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SG executive alliances come under fire

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

Today, the Election Supervisory Board will hold both a hearing to consider two separate questions of potential election code violation by the campaign of executive alliance Minator Azemi and Justin Stein as well as a deposition to examine the financial disclosure reports of the campaign of executive alliance Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir.

Numerous complaints were filed against the Azemi and Stein campaign regarding an e-mail sent asking for students to vote for Azemi and Stein. Azemi said the e-mail was sent to a list of more than 10,000 student e-mail addresses his campaign compiled using the UT directory.

Under the election code, all distributed electronic materials must comply with the guidelines of the entity through which the e-mail addresses were obtained — in this case, the UT directory, a program of Information Technology Services. According to the ITS Acceptable Use Policy, “sending an unsolicited message(s) to a large

number of recipients (known as ‘spamming the network’) is an inappropriate use of resources.

The board ruled Tuesday night that a violation of ITS rules would also be a violation of the election code, which would place the matter under the board’s jurisdiction.

“I was unaware of the rule,” Azemi said. “[E-mail addresses on the directory] are public information, and anybody can access them. It was an e-mail that encouraged students to vote for Justin and me. There was no commercial gain or monetary reward there.”

Azemi acknowledged that according to the election code, ignorance of the rules does not excuse a violation.

Several students also filed complaints with the board regarding campaign materials for Azemi and Stein that were slipped underneath the doors of Jester dorm rooms. According to the Division of Housing and Food Services Web site, “political campaigning ... in the residence halls or dining rooms is not permitted unless specifically authorized.” Azemi said

the team obtained permission from the University Residence Hall Council.

Because rules of solicitation in dorms are governed by the University, and because candidates are required to adhere to all University rules under the code, the board will hear the case in conjunction with the hearing about the e-mails. Kabir said she is concerned her campaign has been put at a disadvantage because the other campaign contacted so many students using methods she deems questionable. Voting for elections ends at 5 p.m. today, and the board’s ruling in the hearing will come after at least one day — and possibly two full days — of voting, depending on the timing of the hearing and deliberations.

“To defy University policy is worthy of disqualification, especially so close to the end,” Kabir said.

The Parks and Kabir campaign may also face consequences for not properly submitting its first round of financial disclosures by the Feb. 17 deadline. Board

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Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Student government presidential candidate Minator Azemi rallies for support on the Main Mall on Tuesday. Azemi supporters draped his campaign shirt on a cutout of Taylor Lautner, who plays a werewolf in the movie ‘Twilight,’ because of the mythical relationship between werewolves and minotaurs.

White successful in campaign for Democratic berth

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate and former Houston Mayor Bill White garnered 76.45 percent of the statewide primary vote Tuesday night, defeating Houston businessman Farouk Shami, who received 12.51 percent of the vote, and five other candidates.

“Today, the Texans who cast their votes ... sent a clear signal,” White said in Houston.

“Texas is ready for a new governor.”

On Tuesday night at Serrano’s Cafe and Cantina, Democratic candidates and their supporters gathered for the Big Tent Primary Party, where they watched the election results and enjoyed free food and rock music.

With 97 percent of precincts reporting their results, 662,717 people voted in the Democratic primary on Tuesday. A total of 491,116 Republican and Democratic voters participated in last week’s early voting, according to the Texas Secretary of State’s Web site.

White’s challenge in November will be to frame Gov. Rick Perry as an insider incumbent candidate and to focus more on Texas’ bud-

getary shortfalls, said James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project.

“One of the things about the Republican campaign is that there has been very little discussion about budget and economic difficulties looming in Texas,” Henson said. “That was one of the major failings of the Hutchison campaign. The challenge for White is to overcome that.”

University Democrats spent eight hours Tuesday in the Texas Union calling registered voters in districts where candidates faced competitive races.

UDems President Melesa Rodriguez said White is the Democrats’ “Great White Hope.” Rodriguez said she would watch White’s victory margin closely because a big victory for White could help his prospects in November.

“Since 2008 and the election of Obama, it’s

been pretty difficult to bring people out and to get them interested and engaged again,” she said. “[White] is probably the only gubernatorial candidate that our



“Today, the Texans who cast their votes ... sent a clear signal. Texas is ready for a new governor.”

— Bill White
Gubernatorial nominee

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Perry earns Republican nod



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Rick Perry kisses his wife Anita before addressing supporters at his watch party at The Salt Lick restaurant in Driftwood on Tuesday night. Perry was assured the gubernatorial nomination after Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison conceded the race.

After Hutchison’s concession, incumbent addresses voters

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Spotlights, music and a giant Texas flag set the scene for Gov. Rick Perry’s acceptance of the Republican gubernatorial nomination after Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison conceded Tuesday night.

Perry, accompanied by his family, addressed hundreds of supporters at The Salt Lick restaurant in Driftwood. Perry’s nomination came after months of aggressive campaigning and millions of dollars spent by both the Perry and Hutchison camps.

“From Driftwood, Texas, to Washington, D.C., we are sending you a message tonight,” Perry said to the crowd. “Stop messing with Texas. That message resonates.”

As Perry spoke, Austin resident Myrna Hall and her husband, who had earlier made their way to the front of the crowd to ensure they had a good view, were all smiles. Hall and her husband attended Perry’s rally with Sarah Palin last month and plan to attend the governor’s ball in January if Perry reclaims the seat.

Hall said that Hutchison entered the gubernatorial race because she was tired of Washington, D.C., but that her policies are too radical for Texas.

“We believe Kay Bailey Hutchison is a progressive,” she said. “We’re Texans — we don’t have room in our hearts for progressives. We believe Rick Perry is the right man for Texas.”

Hutchison raised and spent millions of dollars more than Perry over the course of the campaign. The senator raised more than \$14 million while Perry raised almost \$13 million from Jan. 1, 2009, to Feb. 20, 2010, according to reports from the Texas Ethics Commission. Hutchison spent more than \$19 million, and Perry spent more than \$16 million on the campaign over the same period of time, according to the commission.

Geoffrey Geiger, treasurer of College Republicans at Texas, said Perry will maintain his anti-Washington message as the November election approaches. Geiger said Democratic candidate Bill White is seen as a friend of Washington, D.C., because of his party affiliation.

“Because Bill White is a Democrat, he is more likely going to be in favor of policies that either allow for more federal intervention in the state or pass laws that are deemed intrusive

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Tony Gutierrez | Associated Press

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison smiles as she acknowledges support from her husband Ray and others following her speech conceding the Republican nomination for Texas governor to Gov. Rick Perry in Dallas on Tuesday.

Primary Election Results

	Republican	Democrat
Governor Nominees	Rick Perry	Bill White
Lieutenant Governor Nominees	David Dewhurst	Linda Chavez-Thompson
Agricultural Commissioner Nominees	Todd Staples	Hank Gilbert



Rene Huynh | Daily Texan Staff

Sharon Ellerby and Eleanor Thompson view the updated election points with fellow supporters of Yvonne Williams, a Democratic justice of the peace candidate for the 1st Precinct.

—Julie Bissinger

Kurt Kuhn, who ran unopposed in the Democratic primary for Justice of Third Court of Appeals, said

Henson said Medina voters are

"It just shows how much support he already has," Hurta said. "[In November] it might be an uphill climb, but it may be close to an even shot. Some Hutchison supporters and Medina supporters might not go out and vote for Perry, and Bill White might win some of them over."

At press time, the board had not ruled on how to proceed logistically with the hearing. Its decision will determine how the hearings and the penalties will fit into the election's timeline. The election results are scheduled to be announced today at 7 p.m. in Room 212 of the Main Building.


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Community activist Otis McDonald, left, accompanied by his attorney Alan Gura, leaves a news conference in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. McDonald was denied a handgun permit after seeking one to protect himself and his family from gang violence.

Justices may strike down lingering handgun bans

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court suggested Tuesday it will strike down U.S. cities' outright bans on handguns, a ruling that could establish a nationwide ownership right fervently sought by gun advocates. But the justices indicated less severe limits could survive, continuing disputes over the "right to keep and bear arms."

Chicago area residents who want handguns for protection in their homes are asking the court to extend its 2008 decision in support of gun rights in Washington, D.C., to state and local laws.

Such a ruling would firmly establish a right that has been the subject of politically charged and

often fierce debate for decades. But it also would ensure years of legal challenges to sort out exactly which restrictions may stand and which must fall.

Indeed, the outcome of the Washington lawsuit in 2008 already has spawned hundreds of court challenges.

Two years ago, the court announced that the Constitution's Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess guns, at least for self-defense in the home.

Alan Gura, the lawyer who represents the Chicago challengers, also has filed a new suit against Washington over the city's prohibition on carrying loaded weapons outside the home.

The justices acknowledged

that only through future lawsuits would the precise contours of the constitutional gun right be established.

James Feldman, a Washington-based lawyer representing the city of Chicago, urged the court to reject the challenges to the gun laws in that city and its suburb of Oak Park, Ill. Handguns have been banned in those two places for nearly 30 years, although they appear to be the last two remaining jurisdictions with outright bans.

Even those who were not in the 2008 majority appeared to recognize that some extension, or incorporation as it is called, of the Second Amendment is likely.

A decision is expected by the end of June.

After citizen outcry, German court repeals law on phone, e-mail data

By Melissa Eddy
The Associated Press
BERLIN — Germany's highest court on Tuesday overturned a law that let anti-terror authorities retain data on telephone calls and e-mails, saying it marked a "grave intrusion" into personal privacy rights and must be revised.

The court ruling was the latest to criticize a major initiative by Chancellor Angela Merkel's government and one of the strongest steps yet defending citizen rights from post-Sept. 11 terror-fighting measures.

The ruling comes amid a Europe-wide attempt to set limits on the digital sphere in the name of protecting privacy. That includes disputes with Google Inc. over photographing citizens for its Street View maps and a vote against letting U.S. authorities see European bank transfers.

The Federal Constitutional Court ruled that the law violated Germans' constitutional right to private correspondence and failed to balance privacy rights against the need to provide security. It did not, however, rule out data retention in principle.

The law had ordered that all data — except content — from



Winfried Rothermel | Associated Press

Members of the German constitutional court are seen in the courtroom in Karlsruhe, southern Germany, on Tuesday.

phone calls and e-mail exchanges be retained for six months for possible use by criminal authorities, who could probe who contacted whom, from where and for how long.

Nearly 35,000 Germans appealed to the court to overturn the law, which stems from a 2006 European Union anti-terrorism directive requiring telecommunications companies to retain phone and Internet logs for a minimum six months in case they are needed for criminal investigations.

The court ruled telecom data must not be stored in Germany before there is a new law, and existing data must be erased.

The ruling highlights tensions between the U.S. and Europe when it comes to privacy standards, said Eddan Katz, international affairs director at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. It could lead to the U.S. being unable to pass similar legislation, he said, given that "this was an experiment that was, as a matter of constitutional law, rejected."

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HORNS UP, HORNS DOWN



Republicans pick Rick Perry

Tuesday night was the first — and perhaps best — chance Texans had at finally ousting Gov. Rick Perry from office, ending his decade-long reign of cheap politics and cronyism and restoring credibility to the office of the governor.

We didn't consider Perry's main competitor, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, an ideal candidate for governor. A relatively moderate Republican, the Senate veteran meekly followed Perry in tacking to the right for the last year rather than playing up her credentials as an intelligent conservative.

Nonetheless, we saw in Hutchison a statesman to Perry's brainless cowboy, and we were sad to see her concede Tuesday, garnering only 30 percent of the GOP vote in a race that will not result in the runoff that just a few weeks ago seemed inevitable. Perry ended up with 51 percent of the vote and Medina with 18 percent.

Now our only hope for a Perry-free government is Democratic nominee Bill White.



Democrats pick Bill White

Finally, Farouk Shami will return his energy to creating hair-care miracles and not to his less successful campaign videos (Google "Farouk is on fire"). Shami garnered 13 percent of the vote in Tuesday's Democratic gubernatorial primary as former Houston Mayor Bill White walked away with 76 percent of the vote.

The easy win was nothing new for the popular politician, who, as mayor, was re-elected twice with margins of 86 percent and 91 percent. White will undoubtedly face stiffer odds in November when he faces incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, but we are enthusiastic about his prospects as a proven leader and moderate Democrat — especially when juxtaposed against Perry's intense partisanship.

White has made some exciting promises regarding higher education. We are crossing our fingers for the candidate who has promised on his Web site to "work to make both two-year and four-year programs more affordable. Texas students should have an opportunity to pay little or no tuition with a public service commitment after school."



Stealing newspapers

Football players at Texas A&M University-Commerce stole almost every copy of the campus paper, The East Texan, last week when the paper ran a story titled, "A&M-Commerce football players arrested in drug bust," according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Head coach Guy Morriss is publicly supporting his team's actions, "I am proud of my players for doing that," he said. "This was the best team-building exercise we have ever done."

Lt. Jason Bone, the crime information officer who interviewed Morriss, showed a copy of the paper to Morriss, who responded that he "didn't read that crap."

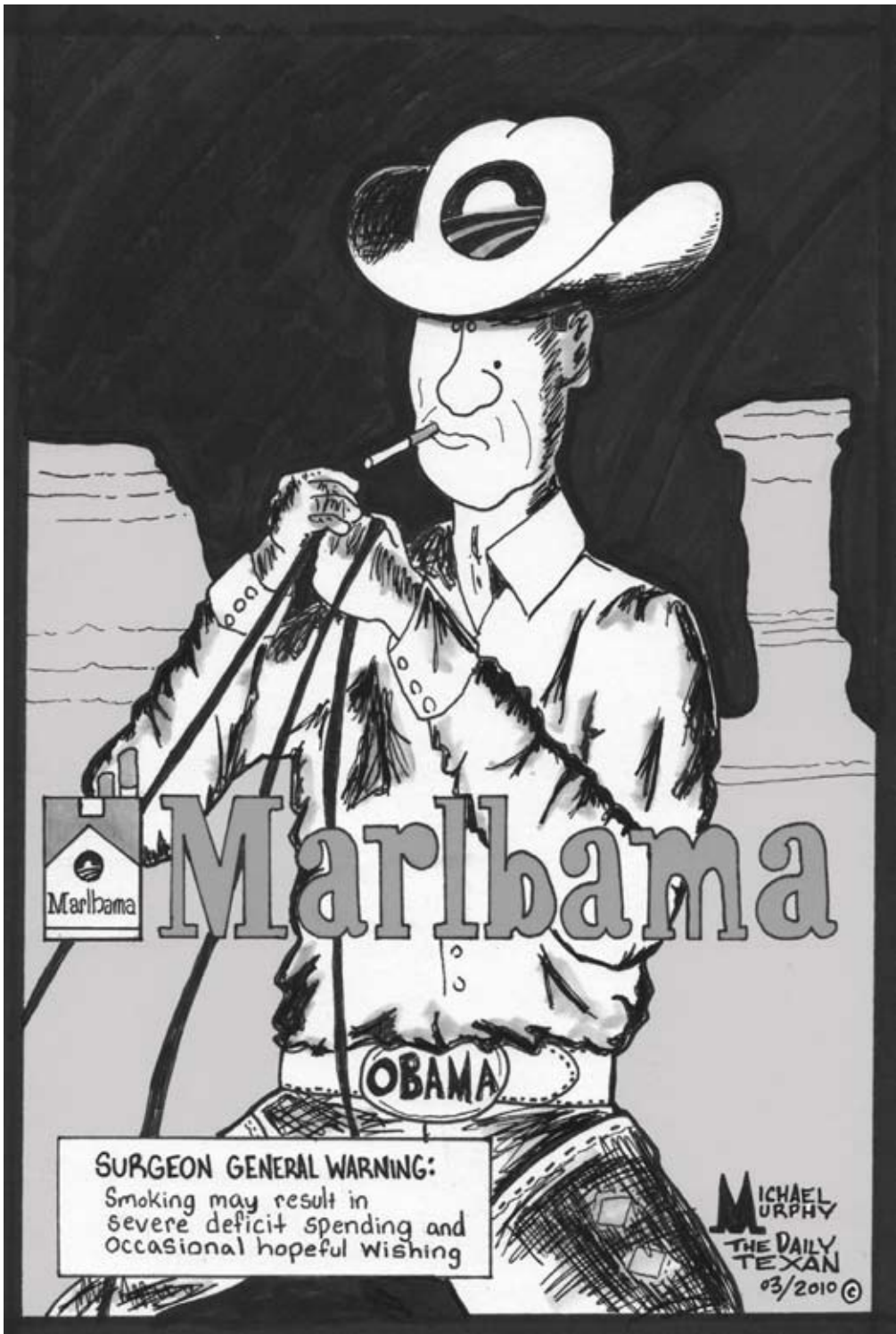
But it gets better. Bone also reported that Athletic Director Carlton Cooper said he didn't believe the football team could have stolen the papers without outside help.

"I don't think they are smart enough to do this on their own," he said.

Not only are the football players guilty of theft, the media backlash for their attempt to keep the press from circulating the story will only result in increased public attention.

But the football players won't face charges alone. Morriss concluded his interview with the police saying, "Then I guess I will be the first one out of the door in handcuffs."

GALLERY



VOTE TODAY

Campus elections close at 5 p.m. today. Vote at utsg.org.

The editorial board met with all of the executive alliances and nearly all candidates for University-wide representative. We received detailed questionnaires from all endorsed college representatives.

After carefully considering the tangible contributions each candidate has made to UT, we have endorsed the following candidates.

Green Fund referendum

Vote yes

Executive alliance

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For full audio of the editorial board's endorsement interviews with all of the executive alliances, visit dailytexanonline.com.

Vote for the Green Fund today

By Jacob Bintliff
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Quick quiz: What was the only piece of legislation to pass both houses of the Texas Legislature and be signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry twice last year? Answer: HB 3353, aka "the Green Funds bill."

In today's Student Government elections, UT students will be the first public university student body to vote on a Green Fund since the bill granted us the power to support our own environmental projects. The vote comes one week after Rice University students voted to create a Green Fund with 71 percent approval, and just a day before our old friends in College Station begin voting on their own Aggie Green Fund.

Haven't heard of the Green Fund yet? The members of more than three dozen student organizations have, and more than 800 students have already committed to voting yes today. The idea is simple: We students agree to contribute \$5 extra per semester, creating an annual fund of nearly half a million dollars to support environmental initiatives on campus. Twenty percent of that will go to financial aid, while the rest will be overseen by a student-majority Green Fund committee. Students, faculty and staff will then apply the funds to campus environmental projects.

Biodiesel processors for engineering students to

run and for campus vehicles to use, a student-run bike share program, rewards for using reusable bags and mugs, elliptical machines that power the gym — these are just a few examples of what we can do with the for-students-by-students money provided by the Green Fund.

With tuition increasing, budget cuts looming and the economy still shaky, some have asked "Why now?" That's a good question with several great answers. First, the increased cost to those currently on financial aid will be offset by the 20-percent financial aid withholding. Secondly, we're talking about a 0.1-percent increase in tuition. There's a good chance you spent \$5 on the coffee you're enjoying with this paper right now.

Thirdly, this small individual contribution will fund projects that can save millions of dollars for years to come. For example, the recent Demand Side Energy Management & Conservation lighting retrofit of campus buildings is saving UT about \$2 million per year, or \$40 per student per year. The sooner we start funding resource efficiency projects with the Green Fund, the sooner we'll start saving more money.

Fourth, the fund will be available to support environmentally related research grants and internships for students. Helping students take advantage of the research opportunities at our great university and providing paid real-world experience in perhaps the fastest-growing field of the 21st century are some of the best things we can do

for ourselves in a tough economy.

Finally, high utility costs are eating away at the benefits from student fees we're already paying. In fact, a whopping 29 percent of new student fees went to pay for utility costs alone last year. So instead of going to support the great things that our student fees pay for, such as RecSports facilities and University Health Services, we spent 30 cents of every dollar just to keep the lights on. The Student Services Budget Committee, which allocates student fees, noted in its 2009-10 report that "with the unpredictable future of the natural gas market ... a long-term solution for the University ... must develop."

The Green Fund is part of that long-term solution. If even half of the money raised by the Green Fund in just one year went to provide energy savings equivalent to those gained by the lighting retrofit, we'd be saving about \$30,000 per year. That's equivalent to 10 percent of the increase in utility costs that our student fee money went to last year.

So when you get online to vote at utsg.org today, remember that whether you're concerned about affordability, student services, campus life, student leadership opportunities or the environment, when you look at the facts, the Green Fund really starts to add up.

Bintliff is a Latin American studies senior and the Texas Green Funds Campaign coordinator.

Rally against cuts to the University

By Nikki Marterre
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Gov. Rick Perry has billions of dollars in surplus in the Texas state budget. That's right — billions of dollars.

At least, this is accurate if his campaign reelection ad that first aired Feb. 8 is telling Texans the truth. But didn't Perry just ask UT's President William Powers Jr. and the UT System Board of Regents to cut another 5 percent of the System's state revenue?

We've seen no letters from Powers' office denouncing this new information from the governor's campaign. Nor have we seen any active dissent on his behalf. Why? Maybe because Powers, the Board of Regents and the top layers of the administration have become immune to news of the financial woes of students and their parents. The Associated Press reported last month that the budget for administrative jobs that paid at least \$200,000 or more at some point between 2004 and 2008 rose from \$5.9 million to \$8.2 million, or 40 percent. The same article reveals that executives at the University saw their take-home pay rise sharply along with steep tuition increases, with some salaries increasing by 30 percent in four years.

I think we're all familiar with the University's excuses about why budget cuts and tuition hikes are necessary: There's a general na-

tional economic crisis, so we should all hunker down. Also, despite their greatest efforts, earmarked money — like that going toward head coach Mack Brown's \$2 million dollar raise — is untouchable.

But according to the Knight's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics published in October, most athletic departments in the country have, for long stretches of their existence, run at a loss. In fact, UT's athletics department was running a deficit for close to two decades until 2005. Where did the money come from that helped bail out the athletics departments studied by the Knight Commission? The tuition-generating classes of liberal arts departments that require the least amount of technological innovation.

It is time to call for Powers to stop acquiescing and to stop actively working toward creating a privatized university where fewer students can afford to attend and where the community is increasingly excluded (e.g., closing the Cactus Cafe and shutting down informal classes). Perry has the money, so why isn't the University using every outlet it has to change UT's measly state allocation?

The answer: "You really have to rethink your core business model, and that's what we're doing," Kevin Hegarty, UT's vice president and chief financial officer, told the Austin American-Statesman in October. The University has been

on a privatizing trajectory and is using the current national economic crisis to justify the major restructuring that will ultimately finish the job. The administration doesn't care that most people graduating right now have few prospects for decent jobs and are thousands of dollars in debt. Their current and future personal gains are just too savory.

When do we say enough is enough? Many of us that feel that the major increase in tuition every year is unjust at a "public" university but doubt anything can be accomplished. While a rally to be held Thursday will only be the beginning of a larger effort to return this University to its public roots, you have to start somewhere.

An old Chinese proverb states, "A crisis is an opportunity riding the dangerous wind." The powers that be are actively riding that wind, but will we use this crisis as an opportunity to rebuild a public university with a different vision — a more affordable, diverse, accessible and democratic institution of higher learning?

On March 4, students across the country will rally, march and strike for their education. Don't miss the rally here at UT to defend education and save the Cactus Cafe on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the West Mall.

Marterre is an anthropology graduate student and member of Stop the Cuts!

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PCL locker thefts prompt review of security practices

By Bobby Longoria
Daily Texan Staff

Perry-Castañeda Library officials have set their sights on improving locker security after a string of break-ins last semester prompted student concern.

UT Police Department officials regarded the thefts as being committed by “a more sophisticated group of thieves.” Their method of prying the lockers open had not been seen before in such a high frequency, UTPD Officer Darrell Halstead said.

“These individuals were hitting entire banks of lockers, which meant instead of grabbing and quickly leaving, they were staying there for a long period of time,” Halstead said. “Honestly we still to this day don’t really know what tool was being used [to pry open the lockers]. I’ve got my suspicions.”

Halstead said thefts within the PCL and across campus typically occur during midterms and finals. Thieves usually grab items left unattended, but the high number of break-ins into secure lockers during October was not typical of what UTPD had seen in the past, he said.

Eight lockers containing books and other assorted items were broken into in October. More than 27 books with a total estimated value of \$2,205 were stolen.

“[The lockers] don’t seem like the most secure places, so I wouldn’t think to leave valuables in them,” said Molly Hardy, an English graduate student and member of the Student Library Council.

Hardy said the library council is creating a survey to gauge how much students are using the lockers.

Based on the survey, a decision will be made to see if the lockers are even necessary. Hardy said she noticed that few of the English graduate students use library lockers.

One possible solution could be to move the lockers to an area under 24-hour camera surveillance, Hardy said.

Another solution could be to replace the lockers entirely, Halstead said.

“Our recommendations were to look at the lockers and consider replacing them with lockers that are true lockers and not filing cabinets with locks on them,” Halstead said.

UTPD looked at sample lockers from three different companies and made a suggestion to library executives for a more robust and secure locker. Hardy said such a solution would be ideal, but considering the PCL’s budget, it may not be feasible.

Catherine Hamer, interim associate director for user services and a member of the Student Library Council, said that although a formal proposal has not been written, the library council is considering many alternatives. The Libraries Administrative Council will discuss the locker situation with Hamer and the Student Library Council at its next meeting March 10.

Halstead said the string of thefts that occurred last semester has ended. He attributes this to the library’s campaign, which warns students not to leave personal items in the lockers. He said the group responsible for the thefts may return because thieves tend to target familiar areas where they were previously successful.

Tuition plan sent to board for final seal of approval

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

The University’s planned tuition increase for the next two years will pass its final stage today at the Board of Regents meeting in Austin.

The regents will set tuition for each of the nine universities and six health institutions in the UT System at this meeting.

The decision marks the culmination of a seven-month process that began in August when the nine-member Tuition Policy Advisory Committee met to discuss the possibility of a tuition increase at the University. The student membership of the committee was composed of Student Government President Liam O’Rourke; Lauren Ratliff, president of the Senate of College Councils; Daniel Spikes, president of the Graduate Student Assembly; and Cecilia Lopez, at-large representative and government senior.

TPAC meetings took place behind closed doors, and a Daily Texan reporter was turned away at the door of one committee meeting.

On Dec. 1, the committee released its recommendations to increase tuition by 3.95 percent in each of the next two years. The total tuition increase for undergraduate amounts to \$241 per semester in 2010-11 and \$186 in 2011-12.

The increase in tuition would allow the University to reach a flat budget while providing no additional money for faculty and staff raises as well as for other University programs.

The regents make the final decision in setting tuition and have no obligation to adopt any recommendations from Powers or TPAC. The 2008-10 TPAC proposal recommended raising tuition by 8 and 7 percent in each of the two years, but was reduced by the regents to a 4.95-percent tuition increase each year instead.

PEOPLE WATCHING



Anthropology and psychology student Jennifer Richardson walks across the Main Mall on Tuesday afternoon.

Rene Huynh
Daily Texan Staff

NEWS BRIEFLY

SG assembly fails to meet quorum, pushes votes back

Seven pieces of legislation, including a resolution to preserve the Cactus Cafe, were left untouched Tuesday evening after the Student Government assembly failed to maintain enough representatives for a quorum.

After the passage of one resolution, the assembly fell one representative short of the two-thirds needed to consider legislation. This was the first time the current assembly has failed to reach a quorum. The seven items will be placed on the March 9 agenda.

The resolution regarding the cafe was originally scheduled for vote Feb. 23, but the meeting was canceled because of inclement weather.

SG Vice President Shara Ma said she was unable to attend because she was sick.

President Pro-Tempore Rachel Meyerson left her class to attend the meeting and stayed long enough to enable the unanimous passage of a resolution to discourage the derogatory use of the word “retarded.”

After Meyerson left, the assembly fell short of a quorum and adjourned.

— Rachel Burkhardt

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TEXAS UNION BALLROOM

SPRING FOOTBALL

Horns begin new era at spring practice

By Chris Tavarez
Daily Texan Staff

The most surprising part about Tuesday's practice wasn't the new faces of Case McCoy, Connor Wood or A.J. White, or the absence of familiar ones such as Jordan Shipley or Sergio Kindle. It was the presence of head coach Mack Brown, who lost his mother Sunday to cancer.

A month ago, Katherine Brown was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and after a short battle with the disease, she passed away at the age of 82. But even though she has passed away, Brown still honors his mother's orders.

"Some would ask why I'm here today," Brown said. "My mother would want me to be here today. Every day of her life was football, and she loved football."

Brown used his mother's death to stress an important point to the Longhorns.

"I talked to my mom at least three times every week for my whole life," he said. "I told her I loved her every day. We need to all reach out to our parents and say that we love them and care for them and make sure that they know that."

After practice, Brown flew to Cookeville, Tenn., for his mother's funeral, which will be held tonight.

A new era

While the Colt McCoy era of Texas football unexpectedly ended just a few plays into the national championship game in January, the official Garrett Gilbert era has now arrived. Just as McCoy had to deal with replacing a legend in Vince Young, Gilbert now has to replace McCoy, who is college football's all-time wins leader.

"I try not to think about that," Gilbert said. "I'm just trying to be myself."

While Gilbert's performance



Amanda Martin | Daily Texan Staff

Garrett Gilbert drops back to pass Tuesday during Texas' spring practice. The Longhorns' practice was open to the public, and it was the first time fans and media were able to see Gilbert play since his performance in the BCS national championship game in Pasadena in January.

in the second half of the championship game earned him respect of college football fans nationwide, he's still trying to show this team that he has what it takes to take over as the starting quarterback.

"Right now, I'm just trying to earn these guys' respect and slowly become a leader," he said. "As a quarterback, you have an obligation as a leader. But right now, as a sophomore, I'm just trying to get my feet under me — just trying to earn my way into the lineup."

Senior receiver James Kirkendoll, one of Gilbert's go-to guys, has seen that the sophomore has what it takes to take over the team but knows the

results won't be immediate.

"He's still trying to figure it out," Kirkendoll said about Gilbert becoming a leader. "He showed glimpses of it in the [national championship] game, but he's still a young work in progress. He's going to learn, and we're here to guide him along the way."

No 'I' in team

For the first time in a while, when the Longhorns' quarterback is referred to as "the man under center," it'll actually be true.

Mack Brown said before spring practice that establishing a running game would be

one of Texas' number one priorities in the offseason. Texas ran about half of its plays with Gilbert under center with Tre' Newton right behind him in the backfield in the I-formation.

"I enjoy it," Gilbert said about Texas' move to the I-formation. "I think it's a lot of fun. Play-action passes will help keep pressure off and keep the defense on their heels."

Go go gadget plays

Not that Texas needs any advice on how to beat Oklahoma, but some extra help never hurts. That's why the

Horns brought in offensive coaches from Boise State, who beat the Sooners with a couple of trick plays in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl, to teach the team some new tricks.

With fans and the media all watching, Texas didn't get too fancy. It did, however, run the hook and ladder a few times until the coaches were happy with its execution.

"Anytime you add any new dimensions to our offense, it's going to make us more dangerous," Kirkendoll said. "It's going to be good for us."

It was no Statue of Liberty, but for a team that doesn't use trick plays very often, it's a start.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

MMA fights gain popularity among Austin sports fans

Despite common belief, mixed martial arts is not all about grunge, violence

By Andy Lutz
Daily Texan Staff

As a group of 18 young fighters entered the Austin Music Hall for the eighth King of Combat tournament Saturday night, the atmosphere was electric.

Simply walking into the venue and feeling the anticipation in the air was an experience in itself. In a building accustomed to holding concerts and shows on stage, a giant heptagonal cage could not have been a better fit for the center of the main atrium. The cage served as the focal point for viewers of nine mixed martial arts — commonly known as MMA — fights that took place, pitting amateurs against amateurs and professionals against professionals in

"The Uprising."

Despite the common perception of MMA fighting, one that depicts the sport as a grungy, violent attempt to join the accepted ranks of world-class boxing and non-staged wrestling, there is actually a great deal of civility and sportsmanship that takes place in the ring before and after a fight. This check on the barbaric potential of a fight between two men helped create a family-type environment surrounding a brawl probably best suited for mature adults.

With a crowd — estimated at just fewer than 2,000 — that picked its favorite fighters along the way, there was never a dull moment in the four hours of action at the popular downtown entertainment destination. In what was deemed by many as "fight of the night," Di-

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Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Two MMA fighters crank up the intensity in the ring at the King of Combat tournament on Saturday.

BASEBALL

TEXAS 3, UT-PAN AMERICAN 2

Rowe's heroics secure Texas' win

By Austin Ries
Daily Texan Staff

Texas center fielder Connor Rowe knew his arm was feeling good while long-tossing before Tuesday's game against UT-Pan America, and he showed it in the top of the sixth inning.

After the Horns took the lead for the third time in the bottom of the fifth inning, Rowe sprinted to the top of the steer head and scooped up a ball hit by UTPA left fielder Bryant Elliott. Then, he hurled a strike to Cameron Rupp at home plate to beat UTPA's Mike McCarthy by two steps. It was the play of the game for Texas, who survived a frustrating day at the plate to finish off the Broncos 3-2.

"He did a good job of shortening the distance by covering a lot of ground while the ball was on the ground," head coach Augie Garrido said. "If he goes three-quarters speed and takes that ball deeper, he wouldn't throw him out."

Texas' formula for run production in the first four innings was nothing similar to



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman pitcher Hoby Milner got his first start Tuesday night against UT-Pan American. He pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowing two runs, one unearned on six hits.

last weekend against Stanford. The Horns couldn't fall back on the top of the lineup that mustered only one hit in 12 plate appearances thanks to Broncos starter Kyle Kotchie's off-speed pitches and "effectively wild" control, according to Garrido.

"It frustrated them and they started to think, and that gets you off your concentra-

tion levels, and then it all piles up," Garrido said. "When you try too hard, you lose your rhythm and timing and don't keep it simple."

The one hit from the top of the order was a blast from Rupp over the right-field fence in the bottom of the fifth that gave the Horns a one-run lead.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Emotions will set in on Senior Night

Longhorns hope to send their seniors off with a win in last home game

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Normally, when a coach refers to a player as a basketball warrior, you don't imagine the athlete crying. But even the strongest-willed players know it's acceptable to shed a tear on some occasions, which is why Texas senior guard Brittainy Raven can keep her title.

"I don't know what to say.

It has been an amazing four years," a teary-eyed Raven said on Tuesday. "I can't believe it is over so soon."

She isn't the only one feeling emotional. The Longhorns will host Missouri tonight at the Frank Erwin Center, but the focus of the festivities will be on the three seniors playing their last regular season home game. Seniors Raven, Erika Arriaran and Earnesia Williams will all be honored before the game, when fans can show their appreciation.

During Monday's practice,

TODAY: No. 18 Texas (19-9, 8-6 Big 12) vs. Missouri (11-16, 1-13 Big 12)

WHERE: Frank Erwin Center

WHEN: Tonight at 7 p.m.

head coach Gail Goestenors had the whole team share its favorite memories with the seniors.

Goestenors, who took over the head coaching job three years ago, said she could not be

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

James files papers to switch jersey from No. 23 to No. 6

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James is making good on his promise.

James has filed paperwork with the NBA to change his uniform number next season to No. 6 from No. 23, the league confirmed Tuesday. James said earlier this season he would be willing to give up No. 23 in an effort to have the league retire it in honor of Michael Jordan. Paperwork had to be filed this week to request a number change for next season.

"All it does is back up LeBron's beliefs," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "He's a loyalty guy. When he believes in something, he sticks to his guns, and he believes wholeheartedly in what he's doing."

James, who declined interview requests on Tuesday, is going from one legendary number to another. Julius Erving and Bill Russell have both made No. 6 famous.

"The first thing I think of is Dr. J," Brown said.

James wore No. 6 with the U.S. Olympic team and wears it every day at practice. He isn't the first superstar to change numbers mid-career. Among others, Jordan briefly wore No. 45 after coming out of retirement with the Bulls, and Kobe Bryant recently switched from No. 8 to No. 24.

"We remember the 8 on Kobe, but we also know the 24," Cavs point guard Mo Williams said. "After a year or two, people will look past the old number and let it rest with Jordan."

— The Associated Press

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MEN’S TENNIS



Senior Jon Wiegand serves the ball in a match Tuesday against SMU. The Longhorns were able to beat the Mustangs in just about every singles match, and were able to make a clean sweep in the doubles.

Eric Ou | Daily Texan Staff

Kutrovsky falls, but UT beats SMU

By Rishi Daulat
Daily Texan Staff

When the No. 4 Texas tennis team’s top singles player Dimitar Kutrovsky loses, it’s usually a sign that the Longhorns may be in for a tough match.

It didn’t go that way Tuesday night, however, as UT’s other singles starters came through and propelled the Horns to a 6-1 home victory over the SMU Mustangs.

The battle of ranked doubles teams was no contest. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association No. 4 duo of Kutrovsky and Josh Zavala rolled over ITA No. 37 Adham el-Effendi and Darren Walsh, 8-4. Longhorns Ed Cor-

rie and Kellen Damico, the ITA No. 22 team, beat Tobias Flood and Pablo Perez-Espanaola, 8-4, while ITA No. 19 Jean Andersen and Daniel Whitehead crushed Artem Baradach and Chris Hooshyar, 8-2.

At most of the singles matches, SMU players looked like they would make it a close contest.

In the first singles match, Texas’ Kutrovsky played an uncharacteristic, unforced-error-filled match, losing 6-0, 6-1 at the hands of ITA No. 99 Baradach. Corrie began his first set down 4-5, but after the shaky start he cruised to a 7-5, 6-2 win. In the third singles match, Damico was in full control and smashed his

opponent, 6-0, 6-2.

“I played well and I looked at it like this is one of those matches where you have to play well, but it’s kind of a tune-up for the weekend,” Damico said.

South African transfer student Andersen battled at the fourth spot to a 7-5, 7-5 win over Flood, while Zavala grounded out a fiery match at fifth singles over serve-and-volleyer Walsh, 6-4, 6-3. Longhorn Vasko Mladenov was once again clutch as he came through in another tiebreaker, 6-4, 7-6 (6).

“SMU played a good match and fought us really hard,” UT head coach Michael Center said. “We played well, but we are still

making too many mistakes out there. I give SMU a lot of credit because they played a very good match.”

Up next for the Horns are key weekend matches with No. 33 Duke and No. 1 Virginia. Though the matchups — especially with Virginia — look daunting, Damico believes the Horns have a great chance at picking up two wins.

“If you want to beat the top teams in the country, the whole team has to play well,” Damico said. “I believe that our team, when we are playing at our best, is better than anyone else. I’m really excited to see how we match up.”

SENIORS: Players reflect on fond basketball memories

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more proud of her seniors.

“It is going to be a tough night,” she said “I think those seniors have given so much to the program. We have just been through so many wars together, and those seniors are warriors. I want to go out with this group of seniors having won more games than at any point in time in their career, because they deserve that.”

Williams said the Monday practice was a surprise for the seniors because they thought they were going to a film, but instead the team shared their favorite memories about the seniors on the team.

“It is like, you know it, but to hear them say it makes it even better. So going out tomorrow, I’m going to try to take everything they said about me and leave it all on the court,” Raven said.

For Arriaran, her favorite memories with the team are on the hardwood.

“Our kinds of memories are all goofy types of girl memories,” Arriaran said. “But as a team, some huge games that we’ve won have been the biggest memories for me.”

Each woman’s experience as a basketball player has been different. Arriaran and Williams are both fifth-year seniors. Wil-

liams jokingly admitted she felt like she has been playing at Texas for 10 years. Raven, in her fourth year, can’t believe how fast her college experience flew by.

Arriaran has been on a markedly different path. Her years here have boasted the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. In her five years as a Longhorn, she went from being a highly-touted No. 1 recruit to being an injured and frustrated veteran — returning to become a prolific scorer off the bench. But she does not let this roller coaster of an experience tarnish the fun she has had.

“All I can say is that it’s been a wild and crazy adventure here at Texas,” Arriaran said. “I know there are a lot of things that I could have done differently. I know injuries kind of held things back. As far as being here and being with these girls and getting to play with them for this long has totally been a blessing. I don’t know a lot of basketball players who can say [they] have played for two hall-of-fame coaches, either.”

Of course, after the exuberance and emotion from the pregame festivities pass, the Longhorns will have a basketball game to focus on. The Longhorns, currently on a three-game skid, want and need a win.



Peter Franklin | Daily Texan Staff

Senior forward Earnesia Williams focuses on defense in the Longhorns 62-41 win over Kansas State earlier this season.

PITCHING: Milner earns his first start

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It was one of only four hits the Horns could gather while the Broncos had eight hits off three different Texas pitchers.

“He threw the pitch I was looking for,” Rupp said. “He got me out with the off-speed before, so when he went there again I saw it and hit it well.”

The Horns scored runs in the second and fourth in bizarre fashion. Both times Texas strung together a base runner, a pair of walks from Kevin and Kyle Lusson and then walked home

thanks to two balks from Kotchie.

“It was one of our better offensive weapons,” Garrido said. “I’ve seen it happen before.”

Texas used a joint effort on the mound Tuesday, starting with freshman Hoby Milner, who went 4 1/3 innings in his first start of the season. Milner allowed two runs, one unearned on six hits before leaving in the top of the fifth.

“I was a little nervous obviously, but it was fun,” Milner said. “I could have done better in a lot of ways.”

Milner struggled to get ahead

of batters in the first two innings and threw 38 pitches, but he finally got in rhythm after striking out Elliott with the bases loaded to end the second inning. Milner then retired the Broncos in order in the top of the third.

“It definitely got my confidence up and got me settled in,” Milner said.

After Milner left in the fifth, Texas’ bullpen put together 4 2/3 innings of scoreless relief with Chance Ruffin closing it out for his second save of the season.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Carter leads Baylor past Texas Tech

By Betsy Blaney
The Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Tweety Carter always seems to come up with what No. 21 Baylor needs.

He did it again Tuesday night when the Bears beat Texas Tech 86-68, their sixth win in seven games.

“All year long Tweety’s given us what we need,” Bears coach Scott Drew said. “If we needed scoring, he gives us scoring. If we need assists, he takes care of the ball. I thought between him and Epke (Udoh), they really controlled things from the inside and outside.”

The Bears (23-6, 10-5 Big 12) got off to a slow start and trailed by 11 points in the first half but came to life right after the break.

Carter knows sputtering first halves must change.

“We can’t continue to start like this,” said Carter, who had nine assists and two steals. “When we huddled up, I think their lead was up to 12 or 11 or something like that. We knew we had a run in us but at the same time we were lucky to cut it down to one at half and get back into the game.”

Baylor used a 14-5 run to go up 51-43, then built its largest lead, 76-58, on a dunk by Udoh with 5:29 remaining.

Texas Tech whittled its deficit to 81-68 on a jumper in the lane by Mike Singletary with 2:32 remaining but the Red Raiders could get no closer.

Carter was 7 of 12 from the field, including 3 of 6 from be-

hind the arc.

Singletary scored 20 points to lead Texas Tech (16-13, 4-11).

Baylor, which has its most conference wins since the Big 12 began in 1996, had five players score in double figures.

The loss was the Red Raiders’ sixth straight overall and their fourth consecutive at home. The last time Tech lost four straight conference games at home was in 2000.

The Bears owned the boards, outrebounding the Red Raiders 39-23.

Udoh scored 17 points, Josh Lomers added 13, Quincy had 12 and Anthony Jones got 10.

Udoh, who averaged 4.4 blocks per game coming in, had one against Texas Tech.

Carter said he couldn’t be as effective without Udoh.

“When Ekpe is knocking down jumpers like that it’s easy for me and it’s easier for everybody to just spread out,” he said. “He’s a big threat on offense. Coach called some great plays, got Ekpe the ball early, got the bigs the ball and got them touches.”

The 14-5 run that broke the game open in the second half included four points from Udoh, a 3-pointer by Carter and field goals from Lomers, Jones and LaceDarius Dunn.

“When we got active and we got aggressive, we were able to get some transition baskets,” Drew said. “When we got transition baskets going it really

opened things up for us.”

The game was similar to when the Red Raiders lost at Baylor by the same margin two weeks ago, Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said.

“We just quit again like we did in the second half up there when they jumped on us,” he said. “We beg and plead with our guys, and you can’t make dumb mistakes with bad passes and bad shots against a good team. Our guys are careless.”

The Bears were nearly flawless from the free throw line, missing only three of 24 attempts.

Baylor started slowly and fell behind as Tech made six of its first seven shots.

The Red Raiders used a 14-2 run, including five points from Singletary and four from D’waylon Roberts, to lead 22-11 with just over 10 minutes left.

The Bears gradually came to life, chipping into their deficit with a 14-4 run that included seven points from Carter to trail 26-25 with just over 6 minutes remaining in the half.

“Tweety was huge all game but especially early on offensively,” Drew said. “When (Tech) had that big run, he was able to help get us back into the game and in the second half he did a tremendous job finding people.”

Tech cooled off as the half progressed, finishing 14 of 28 from the field, including 4 of 10 from beyond the arc. The Red Raiders led 38-37 at halftime.

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TOMS founder aligns concepts of soles, souls

Company incorporates charity initiative into for-profit business plan

By Hannah Jones
Daily Texan Staff

Blake Mycoskie, the founder and chief shoe-giver of TOMS Shoes, has established a for-profit company based on the idea that buying soles can touch souls.

Mycoskie spoke Tuesday night at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center as part of the LBJ School of Public Affairs' Moody Lecture series and the 2010 RISE Entrepreneurship Conference.

TOMS Shoes is

a 4-year-old company based on the idea of "one for one." For every pair of shoes sold, another pair is given to a child in need in the United States or around the world.

Mycoskie said he was inspired to start a for-profit company that was based both on business and giving after vacationing in Argentina. There, he met a group of volunteers helping distribute shoes to children in rural, underprivileged areas.

Mycoskie left his previous job with an online driver's education company he helped found to start TOMS Shoes. TOMS come in a variety of colors and designs for men, women and children, and are based on the traditional "alpargata" from Argentina.

Online sales increased, and representatives from major department stores took interest in TOMS after the shoes were featured in The Los Angeles Times and Vogue Magazine in 2006.

Mycoskie said he has learned about the social and physical consequences of going barefoot. Pod-ooniosis, a disease prevalent in Ethiopia, affects between 500,000

and 1 million people and is caused by silica-rich soil. It can be prevented merely by wearing shoes, he said.

In some areas, children are not allowed to attend school barefoot, Mycoskie said.

Phillip Berber, chairman of the local nonprofit organization A Glimmer of Hope, introduced Mycoskie to the audience. Berber said TOMS is the premier example of an entrepreneur who combines profits with "doing good."

"[Mycoskie] is giving 100 percent of shoes away to people," Berber said. "Most entrepreneurs build a business with an end of profit in mind. His head is in a different place, and the end game for

him is the journey of touching people's lives and putting shoes on children's feet."

Sarah Krueger, a coordinator of the event from the public affairs school, said she thinks students are drawn to the business of helping people.

"We bring in different speakers to talk about how their personal values inspire their giving," Krueger said. "I think students love to wear TOMS shoes."

UT alumnus Vinh Tran, a volunteer for the annual entrepreneurship conference, said Mycoskie's entrepreneurship model is very successful. "Blake is a great example of social entrepreneurship and he speaks out for RISE," Tran said.

TOMS Shoes now has factories in Argentina, China and Ethiopia, all of which have regular audits and evaluations, Mycoskie said. In order to continue helping areas, TOMS has partnered with non-governmental organizations that continue to aid the children still in need of shoes.

To this date, TOMS Shoes has distributed more than 400,000 pairs of shoes to children in need.

NEWS BRIEFLY

UT's Galveston medical branch joins Texas Medical Center

Last week, the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston was officially made part of the Texas Medical Center.

The Texas Medical Center, an organization of 49 medical centers throughout the state that cooperate with one another to provide health care, research and education to Texans, approved full membership of the Galveston medical branch on Feb. 22. The decision to incorporate the medical branch into the larger Texas Medical Center was announced by presidents of both institutions in a news conference held in Galveston on Tuesday.

"It's exciting for both [institutions] because we have some expertise that people in the Texas Medical Center can benefit from, and there's much expertise in the TMC that we can benefit from," medical branch spokesman Raul Reyes said. "[We'll be] able to put our brainpowers together, and that will be a big win-win situation for the people of Texas."

UTMB's membership will not only benefit the Texas Medical Center in the long run but also provide an overall societal advantage as doctors, students and scientists within the two institutions will be able to work together in more powerful teams, Reyes said.

"[It's] sort of historic that we're now part of the largest medical center in the world," Reyes said.

Richard Wainerdi, president of the Texas Medical Center, shared a similar view of the newly forged alliance.

"We now have 49 different institutions, and the way everyone is benefiting is by collaboration and cooperation," Wainerdi said. "What happens in the TMC is a joint effort — sharing of equipment, proposals — so that everyone benefits. All of these help institutions get work done in a collaborative way."

— Madeeha Khurshed

APD investigates man's death, fall from West Campus balcony

The Austin Police Department is investigating the death of a man who fell from a balcony of the Jefferson 26 apartment complex on Sunday.

According to an APD press release, the fall occurred at 3:30 a.m. Sunday and was ruled a suicide. However, APD spokeswoman Helena Wright said that at this time, it is being investigated as accidental.

Government senior Raul De La Garza said he saw the aftermath of the fall while walking home from a hookah bar Saturday night. De La Garza said he saw a man lying on the ground as emergency officials taped off the area from the public.

A spokeswoman for Jefferson 26, who did not want to be named because she said she was simply referring to the police report, released a statement confirming that a male fell from the fifth-floor balcony.

— Bobby Longoria

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MMA: Blood, sweat, tears ingredients for the fighters' lifestyles

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ego "Cera" Brandao of Albuquerque, N.M., edged out Derek Campos of Dallas in a split-decision, as the bout lasted all three five-minute rounds without a knockout or submission.

Austinites have been quick to back the new movement in recreational entertainment. These fighters come from all kinds of different backgrounds in terms of experience, style and physique — the practice of styles such as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, taekwondo, kickboxing, wrestling and "ground 'n' pound" is clearly becoming very popular on a widespread basis. It is drawing in throngs of fans, young and old, from cities across the country.

"When the crowd gets into it and stays loud, the guys get real pumped up and fight harder," avid MMA fan Ramón Fernández said with a smile. "They really feed off the energy and get fired up."

Fired up may be an understatement. During their introductions, out of the red and blue corners by the ring announcer, each fighter had a unique way of mentally preparing for the coming fight. Some of the more entertaining and emphatic walk-ins came from Josh "The Cobra" Scales, Chris "The Wacko from Waco" Spicer, Jacob Austin, Mitchell "Give 'Em Hell" Hale, James "Deuce" King and Chas "The Scrapper" Skelly. Whether these intimidation ploys directly correlated with success in the ring was certainly in question. Many of the biggest trash-talking fighters were also the ones who were quieted by an early knockout or submission.

Preparation for these fights, which can last up to 25 minutes, is certainly not lacking in time, effort or commitment.

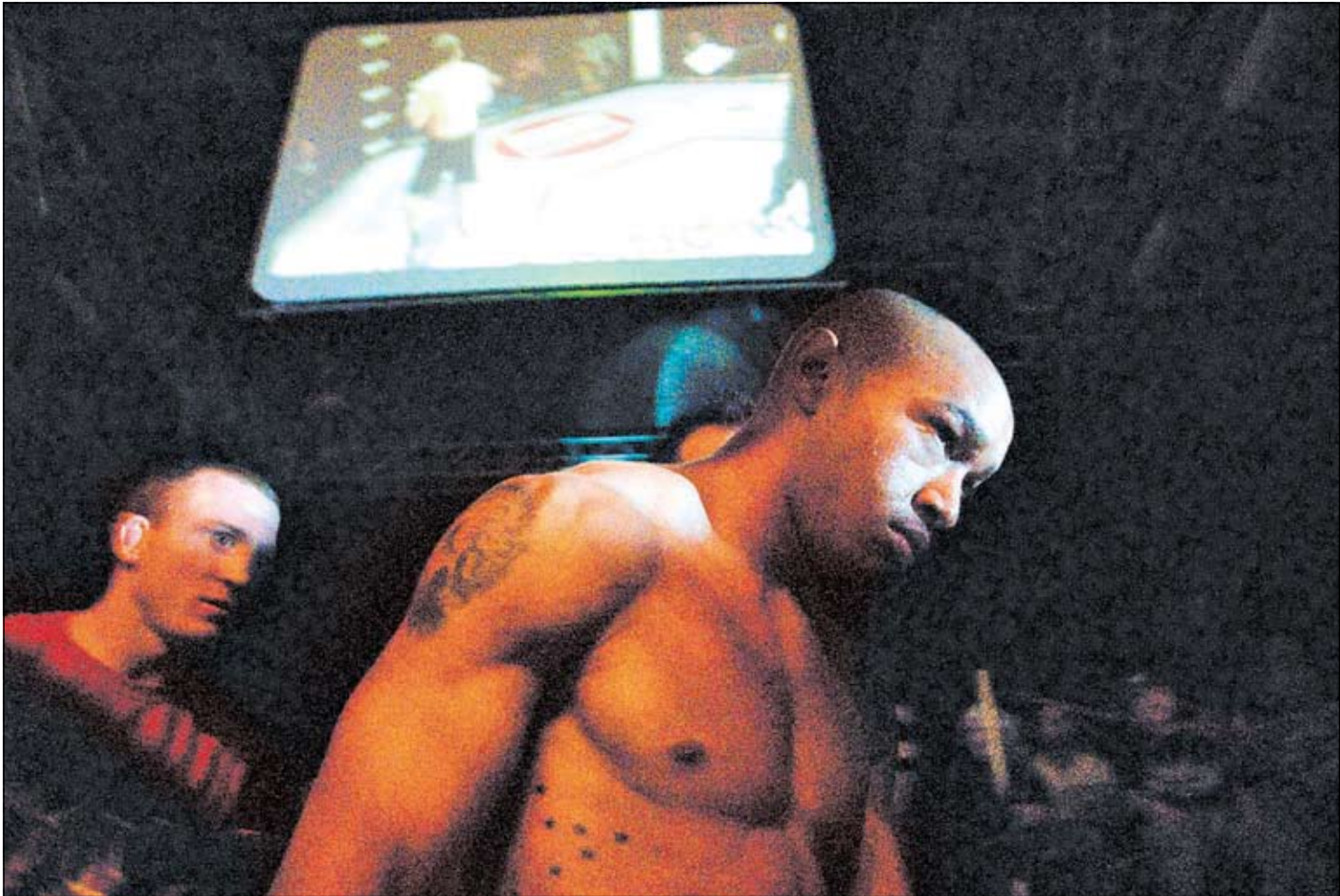
"These guys are worked until they puke. They have to carry around a bucket for the whole three or four hours that they're in there," said Nick Marafiugi of Xtreme Fight Championship Training Center in Cedar Park. "The trainers really work you to the bone."

Despite the tough practices, the sweat and bloody teeth that are sacrificed every time a fighter steps into the ring, it is a sport that develops enduring camaraderie and long-lasting brotherhood.

"I've been to quite a few different training centers, and XFC has been incredible in the way it brings everyone together as one big family," fighter Matt Mazurek said. "Everyone is so supportive of everything we do, and they push us as far as they can without breaking our confidence or will to persevere. There has never been a time in my career where I've considered quitting or that I've have had any regrets about what we do here in this gym."

Some are converted boxers, former black belts or masters of different martial arts. Others realized they enjoyed the thrills and challenges presented by a highly anticipated fight. The common theme among almost all of the fighters is how they are able to continue pursuing their dream and passion through a strong support system of family, friends and coaches.

"It's our advantage that all of our coaches and families are behind us 100 percent. We do this drill where all of the lights in the facility go off and we're told, 'Stand up or down,'" Mazurek said. "It's our job to put trust into our coaches and ourselves — to know that whatever we do is only going to help us in the long run. That's real stuff right there."



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An MMA fighter prepares to enter the "cage" on Saturday night at the Austin Music Hall for the King of Kombat tournament. Though the fights are serious business, fighters show sportsmanship and civility.



Fans cheer on their favorite MMA fighters on Saturday at the King of Kombat tournament at the Austin Music Hall. There was a crowd of about 2,000 people who yelled for their favorite fighters for the duration of the four-hour tournament.



A professional MMA fighter leaves the cage after a fight. In this tournament, both professional and amateur fighters entertained the crowd. However, each group fought in their respective categories.

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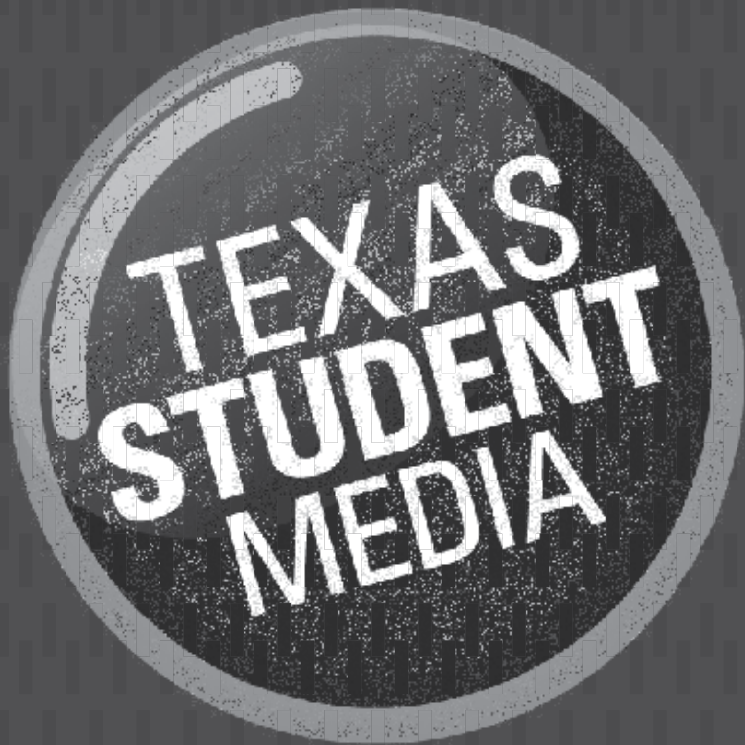
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BOOK REVIEW
CULTURE IS OUR WEAPON

Book recounts Brazilian hardships

By Kate Ergenbright
Daily Texan Staff

The economic disparity in Brazil is jarring. Nestled in thriving modern metropolises such as Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo are shantytowns, evidence of the harsh realities faced by many Brazilians. These shantytowns, otherwise known as favelas, are home to about one-third of Rio de Janeiro's population. Favelas are controlled by various rival drug factions who employ many residents of the community — including young children, who are often armed with heavy weapons and used as lookouts or drug mules by local gangs.

In "Culture Is Our Weapon: Making Music and Changing Lives in Rio de Janeiro," British journalist Patrick Neate and activist

Damian Platt highlight a possible alternative to the drug trafficking and gang life: AfroReggae.

AfroReggae is a Brazil-based nongovernmental organization that grew in response to the 1993 police massacre of 21 innocent favela residents. Through art and culture, AfroReggae hopes to shift the focus of favela communities from drug trafficking to community engagement and prosperity.

The book itself is interesting and well-researched, engaging the reader's attention by focusing on a subject not often discussed outside of political science or sociology classrooms.

Neate and Platt do an excellent job of capturing the captivating energy and many conflicting emotions of the favela communi-

ties through first-person accounts in the book. In one account, former drug trafficker JB describes his experience working in the drug trade and how AfroReggae helped transform his life, asserting that "if AfroReggae hadn't been here ... none of us would be alive right now."

Although the work done by AfroReggae is immensely important, "Culture Is Our Weapon" comes off at times as a glorified celebration of the organization and its many accomplishments. It's almost as if the authors wrote the book as a public relations initiative. Neate and Platt move far beyond objectivity in promoting AfroReggae and its goals, although this is not necessarily a bad thing. What the book may lack in literary merit, it makes up for in cultural and political significance.

GEMS: Pieces made for 'average woman'

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don't want them to think that they have to pay thousands of dollars for something that they want."

Cayce graduated in 2005 from UT with a bachelor's degree in biology. After an internship at a pharmacy company, she decided she "wasn't suited to being in a windowless warehouse all day."

After marrying her boyfriend, Thomas Cayce, and a period of soul-searching during which she worked as a property manager, executive assistant and overseas English teacher, Cayce gave birth to her daughter Reagan. With a new child to take care of, she decided to quit her job so that she could dedicate all of her time to her baby.

When she realized that being a full-time mother would mean she would have more free time, Cayce decided to begin jewelry design as a hobby in 2009.

"She was just sitting around at home with Reagan, and she felt like she could do so much more," said Karen Chen, Cayce's former college roommate and owner of Etsy store Jewelatier.

As a fellow jewelry designer, Chen taught her about the business side of creating a jewelry line and how to determine gemstone quality.

Cayce follows the mantra that perfection should be a standard instead of a dream. Her most elaborate pieces can take between 24 and 32 hours to create.

"I make every piece with the thought that I could be the per-

son who ends up with it," she said. "So I want every piece to be the best it can possibly be."

Most of the time, Cayce creates her pieces for different types of girls she dreams up in her imagination.

"My ideal customer is the 'boho-chic' girl," Cayce said. "She's a really trendy girl who is alternative, [who] likes to be flirty one day and who is able to change her tastes to balance her daily mood."

Cayce's ultimate goal is to own a brick-and-mortar jewelry boutique. Currently, W. Cayce jewelry is available for purchase online at South Congress-based retailer *Buydefinition.com* and at Sloan/Hall store locations.

"My immediate next step is to target Austin," she said with a smile.

HUMP: Student uses Christian faith to overcome sexual challenges

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intimate thing. I mean I am not the type of person that thinks that, if I do get married, my husband would be disappointed if I wasn't a virgin ... It's just that sex is so intimate. It's a soul-tie to me, and I [want] that to be as such."

When she became a Christian in high school, her views on sexuality were strengthened by her faith.

"I realized that the 'rules' that God has given are for me," she

said. "Like, they are to help me and keep me safe. And recently I read this book, 'Sex God,' by Rob Bell that outlines almost exactly my views on sexuality — like, that God created us as sexual beings."

In college, Ashleigh has been very up front with her romantic partners about her decision to stay a virgin. But even with her boyfriend's acceptance and support of her decision, sometimes things get tricky.

"Sometimes he does bring up

the possibility of a blow job or something, and I'm just like, 'No duh,' and he drops it," she said. "But it does get hard sometimes because I feel passion with him ... I [have talked] with my dad about how hard it is to wait to have sex, especially when I really truly want to please my boyfriend. And especially when we make out hot and heavy and physically — I want it too."

Ashleigh has stuck with her decision to keep her life free of the wor-

ries about pregnancy, STIs and protection against them. But moreover, for her, sex is just not a priority.

"I've heard girls tell me that they have sex because they get their self-worth from attention from men," she said. "But there are too many other, less fleeting ways to get self-worth."

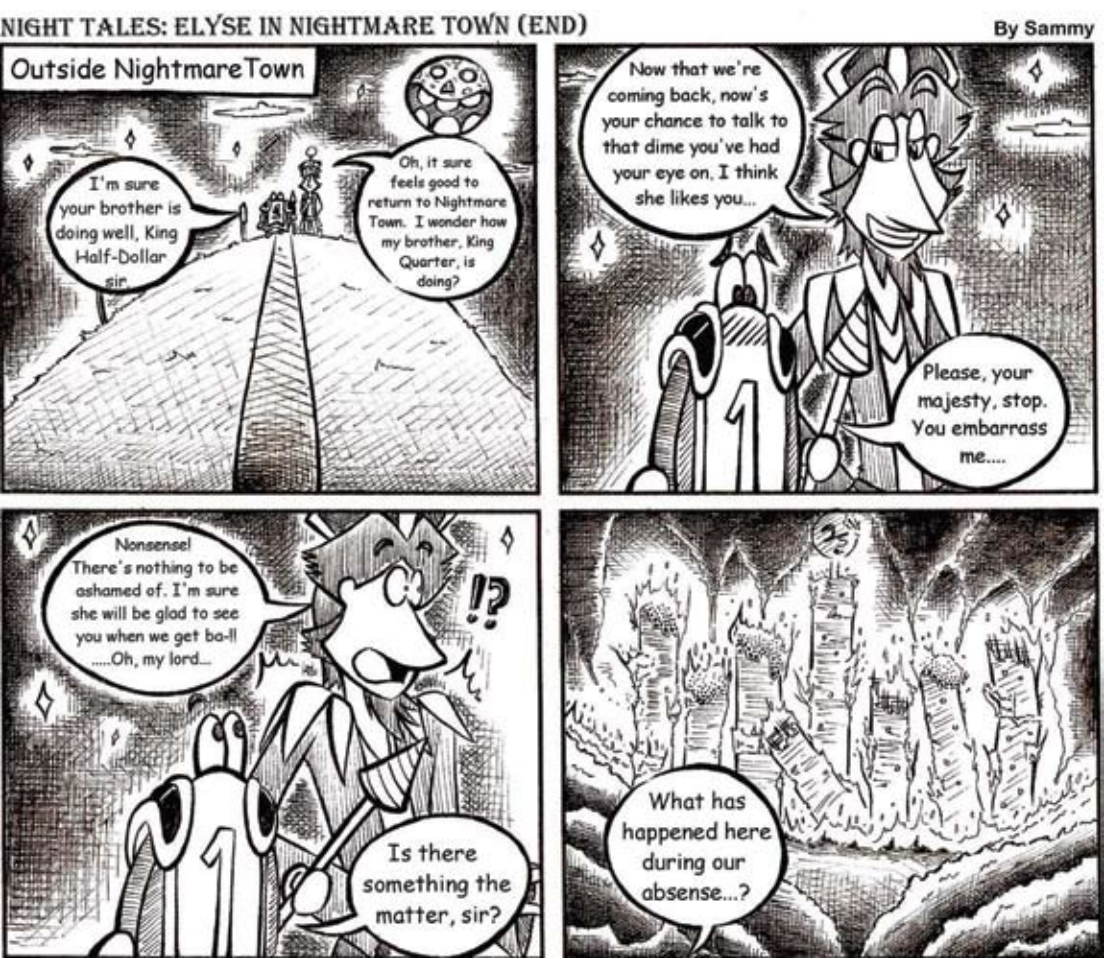
Those other avenues are what she so clearly focuses on. But even so, she recognizes that for some people, sex is a satisfying and safe activity.

"[My best friend] has told me that she wishes I would have sex before my honeymoon so that when I do have sex, I can actually enjoy it," Ashleigh said. "So it wouldn't hurt or be awkward or anything. And I [understand] the pros of that, but when I think about the cons, I'm just not ready to deal with that right now."

Her decision to wait for sex, and her understanding of the possibilities of pleasure during sex, haven't compounded in rushing her to the

altar. Instead, she prefers building intimacy with her romantic partners in other, nonphysical ways while she concentrates on herself.

"I think since our culture is moving towards getting married later, and now women have opportunity to have amazing careers, it makes it tougher because physically I am ready for [sex]. But I hate the idea of being 'tied down,'" Ashleigh said. "I don't know if I'm explaining this right, [but] for what that's worth, there it is."



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10 Common rhyme scheme
14 Cara of "Fame" fame
15 "Damn Yankees" woman who gets what she wants
16 Mug spray?
17 What helps pay the governor's salary in Austin?
19 Suffix with convert
20 Mother's urging at the dinner table
21 Like some sums
22 Pay
24 "It's a ____"
25 Hudson and LaSalle, once
26 Try to telephone some snowbirds?

Down

31 Monopoly purchases
32 Modern addresses, for short
33 Broadway play about Capote
34 Major in astronomy?
35 Calendario span
36 "Put ____ writing"
37 Back of a soccer goal
38 Con
40 Whimsical roll-call response
42 Be familiar with a city near White Plains?
45 Be grandiloquent
46 Journalist Paula
47 Deli offering
49 Explore Yosemite, perhaps
50 Pickle
53 It may be sprung

Down

54 Some film work Down East?
57 Rebuke from Caesar
58 Vogue competitor
59 Unthinking servant
60 Have a bawl
61 Hollywood constructions
62 Journeys

Down

1 Fall for something
2 Figure in geometry
3 On deck
4 Kind of sample
5 "Hush!"
6 "My pleasure!"
7 Classic theater name
8 Corrida cheer
9 Knows people, say
10 Key of Beethoven's "Für Elise"
11 Occasional role for a 30-Down, maybe
12 Rights grp.
13 Audible warning on the road
18 Spats
23 Platte River people
24 Earth goddess
25 Retro hairstyle
26 Quiz show scandal figure Charles Van ____
27 "You had your chance"

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28 Unpleasant encounter
29 Have trouble passing the bar?
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31 Playgirl calendar type
35 Perfectly, after "to"
36 Ails
38 Composer Khachaturian
39 Daily since 1851, briefly
40 "Are you ____?"
41 From memory
43 Finish
44 Online reads
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Student maintains sexual abstinence to focus on career

HUMP DAY

By Mary Lingwall

Editor's Note: This is the third story in a four-part series profiling sex lives across campus. All names have been changed to ensure the safety of the subjects.

My interview with Ashleigh was marked by a cadence of speech that could only be matched by the quickest-witted rappers. I soon realized that her verbal tempo mirrored her mental and emotional focus. Her personal goals are foremost in her life, and she wastes no time in striving to achieve them.

An active member of her sorority and countless other student organizations, Ashleigh also waitresses over the weekends and finds time to coddle numerous close friendships as well as a loving relationship with her boyfriend of four months. While some of us may think that a sexual outlet could relieve some of the stress of the high-octane life that she leads, she sees things much differently.

Ashleigh is a 21-year-old virgin. And she wouldn't have it any other way.

"For me, sex is probably going to be reserved for marriage," she said. "Because I think that that is the only time that I would be willing to risk pregnancy or settle down with one person."

She has thought a lot about the meaning sex carries for her. She acknowledges that her body may be ready for sex, but she just doesn't

want to have to waste time worrying about precautions and risks.

"Our bodies are physically ready for sex when we go through puberty," she said. "And I honestly think it's physically [and] emotionally, in most cases, healthy for your body to be having sex."

Ashleigh became sure of herself and her convictions about sexuality very early in her life. After hitting puberty at the early age of 10, she discussed her body's changes with her parents. And from menstruation to sex, her parents, especially her father, became her close and caring confidants.

Although her parents were not extremely religious, they stressed the importance of her future and how sex could potentially block the path toward her goals.

"My parents, although they are not Christian, are conservative with their bodies," Ashleigh said. "They want me to succeed and do well, and if I were to get pregnant, that would be death for my career—for me, not for everyone I know. So initially I decided that [not having sex] just protected me from a lot of drama."

Before she started high school, she had definitively decided that she didn't want to have sex. And by no sex, she means no activities associated with sexual arousal: She does not participate in solo masturbation, mutual masturbation or oral sex.

"I mean if you're going to have oral sex, you might as well go all the way and have regular sex," Ashleigh said. "The STI risks are the same. And I didn't and still don't want to deal with that. And for me, [any kind of] sex is an

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Jewelry designer Wei Cayce started designing jewelry as a hobby in 2009. Cayce says that she is designing for the average woman, and the price of her pieces starts at \$22.

Jeweler designs unique gems

By Jasmin Sun
Daily Texan Staff

Jewelry designer Wei Cayce is a starving artist.

"Sorry," she said sheepishly. "I haven't had dinner."

As she settled into her chair at P. Terry's on North Lamar Boulevard, the creative mind behind gemstone and gold jewelry line W. Cayce and the *Etsy.com* store La Mignon, which is French for "the cute" or "the lovely," dug into her hamburger and fries with gusto.

Considering what she does every day, it's easy to under-

stand. When she's not busy prepping the several hundred wires she needs for her intricate cluster necklaces — such as her signature "Dorothy" design — or drawing diagrams for her next creation, she is a full-time mother to a lively 22-month-old girl.

Cayce is 29, bubbly and vivacious, with jet-black hair and animated eyes. She is 4 feet 11 inches tall and walks with a sense of purpose. She is also down-to-earth: Unlike most new designers and business owners, she avoids being overly self-promoting.

"I'm really, really appreciative that people like my stuff," she said. "When I make my items, I already think it's enough that I like it ... so I think it's really nice that other people happen to like it, too."

However, it seems that her work is already doing the promoting for her.

"The work she produces is handmade without being crafty," said Marcus Sloan, co-owner of San Antonio- and Houston-based boutique Sloan/Hall. "You can see that she puts a lot of hours into what she makes."

Cayce's pieces are feminine constructions of high-quality gemstones, held together with either sterling silver, gold-filled or 18-karat gold wires. At a glance, the colorful bijoux appear to resemble spirals of DNA, a seeming ode to her background in biology.

The pieces are available at price points ranging from a pair of earrings for \$22 to a necklace for \$1,400.

"I'm designing for the average woman," she said. "I

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