



Poor revenue, parking leave vacancy

Site of former bookstore, record shop consistently fails to attract business

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

More than eight months of vacancy at the former Intellectual Property bookstore has turned the corner of 24th and Guadalupe streets into a forlorn sight and a haven for street peddlers.

The grimy windows that obscure the empty interior remind passersby of the harsh aspect of the business world, while the building's colorful mural and Art Deco design reveal a place with historical ties to the Austin community.

Landlord Hugh Oates said companies have shown interest in leasing the property, and a new business could occupy the building as soon as the summer. Oates would not say how many or which companies have shown interest.

Oates' family has owned the property for more than 50 years, since its days as the popular movie house Varsity Theater and later when it became Tower Records.

Intellectual Property's fleeting three years of existence, however, generated questions about the Drag's ability to sustain long-term business.

In a partnership with the University Co-op, textbook company Follett, Co. opened Intellectual

Property in August 2006. Instead of textbooks, the bookstore sold fiction and non-fiction books, literary magazines, titles from local writers and the published works of UT professors.

Originally, the bookstore's owners planned to open additional stores at other campuses but decided against the idea after the bookstore's closing in March 2009, said Elio DiStola, a spokesman for Follett, Co.

"I can say [the University Co-op] was excited to have a store on campus, but excitement doesn't translate into sales," DiStola said.

Marketing professor Wayne Hoyer explained two key reasons

why businesses face a challenge on Austin's iconic Drag area: a lack of parking spaces and varying levels of consumer demand.

People who have the potential to become part of a consistent customer base do not want the hassle of trying to park, so they go elsewhere, Hoyer said.

On top of parking woes, revenue falls drastically during University breaks. Summer, winter and spring break add up to almost a third of the year when stores lose their main customer base of students, Hoyer said.

"I heard that [student vacations] made the Tower Records



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Pedestrians pass in front of the mural alongside the vacant building formerly known as Intellectual Property on Thursday.

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Democrats look to elections



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Gubernatorial Candidate Star Locke studies the itinerary for the Travis County Democratic Candidates' Forum at the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex on Thursday.

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Some UT student organizations were among the groups represented at the Travis County Democratic Candidates' Forum at the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex on Thursday night. At the east Austin facility, 34 of the 38 candidates on the March primary ballot, including gubernatorial candidates Houston Mayor Bill White and hair-care magnate Farouk Shami, spoke to a crowd of more than 100 people and answered questions from local Democratic organizations.

Despite the turnout, people continue to debate the legitimacy of Democratic control of the Texas government, primarily the governor's po-

sition. A Democratic win is possible, though, due to the division between Republicans, said UT journalism lecturer Dave McNeely.

Sama'an Ashrawi, a Middle Eastern studies sophomore who supports Shami, said because most major cities in Texas have voted Democratic in recent elections, Democrats have a much higher chance of winning the coming November election than they did 20 years ago.

University Democrats President Melessa Rodriguez said this is the year for Democrats to take charge of Texas, and she expects that Shami and White will put up a good fight.

"It is very important to pump some new blood into the Governor's Mansion," Rodriguez said. "Healthy competition is a good thing. It brings out the best in a candidate."

On the Republican spectrum, polls show that voters

stand fairly evenly divided between Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, while Bill White is commonly referred to as the leading Democratic nominee.

Ishanee Parikh, a Plan II and radio-television-film junior and campus campaign volunteer for Longhorn Students for Bill White, said this division between Republicans may prevent a single candidate from winning the majority come election day, giving Democrats the leg up.

The division and increasingly conservative focus of the Republican nominees could leave moderate conservatives behind, McNeely said. He said Perry will likely win the Republican nomina-

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IN MEMORIAM:1919-2010

Reclusive American author passes away in New Hampshire

J.D. Salinger's death prompts restored interest in enduring literature, mysterious aura

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Staff

J.D. Salinger has captivated youth for generations, bringing iconic characters to life through his often-controversial writing. One of the most reclusive celebrities in the history of American literature, Salinger died of natural causes Wednesday at the age of 91.

The famed writer of works that have shocked and inspired people the world over died in his home in Cornish, NH after sustaining a hip injury in May 2009. Many of the author's materials have been donated to the Harry Ransom Center on campus and offer an intimate perspective of his life.

Handwritten letters from Salinger to longtime friend Elizabeth Murray were among many other writings spread on a table in the basement level of the Ransom Center on Thursday afternoon.

Small vignettes of Salinger's life are detailed in his correspondence, typically a less than a page in length — letters about the breakup of his tumultuous marriage to Claire Douglas, about his relationship with actress Oona O'Neill, and about the hurdles he struggled through to have his work published and known.

Page and galley proofs of "The Catcher in the Rye" and "Franny and Zooey," filled with hand-scribbled notes by Salinger himself, are safely stored inside plastic sleeves in the temperature-controlled warehouse.

His last published story, "Hapworth 16, 1924," was printed in a 1965 edition of The New Yorker, though the author continued to write well into the 1990s in self-imposed seclusion in his New Hampshire home.

Though Salinger had intended for his work to be read by adults, teenagers have identified more with many of his then-outlandish characters — most notably, Holden Caulfield. The angry and immortal rebel epitomized Cold

War-era sentiments about the state of humanity in 1951's "The Catcher in the Rye." Today, Salinger's relevance is as strong as ever.

"I think he'll be around more, now that he's gone," said a somber Donna Kornhaber, a lecturer in the department of English who specializes in early 20th-century literature. "I think that the man managed to cultivate a mystery of himself and of his work, and it probably helped his work survive. It certainly generated interest, even though he was out of the literary loop for a long time."

Though "The Catcher in the Rye" has been celebrated for its insightful perspective on contemporary adolescence since its release, the novel has not been without controversy — it has topped banned books lists and has been suppressed repeatedly in public school libraries. In December 1980, Mark David Chapman, the psychotic fan who shot and killed Beatles member John Lennon, called the book an inspiration for the assassination. Several months later, a copy of the book was found in the hotel room of John War-nock Hinckley Jr., the would-be assassin of then-President Ronald Reagan.

"I had that typical public school teaching of 'The Catcher in the Rye,' but I think that's one of the great things about his work — everybody here knows who Holden Caulfield is, or at least what 'The Catcher in the Rye' is," said English junior Bruce Martin as he gestured to passing students on the South Mall.

Martin said that "The Catcher in the Rye," Salinger's only published full-length novel, is the most well-known of the author's works but also affirmed the author's legitimacy in the world of short fiction. "Nine Stories," a collection of short stories released in 1953, introduced the Glass family to Salinger

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Chelsea Kindley | Daily Texan Staff

J. D. Salinger's handwritten notes and original stories are available for viewing at the Harry Ransom Center. Salinger, an American author, died Wednesday in Cornish, NHampshire at 91 years old.

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Study may hold key to fighting leukemia cells

UT System scientists explore fatty acids' role in often-fatal cancer

By Joshua Michaels
Daily Texan Staff

UT System scientists identified a potentially new way to curb the growth of leukemia cells by targeting fatty acids.

Leukemia cancer cells feed on fatty acids, not just on glucose as previously thought, according to a study conducted by Michael Andreeff, a professor of medicine at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and

Heinrich Taegtmeier, a professor of medicine at The UT Medical School at Houston.

Although the study is still in its preliminary stages, results may lead to new treatments for the most fatal strains of leukemia.

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood or bone marrow characterized by the irregular growth of blood cells.

"In a lot of cancers, including leukemia, there are chemical switches that remain permanently on, forcing the cell to divide even when no environmental signal is telling them to do so," said UT biolo-

gy professor Jaquelin Dudley.

Healthy cells naturally divide as part of their life cycles, and the body has natural controls that limit the number of times a cell can divide. When those controls fail, unregulated cell division leads to cancer.

Like most cancers, leukemia relies on glucose to generate energy. Until now, however, clinical research ignored fatty acid oxidation, or the process by which a cell produces energy from fatty acids.

"There is no other approach that targets this metabolic

pathway," Andreeff said.

The trial study, published in January in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, reports that inhibiting fatty acid oxidation can arrest the spread of leukemia cells.

"This research can potentially strike the metabolism of leukemia cells at its Achilles' heel," Taegtmeier said. "We've found that glucose metabolism provides the building material for leukemia cells, while fatty acid oxidation provides the energy — so there seems to be a di-

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY!



Mathematics freshman Nayan Patel escapes a drizzling afternoon at the Louise and James Robert Moffett Molecular Biology Building on Thursday.

Varangi Vora | Daily Texan Staff

CANCER: Research could offer fewer invasive remedies

vision of labor."

According to Texas Cancer Information's Web site, over 1,300 people died of leukemia in Texas in 2006. The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 44,000 new cases of leukemia developed in 2009, and nearly 22,000 former leukemia patients died last year. Nine-thousand of those deaths occurred solely from acute myeloid leukemia, an aggressive

form of leukemia found primarily in the elderly, according to the American Cancer Society's Web site. "Acute myeloid leukemia is not the most common form of leukemia, but it's the most challenging," Andreeff said. The research could theoretically provide a less invasive treatment option for patients with the more aggressive form. "AML is normally treated

with chemotherapy," said Beatrice Abetti, an acute myeloid leukemia information specialist with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. "But the drug combination given in the first phase of treatment is pretty toxic. It targets all cells that reproduce quickly, which includes cancer cells, but it also means the normal healthy cells that reproduce quickly are destroyed as well."

"Many of the older patients cannot tolerate the standard treatment, so they're given [fewer] doses, which makes the treatment less effective," Abetti said. Both UT scientists consider their research preliminary right now but remain optimistic. "This could provide a potentially new therapeutic model, particularly for those patients that can't tolerate chemotherapy," Andreeff said.

AUTHOR: Stories from Cold War still influence modern culture

fans. The Glass family was an important centerpiece to Salinger's literary output from then on, culminating in the 1961 publication of "Franny and Zooey," and permeating every niche of pop culture ever since. Most recently, his short story "A Perfect Day for Bananafish" was referenced in the hit indie drama "(500) Days of Summer." The lead actress of the film, Zooey Deschanel, was named after the titular character in "Franny and Zooey." Director Wes Anderson based the Tenenbaum family in his dark comedy "The Royal Tenenbaums" on the twisted human dynamics of the Glass family. Salinger's material is available at the Harry Ransom Center for anybody to view, certain restrictions and guidelines withholding. Visit hrc.utexas.edu for more information on how to access his material and to view the center's digitized collection of his work.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Schlitterbahn releases plans to open first hotel center

Schlitterbahn Waterparks has officially announced specifics regarding the company's first "Boutique" hotel, conference center and waterpark in Cedar Park. Two Cedar Park City Council presentations took place in the city's public library Wednesday evening to release details about the anticipated park. "We're extremely excited about what the project is and the size and the scope [of the park]," said company spokesman Jeffrey Seibert. Since 1979, Schlitterbahn has continued to expand and develop its family-oriented waterparks. The environmental and social impacts of the attraction have yet to be confirmed by Cedar Park Public Works officials. The new park will include updated water conservation technologies, fluorescent lights, LED technologies and will constantly filter, sanitize and recycle the water through the park's rides and attractions, according to Schlitterbahn's Web site. "Our team has been working on the creation and design of this world-class destination for more than two years, and we are excited to be announcing this project today," said Jeff Henry, principal for the Schlitterbahn Development Group. "Without the support of the local government, the realization of this dream could not have become a reality." There are already three parks in Texas, including one in New Braunfels, and South Padre and Galveston islands.

—Ayesha Dadabhoy

ELECTION: Voter registration deadline for primaries soon

tion in March, but November's outcome is hard to predict. "[Perry] will have moved far enough to the right and he will have left the middle open for Bill White," McNelly said. "He has left behind a lot of what I would call the independent vote." Others, like real-estate broker Richard Glasheen, say even though Travis County

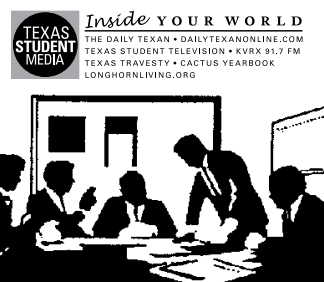
primarily votes Democratic, Texas is still a red state. "Hope is wonderful and whatnot, but if you want to be safe with your money [and] if you want to bet with someone, don't bet that the Texas governor is going to be a Democrat," said Glasheen, who spoke at the forum in his race for Justice of the Peace in Precinct 5. He said the only way this will change is if more people get out and vote, not only in the elections, but also in the primaries. The deadline to register to vote in the March 2 primaries is Monday.

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Peruvian soldiers control foreign tourists trying to evacuate the Machu Picchu Pueblo archeological site in Cuzco, Peru on Thursday. Heavy rains and mudslides have blocked the train route to the ancient Incan citadel, leaving nearly 2,000 tourists stranded.

Stranded tourists evacuate Peru

By Martin Mejia

The Associated Press

MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO, Peru — Skies cleared over the fabled Machu Picchu citadel Thursday, speeding the evacuation of thousands of stranded tourists, many of whom were left to eat from communal pots and sleep outdoors after flooding and mudslides cut access to the area.

About 2,000 travelers were trapped in the town for days, strapping resources and testing travelers' patience.

"It's been an adventure, a bit more than we bargained for," Karel Schultz, 46, of Niagara Falls,

N.Y., told the Associated Press as she waited to be airlifted out.

Authorities say if the weather holds, they may be able to have all tourists out by Saturday. The Machu Picchu site is closed and will remain so until the government can repair highway and railroad tracks washed out by mudslides and the raging Urubamba River.

Tourists grew frustrated in recent days over chaotic relief efforts, price-gouging and scarce food, but the mood lightened Thursday as the weather cleared, helicopters descended from the skies and soldiers brought order to the evacuation.

When mudslides destroyed the railway Sunday, the only form of transit into Machu Picchu Pueblo, many hotels and restaurants hiked prices exorbitantly. Many backpackers who ran out of money slept in the central plaza.

"We had to eat what the locals gave us, out of communal pots. There are young people who are having a real rough time because they don't have money. The last few days I've shared beds with other people," Argentine tourist Sandra Marcheiani, 34, told The Associated Press.

Stranded tourists quickly outstripped resources in the village

of 4,000 people. Wedged between a sheer, verdant mountainside and the raging Urubamba River, difficult terrain and bad weather have slowed rescue efforts.

Rain prevented helicopters from landing in the town until after midday both Tuesday and Wednesday, but clear skies allowed operations to begin at 8 a.m. local time on Thursday.

U.S. Embassy spokesman James Fennell told the AP that helicopters had ferried out 700 tourists by 2 p.m., including 53 out of some 400 Americans. At least 1,500 tourists were still stranded Wednesday night.

Pot legalization advocates gear up for initiative ballot

By Marcus Wohlsen

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Backers of a California initiative to legalize marijuana said they would submit far more signatures Thursday than needed to qualify the measure for the November ballot.

Volunteers intended to submit about 700,000 signatures, but the initiative needs only about 434,000 signatures from registered voters to make the ballot.

The Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010 would legalize possession of small amounts of marijuana for adults. It also would allow limited growing on private property and permit local governments to decide whether to legalize and tax pot sales.

"Our current laws aren't working. We should have learned from alcohol prohibition," said medical marijuana entrepreneur Richard Lee, the measure's main backer.

The drive to put a broader legalization measure on the ballot got a boost in April 2009 when a Field Poll found that 56 percent of California voters supported legalizing and taxing marijuana to help bridge the state budget deficit.

Standing in the way will be a coalition of religious and law enforcement groups that argue marijuana is harmful and an immoral approach to fixing the state's financial problems.

Opponents also point to the lopsided defeat of a 2008 ballot measure to reduce criminal penalties for drug offenders as a sign that Californians will ultimately decide against loosening drug laws.

"Voters are not going to be comfortable making another mind-altering substance legally available," said John Lovell, a spokesman for several law enforcement groups lining up to oppose the initiative.



Steve Yeater | Associated Press

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, D-San Francisco, talks to reporters on Jan. 12 about the future of his bill to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana use in California.

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Current student members of the University Co-op Board of Directors discussing student organization funding at a recent committee meeting: (from left) Jefferson Stein, Sanchir Enkhbaatar, Morgan Davis and Matthew Hite.

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Sanchir Enkhbaatar

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Matthew Hite

"Having the opportunity to be a part of a history as long and influential as the University Co-op's is truly special. As a director, I have been able to make decisions and vote on issues that measurably impact the company and the University as a whole."

Jefferson Stein

"As a music major, the world of business transactions and financial quandaries was something rather unfamiliar to me. However, gaining a position on the board has allowed me to discover more about the economic climate of UT and the Co-op."

Morgan Davis

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OVERVIEW

Texas needs campaign finance reform

Gov. Rick Perry may have once been as idealistic as we are. Two decades ago, as a young Texas legislator, he argued to cap the contributions gubernatorial campaigns could accept at \$2,500 per donor, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The bill failed, and Perry began to reap the benefits of Texas' unusually relaxed campaign finance laws, which, in contrast to federal laws that limit individual contributions to \$2,400, do not limit the amount individuals can contribute to a campaign.

Now, Perry can't seem to remember a problem with wealthy Texans funding the efforts of their favorite politicians.

In fact, Perry's re-election coffers are disproportionately filled by large donations from supporters who contribute at least \$25,000 per year. The Dallas Morning News reported in 2006 that Perry received twice as many contributions of \$25,000 or more than George W. Bush did in 1994 or 1998 and more than five times as many as Ann Richards did during her 1990 campaign.

This year is no exception. According to the Statesman, 80 percent of the money Perry raised from individuals in 2009 came from those who gave more than \$2,400.

Perry is not alone in benefitting from Texas' largest moneybags. After four weeks of campaigning for governor, Democratic candidate Bill White's campaign is 90 percent funded by donors who contributed more than \$2,500.

Three out of every four dollars raised by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's campaign came from those who gave more than \$2,400.

Like clockwork, those who contribute the most money are given the most access to candidates — and the most influence on candidates' decisions. Routinely, Perry appoints his most generous supporters to high offices around the state. Now more than ever, it is time for Texans to limit the unchecked power of the purse in state politics.

The race for the State Board of Education

The Texas State Board of Education has made a name for itself in the past year as a veritable circus of conservative ideology — a body through which a strong right-wing voting bloc has led multiple efforts to alter Texas public-school curriculum to conform with an overtly Christian, anti-evolution agenda.

Luckily, Republican Cynthia Dunbar, one of the 15-member board's seven archconservatives, announced in December that she would not seek re-election in 2010. Dunbar drew particular criticism in 2008 when she called Barack Obama a terrorist sympathizer and alleged that the then-Democratic nominee for president was born outside the United States. Ironically and yet somehow unsurprisingly, she has also written that she considers public schooling a "subtly deceptive tool of perversion."

It's promising, then, that the three Republican candidates looking to replace Dunbar have distanced themselves from the far-right grip that has ruled the board in recent years. All three told the Austin American-Statesman that they are looking to rein in contentious, ideologically based decision-making and put the board's focus back on student well-being.

"Any time we have a student and we know what needs to be done and we can't do it, then there is a problem with the system," Rebecca Osborne, a Round Rock high school teacher and one of the Republican candidates, told the Statesman. Marsha Farney, a school counselor, and Brian Russell, an entrenched member of the Texas GOP's executive committee, will also be running for the nomination against the only Democrat jockeying for the position, Judy Jennings.

One additional moderate voice on the board would be unlikely to significantly alter the board's often-extreme rightward tilt, but we hope an additional voice on the side of reason could push the board to re-visit its primary job: to provide the best education possible for the state's schoolchildren.

Alito shows inappropriate bias

When the president steps up to the lectern in the U.S. House of Representatives to deliver his State of the Union address, it is arguably the largest bully pulpit he will receive all the year. So, as tradition goes, the president is allowed to set the agenda, even in the harshest terms, and members of Congress are allowed to break for applause or offer derisive boos. The two groups of people who are supposed to sit on their hands with a stoic countenance are the Joint Chiefs of Staff — the military members who carry out the president's orders — and members of the Supreme Court, who are supposed to represent impartial justice.

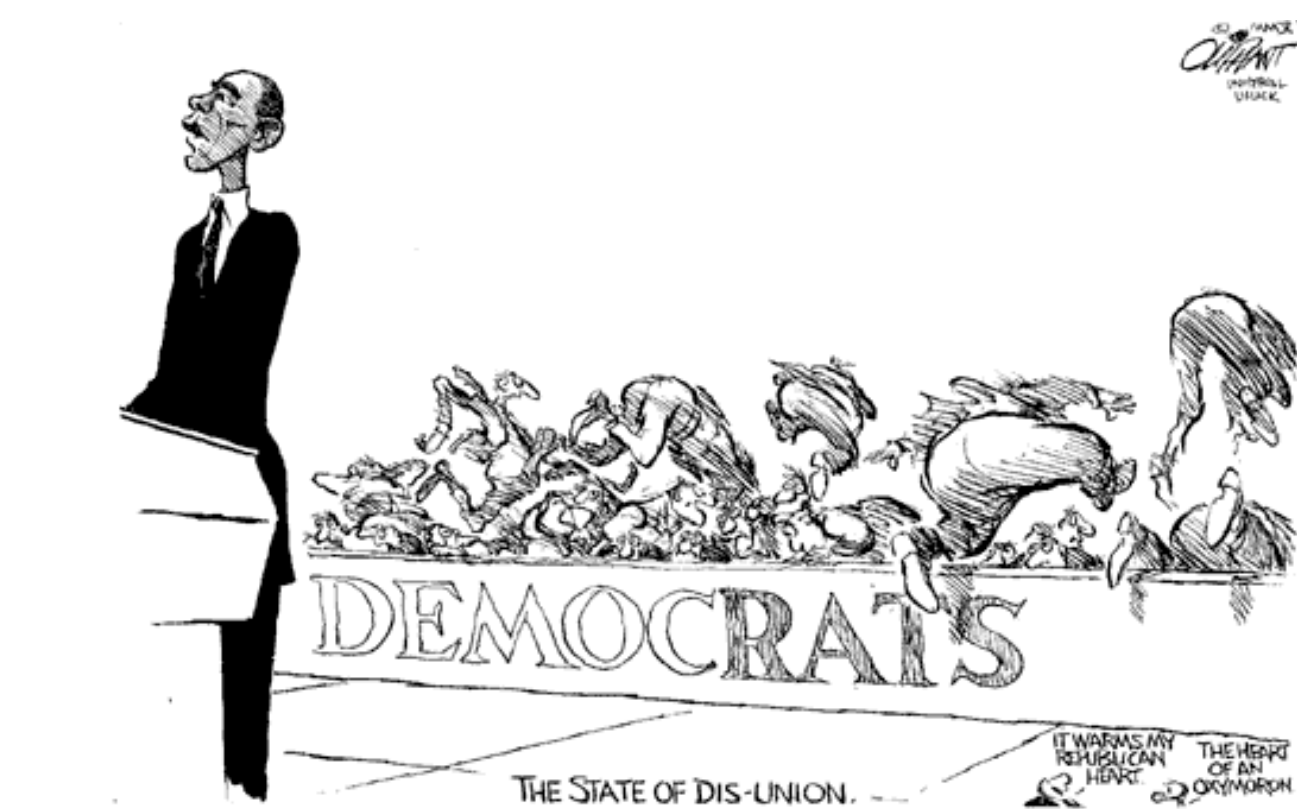
This did not occur Wednesday, as Justice Samuel Alito, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, did not get the memo. When Obama decried a recent Supreme Court ruling that, he said, would open the floodgates (even more) to corporate influence in politics and allow foreign corporations to spend endlessly in American elections, Alito shook his head and mouthed, "Not true." No matter what party you most identify with, if any, it is unacceptable for a representative of the Court to exhibit even an ounce of partisanship.

We're no dummies. We know Alito is a conservative jurist and probably did not vote for Obama. That's fine. But his actions were completely out of line and brought an immeasurable amount of shame upon the Court.

Pundits are calling Alito's disagreement the "you lie" moment of the night, harkening back to Rep. Joe Wilson, a South Carolina Republican, who made headlines last year after calling the president a liar during a major health care reform speech. Veteran legislators from both parties were rightly disappointed at Wilson's outburst, urging Wilson to apologize on the House floor and to the president, the latter of which he did.

A private institution, the Court and its members will not likely address this in public, as they hardly ever speak to the media. We can only hope Alito recognizes his mistake, if only to those closest to him, and realizes that, as much as he may have thought he was defending his decision-making, he was hurting the very separation of powers that allows him to make decisions.

GALLERY



The cost of in-state tuition

By Justin Sedgwick
Daily Texan Columnist

The University of Colorado at Boulder — while providing excellent academic opportunities, an amazing city and a vibrant and unique social life — just wasn't for me. I found myself thinking of intricate excuses to give to my parents to explain why I should be allowed to transfer to an out-of-state school. Of course, they would be happy to send me if the financial burden was near the same of in-state tuition at CU. But any out-of-state university — public or private — would boast a whopping tuition payment in the tens of thousands.

"It simply isn't a possibility," they would explain to me. It did not mean that their parental love wasn't genuine but that their wallets couldn't match my desires. But refuge did lie down the road in the prospect of obtaining residency in Texas, allowing me to pay in-state tuition at UT and attend this fine school.

For out-of-state students to achieve residency at UT, they must declare themselves independent on their tax returns in the state of Texas, live in Texas for one year and "establish domicile." A domicile can be working and receiving a paycheck, owning a piece of real estate or a business or marrying a resident — all of course in Texas.

The only applicable option for me, and

most out-of-state students trying to achieve in-state tuition, was to work for one year. The residency office likes to see an average of eight hours worked per week throughout that time. That's not really difficult if you manage your time efficiently with classes and other activities, which lends itself to the question of whether performing such menial tasks justifies your tuition being lowered from the heinously high out-of-state benchmark.

The other options are notoriously ludicrous. The only requirement in the business option of establishing a domicile is that your business must, in fact, be "real." As a joke, my in-state friend received a business license from the city of Austin, had credit cards issued in his company's name and also generated his own Web site for his company. If his "business" never makes a dime, he can still show proof that he did pay taxes on the company. Now, he isn't a con artist of any sort, and being an in-state student, he has no need to worry about his residency. But all of these things would be steps an out-of-state student could take to bypass the business clause of establishing a domicile.

Owning your own piece of property in Texas holds a wide array of affordable options as well. Let us not forget that Texas is the second-largest state both in terms of size and population, which means that there are

numerous poor housing sectors where a piece of real estate could be purchased for a ridiculously cheap price. Had I bought a piece of property for \$5,000 when I was trying to obtain residency in the worst housing market in Texas and then sold it right after, I could easily bypass such minor domicile restrictions. Depending on the real estate market at that time, I might even make a profit off that piece of land at the end of the year.

These aren't some hidden secrets or misdeeds. Any financial-aid advisor will be able to tell you this. But the fact is that by owning a piece of land in Texas, I am judged worthy of paying tens of thousands of dollars less on tuition. There's something wrong with the rate of out-of-state tuition in the first place. Few try the marriage aspect because of the financial and emotional hurdles that the act provides in itself.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to receive a lowered tuition rate by means of achieving residency. But the legitimacy and usefulness of these requirements are questionable at best.

Never mind talks about economic strain across the country and school cutbacks. By no means is the extraordinary out-of-state tuition rate at the University of Texas at Austin justifiable.

Sedgwick is a transfer student from Colorado.

The state of students

By Gregory Cendana
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The United States Student Association applauds President Barack Obama's emphasis on higher education in his first State of the Union address. It is essential for the federal government to prioritize college affordability at a time when almost two-thirds of all four-year college graduates leave school an average of over \$23,000 in debt into the worst job market on record for young people. Hopefully, his strong support for student-aid reform will ignite action in the Senate and help pass a companion bill to the historic Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which passed the House of Representatives in September.

Additionally, by capping federal student loan repayments at 10 percent of a borrower's discretionary income and lessening the time it takes to forgive student loan debt from 25 to 20 years, recent graduates will have more stability to build a financially secure post-collegiate life. The administration's commitment to students is further indicated by our expectation of a

6.2 percent increase to federal education spending in the president's 2011 fiscal year budget proposal.

These federal actions are necessary as state governments nationwide continue to balance their budgets on the backs of students. The past year has seen unprecedented divestment from higher education through shortsighted budget cuts and tuition and fee hikes.

This fiscal irresponsibility requires deeper and broader federal investment in college affordability that must go beyond the passage of student aid reform and a strengthened loan-repayment system. The federal government must recognize college access as a fundamental human right and a prudent pathway to economic stability.

Students across the country expect elected officials to keep their promises to invest in higher education. And USSA will continue to organize around these issues as we prepare young people for our StudentsVOTE! 2010 campaign.

Cendana is the president of the United States Student Association.

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Daily Texan Columnist

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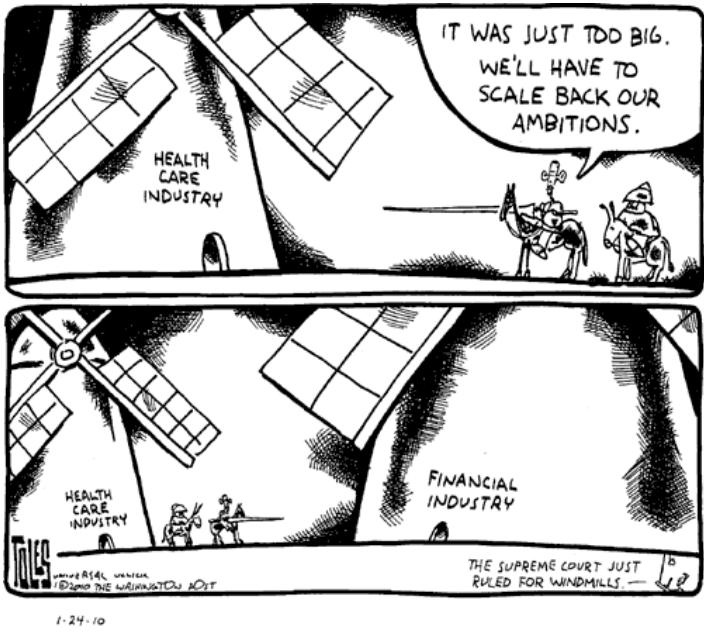
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VACANCY: University vacations hit Drag businesses hard

2402 GUADALUPE HISTORY

A look back at the home to movies, books, music and more

From page 1

on the Drag one of the poorest performing stores in their chain,” Hoyer said.

While the corner of 24th and Guadalupe streets might seem like a place struck with bad luck, its history actually began with a successful start.

Varsity Theater opened in 1936 as the area’s first neighborhood movie theater, thriving as the go-to cinema for University students and a popular date destination. During its 54-year reign, the theater tried to improve sales by showing different types of films.

During the 1970s, ticket sales began to decline. In a Feb. 1, 1977 Daily Texan article, then-theater manager John Bernardino said he tried to attract more students with European films, camp classics and nostalgia pieces. The building received a new look in 1980 when Carlos Lowry and a group of artists completed a mural representing the history of movies on the building’s south wall. The mural, which depicts screen reels from movies such as “Citizen Kane” and “2001: A Space Odyssey,” can still be seen on the building today. The new direction kept the theater afloat until the mid-1980s, when it became a discount theater. John Wayne graced the movie screen for the theater’s final film, showing on May 18, 1990.

Soon after the theater closed, Tower Records, a two-story shop that boasted novelty items, music publications and CDs, opened its doors.

Despite encountering the usual problems of holding business on the Drag,

there was still a steady consistency of customers for years before it closed, said Dave Mulholland, the former operations manager for Tower Records.

The steadiness, however, began declining as more people turned to larger chain stores such as Best Buy and Circuit City, which both sold CDs at below typical market costs, Mulholland said.

Tower Records closed its doors on June 13, 2004.

Hoyer said that businesses on the Drag can achieve greater success with stronger marketing. The target demographic ought to be people living in the immediate driving area and students who live outside of West Campus but are on campus every day.

Next, businesses need to address the parking issue by banding together, perhaps, much like how the South Congress businesses improved commerce by building a parking garage, Hoyer said. Businesses on the Drag could also make a deal to allow parking in a nearby UT garage, he suggested.

Augustine Mathews, a computer science and economics senior, said he walked to Intellectual Property every time he finished a book but now has to drive to a bookstore. Although he misses the walking distance, Mathews said the former bookstore didn’t seem busy on most of his trips.

“I don’t really have a preference for what [the place] becomes,” Mathews said. “I’ll see when I see it.”

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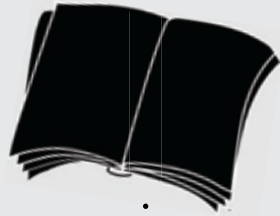
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Texas blasts nation with wind power

Professor says state’s resources fulfill demand for renewable energies

By Hannah Jones
Daily Texan Staff

Texas has produced the most wind power in the nation for the seventh year in a row, according to a study from the American Wind Energy Association.

Wind farms use turbines to produce electric power. They have increased notably in the southern region of Texas, where companies invest hundreds of millions of dollars to develop the technology, according to UT law professor Ernest Smith. Smith taught the first wind energy course in the nation at UT in spring 2009.

“Wind is a growing source of energy because people are very interested in being green and reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the air,” Smith said. “Texas has extraordinarily good wind resources, second to North Dakota, and has been in the forefront of energy production for decades.”

Smith said Texas was one of the first states, dating back 10 years, to have a renewable portfolio standard — a requirement that companies selling electricity at a retail level must get a certain amount of their electricity from a renew-



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A wind farm in Texas utilizes large turbines to produce energy for the state. Texas is the nation’s leader in wind energy production for the seventh year in a row, according to a recent study. Austin currently uses 439 megawatts of wind power, but that could increase to 1000 megawatts in 2020.

able resource.

Austin Energy spokesman Carlos Cordova said the company has led the nation in renewable energy sales by a utility sponsored program for seven years, which shows an interest and demand for clean renewable energy from Austin residents and businesses.

Austin Energy has contracts with wind farms in Tex-

as and aids the development of the state’s wind power by promoting the construction of new sources and building new sources through customer subscription, Cordova said.

“The development of wind power in Texas has helped the price of wind become a competitive source of energy against traditional types of fuels,” Cordova said.

Cordova said the city of Austin currently uses 439 megawatts of wind power. The city could use a potential 1000 megawatts by 2020.

“Austin residents should be proud they helped develop the wind power field through their demand for clean renewable energy,” Cordova said. “That has helped Texas become a leader.”

UT TeleCampus caters to frenzied schedules

By Julie Bissinger
Daily Texan Staff

More students are opting to take online courses — so many that online enrollment through the UT TeleCampus increased by 30 percent between fall 2008 and fall 2009.

The increase is almost double the national average increase of 17 percent in online course enrollment, according to The Sloan Consortium, a leadership organization that advocates online classes.

The convenience of taking classes online has attracted younger students to enroll, said Darcy Hardy, the executive director of UT TeleCampus. For some students, taking online courses is more compatible with their busy schedules.

“So many students 18 and up have jobs, have families and can’t relocate,” Hardy said.

UT TeleCampus, an online portal that allows UT-System students to take classes from the 15 universities within the system, works with all of the system schools and offers about 30 online programs and over 300 classes, Hardy said.

The courses offered by UT TeleCampus supplement most general education core courses required by the University.

The academic rigor of online classes is comparable to regular classes taken on campus,

Hardy said.

“Just because you can access the material on your own time, the classes are still paced,” she said.

Public relations junior Brooklyn Garner completed two required history courses through Brookhaven College’s online program.

Garner had surgery last summer, which made it difficult to attend class regularly.

“After my surgery, I couldn’t go to class on a regular basis, so I enrolled in online classes and was able to do the work at my own pace,” Garner said. “You have to be self-disciplined to make sure your assignments are turned in since there’s no one to remind you about tests and quizzes.”

UT also has an online course program through UT Extensions that is specific to the Austin campus.

Plan II sophomore Galen Blumenthal took a required government class through UT Extensions.

“I took Government 310L because I decided I’d rather read the material on my own,” Blumenthal said.

Blumenthal also said that taking the class online fit more conveniently into his schedule.

Although most of the material is online, students report to classrooms on test days.

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Judge rejects killer's attempt to alter charges

Maria Sudekum Fisher
The Associated Press
WICHITA, Kan. — The judge in the trial of a man accused of murdering an abortion doctor dealt the defense a major setback Thursday, ruling that the jury cannot consider a lesser charge of manslaughter.

The ruling came hours after Scott Roeder took the stand in his own defense and admitted killing Dr. George Tiller, saying he acted to save the lives of unborn children.

Roeder's attorneys had hoped to win a lesser conviction of voluntary manslaughter, which requires them to show that their client had an unreasonable but honest belief that deadly force was justified. The charge carries a considerably lighter sentence than murder.

Roeder testified that he considered elaborate schemes to stop the doctor, including chopping off his hands, crashing a car into him or sneaking into his home to kill him.

He explained, though, that he thought chopping off Tiller's hands was not a good solution because Tiller would still be able to train people. He said Tiller's home was not a good location because it was in a gated community and difficult to access.

In the end, Roeder told jurors, the easiest way was to walk into Tiller's church, put a gun to the man's forehead and pull the trigger.

Testifying as the lone defense witness, Roeder calmly explained what he admitted publicly months ago — that he killed Tiller to save unborn children.

"Those children were in immediate danger if someone did not stop George Tiller," Roeder said as the jury watched attentively yet without a hint of surprise.

"They were going to continue

to die," he said. "The babies were going to continue to die."

Roeder has pleaded not guilty to murder in the attack at the Wichita church where Tiller was an usher. Witnesses have described how Roeder walked into the building's foyer on May 31 shortly after the service started, approached Tiller and fired a single shot before fleeing.

After Roeder's testimony, District Judge Warren Wilbert ruled that the jury would not be permitted to consider the manslaughter charge because abortion, including late-term abortion, is legal in Kansas and because Tiller did not pose an imminent threat.

"There is no immediate danger in the back of a church," the judge said. He also ruled out a second-degree murder conviction, which does not involve premeditation, because it was clear Roeder planned the killing.

"It would be hard for a reasonable fact-finder to find anything other than the defendant formulating his belief and then planning on multiple occasions ... to carry out his intention to [kill] Dr. Tiller."

In a November interview with The Associated Press, Roeder publicly confessed to shooting Tiller, who was one of the few doctors in the country who performed late-term abortions.

"I did what I thought was needed to be done to protect the children," Roeder said. "I shot him."

He testified that he wrapped the .22-caliber handgun in a piece of cloth and buried it in a rural area. The weapon has not been recovered.

The judge said he did not want the trial to become an abortion debate, but he would give Roeder a great deal of "latitude" when discussing his beliefs because they were integral to his defense.

Policies regarding teacher regulation lax, study reports

By Dorie Turner
The Associated Press
ATLANTA — Most states are holding tight to policies that protect incompetent teachers and poor training programs, shortchanging educators and their students before new teachers even step into the classroom, according to a new national report card.

The study from the National Council on Teacher Quality — which will be released Friday — paints a grim picture of how states handle everything from pay to discipline for public school teachers. States are using "broken, outdated and inflexible" policies that ultimately hurt how children learn, according to the report.

In fact, even the top scoring state, Florida, received a C, with most states getting Ds or Fs. A handful of states — including Georgia, Texas and Louisiana — got a C-minus.

"We think it's really a blueprint for reform," council vice president Sandi Jacobs said about the report, called the State Policy Teacher Yearbook. "Each goal is something we think states could and should be doing to reform teacher quality."

The National Council on Teacher Quality is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that focuses on teacher policies at the federal, state and local level.

The report outlines weaknesses that frustrate parents like Barbara Jones, who lives in the Atlanta suburb of Acworth and has four children in middle and high school. Jones said she

once pulled her daughter out of an elementary class after hearing what teacher she would have — the same teacher who had made her son miserable a few years prior with her short temper, disorganized classroom and condescending attitude.

"That teacher stands out as one who probably should have lost her job a long time ago," Jones said. "It's sad that the really good teachers and the really bad teachers seem to get the same treatment."

Still, not everyone — particularly teachers — agree with the report's findings.

Jeff Hubbard, president of the Georgia Association of Educators, which represents more than 40,000 educators in the state, called the report "incredibly flawed" because it doesn't do enough to promote successful programs in states

"This was more of a 'gotcha' document rather than 'here's what's working, let's celebrate it, let's share it,'" he said. "Instead it's, 'this stinks, this stinks, this stinks.'"

He said while he's proud that Georgia is in the top 10 in the report, the council's opinion that "everybody stinks" takes away from it.

The report, called the "State Teacher Policy Yearbook," comes near the deadline for states' applications to the competitive Race to the Top grants. Those require states to prove they are strong in certain areas of education, from performance pay for quality teachers to welcoming environments for charter schools.

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Longhorns back on track

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

Texas suffered its first two losses of the season last week, but the sixth-ranked Longhorns (18-2, 4-1 Big 12) still have a 15-game home winning streak that stretches to February 2009 to defend. They'll put that on the line when they welcome Baylor to the Frank Erwin Center on Saturday afternoon.

Luckily, the Horns are coming off one of their most complete offensive performances in conference play, shooting 37-of-67 from the floor as five players reached double digits in scoring 95 points against Texas Tech on Wednesday.

Starting guards Justin Mason and Dogus Balbay contributed surprising offensive production against Tech, as each scored season highs of 18 and 13 points, respectively.

"We told both Dogus and Mason that they were going to need to shoot the ball," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "And they did."

Both were better than 63 percent from the field and had at least five assists.

"We backed off of them just to force them to make plays, and they made plays," said Texas Tech coach Pat Knight about the duo. "They are two very good players."

Barnes can't count on that type of offensive firepower from the two guards every night, but opposing teams will ignore them at their own peril from now on, as Knight discovered.

The play of the guards also opened up Texas' inside-out game, as center Dexter Pittman scored 10 points and Damion James, now the Big 12 leader in career double-



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan Staff

Senior forward Damion James, left, and senior center Dexter Pittman, battle for a rebound against Texas Tech junior forward Brad Reese.

doubles, scored 28.

"If they do that every night, I think we have a great chance of winning," James said after the pair's scoring surge.

Baylor (15-4, 3-3), the nation's

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
No. 14 Baylor at No. 19 Texas

For Texas, Griner is just another post

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Staff

Baylor's Brittney Griner should be worried about Ashley Gayle, the Longhorns' sophomore forward, who will have the assignment of guarding the 6-foot-8-inch freshman phenomenon.

Gayle can block shots, ranking seventh in the country compared to Griner, who is second. And Gayle, like Griner, can even dunk the ball.

She may not be a YouTube star or a regular on SportsCenter, but Gayle is ready to take on Griner. In fact, for Gayle, she is just another opposing post player.

"We have played a lot of talented posts, so that has gotten us ready for this game," Gayle said. "We just played against a girl that is 6 feet 7 inches [Iowa State's Anna Prins] the other day, and we played against UConn's Tina Charles [6 feet 4 inches] earlier this year."

At 6 feet 4 inches, Gayle averages six points and six rebounds a game, but her main impact comes defensively, where she blocks more than three shots a game.

Griner, on the other hand, was the most prized recruit of the 2009 high-school class coming from Houston's Nimitz Senior High School and has yet to disappoint, averaging a team-high of 18 points and eight rebounds. Add in 112 blocked shots and she is already seven away from matching the Big 12 season record — something she can easily accomplish in one game.

Other Longhorns are not really sure about what to expect from Griner.

"She is the first person I have seen with the size," said guard Ashleigh Fontenette. "She is very mobile, so she can move around, and she is just so big."

In a perfect world, the Longhorns want to get Griner in early foul trouble, but in case that does not

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Texas Spotlight

Justin Mason, Guard

Justin Mason had the best game of his career against Texas Tech on Wednesday, and it's no coincidence that Texas also achieved its first win in over a week. If the Longhorns want to continue their winning ways against a ranked Baylor team, Mason will have to play another solid game.

Mason will need to spread the love as often as he did Wednesday. He had five assists against the Red Raiders, compared to just two in the previous four games.

The senior guard was also a force on the boards. His four rebounds Wednesday equals his total from the previous four games combined.

-Chris Tavarez

Baylor Spotlight

LaceDarius Dunn, Guard

Baylor's rise from the ashes of the 2003 murder scandal that marred the program took place, in large part, thanks to LaceDarius Dunn.

Dunn has been a force for the Bears in the past three seasons and was a large part of their run to the finals of last year's NIT.

This year, he has averaged nearly 20 points, 4.3 rebounds and two assists per contest. But in Baylor's narrow loss to Kansas State on Tuesday, he was only able to muster nine points, one board and no assists.

If Baylor wants a chance to take down rival Texas, Dunn will have to bounce back and play like he has for most of the season.

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What to watch for

Unexpected offensive explosion

The almost impossible happened in Texas' 95-83 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday. Dogus Balbay and Justin Mason, the pair of Texas guards known to be field-goal challenged, provided the Longhorns with an unexpected scoring flourish, combining 31 points for the win. Chants of "Bal-bay" rang through the Frank Erwin Center after the Turkish guard nailed a couple of 15-footers. History says that both will return to being offensive liabilities, but the Longhorns could use another threat outside of Damion James and Avery Bradley.

Those Bears love the three-ball

Hopefully, Rick Barnes spends the two days before the game on perimeter defense because Baylor loves to shoot 3-pointers. The Bears are 10th in the nation in 3-point percentage and have two of the top 3-point shooters — LaceDarius Dunn and Tweety Carter. Dunn's shot and Carter's name may look goofy, but their dead aim from beyond the arc certainly isn't. The Longhorns should be envious of the Bears' long-distance success — Texas is 153rd in 3-point percentage.

How much will depth affect both teams?

The Longhorns enjoy a relatively deep bench, even with the loss of guard Varez Ward to a season-ending injury, as they can use up to a 10-man rotation. The Bears, on the other hand, rely heavily on their starters, with three (Carter, Dunn and Ekpe Udoh) averaging over 32 minutes per game. Texas doesn't have a single player that averages 30. Only two players saw significant playing time off the bench in Baylor's 76-74 loss to Kansas State on Tuesday.

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Both teams going back for more

Against a crew of top ten teams, Horns want to improve from last week

By Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

A week after facing the defending national champions, the challenge doesn’t get any easier for Texas track.

The Longhorns will return to College Station this weekend, where they fell flat against the Aggies, for the daunting Texas A&M Challenge. The Longhorns are the only competing men’s team that is ranked outside the top 25. Five of the nine teams are ranked in the top 10.

The competition will pit the Big 12, Southeastern Conference and Pac-10 conference against each other in a team meet. Each conference team will be comprised of three schools that will score the top eight places for each event, including a pentathlon and heptathlon.

Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor represent the Big 12; Arkansas, Florida and South Carolina will compete for the SEC; and Oregon, Stanford and Washington State travel from the Pac-10. Florida State, currently No. 1 in the rankings, will not compete this weekend, but No. 2 Oregon and No. 3 Florida are expected to win many of the events in College Station.

Bubba Thornton, men’s track and field head coach, said he is not phased by the tough competition.

“We’re just trying to put things in place and improve our performances from last week,” he said.

Thornton said he would try to concentrate the team’s efforts into specific events. Freshman Marquise Goodwin will hold out from the long jump competition and only run in the 60-meter dash. Fellow freshman Emerson Sanders will join Goodwin in the 60-meter but will hold out from the triple jump.

Freshman Keiron Stewart is another Longhorn trying to do some damage this week after being held out of last week’s competition.

While the field this weekend will consist of many teams likely to qualify for the NCAA National Championships in March, Thornton does not feel that it will give the Horns any special preparation for the coming months.

“There’s nothing that compares to the NCAA [National] Championships,” he said. “UT has some of the best athletes in the world, and we’re just going to run our guys against the best this weekend. Nationals are a long way away.”

The meet will start 6 p.m. Friday with the pentathlon and end at 2 p.m. Saturday with the running finals.



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff
Senior pole-vaulter Will Pain vaults over the bar in a recent meet. Both the men and women track teams return to College Station this weekend.

Horns want to prove they are here to stay after defeating A&M last week

By Ryan Betori
Daily Texan Staff.

To many, this weekend’s meet in College Station could serve as real proving grounds for the women’s track team — a chance to solidify their place among the nation’s elite and wipe away any doubt that last weekend’s performance was a fluke. However, for coach Beverly Kearney and her blue-col-

lar Longhorns, this meet is just another stop on a lengthy journey.

“We’ll keep our eyes on our destination,” Kearney said. “Every meet is just a matter of whether we are prepared to do our best.”

In Kearney’s view, rankings and early season accolades hold little weight. Instead, it’s all about improving and preparing enough to perform well late in the season, when it counts.

Part of this philosophy can certainly be attributed to the finicky nature of indoor track and field rankings. Rankings are largely based

on past performances and projections and have little to do with how a team is currently performing. When the Longhorns traveled to A&M last weekend, they were ranked 15th in the country. After ousting the No. 1 Aggies, the team has now found itself unranked.

However, such a drop has done little to alter the team’s motivation.

“The only number that matters is the one on our uniform,” Kearney said. “Every meet, we play to win.”

If the Longhorns perform like they did last time, Kearney will have good reason to continue to

pay little heed to rankings. At the dual meet, the team earned seven provisional marks and won eight individual events. This included an impressive 4-by-400-meter relay victory, which the team won by three-tenths of a second. The relay was the final event of the dual meet, and the win allowed the Longhorns to surpass the Aggies for the overall victory.

Other notable performances from last week include freshman Natasha Masterson’s pole vault

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SWIMMING

No. 1 Texas at No. 3 Arizona

Men and women ready to tame the Wildcats

By Manesh Upadhyaya
Daily Texan Staff

The last time the Longhorns travelled to Tucson to face powerhouse Arizona was in the 2007-2008 season. The trip resulted in a 200.5-152.5 win for the Wildcats, who dethroned first-place Texas to become the top-ranked team in the country. It was Texas’ first and only loss of the regular season.

This year, the Longhorns want to seek revenge for what happened two years ago and definitely have the squad to do it. Fifteen current swimmers competed in that loss to the Wildcats and remember the feeling.

Among the returners is veteran Olympian and world champion Ricky Berens. The senior won the gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2009 Rome FINA World Championships in the 800-meter freestyle relay.

Senior Dave Walters treaded in the same water as Berens. He claimed the gold medal in the same relay in Beijing and was a world champion in Rome in the 400-meter medley relay and the 800-meter freestyle relay.

The two serve as the anchors of experience for Texas with 23 Big 12 champion awards and share three NCAA champion awards between them.

The underclassmen may not have a trophy cabinet the size of the seniors’, but their accomplishments thus far are nothing short of spectacular.

Sophomore diver Drew Livingston gives the Longhorns an edge from the platform. As a freshman, he became Texas’ first NCAA one-meter diving champion since Troy Dumais in 2001 with a meet record of 442.7 points. In addition, he was the 2009 U.S. national champion in platform diving and is the NCAA and Big 12 record holder in the event.

One freshman stands out in the middle of nine new recruits. Cole Cragin from Friendswood, Texas is adapting to collegiate swim-

ming very quickly. He is ranked eighth nationally and first in the Big 12 Conference with a 100-yard backstroke time of 47.58 seconds. Cragin was the 2009 National High School Coaches Association Swimmer of the Year. He competes in the backstroke and freestyle events.

Texas assistant coach Kris Kubik believes Cragin has the ability to be one of the best swimmers in his event.

“Cole is someone who potentially can be a big scorer at the NCAA level. I think that the freshman year is a learning experience, but he definitely belongs,” Kubik said. “He is not out of the league of elite level backstrokers in the country.”

The Longhorns expect stiff opposition when they face Arizona, but with the experience the upperclassmen bring and the rising talent from the younger swimmers, Texas has a good chance at maintaining its No. 1 ranking.

The third-ranked Texas women’s swim team will also travel to Tucson to take on the second-ranked Wildcats at Hillenbrand Aquatic Center this weekend. It will be the Horns’ first meet in almost three weeks after defeating top-ranked Georgia on Jan. 9 at home.

“We’re looking forward to getting back on the blocks for some racing,” said Texas head coach Kim Brackin. “Coming off of wins against Auburn and Georgia, we feel confident that we will be ready to race, but Arizona is a talented and deep team.”

The Horns defeated the Wildcats last season by a 186.5-162.5 count and are using their wins against Georgia and eighth-ranked Auburn earlier in the month as motivation for Arizona and the rest of the season.

“Following the Georgia and Auburn meets, we’ve continued to push pretty hard in the water and in the weight room,” Brackin said. “I sense a new level of pride within the team for each girl, swimmer and diver, to show that they can and will contribute to a win.”

MEN’S TENNIS | WOMEN’S TENNIS

Important weekend for Longhorns

No. 8 Texas can make a statement with victories over ranked teams

By Rishi Daulat
Daily Texan Staff

It’s the No. 8 Texas tennis team’s first chance this season to prove that they may be underrated.

After a 6-1 shellacking of unranked Arkansas last week, No. 8 Texas takes on No. 56 Middle Tennessee State and then either No. 33 California or No. 40 Texas Tech in two consecutive days.

The four teams in the Austin regional are competing for a single route into the National Team Indoor Championships. The advancing teams will head to Charlottesville, Va. to compete in the final rounds Feb. 12. For the past three seasons, Texas has qualified for a spot in the prestigious tournament.

“We had our season opener at Arkansas in a tough environment. I thought we were a little hesitant and had missed on some opportunities,” said Texas head coach Michael Center. “We worked on some basic fundamentals and played some more percentage tennis in those situations this week, and we had a good week of practice. The guys have worked hard.”

They’ll get a tougher test from



Rachel Taylor | Daily Texan Staff
A Texas tennis player returns the ball in a recent match. Both teams are competing for an appearance in the Indoor Championships.

Middle Tennessee State, who will be opening their season against the Longhorns. The Blue Raiders are led by the No. 23 doubles duo in the country, John Peers and Victor Melo, while Peers is also the No. 105 ranked singles player in the nation.

“We don’t know a lot about Middle Tennessee State,” Center said. “We know their No. 1 player [John Peers] is outstanding. He reached the semifinals at their [ITA] regional. Their No. 2 player is talented, but after that, we don’t know a lot about their team. MTSU has had very good teams, and we expect them to be competitive.”

California is already 3-0 in the season, defeating Santa Clara, No. 69 SMU and No. 35 Tulsa. The Golden Bears feature top singles players No. 33 Jonathan Dahan, No. 98 Bozhidar Katsarov and No. 106 Christoffer Konigsfeldt. The Bears also have the No. 49 ranked doubles team, Nick Andrews and Konigsfeldt.

Texas Tech has collected two wins so far. They opened their season with a 5-1 win over No. 75 UNLV and then narrowly defeated No. 44 San Diego State 4-3.

Texas’s first match will take place 1 p.m. on Saturday, and the Horns will play either Tech or Cal on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Horns can secure spot in ITA National Team Indoor Championships

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

With a decisive dual-match victory under their belt, the women’s tennis team face their first major hurdle today as they go up against a dominant Tennessee team on the road.

The match, held in conjunction with the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Kick-Off Weekend, is an important test for the Longhorns. A victory against the Volunteers today and against either TCU or Vanderbilt tomorrow, will ensure the Horns a berth to February’s ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis.

“The matches are going to be in-

doors,” said senior Sarah Lancaster. “The courts are going to be fast, as will the playing surfaces.”

The No. 11 Vols have been successful in their first two outings, outplaying both Illinois and East Tennessee State for match victories. For the Vols, doubles play has been a critical part in deciding match victories, as the team consists of ITA’s top-ranked doubles team Caitlin Whoriskey and Natalie Pluskota. The duo won the main draw of last fall’s ITA All-American Championships.

The Horns came out strong last weekend against Rice, as they secured a 6-1 match victory. The squad showed their confidence in both singles and doubles play, as the new pairing of senior Vanja Corovic and freshman Aerial Ellis played an exciting, down-to-the-wire match to

capture the doubles point.

As the Horns came off their first victory, the past week has been devoted to resting and preparing for today’s match.

“We want to get some people healthy,” said fifth-year head coach Patty Fendick-McCain. “We’ve got a few ailments here and there, but we were able to get in indoor matches [at the Georgia Invitational], and will hopefully get us a match win under our belt [this weekend].”

Meanwhile, Tennessee’s co-head coach, Mike Patrick, seems to be looking forward to the weekend’s matches.

“The ITA Kick-Off will be a good measuring stick for us,” Patrick said. “We are looking forward to competing against a Texas team that plays much better than its No. 31 ranking.”

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24th-ranked team, is already a battle-tested squad and fell just six points short of a monumental upset against No. 2 Kansas two weeks ago. The Bears missed another shot at a top-15 team when they lost to Kansas State 76-74 on Tuesday.

"What makes the Big 12 so special this year is every game is such a big game," said Baylor head coach Scott Drew.

An example of that conference parity actually occurred last season, when Texas fell to Baylor in the third round of the Big 12

tournament. But the Bears, who lost in the tournament finals, did not make it to the NCAAAs despite a 20-14 record.

Barnes estimated Wednesday night that seven—or even eight—Big 12 teams could make it to the NCAA tournament this season, given the conference's depth. And while that decision ultimately lies in the hands of the selection committee, both Texas and Baylor have another opportunity to help their case this Saturday.

"It goes to show you how good our league is," Barnes said. "We're in conference play. This is what we do. We play to win."

TRACK: Longhorns only care about improving

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mark of 13-6.25 (4.12m), which tied the Texas record. In the 800 meter and 5,000 meter, Betzy Jimenez

At this weekend's A&M Challenge, the Longhorns will have to continue to amaze to be successful. They'll go against five of the country's top 15 teams. In addition, the team will face the nation's top athletes in the 60 meter, 200 meter, shot put, the top three runners in the 400 meter and the top three 4-by-400-meter relay teams.

But, if the team performs the way missing Destinee Hooker. The six-time All American is foregoing her final season to pursue a professional volleyball career.

"What they're doing is simply amazing," Kearney said.

Kearney knows it is capable of, Longhorn fans have little to worry about.

"We just have to put on our boots and our hard hats and go to work," Kearney said.

"We just have to put on our hard hats and go to work."

— **Beverly Kearney**
Coach



Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Texas' own offensive threat, sophomore post Ashley Gayle, battles underneath the basket against two Iowa State defenders Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center. The Hawkeyes came back from a 14-point deficit, defeating the Horns 73-71 in overtime.

GAYLE: Texas has its own power threat

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work, they have a backup plan.

"Just be physical with her from the start of the game," Fontenette said. "Don't let her get anything easy and make her work for everything."

The Longhorns plan on trying to keep Griner away from the basket since her height helps her with short-range shots.

But if she does get a dunk, the

Longhorns know it's not the end of the world.

"I have never seen a girl dunk during a game, and hopefully it doesn't happen to us," Fontenette said. "But if it does, it's only two points, so it will be okay if it does."

The Longhorns look to conclude their three-game home stand, all of which were against ranked teams, with a win against the No. 14 Lady Bears, who are coming off of a win Wednesday

night against Texas A&M.

"It's been pretty intense," Gayle said. "We have just been focusing a lot on defense and what to do when we get in tight situations."

These tough practices are a result of losing a 14-point lead and eventually falling to Iowa State in overtime Saturday.

"We can't worry about that loss anymore," Gayle said. "All we can do is prepare for the next game. We have to learn from our

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mistakes and perfect them for this game."

Former Longhorn Kevin Durant selected as an All-Star

By Brian Mahoney

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Bosh of Toronto and Utah's Deron Williams are headed back to Dallas for the All-Star game, which will include seven first-time selections.

The Boston Celtics and Atlanta Hawks each had two players picked as reserves Thursday for the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Paul Pierce

and Rajon Rondo were chosen from the Celtics, while the Hawks are sending Joe Johnson and Al Horford.

Rondo and Horford will both make their first All-Star appearances, as will Oklahoma City swingman Kevin Durant, Charlotte's Gerald Wallace, Memphis forward Zach Randolph, Chicago's Derrick Rose and Williams, who played at The Colony High

School near Dallas.

Among those missing out were New York's David Lee and Clippers Chris Kaman.

Bosh, a Dallas native, is an All-Star for the fifth straight season, tying Vince Carter for the most appearances in Raptors history.

"Just to be able to be an All-Star year in and year out, that's a special feeling, but the fact that it's in Dallas is kind of a bitter-

sweet thing," Bosh said before the Raptors faced the New York Knicks. "Sweet because I get to play in front of my home crowd, and it's bitter because everybody wants tickets."

Bosh, Pierce and Johnson are the only reserves on the Eastern Conference roster with All-Star game experience.

"There's going to come a day that they don't pick me," Pierce

said in Orlando. "So every time it's definitely an honor."

The remainder of the Western Conference reserves were guards Chris Paul of New Orleans and Brandon Roy of Portland, Lakers forward Pau Gasol and Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, who was picked for the ninth time and will represent the home team.

"It is an honor to represent the

Mavericks in my new hometown of Dallas," Nowitzki said.

Voted by the fans in the East were James, Boston's Kevin Garnett, Orlando's Dwight Howard, Miami's Dwyane Wade and Philadelphia's Allen Iverson. The West starters are the Lakers' Kobe Bryant, Steve Nash and Amare Stoudemire of Phoenix, Denver's Carmelo Anthony and San Antonio's Tim Duncan.

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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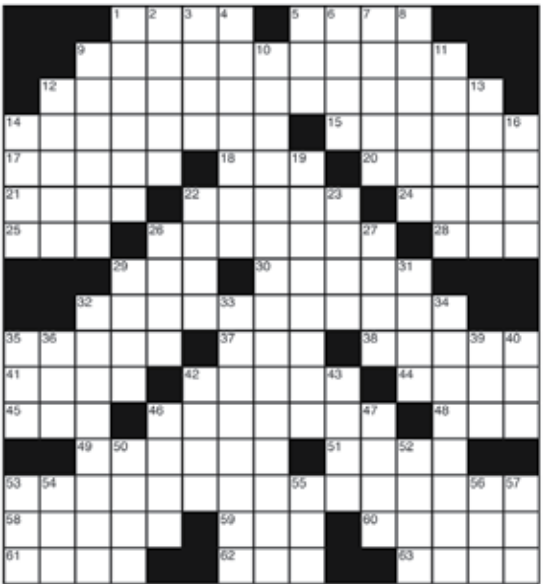
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 - River of Germany
 - One who worked in a "dismal little cell"
 - A-list wannabe
 - Georgia border river
 - Order in the court
 - Blanch
 - "Piece" org.
 - Italy's first capital
 - Canine warnings
 - Taking too much, briefly
 - With 35-Down, brother of Master Peter
 - Stocking stuffer
 - With 32-Across, one subjected to "incessant torture of remorse"
 - Org. with inspectors
- Down**
 - Sung parts, as of carols
 - Trapped, after "in"
 - Optimistic assertion
 - "As You Like It" hero
 - Mo. town
 - Kind of rock
 - Ertegun who co-founded Atlantic Records
 - Club steak, e.g.
 - Emma of fiction
 - 1843 work in five "staves"
 - "Super!"
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 - Spanish royal
 - U.S.A.F. E-5
 - "And Winter Came ..." artist
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 - 1970 hit by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
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Puzzle by Paula Gamache

31 Prime	40 Hutch's head, briefly	50 "The _____ Williams Christmas Album"
32 Sleigh bells and such	42 Junot _____, 2008 Pulitzer winner for "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao"	52 Na+ and Cl-
33 Pirates	43 One with an ancestor: Abbr.	53 Manage, with "out"
34 Iconic flammers	46 S O S, e.g.	54 Fancy wrap
35 See 24-Across	47 Sported	55 Protein source
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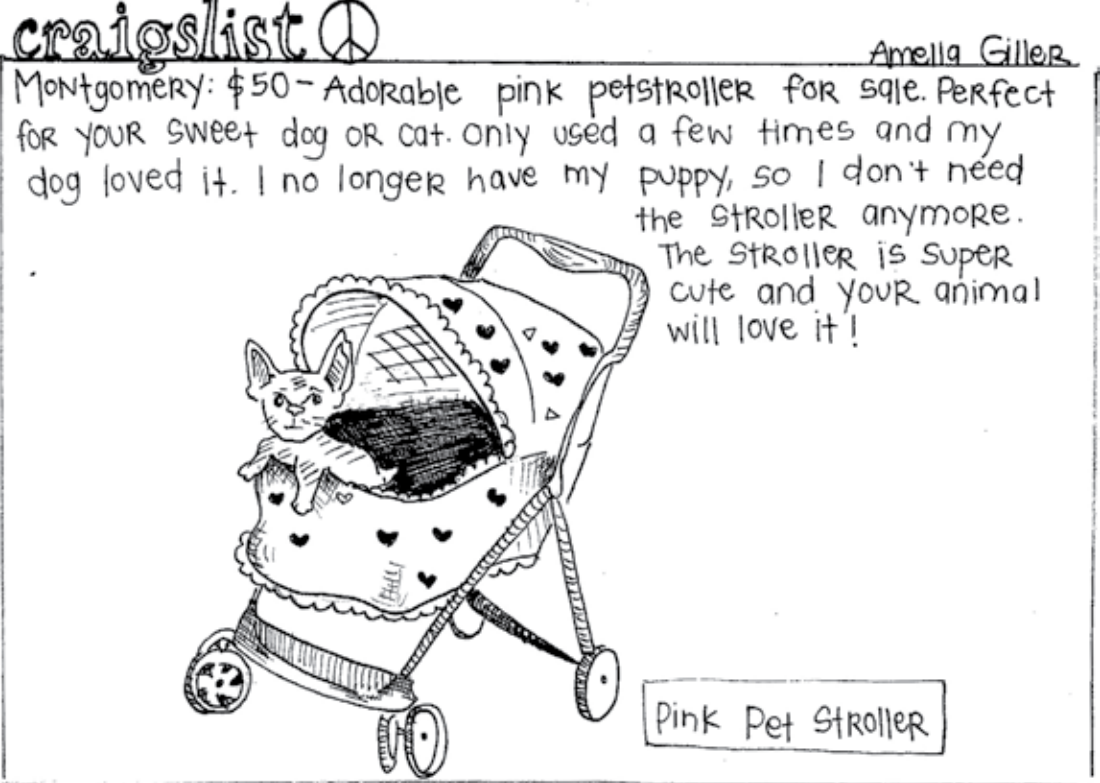


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Activist ‘queers’ State of Union

By Radhika Sakalkale
Daily Texan Staff

While the State of the Union address given by President Barack Obama is analyzed by talking heads, reporters and the American public, Tim Miller will give his own interpretation of the address — a “queer” interpretation. Miller, a world-renowned performance artist, will host “Lay of the Land” Friday and Saturday on campus to discuss the inequalities experienced by gay men in America.

His deep-rooted connection to gay rights issues paired with his passion for theater have contributed to what he calls his “State of the Queer Union.” The show balances political commentary with humor and theatrics to provide audiences with a clear take-home message.

“I certainly don’t believe [homosexuals] are treated like citizens currently. Certain fundamental things lack, like marriage, military service and immigration rights,” Miller said.

At present, Miller is unable to be with his Australian partner

Alistair McCartney, who cannot gain citizenship readily through marriage. Miller said “queer citizenship” is another theme of his show.

“My partner, who I’ve been with for 16 years ... can’t remain in this country in a way a straight couple that has been together for 16 seconds [can],” Miller said. “A serial killer on death row has marriage privileges that I don’t have. I really know where I fit in in this country.”

A former professor, Miller taught at the University of California at Los Angeles and other universities. He primarily considers himself a traveling artist who organizes shows but also sees himself as a teacher.

Since 1981, Miller has been traveling the world and speaking to crowds about the controversy surrounding gay rights.

“Sixty-nine percent of college freshmen think that ‘Of course gay people should get married,’” he said. “But are we going to wait 20 or 30 years with more heart-



Tim Miller, a world-renowned performance artist, will host “Lay of the Land” Friday and Saturday on campus to discuss the inequalities experienced by gay men in America.

ache and destroyed families until college freshmen control our country?”

In addition to his campus performance, Miller will be performing downtown at the Vortex Theater at 8 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets will be between \$15-

\$30 and can be purchased online at vortexrep.tix.com/Event.asp?Event=234342.

He will also be performing on campus today in Room 2.180 of the Winship Building from 2-4 p.m. The show will be free for UT students.

FILM: Camera scheme aids with artistic merit, effect

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They concluded the only way to carry out their plan would be to give possible benefactors a taste of their talents.

With Breazile helping the director’s chair and Dougkis manning the camera as director of photography, the duo gathered a group of fellow student filmmakers and a few pages of their work-in-progress screenplay and set out to shoot a short segment of their master plan. With nearly all the logistics established in pre-production, it took them only one week to audition actors, acquire the necessary costumes and props, paint an entire house and film the necessary portion for the sample.

The idea was to create an experience akin to turning on the television halfway into a show and forming just enough curiosity to finish watching. In the case of Breazile and Dougkis, the viewers are potential financiers whose curiosity would be piqued by the artistic, haunting nature of the sample and be impressed enough to fund the remainder of the production.

“Hopefully, people will feel like, Oh, I’m in the middle of watching something interesting, and keep watching,” Dougkis said.

Restricted to digital technology for the initial step, they turned their attention to the untapped potential of the digital SLR cameras typically used for still photography, something most student filmmakers have been slow to pick up on. Equipped with the ability to capture high-quality video at a much cheaper price than the bulkier, standard professional video cameras, they were able to maintain artistic merit while keeping with a \$400 out-of-pocket budget.

While many young filmmakers do find the opportunity to write and direct feature-length films soon out of college, the goal for Breazile and Dougkis is to stay ahead of the game and, ultimately, shine brighter than the competition.

“Why are we making a feature when we have no money?” Breazile said. “It’s important at our age to have a feature under our belts. It’s really good to put on a resume and for respect points.”

Yo La Tengo continues to jam in latest album

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

It is fitting that Yo La Tengo translates from Spanish to “I’ve got it,” because after all these years, the band still has what it takes to produce solid albums and command international stages.

Yo La Tengo formed in 1984 and cut their first record, *Ride the Tiger*, two years later. They solidified their current line-up, husband and wife Georgia Hubley and Ira Kaplan along with bassist James McNew, in 1992. They’ve been with Matador Records since 1993.

True, they’ve established a small and devoted cult following rather than a widespread fan base, but as Kaplan told The Daily Texan in a phone interview, the first priority has always been to make music Yo La Tengo is excited to put their name on.

“We’d be happy to be as popular as we can be, but part of that

sentences is ‘we,’” Kaplan said. “We’re still just ourselves. Popularity right now looks like Hannah Montana, and she’s not a real person. We’ve never wanted to create an alter-ego.”

Yo La Tengo’s latest effort, last September’s curiously titled *Popular Songs*, is another daring — and successful — stab at sincerity. The album features a variety of styles, ranging from funk to jam, and thoughtful lyrics that include analyses of love, a reference to Proust and the occasional “doo, doo, doo.” In an age when most kids think all it takes to write music is a pair of Chuck Taylors and a Moleskine notebook, *Popular Songs* is a cohesive and carefully organized exposition of what a great album can sound like.

Some may be discouraged by the final three tracks, which run more than 35 minutes between them. However, winding jams

have always been a fixture in the Yo La Tengo repertoire, and these three, especially “More Stars Than There Are In Heaven,” are certainly listenable.

“Most of our songs are jam songs at the source,” Kaplan said. “I think we just have different ideas about what appropriate song lengths are. Some people are prejudiced about long songs, and we expect that.”

Kaplan said they will play a variety of songs during tonight’s sold-out show at Antone’s, although the material will focus on *Popular Songs*. They have been a touring band for 26 years, but Kaplan said there is still an element of shyness and potential shoegazing in their live performance.

“There will be no intentional pyrotechnics, I can tell you that,” he said. “I went to see a show many years ago when someone jumped out of the audience and

WHAT: Yo La Tengo and Times New Viking
WHERE: Antone’s
WHEN: Tonight, 8 p.m.
TICKETS: Sold out

attacked one of the performers. It was such an odd thing to happen. My first thought was that maybe it was some avant-garde piece of staging. If I get attacked, it will not be on purpose.”

Yo La Tengo will probably never reach platinum record sales or fill arenas. It is a band that not everyone understands and a few devoted care for. Winding tracks, obscure covers and an intimate history have always made them difficult for some listeners to approach.

“But,” Kaplan said, “if it were any easier to describe, it might not be as much fun.”

MUSIC: Frontman’s cult past seen in ‘heartbreaking’ lyrics

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blend together somehow to create great pop music.

Album carries some pretty heavy emotional weight. It’s difficult not to consider their music in terms of frontman/songwriter Christopher Owens’ strange and tragic past. Owens was raised in the cult the Children of God, escaped and hitchhiked his way across the U.S.

But backstory or not, you can tell from the content and delivery of Owens’ lyrics that he’s struggled with a demon or two in his lifetime. Combined with bandmate Chet “JR” White’s flawless

production, the music can be flat-out heartbreaking.

However, through the music, Girls transcends its circumstance and turns it into something hopeful and uplifting. The music is about redemption.

It’s yet to be determined if TV station Spike’s “Watch Hot Girl Videos” Web site will eventually retake the number one Google search result for “girls.” It’s currently second. Girls the band is either at its peak, or just getting started, but it doesn’t matter for now — don’t miss out on this chance to see one of the most exciting new bands around.

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Students craft 'haunted' film



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Sophomore Elizabeth Breazile and junior Marshall Douglass visit a location used in their short film "The Place is Haunted." The filmmakers hope to produce a feature-length version of the film.

Production of short clips to fund, promote feature-length project

By Uday Rahim
 Daily Texan Staff

Two UT radio-television-film students have shot, directed and written short film clips to entice producers and viewers in the hope of one day creating a feature-length film.

In May 2009, sophomore Elizabeth "Ebit" Breazile and junior Marshall Douglass decided to create their own feature film. Over the following summer, they drafted their first screenplay and began the initial stages of planning out the production. The project, titled "The Place Is Haunted," follows four college students transitioning out of high school and adjusting to their

new collegiate lives.

As they repeatedly revised their script, further research revealed that a good story by itself would simply not be enough to convince a studio to pick up their film for circulation.

While their original plan was to film quickly and cheaply, closer examination revealed that most entries in film festivals nowadays are all shot in digital. After learning of distributors' reluctance to buy works filmed in digital, the young filmmakers realized what they needed to do to beat the competition.

"It needs to stand out," Breazile said.

"If you don't have a huge budget or stars, your film needs to pop out."

The solution to their concerns came naturally — to shoot it with film stock, instead. Higher quality, though, comes with a higher price. Thus arose the dilemma of obtaining a much steeper budget.

Douglass said many features shoot on a budget of \$10,000 or less. With the intent to ensure quality yet still fulfill their vision, the pair decided they would require financial backing from potential investors.

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Girls' acclaimed music surpasses Google porn hits

By John Meller
 Daily Texan Staff

Four months after the release of *Album*, the debut record from San Francisco-based indie band Girls, there's one sure indicator that it has made an impact — the band's MySpace page is the first page in a Google search for the band's common name.

When the Texan reviewed *Album* in September, the band had already generated a good amount of hype, including shout-outs from The New York Times and a whopping 9.1/10 rating from Pitchfork.

Googling the group was another story at that time. To find anything about Girls the band, it took a brave journey through piles of porn, sleazy dating Web sites and who knows what else. Not to mention what would come up in a Google image search.

Now, Girls has caught our attention.

The band's show tonight at

WHAT: Girls

WHERE: Waterloo Records

WHEN: Tonight, 5 p.m.

TICKETS: Free

The Parish has been sold out for weeks. However, if you missed out on these tickets, don't despair; it's also playing a free in-store performance at Waterloo Records at 5 p.m.

The album came out to almost universal critical acclaim, with a huge fan response, as well.

The group's music can best be described as a mix of California surf-pop, lo-fi and shoegaze. There are plenty of easy comparisons, but Girls' music achieves the balance of being informed by its influences without duplicating them. All of its styles seamlessly

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Fans no longer have to sort through sleazy Web sites to find information on indie band Girls, who has a sold-out show at The Parish.

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