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#### CITY

## Leffingwell praises Austin in State of the City

#### By Hannah Jane DeCiutis

With the University's upcoming medical school and the city's rapid expansion in several major industries, Mayor Lee Leffingwell spoke of Austin as being in a "golden era" in his State of the City address.

Leffingwell spoke Tuesday at a luncheon hosted by the Real Estate Council of

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Austin at the Four Seasons Hotel. He touched on issues such as population growth, transportation, UT's medical school and adaptability.

Leffingwell said Austin's population, which grew by 20 percent over the last decade, has made the city the 13th largest in the nation. Still, he said the 5 percent unemployment rate continues to stay 3 percentage points below the

national rate.

"I believe, wholeheartedly, the state of our city today is the strongest it has ever been in our 173-year history, and it's getting stronger every day," Leffingwell said. "The big question for us is obvious: How do we keep it that way as long as possible, and for as many of us as possible?"

With this rapid population and job growth, the city intends to act soon on issues that plague Austinites, such as transportation. Urban rail transit, particularly in the central business district, is a long-discussed issue that Leffingwell said will soon become a reality.

"I will work on this issue every single day while I am mayor and with the goal of having a public vote on urban rail before I leave office,"

Leffingwell said. "I know we've been talking about urban rail for what seems like a very long time, but now, it's time to act."

State Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, said Leffingwell's long-term goals for Austin's transportation infrastructure won't have any immediate repercussions in this legislative session, but transportation is

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#### UNIVERSITY

Peace Corps recruitment of UT alumni remains high

#### **By Barak Bullock**

The University of Texas at Austin ranked 16th among large schools for alumni participation in the Peace Corps in 2012, according to a report released Tuesday.

Laurie Young, Global Initiatives senior program coordinator, said this year's ranking makes UT the No. 9 volunteer-producing university of all time.

It is also the second year in a row in which UT was the only school in Texas that achieved placing in the top 20 volunteer-producing large colleges and universities.

The Peace Corps is an independent government agency, founded by former President John F. Kennedy in 1961. Volunteers are recent college graduates who commit to a two year service mission in a developing country.



Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M System, speaks to members of Texas Exes, UT administration, the A&M Association of Former Students and A&M administration during the Orange and Maroon Legislative Day Tuesday evening.

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## TODAY

#### Poetry on the Plaza

In commemoration of African American History Month, the Harry Ransom Center presents the Poetry on the Plaza event. Head over to the Harry Ransom Center (HRC), plaza, from 12-1 p.m.

#### Lunar New Year

Festival celebrated Join the Asian American community at UT in celebrating the Year of the Snake, Live entertainment, free games, food and prizes from 6-9 p.m. in the **Student Activity Center** (SAC), ballroom 2.410.

#### **Stalin Film Series** begins with "Stalin"

The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies presents the Stalin Film Series, a collection of movies depicting the lives and struggles of Russians under the rule of Joseph Stalin. Head over to Mezes Hall (MEZ) B0.306 from 8-10 p.m.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

#### In 1952

England's King George VI dies and is succeeded by Queen Elizabeth II.

#### UT, A&M alumni gather at Capitol, give input on higher education bills

#### **By Alberto Long**

Two hundred alumni from UT and Texas A&M joined at the Texas Capitol Tuesday to advocate for strategic investments in higher education.

Alumni from both uni-

versities spent the day meeting in small groups with legislators and addressing specific issues in higher education, including those related to funding, budget and research incentives.

The day closed with a reception at the Sheraton Hotel downtown. Representatives from both universities and the state legislature attended the event along with the two hundred volunteers. UT President William Powers Jr., state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo and the chancellors of both school systems were also in attendance.

"We are the two great public flagship research universities," Powers said. "We have a lot in common. This

is setting the stage for a lot of work that we'll do at the legislature. It helps to have not just me talking about it, or the A&M leadership talking about it, but the broad support of our alumni across the state."

In an attempt to focus on specific issues, volunteers were briefed on four key is-

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UT was recognized in a statement by Mike McKay, southwest regional manager for the Peace Corps.

"The University of Texas is a consistent top performer for Peace Corps, and our team is proud of the University, their leadership and students for remaining in the Top 20 for the past several years,"

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#### **CAMPUS**



Students of the Election Supervisory Board have made changes to better prevent campaign violations. These changes include a centralized website snd all five legislative entities adopting the amended general code.

Shelby Tauber **Daily Texan Staff** 

## Election board revises practices

#### **By Christine Ayala**

As campus elections near, the Election Supervisory Board is hoping for a cleaner campaign season.

The board, which runs and oversees elections for the Student Government, Graduate Student Assembly, Texas Student Media, the University Co-operative Society and University Unions, has made changes to better prevent campaign

violations. Elections will be held

Feb. 27-28. Truc Nguyen, finance se-

nior and board chairwoman, said the board's changes including a centralized website, all five legislative entities adopting the amended general code and changes in the code will lead to clarifying campaign policies as well as making for a more transparent process.

"We look forward to a clean, calm and honest election season," Nguyen said. "After last year, campus-wide elections have been associated with scandals and lots of complicated red tape. With all the changes that we are trying to push for, I expect a fewer number of complaints as well as more cooperation from every [sic] entities and candidates that are participating this year."

During last year's elec-

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## **CAMPUS** CMA renovations progess, mirror Belo's modern look

#### **By Miles Hutson**

The Jesse H. Jones Communication Center's (CMA) appearance is changing, with renovations that will make its interior resemble The Belo Center for New Media across the street.

Renovations on the sixth and seventh floors have already been completed, and construction is now in progress on the north side of the fourth floor and south side of the sixth floor. Bob Rawski, regional program manager for the UT system, said when the College of Communication's new building, the Belo Center, was installed, it was understood that other communications buildings like

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A student inspects construction on the sixth floor of Jesse H. Jones Communication Center Monday afternoon.

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#### CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error, a story on Monday's issue of The Daily Texan misstated when the Texas Student Media Board of **Operating Trustees originally** rejected Laura Wright's application for editor-in-chief of The Daily Texan. The board originally rejected the application in Friday's open session.

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#### TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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Humanities senior Sara Ness supports BFA junior Abigail Teague in an acro-yoga position at a Longhorn Circus meeting Tuesday night.

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ultimately one of the most important issues regarding Austin's growth.

"Austin is one of the fastestgrowing cities in the country, and more and more we're more interconnected with San Antonio in terms of our growth and economy," Rodriguez said. "It's more important than ever that we do something to ease the congestion on I-35.

Leffingwell said the

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McKay said. The rankings were determined by the number of undergraduate almuni in the addition of a medical school to an already prestigious university gives depth to Austin's growth and will open the door for the city to become a leader in medical research and development. He said the school is projected to bring 15,000 new jobs and \$2 billion in annual revenue to the city.

"Obviously, the easier and simpler thing would have been not to do it - not to risk failure or rejection from people who believed that it was too much to ask," Leffingwell said. "But ultimately, the vision of what a medical school would mean to Austin's future

host countries.

In a first for the Peace Corps, two colleges tied for first place with 107 volunteers overseas each.

UT's rank has declined over the past five years.

Jaelah Kuehmichel, a Peace Corps recruiter at UT, said she is not overly concerned about the decline. "Today's announcement makes me feel good that we're in the top 20," Kuehmichel said. "I'm not concerned that we dropped four ranks [since last year] because membership is always fluctuating. I don't believe that it means UT students are uncompetitive or uninterested." Young also said she is not worried about the drop in participants. "UT is still great. Being 16th is still an amazing accomplishment," Young said.

made that risk worth it."

Leffingwell urged Austinites to continue being creative and adaptable while the city's population expands further, and to not get too comfortable in the current upswing.

"I think we should be extremely careful about believing too much of our own good press," Leffingwell said. "If we want to protect what we've got, if we want to stay who we are, if we want to remain the envy of other cities around the world and enjoy a truly special quality of life over the long term, then we



Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Mayor Lee Leffingwell delivers the State of the City Address at the Four Seasons Hotel Tuesday afternoon. Leffingwell talked about issues such as population growth, transportation and UT's medical school

universities from external research funding. "What I like about this day is that it is an opportunity for Longhorns and Aggies to show our unity in terms of what is best for the future of Texas," Zaffirini said. "That unity is important to improving higher education. Alumni can show the legislators who represent the two systems how important

The initiative called for an

increase in research incen-

tives by providing a one

million dollar match from

the state for every ten mil-

lion dollars brought into the

it is to address specific issues. I believe that [this day] has been the most successful in history ... because of the enthusiasm."

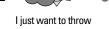
Marty Holmes, vice president of the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M, said UT and A&M are unified by mutual concern for the state of Texas.

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mula funding, the stabilization of long-term funding and the approval of investments for two research centers. The agenda pushed for the support of an Engineering Education and Research Center at UT and an infectious disease research facility at A&M.

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tions, the board disqualified two of the four candidates running for Student Government president. The elections for the presidential and vice presidential executive alliance were

#### Texas Student Media **Board of Operating Trustees Meeting**

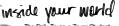
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delayed for two weeks after one of the disqualified alliances filed a lawsuit against the University.

Ryan Lutz, aerospace engineering senior and board vice chairman, said last year's elections gave the board a negative image.

"We do not go out looking for infractions on the common code during election season but only hear complaints from other candidates," Lutz said. "This year, we want to be much more proactive before campaigning starts to really answer questions and work through issues so that there are less of them during the actual time that the candidates can be penalized for the problems."

Nguyen said the election code has been changed to say that Class D violations "may disqualify" candi-dates, rather than "shall disqualify" candidates.

"In the past, the strict language of the code allowed



"This camaraderie isn't unusual," Holmes said. "When it comes to the issues, the state of Texas is the most important. We can work together ... we can put aside the other things, at least for today."

no room for interpretation and that was why many disqualifications happened last year," Nyugen said.

Certain violations still warrant immediate disqualification, such as failing to disclose accurate financial information or collecting student ID cards on voting days.

Taylor Ragsdale, economics and finance senior and Student Government administrative director, said Student Government continued to amend its election code during its January meetings, and the general assembly approved the changes.

The revised code now states that the organization serves an educational purpose and detailed an increased campaign budget for executive alliances from \$900 to \$1,000, to adjust for inflation since the amount was set in 2008. The code also clearly defines the limits of candidate association. Last year, the board disqualified one of the Student Government executive alliances for associating with a candidate running in the University Unions election.

"This year we are explicitly stating what association means, meaning that one candidate cannot campaign for another," Ragsdale said. "They can still grab lunch together or get coffee. Being seen together doesn't mean you're associating."

# **WORLD & NATION**

#### Wednesday, February 6, 2013

#### NEWS BRIEFLY

#### U.S., China diplomats discuss North Korea

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration talked to China on Tuesday about North Korea facing "further consequences" under a recent U.N. Security Council resolution if it conducts a nuclear test, the State Department said.

New Secretary of State John Kerry discussed North Korea's "continued provocative rhetoric" in a phone call with China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi. It follows Kerry's conversations this week with his counterparts from Japan and South Korea.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told a news briefing that the three conversations "were remarkably similar" on the importance of implementing the commitments of the January resolution if the North takes further action that violates its international obligations.

Nuland said that all the countries are concerned that despite the strong measures in the resolution, "the provocative rhetoric continues, which means that we've all got to stay unified in watching this and making absolutely clear to (Kim) Jong-un that if it takes further action, so will we." Kim is North Korea's leader.

#### John Kerry will push for Middle East peace

WASHINGTON — Nearly all American presidents since the 1970s have tried to broker peace deals in the Middle East. With John Kerry now at the State Department helm, President Barack Obama may try again.

Obama tried to restart new direct Israel-Palestinian peace talks in September 2010, but negotiations stalled largely over the expansion of Jewish West Bank settlements.

Kerry has indicated a keen interest in a new diplomatic push in the region, but a lot depends on how much leeway Obama gives him.

Kerry spoke over the weekend by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Netanyahu has said he wants to advance peace talks with the Palestinians. On Tuesday, Kerry visited the department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, where he discussed recent developments in the region including the U.S. role in Libya.

## Eighteen charged in \$200 million fraud

#### **By Katie Zezima**

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Eighteen people have been charged in what may be one of the nation's largest credit card fraud rings, a sprawling international scam that duped credit rating agencies and used thousands of fake identities to steal at least \$200 million, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The elaborate scheme involved improving fake cardholders' credit scores, allowing the scammers to borrow more money that they never repaid, investigators said.

"The accused availed themselves of a virtual cafeteria of sophisticated frauds and schemes, whose main menu items were greed and deceit," said David Velazquez, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's Newark field office.

The U.S. attorney in Newark, Paul Fishman, described an intricate Jersey City-based con that began in 2007, operated in at least 28 states and wired money to Pakistan, India, the United Arab Emirates, Canada, Romania, China and Japan. The group used at least

7,000 fake identities to obtain more than 25,000 credit cards, Fishman said. Investigators documented \$200 million in losses, but the figure could rise, he said.

"Through their greed and arrogance," Fishman said, the people arrested harm credit card companies, consumers and "the rest of us who have to deal with increased interest rates and fees because of the money sucked out of the system by criminals."

Participants in the scam set

up more than 1,800 mailing addresses, creating fake utility bills and other documents to provide credit card companies with what appeared to be legitimate addresses, investigators said. Once they obtained the cards, they started making small charges and paying off the cards to raise their credit limits, authorities said.

They then sent fake reports to credit rating agencies, making it appear that cardholders had paid off debts, setting the stage for sterling credit ratings and high credit limits, investigators said. Fishman said once the credit limits were raised, participants would take out loans or max out the credit cards and not repay the debts.

Kristine Reyna, Wire Editor

The group also created at least 80 sham businesses that accepted credit card payments. The group would run the fraudulently obtained credit cards through the machines, keeping the money.

Fourteen defendants appeared before a federal judge on Tuesday afternoon. Most own property in New Jersey or New York and said they were U.S. citizens.

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Kerry is expected to make Israel and other Middle Eastern nations early travel destinations.

President Barack Obama will go to Israel in the spring, the White House said Tuesday, marking his first visit to the staunch U.S. ally since becoming president.

#### Education minister stripped of doctrate

BERLIN — Germany's education minister was stripped of her doctorate Tuesday after a committee of academics concluded that she plagiarized substantial parts of her 1980 thesis, which dealt with the formation of conscience.

Annette Schavan, 57, is the second minister in Chancellor Angela Merkel's cabinet to lose a doctorate after being accused of plagiarism. Former Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg resigned from his post in 2011 after it emerged that he copied large parts of his doctoral thesis.

Schavan, who denied the allegations, plans to appeal the decision by Duesseldorf's Heinrich Heine University, German news agency dpa reported.

The head of the academic committee that voted 12 to two, with one abstention, to remove Schavan's doctorate Tuesday said the decision followed a thorough review of her thesis. - Compiled from

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## OPINION

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**VIEWPOINT** 

## South Texas wins, Sen. Cruz loses

## Historic moment for South Texas

On Monday, Feb. 3, two bills filed in the Texas House and Senate detailed plans for the creation of a Rio Grande Valley university by joining UT-Brownsville, UT-Pan American and the UT Regional Academic Health Center, all institutions in South Texas. As one, these three institutions would benefit, if the new proposals become law, from access to the Permanent University Fund. One of the largest endowments in the nation, the Fund is, according to the Texas Constitution, only accessible to certain schools in the UT and Texas A&M Systems. Presently, that list of key-holders excludes UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan American.

By granting South Texas institutions access to the Fund, a plan Gov. Rick Perry endorsed in his State of the State speech last week, the Texas Legislature has directed tightly-controlled resources to a region where they are most needed. Some might argue that those resources, which, after all, are substantial and exist for the sole purpose of enriching the UT and A&M University Systems, should be spread around the state more generously. But don't dismiss the momentous historical occasion the Legislative, System-wide and gubernatorial support the development represents for the Rio Grande region, which is expected to experience explosive population growth in the coming decades. South Texas will benefit, as all localities do, from the introduction of higher educations which brings jobs, medical care and greater opportunities.

In many ways, the existence of UT-Austin is an important part of what makes Central Texas such a rich place to live. We can only hope the same for South Texas. "Our investment in the children of South Texas will be returned a thousand-fold," Rick Perry said last week. We, uncharacteristically, applaud the governor.

### Cruz takes no prisoners

Texas voters got what they asked for when they elected Ted Cruz to the U.S. Senate: a debater and point-maker. But they did not get, so far, a winning debater and point-maker. Since he took office in January, Cruz has earned a place as the only current U.S. Senator to lose every vote he has cast.

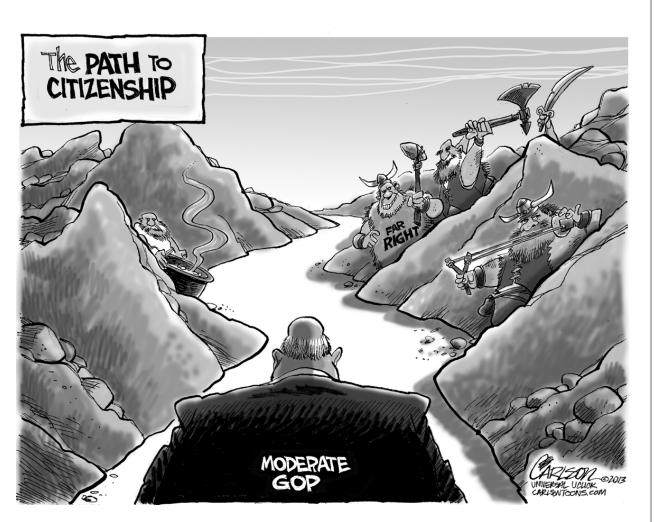
"Senator Cruz promised the voters of Texas he would take principled stands when it comes to fiscal responsibility and protecting America's sovereignty," his spokesman, Sean Rushton, recently told The Washington Times. "He didn't come to Washington to make friends; he came to help save the country. Senator Cruz is proud of his votes and will continue to stand up for America and the Constitution."

Cruz apparently subscribes to the notion that voting against every measure that crosses his Senate desk can be equated with courageous and principled leadership. The opposite is true; it would be courageous of Cruz to seek advancement of our country's interests in the face severe ideological divisions. It is much easier for Cruz to loudly reject ideas than to have the courage to compromise.

Cruz has opposed minor procedural changes in the Senate, the \$50 billion Hurricane Sandy relief package and President Barack Obama's appointment and the resulting confirmation of Sen. John F. Kerry to the post of secretary of state.

Right or wrong, Cruz has not gotten his way once. And whether you believe in Ron Paul's brand of political stubbornness or President Obama's compromising attitude — sometimes deemed over-solicitous by his supporters — Cruz's initial senatorial appearance as a poster boy for conservative lost causes makes us long for his more practical predecessor, former U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.

#### GALLERY



## Organics about more than better health

#### **Grayson Simmons**

Daily Texan Columnist

When college students go to the grocery store, one of the biggest decisions they face is the choice between conventional and organic foods. Organic foods are thought to be healthier and more environmentally friendly, but they also sport a heftier price tag. So the question remains: Are organic foods worth it?

Around campus, few people believe that they are. The majority of students shop at conventional grocery stores, stating that the exorbitant prices keep them from buying organic. But most say that they would buy organic if prices were lower. Why? Because they believe that organic products are healthier than their conventionally-grown counterparts. After all, organic farms don't use the harmful pesticides that regular farms do. Right?

Well, not exactly. To obtain a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) certification, farmers must avoid "synthetic substances and ingredients," but that still leaves most naturally occurring chemicals as unregulated and unidentified for the consumer. Organic farming operations that produce the foodstuffs in our local grocery store use pesticides, just with slightly different chemicals than synthetics.

One chemical the USDA allows organic farms to use is called rotenone. Rotenone is a naturally occurring substance that has been used in the United States as an organic pesticide for years. It is isolated from certain Mexican vine plants, and like all pesticides, its usefulness lies in its toxicity. Similar to its synthetic counterparts, it is incredibly toxic to insects and aquatic life but only mildly toxic to humans. Using rotenone, organic farms can grow food and still not have to worry about pesky bugs eating their crops. Although rotenone has no "natural" business killing insects on fruit or vegetable farms, it's found its way into multitudes of USDA-certified organic foodstuffs. Many expect a natural pesticide to be better for you than the synthetic version, but this may not be the case. While it may not be as carcinogenic as some synthetic pesticides, recent studies conducted by Environmental Health Perspectives and the US National Institutes of Health are now showing a link between rotenone and the onset of Parkinson's disease. However, it should be understood that the negative side effects of pesticides are very hard to track. Clinical testing has been limited to animal subjects. As of yet there is no empirical evidence that organic foods are a more healthful option than the alternatives — the science just isn't there. A study published in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition concluded that "evidence is lacking for nutrition-related health effects that result from the consumption of organically produced foodstuffs." Health concerns aside, organic farming has many upsides. Buying organic is usually a good way to source locally-grown food, as smaller natural grocers tend to carry more locallygrown produce. Environmentally, while organic farms may yield 20 percent fewer crops than conventional farms, pesticide input can be greatly reduced. Margaret Wellik, a Plan II sophomore and one of the coordinators for UT's MicroFarm Project, says that the benefits include "the health of the land where [the food] is produced, and the health of the farmer." Wellik, a staunch supporter of organic foods, buys most of her fruit and other staples from organic grocery stores. The higher prices don't deter her. She contends that they are products of "the regulatory and legislative bodies which control food subsidies and dictate the cost of organic certification." In the long term, Wellik believes that organic farming could change Americans' perception and appreciation of food. Beneath the surface, organic farming isn't just about being inherently "healthier." Through environmentally-conscious methods, organic farming promotes a less wasteful mentality. It advocates for soil and water conservation while minimizing pollution. To some, these ambitions are more than worth the higher prices. I don't aim to discourage the masses from buying organic. Rather, you should know what your money is buying when you fork over the extra cash. An appeal to health benefits might likely be spurious, but organic foods find their worth in ways that extend beyond their price tag.

## Seek an education beyond the classroom

#### Laura Pereyra

#### Guest Columnist

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UT's Intellectual Entrepreneurship Consortium is a game-changing initiative that pairs undergraduates with both graduate students and real-world internship opportunities. Its aim is to guide students to self-discovery, ownership and accountability over their education and thereby maximize their college experiences and tuition dollars.

With the cost of higher education rising and the public demanding greater efficiency, note that the institutional expenditure per student for UT's IE initiative is less than \$150.00 — an incredible bargain. How many other educational programs can boast that?

"In the end, flexibility and a healthy dollop of optimism will be required of this new crop of college-degree holders, whose aspirations may outstrip opportunities," wrote Pamela Newkirk, a professor at New York University, in a recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education. But are those aspirations really outstripping the opportunities? Is there a lack of optimism, or might it actually be that students are finding non-traditional avenues to create those opportunities for themselves?

When UT's Intellectual Entrepreneurship Consortium was formed, the program aimed to help students get an interdisciplinary education. Quickly thereafter, it evolved into a means of empowering students to make the most of their college experiences by exposing them to graduate work and other fields of work outside their area of study. The Consortium provides students a forum in which they can design personal learning experiences that would meld their passions to their academic work. One of the Consortium's programs, the pre-graduate internship, pairs students with graduate student mentors, alongside whom they can pursue internships or academic research. The program has exposed first-generation students to graduate education and academic research opportunities many of them did not know existed previously. Approximately 50 to 60 percent of the Consortium's 300-plus pre-graduate interns each year are minorities or students who are the first in their families to attend college.

The Intellectual Entrepreneurship program helps firstgeneration students at UT maximize their college experiences and consider attending graduate school. Civil engineering undergraduate Sonia Trujillo explained, "As a first-generation student attending college, sometimes it is overwhelming to even consider this idea."

Some students find that they want to go to graduate school, but others realize that their passions may not require a graduate degree. Some, like social work undergraduate intern Aida Prazak, say, "By being paired up with mentors who have been through the process, we take advantage of their experience and efficiently minimize our learning curve which increases our intellectual profit margin. This ultimately maximizes our tuition dollars. If it were not for the IE program, I would still be pursuing graduate programs in public policy or law, when that really is not where my heart is. I was able to discover this in one semester as opposed to several years — the ultimate in efficiency."

"It's about owning and being accountable for their education," said Richard Cherwitz, founder of the Intellectual Entrepreneurship Consortium and professor in the departments of communication studies and rhetoric and writing. He emphasizes that education should be about discovering who you are.

Pereyra is a member of the UT class of 2010 and is a communications associate for NerdScholar.

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#### CAMPUS

Hemi Thaker, president and CEO of Anue Systems, talks about how to run a successful buisness during the Entrepreneur in Residence **Speaker Series** at the AT&T Center Tuesday night. In addition to Anue Systmes, Thaker started four other companies and received the Ernst & Young Entreprenuer 2011 Award for Central Texas.



## Local tech CEO inspires with success story

#### By Lexie Dubinsky

Hemi Thaker, president and CEO of Anue Systems, a local software maker, focused on advising future entrepreneurs in a lecture Tuesday evening ful for students. at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center.

Every month, the Red Mc-Combs School of Business he applied those lessons," invites UT students and fac- Kilcrease said. ulty to attend lectures where audiences with an interactive presentation of their journey. A reception follows in which students are encouraged to participate in

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Rawski said while the

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will cost \$7 million dollars.

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Rawski said.

networking experiences.

Laura Kilcrease, entrepreneur-in-residence for the Red McCombs School of Business, invited Thaker to speak. She said she believed Thaker's valuable lessons would be use-

"Hemi built four companies - two of which he learnt a lot of lessons and two of which

Thaker, who holds a masbusiness experts provide ter's degree in electrical engineering and 13 patents, earned the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Central Texas in 2011.

Thaker started his last

company, Anue Systems, with Thaker said. \$20,000 and six years later, he sold the company for \$154 million, according to Kilcrease.

"Anue's mission statement is to provide a complete solution to optimize and secure rapidly evolving, dynamic data center networks," Thaker said.

Thaker said he attributes his success to surrounding himself with a good team. He said he vowed to personally interview every potential employee.

"I would only hire people with character, chemistry and capability. If they lacked the character and chemistry, then I wouldn't hire them,"

Several UT students attended the event. Government freshman Bernardo Paredes said he was inspired by Thaker's entrepreneurial spirit.

"I want to start a nonprofit organization to prevent bullying in our schools," Paredes said. "So I have the ideas, but Thaker gave me the good information on how to kick-start the ideas to actuality."

After a 60-minute presentation, Thaker closed with motivation for aspiring entrepreneurs.

"Just start," Thaker said. "Just do it. Don't be afraid to fail."

project's other managers attempt to schedule the noisiest work for off-peak periods.

"In this particular project we had too much work to do just over the break periods," Rawski said. "[But] we've been doing a lot of the noisiest work nights and weekends."

Renovations on the CMA are scheduled to finish Aug. 20.

#### POLICE

## Local police predict increase in car thefts

#### **By Amanda Voeller**

Warmer weather will bring more car thefts to Austin, and although thefts and break-ins are rare at the University, both UTPD and the Austin Police Department are preparing for the predicted rise.

According to a list released by the Austin Police Department, the Honda Accord was the most commonly stolen car in Austin in 2012. Various types of American-made cars and three Toyota models also appeared among the top 10 stolen car models.

Diana Amaro, APD neighborhood liaison, said the first five months of the year usually correspond to an increase in truck thefts. According to Amaro, the department works to prevent breakins and thefts by educating the community on ways to take precautions.

One program offered by the APD encourages drivers to have their car windows engraved for free with a Vehicle Identification Number to make it identifiable and to deter thieves.

"If you go to a car dealership, you will pay \$200 to \$400 for this service. The Austin Police Department provides it free from a grant that [it] receives from Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention," Amaro said.

If a thief were to steal an engraved car, they would have to break and replace each window to remove the Vehicle Identification Number, Amaro said.

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The Help End Auto Theft program is another initiative by the APD to reduce car theft. By enroll-

ing in the program, drivers give law enforcement permission to stop their cars and verify ownership between one and five in the morning, which is when most vehicles are stolen, Amaro said. Vehicles enrolled in the program are identified by a car decal, Amaro said.

The University uses education to help prevent auto theft Layne Brewster, University of Texas Police Department officer, said.

"Basically, we have programs that educate students," Brewster said. "We have the campus watch that we put out. I believe that we have little brochures that officers in the past have gone around and just left out, especially during the holidays,"

At the University, car break-ins, which are more common than thefts, are usually seasonal, Brewster said. They tend to spike around Christmas and spring break according to Brewster.

Between Dec. 1, 2012 and Feb. 5, 2013, the University of Texas Police Department had five reports of car break-ins and thefts, Brewster said.

Students and campus staff also take measures to prevent car theft.

"I park in a parking garage," Allison Cope, an administrative assistant for the Division of Housing and Food Service, said. "I feel like it's probably safer there. If I park on the street, I try to park near buildings or hightraffic areas."

ed to fail due to age, and its wiring system. Rawski said the maintenance upgrades, which will cost \$3.95 million, should pay themselves back quickly because of the increased efficiency of newer air conditioning units. Construction crews have installed temporary units to continue heating and cooling while the new system is installed.

Though the construction is intended to improve the building, students and staff on the floors under construction said the noise and activity can be disruptive.

"There's a lot of banging," journalism graduate student Grace Sherry, a teaching assistant with a discussion section on the fourth floor, said. "I either have to yell, literally scream or wait for it to stop."

Lisa Bedore, a communications professor affected by the construction, also said she found it disruptive. However, she said the construction crews seem to have reduced their noise levels.

"As annoying as it is, I think they're doing a better job of taking us into account," Bedore said.

Rawski said he and the



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# SPORTS

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

## **FOOTBALL Robinson leaves shadow**

#### **By Michael Marks**

The accolades pile up quickly for Texas' 2013 defensive recruits.

Of the six who are currently committed to Texas, three of them were U.S. Army All-American Bowl honorees.

One of them made the state semifinals, was first runner-up and won a state title in three varsity seasons.

Another accepted Texas' grayshirt offer nearly a year ago, turned down full rides from other schools, then finally earned a full scholarship from Texas in December.

For everything they are, however, the 2013 defensive recruits may be remembered more for what they are not.

They are not 6-foot-5, 304 pounds. They do not play defensive tackle. And they are not named A'Shawn Robinson.

Fair or not, Robinson's decommitment is the story of the 2013 class, and it casts a pall over an otherwise small but promising set of defensive recruits.

This isn't to say that athlete Chevoski Collins, defensive end Jake Raulerson, outside linebackers Naashon Hughes and Deoundrei Davis, safety Erik Huhn and corner Antwuan Davis lack talent or potential. But without Robinson (who was the most highly-rated member of the class), the task of making people forget about last year's worst defense in school history becomes that much more difficult.

Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Antwuan Davis, a defensive back from Bastrop High School, is among six defensive recruits currently committed to Texas and one of the most important assets of the 2013 class.

decommitment turned what was previously considered to be a strong defensive crop into one which faces more questions than answers.

Collins, a former dualthreat quarterback, will play Ultimately, Robinson's last in the Longhorn secondary.

Although there's a precedent at Texas of converting high school quarterbacks to defensive backs (Adrian Colbert, Quandre Diggs, Adrian

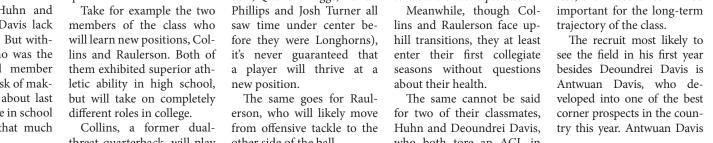
other side of the ball.

"They are trying me out .....

wherever I fit, and they are going to start me out at defensive end and see how I do," Raulerson said in an April interview with *hornsports.com*.

who both tore an ACL in

injury was career-threatening, and rehabilitation is reportedly going smoothly for both of them. Nonetheless, their recoveries will be



their senior seasons. Neither **RECRUIT** continues on page 7



#### **By Rachel Thompson**

When it comes to recruiting a batch of defenders for the 2013 season, Mack

sive gifts to the home of the Crimson Tide.

While the loss of Robinson was a significant blow for a Texas team in dire need of defensive strength, Robinson wasn't ruin the moment for me."

Having a moment of his own Tuesday was Andrew Billings, whose collegiate choice was also grim news for the Longhorns. Prior



**Jake Raulerson** 

Defensive end



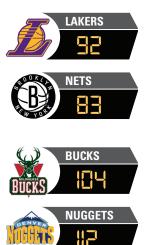


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#### **SPORTS** BRIEFLY

#### **Billings commits** to Baylor over Texas

Waco defensive tackle Andrew Billings, a fourstar prospect, committed to Baylor on Tuesday, turning down offers from around two dozen other schools, including Texas.

Billings narrowed his list down to Baylor, Texas and TCU before choosing to play for the Bears this week. The 6-foot-1, 205-pounder was one of the Longhorns' most highly touted remaining targets. Each of the fourstar Class of 2013 prospects Baylor has nabbed — Billings and Fort Worth Southwest wide receiver Robbie Rhodes - both seriously considered playing at Texas before pledging to play for the Bears. Billings turning down Texas's offer means that the Longhonrs will likely not sign a defensive lineman this year. Celina's Jake Raulerson, also a four-star prospect, according to rivals.com, can play on both the offensive and defensive line but none of the 15 players who have verbally committed to Texas are primarily defensive linemen. The Longhorns have had two defensive linemen commit to them, Lancaster defensive end Daeshon Hall and Arlington Heights defensive tackle A'Shawn Robinson, both of whom later decommitted from the team. The last time the Longhorns signed a recruiting class with as few as 15 players was in 2005, when they also signed 15. – Christian Corona

Brown has had his share of disappointments.

First there was A'Shawn Robinson, a five-star lineman who recently decommitted from Texas, perhaps in favor of carting his defentoo thrilled about the spread of his decommitment news.

"Texas leaking that story made me kind of mad," Robinson said, according to an interview with Max Olson of ESPN. "They kind of tried to to his decision, the nation's No. 13 defensive tackle was grappling with the choice between Texas and Baylor. In the end, he picked the Bears.

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Offensive lineman

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Horns up for rematch with ISU

#### **By Matt Warden**

After having their focus questioned, the Longhorns have responded with authority.

The Longhorns (9-11, 2-7) are riding a two-game winning streak into their tough rematch with Iowa State (15-5, 6-4). Texas dropped its first game against the Cyclones, 73-65 on Jan. 2.

In their last outing, the Longhorns won a close contest against TCU, 61-56, behind dominating performances by their front-court standouts. Imani McGee-Stafford posted a careerhigh 23 points and seven blocks, to go along with 13 rebounds.

The performance earned McGee-Stafford Big 12 Freshman of the Week honors for the second straight week.

McGee-Stafford has played consistently well in Big 12 action this season, averaging 11.4 points and a team-leading 9.0 rebounds per contest. In addition, her 21 blocks in the team's nine conference games have showcased her ability to impact the game on both ends of the floor.

Sophomore Nneka Enemkpali has been equally



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo Sophomore forward Nneka Enemkpali reaches for the ball in a loss against Oklahoma State in January.

brilliant during Texas' current winning streak. After posting 16 points and 13 rebounds in Texas' win against TCU, Enemkpali leads the Big 12 with 10

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## Two straight victories no reason to celebrate



After ending a horrid losing streak, Texas has started a much more desirable one by putting together two wins in a row. The Longhorns now sport a solid 2-7 conference record, which is good for ninth in the Big 12, and have set themselves up for a historic comeback if they can continue the winning streak until the end of the season. Even then, they probably won't catch Baylor.

Although Texas now has wins over the eighth and tenth place teams, it isn't time to rejoice and sound the victory bells quite yet. Texas has wins over the other worst teams in the conference and is still winless against the top seven teams in the Big 12.

The primary factor that won Texas its first conference game was its dominance on the boards. Texas outrebounded Kansas State by 21 including a 16-10 edge on the offensive glass. This advantage gave Texas a 24 point edge in the paint over the Wildcats.

Texas continued its dominance on the boards against TCU with a 37-25 rebound advantage. Texas also made twice as many free throws as the Horned Frogs. Despite its advantage on the glass in the past two games, Texas has not been able to score more second chance points than either Kansas State or TCU, while still leading the conference in turnovers by 60. The Longhorns average 21 turnovers per game, which is significantly higher than the ninth place team in the Big 12.

While turnovers are still a major issue, Texas is at least starting to do something right. After going 37 days without a win, it's not reasonable to start complaining about finally getting into the win column.

Winning consecutive games for the first time since November is a good start toward making the season respectable again. But Texas will have its work cut out for it if it is going to make a push toward a .500 record. First, its schedule doesn't get much easier as the second half of conference play begins.

Texas will play both Kansas State and TCU again this season, and is done

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#### LONGHORNS **IN THE NBA**



## SPORTS

#### MEN'S GOLF PREVIEW | JACOB MARTELLA

The Longhorns will tee off for the first time since the departure of Jordan Spieth today when they compete in the Amer Ari Invitational in Kona, Hawaii.

Spieth, who was a key part of the 2012 national championship team, decided to go pro on Dec. 14.

Taking over for Spieth is freshman Brandon Stone, who is ranked third in the country by Golfweek and was named to the Ben Hogan Award watch list last week. Spieth was a Hogan Award finalist as a freshman. Senior Cody Gribble is ranked 50th in the rankings.

The tournament is the Longhorns' first in 2013. In their four tournaments in the fall, the Longhorns finished no lower than fourth and won the Carpet Capital Collegiate to start the year. Texas is currently ranked second as a team in the Golfweek rankings, behind California.

The tournament field is filled with top teams, including No. 6 Washington,



No. 7 UCLA and No. 8 Southern California. The Longhorns will also face Big 12 opponents Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and TCU in the tournament.



Senior

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playing the Sooners, who currently stand second in the conference.

Unfortunately, Texas still has to play Baylor twice and the Bears have not lost a conference game yet. They have won 18 games in a row since losing to Stanford in mid November. Considering that Baylor has won every conference game by an average of 24 points with only four coming by less than 20 points, the odds aren't in Texas' favor of winning against the team.

Four games against the bottom half of the conference could help the Longhorns add to their win total, but they will have to make some substantial improvements if they want a shot at winning the other five games.



**Shelby Tauber** | Daily Texan file photo Freshman center Imani McGee-Stafford earned the Phillips 66 Big 12 Freshman of the Week honor after scoring 23 points and tallying 13 rebounds in her last game against TCU.

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double-doubles and is the only player in the conference averaging a double-double for the season, with 14.4 points and 10.3 rebounds per game.

The Longhorns have seen their most success when they attack the glass and play solid defense in the post area. Texas leads the Big 12 in rebounding margin, outrebounding its opponents by a margin of 10.9 rebounds per game. The margin is the seventh best in the country. Perimeter defense will be a big key against the Cyclones as their leading scorer Hallie Christofferson is averaging 14.8 points a game while shooting 46.2 percent from the threepoint line. Texas' backcourt has shown improved quickness as of late, as it currently has four players with double-digit steals on the season.

If the Longhorns can play in sync and shut down the 31.9 percent three-point shooting attack of the Cyclones, they could very well earn their third straight Big 12 victory.

## DEFENSE

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Texas had good reason to lust after him: Without his commitment, Texas has no defensive tackle in its recruiting class for the first time in more than 10 years. That's a gaping hole defensive coordinator Manny Diaz surely hopes to fill.

With junior Brandon Moore gone to the NFL draft, and two more key defenders, Chris Whaley and Ashton Dorsey, set to leave next season, filling the defensive rotation is crucial.

Despite the bubbling disappointment after Robinson's choice to go elsewhere and Billings' Baylor decision, the incoming offensive line is shaping up well. Offensive guard Rami Hammad's commitment was the cherry on top of a shining string of players Texas has managed to rope together. There's Darius James, whose quick feet and agility make him a welcome addition.

There's Jake Raulerson, Texas' very first commit, a coveted center whose excitement for Texas has led him to try and recruit other top players to follow his burnt orange lead.

"I'm just trying to get the best guys to come to Texas," Raulerson said in an interview with Sports Illustrated. "I'm trying to be

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showcased his ability in the AAA Bowl, where he blocked a field goal and broke up a pass in the end zone.

"I think Antwuan Davis is a guy that can push for playing time at nickel back or safety," *rivals.com*'s national recruiting analyst Mike Farrell said.

Without Robinson, Antwuan Davis becomes the most heralded recruit of that guy, that leader."

Defensive-end wise, Texas still has Jackson Jeffcoat and Reggie Wilson, both of whom will graduate after this year.

There's Kent Perkins, an offensive tackle who ranks 76th on the list of ESPN's top 150 recruits, and Desmond Harrison, a junior college transfer who will strive to make his mark in his remaining two years of eligibility.

Cornerback Antwuan Davis brings a resume of accomplishments with him to Texas. The speedy Bastrop product is the top defensive back in the state and a talented sprinter. Chevoski Collins committed back in October and is set to debut as a defensive back. While Texas still has starting cornerback Carrington Byndom, a rising senior, as well as Quandre Diggs, Diggs may swap his spot to fill the need for a safety.

Deoundrei Davis and Naashon Hughes are both committed to fill the linebacker slots, though Davis is nursing a torn ACL. Hughes originally committed as a grey shirt and was recently offered a full scholarship. They'll join linebackers Jordan Hicks and Demarco Cobbs.

Despite a few setbacks, Texas boasts a solid stack of commits and can look forward to what it'll bring to the 40 Acres as the 2013 season edges closer.

the class, a responsibility for which he seems ready.

"I don't know if I'll start right away or anything, but I know that I'll be ready to start if [the coaches] ask me to," Antwuan Davis told The Daily Texan in September.

Whether that opportunity comes this year or later, it will be here soon.

When it comes, the Texas class of 2013 will have a chance to remind the college football world who it is.

More importantly, the Longhorns will try to make it forget who they are not.

By DAVID

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## LIFE & ARTS



**Courtesy of the Associated Press** 

Kodachrome photographs wrecked by the wrath of Hurricane Sandy are now a part of an exhibition of art inspired by the storm and other natural disasters in Manhattan.

## Storm inspires art exhibition

#### By Ula Ilnytzky

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Coke Wisdom O'Neal looked at the soggy, stained and discolored photographs strewn about his Brooklyn studio by the salty floodwaters of Superstorm Sandy, sure there was nothing he could do to salvage them. But as he began cleaning up, he became intrigued by the transformation of a series of old family slides into cloud-like watercolors with human figures still discernible.

Now those Kodachromes, reinvented by nature, are part of an exhibition in Manhattan of art inspired by Sandy, a phenomenon that is being included in a larger look at how artists respond creatively to disasters, such as the 2011 tornado in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and California's devastating 2007 wildfires.

"The storm destroyed tools, books, old artwork, drawings and unfinished work," O'Neal said. "They now feel to me like objects that were holding me back from going forward."

The "After Effects" exhibition, featuring 36 storminspired works by 23 artists, opens Friday at the Chashama gallery in the Chelsea neighborhood. The show is curated by the New York Foundation for the Arts, which is assisting artists whose livelihoods suffered storm losses.

Deborah Luken, of the Long Island community of Long Beach, is showing an oil painting that she started before the storm and "took on a life of its own."

Conceived originally as an image of a spiral galaxy, it evolved into a work depicting the storm when she "realized that the patterns were very similar to that of a hurricane — the eye in the center and the spiral winds around it," she said.

Craig Nutt, director of programs for the Craft Emergency Relief Fund, a national nonprofit that helps artists in need, said he has long been intrigued by the art community's response to disaster.

"Artists and arts organizations have the skills and capacity to craft recovery projects that address the less tangible cultural and psychological recovery needs of a community," Nutt wrote in an email, citing concerts, exhibitions and public art.

After a tornado blew down thousands of homes in Tuscaloosa, resident and nonprofit program manager Jean Mills launched "Beauty Amid Destruction," a public art project featuring banners installed along the debris field. About 50 artists nationwide donated works, something Mills said helped some local artists "jumpstart their energy."

For John Gordon Gauld, a Brooklyn artist whose still life depicting the remnants of his flooded studio is featured in "After Effects," making sense of the loss of materials and works to the storm means embracing it.

O'Neal is still rebuilding his studio but simultaneously readying his psychedeliclike watercolors, which he compares to Andy Warhol's abstract oxidation paintings, for a solo exhibition in March at Mixed Greens gallery in Chelsea.

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"Strings," the duo's first feature film, started as a 60-page draft about a musician whose therapist manipulates patients into committing crimes.

Inspired by the story and unfettered by how incomplete the script was, Dennis and Foster jumped into casting and were shooting by March 2008. "Strings' was shot in Austin, San Antonio and New York City for an estimated \$65,000. Behind the camera, they added more members to their production team and cast the film using Austin actors only.

After three years of production, the film premiered at the Breckenridge Festival of Film and was screened at over a dozen other prestigious film festivals such as the Hollywood Film Festival and the hometown favorite Austin Film Festival.

"We took home an award at nearly every festival and I think gave our actors and crew something to be really proud of," Foster said. "Having a successful first film has given us a little clout and I think has really facilitated getting 'Enduro' started."

"Enduro," the newest effort from Dennis and Foster, tells the story of a young man searching for his girlfriend who has disappeared into a new-age cult. He changes his appearance in order to infiltrate the cult, but the stress of the situation triggers the return of his imaginary friend, whose violent behavior plagued his childhood.

"For 'Enduro,' the goal is making people think and feel more. 'Strings' set a bar for us with an emotional storyline. I think 'Enduro' is going to be even more of a love story than 'Strings' was," returning "Strings" producer Spencer Greenwood said.

Dennis and Foster are currently producing what they are calling a "pitch

Bottoms said. "It's really hands-on and you are thrown into everything and you kind of learn as you go. It was the



When I think of making a movie in L.A., all I see are obstacles and rules. When I think of Austin, I think 'I can do anything here ...'

> — Mark Dennis, UT alumnus

trailer" for "Enduro." They are shooting only the elements of the story required to create a trailer. Dennis and Foster plan to use this trailer to pitch the concept and the story to potential talent and investors in Los Angeles.

To produce the "Enduro" pitch trailer, Dennis and Foster have reunited with much of the team from "Strings," and though they're now based in Los Angeles, they have returned to Austin to shoot.

"When I think of making a movie in L.A., all I see are obstacles and rules. When I think of Austin, I think 'I can do anything here and still go to Trudy's for happy hour," Dennis said.

Among the new additions to the Foster/Dennis camp is local actor, Johnny Walter.

"I think with our recent success at festivals like Sundance and South By Southwest this year, Los Angeles and New York can't not look at Texas as a key player in the film industry," Walter said. "And I'm lucky enough to be working alongside two brilliant filmmakers from Texas that are doing just that - making a name for themselves on both coasts - while shooting at home."

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September 2012, psychologist Tara C. Marshall of Brunel University in England found those who stay Facebook friends with an ex tend to stay emotionally hung up on the relationship.

"In spite of the need for further research, the takehome message from the present study is that keeping tabs on an ex-partner through Facebook is associated with poorer emotional recovery and personal growth following a breakup," Marshall wrote in the journal "Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking."

When it comes to seducing your exes, assuming one of you has a penis, remember that condoms are your friends: Previous research suggests condom use is high at the beginning of relationships and drops as time goes by as partners begin to feel they can trust each other. Researchers say individuals who have sex with exes are therefore less likely to use protection because of a sense of previously established trust, which is alarming from a sexual health perspective.

After all, the recent study in the Journal of Adolescent Research found 63 percent of those who had sex with an ex had sex with someone else and/or reported their partner had sex with someone else during the "breakup."

And as with everything in life, especially sex, you must learn to be effective at communicating what you want. So instead of asking an ex to "watch a movie" at your place in the wee hours of the morning, be honest about your intentions. One cannot assume that a text that says, "let's get Whataburger" means "I want to have sex with you," so please give up the clever code words. We're adults here. And no - I don't want to go to breakfast with you.

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Bobby Bones of the top-rated "Bobby Bones Show" will



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The show began as a top-40 show and according to Alayna Messer, the show's executive producer, Bobby and the team are looking forward to the transition to a country music show.

"Country is a different beast, and it's a bit intimidating, but we all grew up listening to country, so it seems like a natural place to go," Messer said.

When business sophomore and long-time fan of the show, Pooja Raman heard the news, she said she was sad, but also very happy to see them going to bigger things.

"I just see the show developing, not only with country music but with the community as well," Raman said.

Both Bottoms and Raman said despite the show's new location and affiliation with

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After the initial performance, friends and colleagues encouraged Gilmson to take her work to broader audiences. After touring the United States and Europe, Andy Murphy, chief recording engineer for the Butler School of Music, approached her to record and release her performance. Gilmson considers Murphy the "co-author" of her release.

"I approached her after her performances and encouraged her to do a recording," Murphy said. "It definitely took some time, but she was very committed, so eventually we got it done. We worked on and off over a two-year period, mostly between semesters and in the summer."

To Gilmson's surprise,

country music, they will continue to listen to the show.

Messer said even broadcasting from a country music channel the show would remain true to its roots.

"We will still be able to reach the same audience, with the same topics, with the same people on the show that have gotten us to where we are today,"

Courtesy of Bobby Bones

Messer said. "We're going to work harder than ever, and make sure we take every opportunity to make the show a national success."

she is currently the only performer to release a compilation of the piece played back-to-back on two different instruments.

"I was surprised because it seems like such an obvious idea," she said. "There are many recordings done by harpsichordists on harpsichord; there are many wonderful performances by pianists on piano — but no one has done it on both."

Gilmson said that the project was challenging and fulfilling to work on and hopes to highlight the differences between the two instruments, rather than make a case for one over the other.

"I hope listeners will not listen to decide which instrument is better. My hope

is that they will enjoy the unique colors and expressiveness that each instrument has to offer," Gilmson said. "When I play the piano, I have warm, beautiful, flexible musical lines that I try to bring to the harpsichord. When I play harpsichord, I have this fantastic clarity that I would like to bring to the piano. It was a mutually enriching experience."

As far as having a preference, Gilmson doesn't play favorites.

"I love whichever instrument I'm on at the moment," she said with a smile.

Gilmson's performance of the J.S. Bach Goldberg Variations is available in both CD and DVD formats on her website, as well as audio and video clips of two of the variations.

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# LIFE & ARTS

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

## **MUSIC** Butler professor strikes chord

UT's Sophia Gilmson records own version of Goldberg Variation

#### **By Alexandra Hart**

In the halls of the Butler School of Music, muffled melodies barely escape the soundproofed practice rooms as students diligently rehearse on an array of instruments. But it is not only students working on breakperformances; through professor Sophia Gilmson has also been hard at work on a project of her own. The 20-year veteran of the music school recently released her own recordings of the Bach Goldberg Variations on both the piano and the two-manual harpsichord. A concept, which, quite to her surprise, is the first of its kind.

"I love Bach's music, and I credit my first piano instructor for that," Gilmson said. "A question I had was, 'How would Bach himself would have played this; how would he have wanted this piece to sound?' Because we're used to playing it on a different instrument, the piano, than what it was written for. Some of the variations in the piece specifically call for a twomanual harpsichord."

The Russian-born pianist has a deep-rooted interest in music dating back to her childhood. Gilmson graduated from the Lenigrad (now St. Petersburg) Conservatory, a renowned music school, and came to America in 1976.

"I started taking piano lessons at the age of six," Gilmson said. "My parents did not intend to make me a musician, they just wanted me to have lessons. I loved it - somehow from the beginning I just wanted to do it."

Her project began in 2001, playing the Bach Goldberg Variations back-to-back on the piano and the two-manual harpsichord. Gilmson wanted to present the piece as it is played in modern times, on the piano, and on the more antiquated two-manual harpsichord, the instrument on which Bach had specified that some of the movements be played.

"In 2001 I performed in didn't know at the time what kind of response we would have, and wow, we had to

turn away about twice as many people as we could seat in the hall. We had no idea of the response we would have, but obviously there was a great interest in the project."

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## **Bobby Bones Show leaves Austin** the KASE 101 country mu-

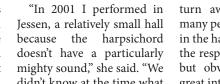
By Tatiana Marceleno

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Sam Ortega | Daily Texan Staff Associate Professor Sophia Gilmson recently released several recordings of the Bach Goldberg Variations playing both the piano and two-manual harpsichord. The Russian-born pianist graduated from Leningrad (St. Petersburg) Conservatory and has taught at UT for 20 years.



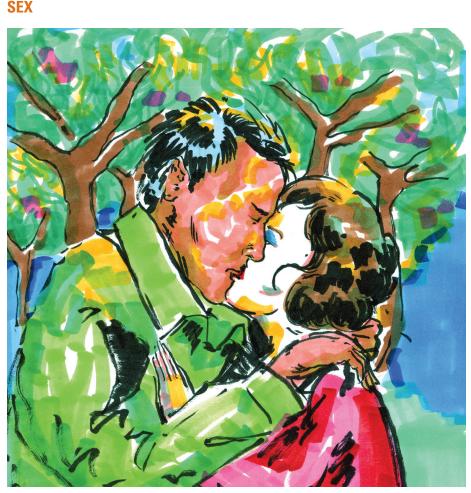




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## Study shows ex sex is common



Thinking about having sex with one of your exes? You're not alone. A new study found the cycle of getting back together with an ex and having sex with exes are both common behaviors among young adults.

A study in the Journal of Adolescent Research collected responses from 792 young adults, ages 17 to 24-yearsold from different schools. The researchers found more than one quarter of participants reported having had sex with an ex, with similar percentages for both males and females.

The researchers found 53 percent of those who choose to recommit to an ex-partner

chose to have sex with that partner when they were in a relationship. Similarly, 87 percent of participants who reported having had sex with their ex also say they have broken up and gotten back together with this partner. Taken together, 48 percent of all participants experienced some form of relationship "churning," which researchers defined as behavior of having sex with an ex or getting back together with them.

Researchers highlighted how these relationship patterns can form into habits. Calling the pattern of breaking up and getting back together "reconciliations," the researchers wrote that "emerging adults who reconcile may be prone to a behavior pattern that involves cycling through relationship formation and dissolution." Think about that friend you have that calls you to vent to you about how awful his or her partner is and how this time it's really the end - when you know they'll be back together in less than 24 hours.

The study also points out these behaviors can be unhealthy mentally as relationship boundaries and intentions are often not well communicated. Spontaneous sex with an ex can always be fun, but if you don't let your ex know you have no intentions of getting back together, he will be mad when he sees you out the next day kissing John from the coffee shop.

And do yourself a favor and delete your exes from your Facebook, even if you do plan to call them every now and then for the occasional afternoon delight. In

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sation "The Bobby Bones Show" is broadcasting its last show in Austin this Friday before moving to Nashville to become the biggest country music show in the U.S.

The Austin-based show will broadcast on KHFI-KISS FM before moving to

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from Nashville on Feb. 25. "It is really bittersweet for me because it is something that I started and built from scratch with a group of

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interned for the top-rated show last year. She began her internship after she realized the show was unlike anything she had listened to before.

"I have never experienced an internship like that,"

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Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

RTF students Mark Dennis and Ben Foster have begun the pre-production stage of their second feature length film, "Enduro." Dennis and Foster are currently filming a pitch trailer to gain the attention of potential talent and investors.

## UT alumni return for second movie

#### **By Stefanie Robalino**

Ben Foster and Mark Dennis were paired together for a short film assignment in 2005. This month, they returned to Austin to begin filming their second feature length film.

As Dennis and Foster join the ranks of successful former UT students such as Robert Rodriguez and Wes Anderson, these rising filmmakers are worth keeping an eye on.

'Our strengths and weaknesses really evened us out to be an effective team," Dennis said. "I realize that anything I do with Ben is always the best thing I ever do, so this seems like the right path to be on."

Together, Foster and Dennis produced a handful of shorts and began to build a team of other RTF classmates. The pair made a few

extra curricular short films in 2007, but the filmmaking duo had their eyes on making a full-length feature film. Following graduation, Dennis and Foster did just that.

"Mark emailed me three scripts on New Year's Eve of 2008 and the most compelling and interesting of the three also happened to be the least complete," Foster said.

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