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## **BREAKING THE SILENCE**



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Art history senior Kaila Schedeen said her life was changed 15 months ago when she was sexually assaulted. Though she reported her assault to authorities and sought counseling at UT, she is among a minority to do so.

## Incidents of sexual assault are largely underreported

**By Jordan Rudner** 

Fifteen months ago, Kaila Schedeen was sexually assaulted by someone she knew.

The incident changed the course of her life, but on paper, it was statistically typical. More than 80 percent of rapes involve a perpetrator known to the victim, and roughly 70 percent involve alcohol — both true in Schedeen's case.

There was something uncommon in Schedeen's story; She reported the crime to authorities. When she returned to campus at the end of the summer, she also reached out to UT Counseling and Mental Health Center for help. The vast majority of sexually assaulted UT students will never take either step.

"If you look at the national statistics, they'll say one in four college women is likely to be a victim of sexual assault by the time they complete college, and for men it's one in six," said Jennifer Hammat, institutional Title IX coordinator and assistant vice president for student affairs. "For a campus population of 50,000 [students], that means we should be seeing 12,500 cases a year. And we're not."

There were only 18 forcible sexual offenses reported in 2012, including those occurring on campus properties, residence halls, non-campus buildings and adjacent public property, according to the University's Annual Security Report released last month. The year before, there were 16.

Erin Burrows, a Voices Against Violence health education coordinator, said these low statistics should not be interpreted to mean UT students experience radically lower rates of sexual assault compared to students at other universities.

Burrows said survivors face many barriers when deciding whether or not to report to police. Those barriers are often personal and psychological and are aspects of the culture of silence surrounding sexual assault.

'They include a fear of not being believed ... Or that the disciplinary action at the end of the process will not be worth the process itself," Burrows said.

Students might have grounds for being skeptical of the reporting process. In the past two years, several public and private universities across the country have come under fire for their handling of sexual assault cases.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the former assistant dean of students recently filed a complaint alleging pressure by administrators to underreport cases of

sexual assault. Earlier this year, 13 students from the University of Southern California filed a federal Title IX complaint alleging campus administrators had failed to respond to claims of sexual violence on campus. One student said administrators dissuaded her from filing a report with the police, saying the detectives would be tough on her, and that she

wasn't technically assaulted because "he didn't orgasm." Psychology sophomore Lauren La Riva, another survivor of sexual assault, said the cultural stigmas surrounding sexual assault meant she didn't identify as a survivor until

she came to college. When she was a freshman in high school, someone she

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## **CAMPUS**

## All-black sports league honored at symposium

By Reanna Zuniga @ReannaSioux

A two-day conference honoring the Prairie View Interscholastic brought together people who recounted their lives during legalized segregation and their transition

into integration. The League is an organization that governed extracurricular activities for Texas' African American high school students during that time period.

The conference, "Thursday Night Lights," kicked off Thursday with opening remarks by several coordinators of the event, including Gregory Vincent, UT's vice president for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. Vincent said he is proud to be a part of the league's legacy.

"We often talk about segregation and talk about the pathology of it, and all that's true, but what's amazing about our people, we make a way out of no way," Vincent said. "And somehow when we're given these scraps, we turn it into a tapestry of gold, and that is exactly what the [league] is about."

The league was formed in the '20s as the Texas Interscholastic League of Colored Schools and at its height encompassed 500

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## **FOOTBALL | COLUMN**

## Texas survives Kansas despite lack of energy



**By Chris Hummer** Daily Texan Columnist @chris\_hummer

The silence was deafening. Everything anyone needed to know about the Longhorns' game against Kansas could be heard in the stands or at home on mute.

Silence.

A few minutes into the third quarter, Texas found itself up only 14-6 over a lowly Kansas team, and to that point the Jayhawks had played the mighty Longhorns as their equal. A missed field goal and a poorly timed running-

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Shelby Tauber / Daily Texan Staff

Junior running back Malcolm Brown carried the Longhorns on the ground with 119 yards and four touchdowns against Kansas. After five tough weeks to start the season, the former toprecruit has turned it on in the past three games.

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Sexual assault victim, Kaila Schedeen, shares

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#### **CLARIFICATION**

A story about American Indians in the Oct. 31 issue of The Daily Texan has been clarified. English associate professor James Cox said, "Land loss, military defeat, alcoholism, poverty and racism still define the experience of many Native American authors, but their literature maintains a spirit of endurance."

### CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error, an article about Vice President Joe Biden in Austin in the Oct. 31 issue of the Daily Texan misstated the purpose of a Verizon Wireless' donation. Verizon Wireless made it's donation independently.

Because of a reporting error, a story about controversies surrounding the castings of "In the Heights" in the Oct. 30 issue of The Daily Texan misstated the date of the show's premiere. The show will premiere April 9, 2014.

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## TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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And that's how you get expelled from school two days before graduation.

## FRAMES FEATURED PHOTO



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Saxophone player Ben Ellman and trombonist Corey Henry of the band Galactic perform during the Dirty Dozen Brass Band's set at Stubb's on Friday night.

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schools who had students participate in the league's state championship events such as football, baseball, track and field, music and extemporaneous speaking.

Keynote speaker William Rhoden, a columnist for The New York Times, spoke Thursday about the prominent national figures who came out of the league, such as Barbara Jordan, a former politician and UT professor, and athletes, including wide-receiver Charley Taylor and defensive tackle Joe Greene.

"What was so interesting is I started really digging into the [the league], you realize that all around the country when you talk about black folks, whether you're in Louisiana, whether it's in Alabama, here, Chicago, you got these tremendous black athletics associations that flourished and turned out all these great people, that you would have no idea," Rhoden said.

Frank Guridy, history associate professor and director of the University's John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, which hosted the event, said this was the first conference on this topic to be held, and said he hopes it will be an annual event depending on resources. Guridy said the point of the conference was to view and analyze the history of segregation in the state.

"What can we take from that period is how can we learn about community formation," Guridy said. "What lessons from that period can we take to the present, other than the fact than we don't want to remember it? The spirit of the conference was more about how they made do, how did they create communities, how did they create futures in a period when people struggled. I think those are valuable lessons that we can take from that period."

One session from the conference focused directly on the league's legacy at L.C. Anderson High School, the only predominantly African-American

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-Frank Guridy, history associate professor and director of the John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies

high school in Austin during that time period. The session composed of a panel of distinguished alumni from the high school who participated in sports and other school organizations. They talked about their experiences during high school, and the challenges they faced.

"Being in a segregated environment was a positive experience," said Diane Lang, a graduate from the original L.C. Anderson high school. "We knew about the other schools and we knew we weren't being treated right, and we used that energy to try and make the best grades we could."



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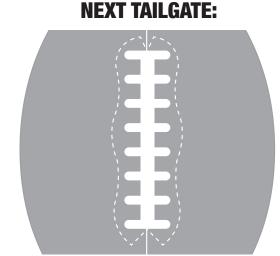
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-Nicole Cobler

## **Blanton receives grant** for doctoral candidates

**NEWS BRIEFLY** 

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a \$504,000 grant Thursday to the Blanton Museum of Art to establish a curatorial fellowship program that will allow three doctoral candidates the opportunity to work directly with curators.

Students in the art history program will be able to apply for the fellowship every academic year to have access to hands-on training and professional experience with Blanton curators and other members of the education team.

"It's a half a million dollar award, so we're really able to provide a comprehensive training ground for these young curators," said Kathleen Stimpert, the Blanton's director of public relations and marketing.

There are three positions per year and each fellowship will last one academic year.

"It's very important to help train the next generation of museum leaders, so something like this affords us this opportunity," Stimpert said.

The three positions will be awarded in each of Blanton's core collection areas: Prints and drawings and European paintings; Modern and contemporary art; and Latin American art, according to Philip Nadasdy, communications director for the department of art and art history. "Our students have al-

ways worked with Blanton in some capacity, but this is significantly bigger outside of internships and individual research," Nadasdy said. "There is a high professional standard, and we are looking for the very best people to work under the fellowship."



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## **ASSAULT**

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thought was a good friend took her outside after school to show her what he called a "pretty area," according to La Riva. Soon, he was on top of her.

"I said 'no," La Riva said. "I was crying. But he didn't stop." La Riva said she didn't realize she had been assaulted for months following the incident.

"I kept asking myself, 'Why didn't I do more to stop it?" La Riva said. "I didn't want to feel like a rape statistic."

Eventually, she recounted the story to a friend, who told her the experience sounded like rape.

It wasn't until her first Voices Against Violence meeting this year — almost five years after her assault — that someone told her she was a survivor.

La Riva said her sexual assault has had a lasting effect on her, but she's become more comfortable with recounting and dealing with her experience, in part, because of the resources she's found on campus.

According to Burrows, experiences such as La Riva's are not unusual. People often don't realize they've been assaulted because there are many culture-wide misunderstandings about the meaning of consent and such a skewed picture of what most rapes look like, Burrows said.

Jane Bost, associate director for the University's Counseling and Mental Health Center, said the key is to spread awareness of what consent is as widely as possible. If someone tells a group of friends about an assault, Bost hopes at least one of them will

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For a campus population of 50,000 [students], that means we should be seeing 12,500 cases a year. And we're not.

-Jennifer Hammat, Institutional Title IX coordinator and assistant vice president for student affairs have heard about the resources the University offers.

"We want people to know we're here," Bost said. "But talking about sexual assault at all is very new and really has only happened for the past 50 years, so we're only at the beginning of a very long journey."

When Schedeen falls back into depression, or has a bad day — the kind of bad day she says she never had before her assault — Schedeen said she remembers a metaphor the center's social worker, Laura Dannenmaier, provided her.

"Healing from this trauma isn't a straight line," Schedeen said. "It's more like a mountain you're climbing around. Sometimes you'll end up at that same rough point in the mountain, months or even years later, and you'll feel like you haven't progressed — but you're still higher than you were."

Voices Against Violence also helps survivors through the Survivor's Emergency Fund, which covers costs that survivors may encounter as a result of being sexually assaulted. This includes situation-specific costs such as changing the locks in a student's apartment or paying for a medical examination a student might not want to show up on his or her parents' insurance.

Schedeen used the fund to help pay for new glasses after her old pair was smashed during her assault.

"It was one less thing I had to think about," Schedeen said. "They just took care of it for me."

Hammat said the University is working with the federal government to expand and clarify the people charged with "mandatory reporting." Mandatory reporting legally requires certain University employees to report incidents of sexual assault they're told about.

That list currently includes deans, department chairs and residential assistants, among others, but some responsibilities aren't clearly defined.

Burrows said it's unclear if a teaching assistant must report incidents of sexual assault to the University if told about an incident by another student.

Despite efforts to move away from the culture of silence, the conversation about sexual assault remains difficult for some survivors.

ome survivors. "I usually don't tell people my story," La Riva said. "I don't

## Multimedia

UT student Kaila Schedeen speaks out to raise awareness of sexual assault victims. dailytexanonline.com

want to make you feel uncomfortable."

For Schedeen, silence is largely a mechanism of selfpreservation

"People never know what to say," Schedeen said. "They try to empathize or tell me they understand, but if you haven't been sexually assaulted, you just can't understand. You just don't know what it's like."

Schedeen said a professor she admires told her not to mention her assault on her applications to graduate school.

"He said they would think I was mentally unstable," Schedeen said. "And he's right. There is a conflation of mental illness with surviving sexual assault — and that's awful."

But in telling her story, Schedeen said she wants people to realize they should take ownership of their experiences.

"If you're an assault survivor, that isn't your fault, it is in no way your fault," Schedeen said. "I want to stop feeling ashamed about my story."

Burrows says people who work on sexual assault prevention wrap themselves in kind of a "cloak of contradictions" — they want to hear about more assault even as they want to reduce the assaults that occur.

"The more assaults I hear about, the more I know I'm doing my job right," Burrows said. "But that also shows me just how much further we have to go."

Though Schedeen still struggles, she said she's moving on. She said she still has bad days, days when she can't get out of bed, days when she doesn't care about being alive. But they occur less and less now. Schedeen said she's not the person she was 15 months ago before she was assaulted, but she's doing all right.

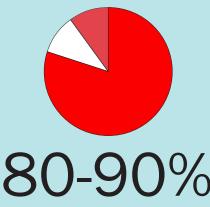
"I'm moving up the mountain," she said. "That's progress."

## What students don't report: Statistics of sexual assault



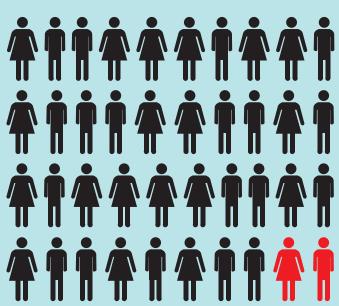
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women are sexually assaulted while in college.



of college campus assaults involve victims who know their assailants.

Approximately
6.1%
of men reported experiencing attempted or completed sexual assault since entering college.



Fewer 5% of survivors report the crime.

Sexual assault reported by supervisors at UT:

forcible reported sexual offenses in **2011** 

forcible reported sexual offenses in 2012

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## **On-Campus Resources:**

**Counseling and Mental Health Services** 

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**Phone number:** 512-471-3515 (Ask for a "VAV" appointment)

University Health Services Website: healthyhorns.utexas.edu

Phone number: 512-471-2955

**Student Emergency Services Phone number:** 512-471-5017

**Off-Campus Resources:** 

National Domestic Violence Hotline

**Phone number:** 1-800-799-7233

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Where:** St. David's Emergency Room, 919. E 32nd St.

SafePlace

**Website:** safeplace.org **Phone number:** 512-267-SAFE

For on and off-campus emergencies, call 911.

Source: UT Counseling and Mental Health Center, "Overview of National Interpersonal Violence Studies and Statistics," May 2013, and Texas Campus Sexual Assault Task Force Policy Briefs Source: UT's Annual Security Report

EDITODIAL

## The Daily Texan editorial board's endorsements for Nov. 5 election

On Tuesday, the polls will open across Texas for a ballot election containing propositions that confront issues ranging from water planning to reverse mortgages. Students can vote on campus at the Flawn Academic Center and are required to bring a government-issued ID. Below are the endorsements of the Daily Texan editorial board for the Nov. 5 election.

## State constitutional amendments Proposition 1

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption on from ad valorem tax on of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

**Vote yes.** It's always problematic to add another tax exemption to the long list of exemptions already available. Nevertheless, we support Proposition 1 because we believe the sacrifices made by military families make them deserving of the relief provided by this exemption.

#### **Proposition 2**

The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.

Vote yes. Proposition 2, if approved, will eliminate an outdated, ineffective board that was originally created to encourage medical students to set up practice in rural areas. Although the state's rural population needs better access to medical care, the board hasn't issued a single new loan since 1989 and has been effectively supplanted by other, more efficient measures. Voting yes will help streamline Texas government by doing away with an obsolete, toothless relic of another era.

#### **Proposition 3**

The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.

Vote yes. While Texas relies heavily on property tax revenues to fund its operations, we encourage Longhorns to vote yes on this measure because the current time limit of 175 days unfairly burdens aircraft parts suppliers, who, because of industry turnover rates, often have to hold parts for longer periods of time. Extending the current limit to two years would allow businesses like San Marcos-based CFAN, which makes parts for Boeing jets, to remain competitive with out-of-state parts suppliers.

## Proposition 4

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.

Vote yes. Again, it is always problematic to add another tax exemption to the long list of those available in the state. But we agree with the reasoning of state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, San Antonio, who stated (in a rebuttal to the suggestion of the Austin Chronicle to vote "no" on this proposition) that it sometimes happens that veterans are gifted homes by charitable organizations and then lose these homes when they can not pay the required property taxes. Sen Van de Putte has reasoned that this amendment would prevent such tragedies from occurring, and we agree with her.

## Proposition 5

The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

Vote yes. Proposition 5 was placed on the ballot after Senate Joint Resolution 18, authored by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas and Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, passed the Texas Senate unanimously and received only one "no" vote in the Texas House. It provides Texas seniors with an alternate method of financing their retirement and has been endorsed by AARP. Texas is currently the only state that does not provide this type of mortgage, and allowing the state to do so would be a relief to many Texas seniors who lack sufficient funds for retirement.

## Proposition 6

The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.

Vote yes. This is the most important issue on the ballot this year. The proposed constitutional amendment would create a permanent fund to finance water management projects around the state, and would start it off with an investment of more than \$2 billion from the state's rainy day fund. Don't let the recent floods fool you. Texas is suffering from a crippling drought, and experts predict a disastrous combination of skyrocketing population and dwindling fresh water resources over the next 50 years. If our state doesn't spend tens of billions of dollars on maximizing the efficiency of its water use, it will be impossible to sustain a stable population here — let alone a successful economy. From rice farmers on the Colorado to ranchers on the I-35 corridor to the entire city of Austin, the number of people who depend on this measure passing is too great to ignore.

#### Proposition 7

The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

**Vote yes.** Electing officials for terms of less than 12 months wastes taxpayer money on unnecessary elections and puts in place public officials who lack the time necessary to perform their duty to the voters.

#### **Proposition 8**

The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

Vote yes. The enabling legislation for this medical district puts a cap of 10 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property on the district's property tax rate. Other hospital districts around the state are allowed to levy a much higher tax rate. This, along with the county's relatively small tax base, has long hampered the creation of a functional hospital district. Removing this limit will increase the chances of better medical care for Hidalgo County residents.

### **Proposition 9**

The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Vote yes. As much as we'd like to think of our judges and justices as untouchable paragons of virtue, Texas judicial practice has shown that they are susceptible to the same corrupting influences as the rest of us. Just two-and-a-half months ago, Abel Corral Limas, a former Texas state judge, was ordered by a U.S. district judge to pay restitution for selling favorable rulings. And this phenomenon is hardly a recent one. State District Judge O. P. Carrillo, who has been in the news again recently in relation to the investigation and possible impeachment of UT System Regent Wallace Hall, was impeached and removed from the bench in 1976 for "schem[ing] to take Duval County taxpayers' money through phony equipment rentals," as the Amarillo Globe-News put it at the time. These breaches of the public's trust must be taken seriously. While the State Commission on Judicial Conduct is currently authorized to censure or recommend the removal of a judge or justice, this amendment would add to that list the ability to "issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or requirement that the judge or justice obtain additional training or education in addition to the currently authorized punitive sanctions," according to the Texas Legislative Council.

## City of Austin Affordable Housing Bonds Proposition 1

The issuance of \$65,000,000 affordable housing bonds and notes for constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping affordable housing for low income persons and families; acquiring land and interests in land and property necessary to do so; and funding affordable housing programs as may be permitted by law; and the levy of a tax

sufficient to pay the bonds and notes. Vote yes. Austin's proposed \$65 million bonds would do a lot of good for the city's low-income citizens, many of whom face great difficulty in meeting the state's highest housing prices. There's a lot to like about the Affordable Housing Bonds. Despite critics' claims, they would not raise the city's tax rate, and similar bonds in the past more than recuperated all the money spent. And helping the poor afford housing would encourage a more stable, prosperous community by allowing them to stay and contribute to the city's economy without as much fear of losing their homes. We believe that no one should be excluded from our city because of its exorbitant housing costs. The rest of us can do something to help those in need of affordable housing out by voting yes, and that's what being a good neighbor is all about.

#### HORNS UP: BILL WOULD REUNITE FAMILIES ACROSS BORDERS



U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, and Rep. Steve Pearce, R-New Mexico, filed a bill Thursday that would allow for review of cases for families separated by immigration laws. The bill would create an exception to a 1996 law that prohibits anyone who has falsely claimed to be a U.S. citizen or violated other immigration laws from ever entering the United States again. We applaud

the two congressmen for their bipartisan effort to let families stay together despite strict immigration restrictions.

#### **GALLERY**



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COLUMN

## Requiring a vote isn't the right answer



By Eric Nikolaides
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Tomorrow is Election Day. Will you be voting?

If you choose not to, you'll likely have company; off-year elections are notorious for low voter turnout. According to FairVote. org, turnout for the last mayoral election in Austin was only 7 percent, and tomorrow will probably be even worse since there isn't much on the ballot: just a special election to fill Mark Strama's vacated Texas House seat - he is leaving to lead Austin's Google Fiber project — along with nine proposed state constitutional amendments and an affordable housing bond for the city. Even though the housing bond could have implications for those of us struggling to find an affordable place to live in Austin, the total absence of any major state or federal race on the ballot makes this election nearly irrelevant to the average UT student.

Nevertheless, rest assured that you'll probably be hearing the old it's-your-duty-to-vote lecture from that one civically-engaged government major that you know. Whether you see it on your Facebook news feed or overhear it in class, you're bound to hear at least one person tell you that you really need to stop being so apathetic and go vote.

Usually, I am that civically-engaged government major nagging my friends to vote, and I probably will be at the polls tomorrow, despite the low profile of the 11 issues on the ballot. However, this off-year election dilemma got me thinking about a broader question: What would happen if we were all required to vote? After all, it's not out of the question that Congress could pass a law that made voting mandatory; Australia, Brazil, Argentina and Peru all have compulsory voting laws. And if it truly were our civic duty and responsibility to vote, wouldn't it make sense to require it by law?

I sat down with Brian Roberts, a professor of government, geography and economics, to talk about compulsory voting, and he began with an analogy: Right now, there is no law against burning the American flag. As a result, your decision to not burn the flag could be seen as a sign of national pride or patriotism. But "if there were a law that forbade me from burning the American flag, and I don't burn the flag," Roberts explained, "you don't know if it's because I'm afraid of going to jail, or because I have some pride in my country. I would much rather be in a



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situation where my act of not burning the flag actually means something."

Voting works the same way. Since it isn't currently required, voting, as Roberts put it, is "a very clear statement of civic pride and faith in the system." Would we want a situation where voting loses its patriotic and political significance, in which people only vote because they are scared of going to jail?

Voting is a powerful signal that can show how invested an individual is in the government. But the implications of that signal can go far beyond one individual's faith in government. Voter turnout statistics can be a powerful tool to evaluate an entire nation's relationship with its government, and we often do judge "the health of a democracy by its level of participation" in elections, as Roberts explained.

For example, in the 1976 Supreme Court case "Buckley v. Valeo," the court suggested that the level of participation in elections could be used to measure public trust in government. The case was a challenge to laws governing campaign finance — who could give money to federal candidates and how much they could give — and one of the dominant themes of the per curiam opinion was that the government had a compelling interest in preventing the appearance of corruption in politics. The reason it was important to curtail the appearance of such impropriety, according to the opinion, was to make sure that "confidence in the system of ... Government is not to be eroded to a disastrous extent." And how would we measure confidence in the system? Through par-

ticipation in elections or voter turnout.

But compulsory voting turns an essential tool into a worthless statistic. According to Roberts, it's a "call to arms" when voting levels are low; it indicates that something is wrong. But requiring voting does not solve the underlying problem that is causing low turnout. By passing a compulsory voting law, Roberts contended that you simply "wash your hands of [the problem]. And then you take away the signal. How now will you judge the health of our democracy if you've got no real way to figure out whether people buy into the system or not? Why would we expect any efforts to reform

In other words, low voter turnout can help to illuminate problems in our democratic system; compulsory voting would make it difficult to recognize and respond to those same problems that we are trying to solve.

Granted, no one is currently suggesting that we should make it a crime not to vote. But when we criticize each other for not participating in the democratic process, we should think about the logical conclusion of that argument, that participation in elections should be mandatory. It is definitely our right to vote — it's a right that we should be proud and thankful to have. But compulsory voting is not the solution to our democracy's problems.

By all means, go out and vote tomorrow. However, if someone tells you they aren't voting, let them not vote. It might just be in our best interest if we ever want to solve our government's many problems.

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## ENERGY

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into-the-kicker penalty allowed the Longhorns to snag an early lead, but a team that had not won a Big 12 game in 24 straight opportunities played Texas well.

This all changed at the 6:37 mark of the third quarter. With the ball in Texas territory, and the energy and momentum of the game funneling to the Jayhawks, the Longhorn front four made a play.

Junior defensive end Cedric Reed swooped in off the edge, with senior defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat forcing his way around on the other side of the line. The pair converged toward Kansas quarterback Jake Heaps, and when Reed arrived first, he delivered a punishing blow, knocking the ball out of Heaps' hands. That's when opportunistic senior defensive tackle Chris Whaley scooped up the ball, and, using his high school feature back talents, streaked towards the end zone untouched.

The defense's touchdown sparked the Longhorns 21-0 run, and flipped the direction of the contest, placing the game out of reach for an overmatched Kansas squad.

"It changed momentum completely," head coach Mack Brown said. "Somebody had to step it up and make a difference in the game and change their momentum in the second half, and then after that it really wasn't a game."

But that's part of the issue for Texas. It never should have been a game against Kansas. The Jayhawks rank last or second to last in nearly every major statistical category among Big 12 teams. Texas hasn't fallen to Kansas since 1938. But for the second season in a row, the Longhorns skirted dangerously close to being upset.

Texas should not have allowed Kansas into the game. The Longhorns are infinitely more talented; Being their first home game in 44 days,

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the team should not have lacked for energy. The players denied an absence of effort early, but Brown could only speak for himself after the game.

"I don't know," Brown said. "You'd have to ask them. There's a whole bunch of them, so when you say energy, that covers a big group. My energy was good."

The Longhorns aren't good enough at this point to take teams lightly. Brown called this a "true trap game," and he was right. But Texas can't afford performances like these. Against any other Big 12 team this showing would have resulted in a loss.

It certainly would against the last three teams on the Longhorns' schedule: Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and Baylor — all of whom are ranked. But that stretch is still a week away. First, Texas must travel to Morgantown to face West Virginia for the first time. And if this game is a forewarning, the Longhorns better be ready to play.

**VOLLEYBALL** 

## Texas downs Oklahoma for second time

By Evan Berkowitz @Evan\_Berkowitz

It looks as though senior setter Hannah Allison has reclaimed her role as the starting setter of the topranked Longhorns.

And she did so in a dominating fashion against the first ranked opponent Texas has faced since late September. Allison recorded a season-

high 52 assists, while junior outside hitter Haley Eckerman logged a game-high 19 kills helping top-ranked Texas (17-2, 10-0 Big 12) down No. 25 Oklahoma 3-1 (25-15, 25-17, 25-27, 25-21) on Saturday evening in Norman to stay perfect in conference play and carry its win streak to 13 games.

But Allison didn't just

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set up teammates; She had kills and blocks. Allison tied sophomore middle blocker Molly McCage with a gamehigh eight blocks while recording four kills of her own.

With a tight start to the game at 12-11, Texas pulled away from the Sooners (18-5, 6-3 Big 12) in the first game with an 11-2 run to take a 23-13 lead behind Eckerman's offense and the Sooners' errors. The Longhorns wound up dominating, as they outhit the Sooners .355-.036.

The second game wasn't as close in the beginning. Texas built a quick 8-3 advantage as the Sooners struggled to find their way around the Texas block. Oklahoma battled back, cutting the lead to three at 17-14. Texas took the next

two points before going on a 4-0 run to seal the match and take a 2-0 lead in the match.

Oklahoma took the third game from Texas — the first time it has won a game against the Longhorns since Nov. 26, 2011 — as it held on to its early lead to squeak out a 27-25 win and force a fourth game. The Sooners started the game with consecutive aces before the Longhorns clawed their way back. But Texas was unable to take advantage of their match point, while Oklahoma put theirs away.

Texas went on a 7-3 run to close the fourth game and secure its 10th Big 12 win in as many tries.

The Longhorns have a midweek bye before hosting Kansas on Saturday.

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wide receivers junior Jaxon Shipley and sophomore Kendall Sanders combined.

"We were challenging the guys, and somebody had to step up and make a difference in the game and change their momentum in the second half," Mack Brown said.

Malcolm Brown carried the team offensively with four touchdowns, a careerhigh to mark his second consecutive multiple score performance. Brown had two touchdowns last week against TCU and credits his success to the offensive line.

"We want to run tough every week," Malcolm Brown said. "I think that the offensive line did a great job and made it a whole lot easier on me. I know we just want to ground those yards out and that is what we came out and did."

Before freshman quarterback Tyrone Swoopes came in to replace him, senior quarterback Case McCoy recorded 20 completions for 196 yards. The senior was sacked for the first time in nine quarters and threw two interceptions in the win.

"I thought Case did a good job of not getting frustrated when he had the turnovers that he had," Mack Brown said. "He did a good job of leading the team in the second half when things weren't going really well. [He had] a little adversity today but he stepped up and handled it very well."

After handling plenty of trouble to begin the season, Texas now has to handle success as it has won its last five games and sits atop the Big 12.

'We really haven't had success [this season]," Gray said. "We're headed to success and we're doing a great job right now. We're climbing that ladder and getting better and better each week."

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#### Run defense continues to produce

For the third straight game, Texas limited the opposing running game to fewer than four yards per carry.

The Longhorns held Kanas to 140 yards on 36 carries, an average of just 3.9 yards per rush. Through five conference games, Texas is allowing an average of 126.2

rushing yards per game.

Also noteworthy was Texas' ability to slow down senior running back James Sims. After compiling a career-high 176 rushing yards against Texas last season, Sims managed just 48 yards on 15 carries Saturday.

## **Receivers making plays**

Texas enjoyed a balanced attack in the receiving game against Kansas, with seven players recording a catch Saturday.

Leading the way was junior wide receiver Jaxon Shipley, who hauled in six passes for a team-high 77 yards. Sophomore running back/wide receiver Daje Johnson also performed well, tallying a careerhigh seven receptions for 46 yards.

Sophomore wide receiver Marcus Johnson continued his strong connection with senior quarterback Case McCoy, making three catches for 44 yards. Johnson has registered 223 receiving yards in his past three games, with four of his seven receptions over that stretch going for at least 31 yards.

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Sophomore running back/wide receiver Daje Johnson along with four other runners combined for 221 yards on the ground to lead the Longhorns past the Jayhawks on Saturday. The Jayhawks averaged just 3.9 yards per carry.

# Jayhawk down

By Garrett Callahan @callahangarrett

Among empty seats and a lethargic crowd, the Longhorns returned home Saturday afternoon for their first home game in 44 days.

After a sluggish start, Texas was able to grab its fifth Big 12 win of the season, defeating Kansas 35-13. Highlighted by junior running back Malcolm Brown and senior defensive tackle Chris Whaley, the Longhorns handed the Jayhawks

their 26th consecutive Big 12 loss.

"It's a 'W," head coach Mack Brown said. "We've won five straight. We're 5-0 in the league. The objective was to get a 'W.' When you can win and have a lot of things to fix, I think it's wonderful. Better than last year's Kansas game, too."

The Longhorns failed to grab any points in the first quarter for the first time since their season opener but were able to stop the Jayhawks. Mistakes plagued both teams in the first half, as neither created much offensive production.

Coming into the game as a 28-point favorite, Texas only led 14-3 at halftime.

"They did some things we didn't see on film, and it kind of got to us," sophomore running back Johnathan Gray said. "We had to regroup and come back at half time and just adjust. And that's what we did."

Texas never fully pulled away from Kansas until the third quarter, as the

Jayhawks tallied two field goals to keep them within striking distance for most of the game.

The turning point came when junior defensive end Cedric Reed forced a fumble that was recovered by Whaley returned for six points, his second touchdown of the season. The former running back also had a pick six against Oklahoma last month and currently has more touchdowns than

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## Brown runs for four TDs to ignite UT's ground game

**By Peter Sblendorio** @petersblendorio

The Longhorns improved to 5-0 in conference play with their 35-13 victory over Kansas. Here are three things worth noting from Saturday's game:

#### Malcolm Brown is back

Junior running back Malcolm Brown continued his scorching play Saturday, rushing for a career-high four touchdowns while racking up 119 yards on the ground.

Brown has now rushed for 290 yards and six touchdowns in his last three contests after accumulating 53 yards with only one score in his first five games. His 100yard effort on Saturday was his second of the season and the sixth of his career.

Brown's physical approach complements sophomore running back Johnathan Gray's ability to work outside the tackles, and he said he enjoyed searching for contact near the goal line against Kansas.

"That is the type of runner I want to be," Brown said. "These coaches, they want guys that are tough, like the contact and are not backing away from it. That is something I have taken pride in this past year being

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## **SPORTS BRIEFLY**

### **Marielle Hall takes** first in Big 12 meet

Senior women's cross country runner Marielle Hall became the first ever Longhorn to win the individual title at the 2013 Big 12 Cross Country Championships on Saturday morning at Cottonwood Creek Golf Course.

Hall isn't just the first women to accomplish this feat for the Longhorns, but the first for both sides. She won the 6,000-meter race with a career-best 19:38.3. The next closest was 10 seconds behind her.

"I'm super excited," Hall said in a statement. "Texas is all about history, tradition and upholding that, so just to be able to contribute to that is such an honor."

Hall, who will go down as one of the best distance runners in Texas history, now owns three of the seven top-10 finishes in the Big 12 championships, and the only one to do it twice.

Despite Hall's performance, the Longhorns could only muster a fourth-place team finish as Iowa State took home the crown.

–Evan Berkowitz

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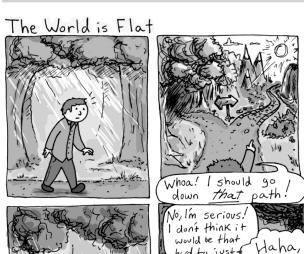


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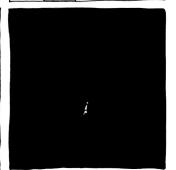


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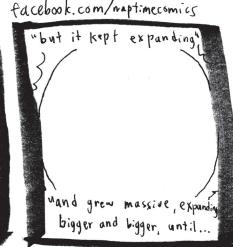
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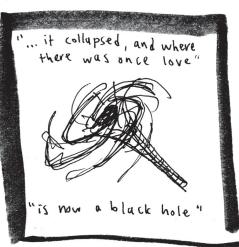




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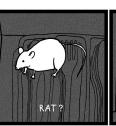




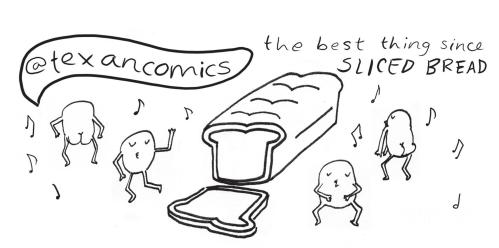


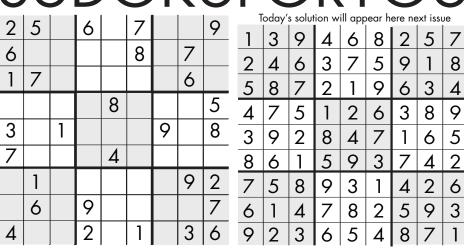












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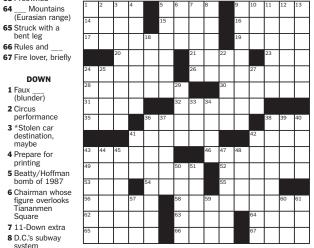
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# LIFE&ARTS

## Pinballz provides gamer heaven

By Elizabeth Williams

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At Pinballz Arcade, people can hear the clanging of tokens in hands and the pinging of pinballs whizzing through machines sounds of a seemingly bygone era that continues here

Darren Spohn and his wife Mikki opened Pinballz in 2010 and have provided Austin with its pinball fix ever since. Spohn has run tech and IT companies in town for 15 years, but his love for pinball machines began long before that.

"I asked my wife 'Do you mind if I get a pinball machine?' and she said 'Oh, that's fine," Spohn said. "I bought it and I said 'Well, I actually bought two,' and then like a week later we're out at lunch, and I said 'Hey, I've got to tell you — I have seven of these now, and it just kind of blossomed from there."

What began as a personal collection has now grown to more than 100 pinball machines and a cadre of old-school video and ticketrewarding games.

"We really felt that the town needed something different like that," Spohn said. "It needed a kind of cool, 'Cheers bar' approach to running one of those. And we figured we'd give it a shot, and we opened it three years ago, and it's been

very successful." Pinballz is family-oriented during the day, but when the sun goes down, the atmosphere gets downright adult. Gamers stay late into the night on weekends, which may or may not be aided by



Helen Fernandez / Daily Texan Staff

Certified master auto-mechanic Billy Renquen shows the inside of a pinball machine at Pinballz Arcade. Pinballz has been in Austin for three years and has more than 100 pinball machines.

the casual BYOB policy for those 21 and older.

A specialized arcade such as Pinballz did not exist in Austin outside of giant family entertainment centers.

With more than 200 games, the biggest challenge facing the arcade is simply keeping everything running, from AC/DC pinball to Dance Dance Revolution and from the classic Skeeball to a custom-built big screen Street Fighter.

"We have over 100 games and things go constantly wrong on those," Spohn said. "We don't charge a lot of money for our games, so it's a challenge with what we charge to keep everything running at 95 percent or higher."

William "Billy" Renquen has worked on these games since the arcade opened. A certified master auto-mechanic by trade, Renquen keeps the flippers flipping at Pinballz in addition to running his own auto-shop.

"When we first opened three years ago, they were running maybe 60-70 percent, and I was fixing five to seven games a day," Renquen said. "It took me about a year to catch up and have all of them running at once."

Machines go down daily at Pinballz, and it's up to Renquen and his team to get them back up.

"The machines are high maintenance," Renquen said.

"They vibrate a lot. There's a lot of movement going on, so they fail pretty constantly some more than others. You just work as fast as you can and as hard as you can ... It's a pride thing for me to keep them all running."

Pinballz harkens to the early days of arcade gaming. It's not merely the games that bring back nostalgia for an era the college generation missed.

"To us it's rewarding that

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we brought in a place like that — that really ramps up Austin," Spohn said. "It's that really cool feeling that we brought something unique to Austin."

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