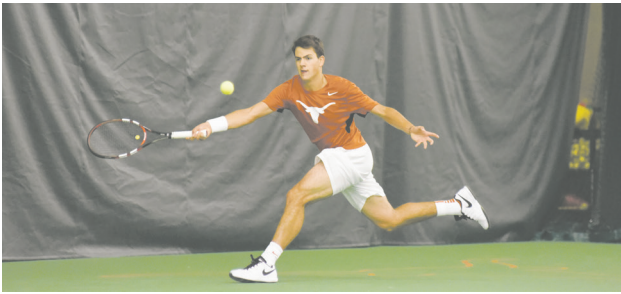




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NATIONAL

Study: Campus sexual assault common

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About 21 percent of female undergraduates have experienced sexual assault since starting college, according to a recent survey of nine college campuses.

The survey, commissioned by a White House task force on sexual assault, found rates of sexual assault ranged from 4 percent to 20 percent on the

campuses surveyed and that seven percent of male undergraduates have experienced sexual assault since starting college. The results, released in January, were consistent with previous survey results on sexual assault.

This survey can be broadly compared to the American Association of America survey released in the fall semester, which found around 23 percent of female

undergraduates have experienced sexual assault since starting college, compared to 18.5 percent of UT Austin female undergraduates.

Erin Burrows, outreach and prevention specialist of Voices Against Violence, said survey results like these, especially when they are repeated, help convince people sexual assault is an alarming problem.

“We use the data by convincing people that what we’re

talking about is not hypothetical, but that it’s real,” Burrows said. “They help us to convince people who aren’t right there in believing that this is an issue on our campus.”

The Department of Education has taken notice of sexual assault surveys in recent years. In 2011, the department sent a “Dear Colleague” letter to higher education institutions stating that they must follow Title IX regulations on issues

of sexual assault to continue receiving federal funding. Title IX, a 2004 gender equality law, has been more strictly enforced in recent years in order to battle sexual assault rates.

LaToya Hill, director of Title IX compliance, said no matter the outcome of sexual assault investigations, UT is responsible for helping students affected by sexual vio-

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STATE

Cite and release law applies to UT students

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Some Texas counties are exploring the option of issuing tickets and scheduling court appearances instead of arresting for marijuana possession.

The Texas legislature passed a “cite and release” policy in 2007 for certain misdemeanor crimes, including marijuana possession. The policy enables officers to issue citations for specific offenses and is currently used in Hays County, Travis County and Williamson County, according to Lee Knouse, senior police officer with the Austin Police Department.

“To my understanding, the intent of the law is to free up officers for more egregious offenses and to enable them to assist the public in that way,” Knouse said.

The policy can be used when a person is caught with four ounces or less of marijuana. While offenders are still referred to the court system through this policy, the process differs from the previous method of booking offenders into jail and having a judge assign a bond amount before release.

Lieutenant Charles Bonnet with the University of Texas Police Department said the state law allows the policy. However, each jurisdiction operates differently and has its own procedures regarding this law.

According to Bonnet, UTPD issues citations for up to two ounces of marijuana possession if the individual

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Women’s basketball becomes fifth program to reach the mark with win over Kansas. Check out the recap on page 6.

Stephanie Tacu | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman forward Jordan Hosey celebrates in the confetti following Texas’ win over Kansas on Wednesday night — the program’s 1,000th victory. The Longhorns are the fifth women’s basketball program to hit that mark.

ART

UT alumna combines art and science in East Austin gallery

By Bharath Lavendra
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Many people believe art and science inhabit two completely different spheres of existence. However, for UT alumna Hayley Gillespie, the two could not be more interconnected.

The Ecology, Evolution and Behavior doctoral graduate opened the nation’s first art gallery dedicated to displaying only science-related artwork. The Art.Science.Gallery in East Austin was founded in July 2012 with the mission “to make science more accessible to everyone through science-related visual arts exhibitions,” according to the gallery website.

Gillespie said she hopes to engage people in scientific topics in new ways.

Biochemistry senior Immanuelle Azebe-Osime said she appreciated the way this



Marshall Tidrick | Daily Texan Staff

The Art.Science.Gallery in East Austin, founded by UT alumna Hayley Gillespie, is the only art gallery in the nation designated for science-related artwork.

gallery showcased art and science interacting, so those who enjoy either of the areas can enjoy the other.

“[As a science student] art is very dense to me, and I can’t understand it sometimes, especially visual arts,” Azebe-Osime said.

According to Gillespie, the Art.Science.Gallery will benefit science students by assisting them in being able to take down better observations and approach their work from different perspectives. Gillespie also said the art-

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Travis County Parks conducts prescribed burns in Pace Bend

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Travis County Parks started a fire at Pace Bend Park to prevent wildfires.

Park officials conducted the prescribed burn on 113 acres of grasslands and woodlands along the eastern side of the park Wednesday. This area is marked as Block D on the park’s map. Prescribed burning is practiced to maintain the plant community, control the number of exotic species and prevent wildfires by reducing excessive shrubs that could cause them.

Dan Pacatte, park forester of Travis County Parks, said some people are confused about the practice.

“A lot of people call it controlled burning, but the correct terminology is prescribed burning,” Pacatte said. “It is an intended fire to prevent wildfires and promote new and

“A lot of people call it controlled burning, but the correct terminology is prescribed burning. It is an intended fire to prevent wildfires and promote new and healthy vegetation.”

—Dan Pacatte,
Park forester of Travis County Parks

healthy vegetation. Our goal is to try to reduce the debris, shrubs, trees, bushes and anything that may cause a wildfire to occur.”

Charles Bergh, director at Travis County Parks, said the burned area will be closed until next week or until further notice. However, the rest of the park will remain open to the public. Park officials will be checking to ensure the fire is extinguished properly and the smoldering is contained, according to Bergh. Lake Travis Fire Rescue, Pedernales Fire Department, Plugerville Fire Department, LBJ Wildflower

Center and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are cooperating with Travis County Parks in the burning.

“It will be smoldering until Friday, so we will be monitoring the area until then,” Bergh said.

The smoke will remain and emit a strong odor for a couple of days, but is not threatening, according to Pacatte. A press release stated the northerly winds might carry the smoke across to the southern portions of the park and nearby communities. Pacatte said

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Rudy Bauss visits the turtle pond on Wednesday afternoon.

UNIVERSITY

Dell Medical School welcomes three new surgeons

By Nancy Huang
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The UT Dell Medical School welcomed three new surgeons Tuesday as part of its long-term community-focused healthcare goals.

Dr. David Ring will serve as associate dean of comprehensive care, UT alum Dr. Thomas B. Copwood Jr. as director of quality and outcomes for the department of surgery and pre-operative care, and Dr. Stuart Wolf as associate chair of clinical integration and operations.

Wolf, who was previously associate department chair for surgical services at the University of Michigan, said this position will allow him to put his extensive experience to use in a progressive environment.

"In the last few years, [I] have become increasingly involved in issues that have to do with

quality and patient safety," Wolf said. "Austin offers a very progressive medical community that appears ready to embrace the concepts of value-based healthcare and is poised to move into the next generation of healthcare."

Dr. Clay Johnston, inaugural dean of Dell Medical School, said the school was created to break new ground in healthcare strategies.

"Through their world-changing work and their community-minded focus, these three leaders will help us realize our vision to create a vital, inclusive health ecosystem in Austin from which the world can learn," Johnston said in a press release Tuesday.

Wolf said he is looking forward to his new position, which will begin July 2016.

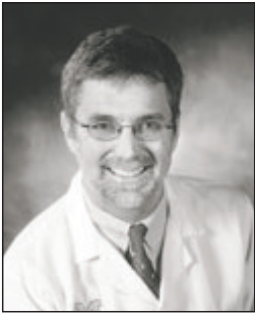
"I'm leaving behind a very successful career in Michigan



Dr. David King
Associate dean of comprehensive care



Dr. Thomas B. Copwood Jr.
Director of quality and outcomes for the department of surgery



Dr. Stuart Wolf
Associate chair of clinical integration and operations

and kind of turning it into a different direction," Wolf said. "But I'm very very excited about it"

Wolf said one of his new roles will be to oversee the clinical enterprise of the department of surgery and provide more accessible healthcare.

"What is different for that job, different from a typical academic medical center, is that the majority of our care will actually be delivered out in the com-

munity, rather in a large medical center," Wolf said. "My task will be to help create the clinical collaborative networks that will allow the delivery of that care."

Stephen Scheibal, spokesperson for Dell Medical School, said he hopes the future of healthcare in Austin will become more affordable with the help of the new hires.

"The medical school is

focused on identifying ways to create value in healthcare, ... and these new leaders will be instrumental in that effort," Scheibal said in an email. "These are very accomplished physician leaders with a mix of skills that will help the Dell Medical School achieve its mission of transforming the way people get and stay healthy."

NEWS BRIEFLY

UHS notifies students of mumps diagnosis

University Health Services notified students Wednesday afternoon that a student has been diagnosed with mumps.

Mumps is a highly contagious disease. Symptoms usually include fevers,

body aches, loss of appetite, fatigue, headaches and swelling in a person's salivary glands.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mumps outbreaks are rare, but in May 2015, the University alerted students to three different cases of mumps.

This year, UHS has created a webpage where they

track the number of mumps cases on campus by week and include any announcements they send to students.

The page also includes tips for preventing the spread of the disease and tips on what to do if students think they have come in contact with the disease.

In an attempt to prevent further spread of the disease, UHS is asking stu-

dents to call their hotline ahead of time or schedule an appointment before coming in to be seen. Additionally, for students who have never been vaccinated for mumps, UHS can vaccinate students, which could help students avoid contracting the disease if they are around others who have it.

—Wynne Davis

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drivers and motorists should drive slowly with lights on near the smoke.

Park land manager Glen Gillman said it is important to conduct prescribed burns periodically.

"An area should be prescribed burned about every 7 years because the shrubs and debris build up by then," Gillman said.

Park officials said they are planning more prescribed burns in other parts of the park, but it is not confirmed when that would take place.



Park officials conducted a prescribed burn at Pace Bend Park on Wednesday. Prescribed burns prevent wildfires and help maintain the plant community.

Juan Figueroa
Daily Texan Staff

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CAMPUS

Ph.D. candidate discusses Latinos’ religion

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In a talk about how the religion of Latinos effects their political views, Alicia Reyes-Barrientez presented her research for consideration for the 2016–2017 Carlos E. Castaneda postdoctoral fellowship on Wednesday.

“In the poli-sci literature, there is only one article that looks at the politics of religion in this group,” Reyes-Barrientez said. “There’s very few articles that look at Latino evangelical protestants. Most of the literature ... assumes Latinos are Catholic. We know that that’s not true. This research is the first direct comparison of Latino evangelical Catholics to Latino evangelical protestants — a comparison of their differences and political attitudes.”

Reyes-Barrientez’s work is breaking new ground, said Domino Perez, director of Center for Mexican American Studies.

“People tend to think about Latinos as a homogeneous group, for example, that all Latinos are Catholics,” Perez said. “Alicia’s work is exciting because it calls attention to the diversity of Latino experiences in the U.S., particularly as they relate to religious practices and political beliefs.”



Alicia Reyes-Barrientez spoke about religion of Latinos and how it affects their political views Wednesday afternoon. Reyes-Barrientez is a Ph.D. Candidate for the 2016–2017 Carlos E. Castaneda postdoctoral fellowship.

Joshua Guerra
Daily Texan Staff

According to John Moran Gonzalez, associate director of CMAS, committee members look for candidates with research that shows potential for an excellent future scholar. A committee of five people chooses three finalists from the 30 initial applicants. Reyes-Barrientez, from Duke University, was the second

candidate to present her research to the committee and a group of faculty and students. A fellow will be chosen after the final presentation, which will take place Feb. 10.

“[The final candidates] have been coming in to give talks and presentations like the one [given] today in order to allow the community some

input into who might be the best fit,” Gonzalez said. “Who gets chosen could have a big influence. Therefore, we think it’s important for the campus community to have a chance to be able to have some say in the postdoctoral fellow.”

The Carlos E. Castaneda postdoctoral fellowship gives recent doctoral students the

opportunity to pursue their research and teach a related undergraduate class.

“The postdoctoral fellow will be here for one year,” CMAS program coordinator Luis Guevara said. “Each one of the presenters has to talk about their research and also what will they teach and how will they teach it.”

Reyes-Barrientez said UT is her first choice.

“[UT has the] CMAS and the location and the opportunity to enhance my research by working with numerous scholars here, who specialize in things like ethnography and Latino studies, gender, etc,” Reyes-Barrientez said.

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can be identified and lives in UTPD’s jurisdiction.

“If somebody is in Austin visiting for a conference or a concert, but they live in Seattle, then we can’t give them a ticket and expect them to fly all the way back from Seattle to go to court,” Bonnet said.

However, Bonnet said UT students are also eligible for citations regardless of their permanent address, as approved by Judge Herb Evans.

“As long as they’re a student and we know that they are going to be here for the foreseeable future, then [Evans] is fine with us writing a citation and not making the custodial arrest in those circumstances,” Bonnet said.

Few counties currently abide by this policy in Texas, but the number could be on the rise. According to the Dallas Morning News, there have been recent reports of the Dallas City Council considering the policy.

UT sociology professor William R. Kelly said in a Dallas Morning News column he believes the policy would be beneficial for other Texas cities and counties.

“This is a good idea because it avoids the stigma of individuals being formally arrested and booked into jail,” Kelly said in the column. “It also saves significant amounts of police time as well as expensive jail resources.”

Knouse said the policy saves time by eliminating the booking process, especially on nights or weekends when jails tend to be busier.

A person must also meet multiple conditions for the “cite and release” policy to apply to him or her, Knouse said, including the requirement of being a resident in the county in which the offense occurred.

In addition to marijuana possession, cite and release in the Austin area can apply to theft, criminal mischief, graffiti and driving with an invalid license, according to the law.

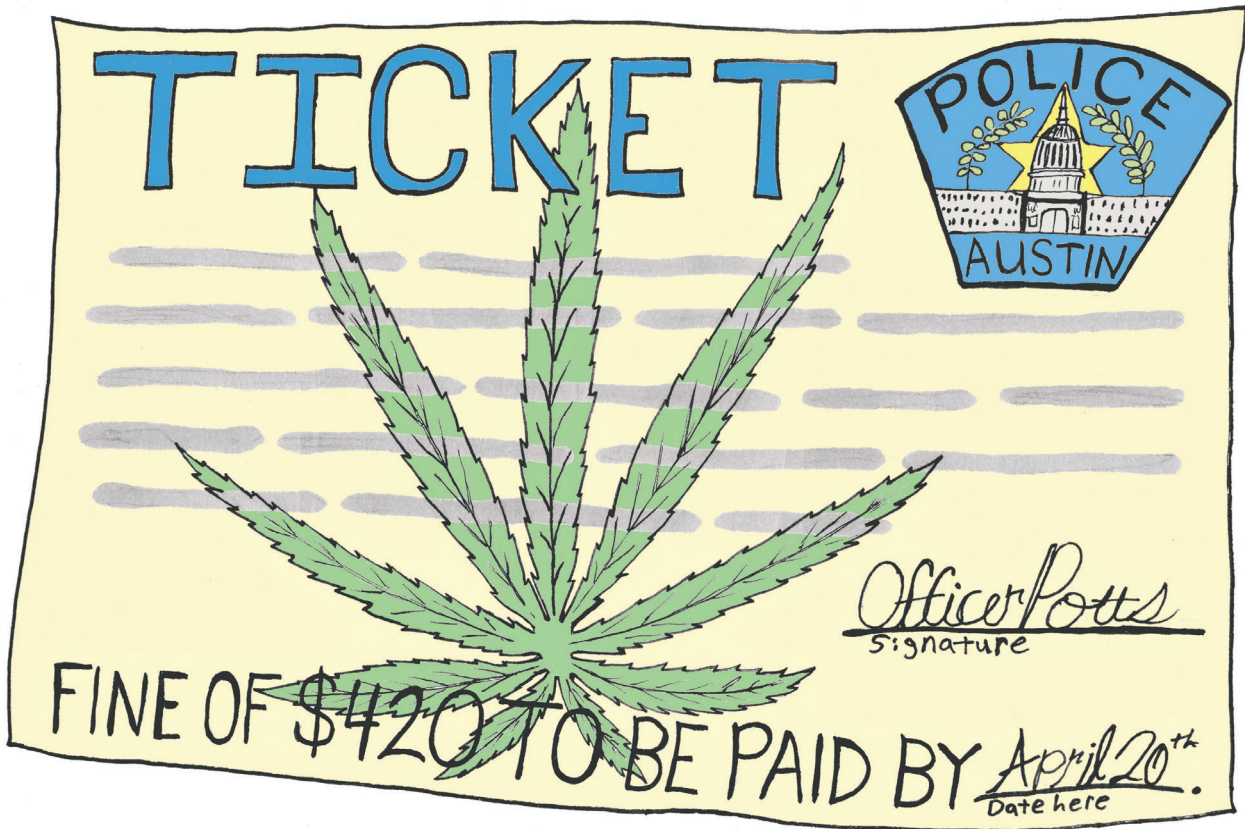


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fluence by providing accommodations for survivors. UT has hired six Title IX investigators to address gender equity issues such as sexual assault, Hill said.

“The university has the jurisdiction and the authority to respond to any sexual assault that occurs between two UT affiliated individuals anywhere in the world,” Hill said. “We are ultimately responsible for remedying the environment.”

The results of the White House task force survey also indicated that more female than male students have a low amount of confidence in the institutional handling of sexual assault. Burrows said these results and the disproportionate sexual assault rates among women result from

“The university has the jurisdiction and the authority to respond to any sexual assault that occurs between two UT affiliated individuals anywhere in the world.”

—LaToya Hill,
Director of Title IX Compliance

distorted cultural power norms.

“When you zoom out a little bit and you look at gender-based dynamics, you can see that we live in a world that in some ways sets men up to be perpetrators and sets women up to experience sexual violence,” Burrows said. “It’s about power and control, and these historical systems of who has had more power.”

The survey results also indicate that more students who identified as sexual minorities had low levels of confidence

in their universities regarding the handling of sexual assault, compared to heterosexual students. Grace Gilker, director of the Women’s Resource Agency, said this problem affects some of her constituents more than others.

“I would definitely say that the LGBT community has a very specific dog in this fight just because they are more acutely affected,” Gilker said. “I think what we can be doing as a campus is to bring more attention to that specific problem.”

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work might inspire science students to think more creatively when it comes to their experimental design.

Biochemistry sophomore Anjali Chacko said she commends the director’s effort to teach lessons on science through art but worries viewers will not fully grasp the message without proper background.

“When I see a painting of a historical event, even if I read the description next to it, I’d

still need further education on the subject,” Chacko said.

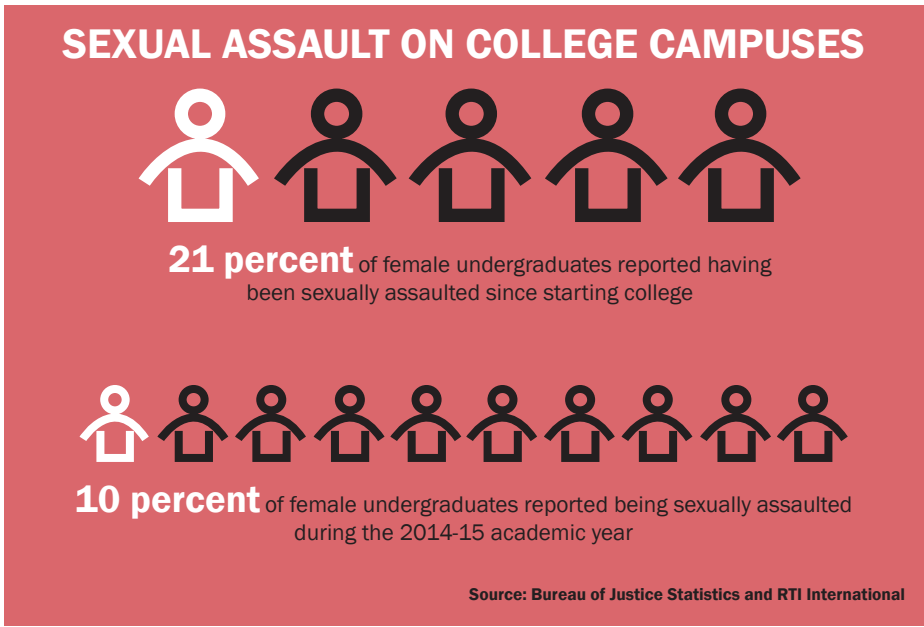
The gallery recently launched a series of art courses open to anyone with subjects such as field sketching and anatomy for artists and offers a 14-week internship program for students and young adults who want to learn more about the relationship between the two fields.

Azebe-Osime said music is more easily appreciated by a wide variety of people, but artists tend to be able to see and appreciate science in a

different way.

“When I look at nature, I see that it is beautiful, but I see it for what it is,” Azebe-Osime said. “I think that people with an artistic background see nature in a way that might provide a different viewpoint from what most other people perceive.”

The Art.Science.Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m.–6 p.m. Currently, there is an exhibit titled “COSMIC,” where the artists explore the cosmos and space through printmaking.



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COLUMN

Rising above a culture of silence

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College is a stressful time for any student. For ethnic minorities, however, navigating through a predominantly white college campus can be particularly demanding.

It is common for the alienation felt by minorities to produce so much anxiety that it becomes unbearable. Often they will put unnecessary amounts of stress on themselves to succeed to disprove stereotypes. Current studies are finding that this stress is leading to a mental health crisis in minority communities that is often ignored. However, we cannot afford to ignore it any longer.

Mental health issues are especially pertinent to black people on primarily white college campuses, like the University of Texas at Austin, that are characterized by white culture. Being isolated as a token minority on this campus puts black students at an even higher risk of developing mental health disorders such as anxiety and depression. This is troubling considering African-Americans are already 20 percent more likely to develop a mental illness during their lifetime than their white counterparts. Typical college student stress, in addition to daily encounters with racism, prejudice and stereotypes, make blacks particularly vulnerable to mental distress. The challenges faced within our community differ slightly across genders, but wounds suffered are just as great.

For black women, the stereotype of being strong and independent has become too much to live up to. The emotional burden

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For so long, black people have had to do more just to be seen as equals. So addressing mental illness is hard because you first have to admit that you do have a problem.

—Lauren Matthews,
Economics junior

of always having to put on a brave face only intensifies the turmoil caused by personal trauma, stressful school weeks or just a plain bad day. Youth and communities studies junior Brianna Powell added that there’s a “suck it up and push forward” approach to mental illness in minority cultures.

“You just don’t talk about your problems,” she said.

Playing Superwoman even at times when these women want to break down can be exhausting and damaging to their personal stability.

Black women’s plights are detrimental to their mental health, yet black men are suffering just as much if not more. Suicide is ranked as the third leading cause of death in black men from ages 15-24. In her book “Black Pain,” mental health expert Terrie M. Williams wrote that our society’s confusing ideas surrounding manhood fall most heavily on black men.

“All men are sent the message that being aggressive, assertive, and ambitious go hand

Mental illness in the African-American community

1 in 5

African-Americans are **20 percent** more likely to develop a mental illness during their lifetime than their white counterparts.

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4 percent of the UT student population is African-American.

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in hand with achievement,” Williams wrote. “But Black men are sent the additional message that an aggressive Black man is a social threat, an ambitious Black man is uppity.”

This becomes particularly painful during college as young men are beginning to discover who they are and what they want both personally and professionally.

Black women and men battle against different societal pressures as they navigate through young adulthood, but both are battling in silence. Despite the many resources on and around campus, it’s rare for black students to seek out treatment when they’re dealing with serious distress.

Economics junior Lauren Matthews reasons that blacks just don’t feel comfortable discussing the topic.

“For so long, black people have had to do more just to be seen as equals,” Matthews said. “So addressing mental illness is hard because you first have to admit that you do have a problem.”

Yet we must. Denial and shame can no longer be our first line of defense when discussing mental illness. We are human, we are breakable and we cannot afford to be silent any longer. Our time to speak up is now.

Brookins is a psychology junior from McKinney.

COLUMN

Let voters decide Uber, Lyft regulations

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Over the last few years, Austin voters have rejected proposals to remedy our city’s pernicious transportation. Proposition 1, the most recent, would have allocated money towards a rail line from the Highland Mall ACC campus to East Riverside Drive. While Austin mayor Steve Adler has prioritized mobility as one of his chief goals for 2016, a solution beyond road improvements looks far off.

These failures have made Austin one of the largest cities in the country that relies on Transportation Network Companies, such as Uber and Lyft, as a key part of its transportation infrastructure. TNCs have provided Austinites with safe and reliable transportation along with thousands of convenient jobs.

But the Austin City Council, led by Councilmember Ann Kitchen and originally supported by Adler, has proposed unneeded regulations which could spell a step back. While thousands of Austinites now find safe, affordable rides, the Council took steps to roll that back by originally mandating that all TNC drivers pass a fingerprint background check. This would likely mean that Lyft and Uber would be unable to get the quantity of drivers needed to match demand in the City, effectively hampering their growth.

The Council has since come up with a compromise — to make fingerprinting voluntary for TNC drivers, with incentives for

MULTIMEDIA

We asked students what they thought of the regulations against Transportation Network Companies, such as Uber and Lyft. Check out our video at dailytexanonline.com

those who undergo the process — that has not settled the divisive issue. Mayor Adler has thrown his support behind the compromise measure, while councilperson Kitchen has retained the dilatory background checks and automobile inspections in her new TNC regulations draft.

At the same time, a new coalition of TNCs, local musicians and others have collected an astounding 65,000 signatures to force the Council to either approve their proposed ordinance — fully rolling back Kitchen’s proposals — or allow the voters to decide. The Council will decide on the course of action in the next few weeks, after the signatures are certified.

Fingerprinting and City-approved vehicle inspections are ultimately unnecessary for the TNC industry. Only through TNCs are passengers able to have a detailed history of their rides on their phone. Only TNCs allow passengers to view the name, photograph and license plate of their driver. And TNCs already background check their drivers — background checks which are widely accepted as valid by hundreds of other cities in which the companies operate, including many in Texas. Requiring TNC drivers



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— most of whom drive less than 15 hours a week — to undergo the same inspection as full-time taxi drivers is ludicrous.

For a city that enjoys the moniker “Silicon Hills,” it prides itself on its internationally renowned music festivals and thrives because of a flagship university comprising 50,000 students. It is astounding to see the City ignore the wishes of their constituents in an attempt to impose unnecessary restrictions which could drive away a vital service.

The proposed compromise is a good first step. But ultimately, the TNC safety issue

should be put to voters. Austinites understand how crucial services like Lyft and Uber are to the culture and safety of the city. Mayor Adler, councilperson Kitchen and others seek to levy regulations which will inevitably either hamper growth of a superior product and do very little to increase the safety of TNC consumers. The Council must let the voters decide — a return to the days without TNCs could jeopardize the safety and well-being of Austin residents.

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COLUMN

Wake up: Disrupting the power of media bias

By Abi Kumar
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You. Yes you. You don’t live in a democracy. If you registered to vote, don’t show up to the polls. You’re better off going home and binge-watching Netflix. You cannot be an activist. You cannot change the world. You cannot make a difference. Just stop.

This, sadly, is what our political culture tells us. You likely awaken every four years to participate in an election that has little effect on your day-to-day, life and then return to your state of indifference, your political hibernation.

But this is not true. We have the responsibility as citizens to inform ourselves and vote. Unfortunately, we have the attention spans of goldfish, and a shiny object (e.g.

Donald Trump’s hair or Marco Rubio’s boots) can distract us from the real issues that need addressing. Voters end up following the presidential race like reality TV shows just to laugh at the antics of the man or woman with the loudest mouth.

Do you remember the Princeton study released in 2014 that asserted the U.S. political process is more in line with the ideals of the wealthy than the masses? Your friends shared it on Facebook, captioned it, “OMG this is terrible” and never talked about it again. That was a regrettably brief lapse in our current political culture of indifference. We noticed something was wrong, got angry and ... stopped talking about it.

This can be partially attributed to mainstream media outlets within the United States not reporting on the study, most

notably CNN and Fox. Instead of being informed political consumers, we succumb to mainstream media’s messages without a second thought. Occasionally, someone or something will gain traction, but mainstream media significantly influences our discourse and hinders us from being politically active.

Journalism professor Robert Jensen comments on the selection of stories by the mainstream media.

“I would say there is journalistic bias, it’s toward power, it’s toward the conventional wisdom on things like the nature of capitalism and the position of the United States around the world,” Jensen said.

There is no conservative bias. There is no liberal bias. It is just who has the power and what they want us to hear. A real grassroots movement can upset the balance of power,

and the media want to inhibit that.

The media may not provide voters with all the information, analyses and opinions needed to stay informed, but that does not excuse anyone from becoming indifferent to the political system. Our responsibility does not end at reading one article, hearing one side of an argument or accepting the “mainstream” opinion. Voter responsibility requires us to seek out what we are missing and become the educated voters a functioning democracy needs us to be.

The cost of our political culture if we do not accept this responsibility: everything. We lose everything. Our democracy fails, and we become spectators of our own lives. We cannot allow this to happen, we cannot let our democratic process collapse, we must wake up.

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THROWBACK THURSDAY

World War II leaves housing shortage for women

By Stephen Acevedo
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In 1944, as thousands of male students went overseas to fight in World War II, hundreds of newly enrolled female students were left behind without a place to live at a University full of male-only dorms.

The influx of several hundred female students eager to get an education and enter the workforce left the University unprepared to accommodate them. On Sep. 3, 1944, The Daily Texan published a story detailing the housing shortage.

“Some students who had inquired about housing and couldn’t find a place postponed their entrance into the University until November in the hopes of finding housing then,” Dean Dorothy Gebauer said to the Texan. “The demand for dormitories by girls has been much greater than we expected, and now we do not have enough space to accommodate for everyone.”

Leading up to the war, the University was predominantly male. But with girls comprising nearly two-thirds of the year’s registrants, the University opened the all-female Goodall Wooten dormitory and converted some male-only halls to female-only halls. Despite the changes, there was still not enough space for the University’s female students.

“Fewer houses is not the cause of the shortage of women’s housing units but the large number of women students who appeared to overflow available living quarters,” the article said.

In an effort to solve the problem, some female students reported false addresses to the Registrar’s Office, allowing them to move without the University’s knowledge. Though the Registrar’s Office asked students to report any change of address, those who didn’t could live in “unapproved housing” and forgo signing an agreement promising that they wouldn’t allow wine, liquor or cards in their home.

“They go back to their old [approved] addresses to pick up their mail,” the article said. “Many students figure that it is easier to find a place to stay if they don’t report that they are living in an unapproved house.”

Other students found housing in the homes of Austinites willing to rent a room out to desperate students.



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UT’s female students struggle to find housing during WWII. The University did not plan to accommodate the sudden influx of female students during the war.

“The response of Austin people to the call for rooms has helped alleviate the situation a small amount,” the article said.

Even hotels were filled to capacity as the semester

began. Proprietors of several hotels told the Texan they could not take care of the students and families looking for a temporary place to stay.

Despite reports that female students were struggling to

find housing, there was actually still housing available for men on campus. The article said the lack of housing could have been resolved more easily by opening the male-only dorms that were being used

for other purposes. “[It was felt that] men’s houses that had been turned over to servicemen and civilians could have been converted to renting to women students,” the article said.

MOVIES

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quest to grant the release of a millionaire’s wife. The film never settles for cliches or shallow character development.

“My favorite film to watch and re-watch is ‘The Big Lebowski,’” Boylan-Kolchin said. “That movie has it all: comedy, drama, fights, love, loss, bowling, nihilism, mixology, even interpretive dance. Even though I’ve seen it

dozens of times, I always pick up on something new each time I watch it. No matter what mood I’m in when I start watching, I always feel better by the end. I don’t think ‘The Big Lebowski’ has shaped my understanding of physics or astronomy in any fundamental way, but that isn’t a bad thing — sometimes, the key to making progress on a tough problem is really clearing my head and coming back with a fresh perspective.”

GAMING

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instructions to a puzzle mechanic and then having the player solve increasingly harder puzzles with that rule set, the game requires players to figure out mechanics without instruction — using only their mental capacity to imagine and comprehend.

In doing so, “The Witness” respects the player by assuming that he or she has the capacity to grow and understand the new world

around them.

Players will find no pop-up boxes explaining how to solve puzzles but will be taught organically through intuitive design that progressively teaches the player. One of the game’s lessons is to step back, as one of the first puzzles introduced is unsolvable until the player understands the island better.

The island itself is an interactive painting of a colorful, pastel world focusing on artistic vision that enhances the tone of

the game in a way that realist visuals couldn’t. The theme park of distinct and mysterious locales drives the player to uncover the island and its secret.

The story’s progression gets a little strange as “The Witness” lacks a more traditional storyline. Audio logs, which feature quotes from scientists and philosophers, seem to drive the narrative. While these quotes could be seen as tangential to the game, they often serve as a compliment to its theme — embracing new perspectives.

The logs often offer reflection on the game’s puzzles, but also seem to be there to speak to the player himself and offer a mental form of personal reflection.

As far as puzzle games go, “The Witness” is one of the most rewarding games for players willing to confront a distinct experience that truly seeks to expand the limitations of video games as a medium. “The Witness” strives to be a piece of art and manages to do so successfully.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Freshmen fuel Texas in spring season

By Alana Kaufman
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Freshman Johnny Goodwin took to the court against Abilene Christian's Cole Lawson at the sixth singles spot on Jan. 12. Butterflies swarmed in his stomach. The referee signaled for the match to start, and the first point of his first college career began. Goodwin had no idea what to expect. "It's just something you never get to do before the junior tournament," Goodwin said. "It's something really special." By the end of the match, Goodwin had no need to be nervous. He dominated his opponent, winning 6-1, 6-0 en route to a Texas sweep of ACU. Entering the 2016 season at No. 20 in the ITA rankings, the Texas men's tennis team is ready to begin the spring season. The Longhorns roster is loaded with underclassmen, featuring just one senior and one junior. Senior Michael Riechmann and junior George Goldoff will lead the team. But the younger players, including Goodwin and freshman Harrison Scott, bring a lot to the table. Goldhoff said his goal is to pass on to the



Stephanie Tacy | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Harrison Scott prepares to hit a backhand at the Weller Indoor Tennis Center. Scott will look to contribute early to a Longhorns roster that lost five seniors from the 2015 squad. Texas is currently ranked No. 20 in the nation. underclassmen what he's learned over the years. "I think my first year I was 18. I'm 6-foot-1, and I think I was the shortest guy on the team. So it's just a lot different, and I am trying to carry out a lot of the lessons that the older guys showed me," Goldhoff said. "We got a pretty good tradition here in tennis at UT, so there's not really much to show these guys. We just got to keep it going." Scott has impressed in his short time in Austin, taking on the No. 2 singles position. He posted a 10-2 record in the fall and currently sits at No. 94 in the ITA men's singles rankings. The Longhorns dropped both matches this weekend to SEC teams, but Goodwin hopes the Longhorns' energy will push them to work hard and improve their game as the season progresses. "I think we have a lot to prove this season," Goodwin said. "We lost a lot of good players last season, and we have just as tough

BASKETBALL

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Confetti rained down onto the Frank Erwin Center court following the Longhorns' 70-46 win against Kansas on Wednesday night. Several players drowned head coach Karen Aston in paper ornaments before leaving the floor. But it wasn't for any sort of championship; instead, it marked a huge milestone for the program. 1,000 wins. "This was a really fun night — a night that I think we had all been looking forward to," head coach Karen Aston said. "Obviously as it got closer [we] had the opportunity to talk to a lot of former players and fans that were able to reflect back on 1,000 wins." Texas became the fifth program in history to win 1,000 games with a its win over the Jayhawks. A video tribute followed the game. Scenes of former head coach Jody Conradt's teams were displayed on the big screen. Conradt piled up 783 wins and one national championship at Texas. "It hits you that you're a part of history," Aston said. "For me, as a coach, to listen to [Conradt's] comments, you realize the enormity of the program and what accomplishments have been made here at Texas." The game itself paled in comparison to the program's accomplishment. Sophomore guard Brooke McCarty nailed a trio of three-pointers in the first five minutes to give Texas an early 12-4 lead. McCarty finished the game with 13 points.



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Senior center Imani Boyette led the Longhorns with 15 points and eight rebounds in the Longhorns' 75-38 win over Kansas.

Kansas pulled to within five early in the second quarter. The Jayhawks hit two consecutive threes to trim the Longhorns' lead 20-15. Kansas was shooting 50.0 percent from the field at that point. The Jayhawks' sophomore guard Lauren Aldridge finished with a team-high 15 points, all of which came from beyond the arc. But the Jayhawks' success wouldn't last long. The Longhorns finished the quarter on a 19-0 run to take a 39-15 lead into halftime. Texas held Kansas scoreless for the final 7:45 of the first half. Texas upped its shooting percentage to 48.4 percent by the half; Kansas' percentage plummeted to 31.6 percent. Senior center Imani Boyette started the run with a pair of layups, marking a personal spurt of eight consecutive points. Boyette ended with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The double-double is Boyette's eighth in nine conference games this season. Ironically, the only game in which Boyette did not earn a double-double in conference play was against Kansas earlier in January. She sat out the entire fourth quarter of that 75-38 Texas victory. Aston said she's happy that the milestone has been accomplished, but it was just one of many goals she has for her team. "It was an unexpected goal that wasn't necessarily written down or talked about when we started the season," Aston said. "But it became a goal in the middle of it. It's just one to check off."

TRACK AND FIELD



Daulton Venglar | Daily Texan Staff

Women's track and field dominated the competition at the Texas A&M Invitational, taking first place with 122.50 points, Texas A&M with 92.75.

Track and field counting on underclassmen contribution

By Leah Vann
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Morolake Akinosun starts her warm-up routine eighty minutes before her race. She doesn't believe in superstitions, as long as her white spikes are laced up. In the lane next to her is freshman Teahna Daniels, who breathes slowly to calm her nerves. The gun sounds; the two are off. Despite opening the season being edged out by Daniels, Akinosun ran her fastest season-opener at 7.26 seconds at the Texas A&M Team Invitational on Jan 16. "It was a personal record for Teahna and a really exciting moment for both of us," Akinosun said. Akinosun won the 60-meter dash at Cross-Plex invitational a week later, recording the same time, while Daniels took third, recording a time of 7.28 seconds. "This season will be a lot of learning experiences for me," Daniels said. "I need to take every meet as it is." Akinosun said she looks forward to lending her experience to Daniels while competing with her

at the same time. "Even during Teahna's recruitment, before she came to Texas, I decided I was going to take her under my wing," Akinosun said. "She's such a talented young person, and I want to get this time to actually be on the team with her, so when I am no longer on the team, she can take that spot and be leader on the sprints side." Tonja Bailey, the women's sprinter coach, believes Daniels has already affected the team. "She's running fast and will make an impact on the conference and national level," Bailey said. "But she's still a freshman, so it's good she has a role model like Morolake to guide her." Akinosun is one of many Olympic trial qualifiers in the Texas locker room. Sophomore Courtney Okolo qualified for the Olympic trials in the 400-meter dash alongside junior Chrisann Gordon, who has also earned her trial in the 400-meter. "We're hoping to add Ariel Jones to the list for the 400 hurdles, and I know Teahna is looking to get on that list," Bailey said.

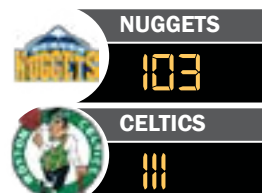
“We have a lot of depth in this team compared to previous years. You’re going to see some great things from our relays and sprints, but also from our freshman girls.”

—Morolake Akinosun, Senior

Okolo and Gordon are expected to debut in their specialty race, the 400-meter, in two weeks at the Husker Invitational. After weeks of training at the short sprint level, the pair is now working their way back into the season. Despite having an inexperienced roster, Akinosun expects big things from the Longhorns in 2016. "We have a lot of depth in this team compared to previous years," Akinosun said. "You're going to see some great things from our relays and sprints but also from our freshman girls, who are here for years to come."

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Former Texas quarterback dies of cancer

Danny Akers, son of former Texas head coach Fred Akers and a former Texas quarterback, has died of cancer, according to a report by the Austin American-Statesman. Akers was in a four-year battle with Stage 4 renal cell carcinoma. He was 54 years old. "It's just a heart-breaker," Fred Akers told the Austin American-Statesman on Monday night. Akers played for his father during the early 1980s as a reserve quarterback. In a limited role, Akers played in a total of 11 games from 1982-84, making an appearance in all 11 games in 1985. Throughout his career at Texas, Akers completed 10 of 25 passes for 132 yards and had a passer rating of 76.4, according to College Sports Reference. The Longhorns, led by his father, finished 11-1 and won the Southwest Conference title in 1983. Texas lost to the Georgia Bulldogs 10-9 in the 1984 Cotton Bowl Classic following the 1983 season. Akers is survived by his three children: Alix, Hunter and Danielle. —Mark Skol

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And it's extra weird because I just went through such a big period of transformation, you know? I know myself better than ever before but I still don't know what I want!?

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ACROSS

1 Early 1990s CBS series about the exploits of real-life police officers

8 With 58-Across, "Antigone" and others ... or, when reinterpreted, a hint to 17-, 31- and 50-Across

13 Sizable plot

14 Dumas's "The Count of Monte ..."

15 Nickname for a little person

16 Whom Plato called "the tenth Muse"

17 Packing boxes for heavyweights?

19 First name in mystery

20 Faith for 21-Across

21 Noted American follower of 20-Across

24 Be furious

26 Buzz

28 "La ... Bonita" (Madonna hit)

30 Home of the first full-time automobile service station

31 Order to Onassis to block a brand of underwear?

36 Flush

37 Sail support

38 Come up with

41 1997 #1 hit with a nonsense title

46 "I ... you"

47 "Greenlins" co-star Phoebe

49 Empty container's weight

50 Shows a Sega Genesis rival at an expo?

52 Noted writer of victory odes

55 Where Nordstrom is headquartered

56 Duke of ... ("King Lear" character)

57 Serious

58 See 8-Across

59 Place where you might be asked "Need a lift?"

DOWN

1 Comedy's Daniel and Reggie's Peter

2 Available to work, in Britain

3 Time Inc. publication

4 Nap site

5 Numerical prefix

6 Least affordable

7 Good investor types, you'd think

8 Goller McDowell, 2010 U.S. Open champion

9 Castigates

10 Clairvoyant's letters

11 Landlocked African country; Abbr.

12 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie ... (1974 Rick Derringer hit)

14 Red giant type

18 Cartoonist whom John Steinbeck said "may very possibly be the best writer in the world today"

21 Not just smart

22 Son (Argentine province or its capital)

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23 "What was ... do?"

25 Half of a matching set

27 Came out on top

29 Was bested by

31 Pledge

32 Russo of "Thor: The Dark World"

33 Company closing?

34 Slab from the most counter

35 Weaponize do?

36 Prefix with system

39 Loads and loads

40 Apt anagram of MY CAR

42 One blowing off steam in Italy?

43 Some back-and-forth

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48 Slalom paths

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Lab offers interdisciplinary research options



By Areeba Khwaja
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Thirteen years ago, the Human Genome Project gave scientists a deeper understanding of how and when genes are activated. But researchers have only scratched the surface of genetic sequencing.

This year, the Freshman Research Initiative, UT-Austin’s introductory research program, introduced a new stream: Big Data in Biology, a lab at the crossroads of biology, genetic sequencing and data analytics. The program’s interdisciplinary approach provides a unique learning environment for FRI students, many of whom are doing research for the very first time.

Students in the lab can expect to learn basic programming, statistical analysis and genetic applications. Later on in the semester, students will be using public data sets to create their own individual projects. They are currently working with sequencing materials such as the 1000 Genomes Project, which serves as a large free public database of genome sequences.

“We hope the most im-



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portant skill students pick up is learning how to figure things out and deal with frustration,” lab research educator Benni Goetz said.

The lab will use techniques such as Next Generation Sequencing (NGS), a data sequencing technology that allows scientists to process data at unprecedented speeds. Gone are the days when doctors and researchers struggled for weeks to comprehend genetic mutations or raced against time to create personalized solu-

tions for patients who were struggling through painful genetic conditions.

“The key insight is being able to do millions of short sequences at a time, as opposed to a few longer sequences,” research educator Dennis Wylie said.

Biologically speaking, the human genome is a code that contains the instructions for how our bodies function. Thus, researchers can analyze the sequences of people who have developed diseases or have

congenital birth defects. If healthcare practitioners could see where the biological code has gone wrong, they would be much more successful in preventing illnesses in the future. Scientists and doctors can learn volumes about a person by comparing one person’s genetic sequence to another’s or to a genetic bank like the 1000 Genomes Project.

“The quantity and diversity of data is absolutely overwhelming,” new FRI student Tarika Srinivasan said.

New technologies such as NGS will help researchers run statistical analysis programs to sift through these large amounts of data in order to reach meaningful conclusions. Not only will this technology allow for much faster results and analysis, but it will also serve to further build the idea of personalized medicine.

“Instead of just finding one or two mutations that cause cancer, you can now look for much rarer mutations. In theory, we can

even sequence the whole genome of someone’s tumor,” Wylie said. “It’s possible that within the next five years, genome sequencing will become a service in hospitals.”

Although genetic sequencing has already made an impact in medicine, there is still so much more researchers hope to learn about the potential of technologies such as NGS.

“The medical implications will be simply massive,” Goetz said.

FILM

Professors recommend favorite throwback movies

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Students don’t think twice about asking professors for academic advice, but they rarely approach professors when they’re looking for book, movie or music recommendations. This week, The Daily Texan asked professors to share their favorite films.

Don Graham
English professor
Film: *Giant* (1956)

The last of James Dean’s film performances before his untimely death, “Giant” tells the story of a Texas family affected by the coming of big oil. The film also explores themes of race, gender inequality and Texas life after World War II.

“Giant’ is a pictorial

representation of what Texas used to be,” Graham said. “The visual power of the film is significant, and I think the themes are very important. The treatment of race in the film, the way Rock Hudson’s character grows from a total racist to having a grandchild who is half-Hispanic, half-Anglo and his realization as the film goes on is particularly impactful. It’s always important to know the history of the place where you live your life. [The film] defined Texas for a long, long time. It’s a historical artifact.”

Shannon O’Brien
Government professor
Film: *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)

“The Philadelphia Story” follows an outgoing woman (Katharine Hepburn) whose plans for a second

marriage are challenged when her first husband returns to win her back. The film was revolutionary at the time for exploring the taboo subject of remarriage.

“I have multiple favorite films depending on the genre you ask, but ‘The Philadelphia Story’ is probably the one that keeps me entertained the most,” O’Brien said. “The film stars James Stewart, Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn. It’s a really well made film, and I’ve seen it time and time again.”

John Batterton
Biology professor
Film: *To Kill A Mockingbird* (1962)

Based off of Harper Lee’s beloved novel, “To Kill a Mockingbird” tells the story of an embattled lawyer and his young daughter.



Astronomy professor Mike Boylan-Kolchin recommends watching “The Big Lebowski,” a comedy starring Jeff Bridges. The movie was released in 1998.

Courtesy of Gramercy Pictures

The film offers a look at moral corruption and racism in a 1930s Alabama town.

“‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ was one of the best [movies] I’ve ever seen,” Batterton said. “The film was an unusual, fresh perspective from a child’s point of

view of some really complicated social issues. In that aspect, it’s a very powerful film. That doesn’t really relate to my field of study — biology — but it’s one of the most impactful films I have seen.”

Mike Boylan-Kolchin

Astronomy professor
Film: *The Big Lebowski* (1998)

Jeff Bridges plays “The Dude” in “The Big Lebowski,” an oddball comedy that follows three slacker friends in their

GAMES & TECHNOLOGY

‘The Witness’ design provides players with new challenges

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The answer to life’s greatest puzzles are often in plain sight, but people are too distracted to witness them. “The Witness” reminds this to players by forcing them to tackle the game with critical thinking and open-mindedness — challenging players rather than babying them.

Developer Jonathan Blow’s latest title, released Jan. 26, is a foil to the trend in gaming of creating games with reliable returns to investment by appealing to large audiences. “The Witness” isn’t exclusionary, but it is made with

dedicated players in mind and would bore those who would prefer instant gratification.

Different from the mainstream, “The Witness” feels like an homage to older games that didn’t hold the players’ hands. Instead of instructing players through long tutorial sequences, the title actively seeks to use interactivity and cognitive thinking to engage the player and teach them the game’s mechanics.

The game takes place on a lonely island, populated by little more than labyrinth puzzles of varying complexity. At first, the puzzles simply require

THE WITNESS


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the player to guide a line through a maze, going from point A to point B. They rapidly expand by introducing new arbitrary symbols that require logical thinking to decipher.

These labyrinths are more than puzzles; they are a medium in which rules, concepts and subtleties are inscribed into the player’s mind. Rather than blurring out the

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