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Note aims to deter high schoolers from Roundup

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Despite University and high school officials discouraging prospective UT students from attending Roundup weekend activities, students in Greek organizations don't expect less high-schooler turnout.

The Office of the Dean of Students and the Greek councils drafted a letter to sorority and fraternity community stakeholders to remind them that high school students are discouraged from attending the event on March 24-27. This is not the first year the letter has been sent, according to a spokesperson from the dean's office.

The letter said the event is only for college students and not for high school

students and a college ID is required for all Roundup attendees.

In previous years, however, high school students have found ways around the system and still participated in Roundup, the letter said.

According to the letter, Roundup originally served as a homecoming weekend for alumni and students with a flurry of celebratory activities including parades and pageants.

Since 1990, the event is no longer recognized as an official University event, the letter said, due to "several racially inflammatory incidents" associated with it.

The Interfraternity Council also sent out a similar letter last year stating that high school students would not be allowed to attend Roundup events and

the weekend was intended for college students only.

In a statement regarding the letter, spokeswoman Marcia Gibbs said the Office of the Dean of Students is working closely with council and members of the Greek community to ensure the safety of all who attend Roundup.

Parts of the letter will be shared with high school counselors who are regularly informed about the University's admissions activities, according to the statement.

Linda Foster, principal at Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, said she does not think Roundup is an appropriate event for high school students.

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Photo courtesy of Caleb Bryant Miller

Roundup attendees take a break from festivities during last year's annual gathering. The University hopes to discourage high school students from attending Roundup activities.



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and a columnist for The New York Times Nicholas Kristof spoke on the issue of human trafficking at a forum held at Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium Monday night. A crowd of a 850 people showed up to hear Kristof share his stories about girls forced and sold into sexual slavery internationally and domestically.

Journalist speaks on human trafficking

By Hannah Jane DeCutiis
Daily Texan Staff

The United States faces a human trafficking crisis just as countries overseas do, said journalist Nicholas Kristof in a lecture Monday.

Kristof, a New York Times columnist and two-time Pulitzer Prize

winner, visited campus Monday evening to give a talk about the realities of human trafficking around the world and his work fighting it.

"Ultimately, it felt to me that [human trafficking] really was a version of slavery," Kristof said. "People to tend to think that that's a hyperbole or an exaggeration.

It's not."

Kristof was invited as the 2012 speaker for the annual Liz Carpenter Lectureship, which began in 1984 and invites prominent figures from around the globe to speak to both students and the general public. The Plan II Honors Program sponsored this year's lecture at the

Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium, which nearly 850 people attended. Kristof has been a columnist for the New York Times since 2001 after more than 15 years reporting for the paper. He has traveled extensively, covering a range of human

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Student aids orphanage with help of candy shop

By Reihaneh Hajibeigi
Daily Texan Staff

A local candy shop and a UT student are working together to raise funds to build an orphanage nearly 9,000 miles from Austin in the United Republic of Tanzania.

Through a self-organized profit sharing fundraiser with the Campus Candy Yogurt Bar & Snacketeria, social work junior Mandy Stein hopes to gain support to build a new home for 78 orphans she met last summer

while in Tanzania. Whenever a customer mentions Stein's organization, 20 percent of their purchases go toward the fundraiser.

Stein said she also initiated a T-shirt campaign to serve as another source of funding for this project. Each shirt costs \$13, which is enough to provide three meals for the children at the orphanage.

All profits earned through the

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Social work junior Mandy Stein and Campus Candy Yogurt Bar have joined forces to raise money for the Tunleeni orphanage in Tanzania. Stein initiated the fundraiser in the hopes of providing enough resources for the organization to build a new home for the orphans.

Ty Hardin
Daily Texan Staff

Proposed plan aids federal funds, reduces student debt

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

President Barack Obama's 2013 fiscal budget, which he proposed Monday, will increase funding for several federal financial aid programs in an attempt to make higher education more affordable and reduce student debt.

Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services, said Obama's new budget was very consistent with his administration's previous policy.

"President Obama has always tried to grow the Pell grant program, which is directed at the neediest students, and keep student loans affordable," Melecki said. "One thing that is fairly new is that he wants to give the federal Perkins loan program eight times the funding it has now. This is important for UT students because they take out about \$8 million in loans from that program every year."

Melecki said UT students also take out around \$100 million in federal direct subsidized loans every year and Obama's new budget would postpone an interest rate increase for those loans. Congress passed a law about five years ago to institute temporary reductions in the interest rate on Federal

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Campus Candy Yogurt Bar and Stein's T-shirt campaign will go to fund the Tuleeni Orphanage in Tanzania.

According to Stein's financial records, all of the money raised in the past has already been utilized to begin the construction of the new facility. Before her most recent trip over winter break, she helped raise \$2,500 for the purchase and remodeling of a new moving truck, she said.

Stein said simply having the moving truck ready for use will make their work easier this summer.

"Since I was young, I always wanted to change the world," Stein said. "For the longest time, my heart has been attached to Africa."

Campus Candy Yogurt Bar general manager Sierra Murray said the company is eager to support Stein's fundraiser.

"We usually have organizations approach us to take part in profit sharing," Murray said. "But I was blown away to have an individual approach me about this cause."

Partnering with Hugs for T.U.G., a charitable foundation created for the construction of buildings and schools in Tanzania and Uganda, Stein hopes her efforts, as well as those of her partners, will be able to give basic necessities to those living in poor conditions.

Stein said her goal is not to promote any religious values to the



Photo courtesy of Mandy Stein

Social Worker junior Mandy Stein hopes to raise money to help orphans she met last year in Tanzania. "Since I was young, I always wanted to change the world," Stein said. "For the longest time, my heart has been attached to Africa."

children, but to provide general humanitarian relief.

"The way they live their lives is fine," Stein said. "We just want to go in and try to make things easier on the families."

For example, Stein said provid-

ing washing machines is not meant to force change upon their daily routines, but rather allows them to spend less time worrying about chores and more time together as a family.

Stein said she believes it is amaz-

ing to provide financial support for the orphans and is looking forward to moving to Tanzania and spending her time working for the children.

"Because their parents are constantly working, I will be there to

provide another source of love for those kids," Stein said. "These kids are amazing kids, but they were unfortunately born into a life that deprives them of certain opportunities that we take for granted here."

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Direct Subsidized Loans every year, but these decreases are set to expire July 1, Melecki said.

"The interest rate on federal-

ly subsidized student loans is currently 3.4 percent and it is set to increase to 6.8 percent after the beginning of July," Melecki said.

"As I understand it, the president pushed this doubling off for one year."

Melecki said he is particularly pleased by Obama's goal to double the number of work study jobs on university campuses, but he knows that many government officials disagree with Obama's plan.

"These kinds of programs tend to cause a lot of tension in Washington because their net effect is greater cost for the government," Melecki said.

Kaitlynn Dooley, applied learning and development junior, said she approves of Obama's new education budget.

"I think President Obama's new policy can only have positive results," Dooley said. "As of recently, UT students have become more and more frustrated with the tuition increase, and this new policy might curb that frustration."

History senior Jose Nino, the president of Libertarian Longhorns, said he does not think that the Obama administration's approach will be effective.

"This policy prescription only

hacks at the branches while forgetting to strike at the root and will ultimately result in higher tuition for UT students," Nino said. "It is essentially adding an infected Band-Aid to a critical wound. A more bottom-up approach is needed."

Nino said student loans guaranteed by federal law tend to illegitimately inflate the amount of credit available, which in the end hurts the students.

"What there needs to be are organic, spontaneous orders in education to ensure that education is available to anyone and at the right price," Nino said. "UT is affordable for the most part, but it could be much cheaper if it was operating under a legitimate free market system."

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"I don't think it's a good idea," Foster said. "We do have some kids who think it's a great opportunity for them, but it's definitely not something we encourage."

Despite concerns from the University regarding high school students attending, nursing freshman Morgan Thompson said she had a positive Roundup experience as a high school senior that increased her excitement about life at UT.

"A lot of people from neighboring high schools went," she said. "I got to know a lot of my best friends from it — I got to see the social aspect of UT and I think it definitely prepared me for rush."

Mechanical engineering junior Ryan Sisak participated in Round-

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Washington becomes 7th state to legalize same-sex marriage

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Gov. Chris Gregoire handed gay rights advocates a major victory Monday, signing into law a measure that legalizes same-sex marriage in Washington state, making it the seventh in the nation to allow gay and lesbian couples to wed.

Gregoire signed the bill surrounded by gay rights supporters. “I’m proud our same-sex couples will no longer be treated as separate but equal,” she said.

It’s a historic moment for the state, but same-sex couples can’t walk down the aisle just yet.

The law takes effect June 7, but opponents on multiple fronts are already preparing to fight.

Guatemala considers legalizing drugs in face of organized crime

GUATEMALA CITY — Guatemala’s president said Monday that the U.S. inability to deal with its drug consumption problem is leaving Central America with no option but to consider legalizing drugs.

President Otto Perez Molina said he wants a consensus before going forward with the idea for the region, which has become a major transit point for U.S.-bound drugs from South America and has been overrun by organized crime and Mexican drug cartels.

“We’re bringing the issue up for debate. Today’s meeting is intended to strengthen our methods of fighting organized crime. But if drug consumption isn’t reduced, the problem will continue,” Perez Molina said after a security meeting with El Salvador President Mauricio Funes.

Funes said he too is willing to consider legalization. Washington strongly opposes the idea.

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President Barack Obama speaks about the “Community College to Career Fund” and his 2013 budget on Monday at Northern Virginia Community College

Obama unveils new budget

By Martin Crustinger
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is sending Congress a new budget that seeks to achieve \$4 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade through cuts in government spending and higher taxes on the wealthy. At the same time, he wants to boost spending in key areas such as transportation and education.

The spending blueprint is certain to spark an election-year battle with Republicans, who are vowing to oppose Obama’s tax hikes. They contend the president is not doing enough to attack a dangerous deficit problem.

In a fact sheet previewing the budget, the administration sought to cast the debate as a battle to protect the middle class following decades of eroding security and a deep recession.

“We must transform our budget from one focused on speculating, spending and borrowing to one constructed on the solid foundation of educating, innovating and building,” the administration said.

Obama was scheduled to speak Monday morning to students at Northern Virginia Community College to highlight the budget’s education initiatives.

While administration officials defended the plan as a balanced approach, Republicans attacked the effort for failing to do more to restrain the deficit, which Obama had promised in 2009 to cut in half by the end of his first term.

“We’re taking responsibility for dealing with the drivers of our debt,” Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House budget Committee, said Sunday. “Medicare is going bankrupt.”

Obama’s spending plan for the

budget year that begins Oct. 1 projects a deficit for this year of \$1.33 trillion. That would mean four straight years of trillion-dollar-plus deficits.

Obama, as he has in the past, also proposed eliminating tax deductions the wealthy receive and would also put in place a rule named for billionaire Warren Buffett that would seek to make sure that households making more than \$1 million annually pay at least 30 percent of their income in taxes.

Obama would also impose a new \$61 billion tax over 10 years on big banks aimed at recovering the costs of the financial bailout and providing money to help homeowners facing foreclosure on their homes. It would raise \$41 billion over 10 years by eliminating tax breaks for oil, gas and coal companies and claims significant savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Embassy bombings point fingers at Iran

By Josef Federman
and Ravi Nessman
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Israel blamed Iran on Monday for bomb attacks on its diplomats’ cars in India and Georgia, heightening concerns that the Jewish state was moving closer to striking its archenemy.

Iran denied responsibility for the attacks that appeared to mirror the recent killings of Iranian nuclear scientists that Tehran blamed on Israel.

The blast in New Delhi set a car ablaze and injured four people, including an Israeli Embassy driver and a diplomat’s wife; the device in Georgia was discovered and safely defused.

“Iran is behind these attacks and it is the largest terror exporter in the world,” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told lawmakers from his Likud Party.

The violence added further tension to one of the globe’s most contentious standoffs. Iran has been accused of developing a nuclear weapons program that Israel says threatens the existence of the Jewish state. Tehran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

Comments by Israeli officials in recent weeks have raised fears Israel might be preparing to strike Iranian nuclear facilities. While Israel says it hopes that international sanctions can curb Iran’s nuclear program, leaders pointedly note that “all options are on the table” and have warned that as Iran moves closer to weapons capability, time is running out for action. Fear-

ing an Israeli attack could set off a conflict across the region and send oil prices skyrocketing. U.S. and other Western countries have been pressing Israel to give sanctions more time.

Israeli military analyst Reuven Pedatzur said Monday’s action was unlikely to have any bearing on whether Israel attacks Iran, calling it an “isolated incident” with rather low impact.

The attackers in India and Georgia appeared to have used “sticky bombs” attached to cars by magnets, similar to weapons used against Iran’s nuclear officials. Netanyahu said Israel had thwarted attacks in recent months in Azerbaijan and Thailand and unspecified other countries.

“In all those cases, the elements behind these attacks were Iran and its protege, Hezbollah,” Netanyahu said, referring to Iran’s Lebanese proxy. He vowed to “act with a strong hand against international terror.”

Israeli media reported that the government blamed Iran based on prior intelligence and that security officials feared this could be the start of a wave of attacks against Israeli targets overseas.

Iranian officials rejected Netanyahu’s accusation.

“This accusation is within the Zionist regime’s psychological war against Iran,” the official IRNA news agency quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast as saying.

“The Zionist regime, due to repeated crimes against humanity, is the main party accused of terrorist activities,” he said.



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OVERVIEW

The war of the maps

As the Republican presidential primary somehow continues to smolder, the continuing redistricting battle between the state of Texas and various Texas minority advocacy groups is making Texas voters less and less relevant to the result. Despite a court-mandated negotiation over the weekend, the two groups still cannot reconcile their differences, leaving the April 3 primary date looking increasingly unlikely, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The war of the maps has raged since the moment they were passed by the Legislature last spring. At this point, both sides have won various skirmishes: Minority groups won an early victory when a three-member panel of federal judges in San Antonio drew a set of interim maps that redressed their grievances, but the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously vindicated the attorney general's position that those interim maps went too far and ordered that the panel try again.

Of course, collateral damage is often worse than official casualties. The fight has cost Texas taxpayers at least \$1.4 million so far in a year that has seen dramatic cuts to public education and health care services in Texas, according to The Dallas Morning News. Splitting the primary, a move that would secure the April 3 date for casting presidential ballots but delay all other primaries, could cost the state up to \$15 million.

The revised maps were drawn with an eye to shoring up incumbent seats, but according to a number of Hispanic and African-American advocacy groups in Texas, they also had the effect of diluting minority voting power. Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 makes this illegal and requires that states that have a history of discriminatory voting laws clear any changes to voting procedures with the federal government. The original maps are the subject of an ongoing lawsuit in Washington, D.C., pursuant to this provision, but a decision on their legality is not expected for at least a month.

A compromise proposed by the attorney general last week satisfied some groups but left others with the desire to keep fighting. In the meantime, Texans are missing out on playing a prominent role on the national stage. Irrespective of which side ends up winning, the continued confusion and spending should serve as a clear sign that legislators should make cleaning up the redistricting process — perhaps by creating a separate committee to handle it — a priority during their next session.

Attend the Student Government debate

The Daily Texan editor will moderate the Student Government executive alliance candidate debate at 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Activity Center auditorium. If you have questions you'd like us to ask the candidates, send your questions via email to editor@dailytexanonline.com or Twitter @DTeditorial, hashtag SGdebate by 3 p.m. Monday.

The benefits of the camping ban



By Stephen McGarvey
Daily Texan Columnist

UT's Faculty Council met recently to discuss a new policy that prohibits camping on University property. While some would argue that not being able to camp on a university's grounds is simple common sense, many have criticized UT for the decision, believing that it impedes protesting. This argument is unfounded, however, and the policy will do far more to help the campus than hurt it.

It is true that UT has a long and proud tradition of protest, and this is a tradition that needs to be encouraged. Throughout history, Longhorns have protested everything from segregation to tuition increases to departmental injustices without camping. There is much to be said on the value of students' opinions being heard, but in the past, students did not need to be perched in tents to prove their points. Such a move would have little effect anyway because no one is around to hear protesters complain at night.

Comparisons have been made to the Occupy Wall Street movement — and given the timing, this is understandable — but this is a comparison of apples and oranges. If anything, the Occupy movement lost credibility because of its protesters' camping at Zuccotti Park. What was once a noble movement with an admirable cause quickly devolved into a disorganized mob. When a place is advertised as a place to camp out with food and water, it can only be expected that this would become a magnet for the homeless. Unfortunately, it is possible to expect the same thing to happen at UT.

Imagine for a moment if UT were not allowed to oust people from camping on its grounds. The homeless population near campus could migrate to the school lawns and little could be done to stop it. The beautiful Main Mall and view of the Tower would be obscured by tents and litter. The protesters would be a nuisance to students on the way to class. The campus would become more dangerous at night, and every game of late-night Frisbee would be obstructed by those camping there. That is not what this University needs. While students have a right to protest, UT has a right to protect its property as well.

Ideally, protesters would find a way to selectively allow themselves to camp while disallowing the homeless to live in the same locales. However, such a policy would be both discriminatory and impossible to enforce. A maximum time limit of days to camp could be set, but then the protesters could again cry foul, arguing that such measures were designed solely to stop their protests.

Protest is good, and protest should not be discouraged or made more difficult. Students' history of protesting injustices will assuredly continue regardless of whether people are allowed to camp overnight. Students may still rally, and with a small bit of organization, they could even arrange shifts so they can protest 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But please, for the sake of the campus, the students and the integrity of the protests themselves, let's leave the tents and camping out of it.

McGarvey is a business honors freshman.

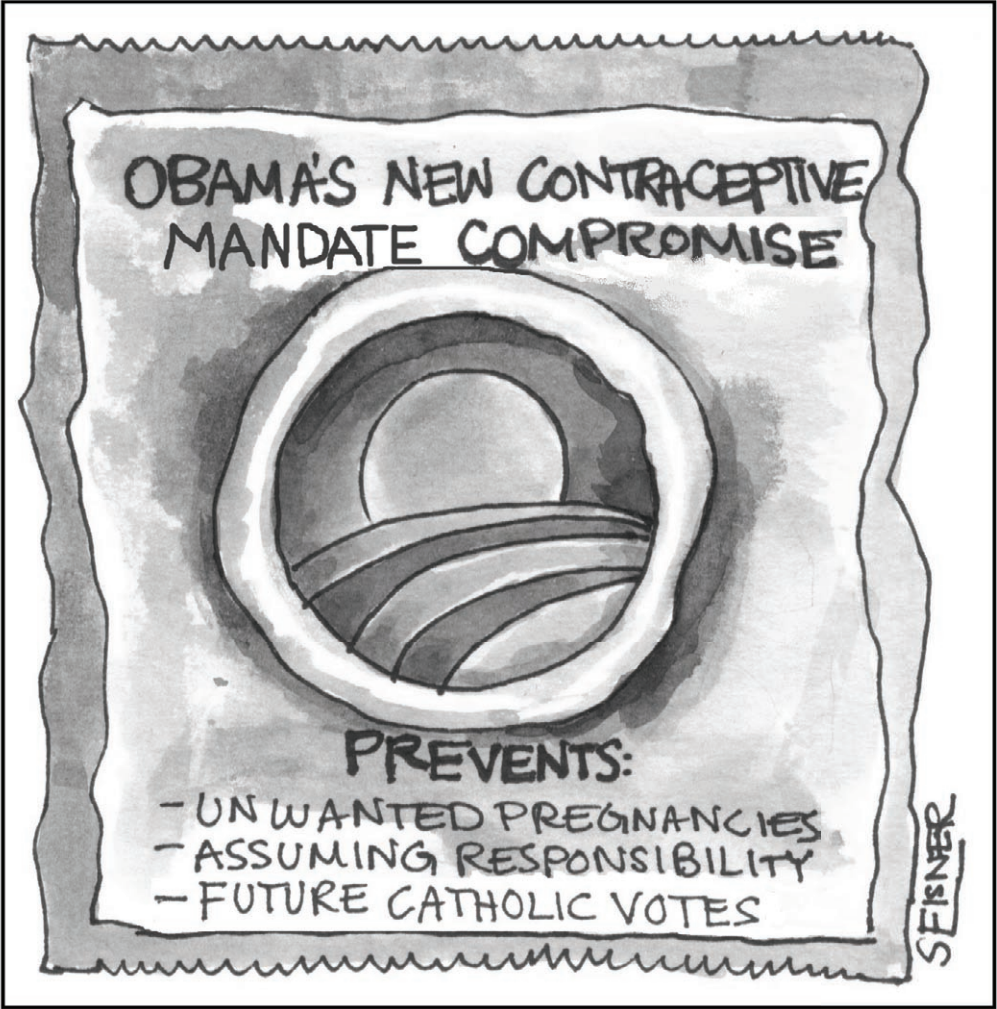


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Aligning health issues with political grievances



By Kayla Oliver
Daily Texan Columnist

Amid a Republican-led federal investigation into Planned Parenthood, earlier this month Susan G. Komen for the Cure — the nation's largest private breast cancer research group — pulled its funding from Planned Parenthood according to a new company policy that prohibits the foundation from donating to groups under investigation. The ensuing media firestorm prompted the reinstatement of funding a few days later and the resignation of Karen Handel, Komen's senior vice president for public policy and the obstinately conservative former Georgia gubernatorial candidate.

The top executives in the two organizations represent and promote polarized political views. CBS reports that, according to Handel, the conservative-led Komen has debated its stance on Planned Parenthood for two years. Komen officials were uneasy after some Roman Catholic groups urged their members to stop donating to Komen due to its support of Planned Parenthood, Handel told CBS.

Clearly, breast cancer screenings are not the issue here. It seems that no matter how many devastating illnesses and cancer-related deaths that Planned Parenthood prevents, religiously motivated conservatives will vilify

the group as long as it continues to perform even a single abortion. It also appears that Komen, though highly commendable and crucial in the fight against breast cancer, will continue to pander to such forces. The ideological battle rages on, as pundits and activists paint both groups as wild caricatures with little or no regard to the truth.

Certainly, Planned Parenthood doesn't skirt the abortion issue. In fact, its annual report to donors boasts that the nonprofit women's and reproductive health organization prevents more than half a million unwanted pregnancies each year. About half of its total patients are women ages 18 to 25. You do the math. Uncomfortable though it may be to admit, the statistics demonstrate that Planned Parenthood has performed plenty of abortions for college students over the years.

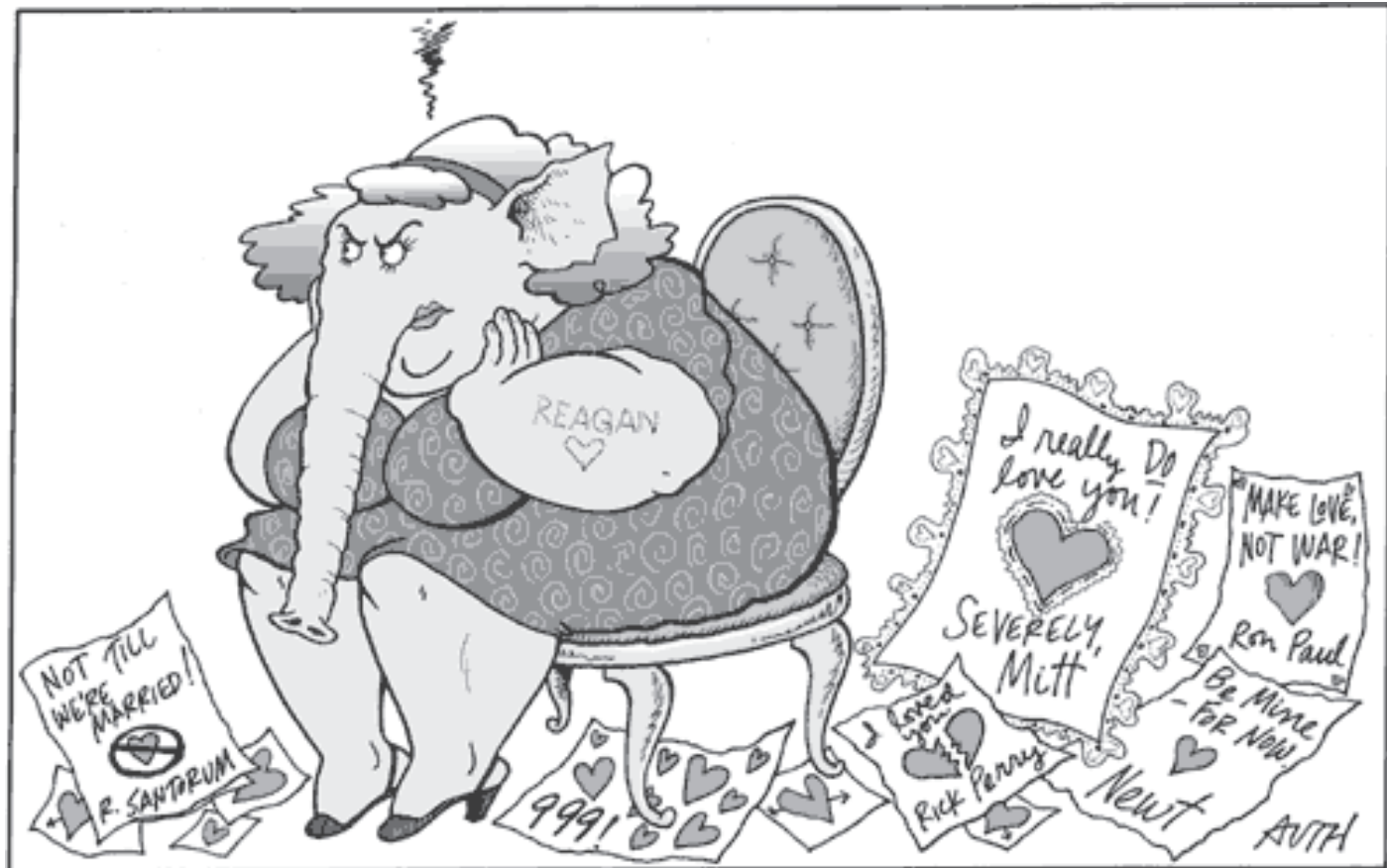
Seemingly stupefied by the A-word, many across the political spectrum forget that Planned Parenthood provides comprehensive women's and reproductive health services. Long a champion of women's rights and responsible sexual education, the organization is hardly the relentless engine of murder that some pro-life activists claim that it is. Despite Planned Parenthood's reputation as the single largest provider of legal abortions in America, abortions account for only

3 percent of the services that it provides. The vast majority of patients come for STD testing and prevention and contraception, with about 15 percent of its services going to cancer screening and prevention.

However, Planned Parenthood and its supporters should remember that Komen has no obligation to donate to any specific group. If the abortion stigma surrounding Planned Parenthood is too strong for Komen to stomach, it reserves the right to place its funding elsewhere.

Conversely, Komen's supporters should not vilify Planned Parenthood for a single one of the services it provides. If Komen's true mission is to prevent and cure breast cancer, perhaps Planned Parenthood, which performs almost 1 million breast cancer screenings every year, is a good candidate for donations. Certainly, the top Komen executives lean toward the right, and Planned Parenthood leaders sway leftward, but both organizations and their supporters should make stronger efforts to separate political agendas from women's health. To equate the two concerns undermines the gravity and urgency of real health issues, such as breast cancer, by aligning them with mundane political grievances.

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Website, campus group to help raise awareness for nonprofits

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

Austin is showing some love for nonprofit organizations this week as part of the first Love Austin Week created by *Snoball.com*, starting Monday with dog treat sales for the Austin Pets Alive! organization.

Snoball.com is an Austin-based, nationwide company with an on-line platform to help more than 1.7 million nonprofit organizations and charities. Love Austin Week was created with the work of nonprofits and charities in mind by *Snoball.com* and will feature an organization each day this week. The website has organized events for each featured nonprofit organization all week.

The website's goal is to make donating easy through social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, where people can join in and "snowball" into a larger effort to help those organizations, said Don Vanderslice, community director for Snoball.com.

"The idea is giving socially to a charity so the charity is able to focus its energy on the work they feel compelled to do or the causes they feel passionate about, instead of using their time to raise money," Vanderslice said.

Monday's Austin Pets Alive! donation events included selling doggie biscuits at several coffee shops and restaurants around the city. All proceeds went directly to the animal group, Vanderslice said.

Three locations in the city will continue to sell doggie biscuits throughout Love Austin Week — Austin Java, Uncle Billy's and Ski Shores Caf  .

In the morning, multiple adoption centers were set up in downtown's Second Street district in order to promote APA! and its mission.

Love Austin Week will continue promoting organizations today with the Trail Foundation that beautifies the running trail around Lady Bird Lake for Austinites. The event will be a social run on the Lady Bird Lake trail where participating runners will go along the 1-mile or 3-mile route,

Vanderslice said.

"We just want to raise awareness for the Trail Foundation and the work they do," he said. "There will also be health and wellness nonprofits present that will be getting the word out about what they do."

Vanderslice said the whole purpose of Love Austin Week is to focus on promoting Austin-based nonprofit organizations.

"We believe in the work of nonprofits and charities and the work they do is important and focused on changing their corners of the world," Vanderslice said. "This is a real practical way for us to help highlight the work of particular non profits in our city and also to actually help them out in some of their causes."

Austin Pets Alive! spokeswoman Melissa Miller said the organization is thrilled to be a part of Love Austin Week because it helps increase the volunteer basis of many nonprofits in Austin that are doing great work.

"As a private, nonprofit organization, we rely on the assistance of caring and hardworking volunteers in all of our programs," Miller said. "Volunteers who work directly with animals can increase an animal's chances of adoption by providing additional human contact and volunteers also help us inform the community of the aims and objects of Austin Pets Alive!"

The Longhorn Pets Alive! group

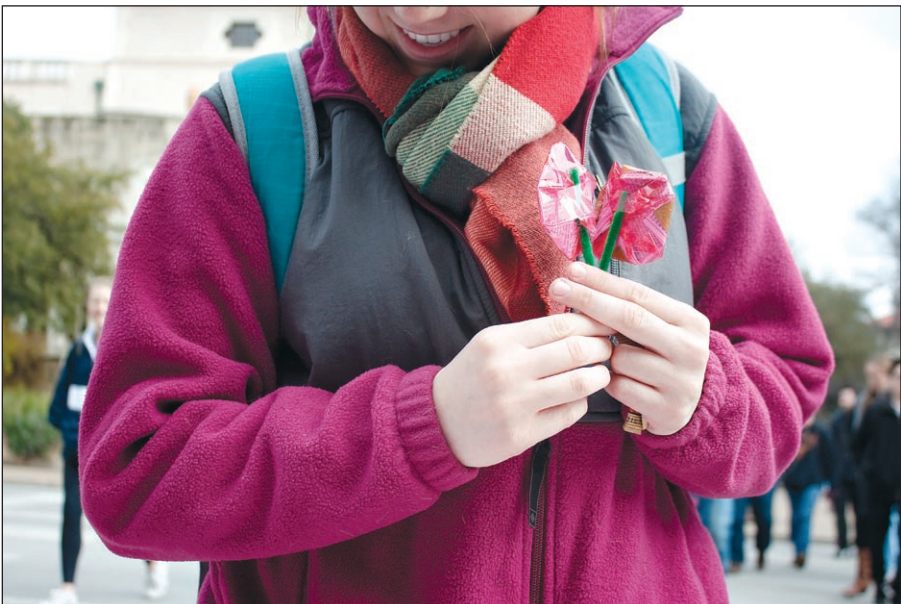
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holds events and fund raisers on campus for the city-wide organization, said Longhorn Pets Alive! president Corina Trevino.

"When I helped found the organization we believed UT was an untapped resource of volunteers for such an amazing place like Austin Pets Alive!," Trevino said.



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff
Lindsay Henderson, an adoption counselor at Austin Pets Alive!, takes a dog out of its cage Monday morning. Austin Pets Alive! is one of five organizations featured during Love Austin Week, which Snoball.com created to make donating via social networking sites easy.



The Texas Freedom Network (TFN) handed out condoms in the shape of roses Monday afternoon on Guadalupe Street to promote safe sex education. TFN hopes to pressure lawmakers to support bills in favor of introducing comprehensive sex education in schools.
Shila Farahani
Daily Texan Staff

Signatures collected for sex ed petition

By Samuel Liebl
Daily Texan Staff

Free condoms fashioned to resemble roses greeted UT students walking down the Drag Monday.

The student chapter of the Texas Freedom Network stood in the rain to equip students for safe sex on Valentine's Day and to register support for comprehensive sex education, which includes information about safe-sex methods and abstinence.

TFN collected signatures for a petition addressed to state lawmakers that advocates comprehensive sex education. Bills that would implement comprehensive sex education have been introduced into the Texas Legislature, but have failed to pass, said Carisa Lopez, a TFN member and government junior.

Lopez said comprehensive sex education would improve the financial and sexual health of Texas.

"Texas spends more than a billion dollars every year in welfare to support mothers and their children," she said. "Comprehensive sex-ed would not teach kids to have sex. It would just teach them how to be more safe from STIs, HIV and unintended pregnancy if they do choose to have sex."

The current abstinence-only education policy has failed, said Katherine Eyberg, a TFN member

and Spanish senior.

"STI and pregnancy rates show that the current sex education in high schools is not working," she said.

The current policy also misinforms high school students about the risks of contraception, Eyberg said.

"There's false information out about condom ineffectiveness," she said. "Students are told that condoms fail 15 percent of the time, but when used correctly and consistently condoms only fail 2 percent of the time."

Eyberg said she feels betrayed by the abstinence-only education she received at her high school.

"I graduated from a public school where sex education consisted of an abstinence speaker that came in one day and told us that if we had sex we would die and we were encouraged to sign purity pledges," Eyberg said. "When I came to UT, I found that there was a better way of teaching sexual health concepts that's more inclusive, more informative. I felt robbed because of the discrepancy between what I learned in high school and what I learned in college."

Gulielma Fager, health education coordinator for University Health Services, said UHS shares TFN's goal of providing information and condoms.

"University Health Services works to empower all stu-

dents to make the sexual choices that are right for them, including the choice not to have sex," Fager said. "For those students who do choose to have sex, we help them reduce the risk of unintended pregnancy and STIs by offering free condoms both at UHS and through our campus distribution and offering classes and workshops about contraception and safer sex."

Fager said making condoms readily available is especially important for students' sexual health.

"Not having a condom when they want one is the main reason college students don't use condoms consistently," she said. "If you choose to have sex, the best way to decrease the risk of unplanned pregnancy and STIs is to use a condom."

Providing contraception at universities has become a major national issue recently as religious institutions have protested President Barack Obama's requirement that employers provide insurance coverage for contraceptives, but Eyberg said sex education reform should not create a political divide.

"Human sexuality is a universal behavior," Eyberg said. "Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, you need to figure out what sex is, whether you're going to have it and how you're going to protect yourself."

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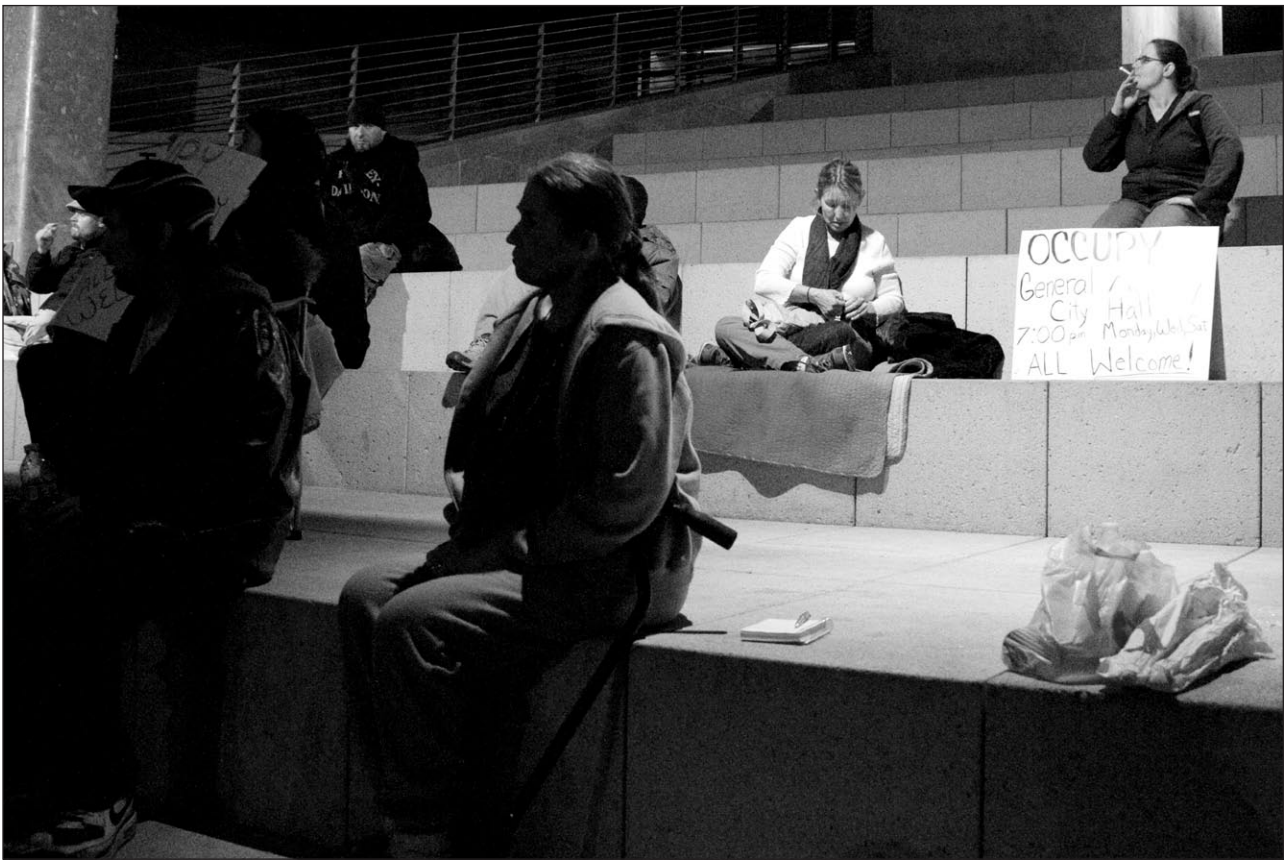
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Occupy Austin protesters attend a general assembly meeting at City Hall Monday evening. After the enactment of a new city policy, protesters must abide by a curfew, forcing occupy Austin to form a new strategy.

Shannon Kintner
Daily Texan Staff



Occupy protesters evicted, curfew imposed

By Kayla Jonsson
Daily Texan Staff

Occupy Austin and City Hall are reassessing tactics and regrouping after the eviction of the protest Feb. 3. A new city policy enacting a curfew at City Hall between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and banning tents and sleeping bags from the grounds has forced Occupy Austin to change its strategy, protester Dave Cortez said. The movement now meets in front of City Hall every day from 6-10 p.m. in what Cortez said is a more spirited meeting. “After the Feb. 3 eviction there was an outpour of phone calls and emails from people wanting to know what they could do to help,” Cortez said. “There have been about 100

people at the last few meetings and that is more than we were getting before.” Cortez said protesters took pictures of the police forcing them off City Hall grounds on Feb. 3, put them on the Occupy Austin website and made them into posters to spark more attention from those who might not know about the eviction. “We were met that night by two Capital Metro buses full of police wearing helmets and holding shields, batons and guns,” Cortez said. “We blew those pictures up so everyone could see. People don’t like to see the police like that.” Occupy protesters have grievances with City Hall because of their disregard for public policy, Cortez said. “City Hall is not a park so there

cannot be a curfew,” he said. “We were run off the premises without a vote by City Council or the people or anything.” Jason Alexander, executive assistant director for the deputy attorney general, said City Hall has cleaned up during the week that protesters have not been there 24 hours a day. He said there was an influx of protesters in the most recent days after the eviction but each day there seem to be fewer and fewer. “I can definitely say we have not had any problems since they have left,” Alexander said. “From a business perspective things are going as usual.” Alexander said City Hall is assessing the permanent damage left by the four month encampment to determine what needs repair and

how much it will cost. “We don’t know all of the official damage yet but I’m pretty sure the flower beds and vegetation have been trampled, the bathrooms have been vandalized and there are stains on the steps which may require re-stoning,” Alexander said. Austin Police Department assistant chief Raul Munguia said there are no longer any APD officers related to Occupy Austin at City Hall, which will in turn save Austin taxpayer money. “City Hall security and staff enforce the rules,” Munguia said. “If someone does not follow the rules, city staff can and will ask the violator to comply. If there is a refusal to follow the rules, city staff can issue a criminal trespass warning. Once the warning has been issued, the violator can be arrested by APD.” Film production graduate student Britta Lundin said she had forgotten about Occupy Austin until they were evicted and is not surprised by the sudden increase in participation. “I’m sure they are re-energized,” Lundin said. “The publicity has probably been great for them.”

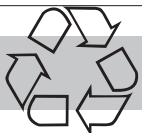
Midwest militia group accused of conspiracy to kill an officer

By Ed White
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Displaying guns, vests and other military gear, a prosecutor told jurors Monday that members of a Midwest militia were willing “to go to war” in an extraordinary plot to kill a police officer as a springboard to a broader rebellion against the U.S. government. Some of the evidence was placed directly in front of the jury box as trial opened for seven members of a group called Hutaree, who are charged with conspiring to commit sedition as well as weapons crimes. Still, defense attorneys dismissed any talk by the defendants as little more than fantasy and equated the group more to a “social club” than a militia.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Graveline said the anti-government Hutaree was looking for some type of conflict to trigger an attack — maybe a traffic stop, a search warrant or a dispute between authorities and another militia. “They wanted to start an armed confrontation. ...The war to them meant patriots rising up against the government,” said Graveline, who held up automatic weapons and other items seized after nine people were arrested in southern Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in March 2010. The defendants are accused of conspiring to someday ambush and kill a police officer, then attack the funeral procession with explosives and trigger a broader revolt against the U.S. government. Graveline showed the jury a video clip of leader David Stone declaring, “Welcome to the revolution.” The government placed an undercover agent inside the Hutaree and also had a paid informant. More than 100 hours of audio and video were recorded. “They were ready, willing and able to go to war. They were preparing for war,” the prosecutor said. Stone and others, wearing their Sunday best instead of military fatigues, listened closely at the start of a trial that could last six to eight weeks. Two defense attorneys offered an opening rebuttal to the government’s introduction, telling jurors there was no specific

plan to do any harm to anyone in authority. Todd Shanker, attorney for David Stone Jr., acknowledged there are “offensive statements” on the recordings but said the words were “almost fantasy” made among people who were comfortable with each other. “These are extreme charges. ... They are going to fail, and they are going to fail miserably,” Shanker said. William Swor, attorney for David Stone, said his client was a firm believer in the Bible’s Book of Revelation and the coming of an “anti-Christ.” “The anti-Christ as David Stone understands it will come from overseas, and the troops of the anti-Christ will take over America. That is the resistance that David Stone was preparing for,” Swor said. He told jurors the government was displaying weapons in court to “make you afraid.” Swor said members lived hand-to-mouth and couldn’t even afford transportation to a regional militia meeting in Kentucky, a trip that wasn’t completed because of bad winter weather. He said it was the undercover agent who supplied the van, gas and a secret camera that captured Stone on video. “There is a lot of talk and no action whatsoever. ... You will have to decide whether this is a real conspiracy or David Stone exercising his God-given right to blow off steam and open his mouth,” Swor said. Of the original nine defendants, Joshua Clough of Blissfield, Mich., is the only one to make a deal with prosecutors. He pleaded guilty in December to illegal use of a firearm, faces a mandatory five-year prison sentence and could be called as a witness to testify for the government. Besides the Stones, the other defendants are Tina Mae Stone and Joshua Stone, both from Lenawee County; Thomas Piatek of Whitestown, Ind.; Michael Meeks of Manchester, Mich.; and Kristopher Sickles of Sandusky, Ohio. Jacob Ward of Huron, Ohio, will have a separate trial. Besides conspiracy charges, all face at least one firearm charge and some have more. Twelve jurors and four alternates were selected before opening statements.



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Kristof spoke specifically about some of the injustices committed in places like Cambodia, where he bought two women in order to remove them from a brothel that was keeping them there against their will in 2004.

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rights topics.

Plan II invited him to speak at the event because of his relevant work in exposing human trafficking and human rights issues as a whole, said Phillip Dubov, alumni relations and development specialist for the Plan II Honors Program.

“The Liz Carpenter Lectureship is a very high-profile lecture series,” Dubov said. “Liz Carpenter was the secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, and she was a dynamic and interesting person. We’ve had a lot of interesting people over the years and we wanted to bring in someone who is very high-profile and current in the news.”

Kristof spoke about his experiences in east Asian brothels, particularly in Cambodia, and the types of injustice currently taking place overseas. He gained distinction in 2004 when he purchased two young Cambodian women in order to remove them from a brothel he visited in the border town of Poipet, he said.

“In a sense I was exploiting those girls for their stories, and so many other visitors were exploiting them,” Kristof said. “I knew I was telling their stories, and I didn’t want just to walk off and benefit myself with these columns and leave them to die of AIDS.”

Kristof said sex trafficking in the U.S. is also prevalent and laws are becoming more effective at reducing it. Police are beginning to target clients and pimps instead of prostitutes, a changing dynamic that is making positive advances in fighting human trafficking, he said.

Kristof said he feels a responsibility to raise awareness about trafficking in the U.S., as well as abroad, in order to help the public understand that the domestic market for human trafficking is just as prevalent as the market overseas. Pimps often use online trading sites such as *backpage.com* to advertise their women and girls, he said.

“It was surprising how much [Kristof] talked about the domestic side of [human trafficking],” said Emily Ling, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs alumna. “His mention of the fact that it was mostly American girls here and not foreign girls was really educational for me.”

Despite the amount of injustice Kristof has witnessed firsthand, he remains hopeful about the future and said he encourages education and raising awareness about the issue.

“I think that there’s a tendency to think that this is sad and hopeless,” Kristof said. “In reporting about this over the years since I first went to Cambodia, I have seen that raising awareness on this issue makes an enormous amount of difference.”

Matt Valentine, program coordinator for the Joynes Reading Room, said Kristof’s coverage of human trafficking has brought significant publicity to the issue of human rights both overseas and in the United States, and his work is valuable in educating those who would not ordinarily be exposed to information about the issue.

“It’s a difficult topic for people to read about, but people do read about it in Kristof’s column because he approaches it with a sort of realism, and also with optimism,” Valentine said. “I think he does envision an end to human trafficking. It’s a very responsible form of advocacy journalism.”

Q&A

with Nicholas Kristof

Editor’s Note: The Daily Texan sat down with Nicholas Kristof before his talk on human trafficking Monday night for a Q-and-A.

The Daily Texan: On social media such as Facebook and Twitter, you’re actively engaging with your readers. How does that change the way you practice journalism?

Nicholas Kristof: I’m not sure it makes the reporting part of what I do that different. But in journalism, I’d say it’s really more of a way to get young people in particular to pay attention to issues that I care about.

DT: How do you report international and domestic issues differently, and how do you decide what’s important to people here in the United States?

Kristof: I do care a lot about international and human rights issues, but I also know that if every column I wrote was about those issues, then my poor readers would just tune out. So it does require some balance between issues that are off the agenda but are important and issues that are already on the agenda.

DT: You’ve done a significant amount of research on human trafficking and human rights in general. How did that get started?

Kristof: It started, really, with me reporting in Cambodia. It just kind of blew me away what I saw, and then as I reported on trafficking internationally, it became clear to me that we didn’t really have the moral authority to tell other countries to clean up their act unless we did a

better job ourselves [in the U.S.].

DT: What do you see in the future of human trafficking injustice, both domestically and abroad?

Kristof: I think there is a certain amount of progress on both fronts. Other countries are being named and shamed into trying to do their job, and I think domestically prosecutors are trying to go after the pimps and johns more and that really changes the dynamic.

DT: How do you make sure your reporting is accurate when you’re interviewing people about events that occurred while you weren’t in their country?

Kristof: You want to be really sure that you’re getting the true backstory, and people do really have a tendency to exaggerate. Good people exaggerate as well as bad people, and so as much as possible verify with other people and just get a sense that it’s really credible.

DT: As student journalists, what can we do that professionals can’t?

Kristof: It’s the way you can make a difference. There’s a difficult trade-off in that you want to make a difference overall, but a lot of what you end up doing is just slogging and reporting things that don’t particularly affect social justice or anything like that, but it’s news.

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Pair of Longhorns pursuing Olympic dreams

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Olympic dreams have long been in the making for swimming stars Karlee Bispo and Laura Sogar, but they aren't letting the looming trials cramp their style in the pool during collegiate competition.

Bispo, a senior, and Sogar, a junior, are two of the women's top contenders for spots on the Olympic team, among a group of other teammates who qualified for trials.

"Every young swimmer wants to go to the Olympics and I've always sort of had that dream," Sogar said.

Bispo said she feels the trials will take place at an appropriate time in her career.

"It's always been a dream," she said of making the Olympic team. "I feel like I was kind of lucky having my first Olympic trials before I came to college and the next trials after four years of training in college, so I'm really excited to see the progress I've made and just really excited to be up there and contend for a spot."

Bispo is an 11-time All-American and 15-time Big 12 champion. The northern California native was also the 2011 Big 12 Conference's Women's Swimmer of the Year with top times in the 100 and 200 freestyles as well as the 400 and 800 free relays and the 400 medley relay.

While she played a multitude of sports as a child, Bispo said she was naturally drawn to swimming.

"I would swim laps on my own



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Karlee Bispo, an 11-time All-American and 15-time Big 12 champion, is setting her sights on this summer's Olympic Games in London. Bispo, who competed in five events in the 2008 Olympic trials, also holds six school records and was named 2011 Big 12 Women's Swimmer of the Year.

when I was eight and begged my dad to let me join the team," she said. "Now all my sisters swim, so it's kind of become a family sport."

At UT, the competitive spirit amongst teammates is one thing Bispo says propels her forward as a swimmer.

"The benefit of being on a col-

lege team is that you have other people just as fast as you or faster than you, so just having the dynamic of all those different speeds helps our team a lot in training," she said. "One of my favorite things is to be able to train with people I know are going to push me every day."

With the last regular meet before the Big 12 Championships behind her, Bispo will soon grapple with the fact that her time as a Texas swimmer is drawing to a close.

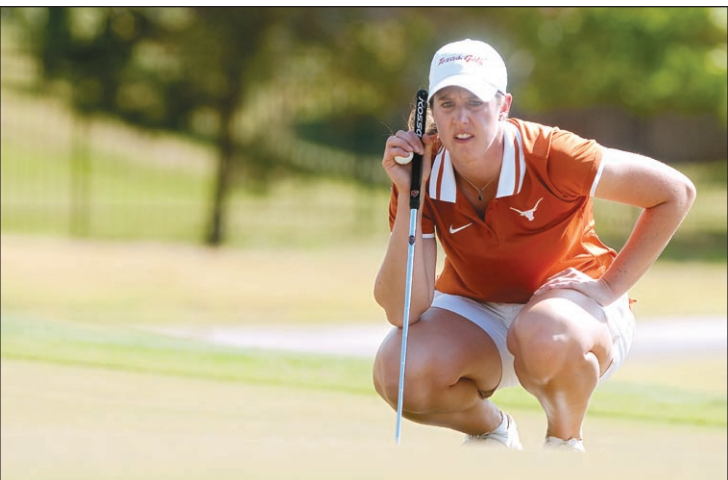
"I don't think it's fully hit me that it's my last meet," she said. "I'm sure after everything is over,

it will hit me a little harder, but right now, I'm just trying to enjoy every moment."

Bispo said while qualifying for the Olympic team won't be an easy task, she has a clear plan of what she needs to do to nab a spot.

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WOMEN'S GOLF



Andrea Jiminez | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Nicole Vandermade, lining up a putt, leads Texas at 2-over-par (146) through two days at the UCF Challenge, seven strokes behind the lead.

Horns hoping to bounce back in tourney's last day

By Blake McAdow
Daily Texan Staff

Despite unusually wintry conditions in Sorrento, Fla., Texas finds itself in the middle of the pack after the second of three rounds of the UCF Challenge. In Texas' first tournament in over three months, it didn't take long to shake the rust off for senior Nicole Vandermade and the rest of the Longhorns. Texas ended the first round shooting four-over-par (292) in a tie for sixth place out of the 18 teams who played Sunday.

Coming off her first collegiate win in November, Vandermade was one of only 12 players on Sunday to shoot under par, posting a one-under-par (71), showing she

can play with the best of them in any conditions.

"For someone like Nicole, who is a very long hitter, it requires some patience and management," said Texas head coach Martha Richards. "She's gonna have to be patient and understand that she has an advantage, even though she's not hitting driver off the tee every hole."

Currently ranked 15th nationally, the Longhorns hold the second-highest ranking in the field, only behind No. 3 Auburn.

However, the Longhorns didn't fare as well on Monday, shooting 14-over-par (306). After starting the day only four shots back of Baylor, the tournament's leader after

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BASKETBALL

Texas looks to extend win streak to four

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

The hallmark of a Rick Barnes team has always been a stifling defense. Now, two-thirds of the way through Big 12 play, the Longhorns are finally becoming a defensive menace.

Texas has won three straight games on the strength of its swarming D. UT (16-9, 6-6) is allowing an average of 63 points during the streak, and the Longhorns visit Oklahoma tonight looking to pester another opponent.

"The Texas defense looks very active, very aggressive with good size inside, terrific athletic ability on the perimeter and it all works well together," said Sooners head coach Lon Kruger. "You have to be aggressive in attacking it, but that's easier said than done. They are very good."

The Sooners, in contrast, rank last in the league in team defense (72.8 points per game). But that doesn't mean the Longhorns are taking them lightly.

"They have been like us; close on so many occasions," Barnes said. "This time of year, every game is a huge game. You have to be ready to play; I don't care who you're playing. If you're not [ready], you're going to get beat."

The Longhorns are 6-1 in conference play when they hold their opponent under 69 points, and 0-5 when allowing more than that. Texas, though, has struggled to defend away from home. In



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Myck Kabongo, who played 23 minutes Saturday, prepares for a pass against Texas Tech. Kabongo has struggled with foul trouble recently.

four road defeats, the Longhorns have given up over 80 points per game.

Still, Texas broke through last Monday against Texas A&M for

its first Big 12 road win. Barnes is finally getting all of his six rookies up to speed on the defensive

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FOOTBALL

Normally prolific, first Junior Day nets no commitments despite many offers



By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Columnist

Mack Brown and his staff are known for nabbing commitments early in the recruiting process. Sunday was Texas' first junior day of 2013.

The day ended with no commitments.

Although scholarships were

offered to 10 of the 12 prospects, none accepted — yet. Jake Raulerson remains Texas' only commitment. The 6-foot-5, 250-pound tackle also reported offers from Alabama, Auburn and Oklahoma.

Should Texas be concerned?

The Longhorns have had four consecutive top five finishes in the ESPNU class rankings — with getting commitments early in the process being a big part

of its success. With Jake Raulerson's commitment, one would expect that other players would follow suit.

Not this Sunday.

Two years ago, 13 members of the Longhorns' 2011 class committed within 48 hours of the first junior day.

It is hard to pinpoint what the issue is. Texas' struggles over the past two seasons are an obvious potential reason for the lack of

immediate response.

In addition, the coaching staff has gone through a lot of changes since the 5-7 2010 season. Changes in staff could mean a change in philosophy when it comes to recruiting. These changes could take time and it is only February. The class of 2012 is already different than what Texas fans would expect with two junior college transfers and an out of state quarter-

back, Connor Brewer.

The lack of commitments could have something to do with other schools in the area revamping their recruiting. With Texas A&M heading to the SEC, the staff has been busy getting commitments. Houston head coach Kevin Sumlin recently got a commitment from defensive tackle Kerrick

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SIDELINE

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(2) SYRACUSE
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(19) LOUISVILLE
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IOWA STATE
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(10) Baylor
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Knebel, Weiss among four Horns named preseason All-Americans

After proving to be one of the nation's finest freshmen in college baseball, Corey Knebel is being recognized for his potential to become one of the nation's best players, regardless of class. Knebel, the Longhorns' sophomore closer who tied Houston Street's school record with 19 saves in 2011, was named a first-team preseason All-American by College Baseball Insider.

Despite being lost for the season because of a shoulder injury that requires surgery, senior pitcher Sam Stafford was listed on CBI's second team while sophomore third baseman Erich Weiss and junior pitcher Hoby Milner earned honorable mention accolades. Weiss led the Longhorns with a .348 batting average and 45 RBI last season while Milner posted a 7-4 record and 2.45 ERA a year ago.

Knebel and Weiss were included on the preseason All-American teams compiled by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association with Knebel making the first team and Weiss listed on the third team. The NCBWA also has Knebel down as one of 45 candidates for the Stopper of the Year award.

— Christian Corona



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Three-time All-American Laura Sogar, the 2010 Big 12 Women’s Swimming and Diving Newcomer of the Year, will take another crack at making the Olympic cut after reaching the semifinal heat of the 100-meter backstroke and the finals in the 200-meter backstroke in the 2008 Olympic trials.

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“I know that it’s really competitive,” she said. “The 200 free is probably my best shot, which is one of the most competitive races. I know I have to drop a couple of seconds to make the team, but that’s something I’m ready to do.”

Similarly, teammate Sogar has an Olympic mentality and a clear vision of the challenge ahead.

“It’s going to be really hard,” she said. “Breaststroke in America is really deep and there are only two spots. It’s going to be really hard, but I’m going to do everything I can to set myself up, so that I know when I leave trials I did everything in my power to give myself a shot at it.”

Like Bispo, Sogar has an impressive resume of accomplishments in the water. A three-time All-American and five-time Big 12 Champion, Sogar also holds school records

in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. She was named Big 12 Conference Women’s Swimming and Diving Newcomer of the Year in 2010.

Sogar said the Olympic trials have slightly altered the mentality of the team, bringing a focus on long-term goals.

“There’s a different edge to everyone this year because it’s four years worth of dreams and hard work,” she said. “It’s a little bit more pressure because you really need to nail it this year. There’s no room for error.”

Sogar said her teammates inspire her in and out of the water.

“It’s a really cohesive group. There’s talent across classes, so it’s fun to have everyone working hard and pushing each other,” she said. “Freshmen are challenging the seniors, so we’re really excited to see

the team come together.”

For all her victories in individual races, Sogar said the closeness of the team is what she cherishes most about her swimming experience at UT.

“The day-to-day is what I enjoy the most with these girls,” she said. “The girls on this team are my best friends. It really makes training enjoyable when you’re doing it with people close to you.”

Head coach Kim Brackin said both girls embody similar work ethics and serve as leaders for their peers.

“They both have that focus, that really driven sense of purpose when they’re here,” Brackin said. “I think they both have really high goals for themselves this year through NCAAAs and at trials.”

Brackin said the challenge ahead is a matter of mentality as

the girls compete for spots on the Olympic team.

“They do the little things right — both are doing all the right things physically,” she said. “The challenge for them will be mentally not beating themselves up, enjoying the ups and not taking the downs so seriously.”

Both will strive to finish off their collegiate seasons with more wins, records and shaved-off times before extending their skills at Olympic trials this summer.

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end — an area where many freshmen struggle.

“We’ve tried to put our most consistent defensive team on the floor to start the game,” Barnes said. “We’ve got a couple freshmen that are way ahead of the curve in Myck [Kabongo] and Julien [Lewis].”

Lewis’ quick grasp of his defensive assignments is one reason the shooting guard has started 18 games. The freshman is third on the team with 26 steals, but is dealing with hamstring discomfort for over a week.

“He wasn’t totally there [Saturday] but he went at it,” Barnes said. “If he can walk, he’s going to play.”

If the hamstring limits Lewis tonight, look for Sheldon McClellan to see more time. McClellan has scored in double-digits in each of the last three games, and Barnes has praised his improvement on defense.


While injuries have hampered Lewis at times, foul trouble is plaguing

Kabongo. The point guard has been prone to pick up early fouls that land him on the bench in the first half. Against Kansas State on Saturday, the freshman committed his second foul more than 90 feet away from the basket.

“My job is to get us in the offense, and picking up silly fouls in the backcourt like that doesn’t help our team,” said Kabongo, who leads Texas with 127 assists. “I have to be a lot smarter with my fouls.”

When Kabongo is not on the floor, the offense becomes stagnant. He’ll have to avoid cheap fouls if the Longhorns want to keep their win streak alive.

“We really need him in the game to get us going,” said leading scorer J’Covan Brown.



Date: Tuesday
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Legacy Court (Norman, Oklahoma)
On Air: Big 12 Network

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day one, Texas struggled to make shots on the back nine, ending the day in 11th place, 29 shots back of Auburn, who is currently on top of the leaderboard. Individually, Texas is still in the hunt, with Vandermade only seven shots back of the leader while junior Madison Pressel is 10 shots off the pace.

Ironically, Texas played much better on Sunday when temperatures were in the 30s and 40s and winds whirled the ball all over the course.

“You just try to remind them

that when it’s cooler out, the ball doesn’t go as far,” Richards said. “You have to remind them of the weather conditions so they don’t get frustrated and they just focus on the task at hand.”

All five players scored better in the first round than the second round, but should have a fighting chance Tuesday for the final round. When asked what her ideal golf conditions would be, coach Richards simply said, “75 [degrees] and sunny.” Tuesday’s forecast calls for a high of 78 and sunny skies.

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Huggins and currently have six members in their 2013 class. Texas offered scholarships to tight end Durham Smythe, defensive back/running back Kyle Hicks, wide receiver Ra'Shaad Samples, quarterback Tyrone Swoopes, running back Dontre Wilson, Dallas Jesuit receiver Ricky Seals-Jones, offensive lineman Darius James, offensive lineman A'Shawn Robinson and defensive tackle Justin Manning. Smythe also attended junior days at Baylor and TCU with trips scheduled for A&M and Stanford.

The recruiting process has become a much longer, more intense process over the past few years. Athletes are taking more visits and changing their minds more and more often. Look at how Texas acquired Torshiro Davis. He had a verbal pledge with LSU for about a year until signing day when he decided to go to Texas. The recruiting process is fickle. But Texas' lack of commitments will raise concerns about how strong the class of 2013 will be. Early signing has worked for Brown for many years and this change of pace could raise concerns. But, it is only February. It is not time to panic. Yet.



Photo Courtesy of Buzz Cory
Whitewright QB Tyrone Swoopes, one of 12 to attend Texas' first Junior Day Sunday, racked up 3,661 total yards and 44 touchdowns last season.

2012 JUNIOR DAY ATTENDEES				
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	OFFERED	COMMITTED
Tyrone Swoopes	Whitewright	QB	Yes	No
Kyle Hicks	Arlington Martin	RB	Yes	No
Dontre Wilson	DeSoto	RB	Yes	No
Jake Oliver	Dallas Jesuit	WR	Yes	No
Ra'Shaad Samples	Dallas Skyline	WR	Yes	No
Ricky Seals-Jones	Sealy	WR/TE	No	No
Durham Smythe	Belton	TE	Yes	No
Darius James	Harker Heights	OL	Yes	No
A'Shawn Robinson	Forth Worth Arlington Heights	DT	Yes	No
Jake Raulerson	Celina	OL/DL	Yes	Yes (Feb 3.)
Justin Manning	Dallas Kimball	DT	No	No
Naashon Hughes	Harker Heights	LB	No	No

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Former Texas guard finds good fit at Auburn

By John Zenor
The Associated Press
Auburn's Varez Ward can't take to the air quite like he used to. The onetime Texas starter is still trying to regain strength and explosiveness more than two years after rupturing his right quadriceps tendon while dunking during pre-game warmups. Ward said he had lost nine inches off a 38-inch vertical leap as of last summer, but has still become a key player for the struggling Tigers and shown flashes of his old abilities with a recent hot streak. "I've been working hard on my game, so I don't really rely on being able to jump over defenders like I used to," said Ward, who figures he's regained some of his hops the past few months. "It made me sick a little bit. It'll help me in the long run because it won't let me rely so much on my athletic ability." He was going up for a windmill dunk in the layup line on Nov. 24, 2009 for the third-ranked Longhorns when he felt a pop in his right leg. "Honestly I don't even know how I came down," said Ward, who had started the first three games for Texas. "It was just a freak accident." The injury required surgery and forced him to watch as the Longhorns rose to their first No. 1 ranking less than two months later. The Big 12 granted him a medical hardship waiver and the Montgomery native decided to transfer closer to home to be near his ailing mother Sharon — who he said has had two heart surgeries but is now doing well — after Auburn hired former UTEP

coach Tony Barbee. Ward sat out last season and has two years of eligibility remaining. "He's a fantastic player," said Barbee, who recruited him out of high school. "His game has always been based around his ability to beat people. He was always athletic enough that he could finish when he beat people." Ward struggled to convert drives in Tuesday night's loss to Alabama, scoring just three points. It ended a three-game run when he made 27 of 32 free throws and averaged 17.7 points, nearly double his season average (9.3). Ward capped that hot streak by scoring a career-high 24 points and dishing out five assists in 29 minutes at Mississippi State. "It's definitely strange that it's brought some life to me," Ward said. "Those couple of days have helped me rejuvenate my body." Ward, who leads the Tigers (13-11) in assists, splits time at point guard with Josh Wallace and has come off

the bench the last six games. He said his leg doesn't hurt these days, but the pain flared up at times early in the season. He has spent two or three hours daily in the training room getting treatment, a big improvement from lengthy sessions that started at 6 a.m. during a medical red-shirt year last season. He showed flashes early in his Texas career. Ward scored 16 points on 7 of 8 shooting against Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament as a freshman. He was averaging 6.7 points, 2.3 steals and 2.3 assists in the first three games the following season when he was injured. "Early in the year, I was thinking drive and shoot a floater, shoot pullups," he said. "Now, I'm trying to play back above the rim, trying to get fouled, draw contact. Early in the year, I was thinking about my leg a lot because I didn't want to get hurt again. That was always on my mind."



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Auburn junior point guard Varez Ward looks up the floor in a loss to Alabama Feb. 7. Ward, who spent two seasons at Texas, leads the Tigers in assists and is recovering from a leg injury he suffered in 2009.

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Left to right, Sherry Lovedahl, Thomas Fragel, and Johnny Griffiths, servers at Ill Forks, set up a red carpet outside the entrance of the downtown restaurant Monday evening.

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hand. To those who want to remember the night, a kissing photo booth will be available. Tickets start at \$25. And for the charitable kind, a portion of the ticket will go to Health Alliance for Austin Musicians.

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Hardy have a lived-in, quick-witted rapport that proves a solid foundation to build a film on. Unfortunately, as things become increasingly sour between the two, the film begins to rely on their chemistry with Witherspoon. While she plays well with others and none of her scenes are painful, Witherspoon’s character is too inconsistent to invest in, fluctuating between a romantically conflicted sympathetic figure and an emotionally manipulative witch a bit too frequently.

McG also performs fairly admirably. He keeps the film moving at a fast clip and stages plenty of stylish action scenes. He also packs the soundtrack with classic rock and even slips in a fun “Goodfellas” homage. Even

if McG occasionally stumbles with a spastic, conspicuous editing style, his earnestness and enthusiasm for the project shine through.

Many of the problems in “This Means War” can be traced back to its screenplay, which, with a few more drafts and some plot twists, could have built on its intriguing premise to make a much better film. Unfortunately, writers Timothy Dowling and Simon Kinberg created a film in which almost every plot beat for the rest of the film is predictable from the first 20 minutes. Is it possible that the baddie (Til Schweiger), Tuck and FDR fight in the opening sequence and will return for revenge? Once Tuck and FDR make rules concerning their relationship with Lauren, is there any chance they’ll break them all immediately?

Even though it’s clear where the film is going, the ending has a much more significant problem. As the ro-

mantic conflict reaches a climax, “This Means War” becomes shockingly mean-spirited and cruel to its characters and then casts all the potential conflict stemming from the terrible things they’re doing to each other aside, having them reconcile all too easily. It’s disrespectful to the characters, to the film’s commitment to its premise and to the audience. And it leaves the film on a nasty, bitter note.

“This Means War” is by no means a terrible film and a pretty ideal release for Valentine’s Day. It’ll make boatloads of money from the romantically inclined but will quickly fade from all of their collective memories before winding up a forgotten film in the \$5 DVD bin at Wal-Mart. While that’s the destiny for many lackluster films, it’s a shame that this one has to join the ranks because with that cast, that concept and that director, it really could have been something special.

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day, when he realized it would not be possible to police inappropriate memes by himself. He said people have already sent him links to memes that were offensive and he took them down.

Monroy was also surprised that several companies have offered sponsorships in exchange for advertisements on the page. Companies that Monroy would not identify have offered money in exchange for links or memes related to their company, but Monroy does not think he will accept any of

the sponsorships.

“I don’t feel like I need sponsorships and I wasn’t really looking to get money out of the page. It was just for enjoying it,” Monroy said.

Monroy said he owed the page’s popularity to the users who posted memes.

“The page is really made out of the people that are in it,” he said. “I just created the page and that’s all. It just happened to grow.”

However, Monroy said he does feel some satisfaction in creating the page.

“To feel like you’ve made something that everyone is enjoying and having fun with is really good,”

Monroy said.

Since UTexas Memes was created, other universities have also had their own memes page spin-offs, including Baylor Memes, OU Memes, Texas Tech Memes and Northwestern Memes.

“It’s good they have that,” Monroy said. “If it grows, that’s pretty cool. Even though they are our rival schools, it is still something their students can relate to and have fun with.”

Pokala said that while the page is enjoyable, it will not stay around forever.

“Like everything, I think it will hype up a lot, but it will simmer down a little,” Pokala said.

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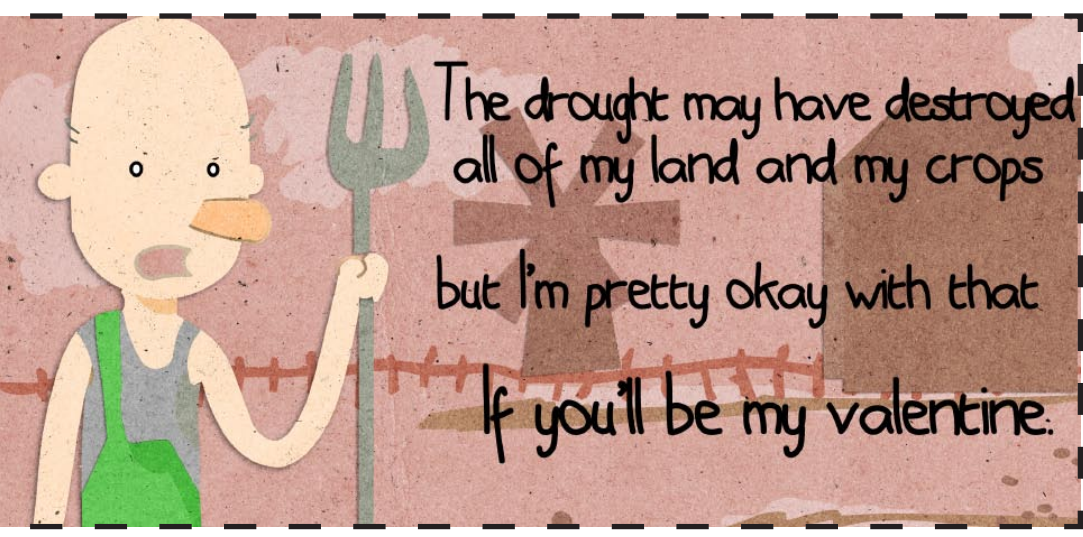
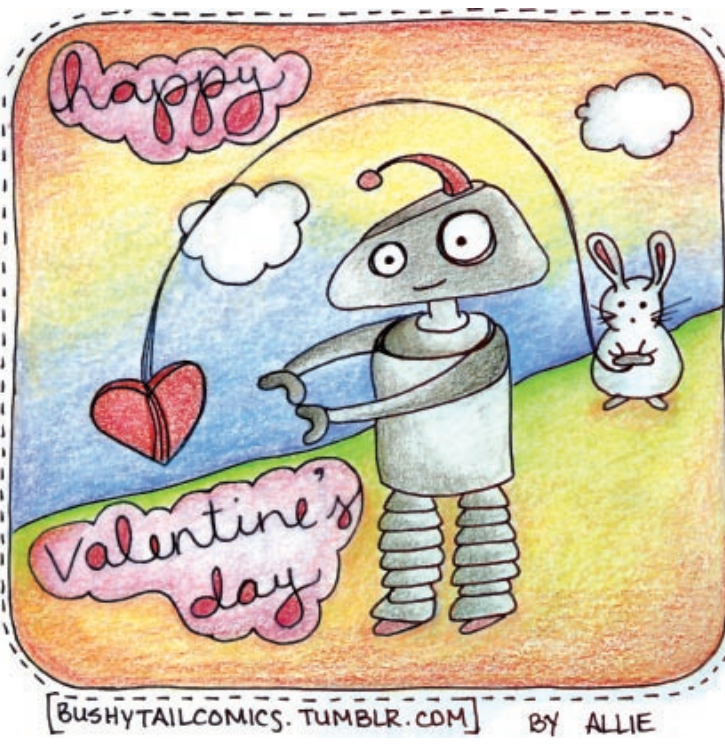
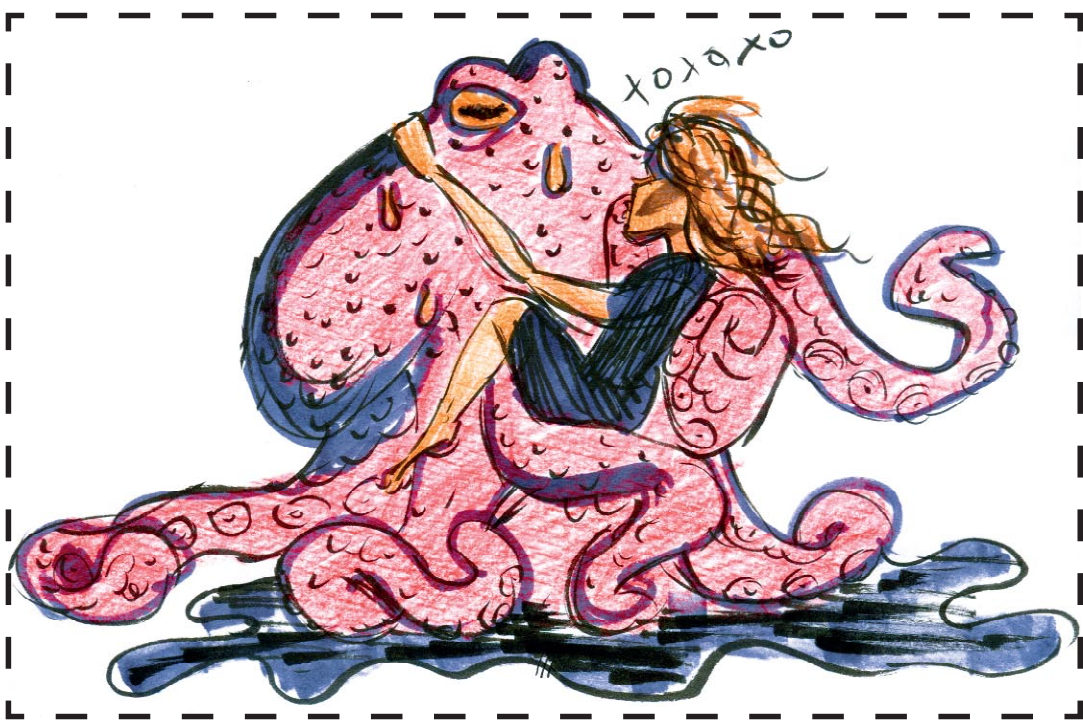
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32 "Just the ___"

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Photo courtesy of Islands
Indie rock group Islands makes love a central point in their latest album, *A Sleep and A Forgetting*.

Islands' record evokes post-breakup emotion

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

Indie rock group Islands has risen to prominence since it released its debut, *Return to the Sea*, in 2006. The group's soft, melancholic sound compliments its name: wavy, reverberated guitars rock back and forth, swallowing a shore of softly-hit drums and crescendoing vocal harmonies.

For Islands' latest album, *A Sleep & A Forgetting*, leading man Nicholas Thorburn lays his love life on the line, resulting in one of the group's most personal albums to date. Although Thorburn's rise to indie success has been achieved through both Islands and indie rock supergroup Mister Heavenly, which features actor Michael Cera (the guy plays an instrument after all), it seems that not even the frontman's accomplishments can save him from himself.

"This record deals with loss, with memory and forgetting and with dreaming," explains Thorburn on *ANTI-*, the label that represents the group. As soon as album opener "In A Dream It Seemed Real," a depressing introduction to Thorburn's misery, begins, the listener realizes early on that the group's sob story is not the perfect accompaniment to a romantic Valentine's Day — that is, unless you're celebrating a relationship gone unquestionably awry.

"Open up your door for me," croons Thorburn desperately, his somber pleas guided by mournful piano and ascending harmonies. "In a dream it seemed real," sings Thorburn; the song ends abrupt-

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A Sleep and A Forgetting
Islands

Genre: Indie rock
For fans of: Mister Heavenly, The Shins
Website: islandsareforever.com/news/

ly as if to represent the frontman waking up from a beautiful dream turned nightmare.

"Can't Feel My Face" is an ode to 1950s doo-wop heartbreak. Church organs ring vibrantly in the background as Thorburn tries to disguise his lament with a roaring vocal delivery.

The album closes with "Same Thing," a beautifully dark narrative that epitomizes Thorburn's pessimistic revelation. "I loved a girl and I will never love again / there is no one in this world I could never love again," sings Thorburn, his hopelessness contagious to the listener. It wouldn't be a surprise if Thorburn just broke down crying at the end of the song, drowning the atmospheric piano and electronic percussion that looms in the background.

These songs, like most of the others on the album, serve as the building blocks to Thorburn's recovery. It's not really about the music; Thorburn's confessional delivery is at the forefront of the album and nothing is withheld. Thorburn courageously goes for the sadness-is-bliss approach, leaving

his future in question as he lies silently in a corner reminiscing on what could have been.

This is why *A Sleep & A Forgetting* resonates: It doesn't opt for the easy way out, looking towards brighter and better days. It's more realistic, forcing listeners to endure the nostalgic pains of failed love and the sluggish, lethargic, I-hate-the-world-and-the-world-hates-me demeanor that comes with it.

The album can be redundant, though: Laying all of the contents of his failed relationship on the line, the subject matter doesn't change much and the music that accompanies it mostly stays soft and stagnant, never outshining the lonely star it's backing.

A Sleep & A Forgetting is here for a simple reason: to lend a helping hand to those lost in love's unyielding bind. It's sad — very sad — but reminds us that sometimes you have to hide in the dark for a little bit before rediscovering the light.

Project's soundtrack shows broad mix of collaborations

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

When documentary filmmaker Amir Bar-Lev first announced his latest endeavor, "Re:Generation," in October of last year, questions arose as to how well the acclaimed director would be able to bring two separate genres together in order to create something that was both cohesive and enjoyable. Although the movie will not be released in the country until Feb. 16 (those hoping to watch it in Austin will have to wait until South By Southwest), the documentary's soundtrack offers a glimpse into the work and creativity depicted in the film.

"Re:Generation" features 10 songs: Five original arrangements by the artists involved and five remixes of those arrangements. The former is the most important part, showcasing electronic sounds and ideas intermingling with jazz, rap, classical, country and rock. Each song reveals the artist's desire to challenge themselves in a genre they are unfamiliar with. Since each DJ/producer tackles a different genre, the soundtrack remains captivating until the very end, taking listeners on an electronic-dabbled adventure in well under half an hour. The arrangements are a near-perfect balance between electronic samples and sounds and acoustic instrumentation, with neither one overpowering the other unless a certain part of the song calls for it.

"Breakn' a Sweat," the collaboration between Skrillex and remaining Doors members, Robby Krieger, Ray Manzarek and John Densmore, lights the album's fire. The seizure-inducing, dying-elephant sounds

that have become a staple of dubstep music blend seamlessly with Manzarek's church-organ melodies and Krieger's psychedelic guitar. "Let's kick ass," says Manzarek confidently before the chorus makes an explosive transition into the trademark "drop" section found in most dubstep songs.

"Wayfaring Stranger," the collaboration between Pretty Lights, Leann Rimes and Dr. Ralph Stanley, is one of the more compelling songs on the soundtrack. The gritty electronic fuzz gives the song an eerie, somber atmosphere, while the reverberated, surf-rock guitar and finger-picked acoustic guitar paint vibrant pictures of a 19th century cowboy showdown. "I am a poor wayfaring stranger / while journeying through this world of woe," sings Leann Rimes in the distance, the strange combination of tumbleweed country blending easily with buzzy discordance and mechanical percussion.

The title song most embodies what this whole musical project is about. Acclaimed DJ Premier and rapper Nas tackle uncharted territory by working with the Berklee Symphony Orchestra to create an arrangement that puts the legendary MC's lyrical expertise to a challenge. "Composer, DJ Premier. Maestro, Sir Nas," says the rapper courageously, backed by staccato strings and punchy percussion that will bring to mind the production of Wu-Tang Clan's *RZA*.

Each collaborator and their respective genre is fitting; it's not too unfamiliar that the arrangements could be disastrous, but it is challenging enough to put the artist's creativity to the test. For example, Skrillex, whose past contributions to post-hardcore act From First to Last have

seeped into the raw, aggressive sound that is a large component to the music he makes now, seems to effortlessly unite rock with dubstep, allowing moments for both his spastic monster sounds and The Doors' laid-back psychedelic feel to shine. Same with Mark Ronson; "A La Modeliste," the producer's collaboration with Mos Def, Erykah Badu and Trombone Shorty showcases Ronson's eclectic musical background as he brings together dixieland jazz with soul and funk.

"Re:Generation" does its job and then some. It not only puts the artist's talents on display, but shows the potential between bringing together genres of music in a way that has never been done before. Hopefully, this will serve as a catalyst for future collaborations. Even if not, considering the soundtrack achieves its goal of highlighting the beauty of intermingling genres, "Re:Generation" is an enjoyable and an interesting listen.

CD REVIEW



Re:Generation

Genre: Electronic
For fans of: Pretty Lights, Mark Ronson
Website: regenerationmusicproject.com/

Local psychedelic artist's bold, lyrically-focused EP releases

By Ali Breland
Daily Texan Staff

If music were represented by places, then Neil Petty, a.k.a. Neiliyo's, latest EP would be the Montauk Yacht Club meets '80s South Beach. On *Aquinnah*, Austin's self-proclaimed electro-funktionaire hits moments of a sort of musical Northeast-prep class with classic and precise instrumentals. These moments are thoroughly beaten down with neon-streaked, '80s crudeness with a classic nostalgia all its own.

The general motif of the record revolves around time spent in Martha's Vineyard and New York. Though not explicitly stated, it can probably be inferred that the EP is based around the events in Petty's actual life with his fiancé, notable Austin photographer Annie Ray. Overall, it makes for a fairly compelling narrative and gives Neiliyo a tighter lyrical focus than his previous releases *People Skills* and *Runnin' #Erndz*, which runs the gamut of topics from how much Neiliyo "love[s] making music," to "chillin' at the beach with the

sand dollars."

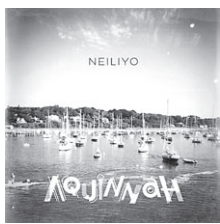
Aquinnah's standout is probably the song "Aquinnah" itself. It has a more washed-out, chillwave sound than anything else on the album. Yet, he doesn't simply follow the current chillwave hype either; Neiliyo's version sounds less refined and slightly cheesier. As a result, he ends up capturing the essence of the '80s far better than Com Truise and Toro Y Moi. Whether or not you like this is at your discretion, however, it's certainly more authentic.

The juxtaposition of bold genres put Neiliyo's efforts in a realm of near comedic absurdity that still manages to be extremely endearing. At some point in the four tracks that make up the EP, it becomes evident that Neiliyo is one audacious guy. Anyone that's ever seen him live knows this. No matter how small the number of people in the crowd, Neiliyo still delivers a full performance, complete with rolling around on the ground and sporadic, but on-beat jumping around and off the stage. Anyone who saw the show where he played in a bathtub knows this. It takes

some serious brashness to hold electric equipment in a tub of water and even more to vigorously dance around in said tub.

One of the best aspects of *Aquinnah* is that it's just made by some guy who really wants to have fun. Neil Petty carries a life outside of Neiliyo, but still manages to just let loose and do something interesting and goofy.

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Neiliyo
Aquinnah
Genre: Electro-Funk Pop

Runtime: 11 minutes
For fans of: DJ Car Stereo (Wars), Chromeo, Neon Indian



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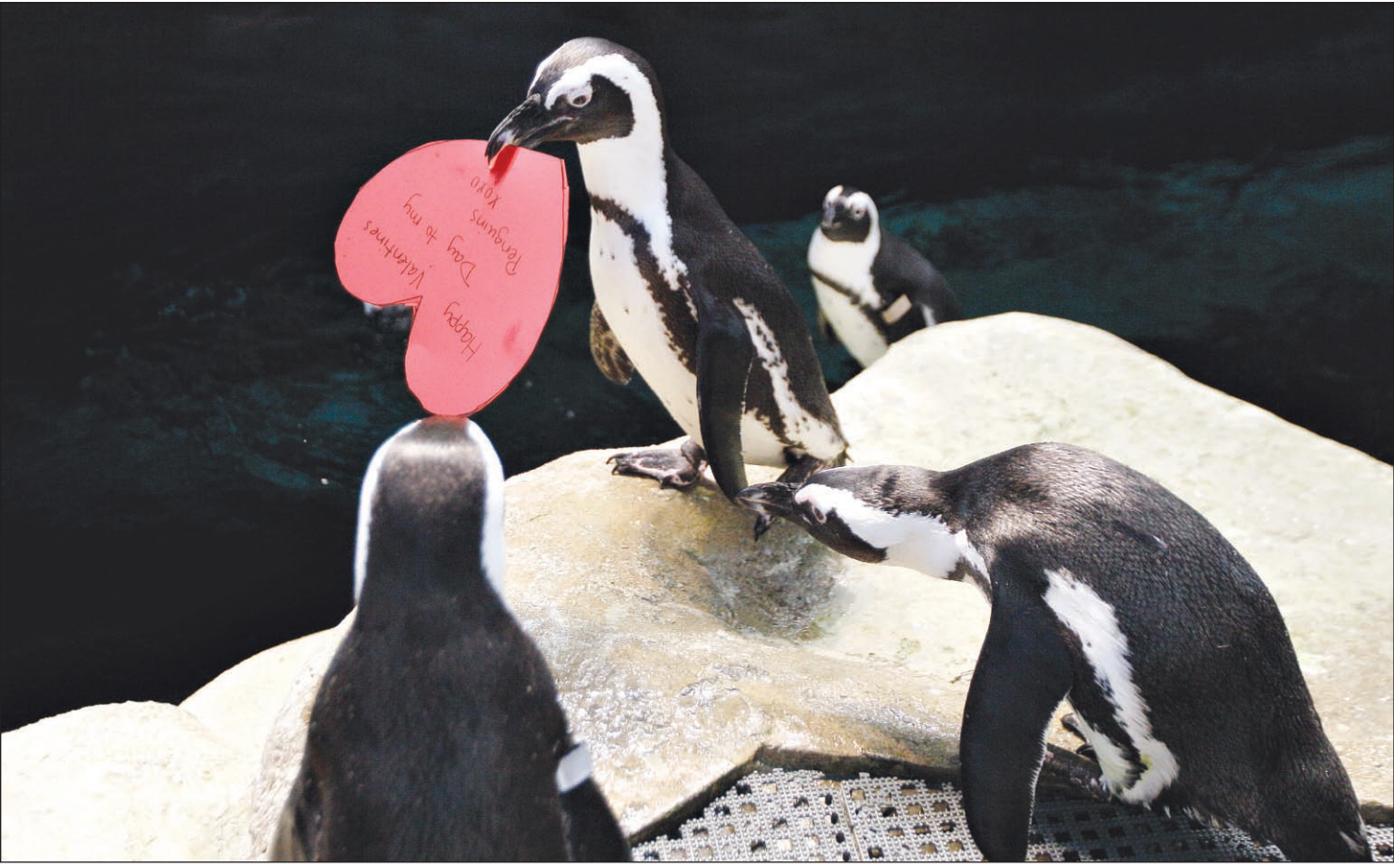
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Last-minute Valentine's Day date ideas

By Chris Nguyen
Daily Texan Staff

For those that are single, Valentine's Day will be a day of bitter resentment and devouring boxes of chocolate, but couples that do not share such sentiment do exist. Yet, with hell weeks imminent for many a student, some couples may have had difficulty planning anything for Valentine's Day. For those, here are a few last-minute plans in Austin to celebrate the romantic day beyond a hastily signed card bought at CVS.

Art Lessons

What: Painting Lessons
WHERE: Painting with a Twist
8820 Burnet Rd., Suite 507
WHEN: 7 p.m.
WEB: paintingwithatwist.com/northaustin
For the art-inclined, Painting with a Twist will be offering casual painting lessons tonight starting at 7 p.m. for \$35. Each lesson features a set

painting and this class will be painting a tree against a maroon background. Guests can bring their own wine and snacks and share a dinner while painting. In addition, group seating can be arranged for the double daters.

Dinner

What: Dinner Detective Austin
WHERE: Marriott Hotel at Austin
300 E. Fourth St.
WHEN: 7:15 p.m.
WEB: thedinnerdetective.com/sites/austin/

Of course, any of the many, many restaurants in Austin would be a good choice, but why not go for something a bit different for Valentine's Day? The Marriott Hotel will be having a murder mystery dinner. Dinner patrons will have to solve what they call a "hilarious" murder prize. A special package allows you to choose your date to be a prime suspect, because nothing says true love than suspicion of murder. The base package at \$59 includes

a four-course dinner, a potential prize to be "Top Sleuth" and entertainment after the show. Mugs, T-shirts, wine and Champagne can also be added to your package at additional cost.

Drive-In Movie

What: "Breakfast at Tiffany's" showing
WHERE: Blue Starlite
2326 E. Cesar Chavez
WHEN: 9 p.m.
WEB: bluestarlitedriven.vbotickets.com/events

Austin's drive-in theater, Blue Starlite, will be having a special Valentine's Day showing of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" at 9 p.m. Whether it is a nostalgic rush of high school days or simply being able to sing "Moon River" without any popcorn thrown at you, enjoying the film in the privacy of your own car with your significant other is a nice way to end the day. Blue Starlite is also offering a special Valentine's Day package for \$50, which includes gourmet pop-

corn, candy sweethearts, roses and soda pop.

Concert

What: Bob Schneider and The Moonlight Orchestra
WHERE: Moody Theater
310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd.
WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
WEB: acl-live.com/calendar/2012/2/valentines-day-with-bob-schneider

Celebrating its first anniversary, Austin City Limits Live at the Moody Theater will be having a special Valentine's Day concert featuring Bob Schneider and The Moonlight Orchestra at 8:30 p.m. An Austin local, Schneider tailored this concert for maximum romance and will be playing classic romantic staples, using his traditionally acoustic sound and bringing in horns, strings and upright bass. Special guests Kat Edmonson, Danny Malone and Lex Land will also be on

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Memes page creator explains popularity

By Bobby Blanchard
Daily Texan Staff

UTexas Memes Facebook page creator Daniel Monroy said he was stunned to get an email from a high school student stating: "Thanks for creating the page, I'm going to UT instead of Rice because of it." While Monroy, a computer science freshman, said he is not sure if the message is true, he is still surprised by the impact the UTexas Memes page has had.

"That's a tough decision to make based on memes," Monroy said. "I don't really know if I would base my college career decision based on a memes page."

The Facebook UTexas Memes page, which hit over 4,000 "likes" less than 24 hours after its creation, is still rising in popularity. The page rose to over 14,000 likes as of Monday night.

UTexas Memes is a Facebook page devoted to user-generated "memes," that are related to the University. Memes are types of viral, usually somewhat comedic ideas that pass between Internet users. The most common and popular type of meme are macros; usually generic photos accompanied with lines of text at the top and bottom of the photo, which together make a comedic comment about life or culture.

Monroy, who previously had not given his name in interviews, decided to go public Monday.

"Basically, I just wanted to see what my friends' reactions were," Monroy

said. "It wasn't because I wanted everyone to know."

Monroy started the page the morning of Feb. 5. Before midnight, less than 24 hours later, the page had hit over 3,000 likes. Monroy said he did not expect the sharp rise in popularity.

"I thought it was going to reach 1,000 by Friday," Monroy said. "It started growing really fast. I didn't even know what to do at first."

On Feb. 6, the page had 4,449 likes at eight in the morning and gained several hundred likes every hour.

"I'm still overwhelmed over how fast it has grown," Monroy said. "I just really think that it's good people are enjoying the page and that was basically my goal at first."

During this initial time of creation and growth, math sophomore Deepa Pokala said people sharing memes from the page took over her Facebook news feed.

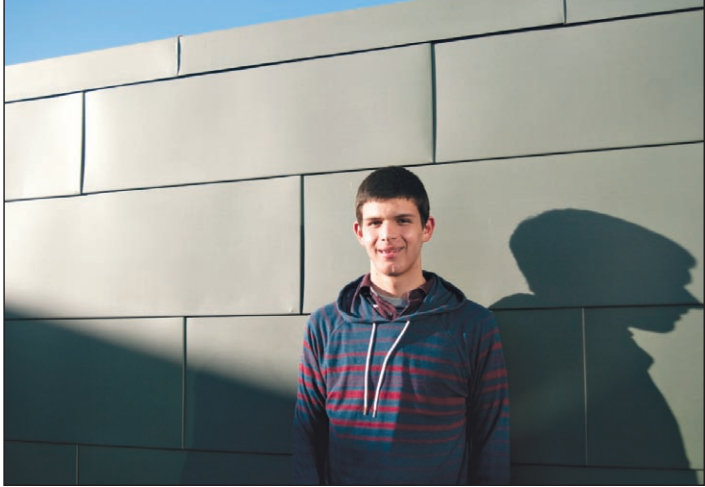
"First I was annoyed, but then I warmed up to the idea," Pokala said.

Nutrition senior Pooja Mehta said she found the page enjoyable from the start.

"They're really hilarious," Mehta said. "They are a nice study break, but of course some people don't know how to make them."

Like the email from the high school student who picked UT over Rice, Monroy said the page has surprised him again and again. He created an email address for the page after the first

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Zahary Strain | Daily Texan Staff

Daniel Monroy, a computer science freshman, is the creator of a facebook group UTexas Memes that garnered over 4,000 'likes' less than a day after he first made the group. Monroy decided to keep his role in the group secret until yesterday.

Brown sings despite assault conviction

By Chris Nguyen
Daily Texan Staff

Amid the glory of Adele's wins, the return of her astounding voice from surgery and the solemn remembrance of Whitney Houston's recent death during Sunday night's Grammys, there was something a bit disturbing about the show. It wasn't Nicki Minaj's ridiculous performance — though, if there was a jump-the-shark moment, Nicki's performance was it — nor the fact that Skrillex has inexplicably become accepted by the mainstream with three Grammy wins.

No, it was Chris Brown's performance.

Everything was, as per usual, spot on in terms of his performance. He showed panache in his dance moves. He almost kept the impression of impassioned singing while lip-synching songs off his latest album, *F.A.M.E.* What was so off-putting about the performance was what it signaled about the Grammys and the music industry in general: an orga-

nization so willing to welcome back Brown, almost three years to the day after he violently beat his then-girlfriend Rihanna.

A performer should not so gloriously be given the stage after such high-profile abuse, let alone one with a felony count. It's fine to recognize Brown by bestowing award nominations (it would not be the first or the last time the Grammys rewarded subpar music), but giving him five minutes of unadulterated performance time shows an acceptance of Brown, of his conscious actions and choices.

And the Grammys don't arbitrarily choose performances. Everything on the show is calculated for maximum impact (see the cluster that was The Beach Boys, Foster the People and Maroon 5 performing together), and to put Brown on stage in the vicinity of Rihanna and during a time that is so strongly associated with the incident could be construed as insidious, if not simply tone deaf.

And simply tone deaf and ignorant is maybe what the producers of the show are as evidenced

by some of their comments they've made. The executive producer of the Grammys said in an ABC Radio the morning of Sunday's show said, "If you'll note, he [Brown] has not been on the Grammys for the past few years and it may have taken us a while to kind of get over the fact that we were the victim of what happened."

If nothing else, the performance and the Grammys' support of it is especially jarring when you consider just how lackluster Brown's music is. From the beginning, he released mediocre pop-R&B. And all he has to do is continue to do so and somehow he gains back the support of fans all over as evidenced by the swoons of many female fans on Twitter?

But maybe that's just the way things work in pop music now: accepting and even praising the lowest common denominator, with no questions asked of one's character or talent. Brown's performance at the Grammys and the awards show circuit in general is but a symptom of the genre's slow decline.



Chris Brown performs during the 54th annual Grammy Awards Sunday, in Los Angeles.

Matt Sayyes
Associated Press



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Chris Pines and Tom Hardy star in McG-directed "This Means War," a romantic action film in which the two fight for the affections for a character played by Reese Witherspoon.

Spy film falls short of potential

By Alex Williams
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There's lots of potential for "This Means War" to be a great time at the theaters. Director McG knows his way around a fluffy, paper-thin storyline, having cut his teeth on the short-lived "Charlie's Angels" franchise, and Chris Pine and Tom Hardy are both interesting, likeable rising stars. Add in the film's intriguing spy vs. spy premise and "This Means War" could have been the rare enjoyable Valentine's Day movie, one that guys can take their dates to and come out with all brain cells intact. Unfortunately, all of those ingredients come out to make a half-baked, badly written film that's about as memorable as the soda you'll drink while watching it.

We're introduced to agents Tuck (Tom Hardy) and FDR (Chris Pine) in a slick opening sequence in which

the two charm women, wear suits and fight bad guys. All appears to be well with their rock-solid friendship. Then they both fall for Lauren (Reese Witherspoon) and, after deciding to let her choose between them and setting a few ground rules for their competition, immediately begin under-

mining each other in their quest for romantic supremacy.

For most of its runtime, "This Means War" is an easygoing, entertaining distraction. Its central friendship doesn't feel forced; Pine and

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McG

Genre: Action-Comedy
Runtime: 98 minutes