can finally have all the jewelry you have ever coveted, because you can learn how to make it yourself. Starting with the beginner's series, you can learn the tools and techniques you'll need to get you started, then move on to the tricky stuff. Among the classes offered are metal stamping, wire crochet and feathers, leather and more. With a huge stock of every type of bead, bauble and metal you could possibly imagine, you will never be at a loss for inspiration or supplies. All you need to do is put those together with some classes and you'll be sporting some seriously cool jewelry.

Bead It

Where: 2058 S. Lamar Blvd.
Phone: (512) 693-2323
Web: beaditaustin.com
Email: beaditaustin@gmail.com

7. Cafe Monet

If you're thinking that your plates are no longer fancy enough to display your amazing cheese, then the next stop is Cafe Monet. You can choose from hundreds of plates, cups, vases and other types of pottery, and either paint or mosaic tile your creation. Leave it with the professionals to fire and return five days later to pick up your creations. Once you get it home, all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the compliments on your creativity. They also can be booked for birthday parties, bridal showers and team building exercises, so you need never be at a loss for ideas when planning an event.

Cafe Monet

Where: 4700 W. Guadalupe St.
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8. Austin Yellow Bike Project

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A year of don't-miss events

By Elyana Barrera
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Texas Book Festival

Book signings, readings and appearances from authors such as Pulitzer Prize winner Junot Diaz, P.J. O'Rourke and Tony Danza have been a few main attractions at the Texas Book Festival. The literary event is held annually at the State Capitol and last year's festival included vendor tents from more than 80 publishers, authors and organizations. Books in every genre, from children's literature to political satire, are featured. The event is free and open to the public.

Art Outside

Learn how to walk on stilts at Art Outside, a three-day festival held on campgrounds, features performance artists, musical artists, visual artists and workshops. Musical artists featured in this year's festival include Residual Kid, Desert Dwellers and Bird of Prey. Fire spinning, aerial acrobatics, stilt walking and acrobatic yoga are all performances highlighted during the three days. Art Outside's final round of tickets go on sale Sept. 1 for \$90 and tickets are also available at the gate for \$110.

New Braunfels Wurstfest

Celebrating Bavarian culture with polka music, great beer and an incredible amount of food, Wurstfest is worth the hour trip from Austin to New Braunfels. With a slogan like "Sprechen sie sausage?," the annual celebration gives patrons a reason to don a dirndl and indulge in pork chops, potato pancakes, hamhocks and, of course, bratwurst. Tickets can be bought at the gate, and it is recommended to take cash, as ATM lines can get packed and most vendors only take cash.

Austin Record Convention

More than just a marketplace for old records, the Austin Record Convention hosts vendors with vintage record players, collectable lunch boxes and band merchandise such as pins, T-shirts and posters. Patrons can dig in boxes to hunt for out of print vinyl from every genre and converse with other vinylphiles. Regular admission is \$5 for both Saturday and Sunday, early shopper admission is \$25 for Friday-Sunday.

Other fall events to check out in Austin:

Pecan Street Festival Sept. 28 & 29; Sixth Street

Fun Fun Fun Fest Nov. 8-10; Auditorium Shores

ACL Fest Oct. 4-6 & 11-13; Zilker Park

Formula 1 US Grand Prix Nov. 15-17; Circuit of the Americas

St. Elias Mediterranean Festival Oct. 18-19

Austin Museum Day Sept. 22; various venues

Austin Free Day of Yoga Sept. 2; various venues

Fantastic Fest Sept. 19-26; Alamo Drafthouse and various locations

German-Texan Heritage Society Oktoberfest Oct. 19

Fall Plant Sale and Gardening Festival Oct. 5 & 6; Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Austin Film Fest Oct. 24-31; various venues

East Austin Studio Tour Nov. 16-17 & 23-24; various venues

Austin Celtic Festival Nov. 2 & 3; Fiesta Gardens

A Christmas Affair Nov. 20-24; Palmer Events Center

Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival Nov. 2; Toney Burger Center

Día de los Muertos Nov. 2; Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultrural Center

Austin Ice Cream Festival Aug. 17; Fiesta Gardens

Austin Pride Week Sept. 1-8; various locations

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woke up five minutes before the test and ran downstairs and to my test in my pajamas. I was only two minutes late (totally record time), but I failed the test and my shirt was also on backwards.

College will teach you several lessons in time management. While it's tempting to burn the midnight oil and study all through the night, you run the risk of oversleeping and missing that big test the next morning. Unless you pull an all-nighter with someone who can pinch you if you nod off, it's often better to hit the hay as early as possible and set your alarm for sometime in the middle of the night, if you must.

However, if worst comes to worst and you wake up just before or after a test is set to begin, don't panic. Just high-tail it on down to class and make the most of the time you have left.

I farted once in my government class. Luckily, the sound was absorbed by the cushion on the chair, but the girls next to me and behind me heard, and they were whispering about me for the rest of class. Oops.

What can I say? It happens. While our status-conscious selves try to hold it in,

sometimes we just have to let one rip. It's an uncomfortable experience as all eyes land on you, but don't let it bother you too much. Instead, let it serve as a reminder that freshmen are just a few months removed from high school and still have some growing up to do. Trust me, you'll have bigger problems to worry about.

Jester stir-fry, while delicious, can make you gassy if you have a queasy stomach, so watch out.

Be careful about what you eat. Your parents aren't cooking for you anymore, so the temptation will be great to pile on the carbs and fatty foods, which can wreak havoc on your digestive system, so try to take it easy and listen to your body above all else.

Our community bath had a connected changing place, and one time, some girl straight up opened the curtains when I was naked.

Always leave something sticking out under the curtain, and if you're really afraid of being walked in on, don't dawdle and be conspicuous so people can tell you're changing. And if you do get exposed in the nude, well ... don't worry, you'll probably see plenty more shocking things in college.

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